



23 June 2025

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request, received on 26 May 2025. I am considering your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You requested:

I'm working with the Retirement Commission on a report on improving retirement incomes for women. I've been provided some data from IR (via Retirement Commission) on the median and average of government contributions by gender (see attached). I don't think this is quite the right information to help me with what I'm looking for. The median and average are quite different which indicates the data isn't normally distributed. Averages and medians often mask what's really happening.

The notes indicate that KiwiSaver members that get just below the current government contribution (\$520 and under) are tagged as Partial in the IR data. I think the metric that would be one to look for would be how many people get "Partial" and knowing the gender split of that group.

I was wondering whether you could help me get access to this data? I suspect this would have already be done as part of the analysis underlying the Budget announcements. The report I'm drafting is aiming to be published by the end of June. Do you think it would be possible to get the data in the next couple of weeks? Or could you let me know who I should be contacting instead?

Information being released

The information you have requested is in the table below, broken down by gender and age group for the 2021 to 2024 tax years (1 April to 31 March). KiwiSaver members who received the maximum (\$521.43) Government Voluntary Contribution (GVC) have a status of "Full", those who received some GVC but not the full amount have a status of "Partial" and those who received no GVC have the status of "Nil"

Please note we do not specifically collect gender information. For statistical purposes, we use titles as a proxy. Gender has been allocated in the following manner:

- 'Male' titles include Mr, Master, Lord, REVFR (Reverend Father), Sir.
- 'Female' titles include Miss, Mrs, Ms, Lady, RMTHR (Reverend Mother), Sister, Dame.
- 'Other/Unknown' includes all remaining titles and where title information is not held.

Tax Year	Gender	Full	Partial	Nil
2021	Female	721,346	327,635	523,335
2021	Male	760,058	227,765	529,827
2021	Other/Unknown	5,748	1,984	2,992
2022	Female	767,463	316,019	529,154
2022	Male	804,675	214,266	539,026
2022	Other/Unknown	6,630	2,518	3,862
2023	Female	803,749	323,243	524,933
2023	Male	835,303	232,806	537,671
2023	Other/Unknown	7,710	4,473	4,918
2024	Female	838,679	297,012	546,254
2024	Male	862,306	214,918	563,535
2024	Other/Unknown	10,300	7,696	7,348

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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