



26 May 2022

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 30 April 2022. You requested the following:

Could you please provide me with statistics for the following for the years 2009 to 2021:

- 1. Number of People paying and receiving child support payments via IRD, split by gender and age in 5 year age brackets.*
- 2. Number of people that stopped paying or receiving child support due to death, split by gender and age in 5 year age brackets and whether they were payer or receiver.*
- 3. Number of people that stopped paying or receiving child support due to death caused by suicide, and age in 5 year age brackets, split by gender and whether they were payer or receiver.*

Inland Revenue's Memoranda of Understanding with Te Tari Taiwhenua – Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)

Inland Revenue has a Memoranda of Understanding with Te Tari Taiwhenua – Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), where information shared under this agreement is used for the purpose of identifying deceased customers and verifying their details. The information matching assessment must pass a number of validations to ensure that Inland Revenue has the correct person. This information is then used to update Inland Revenue's system for both tax and social policy reasons, including date of death. Please note this information does not include cause of death.

Information being released

For the data relating to gender, unless the individual has contacted Inland Revenue to update the gender that they identify as, the information provided will be based on the identification documents used to apply for an IRD number. Often this is the gender assigned at birth as per their birth certificate.

In some cases, the title held is not sufficient to determine the gender of the individual. These individuals have been included in the supplied data in the column 'unknown'.

Question 1

Number of People paying and receiving child support payments via IRD, split by gender and age in 5 year age brackets.

Refer to the attached tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Question 2

Number of people that stopped paying or receiving child support due to death, split by gender and age in 5 year age brackets and whether they were payer or receiver.

Refer to the attached tables 5, 6, 7 and 8.

I note there are discrepancies in the numbers provided in tables 5 through 8 in the years 2013 to 2015. There was a break in the information sharing during this period, meaning the data for these years are not comparable to the other years.

Information being withheld or refused

Question 3

Number of people that stopped paying or receiving child support due to death caused by suicide, and age in 5 year age brackets, split by gender and whether they were payer or receiver.

Inland Revenue holds data in relation to the number of people who have stopped paying or receiving child support due to death by suicide for part of the requested timeframe (2009 – 2011). This information was created using data supplied by the Suicide Mortality Review Committee.

I have decided to withhold this information under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the OIA, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Inland Revenue does not hold this data for the remainder of the timeframe requested (2012-2021), therefore I have refused this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

Right of Review

If you disagree with my decisions on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decisions. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing of OIA response

Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

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

Yours sincerely



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Table 1: *The number of people paying child support payments via IRD by Gender*

Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
2009	30,292	128,336	149	158,777
2010	31,610	128,678	150	160,438
2011	32,667	128,789	140	161,596
2012	33,205	128,038	141	161,384
2013	33,129	126,245	143	159,517
2014	32,565	123,489	137	156,191
2015	31,645	119,834	123	151,602
2016	30,350	117,534	129	148,013
2017	30,208	114,891	113	145,212
2018	29,341	110,926	103	140,370
2019	29,316	108,906	101	138,323
2020	29,276	107,251	104	136,631
2021	27,821	102,186	117	130,124
Total	401,425	1,545,103	1,650	1,948,178

Table 2: *The number of people receiving child support payments via IRD by Gender*

Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
2009	136,913	23,693	76	160,682
2010	137,383	24,749	80	162,212
2011	137,807	25,644	75	163,526
2012	137,499	25,904	76	163,479
2013	135,535	25,723	80	161,338
2014	132,848	25,075	76	157,999
2015	129,181	24,050	68	153,299
2016	126,121	22,225	49	148,395
2017	123,455	22,211	42	145,708
2018	119,117	21,524	43	140,684
2019	117,135	21,309	40	138,484
2020	115,542	21,105	58	136,705
2021	109,974	19,965	80	130,016
Total	1,658,507	303,177	843	1,962,527

Table 3: The Number of people who are paying child support via IRD by age group

Financial Year (1 April – 31 March)	Unknown	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	70-75	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	Total
2009	97	2	1,725	11,157	19,013	24,883	32,125	30,239	22,658	10,931	3,946	1,385	403	145	46	18	4	0	158,777
2010	87	3	1,772	12,046	19,294	24,678	31,724	30,230	22,667	11,605	4,235	1,471	398	157	50	15	6	0	160,438
2011	75	3	1,683	12,823	19,568	24,610	30,913	30,266	22,850	12,083	4,513	1,541	435	157	50	18	8	0	161,596
2012	65	3	1,459	13,115	19,876	24,449	29,757	30,408	22,683	12,543	4,766	1,566	463	152	55	17	7	0	161,384
2013	58	1	1,238	12,725	20,306	24,150	28,283	29,828	22,658	12,945	4,912	1,664	516	146	58	23	5	1	159,517
2014	53	2	1,186	12,083	20,746	23,897	26,880	28,677	22,106	13,088	5,002	1,673	579	151	44	18	4	2	156,191
2015	41	1	977	11,191	20,743	23,523	25,720	27,236	21,639	12,831	5,235	1,660	586	146	44	20	7	2	151,602
2016	29	1	756	10,225	20,964	23,258	25,304	25,798	21,076	12,705	5,331	1,723	600	167	51	15	7	3	148,013
2017	26	3	682	9,309	21,237	23,564	25,028	24,191	20,867	12,369	5,360	1,743	584	176	45	20	6	2	145,212
2018	23	1	615	8,554	20,843	24,201	24,765	22,560	19,685	11,618	5,088	1,636	533	182	49	14	3	0	140,370
2019	19	1	543	7,803	20,082	24,975	24,953	21,751	19,100	11,389	5,217	1,695	523	204	53	12	3	0	138,323
2020	21	0	448	7,025	19,167	25,483	25,129	21,447	18,712	11,400	5,259	1,752	512	196	57	17	6	0	136,631
2021	17	0	333	5,637	17,023	25,087	24,500	20,918	17,556	11,325	5,147	1,773	526	198	65	13	4	2	130,127
Total	611	21	13,417	133,693	258,862	316,758	355,081	343,549	274,257	156,832	64,011	21,282	6658	2177	667	220	70	12	1,948,178

Table 4: The number of people who are receiving child support via IRD by age group

Financial Year (1 April – 31 March)	Unknown	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	70-75	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	Total
2009	85	4	2,742	13,795	20,083	25,127	32,412	29,208	20,970	9,342	3,664	1,820	909	338	124	48	8	3	160,682
2010	80	3	2,778	14,646	20,156	24,979	31,674	29,291	21,364	9,932	3,876	1,946	929	377	135	37	7	2	162,212
2011	75	4	2,527	15,522	20,611	24,839	30,624	29,508	21,542	10,587	4,130	2,031	932	409	144	34	7	0	163,526
2012	65	2	2,169	15,871	20,773	24,703	29,281	29,730	21,515	11,184	4,464	2,128	958	437	159	32	8	0	163,479
2013	55	0	1,863	15,408	21,015	24,306	27,834	29,146	21,443	11,732	4,697	2,151	1,030	459	150	38	10	1	161,338
2014	46	0	1,680	14,718	21,334	23,812	26,423	28,058	21,112	11,982	4,917	2,157	1,096	442	170	43	8	1	157,999
2015	36	0	1,334	13,614	21,501	23,097	25,388	26,630	20,603	12,109	4,987	2,212	1,120	450	171	41	5	1	153,299
2016	26	0	946	12,311	21,613	22,794	24,506	24,904	20,072	11,894	5,164	2,278	1,169	467	196	43	8	1	148,395
2017	22	1	735	11,353	21,769	22,921	24,377	23,322	19,871	11,753	5,270	2,362	1,197	499	204	42	7	3	145,708
2018	19	1	704	10,423	21,540	23,346	23,846	21,557	18,875	11,010	5,139	2,310	1,168	498	199	42	4	3	140,684
2019	17	1	572	9,378	20,882	23,984	23,754	20,684	18,528	10,897	5,343	2,426	1,188	563	209	52	3	3	138,484
2020	17	0	451	8,407	19,837	24,634	23,829	20,366	18,006	10,981	5,506	2,527	1,283	590	206	58	5	2	136,705
2021	13	0	379	6,787	17,589	24,469	23,271	19,804	16,852	10,922	5,283	2,452	1,300	629	193	65	7	1	130,016
Total	556	16	18,880	162,233	268,703	313,011	347,219	332,211	260,753	144,325	62,440	28,800	14,279	6158	2260	575	87	21	1,962,527

Table 5: *Number of people who stopped paying child support due to death by gender*

Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
2009	34	243	0	277
2010	45	273	0	318
2011	49	263	2	314
2012	39	223	0	262
2013	8	43	0	51
2014	3	7	0	10
2015	0	11	0	11
2016	44	243	0	287
2017	56	268	0	324
2018	64	291	1	356
2019	73	318	0	391
2020	66	336	1	403
2021	46	272	4	322
Total	527	2,791	8	3,326

Table 6: *Number of people who stopped receiving child support due to death by gender*

Financial Year (1 April to 31 March)	Female	Male	Total
2009	125	50	175
2010	127	47	174
2011	109	48	157
2012	101	50	151
2013	35	21	56
2014	28	7	35
2015	25	6	31
2016	114	46	160
2017	105	60	165
2018	118	66	184
2019	114	54	168
2020	122	56	178
2021	102	45	147
Total	1,225	556	1,781

Table 7: Number of people who stopped paying child support due to death by age

Financial Year (1 April – 31 March)	Unknown	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	70-75	76-80	81-85	86-90	Total
2009	0	1	13	21	27	38	53	46	37	16	11	10	3	1	0	0	277
2010	2	5	13	22	36	47	58	54	38	20	16	4	3	0	0	0	318
2011	0	2	16	25	34	41	55	53	40	19	15	8	6	0	0	0	314
2012	0	1	12	21	14	35	60	50	30	17	8	8	4	1	0	1	262
2013	0	1	0	3	2	9	8	14	10	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	51
2014	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
2015	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
2016	0	0	12	22	24	37	45	48	47	24	15	9	0	2	2	0	287
2017	0	1	18	29	41	35	47	63	47	24	12	4	2	1	0	0	324
2018	0	0	16	26	48	42	49	62	59	28	15	7	3	1	0	0	356
2019	0	0	14	40	56	53	66	62	46	28	17	5	2	2	0	0	391
2020	0	3	21	29	59	54	53	78	48	26	17	7	4	3	1	0	403
2021	0	0	7	25	38	39	48	60	47	33	12	4	6	1	1	1	322
Total	2	14	145	263	380	435	545	594	450	238	140	68	33	13	4	2	3,326

Table 8: Number of people who stopped receiving child support due to death by age

Financial Year (1 April – 31 March)	Unknown	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70	70-75	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	Total
2009	1	1	3	8	9	20	19	27	25	23	23	8	4	4	0	0	0	175
2010	1	0	6	10	11	22	26	23	27	14	11	13	8	1	1	0	0	174
2011	0	0	4	6	12	15	25	36	31	12	7	3	3	3	0	0	0	157
2012	0	0	3	6	9	16	17	31	25	14	17	6	3	2	2	0	0	151
2013	1	0	1	2	4	4	10	7	9	6	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	56
2014	0	0	1	1	2	2	5	5	4	4	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	35
2015	0	0	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	31
2016	0	0	5	6	7	12	28	25	25	19	14	10	2	6	1	0	0	160
2017	0	1	5	7	16	10	18	25	33	20	14	7	6	2	0	0	1	165
2018	0	0	10	10	14	12	23	27	25	33	14	7	6	2	1	0	0	184
2019	0	1	4	11	15	13	19	20	22	27	15	8	10	3	0	0	0	168
2020	0	0	8	5	22	22	22	26	21	13	12	16	6	3	2	0	0	178
2021	0	1	5	8	5	15	15	17	24	18	15	10	8	4	2	0	0	147
Total	3	4	57	82	128	165	231	273	275	207	150	102	62	31	10	0	1	1,781

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