

WPQ 513 (2024) Table 1: The number of Warrant to arrest sanctions applied to working age main benefit clients during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by ethnicity.

Quarter / Children		Total response ethnicity							
		Māori	European	Pacific Peoples	Asian	MELAA	Other	Unknown	Total sanctions
December 2023	No	513	246	123	6	6	18	18	786
	Yes	168	45	39	3	0	3	6	219
	Quarter total	684	294	162	9	6	18	24	1,005

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.
- This includes all changes to the client's benefit coded as WTA, so may include a small number of case actions wider than those driven by WASP.
- WASP is Warrants Absence Suspension Processing.
- 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.
- 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 513 (2024) Table 2: The number of Warrant to arrest sanctions applied to working age main benefit clients during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by age group.

Quarter / Children		Age group										Total sanctions
		18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	
December 2023	No	9	99	156	162	123	93	57	45	30	15	786
	Yes	3	18	39	57	54	27	12	6	3	0	219
	Quarter total	12	117	192	219	180	120	72	51	30	12	1,005

Notes:

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- 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.
- This includes all changes to the client's benefit coded as WTA, so may include a small number of case actions wider than those driven by WASP.
- WASP is Warrants Absence Suspension Processing.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry of Social Development uses processes to make it difficult to identify an individual person or entity from published data.
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WPQ 513 (2024) Table 3: The number of Warrant to arrest sanctions applied to working age main benefit clients during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by gender.

Quarter / Children		Gender			Total sanctions
		Female	Gender Diverse	Male	
December 2023	No	195	3	588	786
	Yes	153	0	63	219
	Quarter total	348	3	654	1,005

Notes:

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- 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.
- This includes all changes to the client's benefit coded as WTA, so may include a small number of case actions wider than those driven by WASP.
- WASP is Warrants Absence Suspension Processing.
- 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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- These data tables have had random rounding to base three applied to all cell counts in the table.
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WPQ 513 (2024) Table 4: The number of Warrant to arrest sanctions applied to working age main benefit clients during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023, broken down by benefit type.

Quarter / Children		Benefit type								Total sanctions
		Emergency Benefit	Emergency Maintenance Allowance	Job Seeker Student Hardship	Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready	Sole Parent Support	Supported Living Payments related	Youth Payment and Young Parent Payment	
December 2023	No	3	0	3	117	600	0	66	0	786
	Yes	0	3	3	9	66	138	3	3	219
	Quarter total	3	3	3	126	666	138	66	3	1,005

Notes:

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- 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.
- This includes all changes to the client's benefit coded as WTA, so may include a small number of case actions wider than those driven by WASP.
- WASP is Warrants Absence Suspension Processing.
- Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability includes Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability and Jobseeker Support Health Condition, Injury or Disability Hardship.
- Jobseeker Support - Work ready includes Jobseeker Support Work Ready, Jobseeker Support Work Ready Hardship, Jobseeker Support Work Ready Training and Jobseeker Support Work Ready Training Hardship
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