



15 August 2022

Tēnā koe

On 18 July 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

how many people are registered with Work and Income as receiving an unemployment Benefit and are looking for work. Has this decreased and if so over what period? Also, how many jobs are presently listed as available via Work and Income?

For the sake of clarity, the Ministry will respond to each question in turn.

How many people are registered with Work and Income as receiving an unemployment Benefit and are looking for work. Has this decreased and if so over what period?

The Ministry has interpreted your request for information about the unemployment benefit as being for information about the Jobseeker Support Benefit. The number of people receiving the Jobseeker benefit and are looking for work can be found at the link below:

www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/2022/benefit-fact-sheets-snapshot-june-2022.pdf

Also, how many jobs are presently listed as available via Work and Income?

Please see **Table One** enclosed in the Appendix of this letter, which shows the number of vacancies listed as available through Work and Income, broken down by region, as at the end of June 2022.

Our work brokers work very closely with employers to provide the best opportunities we can for our clients. All opportunities are listed on the following website, broken down by region and service centre to better suit the locations of the clients we serve:

www.job-bank.workandincome.govt.nz/find-a-job/search.aspx

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.

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 on the Ministry'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.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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 or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui



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Appendix:

Table One: Number of vacancies listed as available with Work and Income, broken down by region, as at the end of June 2022.

	Region	Number of vacancies	Number of positions
As at the end of June 2022	Auckland Metro Region	887	2,987
	Bay of Plenty Region	182	655
	Canterbury Region	255	895
	Central Region	160	345
	East Coast Region	152	706
	Nelson Region	162	705
	Northland Region	116	403
	Southern Region	221	567
	Taranaki Region	161	634
	Waikato Region	183	501
	Wellington Region	282	952
	Unknown	3	31
	Unspecified	5	26
		Total	2,769

Notes for Table One:

- There can be multiple positions for a vacancy.
- Unspecified means vacancy has not been attached to a region.