

Table One: The number of sanctions for failing to prepare for work for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by ethnicity.

Sanction reason	Quarter ending	Children	Total response ethnicity							
			Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total sanctions
Preparing for work	March 2024	No	1,116	741	399	54	24	69	195	2,286
		Yes	141	87	54	9	3	9	24	291
		Quarter total	1,257	825	453	63	24	78	219	2,580
	June 2024	No	1,371	918	639	117	27	105	219	2,997
		Yes	180	90	84	12	6	3	24	363
		Quarter total	1,551	1,008	723	129	33	108	246	3,360
	September 2024	No	1,509	987	711	99	39	111	276	3,285
		Yes	180	105	111	15	3	6	30	396
		Quarter total	1,692	1,092	822	114	42	120	306	3,678

Notes:

- The table includes working age only (18 to 64 years).
- 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.
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- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
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Table Two: The number of sanctions for failing to prepare for work for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by age group.

Sanction reason	Quarter ending	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	
Preparing for work	March 2024	No	477	846	312	204	153	111	87	54	24	21	2,286
		Yes	24	36	48	45	54	45	24	12	6	0	291
		Quarter total	504	882	360	252	204	156	114	66	27	18	2,580
	June 2024	No	567	1,035	501	324	195	138	93	87	36	21	2,997
		Yes	24	48	60	78	54	57	30	12	3	0	363
		Quarter total	594	1,080	561	399	249	192	123	96	39	21	3,360
	September 2024	No	588	1,071	561	363	210	162	129	99	63	36	3,285
		Yes	33	36	54	57	75	60	45	21	9	3	396
		Quarter total	621	1,107	615	420	285	225	171	120	72	39	3,678

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Table Three: The number of sanctions for failing to prepare for work for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by gender.

Sanction reason	Quarter ending	Children	Gender			Total sanctions
			Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
Preparing for work	March 2024	No	780	24	1,482	2,286
		Yes	180	0	111	291
		Quarter total	963	21	1,596	2,580
	June 2024	No	1,026	15	1,956	2,997
		Yes	198	0	165	363
		Quarter total	1,224	15	2,121	3,360
	September 2024	No	972	15	2,295	3,285
		Yes	201	0	198	396
		Quarter total	1,173	15	2,490	3,678

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Table Four: The number of sanctions for failing to prepare for work for working age main benefit clients with or without children during the period 1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024 by quarter, broken down by benefit type.

Sanction reason	Quarter ending	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	
Preparing for work	March 2024	No	3	126	2,151	0	3	6	2,286
		Yes	0	9	156	102	6	21	291
		Quarter total	3	135	2,307	102	6	30	2,580
	June 2024	No	0	138	2,850	0	3	9	2,997
		Yes	0	21	213	108	0	24	363
		Quarter total	0	159	3,066	105	3	33	3,360
	September 2024	No	3	87	3,177	0	3	15	3,285
		Yes	0	24	285	57	3	30	396
		Quarter total	3	114	3,462	57	3	45	3,678

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- Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
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