

## Party Scorecard : Income Measures

We collated income's evidence-based policy measures from our Tick 4 Kids coalition partners and chose the most popular five to test our party candidates on. The results are as follows:

	Do you support a regular, no strings attached cash payment for parents with a child under three years old?	Do you support an exemption for New Zealanders escaping family violence from having to be seeking work to receive a benefit?	Do you support removing penalties to child payments when applicants have good reason not to name the father or mother?	Do you support the Living Wage being implemented for all those employed in the core public service?	Do you support changing government procurement policies to ensure that all contracted workers delivering regular ongoing public service move to the Living Wage?
Maori	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
National	~	~	~	~	~
Act	✗	✓	?	✗	✗
United Future	?	✓	?	?	?
Labour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Green	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
TOP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NZ First	?	?	✓	✓	✓

 Yes
  Skip this question
  No
  We need more evidence

## Caregivers of children need an income that prevents poverty.

Equity is a right for every child, and eliminating poverty is the first of the Sustainable Development Goals. Children from poor communities are at much greater risk of dying as babies, being injured or ending up in hospital with the illnesses of developing countries. They don't do as well at school, have more serious mental health issues, leave school earlier, are more likely to face unemployment and to be involved in crime. Income distribution in NZ is highly unequal and the gender pay-gap persists despite decades old legislation to ensure pay equity. Longitudinal research has shown over half of NZ households experience at least one year of income poverty after the arrival of a child. We need income measures that will enable adults to raise children without financial uncertainty and stress.



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