



27 November 2025

[Redacted address block]

Dear [Redacted name]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 30 October 2025. You requested the following:

I'm looking for the number of WFF families who receive a main benefit or student allowance, separated by category. The total number of WFF families in year 2024 is helpful but the number of those families who also receive a main benefit or allowance would be extra helpful.

Information being released

Of the 328,400 families in receipt of Working for Families credits in the 2023-24 tax year ([Working for Families statistics](#)), there were 145,760 families where one or both parents also received a main benefit and/or a student allowance at the same time the family was eligible for Working for Families. This figure is slightly higher than the previously reported number of families, 145,750 which was provided by Open Data to you. The increase reflects updated information received, including late-filed returns. This is comprised of:

- 141,480 families that received a main benefit
- 1,430 families that received a student allowance
- 2,850 families that received a main benefit and student allowance.

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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