



26 February 2025

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 27 January 2025. You requested the following:

*Average weekly amount spent on ECE (based on invoice amounts entered in on Family Boost applications) nationally and then broken down by region*

On 7 February 2025, you clarified your request to be for the average amount spent for a quarter, rather than weekly. You also confirmed that information is to be based on the "approved total invoice amount" and "claims approved".

### Information being released

The table below details quarterly data for FamilyBoost payments by region. The information provided includes FamilyBoost claims up to and including 14 February 2025. Where applicable, values have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Table: Quarterly FamilyBoost payments by region

Quarterly Period End	Regional Group	Approved Invoice Claim Amount (\$)	Application Count	Average Approved Invoice Claim Amount (\$)
30/09/2024	Wellington	7,066,551	3,369	2,098
	Auckland	26,792,863	12,959	2,068
	Otago	4,074,577	2,009	2,028
	Hawkes Bay	2,412,722	1,443	1,672
	Bay of Plenty	5,528,152	3,328	1,661
	Marlborough	680,545	412	1,652
	Waikato	8,146,759	4,961	1,642
	Southland	1,428,982	872	1,639
	Canterbury	11,332,276	7,036	1,611

Quarterly Period End	Regional Group	Approved Invoice Claim Amount (\$)	Application Count	Average Approved Invoice Claim Amount (\$)
	Nelson	597,275	376	1,588
	Manawatū-Whanganui	3,950,198	2,546	1,552
	Taranaki	1,581,151	1,022	1,547
	Northland	1,924,963	1,320	1,458
	Gisborne	527,899	387	1,364
	Tasman	511,371	384	1,332
	West Coast	203,234	179	1,135
	Region Unknown	2,922,612	1,634	1,789
<b>30/09/2024 Total</b>		<b>79,682,130</b>	<b>44,237</b>	<b>1,801</b>
<b>31/12/2024</b>	Wellington	6,110,921	3,013	2,028
	Auckland	22,074,165	11,064	1,995
	Otago	3,488,217	1,821	1,916
	Hawkes Bay	1,980,425	1,233	1,606
	Bay of Plenty	4,604,414	2,897	1,589
	Marlborough	614,605	370	1,661
	Waikato	6,787,751	4,397	1,544
	Southland	1,160,395	777	1,493
	Canterbury	9,699,993	6,320	1,535
	Nelson	478,088	332	1,440
	Manawatū-Whanganui	3,340,443	2,220	1,505
	Taranaki	1,389,062	913	1,521
	Northland	1,726,057	1,206	1,431
	Gisborne	444,194	355	1,251
	Tasman	467,871	351	1,333
	West Coast	138,267	140	988
	Region Unknown	2,722,036	1,506	1,807
<b>31/12/2024 Total</b>		<b>67,226,904</b>	<b>38,915</b>	<b>1,728</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>146,909,032</b>	<b>83,152</b>	<b>1,767</b>

### **Publishing of OIA response**

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website ([ird.govt.nz](http://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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