



14 August 2024

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2024, requesting the following information:

Provide me any figures on how many recent graduates or young people have applied for jobseeker support this year.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

It is not standard reporting for the Ministry to collect or collate information on whether a client is a 'graduate'. If the Ministry did record this information, it would be recorded on individual client files, meaning staff would have to manually review a substantial number of files to find this information. As such, I refuse this part of your request under 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to this part of your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

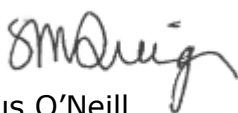
I can, however, provide you with information on young people (18 to 24 year old). The below **Appendix** provides the number of 18 to 24 year old Jobseeker Support applications processed in the period 1 January 2024 to 31 July 2024.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

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 my decision on your request of the number of recent graduates or young people who have applied for jobseeker support this year, 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

Number of 18 to 24 year old Jobseeker Support applications processed in the period 1 January 2024 to 31 July 2024

Type	Applications Processed
Grant	31,716
Decline	5,373
Total applications processed (grants + declines)	37,089

Notes:

- This is number of grants and declines and not number of clients. A client may have multiple grants or declines during the reported period.
- 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.
- The published counts will never differ by more than two counts.
- The impact of applying random rounding is that columns and rows may not add exactly to the given column or row totals.