

29986 Table One: Total value and number of grants and declines for Electricity Assistance in May 2025

Need type / MSD region		May 2025		
		Number of grants	Amount	Number of declines
Electricity Assistance	Northland	27	\$23,135	6
	Auckland Metro	375	\$194,164	24
	Waikato	69	\$42,899	3
	Taranaki	63	\$46,832	6
	Bay of Plenty	108	\$67,289	6
	East Coast	81	\$52,118	6
	Central	57	\$32,267	6
	Wellington	108	\$61,539	3
	Nelson	27	\$15,653	3
	Canterbury	132	\$71,417	9
	Southern	48	\$29,798	9
	Other	1347	\$553,276	234
	Total	2,439	\$1,190,388	324

Notes:

- Electricity Assistance grants are paid as Advance Payment of Benefit (ADV) and Recoverable Assistance Payment (RAP).
- The number of grants is not the number of individuals. A client can have more than one grant in each time period.
- Amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.
- The number of declines is not the number of individuals. A client can have more than one decline in each time period.

- The number of declines is operational data therefore numbers may change depending on the date of extraction.
- Declined amount is not reportable because this information is not required to be entered by the frontline staff for declining a hardship application.
- 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.
- 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.

This is also my response to written question 29988 (2025).