

25 August 2026

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 30 July 2026. You requested the following:

The most recent figure for the people receiving child support whose children are 16 years or over and the figure for people who are listed as having to pay child support whose children are 16 years or over.

Could I get a break down of the figures for both in categories 16, 17 and 18 – just a total for each

Information being released

The following table shows the total number of parents assessed to pay and carers entitled to receive child support for children aged 16, 17 and 18 in an active child support relationship as at 11 August 2026.

Children age	Total children	Total liable parents	Total receiving carers
16 years old	11,548	12,946	11,548
17 years old	10,156	11,348	10,156
18 years old	1,343	1,456	1,343

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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