

WPQ 498 (2024) Table 1: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed each quarter from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by ethnicity.

Quarter ending	European	Māori	Pasifika	Asian	MELAA	Other	Not Specified	Total VU Stand Downs Imposed
December 2023	6	9	3	3	3	3	3	15

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.
- The tables are a count of Voluntary Unemployment (VU) Stand Downs imposed, not clients.
- One client may have more than one Voluntary Unemployment (VU) Stand Downs imposed over the year.
- 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.
- 'Not Specified' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
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- 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.
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WPQ 498 (2024) Table 2: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed each quarter from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by age.

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	
December 2023	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	15

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WPQ 498 (2024) Table 3: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed each quarter from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by gender.

Quarter ending	Gender		Total
	Female	Male	
December 2023	9	9	15

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WPQ 498 (2024) Table 4: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed each quarter from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by reason.

Quarter ending	Reason for stand-down				Total
	Were dismissed	Left of your own accord	Not available for work	Failed clean slate activity	
December 2023	3	12	0	0	15

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WPQ 498 (2024) Table 5: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed each quarter from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by benefit type.

Quarter ending	Benefit type					Total
	Sole Parent Support	Job Seeker				
		Job Seeker Work Ready	Job Seeker Work Ready Hardship	Job Seeker Health Condition & Disability	Total	
December 2023	3	12	3	3	12	15

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