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Table 1: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of clients owing a debt as at the end of each quarter from September 2024 to March 2025

by gender and total response ethnicity

Notes:

This data includes Fraud, Overpayment, and Recoverable Assistance debts owing by both current and non-current clients.

Quarter ending / Gender		Māori			European			Pacific Peoples			Asian			MELAA			Other			Unknown			Total		
		Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
30 September 2024	**Diverse**	603	$2,285,423	$3,796	1,311	$2,534,407	$1,933	162	$666,202	$4,112	63	$80,521	$1,299	30	$92,748	$3,092	126	$243,855	$1,905	81	$114,846	$1,401	**1,971**	**$4,759,691**	**$2,416**
	Female	126,186	$832,907,067	$6,601	151,914	$680,316,241	$4,478	57,549	$354,940,950	$6,168	21,249	$61,744,946	$2,906	6,684	$21,528,515	$3,220	11,415	$37,421,098	$3,278	17,547	$40,944,247	$2,334	**346,086**	**$1,753,621,155**	**$5,067**
	Male	101,976	$422,462,104	$4,143	125,376	$393,819,967	$3,141	44,145	$170,442,045	$3,861	17,154	$42,582,736	$2,482	6,411	$20,529,511	$3,203	10,653	$31,820,294	$2,987	17,022	$30,843,189	$1,812	**286,182**	**$962,896,838**	**$3,365**
	Unknown	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	9	$36,934	$4,617	**9**	**$36,934**	**$4,617**
	Total	**228,762**	**$1,257,654,594**	**$5,498**	**278,601**	**$1,076,670,615**	**$3,865**	**101,856**	**$526,049,198**	**$5,165**	**38,469**	**$104,408,203**	**$2,714**	**13,125**	**$42,150,774**	**$3,211**	**22,197**	**$69,485,247**	**$3,131**	**34,656**	**$71,939,216**	**$2,076**	**634,245**	**$2,721,314,619**	**$4,291**
31 December 2024	**Diverse**	633	$2,419,759	$3,835	1,359	$2,751,707	$2,025	171	$705,706	$4,127	66	$86,330	$1,328	30	$94,918	$3,164	135	$536,601	$4,035	84	$121,285	$1,410	**2,052**	**$5,346,442**	**$2,608**
	Female	126,951	$852,360,208	$6,714	152,790	$693,420,085	$4,538	58,122	$362,759,573	$6,241	21,498	$63,511,773	$2,954	6,789	$22,013,656	$3,243	11,637	$38,742,309	$3,329	18,135	$42,998,223	$2,371	**348,858**	**$1,791,806,240**	**$5,136**
	Male	103,038	$432,314,100	$4,196	126,342	$401,903,214	$3,181	44,889	$174,497,228	$3,887	17,367	$43,873,662	$2,526	6,495	$21,094,611	$3,249	10,887	$32,720,771	$3,005	17,613	$32,205,138	$1,828	**289,452**	**$984,616,813**	**$3,402**
	Unknown	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	6	$24,647	$4,108	**6**	**$24,647**	**$4,108**
	Total	**230,619**	**$1,287,094,067**	**$5,581**	**280,488**	**$1,098,075,006**	**$3,915**	**103,182**	**$537,962,507**	**$5,214**	**38,928**	**$107,471,765**	**$2,761**	**13,311**	**$43,203,185**	**$3,246**	**22,659**	**$71,999,681**	**$3,178**	**35,844**	**$75,349,293**	**$2,102**	**640,368**	**$2,781,794,143**	**$4,344**
31 March 2025	**Diverse**	675	$2,584,458	$3,829	1,455	$2,865,010	$1,969	177	$747,819	$4,201	66	$90,939	$1,399	33	$97,235	$2,860	138	$281,699	$2,027	87	$129,723	$1,526	**2,175**	**$5,311,386**	**$2,441**
	Female	127,773	$869,817,505	$6,808	154,017	$708,897,463	$4,603	58,875	$371,458,110	$6,309	21,684	$65,449,202	$3,019	6,840	$22,668,593	$3,314	11,826	$39,757,209	$3,362	18,957	$45,273,188	$2,388	**352,347**	**$1,831,532,797**	**$5,198**
	Male	103,881	$439,830,594	$4,234	127,359	$409,007,352	$3,211	45,477	$178,698,533	$3,929	17,646	$45,586,816	$2,584	6,588	$21,640,324	$3,285	11,082	$33,777,686	$3,048	18,492	$33,951,000	$1,836	**292,833**	**$1,004,619,120**	**$3,431**
	Unknown	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	0	$0	$0	6	$24,647	$4,108	**6**	**$24,647**	**$4,108**
	Total	**232,326**	**$1,312,232,557**	**$5,648**	**282,828**	**$1,120,769,825**	**$3,963**	**104,532**	**$550,904,462**	**$5,270**	**39,390**	**$111,126,957**	**$2,821**	**13,461**	**$44,406,153**	**$3,299**	**23,049**	**$73,816,594**	**$3,203**	**37,539**	**$79,378,558**	**$2,115**	**647,361**	**$2,841,487,951**	**$4,389**

Notes:

Demographic data is as at the end of quarter ending.
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.
Gender 'unknown' is where the gender is not recorded.
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.

Confidentiality notes:

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.