

Table One: Total value and number of food grants and number of declines for food in May 2025

Region	May 2025		
	Number of grants	Amount granted	Number of declines
Northland	1,077	\$115,457	75
Auckland Metro	6,591	\$793,244	267
Waikato	1,893	\$219,974	177
Taranaki	852	\$94,478	48
Bay of Plenty	1,788	\$200,355	84
East Coast	1,389	\$161,698	72
Central	786	\$86,335	60
Wellington	1,470	\$166,401	63
Nelson	555	\$61,543	36
Canterbury	1,605	\$168,504	96
Southern	789	\$80,766	69
Other	88,515	\$8,466,292	6,225
Total	107,310	\$10,615,047	7,272

Notes:

- Food grants are paid as Special Needs Grant (SNG).
- Amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.
- The number of grants is not the number of individuals. A client can have more than one grant in each time period.
- Amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.
- The number of declines is not the number of individuals. A client can have more than one decline in each time period.

- The number of declines is operational data therefore numbers may change depending on the date of extraction.
- Declined amount is not reportable because this information is not required to be entered by the frontline staff for declining a hardship application.
- The region 'Other' represents those service centres that do not represent a geographic location such as call centres and processing units.
- 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.