WPQ 8897 Table One: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of clients owing a debt who are at least 65 years old as at 31 March 2024, by ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
Māori	16,515	$63,327,375	$3,834
European	42,615	$127,972,002	$3,003
Pacific Peoples	10,668	$40,538,513	$3,801
Asian	9,075	$23,565,075	$2,596
MELAA	1,371	$3,574,727	$2,604
Other	3,261	$9,795,880	$3,002
Unknown	5,808	$15,714,510	$2,706
Total	**84,222**	**$266,876,723**	**$3,169**

Notes:

- This data includes Fraud, Overpayment, and Recoverable Assistance debts owing by both current and non-current clients.
- Demographic data is as at 31 March 2024
- 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.
- 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.

WPQ 8897 Table Two: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of clients owing a debt who are at least 65 years old as at 31 March 2024, by gender.

Gender	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
Diverse	12	$37,772	$2,906
Female	44,469	$145,421,912	$3,270
Male	39,741	$121,411,399	$3,055
Unknown	3	$5,641	$2,820
Total	**84,222**	**$266,876,723**	**$3,169**

Notes:

- This data includes Fraud, Overpayment, and Recoverable Assistance debts owing by both current and non-current clients.
- Demographic data is as at 31 March 2024
- 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.
- Gender 'unknown' is where the gender is not recorded.
- 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.
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