

## OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes – New Zealand

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## INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [<http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR>].

Based on information collected in four rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:

- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
  - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
  - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit “top-ups” of unemployment benefits or pensions.

**Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat**, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. ‘OLD AGE’) and sub-branch (e.g. ‘Pensions’) under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: [Country policy descriptions](#).

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: [Social Expenditure \(SOCX\)](#), [Tax-Benefit model \(TaxBEN\)](#), [Family database](#), [Pensions at a Glance](#).

## OLD AGE

### Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>New Zealand Superannuation</b>
Programme Name [Original]	New Zealand Superannuation
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time <sup>1</sup>
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseloads.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a> and <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Veteran's Pension</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Veteran's Pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseloads.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a> and <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

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<sup>1</sup> In New Zealand, point-in-time figures correspond to the number of recipients at the end of the fiscal year (30 June). For example, recipients for 2013 are recipients on 30 June 2014.

## SURVIVORS

### Survivor Pensions

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Widow's Benefit</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Widow's Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced by Jobseeker Support from July 2013.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

## INCAPACITY

### Disability Pensions

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Invalid's Benefit</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Invalid's Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced by Supported Living Payment - Health Condition and Disability and Supported Living Payment – Overseas from July 2013. Partial recipiency is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseloads.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Supported Living Payment - Health Condition or Disability</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Supported Living Payment - Health Condition or Disability
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced Invalid's Benefit from July 2013. Partial receipt is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Supported Living Payment - Carers</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Supported Living Payment - Carers
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced Domestic Purposes Benefit – Care of Sick or Infirm from July 2013.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Domestic Purposes Benefit - Care of Sick or Infirm</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Domestic Purposes Benefit - Care of Sick or Infirm
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced by Supported Living Payment – Carer from July 2013.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

### **Pensions (Occupational injury and Disease)**

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Weekly Compensation - Loss of Earnings</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Weekly Compensation - Loss of Earnings
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	Adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	

### **Paid Sick Leave**

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Jobseeker Support - Health Conditions or Disability</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Jobseeker Support - Health Conditions or Disability
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Introduced from July 2013, replacing Sickness Benefit/Sickness Benefit - Hardship. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures repeat gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

## FAMILY

### Maternity and Parental Leave

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Paid Parental Leave</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Paid Parental Leave
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Social Development</a>

### Other (Lone Parent Benefits, etc.)

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Domestic Purposes Benefit - Sole Parent</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Domestic Purposes Benefit - Sole Parent
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced from July 2013 by Sole Parent Support and Jobseeker Support. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Sole Parent Support</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Sole Parent Support
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced Domestic Purposes Benefits and Domestic Purposes Benefit-Woman Alone from July 2013. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseloads.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Emergency Maintenance Allowance</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Emergency Maintenance Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Domestic Purposes Benefit-Woman Alone</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Domestic Purposes Benefit-Woman Alone
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced from July 2013 by Sole Parent Support and Jobseeker Support. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>



## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment Compensations

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Unemployment Benefits, Unemployment Benefits - Hardship</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Benefits, Unemployment Benefits - Hardship
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced by Jobseeker Support - Work Ready from July 2013. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Jobseeker Support - Work Ready</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Jobseeker Support - Work Ready
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced Unemployment Benefit/Unemployment Benefit - Hardship, Domestic Purposes Benefit - Sole Parent and Domestic Purposes Benefit-Woman Alone from July 2013. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Independent Youth Benefits</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Independent Youth Benefits
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced by Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment from August 2012.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Replaced Independent Youth Benefits from August 2012.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

## OTHER SOCIAL

### Income Maintenance

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Emergency Benefit</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Emergency Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a> and <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

Programme Name [English]	<b>Temporary Additional Support/Special Benefit</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Temporary Additional Support/Special Benefit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a> and <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

## HOUSING

### Housing Benefits

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>Accommodation Benefit (for students only)</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Accommodation Benefit (for students only)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	
Other remarks	No data available
Source	

Programme Name [English]	<b>Accommodation Supplement</b>
Programme Name [Original]	Accommodation Supplement
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload replicates gross caseload.
Source	Ministry of Social Development, <a href="#">statistical report</a> and <a href="#">benefit fact sheets</a>

## IN-WORK

### In-Work Benefits

1 priority programme reported

Programme Name [English]	<b>In-Work Tax Credit</b>
Programme Name [Original]	In-Work Tax Credit
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Total number of recipients over the year
Other remarks	Payments may be made retrospectively. Partial reciprocity is not relevant to New Zealand, adjusted caseload figures replicate gross caseload.
Source	<a href="#">Ministry of Social Development</a>