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| Response to the list of issues in relation to the Sixth Periodic Report under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| Statistical information by the Government of New Zealand 2021 |
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## Notes on the data

The data in this report is provided, where possible, to answer the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child’s list of issues questions. Where data is not available in the required detail and format, this is noted and the closest alternative is provided.

There are some constraints on the use and reporting of data. Some data includes small numbers and there are limits to which this data can be disaggregated without compromising the reliability of the estimates being reported. It is also important to maintain confidentiality with disaggregated data (in general, cells representing fewer than five individuals have been suppressed, indicated with “…S”) and this also helps to minimise data volatility when reporting on trends. This is particularly important when dealing with sensitive data, such as child abuse statistics and youth suicide.

Female = F, Male = M.

### Please provide information on the budget lines regarding children and social sectors by indicating the amount allocated to each budget line and its proportion in terms of the total national budget

Note that the figures sourced from the Half-Year Economic and Fiscal Update as at 16 December 2020 are aggregated, and therefore, some of the figures presented in Table 2 may include funding not in scope of the request.

| **$millions** | **2018** | **Proportion of total expense %** | **2019** | **Proportion of total expense %** | **2020 (unaudited actual)** | **Proportion of total expense %** | **2021 (forecast)** | **Proportion of total expense %** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Crown Expense** | **80,576** | | **86,959** | | **108,832** | | **119,458** | |
|  | **Social security and welfare** | | | | | | | |
| **Welfare benefits** | 24,005 | 29.8 | 26,689 | 30.7 | 41,308 | 38.0 | 36,339 | 30.4 |
| **Social rehabilitation and compensation** | 241 | 0.3 | 249 | 0.3 | 260 | 0.2 | 333 | 0.3 |
| **Departmental expenses** | 1,593 | 2.0 | 1,784 | 2.1 | 2,062 | 1.9 | 2637 | 2.2 |
| **Other non-departmental expenses** | 160 | 0.2 | 18 | 0.0 | 398 | 0.4 | 588 | 0.5 |
| **Total social security and welfare expenses** | **25,999** | 32.3 | **28,740** | 33.1 | **44,028** | 40.5 | **39,897** | 33.4 |
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|  | **Health** | | | | | | | |
| **Departmental outputs** | 200 | 0.2 | 210 | 0.2 | 236 | 0.2 | 294 | 0.2 |
| **Health services purchasing** | 15,449 | 19.2 | 16,311 | 18.8 | 18,176 | 16.7 | 19,711 | 16.5 |
| **Other non-departmental outputs** | 816 | 1.0 | 937 | 1.1 | 634 | 0.6 | 915 | 0.8 |
| **Health payments to ACC** | 682 | 0.8 | 782 | 0.9 | 812 | 0.7 | 1,056 | 0.9 |
| **Other expenses[[1]](#footnote-1)** | 12 | 0.0 | 28 | 0.0 | 33 | 0.0 | 1,156 | 1.0 |
| **Total health expenses** | **17,159** | 21.3 | **18,268** | 21.0 | **19,891** | 18.3 | **23,132** | 19.4 |
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|  | **Education** | | | | | | | |
| **Early childhood education** | 1,844 | 2.3 | 1,896 | 2.2 | 2,007 | 1.8 | 2,199 | 1.8 |
| **Primary and secondary schools** | 6,334 | 7.9 | 6,823 | 7.8 | 7,104 | 6.5 | 7,987 | 6.7 |
| **Tertiary funding** | 4,112 | 5.1 | 4,112 | 4.7 | 5,621 | 5.2 | 3,878 | 3.2 |
| **Departmental expenses** | 4,281 | 5.3 | 1,416 | 1.6 | 1,534 | 1.4 | 1,660 | 1.4 |
| **Other education expenses** | 58 | 0.1 | 46 | 0.1 | 56 | 0.1 | 244 | 0.2 |
| **Total education expenses** | **13,629** | 16.9 | **14,293** | 16.4 | **16,322** | 15.0 | **15,968** | 13.4 |
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|  | **Primary and secondary schools** | | | | | | | |
| **Primary** | 3,126 | 3.9 | 3, 452 | 4.0 | 3,600 | 3.3 | 4,001 | 3.3 |
| **Secondary** | 2,407 | 3.0 | 2,606 | 3.0 | 2,683 | 2.5 | 3,018 | 2.5 |
| **School transport** | 195 | 0.2 | 206 | 0.2 | 208 | 0.2 | 221 | 0.2 |
| **Special needs support** | 429 | 0.5 | 447 | 0.5 | 515 | 0.5 | 626 | 0.5 |
| **Professional development** | 82 | 0.1 | 104 | 0.1 | 91 | 0.1 | 102 | 0.1 |
| **Schooling improvement** | 5 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.0 | 19 | 0.0 |
| **Total primary and secondary school expenses** | **6,334** | 7.9 | **6,823** | 7.8 | **7,104** | 6.5 | **7,987** | 6.7 |

Source: the Treasury <https://www.budget.govt.nz/budget/pdfs/hyefu2020/hyefu20.pdf> from page 117.

Note that data disaggregated by demographic characteristics is not available for this question.

### Data on children under 18 years of age living in New Zealand (2017-2020)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** |
| **Population estimate** | | | | |
| **Under 18** | 1,131,000 | 1,137,600 | 1,149,300 | N/A |
| **Total population** | 4,859,500 | 4,941,200 | 5,042,000 | N/A |
| **Percentage of total population under 18 years** | | | | |
| **Under 18** | 23.3 | 23 | 22.8 | N/A |
| **Marital status**  Note that Stats NZ does not have data on marriages abroad to people under 18 years. The table shows the number of marriages *within New Zealand only* to people under 18 years. | | | | |
| **Number of marriages** | 36 | 21 | 9 | N/A |
| **Living situation of children living in State care** | | | | |
| **Number of children in Residential Placement (average length of stay in care in days)** | N/A | 25 (120) | 18 (152) | 24 (238) |
| **Number of children in Family-based care\*** | N/A | 4,268 | 4,442 | 4,193 |
| **Number of children in Community-based care** | N/A | 575 | 600 | 549 |
| **Number of children in other placement types** | N/A | 170 | 208 | 229 |

Source: Stats NZ and Oranga Tamariki

Note:

* specific information related to children with disabilities is provided separately.
* \*includes Family Home Placement, Family/Whānau Placement and Foster Carer Placement
* disaggregated data for other demographic characteristics is not available for this issue.

## Provisional data on child and youth suicide from June 2016 - June 2020

In New Zealand, suicide data is reported by both the Ministry of Health and by the Chief Coroner, Ministry of Justice. The coronial statistics are published as provisional and are a count of self-inflicted deaths released before coroners have investigated the circumstances surrounding death. The Ministry of Health publishes the number of suicides that have been confirmed by the coroner and also those provisionally coded as suicide where there is enough information to suggest the coroner will find the cause of death to be suicide. Consequently, the Ministry of Health has only provided public information on suicide up to 2016. As the Chief Coroner’s statistics are published more quickly and frequently than the Ministry of Health’s statistics, we have provided provisional data that is more up to date for age group, gender and Māori breakdowns. The Ministry of Health’s data from 1996-2016 can be found at <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/suicide-facts-data-tables-19962016#reporting>.

The information provided relates to provisional suicide figures. It relates to deaths where suicide is suspected but has not yet been confirmed by a coroner; some cases recorded here may eventually be found not to be suicides. This data differs from the Ministry of Health data, which is based on the numbers of suicides confirmed by coroners, or where there is sufficient other evidence to conclude the death was a suicide. In addition, Ministry of Health figures are recorded by calendar year.

The Chief Coroner releases national provisional suicide statistics each year to help suicide prevention efforts and initiatives undertaken by other agencies at <https://coronialservices.justice.govt.nz/suicide/annual-suicide-statistics-since-2011/>

More general mortality data up to 2018 can be accessed via the Ministry of Health’s Mortality Web Tool <https://minhealthnz.shinyapps.io/mortality_webtool/>

### Age group and gender of child and youth suicide

In August 2020, Chief Coroner Judge Deborah Marshall noted “[t]here was a decrease in the number of young people dying by suspected suicide, particularly in the 15-19 age range (down from 73 to 59). [The rate] decreased from 23.14 to 18.69”.

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| **Age group** | **2016/2017** | | | **2017/2018** | | | **2018/2019** | | | **2019/2020** | | | **Final total** |
| F | M | **Total** | F | M | **Total** | F | M | **Total** | F | M | **Total** |
| **10-14** | 7 | 6 | **13** | S | S | **8** | 6 | S | **11** | S | S | **6** | **38** |
| **15-19** | 10 | 28 | **38** | 20 | 33 | **53** | 25 | 48 | **73** | 23 | 36 | **59** | **223** |
| **Total** |  | | | | | | | | | | | | **261** |

### Ethnicity (Māori)

Reporting on suicide by ethnicity is not generally available as disaggregated data by age beyond 2016. New Zealand however does collect annual data by age for suicide deaths reported to the Coroner by Māori ethnicity.

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| **Age group** | **2016/2017** | | | **2017/2018** | | | **2018/2019** | | | **2019/2020** | | | **Final total** |
| F | M | **Total** | F | M | **Total** | F | M | **Total** | F | M | **Total** |
| **10-14** | 7 | S | **8** | S | S | **6** | S | S | **7** | S | S | **S** | **24** |
| **15-19** | S | 11 | **15** | 9 | 15 | **24** | 12 | 16 | **28** | 10 | 10 | **20** | **27** |
| **Total** |  | | | | | | | | | | | | **111** |

Note: Ethnicity count is based on information reported to the Coroner and may differ from that held by other agencies, such as the Ministry of Health.

### Suicide of 15-24 year olds by deprivation

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| **Age group** | **Quintile** | | | | | | | | | |
| **1 (least deprived)** | | **2** | | **3** | | **4** | | **5 (most deprived)** | |
| Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| **15-24 years** | 16 | 13.7 | 11 | 9.2 | 15 | 11.8 | 43 | 30.2 | 26 | 16.1 |

Source: New Zealand Mortality Collection

Notes:

* Deprivation quintile 5 represents the most deprived areas and quintile 1 represents the least deprived areas.
* Rates are expressed per 100,000 population.
* Rates are not calculated where a category has fewer than five suicide deaths. Calculating rates of suicide from fewer than five suicide deaths produces unstable rates.
* Data excludes eight suicides among those aged 0–14 years.

### Suicide of 15–24 year olds by ethnicity (Māori, Pacific, Asian, Other) as recorded by the Ministry of Health for 2016

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ethnicity** | **Female** | | **Male** | | **Total** | |
| Number | Rate | Number | Rate | Number | Rate |
| **Māori** | 225 | 34.2 | 140 | 42.3 | 225 | 34.2 |
| **Pacific** | 50 | 18.1 | 36 | 26.1 | 50 | 18.1 |
| **Asian** | 29 | 6.1 | 24 | 9.4 | 29 | 6.1 |
| **Other** | 267 | 14.8 | 204 | 22.1 | 267 | 14.8 |

Source: Ministry of Health

Notes:

* Rates are for the five-year period 2012–2016, expressed per 100,000 population. Rates for 'All ages' are age-standardised to the WHO World Standard Population.
* Numbers have been aggregated over a five-year period (2012–2016) as some ethnic groups have very small numbers of suicide deaths.
* Rates are not calculated where a category has fewer than 20 suicide deaths (< 5 per year). Calculating rates of suicide from fewer than five suicide deaths per year produces unstable rates.

### Youth suicide by District Health Board (DHB) 2016

The Ministry of Health has disaggregated suicide by District Health Board data by youth population. There is no definition of this age-group for this data. It can be assumed that the youth population is likely to include young people over 18 years. Therefore, the information presented may not be a clear indication of child suicide rates.

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| **Age group** | **District Health Board** | **Total** |
| **Youth** | New Zealand | 591 |
| Northland | 33 |
| Waitemata | 44 |
| Auckland | 42 |
| Counties Manukau | 61 |
| Waikato | 49 |
| Lakes | 26 |
| Bay of Plenty | 31 |
| Tairāwhiti | 7 |
| Hawke's Bay | 26 |
| Taranaki | 13 |
| Mid Central | 32 |
| Whanganui | 10 |
| Capital & Coast | 31 |
| Hutt Valley | 23 |
| Wairarapa | 7 |
| Nelson Marlborough | 13 |
| West Coast | 12 |
| Canterbury | 58 |
| South Canterbury | 10 |
| Southern | 42 |
| Unknown | 1 |

Source: New Zealand Mortality Collection

Notes:

* Rates for the total population are five-year rates, expressed per 100,000 population and age standardised to the WHO World Standard Population.
* Rates are not calculated for youth. Most DHB regions had too few youth suicide deaths over the five-year period and / or a youth population that is too small to produce stable rates.
* DHBs have varying population sizes. Each DHB’s numbers should be read in the context of its population size.

## Children living below the poverty line and in extreme poverty

The New Zealand Government’s position is that a multi-measure approach is required for monitoring levels of poverty. The Child Poverty Reduction Act uses ten measures to monitor child poverty, including both income measures (before and after housing costs) and measures of material deprivation — measuring poverty from different perspectives and at different depths. New Zealand does not collect data on ‘extreme poverty’ (using the $1.90 per day international poverty line set by the World Bank), but does include measures of deeper poverty that are relevant to our context – for example, severe material hardship, and/or the AHC40, which measures the number of children living in households receiving less than 40 percent of the median household income (moving line), after housing costs.

Table 3 below sets out the most recent child poverty rates released by Stats NZ in February 2021 (for the 2019/2020 year), as well as the baseline rates (for the 2017/18 year). The most recent Household Economic Survey data collection was halted in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 lockdown, so the 2019/20 data does not reflect any economic impacts of COVID-19.

Table 4 below sets out child poverty rates for 2019/20 by disability status. This is the first year that Stats NZ has disaggregated the data in this way, and it will be a part of their ongoing releases.

Table 5 below sets out child poverty rates for 2019/20 by ethnicity (for European, Māori, and Pacific children) using the primary measures, as well as the change from the 2018/19 rates. Rates by ethnicity were not released for the 2017/18 year due to the limitations of the relatively small sample size. The sample size was increased significantly in 2018/19 to support the new regime, and to allow for disaggregation by ethnicity. While there are children from all ethnic groups living in households with relative low income and in relative material hardship, the rates for Māori and Pacific peoples are higher across most measures compared with the national average. Note the large sample errors for the change, meaning we have not focussed on the year-on-year change.

Table 6 below sets out child poverty rates for 2019/20 and 2018/19 by region using the primary measures. Rates by region were not released for the 2017/18 year due to the limitations of the relatively small sample size. Note the large sample errors for the change, meaning we have not focussed on the year-on-year change.

Source: Stats NZ “Child Poverty statistics year ended June 2020” [https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/child-poverty-statistics-year-ended-june-2020](https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/child-poverty-statistics-year-ended-june-2019)

Notes on tables:

* Further data and sampling errors can be found here: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/child-poverty-statistics-year-ended-june-2020>
* Stats NZ releases a technical appendix with each release of the official statistics that sets out the methodology they used to prepare the estimates of child poverty rates (The 2018/19 Technical appendix can be found here: <https://www.stats.govt.nz/methods/child-poverty-statistics-year-ended-june-2020-technical-appendix>).
* All income measures refer to household equivalised disposable income, before or after housing costs.
* Material hardship is measured using a deprivation index called DEP-17. A household with 6 or more lacks is in material hardship, and with 9 or more lacks is in severe material hardship.
* Ethnic groups are created using the total response method. People were able to identify with more than one ethnic group, so figures will not sum to the total population. Other ethnicities figures are available in the excel tables online.

### Child poverty rates – population level

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|  | **2017/18 (baseline)** | **2019/20 (second year of three-year target period)** | **Sample error on change** | **Change over 2018–2020 (percentage point)** |
| **Primary measures** | | | | |
| BHC50 moving line | 16.5 %  (183,400 children) | 13.8 (157,800 children) | 1.6 | -2.7 |
| AHC50 fixed line  (2017/18 ref year) | 22.8 %  (253,800 children) | 18.4% (210,500 children) | **2.3** | **-4.4** |
| Material hardship | 13.3 %  (147,600 children) | 11.3% (129,600 children) | 2.5 | -2.0 |
| **Supplementary measures** | | | | |
| BHC60 moving line | 25.3 %  (281,200 children) | 22.3% (254,800 children) | **1.8** | **-3.0** |
| AHC60 moving line | 30.6 %  (341,100 children) | 27.9% (318,900 children) | 2.8 | -2.7 |
| AHC50 moving line | 22.8 %  (253,800 children) | 20.1% (229,600 children) | 2.3 | -2.7 |
| AHC40 moving line | 15.7%  (174,300 children) | 14.0% (159,700 children) | 2.5 | -1.7 |
| Severe material hardship | 5.8 %  (64,800 children) | 4.5% (51,600 children) | 1.6 | -1.3 |
| Combined AHC60 moving line and material hardship | 8.8 %  (98,300 children) | 6.6% (75,500 children) | **2.1** | **-2.2** |

### Child poverty rates 2019/20 on the primary measures – by disability status

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|  | **Primary Measures** | | | | | |
|  | **BHC50 moving line** | | **AHC50 fixed line** | | **Material Hardship** | |
| **Disability status** | **% in poverty** | **Sample error** | **% in poverty** | **Sample error** | **% in poverty** | **Sample error** |
| Disabled children | 15.6 | 3.0 | 22.5 | 3.6 | 20.4 | 3.4 |
| Non-disabled children | 13.6 | 1.3 | 17.7 | 1.4 | 10.1 | 1.0 |
| Children in a disabled household | 17.0 | 2.3 | 21.4 | 2.8 | 20.4 | 2.6 |
| Children in a non-disabled household | 12.4 | 1.4 | 17.1 | 1.5 | 7.5 | 1.0 |

### Child poverty rates on the primary measures – by ethnicity

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|  |  | |  | | **Primary Measures** | | | | | | |  |
|  | **BHC50 moving line** | | | | | **AHC50 fixed line** | | | **Material Hardship** | | | |
| **Ethnicity** | 2019/20 (%) | Change from 2018/19 (ppt) | | Sample error for change | | 2019/20 (%) | Change from 2018/19 (ppt) | Sample error for change | 2019/20 (%) | Change from 2018/19 (ppt) | Sample error for change | |
| European | 10.6 | 0.8 | | 1.9 | | 14.8 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 8.9 | -0.8 | 1.6 | |
| Māori | 17.1 | -0.7 | | 2.9 | | 21.1 | -1.3 | 3.3 | 19.5 | -3.1 | 3.5 | |
| Pacific peoples | 19.1 | 0.6 | | 4.7 | | 21.0 | -0.5 | 4.0 | 26.1 | -2.1 | 5.5 | |

### Child poverty rates on the primary measures – by region

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|  |  |  | | | **Primary Measures** | | | | | | |  |
|  | **BHC50 moving line** | | | | | **AHC50 fixed line** | | | **Material Hardship** | | | |
| **Region** | 2019/20 (%) | | Change from 2018/19 (ppt) | Sample error for change | | 2019/20 (%) | Change from 2018/19 (ppt) | Sample error for change | 2019/20 (%) | Change from 2018/19 (ppt) | Sample error for change | |
| Northland | 22.1 | | 4.9 | 11.1 | | 22.6 | 0.1 | 9.7 | 15.5 | 1.6 | 9.5 | |
| Auckland | 16.4 | | 2.7 | 2.7 | | 21.4 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 12.1 | -1.1 | 2.7 | |
| Waikato | 13.5 | | -2.5 | 4.5 | | 20.5 | 0.5 | 4.9 | 12.6 | -3.2 | 4.7 | |
| Bay of Plenty | 12.5 | | -1.2 | 5.7 | | 16.9 | -4.0 | 6.6 | 12.0 | -1.7 | 6.2 | |
| Gisborne / Hawkes Bay | 11.8 | | -3.5 | 6.0 | | 13.7 | -1.1 | 6.8 | 9.2 | -5.4 | 5.3 | |
| Taranaki | 9.8 | | -5.6 | 8.9 | | 17.6 | -2.8 | 10.8 | 12.5 | -5.2 | 9.9 | |
| Manawatu-Whanganui | 11.8 | | -3.9 | 5.5 | | 14.4 | -3.1 | 6.2 | 15.6 | -2.2 | 7.1 | |
| Wellington | 8.3 | | -3.4 | 3.7 | | 13.0 | -1.8 | 4.8 | 7.6 | -1.8 | 3.5 | |
| Tasman-Nelson- Marlborough-West Coast | 9.2 | | -2.0 | 5.3 | | 14.5 | -2.0 | 8.1 | 17.2 | 2.3 | 10.4 | |
| Canterbury | 12.4 | | 3.6 | 4.3 | | 17.8 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 8.5 | -1.4 | 4.0 | |
| Otago | 15.0 | | 0.9 | 8.2 | | 15.1 | -2.1 | 7.6 | 4.4 | -7.6 | 8.1 | |
| Southland | 13.6 | | -5.1 | 9.2 | | 15.9 | 0.5 | 9.9 | 13.7 | 1.7 | 11.8 | |

### The number of reported cases of violence and abuse against children, including sexual abuse, the investigations conducted

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **2017** | | **2018** | | **2019** | | **2020** |
| **Age** | Under 10 | 2,929 | | 2,787 | | 3,094 | | 3,028 |
| 10-13 years | 2,784 | | 2,820 | | 3,074 | | 3,018 |
| 14-17 years | 4,932 | | 4,895 | | 4,858 | | 5,034 |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| **Gender** | Female | 4,640 | | 4,477 | | 4,839 | | 4,736 |
| Male | 5,998 | | 6,021 | | 6,172 | | 6,334 |
| Unknown | 7 | | 4 | | 15 | | 10 |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| **Ethnicity** | African | 26 | | 19 | | 16 | | 22 |
| Asian | 142 | | 111 | | 149 | | 149 |
| European | 3,128 | | 3,011 | | 2,953 | | 2,644 |
| Indian | 135 | | 145 | | 178 | | 153 |
| Latin/Hispanic | 15 | | 16 | | 22 | | 11 |
| Maori | 3,670 | | 3,509 | | 3,393 | | 3,445 |
| Middle Eastern | 41 | | 39 | | 44 | | 43 |
| Pacific Island | 858 | | 747 | | 756 | | 639 |
| Not elsewhere classified | 74 | | 123 | | 140 | | 125 |
| Unknown | 2,556 | | 2,782 | | 3,375 | | 3,849 |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| **Police district** | Northland | 522 | | 561 | | 536 | | 569 |
| Waitemata | 752 | | 734 | | 798 | | 743 |
| Auckland City | 541 | | 473 | | 464 | | 390 |
| Counties / Manukau | 1,626 | | 1,520 | | 1,637 | | 1,720 |
| Waikato | 955 | | 879 | | 906 | | 944 |
| Bay Of Plenty | 1,183 | | 1,199 | | 1,287 | | 1,359 |
| Central | 1,128 | | 1,153 | | 1,177 | | 1,103 |
| Eastern | 895 | | 882 | | 849 | | 868 |
| Wellington | 924 | | 987 | | 978 | | 1,090 |
| Tasman | 504 | | 444 | | 466 | | 485 |
| Canterbury | 908 | | 1,007 | | 1,283 | | 1,216 |
| Southern | 707 | | 663 | | 645 | | 593 |
| Northland | 522 | | 561 | | 536 | | 569 |
| Waitemata | 752 | | 734 | | 798 | | 743 |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| **Outcome of investigation at 7 days** | Court action | 1,523 | | 1,328 | | 1,301 | | 1,041 |
| Non-court action | 205 | | 171 | | 158 | | 176 |
| No offender proceeded against | 295 | | 312 | | 238 | | 255 |
| Investigation continuing | 7,885 | | 7,903 | | 8,562 | | 8,422 |
| Investigation pending | 737 | | 788 | | 767 | | 1,186 |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| **Offence type** | Serious Assault Resulting in Injury | 2,023 | | 2,273 | | 2,691 | | 2,706 |
| Serious Assault Not Resulting in Injury | 3,312 | | 2,971 | | 3,586 | | 3,932 |
| Common Assault | 2,869 | | 2,813 | | 2,329 | | 2,033 |
| Aggravated Sexual Assault | 2,329 | | 2,354 | | 2,327 | | 2,303 |
| Non-Aggravated Sexual Assault | 112 | | 91 | | 93 | | 106 |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| **Total** | | **10,645** | **10,502** | | **11,026** | | **11,080** | |

Source: New Zealand Police

Note data is not available on prosecutions and sentences, whether the offense occurred in State care and disability (if applicable).

## Children with Disabilities

### Data on children with disabilities 2013

The most recent data on disabilities in New Zealand can be found in the Disability Survey 2013. Due to sample size constraints, the population level estimates presented are rounded to the nearest thousand. Publicly available data from this survey includes age breakdowns for children aged 0-14 and people aged 15-44 years. We are unable to provide a breakdown of children aged 0-18 years. Statistics NZ will be undertaking a further New Zealand Disability Survey in 2023.

| ***Children with disabilities from 2013*** | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Number (rate within NZ population)** | | | |
|  |  | 0-14 years number | 0-14 years rate\* | 15-44 years  number | 15-44 years  rate\* |
| **Sex** | Female | 35,000 | 8 | 145,000 | 16 |
| Male | 60,000 | 13 | 138,000 | 16 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Ethnicity** | European | 69,000 | 11 | 205,000 | 16 |
| Māori | 35,000 | 15 | 66,000 | 23 |
| Pacific peoples | 9,000 | 9 | 21,000 | 17 |
| Asian | 4,000 | 4 | 26,000 | 10 |
| Other | 2,000 | 8 | 9,000 | 18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Impairment type[[2]](#footnote-2)** | Sensory | 18,000 | 2 | 98,000 | 5 |
| Physical | 13,000 | 1 | 122,000 | 7 |
| Intellectual | 22,000 | 2 | 37,000 | 2 |
| Psychiatric / psychological | 38,000 | 4 | 102,000 | 6 |
| Other | 70,000 | 8 | 106,000 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Cause of impairment** | Disease or illness | 21,000 | 25 | 93,000 | 34 |
| Accident or injury | 3,000 | 3 | 83,000 | 31 |
| Existed at birth | 42,000 | 49 | 61,000 | 22 |
| Ageing[[3]](#footnote-3) | N/A | N/A | 10,000 | 4 |
| Other | 28,000 | 33 | 91,000 | 34 |
| Not specified | 8,000 | ? | 14,000 | ? |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Impairment number** | Single | 50,000 | 52 | 165,000 | 58 |
| Multiple | 45,000 | 48 | 119,000 | 42 |

Source: Stats NZ *Disability Survey:2013* <https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/disability-survey-2013> More detailed data can be found in the data provided on the same page.

\*the rate is the percentage of the total population in each age (and sex) group

### Data on children with disabilities in education 2013

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Children with disabilities in education 2013\*[[4]](#footnote-4)*** | | | | | | | |
|  |  | | Number of disabled students | Total number of students | | | Percentage of all Students that have a Disability |
| **Age** | Age 05 | | 1,000 | | 55,000 | 2% | |
| Age 06 | | 3,000 | | 60,000 | 5% | |
| Age 07 | | 4,000 | | 63,000 | 6% | |
| Age 08 | | 5,000 | | 57,000 | 9% | |
| Age 09 | | 5,000 | | 60,000 | 8% | |
| Age 10 | | 7,000 | | 60,000 | 12% | |
| Age 11 | | 7,000 | | 62,000 | 11% | |
| Age 12 | | 7,000 | | 55,000 | 13% | |
| Age 13 | | 8,000 | | 61,000 | 13% | |
| Age 14 | | 10,000 | | 63,000 | 16% | |
| Age 15 | | 9,000 | | 64,000 | 14% | |
| Age 16 | | 9,000 | | 64,000 | 14% | |
| Age 17 | | 10,000 | | 63,000 | 16% | |
| Age 18 | | 8,000 | | 56,000 | 14% | |
|  |  | |  | |  |  | |
| **School Region** | Tai Tokerau | | 3,000 | | 28,000 | 11% | |
| Auckland | | 20,000 | | 237,000 | 8% | |
| Waikato | | 8,000 | | 69,000 | 12% | |
| Bay Of Plenty / Rotorua / Taupō | | 7,000 | | 56,000 | 13% | |
| Taranaki / Whanganui / Manawatu | | 36,000 | | 242,000 | 15% | |
| Hawkes Bay / Gisborne | | 4,000 | | 38,000 | 11% | |
| Wellington | | 9,000 | | 90,000 | 10% | |
| Nelson / Marlborough / West Coast | | 3,000 | | 26,000 | 12% | |
| Canterbury | | 11,000 | | 91,000 | 12% | |
| Otago / Southland | | 5,000 | | 47,000 | 11% | |
|  |  | |  | |  |  | |
|  |  | | **Age 5-11 years** | | **Age 12-19 years** |  | |
| **Proportion of students that are disabled** | | | 8% | | 15% |  | |
| **School type** | | Specialist school | 6% | | 4% |  | |
| Non-Specialist school | 94% | | 96% |  | |
|  | |  |  | |  |  | |
| **Gender** | | Male | 65.63% | | 59.46% |  | |
| Female | 34.37% | | 40.54% |  | |
|  | |  |  | |  |  | |
| **Impairment type** | | Memory | S | | 0.39% |  | |
| Sight | 1% | | 1% |  | |
| Agility | 1% | | 1% |  | |
| Hearing | 1% | | 2% |  | |
| Mobility | 1% | | 2% |  | |
| Intellectual | 1% | | 4% |  | |
| Speaking | 4% | | 4% |  | |
| Psychological / Psychiatric | 2% | | 6% |  | |
| Learning | 2% | | 9% |  | |
|  | |  |  | |  |  | |
| **Number of impairments** | | Single | 4% | | 8% |  | |
| Multiple | 4% | | 7% |  | |

Source: Ministry of Education

### Data on the Child Disability Allowance from April 2016-April 2021

The Child Disability Allowance (CDA) is paid to the principle caregiver for a child with a serious disability who needs constant care and attention. The CDA can be paid to partners and primary clients in their own right but they are not paid to children directly. Each partner that receives CDA payments is counted as a separate recipient, for each child that qualifies for CDA.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Provision of Child Disability Allowance from April 2016-April 2021*** | | | | | |  |
|  | Age of child | **2016** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** |
|  | **<1** | 426 | 468 | 438 | 414 | 426 |
| **Age** | **1** | 900 | 783 | 897 | 909 | 900 |
| **2** | 1,143 | 1,125 | 1,101 | 1,182 | 1,143 |
| **3** | 1,542 | 1,512 | 1,542 | 1,560 | 1,542 |
| **4** | 1,908 | 1,899 | 1,953 | 2,019 | 1,908 |
| **5** | 2,187 | 2,220 | 2,286 | 2,412 | 2,187 |
| **6** | 2,295 | 2,472 | 2,490 | 2,634 | 2,295 |
| **7** | 2,472 | 2,538 | 2,820 | 2,838 | 2,472 |
| **8** | 2,796 | 2,688 | 2,862 | 3,162 | 2,796 |
| **9** | 2,745 | 2,967 | 2,973 | 3,189 | 2,745 |
| **10** | 2,766 | 2,913 | 3,180 | 3,240 | 2,766 |
| **11** | 2,733 | 2,868 | 3,051 | 3,399 | 2,733 |
| **12** | 2,598 | 2,805 | 2,976 | 3,222 | 2,598 |
| **13** | 2,571 | 2,592 | 2,877 | 3,105 | 2,571 |
| **14** | 2,454 | 2,547 | 2,670 | 3,036 | 2,454 |
| **15** | 2,361 | 2,403 | 2,577 | 2,790 | 2,361 |
| **16** | 1,608 | 1,686 | 1,785 | 2,190 | 1,608 |
| **17** | 1,287 | 1,287 | 1,392 | 1,608 | 1,287 |
| **18** | 159 | 183 | 222 | 213 | 159 |
|  | **Total** | **36,945** | **37,956** | **40,092** | **43,122** | **36,945** |
|  | | | | | |  |
| **Sex** | Female | 13,047 | 13,191 | 13,587 | 13,818 | 14,565 |
| Male | 21,819 | 22,596 | 23,358 | 24,135 | 25,524 |
| Gender diverse | 0 | 0 | 0 | S | 9 |
|  | | | | | |  |
| **Disability type** | Physical | 18,048 | 18,072 | 18,243 | 18,102 | 18,291 |
| Mental | 8,979 | 9,621 | 10,239 | 10,821 | 11,784 |
| Physical and mental | 7,836 | 8,091 | 8,460 | 9,027 | 10,011 |
| Unspecified | 3 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| **Total** | | **35,935** | **37,095** | **38,427** | **40,809** |  |

Source: Ministry of Social Development

## Children in Education

### Data on children in education from 2017 – school type

Partnership schools, also known as charter schools or *kura hourua*, were partnerships between education, business and community groups aiming to provide new opportunities for students to achieve education success. They had student enrolments from 2014 – 2018. At their peak, 0.2% of students were enrolled in a partnership school. The children enrolled were mostly aged 13 years and over, with enrolments between 55 – 59% male. At the same time, non-partnership schools were 49% female to 51% male. Additionally, partnership schools had a much higher percentage of Māori students enrolled than non-partnership schools.

| **Number of children grouped by** | | **2017** | | **2018** | **2019** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Attendance in Non-Partnership Schools*** | | | | | |
| **Age** | Age 05 | 60,194 | | 59,603 | 58,049 |
| Age 06 | 64,513 | | 64,436 | 64,658 |
| Age 07 | 65,445 | | 65,270 | 65,209 |
| Age 08 | 64,476 | | 66,087 | 66,096 |
| Age 09 | 64,943 | | 65,160 | 66,800 |
| Age 10 | 63,171 | | 65,509 | 65,905 |
| Age 11 | 60,219 | | 63,667 | 66,107 |
| Age 12 | 59,217 | | 60,760 | 64,473 |
| Age 13 | 59,150 | | 59,609 | 61,371 |
| Age 14 | 57,923 | | 59,491 | 60,122 |
| Age 15 | 57,968 | | 58,296 | 59,873 |
| Age 16 | 56,533 | | 54,935 | 55,243 |
| Age 17 | 48,591 | | 47,322 | 46,156 |
| Age 18 | 11,424 | | 11,819 | 11,535 |
|  | | | | | |
| **Sex** | Female | 391,751 | | 396,017 | 400,513 |
| Male | 407,337 | | 410,981 | 416,119 |
|  | | | | | |
| **Ethnic and national origin** | Māori | 191,694 | | 193,891 | 197,343 |
| European / Pākehā | 401,105 | | 396,820 | 392,633 |
| Pacific | 77,829 | | 78,442 | 79,293 |
| Asian | 94,533 | | 101,929 | 108,791 |
| Other | 21,793 | | 23,518 | 26,152 |
| International fee paying | 12,134 | | 12,398 | 12,420 |
|  | | | | | |
| **Geographical Location** | Tai Tokerau | 30,092 | | 30,476 | 30,918 |
| Auckland | 274,606 | | 277,469 | 281,529 |
| Waikato | 71,868 | | 72,800 | 73,582 |
| Bay of Plenty, Waiariki | 61,062 | | 61,585 | 62,414 |
| Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu | 52,088 | | 52,864 | 53,608 |
| Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti | 39,937 | | 40,004 | 40,247 |
| Wellington | 89,571 | | 90,108 | 90,583 |
| Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast | 28,753 | | 28,794 | 29,052 |
| Canterbury and Chatham Islands | 94,391 | | 95,828 | 96,897 |
| Otago, Southland | 49,561 | | 49,993 | 50,595 |
| Correspondence School | 5,533 | | 5,492 | 5,631 |
| Not Applicable | 1,626 | | 1,585 | 1,576 |
|  | | | | | |
| **Socioeconomic Status[[5]](#footnote-5)** | Decile 1 | 62,300 | | 62,257 | 62,966 |
| Decile 2 | 54,969 | | 55,042 | 55,631 |
| Decile 3 | 62,850 | | 64,080 | 64,975 |
| Decile 4 | 69,629 | | 70,091 | 70,761 |
| Decile 5 | 70,525 | | 71,199 | 72,567 |
| Decile 6 | 78,222 | | 78,897 | 78,784 |
| Decile 7 | 87,331 | | 88,796 | 90,960 |
| Decile 8 | 91,546 | | 91,634 | 91,060 |
| Decile 9 | 99,438 | | 100,497 | 101,750 |
| Decile 10 | 112,528 | | 114,504 | 116,678 |
| Not Applicable | 9,750 | | 10,001 | 10,500 |
| **Total attendance** | | **793,767** | | **801,964** | **811,597** |
|  | | | | | |
| **Number of children grouped by** | | **2017** | **2018** | | **2019** |
| ***Partnership schools\**** | | | | | |
| **Attendance** | | 1,242 | | 1,436 | N/A |
| **Age** | Age 05 | 56 | | 54 |  |
| Age 06 | 61 | | 58 |  |
| Age 07 | 50 | | 58 |  |
| Age 08 | 29 | | 59 |  |
| Age 09 | 35 | | 43 |  |
| Age 10 | 30 | | 49 |  |
| Age 11 | 161 | | 157 |  |
| Age 12 | 156 | | 199 |  |
| Age 13 | 175 | | 209 |  |
| Age 14 | 126 | | 173 |  |
| Age 15 | 115 | | 137 |  |
| Age 16 | 99 | | 122 |  |
| Age 17 | 112 | | 93 |  |
| Age 18 | 37 | | 25 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |
| **Sex** | Female | 546 | | 645 |  |
| Male | 700 | | 796 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |
| **Ethnic and national origin** | Māori | 736 | | 882 |  |
| European / Pākehā | 112 | | 105 |  |
| Pacific | 369 | | 421 |  |
| Asian | 24 | | 27 |  |
| Other | 5 | | 6 |  |
| International fee paying | N/A | | | |
|  |  |  | |  |  |
| **Geographical Location** | Tai Tokerau | 313 | | 293 |  |
| Auckland | 798 | | 867 |  |
| Waikato | 110 | | 159 |  |
| Bay of Plenty, Waiariki |  | | 83 |  |
| Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu | 25 | | 39 |  |
| Hawke's Bay, Tairāwhiti | 313 | | 293 |  |
|  |  |  | |  |  |
| **Total attendance** | | **1,242** | | **1,436** | **N/A** |

Source: Ministry of Education

## Healthcare and Economic Support Services

### The number of intersex children who have undergone surgery or treatment related to their sexual characteristics from 2016/17-2017/18

The data provided below relates only to publicly funded hospital charges.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2016/2017** | **2017/2018** |
| **Number of discharges for procedures for anomalies of genitalia** | S | - |
| **Discharge with a diagnosis of intersex conditions\*** | - | 10 |

\*Note none of those with a diagnosis of intersex conditions received a procedure for anomalies of genitalia.

### Data on sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Chlamydia (per 100,000)** | | | **Gonorrhoea (per 100,000)** | | | **Syphilis** | | |
|  | | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| **Gender** | Female | 3,435 | 3,417 | 3,083 | 256 | 273 | 267 | 49 | 88 | 86 |
| Male | 1,529 | 1,605 | 1,496 | 368 | 432 | 442 | 358 | 458 | 537 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Age** | 0-14 | 220 | 195 | 164 | 38 | 37 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15-19 | 11,168 | 10,974 | 9,472 | 1,110 | 1,078 | 947 | 15 | 13 | 19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Ethnicity** | Asian | 899 | 995 | 1,009 | 140 | 185 | 213 | 33 | 26 | 39 |
| European / Other | 1,342 | 1,380 | 1,337 | 149 | 182 | 198 | 280 | 343 | 418 |
| Māori | 4,685 | 4,798 | 4,584 | 680 | 658 | 602 | 69 | 148 | 26 |
| Pacific Peoples | 4,692 | 4,737 | 4,484 | 771 | 739 | 634 | 19 | 26 | 30 |
| Unknown | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 0 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall rate per 100,000** | | **2,485** | **2,507** | **2,244** | **314** | **354** | **355** | **360** | **554** | **624** |

Source: Environmental Science and Research Ltd (New Zealand’s Crown Research Institute specialising in science for communities) “Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) surveillance” <https://www.esr.cri.nz/our-services/consultancy/public-health/sti/>

### Working age Main Benefit clients with children included as at end of April 2016–2021

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **April 2016** | **April 2017** | **April 2018** | **April 2019** | **April 2020** | **April 2021** |
| **Benefit Type** | **Jobseeker Support** | 18,234 | 18,540 | 18,699 | 20,907 | 26,754 | 29,223 |
| **Sole Parent Support** | 66,177 | 61,599 | 58,578 | 58,602 | 63,054 | 66,231 |
| **Supported Living Payment** | 10,677 | 10,650 | 10,383 | 10,002 | 10,314 | 10,302 |
| **Young Parent Payment** | 657 | 1,242 | 1,371 | 1,299 | 1,236 | 1,188 |
| **Other Benefits** | 1,374 | 1,275 | 1,080 | 1,083 | 1,251 | 1,134 |
|  | | | | | | | |
| **Gender** | **Female** | 79,392 | 76,617 | 74,157 | 75,264 | 82,467 | 87,378 |
| **Male** | 17,733 | 16,686 | 15,954 | 16,626 | 20,136 | 20,676 |
| **Gender Diverse** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 21 |
|  | | | | | | | |
| **Ethnic Group** | **Mäori** | 43,284 | 41,994 | 40,740 | 41,589 | 45,675 | 47,874 |
| **Pacific Peoples** | 11,169 | 10,629 | 10,239 | 10,488 | 12,117 | 13,134 |
| **NZ European** | 29,472 | 27,492 | 26,127 | 26,142 | 28,479 | 29,568 |
| **Other** | 11,781 | 11,328 | 10,908 | 11,148 | 12,780 | 13,524 |
| **Unspecified** | 1,416 | 1,863 | 2,097 | 2,526 | 3,558 | 3,978 |
|  | | | | | | | |
| **Region** | **Northland** | 6,174 | 6,024 | 5,787 | 5,742 | 6,219 | 6,462 |
| **Auckland Metro** | 31,638 | 29,817 | 28,764 | 29,490 | 34,080 | 36,033 |
| **Waikato** | 8,880 | 8,661 | 8,400 | 8,406 | 9,231 | 9,918 |
| **Taranaki** | 5,130 | 5,055 | 4,884 | 5,079 | 5,517 | 5,691 |
| **Bay of Plenty** | 9,756 | 8,916 | 8,442 | 8,841 | 10,167 | 10,989 |
| **East Coast** | 6,663 | 6,408 | 5,979 | 6,066 | 6,741 | 6,744 |
| **Central** | 5,862 | 5,568 | 5,340 | 5,346 | 5,898 | 5,994 |
| **Wellington** | 6,810 | 6,462 | 6,351 | 6,321 | 6,726 | 6,930 |
| **Nelson** | 3,213 | 2,994 | 2,712 | 2,748 | 2,985 | 3,045 |
| **Canterbury** | 6,843 | 6,813 | 6,930 | 7,455 | 8,289 | 9,195 |
| **Southern** | 5,136 | 4,944 | 4,782 | 4,707 | 5,142 | 5,460 |
| **Other** | 1,014 | 1,638 | 1,743 | 1,689 | 1,617 | 1,611 |
|  | | | | | | | |
|  | **Total** | **97,122** | **93,306** | **90,111** | **91,890** | **102,612** | **108,078** |

Source: Ministry of Social Development

Notes:

* Working age is 18 to 64.
* Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
* Ethnicity data is self-identified and multiple ethnicities may be chosen by an individual as fits their preference or self-concept.
* Multiple selected ethnicities are then prioritised into a hierarchy.
* The Māori ethnicity has the highest priority in this hierarchy, followed by Pacific peoples. NZ European has the lowest priority. This is to ensure that smaller and politically significant ethnic groups do not get overwhelmed by the larger ethnic groups.
* A single ethnicity is assigned to an individual based on this hierarchy.
* Ethnic groups do not currently align with Statistics New Zealand ethnicity groupings.
* The 'Other' region includes clients managed from non-regional service centres such as the Centralised Unit Housing service centre, StudyLink Processing Centre, National Office and NZ Super service centres.
* Since 2 December 2019, the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) has three options to record a client's gender: Female, Gender Diverse or Male.
* To protect confidentiality, MSD 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.
* A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or 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.

### Total number of dependent children of working-age people on benefits as at end of April 2016–2021

We are unable to provide exact numbers and proportions of families with children receiving economic support, as New Zealand pays parents benefits, rather than children.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **April 2016** | **April 2017** | **April 2018** | **April 2019** | **April 2020** | **April 2021** |
| **Benefit Type** | **Jobseeker Support** | 31,833 | 32,487 | 32,997 | 36,804 | 47,850 | 52,095 |
| **Sole Parent Support** | 125,763 | 118,905 | 114,066 | 115,110 | 124,095 | 131,352 |
| **Supported Living Payment** | 18,297 | 18,306 | 17,931 | 17,256 | 17,853 | 17,931 |
| **Young Parent Payment** | 708 | 1,380 | 1,539 | 1,455 | 1,389 | 1,320 |
| **Other Benefits** | 2,241 | 2,205 | 1,842 | 1,905 | 2,241 | 1,989 |
|  | **Total** | **178,845** | **173,283** | **168,378** | **172,530** | **193,431** | **204,687** |

Source: Ministry of Social Development

Notes:

* Working age is 18 to 64.
* Main Benefits exclude NZ Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
* 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.
* A value of one or two may be rounded to zero or 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.

### Number and proportion of children receiving health services, including counselling and services for the treatment of alcohol and drug-related problems in 2019

Figures provided also include the number of clients under non-DHB services for Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug services.

Source: Ministry of Health using PRIMHD.[[6]](#footnote-6)

Pregnancy and Parenting Support (PPS) services in three DHB areas also provide AOD services to pregnant women and new mothers, and this data is also reported to the PRIMHD collection. In the 2019 calendar year 351 distinct clients received PPS AOD services in the Hawkes Bay, Northland and Tairawhiti DHB areas.

Notes:

* Geographical location is the DHB of domicile of the client at the time of activity.
* Ethnicity is current prioritised ethnicity recorded on the NHI system for each client included.
* The sum of clients seen by each DHB of domicile is greater than the Distinct NZ total number of clients seen as a number of clients lived in more than one DHB region during the reporting period.

### Number of paediatric and mental health services and professionals specializing in young children and adolescents in 2015

This data sets out the number of full time employees providing support to children and adolescents aged 19 and under.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | **Number of Full Time Employees** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Service** | | *Alcohol and drug* | *Co-existing problems* | *Mental health nurse* | *Occupational therapist* | *Psychiatrist* | *Psychotherapist* | *Psychologist* | *Social worker* | *Other clinical* | *Cultural* | *Specific liaison* | *Mental health consumer* | *Mental health support* | *Youth worker* | *Other non-clinical* | *Administration / management* | **Total** |
| **Geographical location (by DHB)** | Northland | - | 6.0 | 14.0 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 5.3 | 7.0 | 3.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5.0 | **46.5** |
| Waitemata | 31.9 | 1.0 | 22.5 | 17.3 | 15.25 | 8.6 | 21.6 | 22.3 | 6.8 | 2.6 | - | - | - | - | - | 14.4 | **164.25** |
| Auckland | - | - | 8.15 | 14.0 | 6.7 | 3.55 | 25.18 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 6.8 | - | - | - | - | - | 9.1 | **85.88** |
| Counties Manukau | 0.9 | 0.8 | 12.6 | 5.75 | 4.0 | - | 10.63 | 19.93 | 15.65 | 2.5 | - | 0.4 | - | 2.0 | - | 9.18 | **84.34** |
| Waikato | 2.0 | 1.0 | 7.8 | 3.0 | 7.1 | - | 12.55 | 10.5 | 2.0 | - | - | 1.0 | - | 1.0 | 1.0 | 6.8 | **55.75** |
| Lakes | 1.0 | - | 5.5 | - | 1.2 | - | 5.8 | 2.3 | 0.35 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 3.0 | **20.15** |
| Bay of Plenty | 2.6 | 2.0 | 10.4 | 1.0 | 2.8 | - | 8.4 | 9.8 | - | 1.6 | - | - | - | - | 1.0 | 4.1 | **43.7** |
| Tairāwhiti | 4.0 | - | 1.5 | - | 1.4 | 1.0 | 4.65 | 4.0 | - | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 2.5 | **20.05** |
| Taranaki | - | - | 7.2 | - | 2.0 | - | 2.9 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 2.70 | - | 1.0 | **16.8** |
| Hawke's Bay | 1.8 | - | 5.0 | 0.8 | 2.0 | - | 2.7 | 8.8 | 4.6 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 4.6 | **31.3** |
| MidCentral | - | 1.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 6.0 | 9.9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 5.5 | **35.6** |
| Whanganui | 1.7 | 1.0 | 4.1 | - | 1.2 | - | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.9 | - | 0.5 | - | --- | 1.0 | - | 3.6 | **17.0** |
| Capital & Coast | 1.0 | 2.0 | 22.4 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 3.0 | 17.9 | 8.4 | 9.65 | 4.3 | - | - | 6.5 | - | 3.5 | 12.5 | **106.05** |
| Hutt Valley | - | - | 1.0 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 10.11 | 10.05 | 3.9 | - | - | - |  | - | - | 3.6 | **35.16** |
| Wairarapa | - | 1.0 | 1.8 | - | 1.0 | - | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | - | - | 2.0 | - | - | 1.9 | **11.7** |
| Nelson Marlborough | 2.3 | - | 5.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | - | 8.0 | 6.6 | 1.2 | - | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | - | 0.3 | 5.0 | **34.2** |
| West Coast | - | 1.5 | - | - | - | - | 1.3 | 0.3 | 2.25 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.5 | **6.85** |
| Canterbury | 1.0 | - | 19.75 | 10.9 | 10.9 | 1.0 | 14.15 | 18.7 | 5.8 | 3.6 | - | - | - | - | - | 12.88 | **91.98** |
| South Canterbury | - | - | - | 0.3 | 0.3 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | - | - | 1.2 | 2.0 | - | 1.0 | - | **12.3** |
| Southern | 0.8 | - | 15.95 | 5.4 | 5.4 | - | 8.0 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 0.5 | - | 1.0 |  | - | - | 6.0 | **53.45** |
| **Total** | | **51.0** | **17.3** | **171.25** | **79.05** | **79.05** | **25.25** | **168.47** | **155.58** | **72.0** | **26.9** | **1.5** | **3.6** | **10.5** | **6.7** | **6.8** | **111.16** | **973.61** |

Source: Werry Workforce *2016 Stocktake of Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Alcohol & Other Drug Services in New Zealand* <https://werryworkforce.org/sites/default/files/2016%20Stocktake%20Full%20Report%20Aug2017_0.pdf>

## Teenage Pregnancies

There is limited information on the number of pregnancies, so we have provided information on the number of births.

Source: The Ministry of Health *Report on Maternity* 2017 <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/report-maternity-2017>

\*Note most breakdowns were provided for “less than 20 years old”, meaning in some cases, the number represented may be slightly higher than those under 18.

### Number and percentage of women giving birth 2008–2017 - age

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Women under 20 years giving birth** | **Percentage of women under 20 years giving birth** | **Total number of births** |
| 2008 | 5293 | 8.2 | 64628 |
| 2009 | 4869 | 7.6 | 64236 |
| 2010 | 4580 | 7.1 | 64460 |
| 2011 | 4095 | 6.6 | 62297 |
| 2012 | 3937 | 6.3 | 62346 |
| 2013 | 3355 | 5.7 | 59239 |
| 2014 | 3016 | 5.1 | 59183 |
| 2015 | 2800 | 4.8 | 58922 |
| 2016 | 2464 | 4.1 | 59763 |
| 2017 | 2309 | 3.9 | 59661 |

### Number and percentage of women giving birth 2017 - by age and ethnic group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age (years)** | **Women giving birth** | | | | | | | | **Percentage of women giving birth** | | | | | |
| **Māori** | **Pacific** | **Indian** | **Asian (excl. Indian)** | **Other** | **European** | **Unknown** | **Total** | **Māori** | **Pacific** | **Indian** | **Asian (excl. Indian)** | **European or Other** | **Total** |
| <15 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 15 | 42 | 9 |  |  |  | 5 |  | 56 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 16 | 142 | 19 |  | 1 | 2 | 24 |  | 188 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 17 | 229 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 83 |  | 351 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 18 | 401 | 86 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 138 |  | 638 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| **Total** | **828** | **152** | **4** | **11** | **7** | **252** | **0** | **1254** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Number and percentage of women giving birth 2017 - by neighbourhood deprivation quintile, age group and ethnic group

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Category** | **Women giving birth** | | | | | | | **Percentage of women giving birth** | | | | |
| **1 (least)** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5 (most)** | **Unknown** | **Total** | **1 (least)** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5 (most)** |
| **Overall** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 8785 | 9612 | 10760 | 13198 | 16894 | 412 | 59661 | 14.8 | 16.2 | 18.2 | 22.3 | 28.5 |
| **Age group (years)** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 125 | 182 | 278 | 554 | 1157 | 13 | 2309 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 12.1 | 24.1 | 50.4 |
| **Ethnic group (all births)** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Māori | 810 | 1267 | 2017 | 3513 | 7150 | 135 | 14892 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 13.7 | 23.8 | 48.5 |
| Pacific | 234 | 468 | 563 | 1184 | 3499 | 60 | 6008 | 3.9 | 7.9 | 9.5 | 19.9 | 58.8 |
| Indian | 371 | 563 | 679 | 943 | 1199 | 21 | 3776 | 9.9 | 15.0 | 18.1 | 25.1 | 31.9 |
| Asian (excl. Indian) | 1406 | 1594 | 1331 | 1347 | 1123 | 25 | 6826 | 20.7 | 23.4 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 16.5 |
| European or Other | 5964 | 5720 | 6170 | 6210 | 3922 | 162 | 28148 | 21.3 | 20.4 | 22.0 | 22.2 | 14.0 |
| Unknown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 11 | - | - | - | - | - |

### Birth rate 2017 – by age group and DHB of residence

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **DHB of residence** | **Women giving birth** | **Birth rate (per 1000 females of reproductive age)** | **Female population of reproductive age** |
| **<20** | **<20** | **<20** |
| Northland | 157 | 29.8 | 5270 |
| Waitemata | 165 | 8.7 | 18910 |
| Auckland | 97 | 6.2 | 15660 |
| Counties Manukau | 371 | 19.0 | 19510 |
| Waikato | 269 | 19.5 | 13790 |
| Lakes | 102 | 30.8 | 3310 |
| Bay of Plenty | 154 | 22.6 | 6800 |
| Tairāwhiti | 65 | 41.4 | 1570 |
| Hawke's Bay | 137 | 25.8 | 5310 |
| Taranaki | 45 | 12.8 | 3520 |
| MidCentral | 90 | 14.9 | 6060 |
| Whanganui | 61 | 32.1 | 1900 |
| Capital & Coast | 81 | 7.6 | 10600 |
| Hutt Valley | 90 | 19.3 | 4660 |
| Wairarapa | 27 | 20.8 | 1300 |
| Nelson Marlborough | 53 | 13.1 | 4050 |
| West Coast | 13 | 16.3 | 800 |
| Canterbury | 172 | 9.7 | 17690 |
| South Canterbury | 29 | 17.5 | 1660 |
| Southern | 118 | 10.1 | 11650 |
| Unknown | 13 | - | - |
| **Total** | **2309** | **15.0** | **154030** |

Note: reproductive age refers to females aged 15─44 years.

## Breastfeeding

**Terms defined**

**Exclusively breastfed:** the infant who has never, to the mother’s knowledge, had any water, formula or other liquid or solid food. Only breast milk (from the breast or expressed) and prescribed medicines (defined in the *Medicines Act 1981*) have been given to the baby from birth.

**Fully breastfed:** the infant has taken breast milk only, and no other liquids or solids except a minimal amount of water or prescribed medicines, in the past 48 hours.

**Partially breastfed:** the infant has taken some breast milk and some infant formula or other solid food in the past 48 hours.

**Artificially breastfed:** the infant has had no breast milk but has had alternative liquid such as infant formula, with or without solid food in the past 48 hours.

### Number and percentage of babies, by breastfeeding status at two weeks after birth, 2008–2017

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | Babies | | | | | | | | | | | **Percentage of babies** | | | | | | |
| Exclusive | | Fully | Partial | | Artificial | | Unknown | | | Total | **Exclusive** | | **Fully** | | **Partial** | | **Artificial** |
| 2008 | 33126 | 5145 | | | 5810 | | 4439 | | 11358 | 59878 | | 68.3 | 10.6 | | 12.0 | | 9.1 | |
| 2009 | 33964 | 4721 | | | 6047 | | 4293 | | 11481 | 60506 | | 69.3 | 9.6 | | 12.3 | | 8.8 | |
| 2010 | 35953 | 4890 | | | 6858 | | 4336 | | 9161 | 61198 | | 69.1 | 9.4 | | 13.2 | | 8.3 | |
| 2011 | 36188 | 4629 | | | 6602 | | 4000 | | 8348 | 59767 | | 70.4 | 9.0 | | 12.8 | | 7.8 | |
| 2012 | 36481 | 5105 | | | 7245 | | 4198 | | 7004 | 60033 | | 68.8 | 9.6 | | 13.7 | | 7.9 | |
| 2013 | 35522 | 5004 | | | 7306 | | 3943 | | 5892 | 57667 | | 68.6 | 9.7 | | 14.1 | | 7.6 | |
| 2014 | 35638 | 5090 | | | 7819 | | 3868 | | 5456 | 57871 | | 68.0 | 9.7 | | 14.9 | | 7.4 | |
| 2015 | 35821 | 4736 | | | 7600 | | 3666 | | 5406 | 57229 | | 69.1 | 9.1 | | 14.7 | | 7.1 | |
| 2016 | 35906 | 4703 | | | 8024 | | 3657 | | 4842 | 57132 | | 68.7 | 9.0 | | 15.3 | | 7.0 | |
| 2017 | 35738 | 4401 | | | 7888 | | 3554 | | 5297 | 56878 | | 69.3 | 8.5 | | 15.3 | | 6.9 | |
| Note: breastfeeding data is only available for babies of women registered with a primary maternity service. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |

### Number and percentage of babies 2017 - by breastfeeding status at two weeks after birth, maternal age group, baby ethnic group, baby neighbourhood deprivation quintile and baby DHB of residence

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Category** | **Babies** | | | | | | **Percentage of babies** | | | |
| **Exclusive** | **Fully** | **Partial** | **Artificial** | **Unknown** | **Total** | **Exclusive** | **Fully** | **Partial** | **Artificial** |
| **Overall** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 35738 | 4401 | 7888 | 3554 | 5297 | 56878 | 69.3 | 8.5 | 15.3 | 6.9 |
| **Maternal age group (years)** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 1148 | 141 | 305 | 266 | 244 | 2104 | 61.7 | 7.6 | 16.4 | 14.3 |
| **Ethnic group (all breastfed babies)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Māori | 10311 | 986 | 1932 | 1531 | 1463 | 16223 | 69.9 | 6.7 | 13.1 | 10.4 |
| Pacific | 2863 | 413 | 899 | 382 | 571 | 5128 | 62.8 | 9.1 | 19.7 | 8.4 |
| Indian | 2158 | 368 | 685 | 73 | 383 | 3667 | 65.7 | 11.2 | 20.9 | 2.2 |
| Asian (excl. Indian) | 3454 | 812 | 1550 | 160 | 546 | 6522 | 57.8 | 13.6 | 25.9 | 2.7 |
| European or Other | 16949 | 1821 | 2822 | 1408 | 2263 | 25263 | 73.7 | 7.9 | 12.3 | 6.1 |
| Unknown | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 75 | - | - | - | - |
| **Deprivation quintile (all breastfed babies)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 (least deprived) | 5674 | 801 | 1188 | 344 | 706 | 8713 | 70.9 | 10.0 | 14.8 | 4.3 |
| 2 | 6180 | 762 | 1331 | 445 | 740 | 9458 | 70.9 | 8.7 | 15.3 | 5.1 |
| 3 | 6745 | 793 | 1399 | 583 | 904 | 10424 | 70.9 | 8.3 | 14.7 | 6.1 |
| 4 | 7949 | 976 | 1705 | 874 | 1219 | 12723 | 69.1 | 8.5 | 14.8 | 7.6 |
| 5 (most deprived) | 9001 | 1060 | 2248 | 1292 | 1629 | 15230 | 66.2 | 7.8 | 16.5 | 9.5 |
| Unknown | 189 | 9 | 17 | 16 | 99 | 330 | - | - | - | - |
| **DHB of residence (all breastfed babies)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northland | 1555 | 83 | 233 | 134 | 135 | 2140 | 77.6 | 4.1 | 11.6 | 6.7 |
| Waitemata | 4882 | 653 | 1072 | 340 | 659 | 7606 | 70.3 | 9.4 | 15.4 | 4.9 |
| Auckland | 3282 | 523 | 895 | 162 | 587 | 5449 | 67.5 | 10.8 | 18.4 | 3.3 |
| Counties Manukau | 3655 | 547 | 1192 | 429 | 719 | 6542 | 62.8 | 9.4 | 20.5 | 7.4 |
| Waikato | 3495 | 265 | 712 | 402 | 331 | 5205 | 71.7 | 5.4 | 14.6 | 8.2 |
| Lakes | 993 | 111 | 192 | 124 | 125 | 1545 | 69.9 | 7.8 | 13.5 | 8.7 |
| Bay of Plenty | 2088 | 224 | 338 | 217 | 229 | 3096 | 72.8 | 7.8 | 11.8 | 7.6 |
| Tairāwhiti | 482 | 52 | 62 | 44 | 58 | 698 | 75.3 | 8.1 | 9.7 | 6.9 |
| Hawke's Bay | 1314 | 181 | 212 | 157 | 190 | 2054 | 70.5 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 8.4 |
| Taranaki | 766 | 134 | 188 | 108 | 217 | 1413 | 64.0 | 11.2 | 15.7 | 9.0 |
| MidCentral | 1187 | 208 | 269 | 209 | 201 | 2074 | 63.4 | 11.1 | 14.4 | 11.2 |
| Whanganui | 470 | 56 | 89 | 52 | 144 | 811 | 70.5 | 8.4 | 13.3 | 7.8 |
| Capital & Coast | 2071 | 306 | 552 | 136 | 305 | 3370 | 67.6 | 10.0 | 18.0 | 4.4 |
| Hutt Valley | 1085 | 114 | 294 | 139 | 249 | 1881 | 66.5 | 7.0 | 18.0 | 8.5 |
| Wairarapa | 332 | 26 | 59 | 52 | 27 | 496 | 70.8 | 5.5 | 12.6 | 11.1 |
| Nelson Marlborough | 963 | 67 | 182 | 92 | 51 | 1355 | 73.8 | 5.1 | 14.0 | 7.1 |
| West Coast | 203 | 14 | 18 | 14 | 109 | 358 | 81.5 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 5.6 |
| Canterbury | 4162 | 577 | 937 | 431 | 293 | 6400 | 68.2 | 9.4 | 15.3 | 7.1 |
| South Canterbury | 244 | 16 | 35 | 27 | 313 | 635 | 75.8 | 5.0 | 10.9 | 8.4 |
| Southern | 2325 | 237 | 341 | 273 | 259 | 3435 | 73.2 | 7.5 | 10.7 | 8.6 |
| Unknown | 184 | 7 | 16 | 12 | 96 | 315 | - | - | - | - |

Source: The Ministry of Health *Report on Maternity* 2017 <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/report-maternity-2017>

Note:

* Proportions are calculated based on valid breastfeeding type only.
* Breastfeeding data is not available for infants up to 6 months of age.
* Data is only available for babies of women registered with primary maternity service (approximately 95% of women giving birth).

1. The '2021 Forecast' for other expenses includes costs in relation to the Government's response to COVID-19. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Any individual may appear in more than one impairment type. 'Sensory' includes both hearing and vision impairments. 'Physical' includes both mobility and agility impairments. 'Other' includes impaired speaking, learning, and developmental delay for children aged 0–14 years, and includes impaired speaking, learning, and remembering for adults aged 15+ years. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ageing is only asked of adults aged 15+ years. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The Government’s Learning Support Action Plan 2019-2025 (the Action Plan) notes the need to provide better support for disabled children and young people, and those with additional learning needs. Some Action Plan priorities may need further funding, such as strengthening support for neurodiverse learners and those who require alternatives to mainstream schooling and/or are at risk of disengaging from education. In addition, some existing learning support services provided and/or funded by the Ministry of Education face volume and price pressures. There is a risk that these pressures cannot be met within existing baselines and further funding may be required. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The Government has made an in-principle decision to replace school deciles with the Equity Index. The index provides a more refined measure to understand whether there are socio-economic factors present in the lives of children that can impact educational outcomes. This will inform how the education system can be resourced to provide all children with an equitable chance of success [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. PRIMHD is a living data collection, which continues to be revised and updated as data reporting processes are improved. For this reason, previously published data may be liable to amendments, and this data may not be directly comparable to previously published data. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)