

WPQ 1400 (2024) Table 1: The mean, median, lower quartile, and upper quartile of Job Seeker (work ready) and Jobseeker (Health Condition and Disability) continuous duration in days as at quarter ending March 2020 to December 2023.

Quarter Ending		Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Sep 2020	Dec 2020	Mar 2021	Jun 2021	Sep 2021	Dec 2021	Mar 2022	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Dec 2022	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Sep 2023	Dec 2023
Jobseeker Support Health Condition and Disability	Mean Continuous Duration	1,549	1,547	1,507	1,475	1,503	1,518	1,533	1,542	1,630	1,633	1,629	1,630	1,647	1,623	1,605	1,594
	Median Continuous Duration	746	753	741	730	764	791	822	848	938	949	961	982	984	960	920	884
	Lower Quartile	269	297	298	303	337	335	351	359	396	375	327	309	304	293	282	278
	Upper Quartile	1,932	1,887	1,823	1,759	1,790	1,815	1,827	1,845	1,966	1,998	2,009	2,021	2,055	2,041	2,031	2,030
Jobseeker Support Work Ready	Mean Continuous Duration	855	690	702	716	803	877	877	835	864	892	908	909	920	904	868	848
	Median Continuous Duration	315	213	242	280	365	438	417	398	396	395	400	389	398	382	350	342
	Lower Quartile	109	87	118	121	155	172	135	127	125	142	143	146	136	130	126	128
	Upper Quartile	871	670	675	693	806	920	927	897	947	1,005	1,040	1,064	1,102	1,107	1,047	984

Notes:

- This table includes working age clients only. Working age includes clients 18 to 64.
- The mean, median, lower quartile and upper quartile continuous durations have been rounded to the nearest full day.
- Continuous duration is how long the current recipients of a benefit (or benefit group) have been continuously receiving a benefit in the wider benefit system, including time on all benefits except Unsupported Child's Benefit, Orphan's Benefit, New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, and non-beneficiary assistance.
- Mean Continuous Duration is the average continuous duration (in days).
- Median is the middle value of all continuous durations (in days). It is the value that sits at the middle of all continuous durations when ordered in ascending or descending order.