

WPQ 78822 tables

Table 1: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients each quarter from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2024 by total response ethnicity

Quarter	Total response ethnicity							Total stand downs
	Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	
March 2017	72	72	24	12	3	3	6	177
June 2017	75	57	45	12	3	3	9	174
September 2017	72	84	33	9	3	3	9	195
December 2017	75	57	30	3	3	3	3	156
March 2018	78	69	24	9	3	3	3	159
June 2018	84	72	27	6	3	3	3	171
September 2018	78	81	33	6	3	9	9	186
December 2018	72	66	27	15	3	3	3	165
March 2019	81	93	36	3	3	6	6	192
June 2019	72	75	33	12	3	3	3	177
September 2019	81	57	33	9	3	9	3	171
December 2019	81	81	33	12	3	3	3	189
March 2020	120	105	42	15	9	12	6	267
June 2020	54	51	21	6	0	3	9	135
September 2020	87	84	51	12	3	9	6	213
December 2020	60	84	42	15	6	9	6	192
March 2021	84	72	33	12	3	15	6	198
June 2021	90	84	42	12	3	9	9	219

Quarter	Total response ethnicity							
	Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total stand downs
September 2021	126	147	48	24	6	21	6	324
December 2021	102	111	54	21	3	18	6	273
March 2022	102	126	57	9	3	9	3	264
June 2022	123	117	60	9	9	12	9	279
September 2022	138	117	39	12	6	15	6	285
December 2022	108	105	36	12	3	12	12	258
March 2023	111	120	57	12	9	15	9	288
June 2023	180	165	57	21	6	21	15	390
September 2023	177	174	66	18	6	24	21	423
December 2023	141	150	78	21	6	18	27	393
March 2024	207	213	87	24	3	24	21	495
June 2024	222	192	96	27	9	27	30	534
September 2024	207	213	99	27	3	27	51	558

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 stand downs, not clients. A client can have more than one stand down within the time period.
- This report includes all Voluntary Unemployment (VU) Stand Downs that have been imposed.
- 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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Table 2: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients each quarter from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2024 by age group

Quarter	Age group										Total stand downs
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
March 2017	12	51	27	27	9	18	12	9	6	3	177
June 2017	9	69	18	18	9	15	24	9	3	3	174
September 2017	24	54	36	24	9	12	18	6	9	3	195
December 2017	15	39	27	15	9	12	21	9	6	3	156
March 2018	9	54	39	12	12	12	9	9	9	3	159
June 2018	12	48	30	21	12	15	15	12	3	6	171
September 2018	24	45	27	30	15	6	15	12	6	3	186
December 2018	12	54	24	18	18	12	6	12	3	3	165
March 2019	21	60	33	30	15	12	12	6	6	3	192
June 2019	18	45	27	27	9	18	12	15	6	3	177
September 2019	6	51	30	27	21	15	12	3	3	6	171

Quarter	Age group										Total stand downs
	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
December 2019	18	42	42	27	12	15	15	9	3	6	189
March 2020	27	78	48	36	15	18	21	12	9	3	267
June 2020	12	39	24	18	6	15	6	6	3	6	135
September 2020	21	69	36	27	12	15	9	9	12	6	213
December 2020	21	57	33	21	6	12	12	12	15	3	192
March 2021	27	54	48	30	9	9	9	6	3	3	198
June 2021	18	75	51	30	18	6	6	6	9	6	219
September 2021	39	90	54	39	33	15	21	15	9	12	324
December 2021	30	81	48	36	18	18	15	15	9	3	273
March 2022	24	72	63	33	30	15	12	6	6	3	264
June 2022	33	81	54	36	27	12	15	6	12	6	279
September 2022	21	72	63	42	36	15	15	9	9	6	285
December 2022	21	78	57	27	27	21	12	6	3	3	258
March 2023	33	75	66	30	24	15	15	12	6	6	288
June 2023	33	111	81	51	36	24	30	15	6	3	390
September 2023	42	126	81	57	33	30	24	24	12	6	423
December 2023	45	105	69	54	42	18	12	21	12	9	393
March 2024	48	132	120	51	39	39	18	18	12	9	495
June 2024	78	153	96	60	42	30	27	21	15	15	534
September 2024	60	153	111	66	48	48	21	24	12	12	558

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Table 3: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients each quarter from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2024 by gender

Quarter	Gender			Total stand downs
	Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
March 2017	0	51	123	177
June 2017	0	54	117	174
September 2017	0	60	135	195
December 2017	3	45	111	156
March 2018	3	42	120	159
June 2018	0	45	129	171
September 2018	3	51	132	186
December 2018	0	51	114	165
March 2019	0	48	144	192

Quarter	Gender			Total stand downs
	Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
June 2019	3	45	132	177
September 2019	0	33	138	171
December 2019	0	42	147	189
March 2020	3	66	198	267
June 2020	3	33	99	135
September 2020	3	45	168	213
December 2020	3	51	141	192
March 2021	0	48	150	198
June 2021	3	48	165	219
September 2021	3	84	240	324
December 2021	6	63	207	273
March 2022	3	69	195	264
June 2022	3	63	216	279
September 2022	3	75	207	285
December 2022	0	57	201	258
March 2023	0	87	201	288
June 2023	3	99	294	390
September 2023	3	93	330	423
December 2023	3	108	279	393

Quarter	Gender			Total stand downs
	Gender Diverse	Female	Male	
March 2024	3	123	366	495
June 2024	3	126	408	534
September 2024	3	126	426	558

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- 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.
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Table 4: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients each quarter from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2024 by stand down reason.

Quarter	Reason for stand down									Total stand downs
	Did not comply with Community Task Force requirement	Failed clean slate activity	Left of your own accord	Not available for work	VU penalty waived - child is less than 14 years included in benefit	VU penalty waived - transferring to a non work test benefit	VU penalty waived - undertaken clean slate employment activity	Were dismissed	Not recorded	
March 2017	0	0	21	3	0	3	138	12	0	177
June 2017	0	3	24	0	0	3	138	12	0	174
September 2017	0	0	18	0	0	0	162	15	0	195
December 2017	0	0	12	0	3	3	135	9	0	156
March 2018	0	0	12	0	0	3	135	12	0	159
June 2018	0	0	9	3	3	3	153	6	0	171
September 2018	0	0	15	0	0	3	156	12	0	186
December 2018	0	0	18	0	0	0	144	3	0	165
March 2019	0	0	24	0	0	0	159	9	0	192
June 2019	0	0	18	0	0	3	156	3	0	177
September 2019	0	0	6	0	3	0	150	12	0	171
December 2019	0	3	15	0	0	0	171	6	0	189
March 2020	0	0	21	0	0	3	234	9	0	267

Quarter	Reason for stand down									Total stand downs
	Did not comply with Community Task Force requirement	Failed clean slate activity	Left of your own accord	Not available for work	VU penalty waived - child is less than 14 years included in benefit	VU penalty waived - transferring to a non work test benefit	VU penalty waived - undertaken clean slate employment activity	Were dismissed	Not recorded	
June 2020	0	0	9	0	3	3	120	3	3	135
September 2020	0	0	9	0	0	3	195	3	3	213
December 2020	0	0	15	0	0	0	177	6	3	192
March 2021	3	3	3	0	0	0	180	6	3	198
June 2021	0	0	9	0	0	0	204	9	3	219
September 2021	0	0	15	3	0	3	303	3	0	324
December 2021	0	0	12	0	0	0	258	3	0	273
March 2022	0	0	12	0	0	3	249	3	0	264
June 2022	0	0	15	0	0	0	261	6	0	279
September 2022	0	0	15	0	0	3	267	3	0	285
December 2022	0	0	6	3	0	0	249	3	0	258
March 2023	0	0	9	0	0	3	270	6	0	288
June 2023	0	0	15	3	0	0	369	6	0	390

Quarter	Reason for stand down									Total stand downs
	Did not comply with Community Task Force requirement	Failed clean slate activity	Left of your own accord	Not available for work	VU penalty waived - child is less than 14 years included in benefit	VU penalty waived - transferring to a non work test benefit	VU penalty waived - undertaken clean slate employment activity	Were dismissed	Not recorded	
September 2023	0	0	15	3	0	3	402	6	0	423
December 2023	0	0	12	0	0	3	369	6	0	393
March 2024	0	3	12	3	0	3	471	9	0	495
June 2024	0	0	15	3	0	3	513	9	0	534
September 2024	0	0	12	3	0	0	531	12	0	558

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Table 5: The number of Voluntary Unemployment Stand Downs imposed on working age main benefit clients each quarter from 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2024 by benefit type

Quarter	Benefit type				Total stand downs
	Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Jobseeker Support Student Hardship	Sole Parent Support	
March 2017	12	153	0	9	177
June 2017	15	144	0	12	174
September 2017	9	180	3	6	195
December 2017	9	144	0	3	156
March 2018	12	144	3	3	159
June 2018	18	150	0	6	171
September 2018	21	156	0	3	186
December 2018	12	147	0	3	165
March 2019	18	168	0	6	192
June 2019	18	159	0	3	177
September 2019	15	156	0	3	171
December 2019	18	165	0	6	189
March 2020	18	249	0	3	267
June 2020	15	120	0	3	135
September 2020	15	198	0	3	213
December 2020	15	177	0	3	192
March 2021	9	180	0	6	198
June 2021	15	204	0	3	219
September 2021	21	300	0	3	324
December 2021	30	240	0	3	273
March 2022	18	243	0	3	264

Quarter	Benefit type				Total stand downs
	Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Jobseeker Support Student Hardship	Sole Parent Support	
June 2022	12	267	0	3	279
September 2022	24	258	0	3	285
December 2022	21	234	0	3	258
March 2023	27	258	0	3	288
June 2023	24	366	0	3	390
September 2023	30	390	0	6	423
December 2023	21	366	0	6	393
March 2024	30	459	0	6	495
June 2024	21	510	0	6	534
September 2024	15	537	0	6	558

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