WPQ 8901 Table One: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of the top 10% of clients owing a Recoverable Assistance debt as at 31 March 2024, by ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
Māori	24,774	$348,004,412	$14,046
European	15,702	$207,065,368	$13,189
Pacific Peoples	9,144	$131,207,599	$14,349
Asian	867	$11,426,063	$13,179
MELAA	588	$7,690,774	$13,035
Other	768	$9,697,585	$12,611
Unknown	642	$7,377,763	$11,492
Total	**43,989**	**$601,880,541**	**$13,683**

Notes:

- This only includes debt of the type: 'Recoverable Assistance' owing by both current and non-current clients.
- Demographic data is as at 31 March 2024
- 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' 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 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.

WPQ 8901 Table Two: Number of clients, total debt, and average debt of the top 10% of clients owing a Recoverable Assistance debt as at 31 March 2024, by gender.

Gender	Number of clients	Total debt balance	Average debt balance
Diverse	75	$995,716	$13,102
Female	30,672	$436,082,873	$14,219
Male	13,239	$164,801,953	$12,446
Total	**43,989**	**$601,880,541**	**$13,683**

Notes:

- This only includes debt of the type: 'Recoverable Assistance' owing by both current and non-current clients.
- Demographic data is as at 31 March 2024
- 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.
- 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 impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.
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