

PQ 28219 (20245 What is the number of, and amount spent, on hardship payments approved for food for each quarter since September : by ethnicity, age band, gender, payment purpose, and payment recoverability?

Table 1: Number of grants and amount granted for Food from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025
by quarter, recoverable type

Quarter ending / Recoverable			Number of grants	Amount granted
Food	September 2024	Non-Recoverable	322,392	\$32,611,936
		Quarter total	322,395	\$32,611,936
	December 2024	Non-Recoverable	331,296	\$33,460,222
		Quarter total	331,296	\$33,460,222
	March 2025	Non-Recoverable	330,552	\$32,987,634
		Quarter total	330,552	\$32,987,634

General Notes:

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Table 2: Number of grants and amount granted for Food from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025
by quarter, age group

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Quarter ending / Age group			Number of grants	Amount granted
Food	September 2024	16	108	\$7,934
		17	237	\$17,951
		18-19	6,471	\$590,904
		20-24	33,924	\$3,254,825
		25-29	50,370	\$5,038,643
		30-34	58,314	\$6,080,082
		35-39	49,296	\$5,184,254
		40-44	35,190	\$3,610,383
		45-49	26,667	\$2,677,227
		50-54	22,014	\$2,140,785
		55-59	16,668	\$1,620,627
		60-64	12,069	\$1,181,819
		65+	11,067	\$1,206,501
		Quarter total	322,395	\$32,611,936
	December 2024	16	99	\$8,124
		17	273	\$21,907
		18-19	6,456	\$597,347
		20-24	33,630	\$3,219,049
		25-29	50,391	\$5,016,153
		30-34	58,254	\$6,050,253
		35-39	50,001	\$5,242,772
		40-44	36,327	\$3,708,799
		45-49	27,507	\$2,733,671
		50-54	23,604	\$2,304,238
		55-59	18,117	\$1,779,029
		60-64	13,524	\$1,334,383
		65+	13,113	\$1,444,497
		Quarter total	331,296	\$33,460,222
	March 2025	<16	3	\$100
		16	93	\$8,366
		17	300	\$23,426
		18-19	7,032	\$645,955
		20-24	33,846	\$3,184,384
		25-29	50,715	\$4,968,811
		30-34	58,509	\$6,026,368
		35-39	50,952	\$5,317,089
		40-44	37,131	\$3,782,900
		45-49	27,381	\$2,682,109
		50-54	22,449	\$2,149,945
		55-59	17,367	\$1,655,357
		60-64	12,669	\$1,230,275
		65+	12,114	\$1,312,550
		Quarter total	330,552	\$32,987,634

Table 3: Number of grants and amount granted for Food from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025
by quarter, gender

Quarter ending / Gender			Number of grants	Amount granted
Food	September 2024	Gender Diverse	906	\$76,803
		Female	207,666	\$21,988,379
		Male	113,826	\$10,546,754
		Quarter total	322,395	\$32,611,936
	December 2024	Gender Diverse	945	\$79,251
		Female	214,140	\$22,598,059
		Male	116,214	\$10,782,912
		Quarter total	331,296	\$33,460,222
	March 2025	Gender Diverse	930	\$75,187
		Female	214,530	\$22,429,269
		Male	115,095	\$10,483,179
		Quarter total	330,552	\$32,987,634

Gender Note:

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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Table 4: Number of grants and amount granted for Food from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025
by quarter, total response ethnicity

Quarter ending / Total Response Ethnicity			Number of grants	Amount granted
Food	September 2024	Māori	162,243	\$16,067,568
		European	138,351	\$13,406,523
		Pacific Peoples	45,171	\$5,105,277
		Asian	6,777	\$796,160
		Middle Eastern/Lat	4,014	\$486,324
		Other ethnicity	5,826	\$625,433
		Not specified	10,920	\$1,231,764
		Quarter total	322,395	\$32,611,936
	December 2024	Māori	165,279	\$16,363,877
		European	142,731	\$13,842,002
		Pacific Peoples	46,794	\$5,265,055
		Asian	7,278	\$851,334
		Middle Eastern/Lat	4,353	\$519,368
		Other ethnicity	6,366	\$677,965
		Not specified	11,604	\$1,288,411
		Quarter total	331,296	\$33,460,222
	March 2025	Māori	165,738	\$16,178,338
		European	139,878	\$13,333,216
		Pacific Peoples	47,643	\$5,358,229
		Asian	6,891	\$803,888
		Middle Eastern/Lat	4,272	\$507,592
		Other ethnicity	6,048	\$640,756
		Not specified	12,030	\$1,321,806
		Quarter total	330,552	\$32,987,634

Total Response Ethnicity Notes:

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.

'Not Specified' is where ethnicity is not recorded.

'Other ethnicity' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.

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