

WPQ 29688 (2023) Table One: Number of sanctions for working age main benefit clients with or without children for sanction reason 'preparing for work' during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by quarter and ethnicity.

Sanction Reason	Quarter Ending	Child Indicator	Total response ethnicity							
			Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total
Preparing for Work	March 2017	No	978	909	231	36	27	21	147	2,073
		Yes	546	348	132	24	3	9	30	966
		Quarter Total	1,521	1,257	366	63	30	27	177	3,036
	June 2017	No	1383	1071	303	54	33	21	183	2,715
		Yes	627	309	159	30	9	6	30	1,032
		Quarter Total	2,013	1,377	462	87	45	30	213	3,750
	September 2017	No	1269	1020	333	63	39	24	195	2,604
		Yes	552	273	135	24	12	3	24	909
		Quarter Total	1,818	1,293	468	84	51	30	219	3,513
	December 2017	No	1377	978	309	63	36	24	168	2,610
		Yes	486	255	123	15	6	3	27	801
		Quarter Total	1,866	1,233	429	78	42	24	195	3,411
	March 2018	No	1482	969	291	57	33	30	168	2,691
		Yes	408	216	90	15	6	3	18	669
		Quarter Total	1,887	1,182	378	72	39	33	189	3,360
	June 2018	No	1200	795	303	45	36	24	150	2,280
		Yes	405	207	105	18	3	3	21	684
		Quarter Total	1,608	1,002	405	66	39	30	168	2,964
	September 2018	No	1065	702	276	30	27	21	132	1,998
		Yes	240	117	72	6	3	3	15	405
		Quarter Total	1,302	822	351	36	27	24	150	2,403
	December 2018	No	885	612	228	36	24	42	129	1,731
		Yes	192	75	57	9	3	3	24	330

	Quarter Total	1,077	687	288	48	24	42	153	2,061
March 2019	No	990	633	237	21	30	33	141	1,845
	Yes	198	81	45	9	0	3	15	321
	Quarter Total	1,188	711	285	30	30	39	156	2,166
June 2019	No	1200	768	297	30	24	36	147	2,232
	Yes	225	117	54	6	9	3	18	381
	Quarter Total	1,425	882	348	36	33	39	162	2,613
September 2019	No	969	672	261	27	15	33	123	1,872
	Yes	180	84	45	9	3	6	18	303
	Quarter Total	1,149	756	306	39	15	39	141	2,175
December 2019	No	1122	672	222	30	15	27	141	2,025
	Yes	192	108	42	6	3	3	21	336
	Quarter Total	1,311	780	267	36	12	27	162	2,361
March 2020	No	1026	621	171	24	15	18	117	1,803
	Yes	165	84	42	6	3	3	18	288
	Quarter Total	1,191	705	216	30	15	21	132	2,091
June 2020	No	60	30	6	0	0	3	3	96
	Yes	9	3	6	3	0	0	3	21
	Quarter Total	72	33	12	3	0	3	6	117
September 2020	No	513	417	96	21	9	24	63	1,008
	Yes	72	48	15	3	0	3	15	132
	Quarter Total	585	465	111	24	12	27	75	1,140
December 2020	No	975	936	315	36	9	45	99	2,172
	Yes	153	90	33	6	3	3	18	258
	Quarter Total	1,128	1,026	348	39	12	51	114	2,433
March 2021	No	1062	930	303	33	12	48	141	2,247
	Yes	141	87	33	6	0	3	12	258
	Quarter Total	1,203	1,014	336	39	12	51	153	2,502
June 2021	No	1299	1050	423	69	24	72	123	2,706

	Yes	159	96	66	9	3	0	18	309
	Quarter Total	1,461	1,143	489	78	24	69	141	3,012
September 2021	No	966	732	333	51	12	39	90	1,965
	Yes	108	66	60	3	3	3	9	225
	Quarter Total	1,074	801	390	54	15	42	102	2,187
December 2021	No	1104	783	222	42	18	45	66	2,034
	Yes	153	81	27	6	3	3	6	252
	Quarter Total	1,257	867	249	45	21	48	72	2,283
March 2022	No	891	699	240	36	15	51	78	1,779
	Yes	126	87	45	3	3	3	12	243
	Quarter Total	1,017	783	282	39	18	54	87	2,025
June 2022	No	1026	885	360	66	33	45	84	2,169
	Yes	150	87	57	3	9	9	9	282
	Quarter Total	1,176	975	420	69	39	54	90	2,451
September 2022	No	1032	780	390	54	33	78	87	2,121
	Yes	210	96	84	6	3	6	9	357
	Quarter Total	1,239	879	474	63	36	81	99	2,478
December 2022	No	984	675	282	57	24	57	66	1,866
	Yes	213	102	81	9	6	9	21	381
	Quarter Total	1,197	780	363	66	27	69	84	2,247
March 2023	No	1125	960	282	54	27	81	105	2,274
	Yes	264	120	63	12	6	3	21	435
	Quarter Total	1,389	1,080	345	66	33	84	126	2,712
June 2023	No	927	696	300	45	15	63	93	1,839
	Yes	204	129	66	3	3	3	18	363
	Quarter Total	1,131	825	369	48	21	66	111	2,199
September 2023	No	858	567	261	33	12	36	102	1,632
	Yes	159	75	63	6	3	3	12	279
	Quarter Total	1,017	642	321	39	12	39	117	1,911

Notes:

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- 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.
- 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.
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Sanction Reason	Quarter Ending	Child Indicator	Age Group									
			18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
Preparing for Work	March 2017	No	402	876	279	150	96	78	66	72	36	15
		Yes	63	351	204	132	81	60	42	21	9	3
		Quarter Total	465	1,230	483	282	180	138	108	93	42	18
	June 2017	No	564	1161	342	225	129	72	90	69	45	18
		Yes	69	369	225	135	87	63	48	24	12	3
		Quarter Total	633	1,527	570	360	219	135	138	93	57	18
	September 2017	No	570	1125	336	186	108	90	81	69	36	9
		Yes	63	282	189	138	84	81	45	18	6	0
		Quarter Total	630	1,404	525	324	195	171	123	84	42	12
	December 2017	No	597	1146	309	183	111	78	81	60	36	6
		Yes	42	267	183	114	81	45	42	18	6	3
		Quarter Total	639	1,413	492	297	195	123	123	78	42	9
	March 2018	No	636	1254	294	156	93	69	90	57	33	6
		Yes	48	249	132	87	57	45	30	12	3	3
		Quarter Total	684	1,503	423	246	153	114	120	72	39	9
	June 2018	No	552	1041	246	120	105	63	57	57	30	12
		Yes	57	213	144	96	66	57	30	12	6	3
		Quarter Total	609	1,254	387	216	171	123	84	69	36	12
	September 2018	No	531	957	198	93	84	42	36	36	18	6
		Yes	60	141	63	48	39	30	15	12	3	0
		Quarter Total	591	1,095	258	141	123	72	51	48	18	6
	December 2018	No	411	810	225	84	57	48	42	33	12	9
		Yes	51	108	51	36	33	27	15	3	3	0

	Quarter Total	465	918	279	123	90	75	54	36	12	9
March 2019	No	498	855	177	99	75	39	54	30	18	3
	Yes	30	129	42	36	33	18	15	12	6	0
	Quarter Total	525	984	219	135	105	60	66	42	24	3
June 2019	No	585	1050	225	120	84	69	45	30	18	3
	Yes	36	141	51	45	42	27	15	12	9	6
	Quarter Total	621	1,191	273	168	129	96	60	45	30	9
September 2019	No	501	849	213	105	72	45	48	21	12	3
	Yes	30	102	51	39	36	21	12	9	3	0
	Quarter Total	534	954	264	147	108	63	57	30	15	3
December 2019	No	531	900	243	129	81	60	33	33	12	6
	Yes	36	138	48	36	27	18	24	12	3	0
	Quarter Total	564	1,035	291	165	105	78	54	45	15	9
March 2020	No	504	777	189	123	75	51	33	30	21	3
	Yes	24	117	33	42	36	18	9	3	3	0
	Quarter Total	531	894	222	165	108	69	42	33	21	3
June 2020	No	15	30	27	12	6	0	3	3	3	3
	Yes	6	3	6	3	3	3	3	0	0	0
	Quarter Total	18	30	33	9	12	3	3	3	3	3
September 2020	No	219	375	186	93	39	30	21	27	18	3
	Yes	48	21	18	15	15	6	3	3	3	0
	Quarter Total	264	399	201	108	51	39	27	30	21	3
December 2020	No	351	744	435	291	162	78	54	33	21	3
	Yes	45	24	48	54	33	33	12	6	3	0
	Quarter Total	396	768	480	345	195	114	69	39	24	3
March 2021	No	372	696	438	285	141	102	87	60	57	12
	Yes	27	21	45	42	51	30	24	9	3	3
	Quarter Total	399	717	486	324	195	135	108	69	57	12
June 2021	No	402	915	558	321	180	138	87	63	36	9

	Yes	42	27	63	48	51	30	21	15	6	0
	Quarter Total	444	945	621	366	228	168	111	78	39	9
September 2021	No	279	609	366	252	174	102	72	60	36	12
	Yes	27	27	39	33	39	21	18	18	6	3
	Quarter Total	306	639	405	285	213	120	93	75	39	15
December 2021	No	267	600	399	282	144	126	90	78	39	12
	Yes	21	18	36	48	39	33	24	24	6	3
	Quarter Total	288	615	432	327	186	162	117	99	45	12
March 2022	No	240	492	300	267	168	120	81	54	39	15
	Yes	21	21	45	57	39	30	21	6	6	0
	Quarter Total	261	513	345	321	210	150	102	60	45	18
June 2022	No	306	660	435	267	174	126	84	72	36	12
	Yes	24	30	39	36	51	42	39	12	6	0
	Quarter Total	327	690	477	306	222	165	123	84	42	12
September 2022	No	354	744	348	240	162	108	60	60	33	15
	Yes	39	42	48	66	60	45	36	18	3	0
	Quarter Total	393	783	396	303	219	153	96	78	33	12
December 2022	No	255	690	297	195	126	123	60	66	45	9
	Yes	39	36	69	78	54	33	39	21	9	3
	Quarter Total	297	726	366	273	180	156	99	87	51	9
March 2023	No	351	702	357	255	183	138	123	90	48	27
	Yes	30	69	75	69	72	54	42	24	3	0
	Quarter Total	381	771	435	324	252	192	165	114	54	27
June 2023	No	294	585	309	207	144	108	75	69	30	15
	Yes	33	27	54	66	60	51	42	21	9	0
	Quarter Total	330	612	360	273	204	159	117	90	36	15
September 2023	No	279	546	270	177	117	81	66	51	36	12
	Yes	24	36	39	54	51	42	24	6	3	3
	Quarter Total	303	585	309	231	168	123	90	60	39	12

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WPQ 29688 (2023) Table Three: Number of sanctions for working age main benefit clients with or without children for sanction reason 'preparing for work' during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by quarter and gender.

Sanction Reason	Quarter Ending	Child Indicator	Gender			Total
			Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
Preparing for Work	March 2017	No	804	0	1269	2,073
		Yes	753	0	213	966
		Quarter Total	1,557	0	1,482	3,036
	June 2017	No	1071	0	1647	2,715
		Yes	813	0	222	1,032
		Quarter Total	1,878	0	1,869	3,750
	September 2017	No	996	0	1611	2,604
		Yes	732	0	174	909
		Quarter Total	1,728	0	1,785	3,513
	December 2017	No	1005	0	1605	2,610
		Yes	639	0	159	801
		Quarter Total	1,644	0	1,764	3,411
	March 2018	No	1017	0	1674	2,691
		Yes	507	0	159	669
		Quarter Total	1,524	0	1,833	3,360
	June 2018	No	840	0	1443	2,280
		Yes	531	0	153	684
		Quarter Total	1,368	0	1,593	2,964
	September 2018	No	774	0	1227	1,998
		Yes	291	0	114	405
		Quarter Total	1,065	0	1,341	2,403
	December 2018	No	618	0	1116	1,731
		Yes	246	0	81	330

	Quarter Total	864	0	1,197	2,061
March 2019	No	684	0	1161	1,845
	Yes	192	0	126	321
	Quarter Total	876	0	1,290	2,166
June 2019	No	828	0	1407	2,232
	Yes	252	0	129	381
	Quarter Total	1,080	0	1,536	2,613
September 2019	No	687	0	1182	1,872
	Yes	192	0	108	303
	Quarter Total	882	0	1,293	2,175
December 2019	No	651	0	1377	2,025
	Yes	237	0	99	336
	Quarter Total	885	0	1,476	2,361
March 2020	No	666	3	1137	1,803
	Yes	195	0	90	288
	Quarter Total	861	3	1,230	2,091
June 2020	No	24	0	72	96
	Yes	12	0	9	21
	Quarter Total	36	0	78	117
September 2020	No	300	3	705	1,008
	Yes	84	0	48	132
	Quarter Total	387	3	753	1,140
December 2020	No	627	6	1536	2,172
	Yes	153	0	108	258
	Quarter Total	783	6	1,644	2,433
March 2021	No	672	3	1569	2,247
	Yes	129	0	129	258
	Quarter Total	804	3	1,698	2,502
June 2021	No	789	12	1905	2,706

	Yes	156	3	147	309
	Quarter Total	948	15	2,052	3,012
September 2021	No	570	6	1389	1,965
	Yes	123	0	99	225
	Quarter Total	693	6	1,488	2,187
December 2021	No	609	6	1419	2,034
	Yes	150	0	102	252
	Quarter Total	759	6	1,521	2,283
March 2022	No	564	6	1206	1,779
	Yes	132	0	114	243
	Quarter Total	696	6	1,320	2,025
June 2022	No	747	12	1407	2,169
	Yes	159	0	120	282
	Quarter Total	906	15	1,530	2,451
September 2022	No	831	12	1281	2,121
	Yes	243	3	114	357
	Quarter Total	1,071	12	1,395	2,478
December 2022	No	711	12	1143	1,866
	Yes	261	0	120	381
	Quarter Total	972	12	1,260	2,247
March 2023	No	792	12	1476	2,274
	Yes	273	0	165	435
	Quarter Total	1,062	12	1,638	2,712
June 2023	No	633	21	1185	1,839
	Yes	237	0	123	363
	Quarter Total	870	18	1,308	2,199
September 2023	No	564	12	1056	1,632
	Yes	165	0	114	279
	Quarter Total	732	12	1,170	1,911

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Sanction Reason	Quarter Ending	Child Indicator	Benefit Type						Total
			Emergency Benefit	Jobseeker Support - Healt and Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Sole Parent Support	Supported Living Payment Related	Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	
Preparing for Work	March 2017	No	0	390	1662	0	3	18	2,073
		Yes	3	42	225	663	0	33	966
		Quarter Total	3	435	1,887	660	3	54	3,036
	June 2017	No	0	486	2217	3	0	15	2,715
		Yes	3	51	234	699	3	48	1,032
		Quarter Total	3	537	2,451	699	3	60	3,750
	September 2017	No	0	435	2160	0	3	6	2,604
		Yes	0	39	198	615	0	57	909
		Quarter Total	0	474	2,355	615	3	63	3,513
	December 2017	No	0	429	2169	3	3	12	2,610
		Yes	0	36	192	534	0	39	801
		Quarter Total	0	465	2,358	537	3	51	3,411
	March 2018	No	0	375	2307	0	3	9	2,691
		Yes	0	33	192	396	0	45	669
		Quarter Total	0	408	2,499	396	3	57	3,360
	June 2018	No	0	285	1986	0	0	9	2,280
		Yes	0	39	168	423	0	48	684
		Quarter Total	0	324	2,157	423	0	60	2,964
	September 2018	No	0	210	1776	0	0	15	1,998
		Yes	0	15	126	201	0	60	405
		Quarter Total	0	225	1,902	201	0	75	2,403

December 2018	No	0	207	1512	0	3	12	1,731
	Yes	0	12	105	162	3	48	330
	Quarter Total	0	219	1,617	162	3	60	2,061
March 2019	No	0	180	1656	0	3	9	1,845
	Yes	0	15	138	141	0	24	321
	Quarter Total	0	195	1,794	138	3	36	2,166
June 2019	No	0	216	2010	0	0	9	2,232
	Yes	0	21	156	171	0	33	381
	Quarter Total	0	237	2,166	171	0	42	2,613
September 2019	No	0	171	1695	0	3	3	1,872
	Yes	0	15	135	123	0	27	303
	Quarter Total	0	186	1,833	123	3	30	2,175
December 2019	No	0	201	1818	0	3	3	2,025
	Yes	0	15	138	150	3	33	336
	Quarter Total	0	216	1,956	150	3	39	2,361
March 2020	No	0	189	1608	0	3	6	1,803
	Yes	0	12	126	126	0	21	288
	Quarter Total	0	201	1,734	126	3	27	2,091
June 2020	No	0	3	93	0	3	3	96
	Yes	0	3	15	3	0	6	21
	Quarter Total	0	3	105	3	3	6	117
September 2020	No	0	24	975	0	0	12	1,008
	Yes	0	3	72	18	0	42	132
	Quarter Total	0	27	1,044	18	0	51	1,140
December 2020	No	0	81	2082	0	3	9	2,172
	Yes	0	6	183	30	0	42	258
	Quarter Total	0	87	2,262	30	3	51	2,433
March 2021	No	0	111	2124	0	0	12	2,247
	Yes	0	9	198	24	0	27	258

	Quarter Total	0	120	2,319	27	0	36	2,502
June 2021	No	0	189	2505	0	6	3	2,706
	Yes	0	15	216	33	3	39	309
	Quarter Total	0	207	2,724	33	6	45	3,012
September 2021	No	0	189	1770	0	0	3	1,965
	Yes	0	12	153	33	3	24	225
	Quarter Total	0	201	1,923	36	3	27	2,187
December 2021	No	0	201	1824	0	3	9	2,034
	Yes	0	12	165	54	0	21	252
	Quarter Total	0	213	1,989	54	3	27	2,283
March 2022	No	0	171	1602	0	3	6	1,779
	Yes	0	21	156	48	3	18	243
	Quarter Total	0	192	1,758	48	3	21	2,025
June 2022	No	0	141	2025	0	0	6	2,169
	Yes	0	18	177	60	3	21	282
	Quarter Total	0	156	2,202	63	3	24	2,451
September 2022	No	0	153	1965	0	3	3	2,121
	Yes	0	15	183	117	3	39	357
	Quarter Total	0	168	2,148	117	3	42	2,478
December 2022	No	0	168	1695	0	3	3	1,866
	Yes	0	21	189	132	0	39	381
	Quarter Total	0	186	1,884	132	3	42	2,247
March 2023	No	0	138	2133	0	0	9	2,274
	Yes	0	12	237	162	0	24	435
	Quarter Total	0	150	2,370	159	0	33	2,712
June 2023	No	0	159	1674	0	0	6	1,839
	Yes	0	15	186	129	3	30	363
	Quarter Total	0	171	1,857	129	3	39	2,199
September 2023	No	0	165	1464	0	3	3	1,632

	Yes	0	12	144	96	3	24	279
	Quarter Total	0	180	1,605	99	3	27	1,911

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.
- Supported Living Payment related includes Supported Living Payment Carers and Supported Living Payment Health Condition, Injury or Disability clients.
- 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 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.