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Tēnā koe

On 14 July 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information for those in Tolaga Bay community, East Coast receiving a benefit in comparison to other areas within the Gisborne region.

The Ministry offers a range of support to qualifying clients, in the form of main benefits (e.g. Jobseeker Support, Sole Parent Support), New Zealand Superannuation, and supplementary assistance (e.g. Accommodation Supplement, Disability Allowance). Further information about what assistance the Ministry provides can be found at the following link: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/).

Further information about the number of clients receiving benefits and the breakdown of main benefits can be found at the following link:

[www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/monthly-reporting/2021/jun/monthly-benefits-update-june-2021.pdf](http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/monthly-reporting/2021/jun/monthly-benefits-update-june-2021.pdf).

Please see enclosed **Appendix A** which contains **Table One** showing the number of current beneficiaries in the Gisborne District Territorial Local Authority (TLA) as at the end of financial years 2012 to 2021, broken down by city.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

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 this response in regard to the number of Tolaga Bay community that are receiving a benefit, 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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**Appendix A. Table One: The number of current beneficiaries in the Gisborne District (TLA) as at the end of financial years 2012 to 2021, broken down by city.**

Gisborne District	Financial Year Ending									
	June 2012	June 2013	June 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021
Anaura Bay	S	S	S	S	6	S	9	9	15	12
Awanui	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Awapuni	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bartletts	0	S	0	S	0	0	S	S	S	S
East Cape	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0	0	0
Gisborne	9,594	9,858	9,573	9,948	10,191	10,524	10,650	11,037	11,910	11,862
Hangaroa	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	6
Hexton	69	63	54	54	48	42	39	33	33	27
Hicks Bay	105	114	102	96	99	108	102	117	123	129
Kaiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S
Lytton West	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Makaraka	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Makauri	S	9	9	12	15	18	18	18	18	24
Makorori	S	6	S	9	9	S	S	S	S	S
Manutuke	135	132	135	138	129	138	135	144	162	165
Matawai	33	33	36	42	39	42	39	45	57	54
Matawhero	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	6	15	S
Matokitoki	0	S	S	9	9	12	12	12	12	12
Motu	6	6	6	9	9	9	9	9	12	9
Muriwai	21	15	15	15	12	21	15	18	24	21
Ngatapa	24	27	21	12	15	15	15	9	12	12
Opotiki	0	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Ormond	39	24	36	42	36	33	30	27	30	30
Otoko	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	0	0
Outer Kaiti	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	6	S
Patutahi	87	69	66	60	57	48	39	39	42	42
Pehiri	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	6	S	S
Potaka	18	12	12	6	6	6	S	S	S	S
Pouawa	12	9	6	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Raukumara	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S	S	S
Rere	9	6	6	6	6	9	S	S	S	S
Riverdale	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruatoria	459	468	405	405	405	417	438	462	510	495
Tahunga	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Tauwhareparae	S	S	S	6	6	6	9	9	9	12
Te Araroa	159	156	165	177	177	177	201	195	204	225
Te Karaka	240	270	240	279	297	324	306	318	366	342
Te Puia Springs	69	63	63	60	57	60	66	72	78	72
Te Puna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	S
Tikitiki	189	189	165	159	156	168	171	171	189	183
Tiniroto	21	24	24	21	30	24	30	24	24	30
Tokomaru Bay	180	192	183	177	186	192	201	219	240	246
Tolaga Bay	312	297	306	312	303	309	318	351	372	378
Waerengaahika	S	0	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	0
Waerengaokuri	S	6	12	9	6	9	6	6	9	6
Waihirere	S	S	S	0	0	S	S	S	S	S
Waikura	S	0	S	S	S	S	S	0	0	0
Waikura Valley	0	0	0	0	0	S	0	S	S	S
Waima	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	0	0	0
Waimata	S	9	12	15	15	12	24	15	21	21
Waingake	S	9	S	S	S	S	S	S	9	S
Wainui	9	12	12	12	15	9	9	6	6	6
Waipaoa	0	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Waipiro	S	S	15	21	15	12	15	21	27	30
Waipiro Bay	9	12	9	9	6	S	S	S	S	S
Waituhi	S	S	S	S	6	6	S	S	6	9
Whangara	15	18	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	12
Wharekopae	0	0	0	S	0	S	0	S	S	S
Wharerata	S	S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whatatutu	33	30	30	24	24	24	21	18	30	33
Whataupoko	0	0	0	0	0	0	S	S	S	S
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,877</b>	<b>12,165</b>	<b>11,757</b>	<b>12,210</b>	<b>12,447</b>	<b>12,846</b>	<b>12,987</b>	<b>13,488</b>	<b>14,634</b>	<b>14,571</b>

**Notes for Table One:**

- This table contains data for all Ministry benefit types and all ages.
- Territorial Local Authority (TLA) is based on the clients address as at the end of each period.
- To protect confidentiality the Ministry 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 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.
- In certain circumstances low numbers may potentially lead to individuals being identified. Due to these privacy concerns, numbers for some categories of clients have been suppressed or aggregated.
- Secondary suppression rules have also been applied when required. Suppressed numbers have been replaced by an 'S'.