



15 September 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 2 September 2022. You requested the following:

*How many NZ individuals earn more than \$200,000 a year, whether they are male or female, and which age group they belong to.*

### Coverage

The information provided in Table 1 below is based on personal taxpayer information for the 2019-20 tax year. People who filed a non-resident tax return are excluded.

Included in the figures are people with personal taxable income exceeding \$200,000 who received at least one of the following:

- an income tax assessment from Inland Revenue
- PAYE earnings
- interest income where this information was provided by a third party (e.g., a bank or other payer of interest)

### Gender

Gender information is not specifically collected by Inland Revenue. For the purposes of this request, I have used titles to infer gender as follows:

- Male – Mr, Master, Lord, Reverend Father and Sir.
- Female – Miss, Mrs, Ms, Lady, Reverend Mother, Sister and Dame.
- Other/unknown – Captain, Colonel, Doctor, Hon, Judge, Major, Mx, Professor and Reverend.

### Limitations of using personal taxable incomes as a measure

Please note, analysis of personal taxable incomes only provides a partial picture for your stated purpose. Significant income is earned in entities such as closely held companies, and some of that income is subsequently distributed from the company via trusts with the trust owning shares in the company. Income earned in these entities does not directly affect personal taxable incomes.

**Table 1: Number of people with taxable incomes exceeding \$200,000 in the 2019-20 tax year**

Age	Female	Male	Other/unknown	Total
Up to 25	31	121	-	152
26-35	748	2,921	66	3,735
36-45	3,879	11,520	482	15,881
46-55	5,870	17,686	824	24,380
56-65	3,607	12,343	1,041	16,991
66-75	1,157	3,920	371	5,448
76-85	335	725	43	1,101
Over 85	136	140	-	276
Unknown	189	492	13	694
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,952</b>	<b>49,866</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>68,658</b>

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Thank you for your request. I trust that the information provided is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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