



13 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Stats NZ – Tatauranga Aotearoa transferred part of your official information request to the Ministry of Social Development on 15 July 2025.

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

- *I would like to see how many healthy New Zealanders are on the dole.*

The information you are requesting is publicly available and can be found on the Ministry of Social Developments website: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/benefit/index.html>

Under the heading '**Excel tables**' the excel spreadsheet labelled '*National level data tables – June 2025*' has the latest quarterly data on the number of Jobseeker Support – work ready clients.

- *I would like to see how many solo mums are on the benefit and how many solo mums are working.*

The attached **Appendix** provides you with the number of working age clients, broken down by gender, receiving Sole Parent Support who have declared income from work as at the end of June 2025, broken down by gender.

- *I would like to know which Councils in NZ are actively endeavouring to find work for their constituents."*

I understand you confirmed with Stats NZ – Tatauranga Aotearoa, that this part of your request refers to 'Taskforce Green' and how many councils still operate this scheme.

The Enhanced Taskforce Green (ETFG) can be used following any emergency event, when the government has approved an ETFG work programme to help clean-up and recovery.

ETFG is intended to provide funding to councils or other authorised agencies to employ job seekers to assist with clean-up activities, ensure they are adequately trained and supported to complete the tasks and have the necessary tools, equipment, and clothing to do the tasks that are required.

All local councils who have Civil Defence responsibilities are involved as key stakeholders. Further information regarding ETFG can be found on the Work and Income website:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/emergencies/enhanced-taskforce-green.html>

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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