

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

Quarter ending	Children	Region												Total sanctions
		Northland	Auckland Metro	Waikato	Taranaki	Bay of Plenty	East Coast	Central	Wellington	Nelson	Canterbury	Southern	Other	
March 2024	No	390	1,710	777	258	915	603	363	423	246	597	312	15	6,615
	Yes	93	174	111	30	114	75	69	27	48	69	24	60	894
	Quarter total	483	1,887	888	288	1,032	678	432	450	294	669	336	72	7,506
June 2024	No	510	3,144	1,008	306	1,215	798	366	516	231	819	420	24	9,363
	Yes	120	309	102	30	117	81	54	36	42	57	30	54	1,029
	Quarter total	630	3,450	1,107	333	1,335	882	420	555	270	876	450	81	10,392
September 2024	No	690	4,929	1,401	396	1,434	894	672	834	330	837	465	72	12,957
	Yes	120	576	162	36	135	84	54	60	36	90	36	63	1,452
	Quarter total	810	5,499	1,566	432	1,575	975	726	894	366	927	501	141	14,409

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.
- 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.
- 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 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.