

WPQ 29682 (2023) Table One: The number of voluntary unemployment stand downs imposed on working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by ethnicity and quarter.

Quarter ending	Total Response Ethnicity							Total
	European	Māori	Pasifika	Asian	MELAA	Other	Not Specified	
March 2017	15	12	6	3	0	0	3	36
June 2017	18	15	6	3	0	0	3	33
September 2017	15	15	3	0	0	0	6	36
December 2017	12	6	3	0	0	0	0	18
March 2018	15	12	3	0	0	0	0	24
June 2018	3	12	3	3	0	3	0	18
September 2018	12	12	3	3	0	0	3	30
December 2018	6	12	3	3	0	0	3	21
March 2019	12	15	6	3	0	0	3	33
June 2019	9	9	3	3	3	0	0	21
September 2019	9	15	3	0	0	0	0	18
December 2019	9	9	3	0	0	0	0	18
March 2020	12	15	3	3	0	3	0	33
June 2020	3	6	3	0	0	3	0	9
September 2020	6	6	3	0	0	3	0	12
December 2020	12	9	3	0	0	0	3	18
March 2021	9	3	3	3	0	3	3	15
June 2021	6	6	3	3	0	3	3	18
September 2021	9	9	3	0	0	0	3	18
December 2021	6	3	3	3	0	0	0	12
March 2022	6	9	3	0	0	0	0	15
June 2022	12	6	6	0	0	3	3	21
September 2022	6	12	3	3	0	3	0	18
December 2022	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	6

March 2023	3	9	6	0	0	3	0	15
June 2023	6	12	3	0	0	3	0	18
September 2023	12	9	3	0	0	0	3	24
Total	249	267	75	18	3	9	24	561

Notes:

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- The tables are a count of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed, not clients.
- One client may have more than one Voluntary Unemployment (VU) Stand Downs imposed over the quarter.
- Voluntary Unemployment (VU) Stand Downs that have been waived were excluded from this report.
- 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 VU Stand Downs imposed.
- MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African.
- 'Not Specified' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
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WPQ 29682 (2023) Table Two: The number of voluntary unemployment stand downs imposed on working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by age and quarter.

Quarter ending	Age Group										Total
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
March 2017	3	15	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	36
June 2017	3	15	3	3	3	3	6	0	0	0	33
September 2017	3	12	3	6	3	0	3	3	3	3	36
December 2017	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	0	0	18
March 2018	3	6	6	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	24
June 2018	0	6	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	18
September 2018	3	6	9	9	0	0	3	0	3	0	30
December 2018	0	12	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	21
March 2019	3	12	6	3	6	3	0	3	3	0	33
June 2019	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	21
September 2019	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	18
December 2019	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	18
March 2020	6	9	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	0	33
June 2020	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	9
September 2020	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	12
December 2020	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	18
March 2021	3	6	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	15
June 2021	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	18
September 2021	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
December 2021	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	12
March 2022	3	3	6	0	3	3	0	3	3	3	15
June 2022	3	6	6	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	21
September 2022	3	6	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	18
December 2022	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	6

March 2023	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	15
June 2023	3	6	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	0	18
September 2023	3	6	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	24
Total	63	165	96	78	36	45	36	24	15	9	561

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WPQ 29682 (2023) Table Three: The number of voluntary unemployment stand downs imposed on working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by gender and quarter.

Quarter ending	Gender			Total
	Diverse	Female	Male	
March 2017	0	9	27	36
June 2017	0	12	21	33
September 2017	0	9	24	36
December 2017	0	6	12	18
March 2018	0	3	18	24
June 2018	0	3	15	18

September 2018	0	3	21	30
December 2018	0	6	15	21
March 2019	0	6	24	33
June 2019	0	3	18	21
September 2019	0	6	12	18
December 2019	0	3	15	18
March 2020	0	9	21	33
June 2020	0	6	6	9
September 2020	0	3	9	12
December 2020	0	6	9	18
March 2021	0	3	12	15
June 2021	3	6	9	18
September 2021	0	3	15	18
December 2021	0	3	12	12
March 2022	0	6	12	15
June 2022	0	6	18	21
September 2022	0	9	9	18
December 2022	0	3	6	6
March 2023	0	9	9	15
June 2023	0	3	15	18
September 2023	0	6	15	24
Total	3	156	405	561

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WPQ 29682 (2023) Table Four: The number of voluntary unemployment stand downs imposed on working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by reason for stand down and quarter.

Quarter ending	Reason for stand-down						Total
	Were dismissed	Left of your own accord	Did not comply with Community Taskforce Requirements	Not available for work	Failed clean slate activity	Not Recorded	
March 2017	12	24	0	3	0	0	36
June 2017	12	21	0	0	0	0	33
September 2017	15	18	0	3	0	0	36
December 2017	6	9	0	0	0	0	18
March 2018	12	12	0	0	0	0	24
June 2018	9	9	0	3	0	0	18
September 2018	12	15	0	0	0	0	30
December 2018	3	18	0	0	0	0	21
March 2019	9	24	0	0	0	0	33
June 2019	3	18	0	0	0	0	21
September 2019	12	6	0	0	0	0	18
December 2019	6	12	0	0	3	0	18
March 2020	9	21	0	0	0	0	33
June 2020	3	9	0	0	0	0	9

September 2020	6	9	0	0	0	0	12
December 2020	3	12	0	0	0	0	18
March 2021	3	3	3	3	3	3	15
June 2021	9	9	0	0	0	0	18
September 2021	3	12	0	0	0	0	18
December 2021	3	9	0	0	0	0	12
March 2022	6	15	0	0	0	0	15
June 2022	6	15	0	0	0	0	21
September 2022	3	15	0	0	0	0	18
December 2022	3	6	0	0	0	0	6
March 2023	6	12	0	0	0	0	15
June 2023	3	15	0	3	0	0	18
September 2023	6	15	0	3	0	0	24
Total	174	378	3	9	3	3	561

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WPQ 29682 (2023) Table Five: The number of voluntary unemployment stand downs imposed on working age main benefit clients during the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2023, by main benefit type and quarter.

Quarter ending	Benefit type			Total
	Sole Parent Support	Jobseeker Support		
		Jobseeker Support Work Ready	Jobseeker Support Health & Disability	
March 2017	3	30	3	36
June 2017	6	27	3	33
September 2017	3	30	3	36
December 2017	3	15	0	18
March 2018	3	21	3	24
June 2018	3	15	3	18
September 2018	3	24	3	30
December 2018	0	18	3	21
March 2019	3	27	3	33
June 2019	3	18	3	21
September 2019	3	18	3	18
December 2019	0	18	3	18
March 2020	0	27	3	33
June 2020	0	12	0	9
September 2020	0	12	3	12
December 2020	3	15	3	18
March 2021	3	9	0	15
June 2021	3	15	3	18
September 2021	0	18	3	18
December 2021	0	12	0	12
March 2022	3	15	0	15

June 2022	3	18	3	21
September 2022	3	15	3	18
December 2022	0	6	0	6
March 2023	0	15	3	15
June 2023	3	18	0	18
September 2023	3	24	3	24
Total	30	495	36	561

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