

WPQ 511 (2024) Table 1: The number of sanctions for failing work obligations for working age main benefit clients with or with children during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by ethnicity.

Quarter / Children		Total response ethnicity							
		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total sanctions
December 2023	No	2,850	1,758	744	117	36	135	330	5,220
	Yes	573	294	150	9	6	6	33	930
	Quarter total	3,423	2,055	894	123	39	144	366	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.
- 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 ethnicity' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
- 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.
- 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.

WPQ 511 (2024) Table 2: 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 age group.

Quarter / Children		Age group										Total sanctions
		18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
December 2023	No	903	1,788	885	576	369	270	168	126	84	48	5,220
	Yes	63	75	147	192	186	123	90	36	21	3	930
	Quarter total	966	1,866	1,029	768	558	393	258	162	102	48	6,147

Notes:

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- 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.
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WPQ 511 (2024) Table 3: 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 gender.

Quarter / Children		Gender			Total sanctions
		Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
December 2023	No	1,884	24	3,315	5,220
	Yes	594	0	336	930
	Quarter total	2,475	24	3,651	6,147

Notes:

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- 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.
- 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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WPQ 511 (2024) Table 4: 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 benefit type.

Quarter / Children		Benefit type						Total sanctions
		Emergency Benefit	Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Sole Parent Support	Supported Living Payments related	Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	
December 2023	No	0	195	5,007	0	3	12	5,220
	Yes	3	21	486	363	0	57	930
	Quarter total	3	219	5,493	363	3	72	6,147

Notes:

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- 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.
- Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability includes Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability and Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability Hardship.
- Jobseeker Support - Work ready includes Jobseeker Support Work Ready, Jobseeker Support Work Ready Hardship, Jobseeker Support Work Ready Training and Jobseeker Support Work Ready Training Hardship
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