

WPQ 5626 (2025) tables**Table One: Number and amount of Steps to Freedom grants from 01 April 2024 to 31 December 2024 by quarter and ethnicity**

As at quarter ending	Māori number of clients	Māori number of grants	Māori amount	European number of clients
June 2024	1,533	1,587	\$517,622	939
September 2024	1,596	1,632	\$528,986	927
December 2024	1,701	1,758	\$569,618	891

Notes:

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Table Two: Number and amount of Steps to Freedom grants from 01 April 2024 to 31 December 2024 by quarter, region and ethnicity

As at quarter ending by region		Māori number of clients	Māori number of grants	Māori amount
June 2024	Northland	129	132	\$43,705
	Auckland Metro	441	450	\$146,563
	Waikato	219	225	\$73,625
	Taranaki	105	108	\$35,631
	Bay of Plenty	102	105	\$34,795
	East Coast	114	117	\$37,886
	Central	78	81	\$27,116

	Wellington	102	105	\$33,423
	Nelson	18	18	\$5,983
	Canterbury	156	162	\$51,456
	Southern	69	75	\$24,149
	Other	12	9	\$3,290
	Total	1,533	1,587	\$517,622
September 2024	Northland	135	141	\$45,730
	Auckland Metro	474	483	\$155,132
	Waikato	222	231	\$74,951
	Taranaki	90	90	\$28,800
	Bay of Plenty	144	144	\$46,237
	East Coast	135	138	\$45,597
	Central	84	84	\$28,102
	Wellington	108	105	\$34,159
	Nelson	18	18	\$5,703
	Canterbury	120	123	\$40,173
	Southern	54	54	\$17,728
	Other	21	21	\$6,674
	Total	1,596	1,632	\$528,986
December 2024	Northland	123	126	\$41,490
	Auckland Metro	513	522	\$169,847
	Waikato	213	216	\$71,090
	Taranaki	132	132	\$42,595
	Bay of Plenty	123	123	\$39,150
	East Coast	138	141	\$45,667
	Central	81	84	\$27,712
	Wellington	132	132	\$41,794
	Nelson	18	18	\$5,841
	Canterbury	162	159	\$52,231
	Southern	69	75	\$24,258
	Other	24	24	\$7,945
	Total	1,701	1,758	\$569,618

Notes:

Region is estimated based on the client's address at the time of the grant.

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

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Table Three: Number and amount of Steps to Freedom grants from 01 April 2024 to 31 December 2024 by quarter, age group and ethnicity

As at quarter ending by age group		Māori number of clients	Māori number of grants	Māori amount
June 2024	18-19	21	21	\$6,882
	20-24	135	135	\$44,169
	25-29	255	267	\$85,546
	30-34	324	330	\$108,752
	35-39	330	333	\$108,342
	40-44	195	204	\$67,556
	45-49	135	141	\$45,494
	50-54	84	90	\$30,094
	55-59	45	45	\$14,604
	60-64	12	12	\$3,563
	65+	9	9	\$2,618
	Total	1,533	1,587	\$517,622
September 2024	18-19	27	30	\$9,386
	20-24	132	135	\$42,559
	25-29	261	264	\$86,072
	30-34	357	363	\$116,806
	35-39	285	294	\$94,345
	40-44	225	231	\$75,056

December 2024	45-49	156	159	\$52,130
	50-54	99	102	\$32,942
	55-59	39	39	\$12,651
	60-64	12	12	\$4,649
	65+	9	9	\$2,390
	Total	1,596	1,632	\$528,986
	18-19	15	15	\$4,993
	20-24	132	135	\$43,806
	25-29	282	288	\$92,392
	30-34	375	384	\$124,269
	35-39	351	357	\$114,671
	40-44	252	252	\$82,932
	45-49	144	150	\$48,302
	50-54	105	108	\$35,452
	55-59	39	36	\$11,947
	60-64	21	21	\$6,631
	65+	12	15	\$4,223
	Total	1,701	1,758	\$569,618

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Table Four: Number and amount of Steps to Freedom grants from 01 April 2024 to 31 December 2024 by quarter, gender, and ethnicity

As at quarter ending by gender		Māori number of clients	Māori number of grants	Māori amount
June 2024	Gender Diverse	3	3	\$959
	Female	174	174	\$57,166
	Male	1,371	1,407	\$459,498
	Total	1,533	1,587	\$517,622
September 2024	Gender Diverse	3	3	\$350
	Female	219	222	\$73,156
	Male	1,383	1,407	\$455,480
	Total	1,596	1,632	\$528,986
December 2024	Gender Diverse	3	3	\$630
	Female	234	234	\$78,036
	Male	1,497	1,518	\$490,952
	Total	1,701	1,758	\$569,618

Notes:

From 2 December 2019, The Ministry of Social Development has three options to record a client's or child's gender: Male, Female
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European number of grants	European amount	Pacific Peoples number of clients	Pacific Peoples number of grants	Pacific Peoples amount
960	\$315,019	258	270	\$86,952
948	\$310,310	273	279	\$91,068
921	\$299,261	303	309	\$97,855

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European number of clients	European number of grants	European amount	Pacific Peoples number of clients	Pacific Peoples number of grants
51	54	\$17,753	15	12
207	210	\$68,615	159	162
93	96	\$31,075	24	27
75	78	\$25,989	3	6
33	36	\$11,382	9	9
36	39	\$13,026	9	6
60	60	\$20,039	6	9

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66	69	\$21,770	21	21
15	15	\$5,013	3	3
189	192	\$62,920	9	12
114	114	\$36,453	3	3
3	3	\$984	0	0
939	960	\$315,019	258	270
45	48	\$14,990	12	15
201	207	\$67,502	156	159
102	102	\$33,476	18	15
60	57	\$18,914	3	6
54	54	\$17,385	12	15
45	45	\$14,725	6	9
66	66	\$22,139	12	9
63	60	\$20,127	24	27
21	21	\$7,005	0	0
177	183	\$60,340	12	12
90	93	\$29,616	12	15
12	12	\$4,091	3	3
927	948	\$310,310	273	279
45	45	\$14,943	15	15
204	207	\$65,914	186	189
105	108	\$34,697	18	21
63	63	\$21,050	12	12
42	42	\$13,887	12	15
57	57	\$18,981	3	3
45	48	\$15,593	9	9
57	60	\$19,212	15	18
12	12	\$3,959	0	0
174	177	\$57,252	18	15
90	93	\$31,535	12	12
6	9	\$2,238	6	6
891	921	\$299,261	303	309

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European number of clients	European number of grants	European amount	Pacific Peoples number of clients	Pacific Peoples number of grants
3	3	\$1,044	3	3
48	48	\$15,419	27	27
147	150	\$49,380	45	45
225	228	\$75,004	60	60
171	174	\$57,212	54	54
135	141	\$45,125	36	39
93	93	\$30,386	21	21
60	63	\$20,642	9	6
30	30	\$10,140	6	3
18	15	\$5,824	3	6
15	15	\$4,842	3	3
939	960	\$315,019	258	270
6	6	\$1,748	6	6
51	51	\$16,094	18	18
141	147	\$48,301	48	48
192	192	\$62,861	54	54
189	195	\$63,106	57	60
129	132	\$42,607	39	39

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81	84	\$28,074	24	27
75	75	\$25,064	15	18
33	33	\$11,417	6	6
18	18	\$5,234	3	3
15	18	\$5,805	3	3
927	948	\$310,310	273	279
6	6	\$1,394	3	3
48	51	\$16,402	21	21
117	117	\$38,714	57	60
198	201	\$65,174	63	66
168	171	\$55,110	72	72
147	150	\$49,446	45	48
87	87	\$28,190	24	24
60	63	\$19,953	9	12
36	39	\$12,501	6	3
15	15	\$4,939	3	3
21	21	\$7,439	6	3
891	921	\$299,261	303	309

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European number of clients	European number of grants	European amount	Pacific Peoples number of clients	Pacific Peoples number of grants
0	0	\$0	3	3
105	108	\$35,343	21	21
840	849	\$279,676	240	246
939	960	\$315,019	258	270
3	3	\$569	0	0
99	105	\$34,160	21	21
828	843	\$275,580	255	258
927	948	\$310,310	273	279
3	3	\$1,386	3	3
93	96	\$31,608	36	39
804	822	\$266,267	264	270
891	921	\$299,261	303	309

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Asian number of clients	Asian number of grants	Asian amount	MELAA number of clients	MELAA number of grants
36	36	\$11,774	21	24
48	51	\$16,479	24	27
45	48	\$14,343	21	24

Pacific Peoples amount	Asian number of clients	Asian number of grants	Asian amount	MELAA number of clients
\$4,315	3	3	\$1,020	0
\$51,906	27	27	\$8,259	12
\$8,545	3	3	\$331	3
\$1,688	0	0	\$0	3
\$3,092	0	0	\$0	0
\$2,354	0	0	\$0	0
\$2,360	0	0	\$0	0

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\$6,242	3	3	\$459	6
\$1,005	0	0	\$0	0
\$3,788	3	3	\$663	3
\$1,656	3	3	\$1,042	0
\$0	0	0	\$0	0
\$86,952	36	36	\$11,774	21
\$4,620	3	3	\$1,000	3
\$51,283	33	36	\$11,800	9
\$5,424	3	3	\$685	3
\$1,345	3	3	\$410	0
\$4,138	3	3	\$621	0
\$2,682	3	3	\$333	3
\$3,777	3	3	\$350	3
\$8,395	3	3	\$350	9
\$0	0	0	\$0	0
\$4,453	3	3	\$585	3
\$4,602	3	3	\$346	0
\$350	0	0	\$0	0
\$91,068	48	51	\$16,479	24
\$4,854	0	0	\$0	0
\$59,045	33	33	\$9,822	9
\$5,855	3	3	\$1,033	3
\$3,912	3	3	\$250	0
\$4,235	3	3	\$347	0
\$671	3	3	\$486	0
\$3,131	3	3	\$347	3
\$5,005	0	0	\$0	3
\$0	0	0	\$0	0
\$5,273	3	3	\$335	3
\$3,863	3	3	\$683	0
\$2,013	3	3	\$1,042	3
\$97,855	45	48	\$14,343	32

Pacific Peoples amount	Asian number of clients	Asian number of grants	Asian amount	MELAA number of clients
\$697	3	3	\$220	0
\$9,572	3	3	\$350	0
\$14,646	6	6	\$2,221	3
\$19,300	6	3	\$1,364	6
\$18,007	6	6	\$1,603	12
\$12,163	6	9	\$2,151	3
\$6,768	9	9	\$2,475	0
\$2,459	3	3	\$697	0
\$1,352	3	3	\$693	0
\$1,651	0	0	\$0	0
\$339	0	0	\$0	0
\$86,952	36	36	\$11,774	21
\$1,895	0	0	\$0	0
\$5,981	3	3	\$689	0
\$16,305	9	9	\$2,616	6
\$17,178	12	12	\$4,212	3
\$19,482	6	6	\$1,688	9
\$13,562	12	12	\$3,970	3

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\$8,579	6	6	\$2,041	6
\$5,143	3	3	\$342	3
\$1,915	3	3	\$693	3
\$685	0	0	\$0	3
\$344	3	3	\$230	0
\$91,068	48	51	\$16,479	24
\$544	0	0	\$0	0
\$6,769	3	3	\$150	3
\$18,360	6	9	\$2,069	3
\$19,916	6	6	\$2,340	6
\$23,327	12	12	\$3,577	6
\$14,898	12	9	\$3,575	3
\$7,777	6	6	\$1,952	3
\$3,353	3	3	\$680	3
\$1,077	0	0	\$0	3
\$692	0	0	\$0	3
\$1,142	0	0	\$0	0
\$97,855	45	48	\$14,343	21

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Pacific Peoples amount	Asian number of clients	Asian number of grants	Asian amount	MELAA number of clients
\$615	0	0	\$0	0
\$7,177	3	3	\$347	3
\$79,160	36	36	\$11,427	18
\$86,952	36	36	\$11,774	21
\$0	0	0	\$0	0
\$7,129	3	3	\$350	3
\$83,939	48	51	\$16,129	24
\$91,068	48	51	\$16,479	24
\$289	3	3	\$350	0
\$12,545	3	3	\$692	3
\$85,021	42	42	\$13,301	21
\$97,855	45	48	\$14,343	21

MELAA amount	Other number of clients	Other number of grants	Other amount	Unknown number of clients
\$7,073	51	54	\$17,797	96
\$8,571	42	42	\$13,866	72
\$7,531	57	54	\$18,018	69

MELAA number of grants	MELAA amount	Other number of clients	Other number of grants	Other amount
0	\$0	3	3	\$1,019
12	\$3,825	27	27	\$9,383
3	\$636	6	6	\$1,689
3	\$335	3	3	\$682
0	\$0	3	3	\$685
0	\$0	3	3	\$305
0	\$0	0	0	\$0

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6	\$1,668	3	3	\$1,012
0	\$0	3	3	\$343
3	\$610	3	3	\$930
0	\$0	3	3	\$1,050
0	\$0	3	3	\$700
24	\$7,073	51	54	\$17,797
3	\$886	3	3	\$538
9	\$3,248	18	15	\$5,279
3	\$342	6	6	\$1,711
0	\$0	3	3	\$301
0	\$0	3	3	\$273
3	\$350	3	3	\$669
3	\$1,039	3	3	\$1,387
6	\$2,032	3	3	\$1,030
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
3	\$675	6	6	\$1,981
0	\$0	3	3	\$697
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
27	\$8,571	42	42	\$13,866
0	\$0	6	6	\$1,532
12	\$3,700	30	33	\$9,964
3	\$669	6	3	\$1,333
0	\$0	3	3	\$346
0	\$0	3	3	\$665
0	\$0	3	3	\$150
3	\$700	0	0	\$0
3	\$678	3	3	\$678
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
3	\$677	6	3	\$1,656
0	\$0	3	3	\$651
3	\$1,107	3	3	\$1,045
24	\$7,531	57	54	\$18,018

MELAA number of grants	MELAA amount	Other number of clients	Other number of grants	Other amount
0	\$0	3	3	\$350
0	\$0	3	6	\$1,735
6	\$1,176	12	12	\$4,321
6	\$1,645	15	15	\$5,011
12	\$3,587	9	9	\$3,329
3	\$665	6	3	\$1,352
0	\$0	3	3	\$1,034
0	\$0	3	3	\$342
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
0	\$0	3	3	\$324
24	\$7,073	51	54	\$17,797
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
0	\$0	3	3	\$344
6	\$2,084	12	9	\$3,755
6	\$1,718	6	6	\$2,660
9	\$2,092	3	3	\$1,238
3	\$347	9	6	\$2,302

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3	\$1,325	6	6	\$2,064
3	\$616	3	6	\$1,273
3	\$43	0	0	\$0
3	\$347	0	0	\$0
0	\$0	3	3	\$230
27	\$8,571	42	42	\$13,866
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
3	\$697	6	3	\$1,066
3	\$342	12	9	\$3,356
9	\$2,668	9	9	\$2,961
6	\$1,776	9	12	\$3,388
3	\$350	12	12	\$3,971
3	\$326	3	6	\$1,262
3	\$700	3	3	\$1,000
3	\$350	3	3	\$692
3	\$322	3	3	\$322
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
24	\$7,531	57	54	\$18,018

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MELAA number of grants	MELAA amount	Other number of clients	Other number of grants	Other amount
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
3	\$937	3	3	\$1,320
18	\$6,136	48	48	\$16,477
24	\$7,073	51	54	\$17,797
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
3	\$209	3	3	\$697
24	\$8,362	39	39	\$13,170
27	\$8,571	42	42	\$13,866
0	\$0	0	0	\$0
3	\$670	6	6	\$2,390
21	\$6,861	48	51	\$15,628
24	\$7,531	57	54	\$18,018

Unknown number of grants	Unknown amount	Total number of clients	Total number of grants	Total amount
96	\$31,444	2,469	2,538	\$827,973
75	\$24,905	2,508	2,571	\$835,258
69	\$23,262	2,595	2,676	\$865,601

Unknown number of clients	Unknown number of grants	Unknown amount	Total number of clients	Total number of grants
6	6	\$1,960	168	171
30	30	\$9,416	747	762
12	12	\$3,724	294	300
3	3	\$1,228	165	174
6	9	\$2,670	144	144
3	6	\$1,680	144	150
6	6	\$1,380	120	123

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9	9	\$2,440	171	174
0	0	\$0	30	30
18	15	\$5,221	318	321
6	3	\$1,725	168	174
0	0	\$0	15	12
96	96	\$31,444	2,469	2,538
3	6	\$1,261	168	171
30	30	\$10,005	750	765
9	6	\$2,730	300	315
3	3	\$518	132	132
12	12	\$3,112	195	198
3	3	\$350	171	174
3	3	\$344	135	135
6	9	\$2,682	177	180
0	0	\$0	36	39
6	9	\$2,540	291	300
3	3	\$677	135	135
3	3	\$686	33	33
72	75	\$24,905	2,508	2,571
3	3	\$1,040	159	165
27	27	\$8,768	825	840
6	6	\$2,000	300	309
3	3	\$271	174	174
3	6	\$1,295	153	159
6	6	\$1,934	174	180
3	3	\$885	117	120
3	6	\$1,245	186	189
3	3	\$641	27	27
3	3	\$1,726	309	312
6	6	\$2,072	156	162
6	3	\$1,386	45	42
69	69	\$23,262	2,595	2,676

Unknown number of clients	Unknown number of grants	Unknown amount	Total number of clients	Total number of grants
12	12	\$3,600	39	39
21	21	\$7,061	210	210
24	27	\$7,731	417	429
18	18	\$6,242	534	543
9	9	\$2,617	483	492
9	9	\$2,480	327	336
3	3	\$688	213	219
3	3	\$350	138	144
3	3	\$326	75	75
3	3	\$350	30	30
0	0	\$0	21	21
96	96	\$31,444	2,469	2,538
12	9	\$3,281	45	42
15	12	\$4,575	198	198
15	15	\$4,716	408	414
12	12	\$4,136	522	531
9	12	\$3,084	471	477
6	6	\$1,514	351	363

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3	3	\$1,327	225	237
3	3	\$344	168	171
3	3	\$346	78	81
3	3	\$1,044	33	33
3	3	\$538	27	24
72	75	\$24,905	2,508	2,571
9	9	\$3,096	27	30
9	12	\$3,935	192	198
18	15	\$5,340	414	417
9	12	\$3,302	561	573
3	3	\$1,646	513	519
9	6	\$2,786	387	393
3	3	\$700	237	240
3	3	\$873	156	159
6	3	\$1,242	75	78
0	0	\$0	36	36
3	3	\$340	30	36
69	69	\$23,262	2,595	2,676

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Unknown number of clients	Unknown number of grants	Unknown amount	Total number of clients	Total number of grants
0	0	\$0	3	3
9	6	\$2,635	249	252
90	90	\$28,809	2,235	2,286
96	96	\$31,444	2,469	2,538
0	0	\$0	3	3
3	3	\$1,254	291	300
72	72	\$23,651	2,229	2,268
72	75	\$24,905	2,508	2,571
0	0	\$0	3	3
3	6	\$1,723	312	318
66	66	\$21,539	2,310	2,352
69	69	\$23,262	2,595	2,676

Total amount
\$56,578
\$245,728
\$98,847
\$56,824
\$47,281
\$49,338
\$41,507

\$55,411
\$10,338
\$105,266
\$56,582
\$4,274
\$827,973
\$55,855
\$247,216
\$101,969
\$41,721
\$62,626
\$56,984
\$45,522
\$57,980
\$12,051
\$98,285
\$44,321
\$10,728
\$835,258
\$53,825
\$269,815
\$100,275
\$55,762
\$49,986
\$58,027
\$40,007
\$59,833
\$9,050
\$101,510
\$53,664
\$13,846
\$865,601

Total amount
\$12,449
\$68,753
\$138,798
\$178,037
\$160,510
\$109,269
\$71,108
\$47,385
\$24,758
\$10,088
\$6,819
\$827,973
\$13,865
\$63,757
\$136,172
\$171,825
\$154,180
\$117,239

\$77,711
\$55,192
\$25,761
\$10,926
\$8,630
\$835,258
\$9,679
\$64,116
\$134,272
\$184,142
\$167,775
\$128,721
\$78,020
\$52,086
\$24,096
\$11,204
\$11,490
\$865,601

Total amount
\$959
\$81,953
\$745,061
\$827,973
\$919
\$97,842
\$736,496
\$835,258
\$1,675
\$105,156
\$758,770
\$865,601