



30 September 2025

Tēnā koe

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 2 September 2025, requesting information about young parents supported by Youth Service.

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

- *would like to request information about young parents supported by Youth Service.*

*We would like this information provided in a .csv file so it can be shared with*

*As at 1 September, please provide the number of Young Parent Payment (YPP) clients, and other benefit types where applicable, for young parents aged 16 to 20 years.*

*For each Youth Service provider, please show the number of young parents where the youngest child is:*

- *aged 1 year or older*
- *aged between 6 and 12 months*
- *aged under 6 months*

*We would like this information at the following levels:*

- *National totals*
- *Youth Service provider totals*
- *Territorial Authority level*

*For each Youth Service provider and Territorial Authority area, we would also like to know the number of YPP clients (or other benefit types where applicable) who are:*

- *in education, training or work-based learning*
- *not in education*
- *exempt from education obligations*

*This information will support with planning and identifying the number of potential students in their area who could be enrolled in their programmes.*

Please see the attached **Appendix** containing eight tables to provide data on young clients aged 16-20 supported by Youth Services by youth service provider, age of youngest child, Activity Reporting tool (ART) region, Territorial local authority, and in education/not in education as at the end of August 2025:

- **Table One:** the number of main benefit clients aged 16-20 with Youth obligation by client's age and number of children.
- **Tables Two to Four:** Number of Youth Payment or Youth Parent Payment clients enrolled to a service provider by youth service provider, ART region, territorial authority and benefit type.
- **Tables Five to Six:** Number of Youth Payment or Youth Parent Payment clients by youth service provider, benefit type, territorial local authority and exemption reason.
- **Tables Seven to Eight:** Number of Youth Payment or Youth Parent Payment clients who are in education or not in education by youth service provider, territorial local authority and benefit type.

The Ministry cannot provide this information in a .csv file as it deviates from our standard reporting methods.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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