

WPQ 381 (2024) Table 1: The number of clients receiving Jobseeker Support (work ready) broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and age group.

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 2020	7,266	15,996	13,038	9,945	8,202	7,521	7,521	7,200	6,411	5,733	88,833
June 2020	10,947	25,449	19,191	13,695	10,899	9,603	9,603	9,219	8,193	7,170	123,966
September 2020	11,079	27,045	20,115	14,832	11,799	10,443	10,500	9,978	9,150	7,899	132,837
December 2020	10,854	27,849	20,439	15,264	11,862	10,644	10,548	10,038	9,177	8,154	134,829
March 2021	9,915	23,934	18,072	13,923	11,100	10,023	9,801	9,543	8,658	7,902	122,871
June 2021	8,340	20,430	15,705	12,717	10,314	9,342	9,075	8,988	8,157	7,728	110,790
September 2021	8,292	20,523	15,927	13,017	10,563	9,471	9,018	9,099	8,232	7,911	112,056
December 2021	7,866	20,790	14,985	11,796	9,540	8,619	8,457	8,781	7,836	7,695	106,362
March 2022	7,815	18,618	13,794	11,439	9,150	8,403	8,013	8,466	7,563	7,596	100,851
June 2022	7,329	17,928	13,599	11,361	9,273	8,505	8,052	8,577	7,722	7,740	100,086
September 2022	6,780	17,154	13,491	11,397	9,351	8,625	8,148	8,454	7,701	7,833	98,931
December 2022	6,546	17,556	13,659	11,640	9,375	8,589	7,947	8,295	7,425	7,737	98,766
March 2023	6,975	16,707	13,422	11,511	9,228	8,463	7,782	8,127	7,080	7,590	96,885
June 2023	7,173	17,100	13,758	11,688	9,600	8,676	7,986	8,229	7,368	7,689	99,276
September 2023	7,743	18,609	14,568	12,285	10,080	9,081	8,259	8,544	7,557	7,890	104,610
December 2023	8,358	20,694	15,381	12,816	10,470	9,414	8,451	8,625	7,728	7,758	109,698

Notes:

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WPQ 381 (2024) Table 2: The number of clients receiving Jobseeker Support (work ready) broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and continuous duration.

Quarter ending	Continuous duration								Total
	< 3 months	3-6 months	6 mths-1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	5-10 years	10+ years	
March 2020	18,540	13,338	15,915	15,264	7,713	7,395	5,898	4,764	88,833
June 2020	33,825	22,638	20,595	18,369	9,000	8,154	6,348	5,037	123,966
September 2020	26,334	22,602	31,689	21,012	10,284	8,910	6,801	5,205	132,837
December 2020	25,212	19,734	33,702	23,697	10,863	9,363	7,083	5,175	134,829
March 2021	16,980	17,187	27,288	28,095	10,995	9,780	7,260	5,280	122,871
June 2021	16,482	12,195	21,438	26,769	11,106	10,047	7,446	5,307	110,790
September 2021	20,346	13,224	17,907	25,476	11,433	10,593	7,668	5,409	112,056
December 2021	20,250	14,088	16,386	22,875	11,217	10,098	6,819	4,629	106,362
March 2022	17,604	14,304	17,046	18,264	12,213	10,053	6,804	4,563	100,851
June 2022	16,821	13,365	18,303	16,377	12,585	10,821	7,179	4,635	100,086
September 2022	16,392	13,059	18,102	15,909	12,129	11,184	7,527	4,638	98,931
December 2022	16,959	12,336	18,102	16,215	11,229	11,535	7,770	4,617	98,766
March 2023	15,999	13,158	17,262	16,440	9,411	12,102	7,947	4,563	96,885
June 2023	17,934	13,044	17,712	17,025	8,553	12,234	8,223	4,548	99,276
September 2023	19,752	14,871	18,711	17,700	8,382	12,096	8,586	4,509	104,610
December 2023	20,262	15,741	20,643	18,912	8,688	11,943	8,973	4,539	109,698

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- Continuous duration is how long the current recipients of a benefit (or benefit group) have been continuously receiving a benefit in the wider benefit system, including time on all benefits except Unsupported Child's Benefit, Orphan's Benefit, New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension and non-beneficiary assistance.
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WPQ 381 (2024) Table 3: The number of clients receiving Jobseeker Support (work ready) broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and ethnicity.

Quarter ending	European	Māori	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other ethnicity	Unknown	Total recipients
March 2020	38,217	40,020	10,308	4,014	1,647	2,526	3,957	88,833
June 2020	55,422	50,403	14,397	6,717	2,088	3,921	7,083	123,966
September 2020	58,032	54,978	16,434	7,470	2,259	4,557	6,489	132,837
December 2020	58,890	55,458	17,130	7,854	2,376	4,884	6,225	134,829
March 2021	52,209	51,330	16,368	7,155	2,184	4,485	5,502	122,871
June 2021	47,226	47,370	14,262	6,093	1,968	3,882	4,800	110,790
September 2021	47,007	48,879	14,664	6,210	1,980	3,972	4,617	112,056
December 2021	45,444	45,633	13,740	6,120	1,926	4,098	4,350	106,362
March 2022	42,885	43,488	13,194	5,475	1,791	3,702	4,224	100,851
June 2022	42,426	43,758	12,918	5,274	1,773	3,651	4,302	100,086
September 2022	41,559	43,929	12,429	5,100	1,761	3,654	4,341	98,931
December 2022	41,787	43,806	12,066	5,061	1,812	3,651	4,578	98,766
March 2023	39,786	43,353	12,288	4,998	1,800	3,681	4,806	96,885
June 2023	40,659	44,178	12,708	5,154	1,800	3,765	5,226	99,276
September 2023	42,072	46,533	13,800	5,460	1,905	3,987	5,712	104,610
December 2023	44,346	48,030	14,568	5,751	2,067	4,317	6,342	109,698

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- 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.
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WPQ 381 (2024) Table 4: The number of clients receiving Jobseeker Support (work ready) broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and MSD region.

Quarter ending	MSD region												Total
	Northland	Auckland Metro	Waikato	Taranaki	Bay of Plenty	East Coast	Central	Wellington	Nelson	Canterbury	Southern	Other	
March 2020	5,565	25,452	8,208	5,295	9,324	5,052	5,556	8,766	2,688	7,539	5,175	213	88,833
June 2020	7,305	38,178	10,758	6,732	12,219	7,014	7,053	11,484	4,113	11,052	7,728	327	123,966
September 2020	7,485	42,072	11,169	6,996	13,440	7,782	7,044	11,793	4,296	11,730	8,529	498	132,837
December 2020	7,482	44,181	11,376	6,975	13,635	7,527	6,936	12,618	3,777	12,318	7,614	393	134,829
March 2021	7,005	41,952	10,416	6,348	12,345	6,267	6,132	11,583	3,168	10,995	6,288	375	122,871
June 2021	6,558	36,099	9,579	5,991	11,103	6,078	5,649	10,389	3,006	9,795	6,333	216	110,790
September 2021	6,555	37,137	9,438	6,045	11,886	6,735	5,391	10,077	3,066	9,144	6,390	195	112,056
December 2021	6,294	35,571	8,907	5,670	11,655	6,099	4,983	9,798	2,730	8,643	5,805	207	106,362
March 2022	6,003	33,816	8,601	5,562	11,352	5,199	4,803	9,342	2,607	8,160	5,124	282	100,851
June 2022	6,171	33,069	8,433	5,532	11,253	5,328	4,896	8,841	2,709	8,199	5,505	150	100,086
September 2022	6,183	31,830	8,454	5,619	11,625	5,568	4,938	8,634	2,718	7,725	5,478	162	98,931
December 2022	6,243	31,662	8,565	5,667	11,559	5,490	4,971	8,676	2,595	8,046	5,127	162	98,766
March 2023	6,111	32,271	8,346	5,445	11,094	5,559	4,854	8,280	2,343	7,767	4,626	192	96,885
June 2023	6,258	32,865	8,454	5,697	11,016	5,655	5,055	8,295	2,562	8,034	5,250	132	99,276
September 2023	6,399	34,494	8,916	5,841	11,694	6,195	5,283	8,820	2,793	8,466	5,580	129	104,610
December 2023	6,480	36,723	9,318	5,847	12,195	6,150	5,490	9,732	2,757	9,231	5,616	162	109,698

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- The region 'Other' represents those service centres that do not represent a geographic location such as call centres and processing units.

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WPQ 381 (2024) Table 5: The number of clients receiving Jobseeker Support (work ready) broken down by quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023 and gender.

Quarter ending	Gender			Total
	Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
March 2020	51	37,395	51,384	88,833
June 2020	174	51,903	71,886	123,966
September 2020	252	54,723	77,862	132,837
December 2020	315	56,361	78,153	134,829
March 2021	336	51,336	71,196	122,871
June 2021	351	47,061	63,378	110,790
September 2021	390	47,433	64,233	112,056
December 2021	465	44,244	61,653	106,362
March 2022	465	42,003	58,386	100,851
June 2022	504	41,781	57,804	100,086
September 2022	501	40,476	57,957	98,931
December 2022	564	40,137	58,065	98,766
March 2023	576	38,979	57,330	96,885
June 2023	612	39,249	59,412	99,276
September 2023	657	40,506	63,441	104,610
December 2023	756	42,630	66,312	109,698

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- 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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