WPQ 29739 tables:

Table 1: Number of sanctions applied to working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2026 by quarter ending and benefit type

Benefit Types	Quarter Ending									Total
	March 2024	June 2024	September 2024	December 2024	March 2025	June 2025	September 2025	December 2025	March 2026	
Emergency Benefit	S	0	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	**S**
Jobseeker Support related	7,083	10,014	14,184	13,290	13,185	12,951	12,651	11,799	12,369	**107,532**
Sole Parent Support	345	309	132	168	216	186	165	162	147	**1,827**
Supported Living Payments related	6	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	**30**
Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	69	66	84	57	81	60	57	57	63	**597**
Total	**7,506**	**10,389**	**14,406**	**13,521**	**13,485**	**13,203**	**12,879**	**12,024**	**12,585**	**109,995**

Notes:

- Working age are clients 18 to 64.
- This is a count of sanctions, not clients. A client can have more than one sanction within the time period.
- Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
- 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.
- In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required.
- Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

Table 2: Number of sanctions applied to working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2026 by quarter ending, and MSD region.

Region	Quarter Ending									Total
	March 2024	June 2024	September 2024	December 2024	March 2025	June 2025	September 2025	December 2025	March 2026	
Northland	483	630	810	867	1,254	1,128	915	804	1,143	**8,034**
Auckland Metro	1,884	3,453	5,502	4,851	4,755	4,914	5,283	4,593	4,743	**39,975**
Waikato	888	1,107	1,563	1,539	1,542	1,332	1,113	1,212	1,137	**11,439**
Taranaki	288	333	432	441	498	567	540	489	546	**4,134**
Bay of Plenty	1,032	1,335	1,572	1,530	1,449	1,263	1,011	1,143	1,188	**11,523**
East Coast	675	879	978	903	885	948	750	606	552	**7,176**
Central	429	420	726	603	627	609	666	651	774	**5,508**
Wellington	450	558	894	1,062	696	729	897	939	918	**7,137**
Nelson	297	270	366	354	318	297	264	222	249	**2,631**
Canterbury	669	879	927	945	960	912	984	975	948	**8,196**
Southern	336	450	501	363	426	441	393	330	318	**3,555**
Other	72	81	138	63	81	66	63	60	66	**687**
Total	**7,506**	**10,389**	**14,406**	**13,521**	**13,485**	**13,203**	**12,879**	**12,024**	**12,585**	**109,995**

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- The location of a Ministry of Social Development service centres case managing clients has been used to approximate which region clients reside in.
- The region 'Other' represents those service centres that do not represent a geographic location such as call centres and processing units.

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