

Fewer people on the Jobseeker Support benefit

50,000 fewer people on the Jobseeker Support benefit.

LEAD MINISTER

Hon Louise Upston, Minister for Social Development and Employment

LEAD AGENCY

Ministry of Social Development,

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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2024			
Target	Baseline	Current (June 2024)	Status
50k reduction	190,000	196,400	Feasible

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET Total number of people on the Jobseeker Support benefit Historical Estimated — Actual 220.000 200,000 180,000 160.000 Target 140,000 100.000 2029 2030

TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government is advancing a comprehensive package of reforms to shift more people off Jobseeker Support and into employment.

The Government is focused on improving the economic prosperity for all New Zealanders and:

- Resetting expectations and obligations of Jobseekers including a new Traffic Light System to inform people what is required of them to continue receiving a benefit.
- Welfare that Works and community coaches Year 1 of Welfare that Works will be starting with 2,100 places for youth Jobseeker Support clients.
- Resetting case management caseloads to ensure more Jobseekers get case managers, including a new over-the-phone service for those under 25 years of age.
- Delivering an employment investment framework to ensure investment is directed to support more people into employment.

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