

Written Parliamentary Question 4236 (2025) tables

Table 1: Hardship payments for reason 'School Education Costs' made between 2017 and 2025, by month and total response ethnicity

January end	Total Response Ethnicity															
									Middle Eastern, Latin American or							
	Māori		European		Pacific Peoples		Asian		African		Other ethnicities		Not declared		Total	
2017	5,649	\$1,191,504	4,338	\$935,414	2,706	\$692,961	513	\$130,342	315	\$72,343	186	\$41,905	117	\$27,230	12,210	\$2,747,776
2018	6,042	\$1,304,760	4,473	\$972,445	3,081	\$813,053	471	\$119,312	309	\$73,746	135	\$36,924	141	\$32,718	12,705	\$2,928,894
2019	13,095	\$3,079,577	8,805	\$1,948,109	5,691	\$1,614,246	681	\$170,659	414	\$110,780	282	\$64,933	309	\$79,470	25,413	\$6,166,036
2020	11,772	\$2,988,624	8,418	\$2,005,355	5,214	\$1,608,333	648	\$185,157	387	\$106,926	282	\$79,829	318	\$91,246	23,424	\$6,135,334
2021	9,879	\$2,642,059	7,305	\$1,854,234	4,554	\$1,406,758	471	\$131,590	264	\$78,599	237	\$64,880	312	\$84,985	19,872	\$5,424,224
2022	6,858	\$1,914,358	6,255	\$1,678,037	2,550	\$857,026	339	\$99,542	195	\$61,282	150	\$42,859	243	\$70,013	14,220	\$4,064,777
2023	9,075	\$2,614,169	7,560	\$2,045,342	3,417	\$1,188,166	393	\$126,573	231	\$74,843	222	\$64,042	396	\$110,935	18,138	\$5,317,653
2024	10,179	\$2,930,760	7,917	\$2,171,183	4,374	\$1,476,408	489	\$159,625	318	\$96,369	258	\$82,979	459	\$145,999	20,481	\$6,025,418
2025	9,336	\$2,749,058	7,239	\$2,039,719	4,473	\$1,569,003	513	\$171,349	297	\$106,591	288	\$96,079	591	\$199,111	19,488	\$5,930,757

Notes:
This is a count of grants. A client can have more than one grant in the time period.
Amount granted is not necessarily the amount spent.
Hardship includes Special Needs Grants (SNGs), Benefit Advances and Recoverable Assistance Payments(RAPs).
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.
'Unknown' is where ethnicity is not recorded. 'Other' is where ethnicities fall outside the reported ethnicities.
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 published counts will never differ by more than two counts.

Table 2: Hardship payments for reason 'School Education costs' for the month of January between 2017 and 2025, broken down by region

January	Northland		Auckland Metro		Waikato		Taranaki		Bay of Plenty		East Coast		Central		Wellington		Nelson		Canterbury		Southern		Other		Total	
	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted	Number of Grants	Amount Granted
2017	597	\$118,994	5,517	\$1,291,482	651	\$153,221	765	\$143,454	1,074	\$219,819	678	\$141,692	474	\$108,674	639	\$163,824	213	\$41,703	474	\$131,350	582	\$121,560	498	\$112,005	12,210	\$2,747,776
2018	474	\$89,580	5,682	\$1,374,588	681	\$166,807	747	\$132,807	894	\$185,755	654	\$133,058	489	\$112,178	570	\$156,220	168	\$33,063	615	\$154,764	615	\$128,531	1,110	\$261,543	12,708	\$2,928,894
2019	273	\$62,115	3,699	\$1,057,314	486	\$116,496	513	\$112,424	429	\$105,643	327	\$78,780	381	\$101,592	369	\$110,364	141	\$25,341	372	\$107,909	333	\$73,501	18,087	\$4,214,558	25,413	\$6,166,036
2020	798	\$175,981	8,337	\$2,573,281	1,017	\$255,974	1,101	\$241,108	1,356	\$304,542	918	\$224,399	654	\$166,881	741	\$218,195	279	\$61,376	942	\$276,477	675	\$156,858	6,603	\$1,480,263	23,421	\$6,135,334
2021	180	\$44,649	3,192	\$941,881	210	\$61,602	216	\$50,186	870	\$223,180	480	\$123,464	435	\$116,735	213	\$68,935	75	\$17,095	1,014	\$270,637	195	\$52,591	12,789	\$3,453,269	19,875	\$5,424,224
2022	201	\$54,283	2,373	\$748,169	615	\$172,512	513	\$131,576	654	\$188,114	237	\$68,309	333	\$91,517	255	\$91,486	111	\$29,004	1,020	\$288,917	300	\$87,186	7,602	\$2,113,703	14,220	\$4,064,777
2023	447	\$123,806	2,550	\$874,742	606	\$173,802	651	\$163,519	789	\$212,336	438	\$130,181	480	\$144,891	567	\$182,655	165	\$39,340	873	\$246,906	549	\$157,259	10,026	\$2,868,217	18,138	\$5,317,653
2024	339	\$93,013	3,276	\$1,081,972	750	\$228,688	600	\$158,139	810	\$225,169	531	\$157,459	579	\$176,254	402	\$144,565	339	\$89,243	792	\$235,127	540	\$158,652	11,514	\$3,277,137	20,478	\$6,025,418
2025	231	\$62,254	2,508	\$928,950	435	\$137,493	387	\$102,086	507	\$146,596	429	\$131,691	258	\$74,331	363	\$137,292	96	\$24,371	489	\$160,373	411	\$118,229	13,368	\$3,907,093	19,491	\$5,930,757

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The 'Other' region includes clients managed from non-regional service centres such as the Centralised Unit Housing service centre, StudyLink Processing Centre, National Office and New Zealand Super service centres
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