



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Tēnā koe

On 31 August 2020, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*The number of SuperGold Card holders by region and territorial local authority from 2010 to 2020.*

The SuperGold Card provides easy access to government concessions and discounts for everyday goods and services. The SuperGold Card is issued, free of charge, to all eligible seniors and veterans, and those under 65 years of age currently receiving New Zealand Superannuation or Veteran's Pension as a non-qualified partner. The SuperGold Card is issued automatically once a person has been granted New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension or to those aged 65 years or over who receive some other form of assistance from the Ministry.

More information about the SuperGold Card can be found on the Ministry's website here: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/card-services/supergold-card/index.html](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/map/card-services/supergold-card/index.html).

As requested, please find attached an excel spreadsheet with the following tables:

- **Table One:** The number of SuperGold Card holders by Territorial Local Authority as at 30 June for each year from 2010 to 2020.
- **Table Two:** The number of SuperGold Card holders by Regional Council as at 30 June for each year from 2010 to 2020.

Please note that some figures in Table One are suppressed and are represented by an 'S', as releasing these figures may lead to individuals being identified. This information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of those individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

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This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter and attachments on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response in relation to your request for SuperGold Card statistics, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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