

WPQ 503 (2024) Table 1: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by region.

Quarter / Children		Region												Total sanctions
		Northland	Auckland Metro	Waikato	Taranaki	Bay of Plenty	East Coast	Central	Wellington	Nelson	Canterbury	Southern	Other	
December 2023	No	474	1,278	729	174	612	399	345	111	243	549	297	15	5,220
	Yes	147	207	123	21	123	60	78	6	27	66	18	57	930
	Quarter total	618	1,482	852	195	738	459	423	114	270	615	315	72	6,147

Notes:

- The table includes working age only (18 to 64 years).
- Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
- This is a count of sanctions, not clients. A client can have more than one sanction within the time period.
- Children in care is assessed at the time of sanction.
- The region 'Other' represents those service centres that do not represent a geographic location such as call centres and processing units.
- 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.