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Fewer people on the Jobseeker Support benefit

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LEAD MINISTER

Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and Employment

LEAD AGENCY

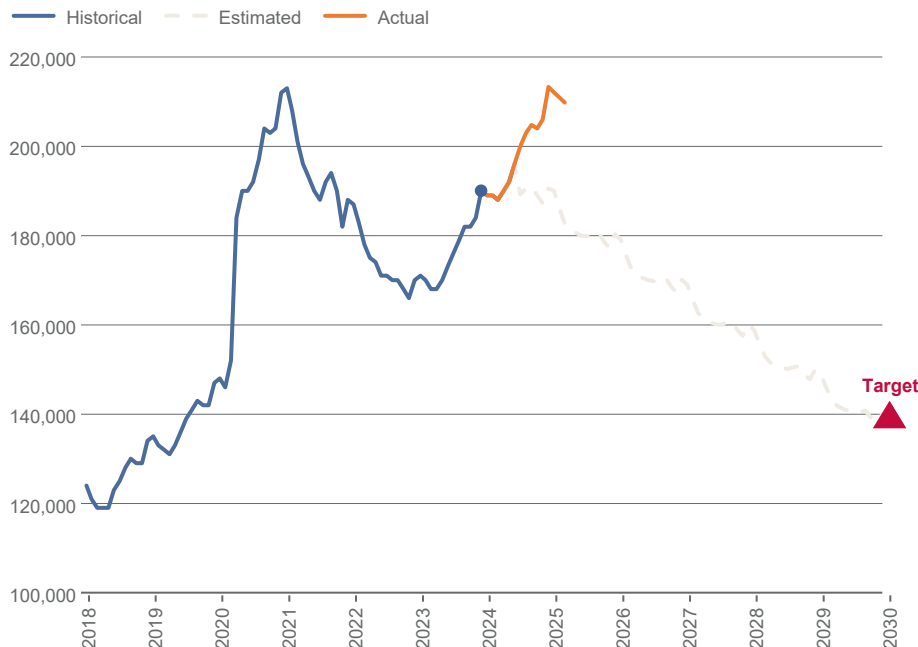
Ministry of Social Development, Secretary for Social Development, Debbie Power

TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2025

Target	Baseline (December 2023)	Current (March 2025)	Status
50k reduction (140k people)	190,000	209,800	 At Risk

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

Total number of people on the Jobseeker Support benefit



TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government is committed to increasing living standards and opportunities for all New Zealanders and pursuing its approach to economic growth through Going for Growth, released in February 2025.

The Government is committed to ensuring the welfare system is supporting people who can work into employment. Paid employment offers the best opportunity for people to achieve social and economic wellbeing.

There was a decrease of 3,500 people receiving Jobseeker Support since the last quarterly report, in line with seasonal expectations. Flows of people onto Jobseeker Support are expected to decrease as economic conditions improve, which will reduce pressure on the welfare system, and as welfare system interventions are embedded in 2025.

The Government is advancing a comprehensive package of reforms. Key actions include:

- **Resetting expectations and obligations of Jobseekers** including the new Traffic Light System to inform people what is required of them to continue receiving a benefit. This has resulted in 13,300 sanctions this quarter, which is 6,100 higher than the same period in 2024.
- **Moving people into work.** The number of people who exited Jobseeker Support into employment has increased by 2,800 compared to the same period in 2024. Community coaches continued to deliver services across the country to support around 2,100 young people.
- **Significantly increased client engagement and activation** with approximately 93,000 more clients attending appointments compared to the same period in 2024.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For the Ministry of Social Development's Income Support Reporting go to www.msd.govt.nz

For information on the Government Targets go to www.dpmc.govt.nz