

PQ 28205 (2025)**Table 1: Average weekly debt offset for the top 10% of clients owing debt as at the end of each quarter from September 2024 to March 2025**
*by gender and total response ethnicity***Notes:**

Only active clients (Registered, Current, Expired, or Suspended benefit statuses) can have a debt offset.
Average weekly debt offset calculation is based on clients who have a weekly offset amount more than zero.

Quarter ending / Gender		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total average weekly offset
30 September 2024	Diverse	\$21	\$20	\$22	\$0	\$2	\$12	\$0	\$20
	Female	\$28	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$23	\$20	\$25	\$26
	Male	\$21	\$20	\$21	\$19	\$20	\$19	\$21	\$21
	Total	\$26	\$23	\$24	\$20	\$21	\$20	\$24	\$24
31 December 2024	Diverse	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$0	\$2	\$28	\$0	\$23
	Female	\$27	\$24	\$25	\$20	\$23	\$21	\$25	\$26
	Male	\$21	\$20	\$21	\$19	\$20	\$19	\$21	\$21
	Total	\$26	\$23	\$24	\$20	\$22	\$20	\$24	\$24
31 March 2025	Diverse	\$23	\$21	\$21	\$0	\$6	\$33	\$0	\$22
	Female	\$27	\$24	\$25	\$20	\$23	\$20	\$25	\$25
	Male	\$21	\$20	\$20	\$19	\$20	\$19	\$21	\$20
	Total	\$25	\$23	\$24	\$20	\$22	\$20	\$24	\$24

Notes:

Demographic data is as at the end of quarter ending.

From 2 December 2019, The Ministry of Social Development has three options to record a client's or child's gender: Male, Female or Gender Diverse.

Gender 'unknown' is where the gender is not recorded.

Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.

Total response ethnicity means that if a person identifies with more than one ethnic group, they are counted in each applicable group.

Because a client can choose more than one ethnic response, the total number of ethnic responses will be greater than the number of clients.

MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.

'Unknown' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.

Confidentiality notes:

To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.

These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.

Random rounding does not round down to zero, a value of one or two will be rounded to three.

The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.

The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.