

WPQ 23987 Table: The number of hardship declines in the quarter ending March 2023 and March 2024.

Quarter ending	Total hardship assistance declines
March 2023	34,653
March 2024	48,186

Notes:

- This is a count of declines, not clients. A client can have more than one decline in the time period.
- Hardship includes Special Needs Grants (SNG), Benefit Advances (ADV) and Recoverable Assistance Payments (RAP).
- 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.
- 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.