Income Support and Wage Subsidy Weekly Update

Week ending 24 April 2020

6,271 increase in the number of working-age people receiving a main benefit when comparing 24 April 2020 (341,728) to 17 April 2020 (335,457).

6,383 decrease in the number of Special Needs Grants granted during the week ending 24 April 2020 (63,309) when compared to the week ending 17 April 2020 (69,692).

11.4 percent of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at 24 April 2020 (10.4 percent as at 3 January 2020).
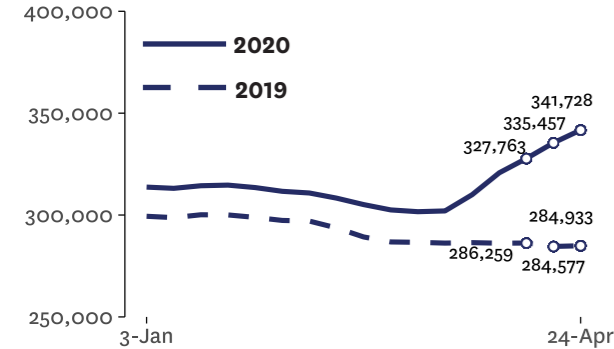
6.0 percent of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received Jobseeker Support as at 24 April 2020 (4.9 percent as at 3 January 2020).
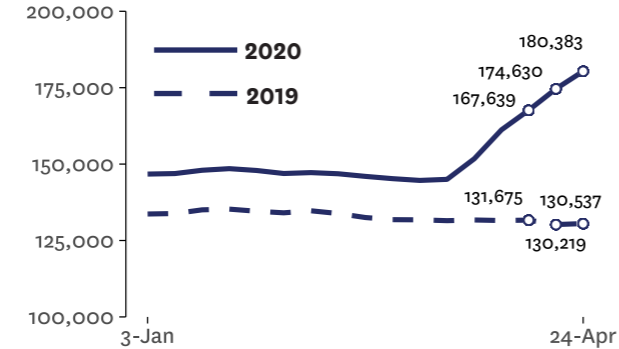
Main benefits
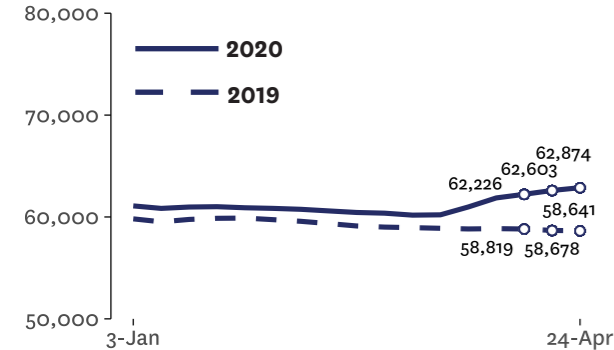Main benefit numbers are working-age, those aged 18-64 years.
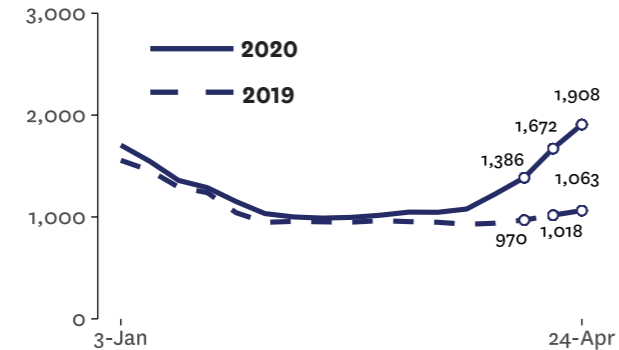
1. Number of people on a main benefit

2020 / 2019
327,763 / 335,457 / 341,728
286,259 / 284,577 / 284,933

2. Number of people receiving Jobseeker Support

2020 / 2019
167,639 / 174,630 / 180,383
131,675 / 130,537 / 130,219

3. Number of people receiving Sole Parent Support

2020 / 2019
62,226 / 62,603 / 62,874
58,819 / 58,678 / 58,641

4. Number of people receiving the Emergency Benefit

2020 / 2019
1,386 / 1,672 / 1,908
970 / 1,018 / 1,063

Supplementary assistance and hardship assistance

6. Number of Special Needs Grants granted during each week

2020 / 2019
24,066 / 72,391 / 69,692 / 63,309
19,942 / 19,187
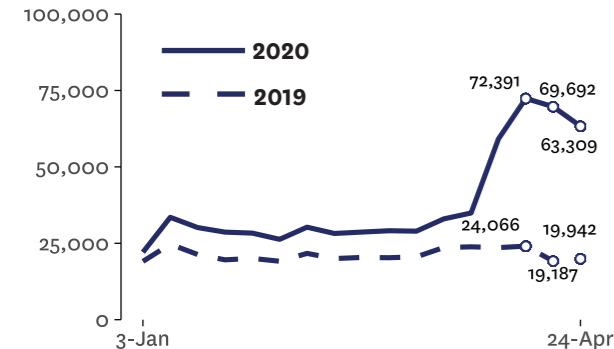
7. Number of people receiving the Accommodation Supplement

2020 / 2019
327,360 / 332,298 / 337,235
295,548 / 294,635 / 291,759

8. Number of Special Needs Grants for food granted during each week

2020 / 2019
18,902 / 69,972 / 67,230 / 59,307
16,770 / 14,777
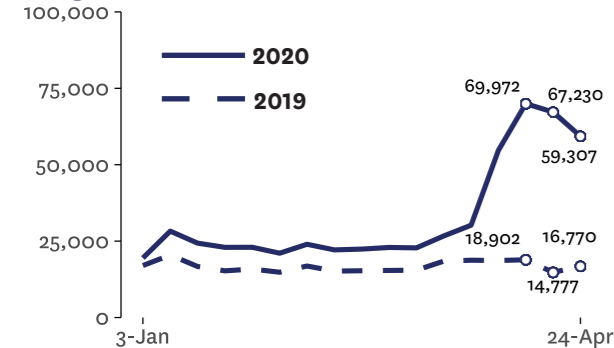
9. Number of people receiving Temporary Additional Support or the Special Benefit

2020 / 2019
79,737 / 81,658 / 83,418
64,284 / 63,286 / 61,854

5. Percentage of the estimated New Zealand working-age population receiving Jobseeker Support, by Work and Income region, compared to the start of the year

| Region	Percentage of the population	Percentage point change
Northland	10.4%	1.6%
Bay of Plenty	8.1%	1.2%
East Coast	7.7%	1.1%
Taranaki	7.6%	1.1%
Waikato	6.9%	1.2%
Central	6.5%	1.0%
Nelson	5.6%	1.2%
Auckland Metro	5.6%	1.3%
Wellington	5.3%	0.9%
Canterbury	4.6%	0.9%
Southern	4.2%	0.7%

For **population proportions**, the estimated resident New Zealand population aged 18-64 is used as at nearest June each year. Currently estimates as at June 2019 are used in this document.
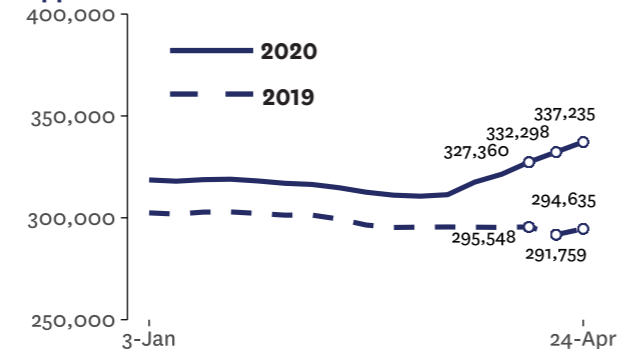
If Friday is a **public holiday**, variations in the administrative data may occur as manual actions may not occur on a public holiday.

Map labels:
Northland **10.4%**
Auckland Metro **5.6%**
Waikato **6.9%**
Bay of Plenty **8.1%**
East Coast **7.7%**
Taranaki (Taranaki, King Country, and Whanganui) **7.6%**
Central **6.5%**
Wellington **5.3%**
Nelson (Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast) **5.6%**
Canterbury **4.6%**
Southern **4.2%**

Wage subsidy

10. Number of wage subsidy applications received and approved

Received / Approved
323,047 / 419,390 / 476,176 / 510,889 / 535,566
193,990 / 275,711 / 372,957 / 404,479 / 426,838
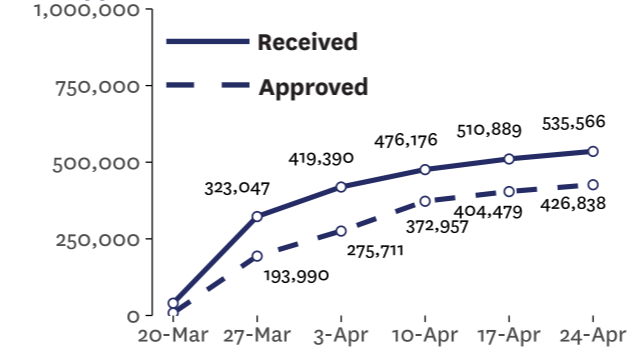
11. Amount (in Billions) of wage subsidy applications paid

$3.8B / $5.4B / $8.9B / $10.1B / $10.5B
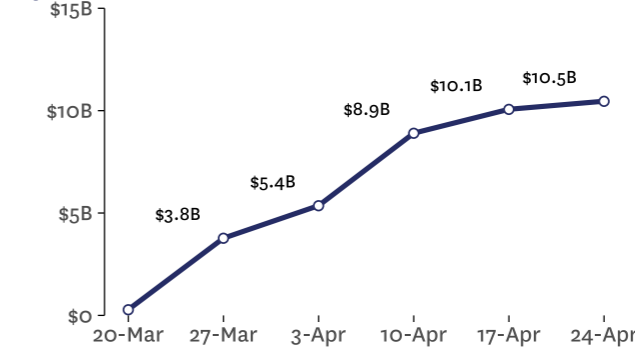
12. Number of applications closed and declined

Closed / Declined
9,019 / 24,584 / 63,329 / 67,448 / 70,164
14,815 / 25,732 / 29,906 / 33,628
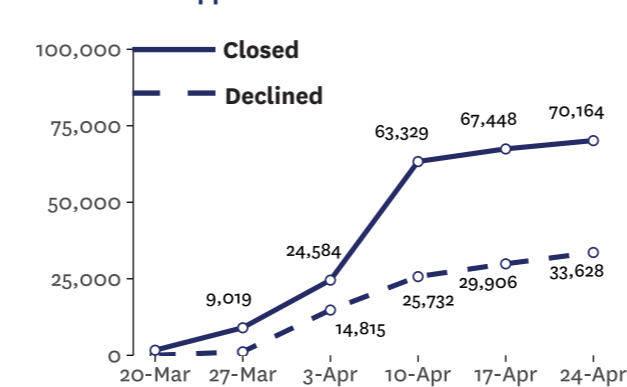
13. Number of people associated with paid applications by employer type

Employee / Self-employed
547,476 / 747,317 / 1,236,875 / 1,423,445 / 1,480,682
83,270 / 128,903 / 185,909 / 201,933 / 213,599
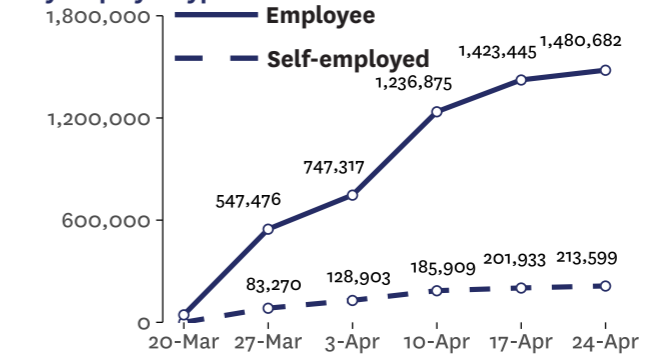
Wage Subsidy data sums over time from the introduction of the Wage Subsidy (17 March 2020). The data is loaded as at 2300 hours on Friday and is not available by region.

Hardship grants are counts of grants, rather than clients, one client can receive multiple grants.

Work and Income has 11 geographical regions: Northland; Auckland; Waikato; Bay of Plenty; East Coast; Taranaki (Taranaki, King Country, and Whanganui); Central; Wellington; Nelson (Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast); Canterbury; and Southern. "Other region" refers to people managed by national units, for example contact centres and processing centres.