



27 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 12 June 2024. You requested the following:

*...the average income for each percentile income ground by 1% increments (so average income at 99 percentile, 98 percentile etc)*

### **Information being released**

I am releasing the information requested detailed in the enclosed table. The table provided includes a percentile breakdown of the taxable income distribution of individuals information for the 2021-22 income tax year which is publicly available on Inland Revenue's website at [Taxable income distribution of individuals \(ird.govt.nz\)](https://www.ird.govt.nz/taxable-income-distribution-of-individuals). Please refer to the taxable income technical specifications page on the above link for technical details on how the information has been compiled.

Please note that the information detailed in the enclosed table was extracted from Inland Revenue's systems on 22 May 2024 and may differ slightly from the publicly available information which was extracted from Inland Revenue's systems on 22 February 2024.

Individuals in percentiles 1 to 7 have been aggregated together into a single decile as these individuals all have an average taxable income of \$0. Clusters also occur at common taxable income amounts such as a full year on a taxable welfare benefit or New Zealand Superannuation. This can cause the volumes in one percentile to cross over into the adjacent percentile.

### **Publishing of OIA response**

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
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## Average income

Income percentile	Number of individuals	Average taxable income
1 - 7	316450	\$0
8	45450	\$1
9	45300	\$2
10	45190	\$4
11	45270	\$9
12	45240	\$27
13	45240	\$141
14	44050	\$603
15	46430	\$1,444
16	45240	\$2,768
17	45240	\$4,364
18	45240	\$6,089
19	45240	\$7,871
20	45240	\$9,585
21	45240	\$11,247
22	45240	\$12,786
23	45240	\$13,918
24	45240	\$15,247
25	45240	\$16,034
26	45240	\$16,466
27	45240	\$17,591
28	45240	\$18,839
29	45240	\$19,621
30	61180	\$19,934
31	29300	\$19,993
32	45240	\$20,030
33	45240	\$20,165
34	45240	\$20,573
35	45240	\$21,232
36	45240	\$22,125
37	45240	\$23,175
38	45010	\$24,060
39	45470	\$24,253
40	45240	\$24,629
41	45240	\$25,454
42	49110	\$26,279
43	41380	\$26,362

Income percentile	Number of individuals	Average taxable income
44	45240	\$26,660
45	45240	\$27,347
46	45240	\$28,303
47	45240	\$29,511
48	45250	\$30,823
49	45240	\$32,211
50	45240	\$33,595
51	45240	\$35,043
52	45240	\$36,519
53	45240	\$38,005
54	45250	\$39,498
55	45240	\$40,957
56	45240	\$42,372
57	45240	\$43,749
58	45240	\$45,071
59	45260	\$46,369
60	45220	\$47,584
61	45240	\$48,624
62	45240	\$49,833
63	45240	\$51,042
64	45240	\$52,264
65	45240	\$53,497
66	45240	\$54,736
67	45240	\$55,969
68	45240	\$57,246
69	45240	\$58,555
70	45240	\$59,889
71	45240	\$61,239
72	45240	\$62,648
73	45240	\$64,113
74	45240	\$65,601
75	45240	\$67,142
76	45240	\$68,693
77	45240	\$69,956
78	45240	\$71,262
79	45240	\$72,979
80	45240	\$74,820
81	45240	\$76,766
82	45240	\$78,839

Income percentile	Number of individuals	Average taxable income
83	45240	\$80,984
84	45240	\$83,348
85	45240	\$85,823
86	45240	\$88,515
87	45240	\$91,276
88	45240	\$94,336
89	45240	\$97,744
90	45240	\$101,469
91	45240	\$105,833
92	45240	\$110,936
93	45240	\$117,022
94	45240	\$124,111
95	45240	\$133,037
96	45240	\$144,533
97	45240	\$159,664
98	45240	\$179,703
99	45240	\$217,801
100	45240	\$456,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,524,050</b>	<b>\$49,647</b>