

560 increase

in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing October (369,860) with September 2020 (369,300).

69,623 was the yearly increase (300,237).

745 decrease

in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing October (203,371) with September 2020 (204,116).

61,241 was the yearly increase (142,130).

11.8 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at October 2020.

6.5 percent received Jobseeker Support.

1,867 increase

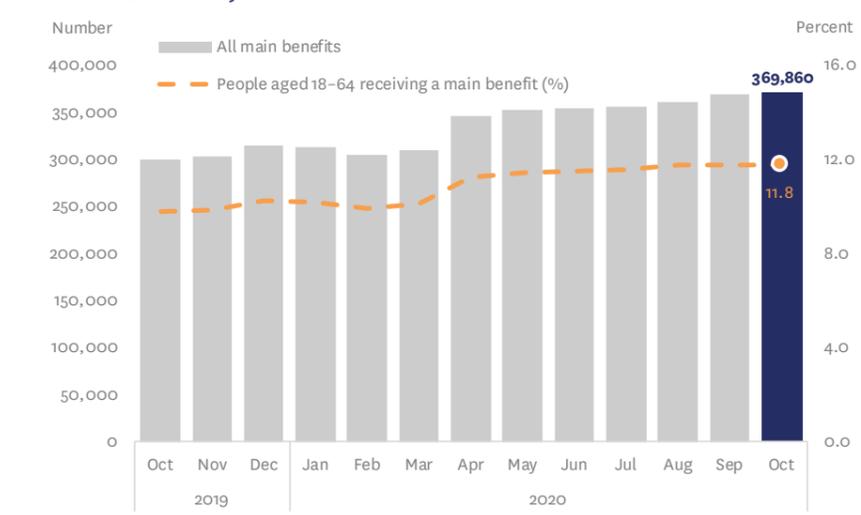
in the number of **benefit cancellations due to obtaining work**, when comparing October (9,684) with September 2020 (7,817).

2,804 was the yearly change (6,880).

Main benefit categories and sub-categories

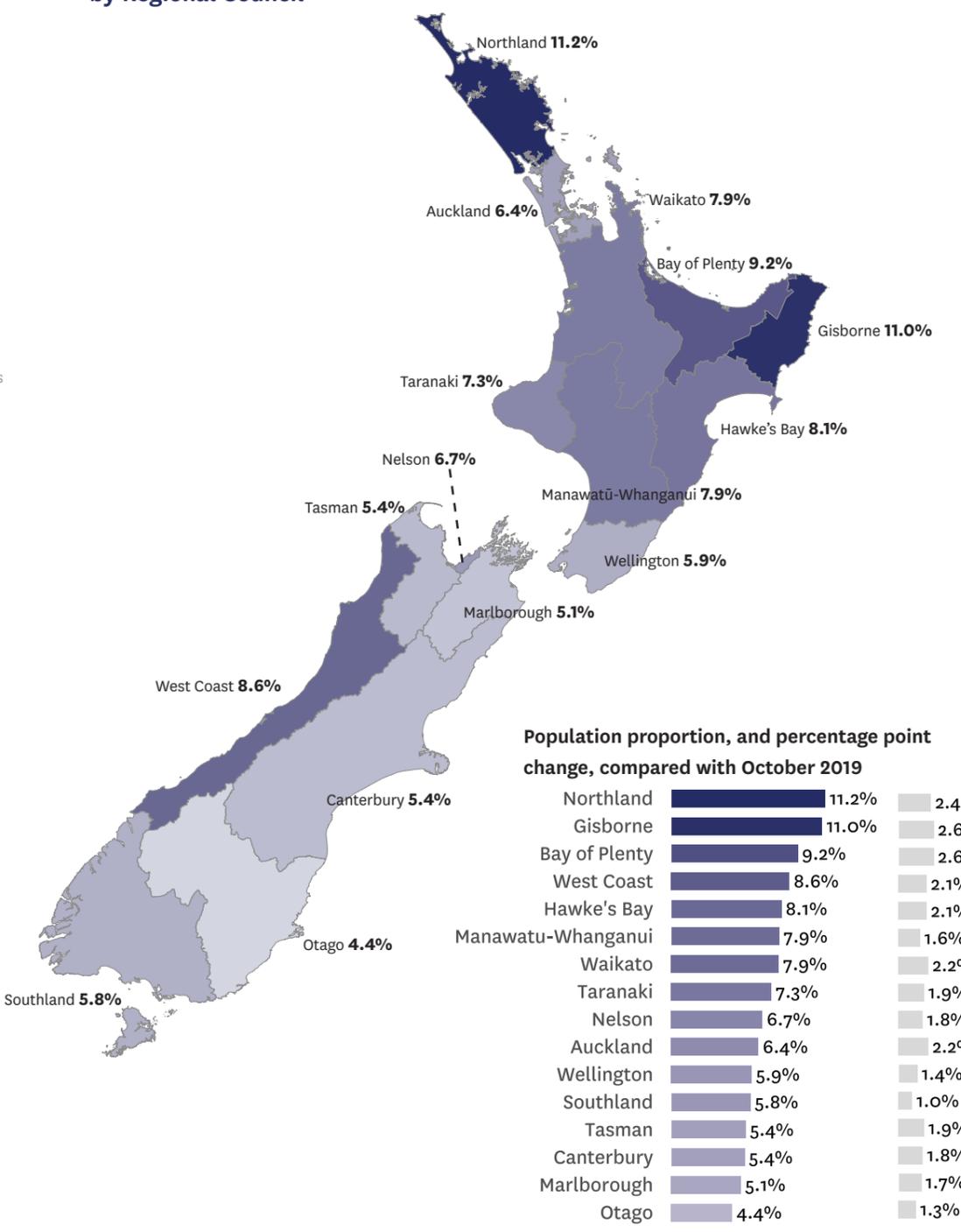
	October 20	Annual trend
All main benefits	369,860	
Jobseeker Support (JS)	203,371	
Work Ready (JS – WR)	130,065	
Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD)	73,306	
Sole Parent Support (SPS)	66,012	
Supported Living Payment (SLP)	94,106	
Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD)	85,028	
Carers (SLP – Carers)	9,078	
Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment	1,597	
Youth Payment (YP)	288	
Young Parent Payment (YPP)	1,309	
Other main benefits	4,774	

All main benefits, timeseries



① Unless otherwise noted, monthly numbers presented in this document are as at the end of the month and clients reported on are working age (i.e. aged 18–64).

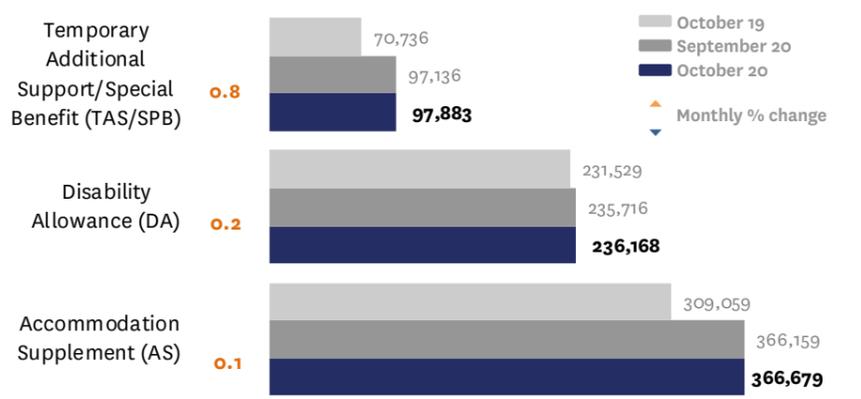
Population proportion of 18–64 year olds receiving Jobseeker Support, by Regional Council



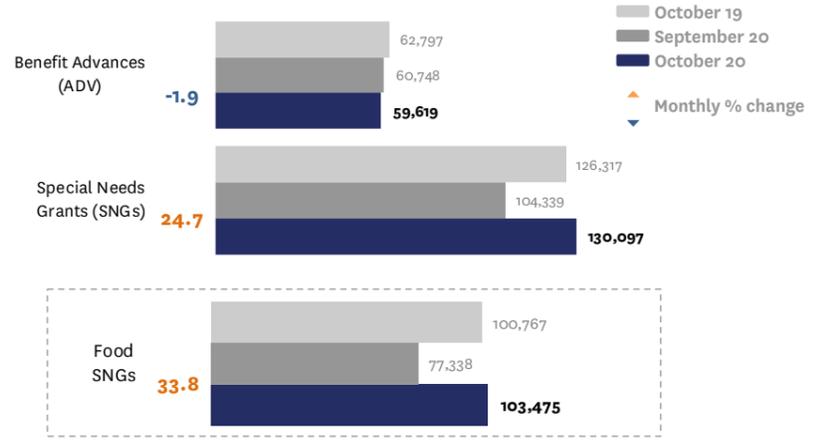
Supplementary benefits and hardship assistance

① Supplementary benefits and hardship assistance numbers include all clients, not only working-age clients. Benefit Advances and Special Needs Grants (SNGs) are the sum of grants in the month. The sum of Special Needs Grants also includes Food SNGs.

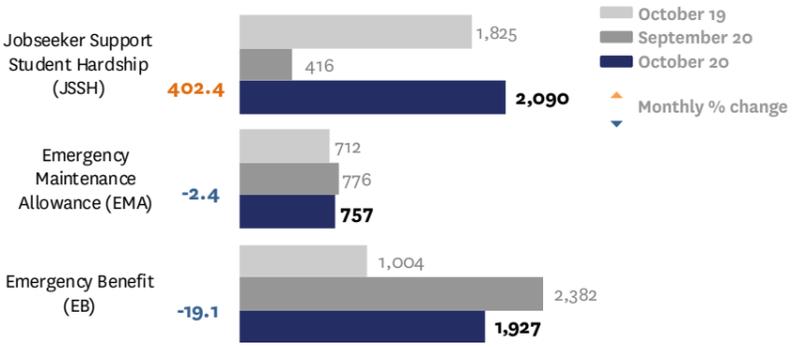
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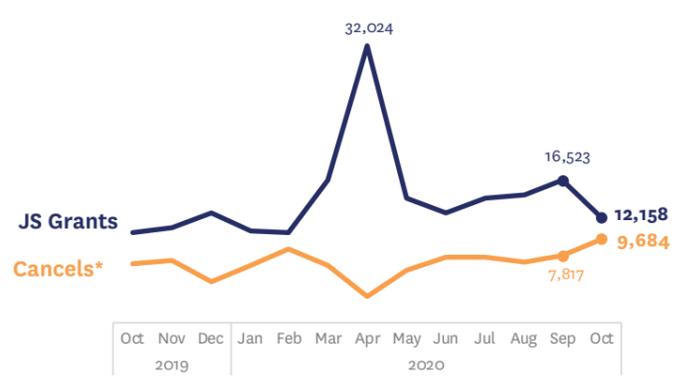
Hardship assistance



Other main benefits



Grants for Jobseeker Support, and cancellations due to obtaining work for all main benefits, timeseries

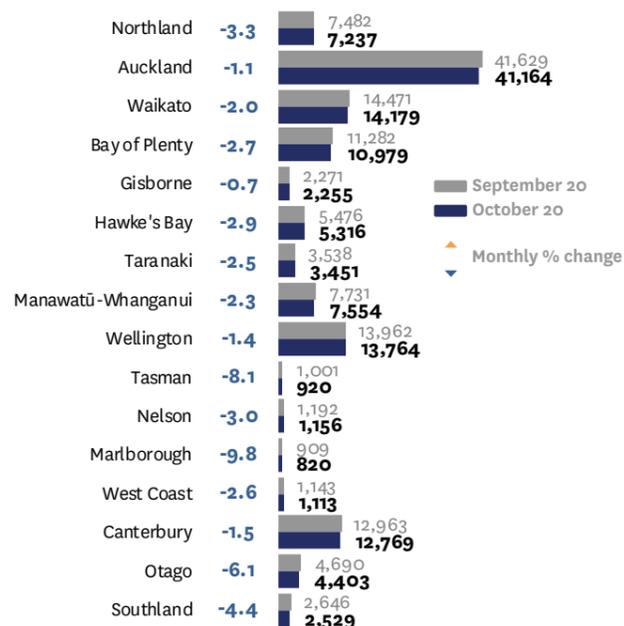


* These include cancellations of any main benefit due to obtaining work.

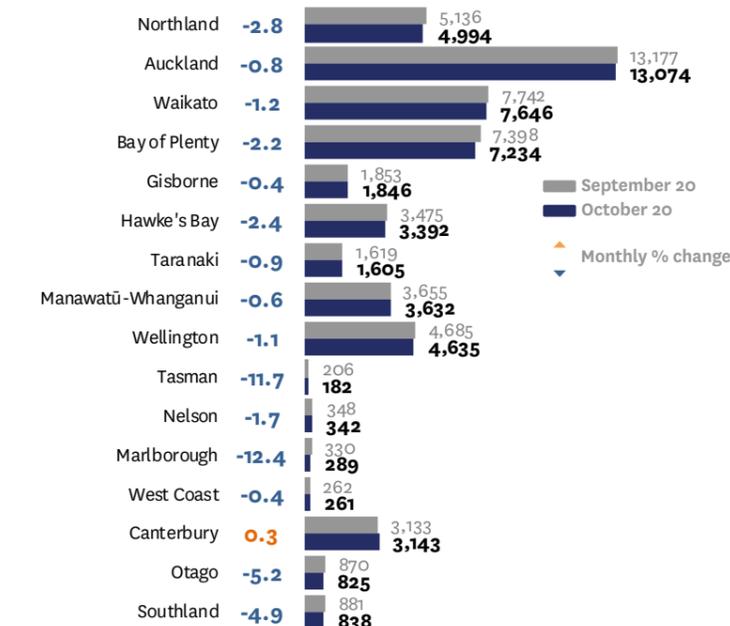
Month-on-month comparison, by selected data cuts

Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by Regional Council and ethnicity

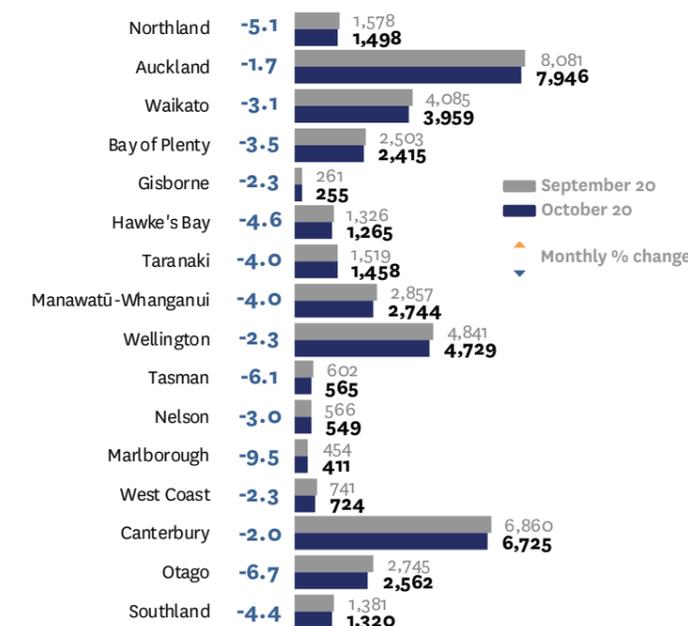
JS – WR by Regional Council (total)



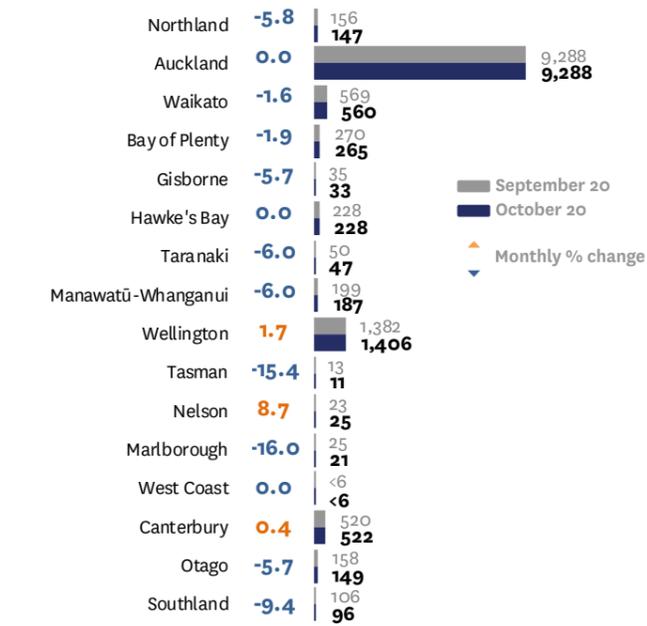
JS – WR by Regional Council - Māori



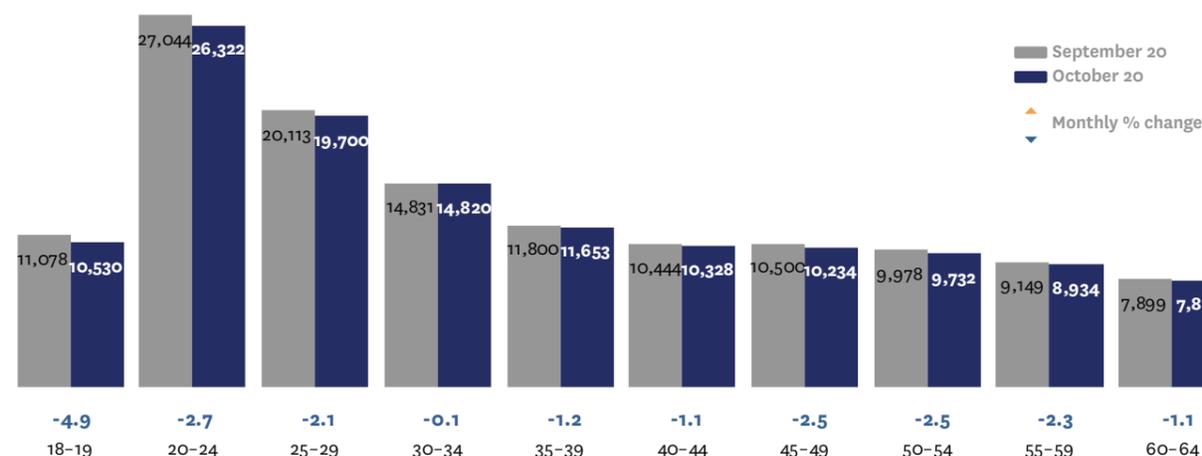
JS – WR by Regional Council - NZ European



JS – WR by Regional Council - Pacific peoples



Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups

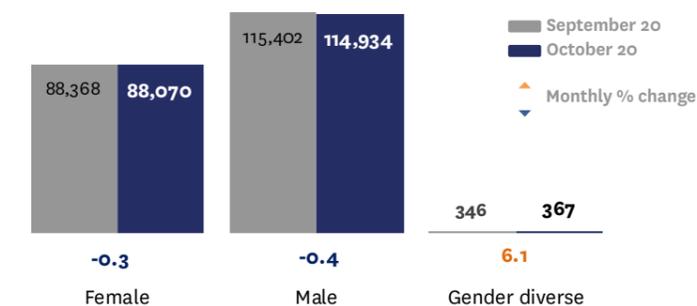


Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

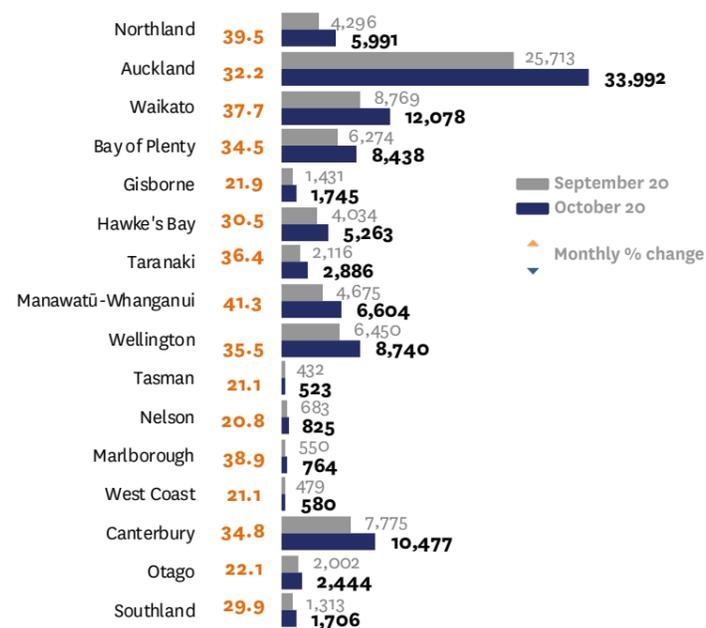
	September 20	October 20	% change
Māori	54,977	54,148	-1.5
NZ European	40,514	39,241	-3.1
Pacific peoples	13,077	13,040	-0.3
All other ethnicities	17,781	17,404	-2.1
Total JS - WR	132,836	130,065	-2.1

Jobseeker Support, by gender

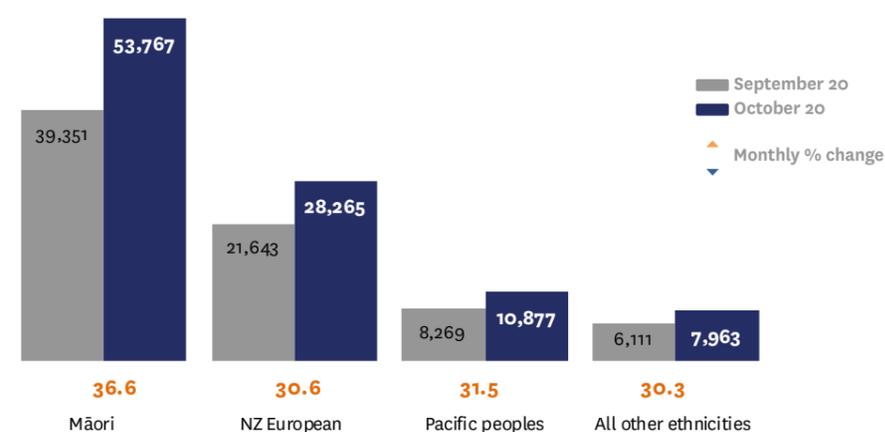
From 2 December 2019, a "Gender diverse" option was made available for our clients to choose from. We expect the numbers in this category to increase over time.



Special Needs Grants granted for food, by Regional Council

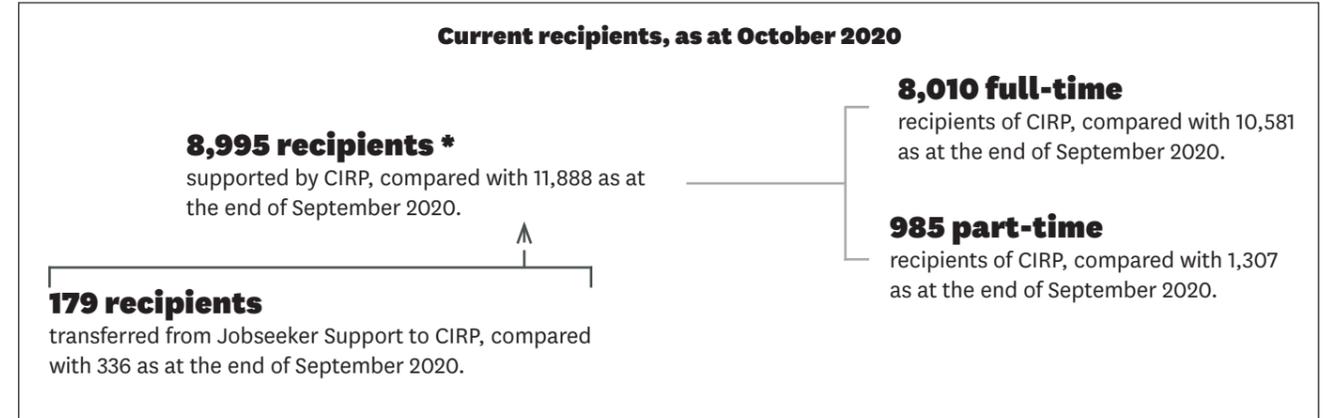
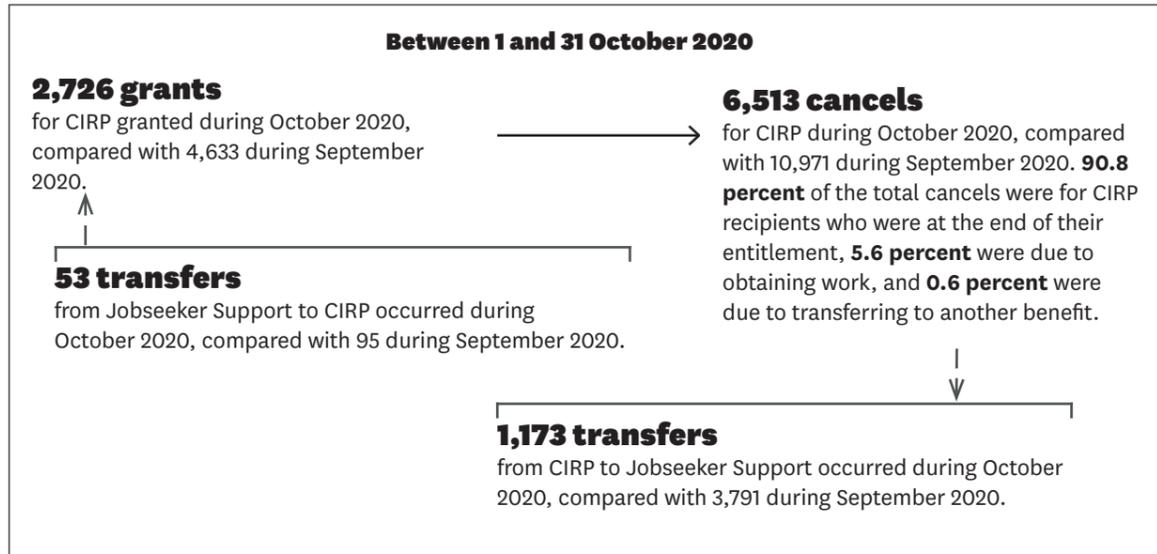


Special Needs Grants granted for food, by ethnicity



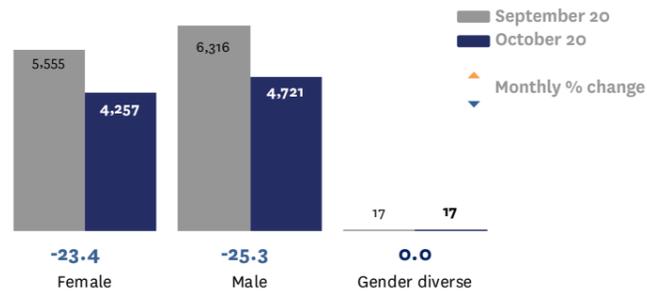
COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP)

① From 8 June 2020, people who lost their job between 1 March 2020 and 30 October 2020 can apply for CIRP and receive payments for up to 12 weeks. Numbers reported are of those eligible, aged 16 and older.

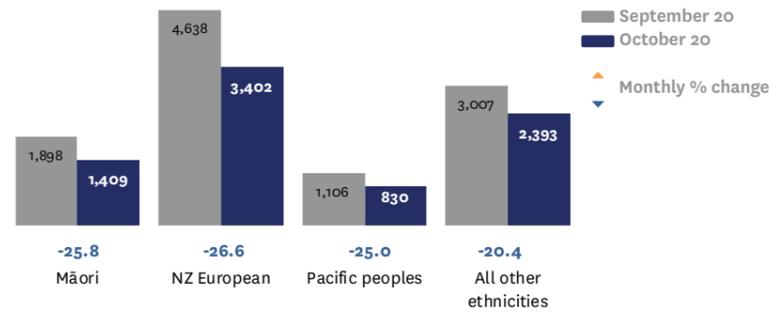


* CIRP recipients are counts of the total number of people supported by CIRP at the reported point in time.

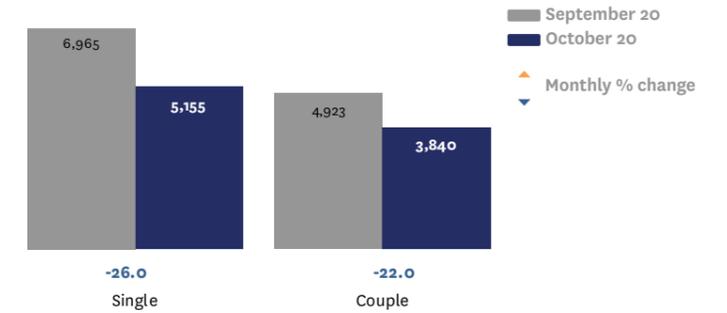
CIRP recipients, by gender



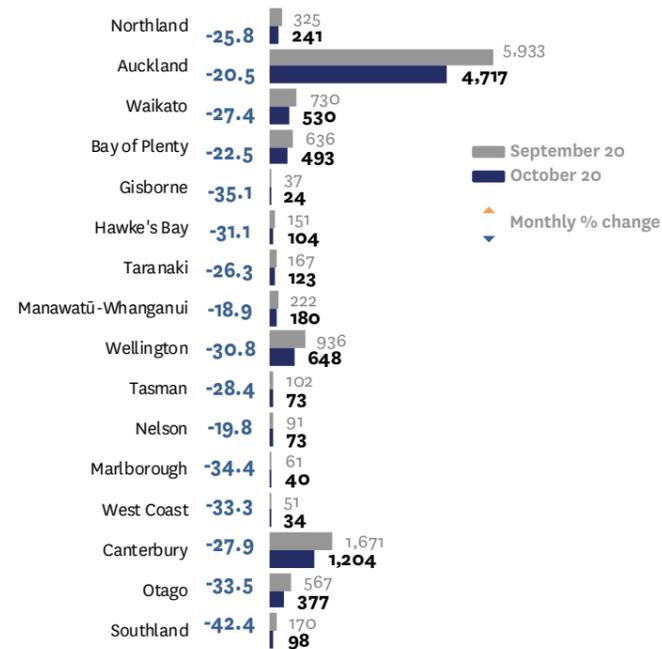
CIRP recipients, by ethnicity



CIRP recipients, by relationship status



CIRP recipients, by Regional Council



CIRP recipients, by age groups

