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Tēnā koe X Walsh,

OIA: 1318856 – The number of enrolled domestic tertiary students vs the number of student allowance recipients since 2000

Thank you for your email of 10 October 2023 to the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) requesting the following information:

What is the number of enrolled domestic tertiary students vs the number of student allowance recipients over the past 23 years since 2000, including numbers and relevant percentages - preferably in a table.

Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Education (the Ministry) for response and has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Table 1 below provides the information you have requested from 2000 to 2022.

Please note that:

- The count of domestic students relates to domestic students enrolled at any time during the
 calendar year. This excludes industry training, non-government-funded private training
 establishments, formal courses of a week or less, and all non-formal learning.
- In line with the Ministry's data protocols, the domestic student count has been rounded to the nearest multiple of five.
- The number of loan and allowance recipients since 2020 has been randomly rounded to base three in accordance with MSD's privacy protection policy.



Table 1: Number of domestic students, student loan borrowers and student allowance recipients in calendar years from 2000 to 2022

Year	Number of domestic students	Number of student loan borrowers	Number of student allowance recipients	Percentage of domestic students receiving a student loan	Percentage of domestic student receiving an allowance
2000	314615	128107	68084	41%	22%
2001	342440	148142	70231	43%	21%
2002	379825	150526	68869	40%	18%
2003	407415	156250	64036	38%	16%
2004	432740	157032	60826	36%	14%
2005	452405	154411	56806	34%	13%
2006	445480	167420	59431	38%	13%
2007	441710	173791	62479	39%	14%
2008	418655	178533	65702	43%	16%
2009	422985	198738	82633	47%	20%
2010	418170	212485	95945	51%	23%
2011	381455	207330	99271	54%	26%
2012	372765	201187	96908	54%	26%
2013	368680	192257	85099	52%	23%
2014	363070	186477	79672	51%	22%
2015	358040	182537	75051	51%	21%
2016	353490	176938	71028	50%	20%
2017	343580	170037	65352	49%	19%
2018	335610	154608	64728	46%	19%
2019	328095	149229	62495	45%	19%
2020	329175	148905	61722	45%	19%
2021	358780	146994	62814	41%	18%
2022	343990	129711	51423	38%	15%

Please note, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision on your request, in accordance with section 28 of the Act. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or to Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā

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