



31 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2025, requesting information about the number of 18 to 19 year olds in Hurunui who are on the benefit.

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

Please see the **appendix** attached which provides a breakdown of the number to 18 to 19 year-olds in the Hurunui District who are receiving a benefit as at the end of September 2025 by benefit type.

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.

Ngā mihi nui

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Anna Graham
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Ministerial and Executive Services

Appendix: The number of 18-19 year olds receiving a main benefit in Hurunui District as at the end of September 2025 by benefit group.

	Benefit Type	September 2025
Hurunui District	Jobseeker Support - Health Condition or Disability	3
	Jobseeker Support - Work ready	9
	Supported Living Payment	3
	Total	15

Notes:

- Main benefits exclude New Zealand Superannuation, Veteran's Pension, Non-Beneficiary assistance, Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
- Supported Living Payment includes Health Condition & Disability and Supported Living Payment Carers.
- Territorial Local Authority is based on the clients address as at each reported period.
- Ungeocoded address records that are unable to be matched to a Territorial Local Authority through suburb and city details have an unknown Territorial Local Authority.

Confidentiality notes:

- 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.
- Random Rounding does not round to zero. A value of one or two will be rounded to 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.