

WPQ 378 (2024) Table 1: The number of clients receiving Sole Parent Support broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and age group.

Quarter ending	Age group										Total
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
March 2020	0	9,180	14,469	13,347	9,576	6,828	4,479	2,145	690	270	60,984
June 2020	0	9,387	14,991	14,238	10,128	7,233	4,788	2,271	693	291	64,029
September 2020	3	9,423	15,312	14,829	10,473	7,512	4,929	2,352	723	300	65,853
December 2020	9	9,459	15,645	15,426	10,719	7,782	5,025	2,466	729	309	67,563
March 2021	3	9,273	15,318	15,414	10,701	7,674	4,914	2,460	696	303	66,756
June 2021	0	9,144	15,138	15,261	10,599	7,608	4,809	2,430	678	300	65,967
September 2021	0	9,126	15,228	15,540	10,791	7,653	4,854	2,439	699	297	66,627
December 2021	3	9,906	16,521	17,175	12,381	8,514	5,163	2,547	741	312	73,263
March 2022	3	9,708	16,218	17,049	12,309	8,478	5,106	2,493	699	306	72,375
June 2022	3	9,765	16,173	17,292	12,411	8,505	5,049	2,478	717	300	72,687
September 2022	0	9,690	16,188	17,403	12,609	8,547	5,010	2,448	702	294	72,897
December 2022	3	9,711	16,305	17,688	12,735	8,676	5,004	2,472	681	294	73,563
March 2023	3	9,672	16,224	17,721	12,888	8,688	4,971	2,400	705	303	73,575
June 2023	3	9,612	16,248	17,934	13,257	8,733	5,004	2,418	672	285	74,166
September 2023	3	9,660	16,344	18,147	13,569	8,883	4,986	2,433	699	273	75,000
December 2023	3	9,909	16,500	18,432	13,902	8,973	5,031	2,451	684	282	76,173

Notes:

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WPQ 378 (2024) Table 2: The number of clients receiving Sole Parent Support broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and continuous duration.

Quarter ending	Continuous duration								Total
	< 3 months	3-6 months	6 mths-1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	5-10 years	10+ years	
March 2020	4,200	4,242	6,819	10,509	7,986	9,558	10,527	7,146	60,984
June 2020	3,756	4,830	7,572	11,172	8,532	10,056	10,860	7,251	64,029
September 2020	4,056	3,825	8,667	11,544	8,784	10,554	11,094	7,332	65,853
December 2020	4,236	4,146	8,097	12,201	8,970	11,235	11,340	7,338	67,563
March 2021	3,204	3,972	7,173	12,906	9,057	11,637	11,442	7,365	66,756
June 2021	3,237	3,297	7,110	12,471	9,108	11,919	11,580	7,245	65,967
September 2021	3,402	3,390	6,555	12,480	9,327	12,417	11,814	7,239	66,627
December 2021	4,119	3,321	6,483	12,960	10,449	14,004	13,545	8,382	73,263
March 2022	3,810	3,879	6,156	11,388	10,881	14,178	13,755	8,328	72,375
June 2022	3,621	3,762	6,570	10,974	10,752	14,511	14,172	8,325	72,687
September 2022	3,747	3,579	7,014	10,257	10,662	14,673	14,622	8,340	72,897
December 2022	3,903	3,645	6,834	10,299	10,200	15,057	15,255	8,364	73,563
March 2023	3,927	3,780	6,720	10,494	9,129	15,501	15,672	8,352	73,575
June 2023	3,759	3,930	6,954	10,593	8,808	15,588	16,158	8,379	74,166
September 2023	3,900	3,735	7,296	10,986	8,439	15,618	16,620	8,409	75,000
December 2023	3,858	3,888	7,302	11,256	8,532	15,573	17,250	8,517	76,173

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- Continuous duration is how long the current recipients of a benefit (or benefit group) have been continuously receiving a benefit in the wider benefit system, including time on all benefits except Unsupported Child's Benefit, Orphan's Benefit, New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension and non-beneficiary assistance.
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WPQ 378 (2024) Table 3: The number of clients receiving Sole Parent Support broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and ethnicity.

Quarter ending	European	Māori	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other ethnicity	Unknown	Total recipients
March 2020	26,811	28,944	8,868	2,328	840	867	1,743	60,984
June 2020	28,299	30,042	9,312	2,508	876	945	1,959	64,029
September 2020	29,061	30,711	9,633	2,583	888	1,008	2,124	65,853
December 2020	29,865	31,461	9,888	2,631	891	1,053	2,265	67,563
March 2021	29,265	31,047	9,861	2,628	900	1,056	2,283	66,756
June 2021	28,836	30,723	9,747	2,598	903	1,065	2,328	65,967
September 2021	29,085	30,921	9,897	2,646	927	1,122	2,430	66,627
December 2021	31,428	35,040	10,827	2,721	969	1,182	2,613	73,263
March 2022	31,023	34,707	10,653	2,643	957	1,149	2,625	72,375
June 2022	30,963	34,872	10,797	2,646	978	1,158	2,742	72,687
September 2022	30,843	35,151	10,827	2,631	990	1,185	2,835	72,897
December 2022	31,125	35,607	10,899	2,592	969	1,173	2,907	73,563
March 2023	30,867	35,553	11,040	2,577	975	1,185	3,054	73,575
June 2023	30,969	35,796	11,202	2,628	984	1,218	3,120	74,166
September 2023	31,164	36,231	11,445	2,613	1,008	1,251	3,207	75,000
December 2023	31,590	36,918	11,631	2,559	1,011	1,302	3,348	76,173

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- 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.
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WPQ 378 (2024) Table 4: The number of clients receiving Sole Parent Support broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and MSD region.

Quarter ending	MSD region												Total
	Northland	Auckland Metro	Waikato	Taranaki	Bay of Plenty	East Coast	Central	Wellington	Nelson	Canterbury	Southern	Other	
March 2020	3,780	19,800	5,664	3,354	6,411	4,110	3,534	4,050	1,905	5,037	3,192	138	60,984
June 2020	3,990	20,805	5,928	3,519	6,732	4,296	3,678	4,179	2,019	5,334	3,456	93	64,029
September 2020	4,026	21,408	6,045	3,597	7,029	4,380	3,768	4,230	2,118	5,589	3,573	84	65,853
December 2020	4,116	21,915	6,171	3,684	7,374	4,461	3,804	4,293	2,181	5,754	3,693	123	67,563
March 2021	4,101	21,777	6,198	3,579	7,284	4,296	3,741	4,215	2,079	5,763	3,603	126	66,756
June 2021	3,999	21,405	6,153	3,573	7,194	4,260	3,696	4,113	2,064	5,757	3,642	102	65,967
September 2021	3,999	21,726	6,159	3,627	7,323	4,317	3,750	4,080	2,109	5,814	3,621	105	66,627
December 2021	4,596	23,760	6,960	3,942	8,136	4,863	4,074	4,461	2,238	6,270	3,858	102	73,263
March 2022	4,605	23,397	6,873	3,891	8,133	4,701	4,038	4,389	2,226	6,207	3,774	135	72,375
June 2022	4,602	23,544	6,924	3,846	8,238	4,773	4,062	4,335	2,208	6,183	3,858	108	72,687
September 2022	4,536	23,625	6,954	3,915	8,349	4,776	4,032	4,380	2,208	6,135	3,873	117	72,897
December 2022	4,593	23,793	7,095	3,939	8,457	4,896	3,984	4,404	2,226	6,186	3,852	135	73,563
March 2023	4,572	24,036	7,122	3,903	8,403	4,914	3,948	4,371	2,157	6,228	3,756	165	73,575
June 2023	4,563	24,300	7,203	3,897	8,376	4,920	4,020	4,386	2,196	6,306	3,849	147	74,166
September 2023	4,647	24,660	7,284	4,014	8,382	4,860	4,107	4,422	2,232	6,363	3,876	150	75,000
December 2023	4,719	24,909	7,413	4,044	8,595	4,983	4,194	4,515	2,262	6,456	3,921	156	76,173

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- 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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WPQ 378 (2024) Table 5: The number of clients receiving Sole Parent Support broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and gender.

Quarter ending	Gender			Total
	Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
March 2020	3	55,551	5,427	60,984
June 2020	6	58,269	5,757	64,029
September 2020	9	59,946	5,895	65,853
December 2020	15	61,494	6,057	67,563
March 2021	12	60,831	5,913	66,756
June 2021	15	60,162	5,793	65,967
September 2021	18	60,759	5,850	66,627
December 2021	24	66,789	6,453	73,263
March 2022	24	66,039	6,312	72,375
June 2022	24	66,378	6,285	72,687
September 2022	33	66,558	6,303	72,897
December 2022	36	67,149	6,375	73,563
March 2023	36	67,068	6,468	73,575
June 2023	33	67,575	6,558	74,166
September 2023	33	68,229	6,741	75,000
December 2023	36	69,300	6,837	76,173

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- 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.
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