

**Number of Civil Defence Payment declines from 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026, by month, MSD region and decline reason**

| Month / MSD region |               | Decline reason                                          |                |                       |                            |       | Total declines |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|
|                    |               | Already received help for same/similar need in the past | Not Applicable | Not a qualifying need | Not an emergency situation | Other |                |
| January 2026       | East Coast    | 0                                                       | 0              | 0                     | 0                          | 0     | 0              |
|                    | Northland     | 0                                                       | 0              | 0                     | 0                          | 0     | 0              |
|                    | Other         | 0                                                       | 0              | 0                     | S                          | 0     | S              |
|                    | Bay of Plenty | 0                                                       | 0              | 0                     | 0                          | 0     | 0              |
| February 2026      | East Coast    | S                                                       | 0              | 6                     | 0                          | S     | 9              |
|                    | Northland     | 6                                                       | S              | S                     | 0                          | 9     | 21             |
|                    | Other         | 0                                                       | 0              | 0                     | 0                          | 0     | 0              |
|                    | Bay of Plenty | 0                                                       | 0              | S                     | 0                          | 0     | S              |
| Total              |               | 9                                                       | S              | 15                    | S                          | 9     | 33             |

**Notes:**

- The number of declines is not the number of individuals. A client can have more than one decline in the period.
- The region 'Other' represents those service centres that do not represent a geographic location such as call centres and processing units.
- 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.
- In certain circumstances, low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified.
- Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required.
- Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.

- People may be eligible for multiple Civil Defence Payments to support ongoing weather event impacts over the affected period. This option for decline could be due to the need being met by an earlier payment