



15 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 September 2025, requesting information about the number of clients with dependent children receiving Sole Parent Support (SPS), Jobseeker (JS) and Supported Living Payments (SLP).

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

- *I am interested in the demographics of core benefit recipients. I am requesting this information for the purpose of research and public awareness raising. My questions are:*
 1. *What is the breakdown of Sole Parent Support recipients by the number of dependent children? What is the breakdown of SPS recipients with children by ethnicity, gender and age?*
 2. *What is the breakdown of Jobseeker Payment recipients by the number of dependent children? What is the breakdown of Jobseeker recipients with children by ethnicity, gender and age?*
 3. *How many Supported Living Payment recipients have dependent children? What is the breakdown of SLP recipients by the number of dependent children? What is the breakdown of SLP recipients with children by ethnicity, gender and age?*

Please see the attached **Appendix** that details the number of working age clients receiving SPS, JS, and SLP with dependent children broken down by number of children, ethnicity, gender and age, as at the end of August 2025.

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, 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.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Graham".

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