



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**
TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your email of 25 May 2024, requesting information about the number of men who have applied for financial assistance in their capacity as primary/sole caregiver for their grandchildren.

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 below **Appendix**, containing **Table One**: The number of clients who are male and with grandchildren in their care as at the end of March 2024, by marital status.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details removed, 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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Appendix

Table One: The number of clients who are male and with grandchildren in their care as at the end of March 2024.

By marital status

Marital Status	Number of Adults	Number of Children
Is single	402	549
Not single	204	270
Unknown	177	273
Total	783	1,092

Notes:

- OB and UCB are Orphan's Benefit and Unsupported Child's Benefit.
- We have reported cases of a child included in a Benefit, non-beneficiary, Pension, or OB UCB payment where the relationship record is as a grandparent and the adult client is male.
- We establish a client is single or in a couple where the client is a primary in a main benefit or receiving New Zealand Superannuation.
- The marital status is unknown when the client is not a primary in a main benefit, or not receiving New Zealand Superannuation.
- 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 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.