

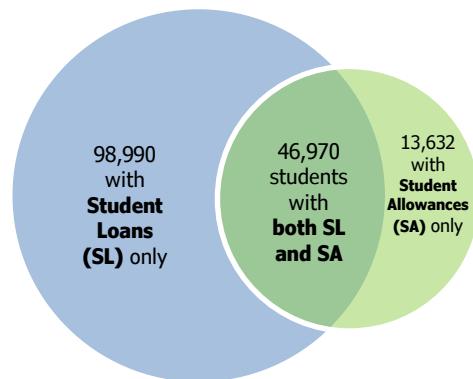
STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2019

The data presented are cumulative calendar year-to-date. All percentages are computed using actual data, and are rounded off to the first decimal point. A student is defined as a person who received at least one payment from StudyLink in the calendar year, up to the end of the month specified.

Snapshot – January to September 2019

A total of **159,592 students** were provided **student support** through the Student Loan and Student Allowances Schemes from 1 January to 30 September 2019.

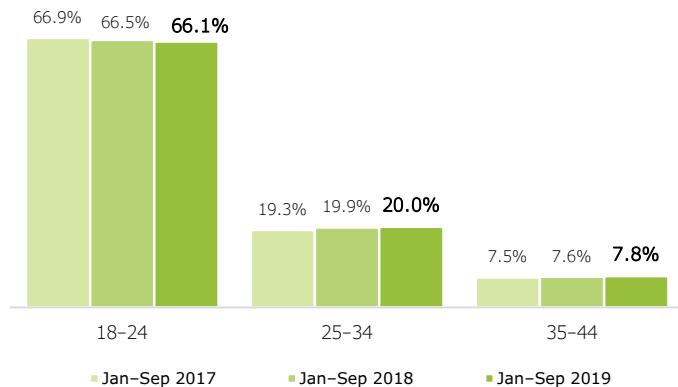
145,960 students borrowed under **Student Loan Scheme**



60,602 students received support under **Student Allowances Scheme**

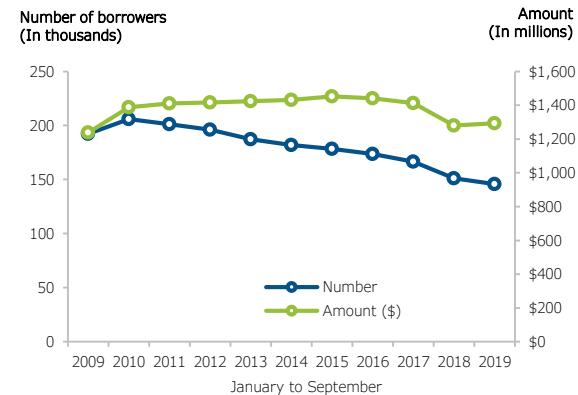
The graph below presents a three-year comparison of the **distribution** of clients who were provided with student support **by selected age groups**.

Students who are in 18–24 age group represents the biggest proportion of students in receipt of student support. This age group continued its gradual decrease, while the proportion of students in older age-groups continued a gradual increase over the last three years.



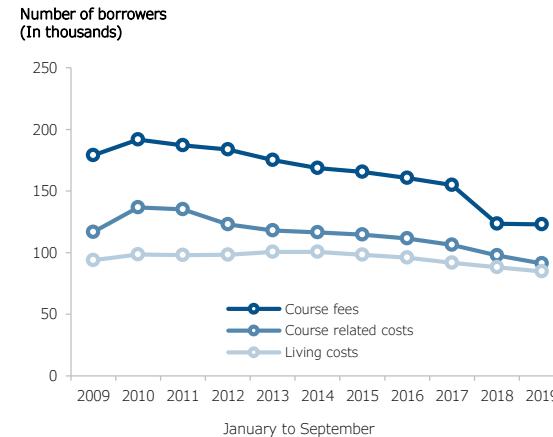
Long-term trends – January to September 2009 to 2019

Under the Student Loan Scheme — 145,960 students borrowed **Student Loans** for course fees, course related costs, and living costs (down 3.5 percent compared with same period last year). The total borrowings amounted to \$1,293.2 million (up 1.1 percent).

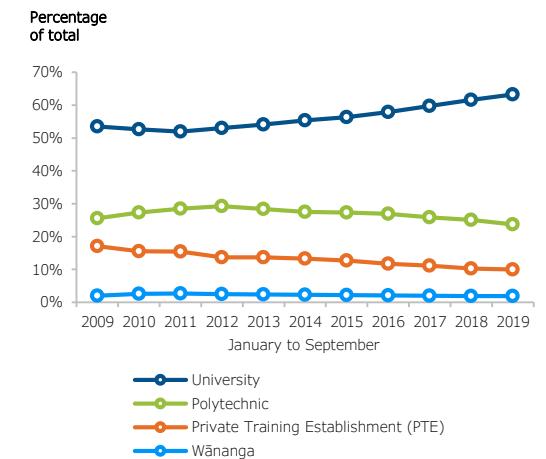


Note: Amount paid only covers the amount borrowed for course fees, living costs and course related costs.

By **Loan components** — 122,941 students borrowed to pay for course fees (down 0.3 percent), 91,340 for course related costs (down 6.5 percent), and 84,870 for living costs (down 3.6 percent).

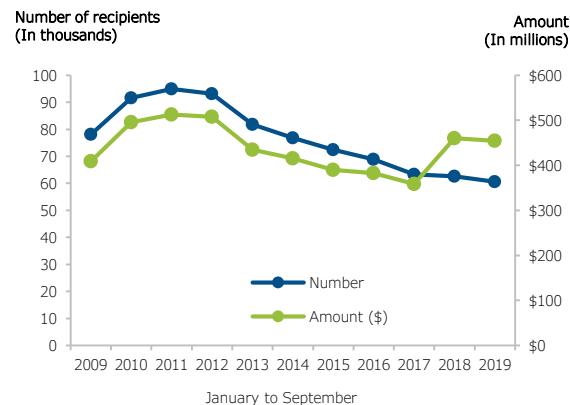


By **types of education providers**, 63.2 percent of the total number of the Student Loan borrowers were enrolled in universities. This was 1.6 percent percentage points higher than last year (61.6 percent in September 2018).



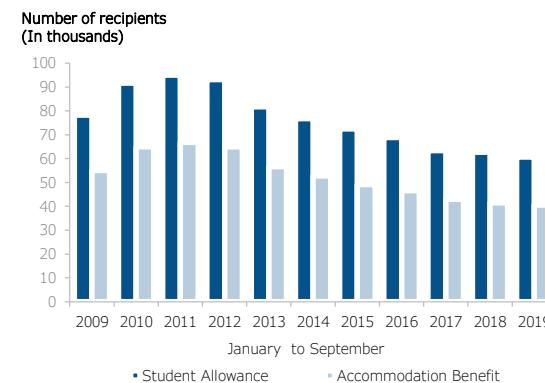
Under the Student Allowances Scheme — 60,602 students received **Student Allowance and Accommodation Benefit** (down 3.2 percent compared with same period last year).

Total student allowances paid from 1 January to 30 September 2019, amounted to \$454.8 million (down 1.1 percent).

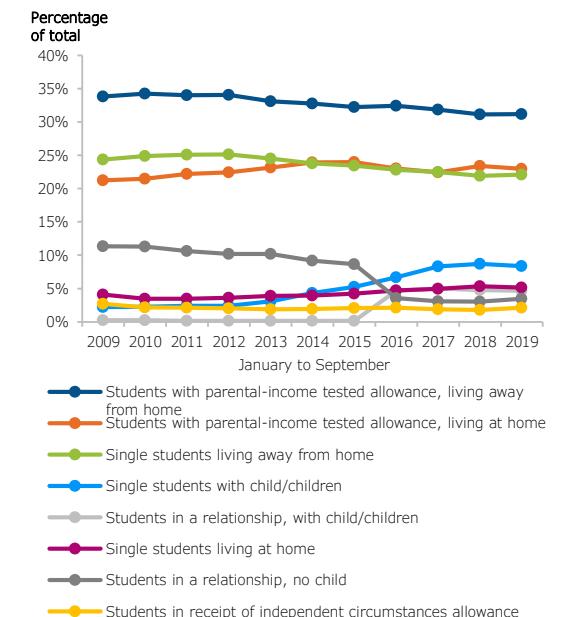


Two-thirds (66.8 percent) of the number of students who received Student Allowance, also received Accommodation Benefit. This was slightly higher compared with the September 2018 level (66.1 percent).

The number of students who received **financial support by type of allowances** received is shown in the graph below.



Weekly rates of student allowances were paid to eligible students **based on their personal and family circumstances**. Of the total number of students who received allowances, 31.2 percent were parental-income tested students living away from home.



Other resources and websites

- The latest detailed report and downloadable data/excel files are available at the [Ministry of Social Development](#) website.
- A more detailed 2018-2019 Student Loan quarterly reports are available at the [Inland Revenue](#) website.
- Information and eligibility criteria for the government's Fees-free policy is available at the [Fees-free](#) government website.
- An online calculator to help students estimate how much allowance they are entitled to is available at the [StudyLink-Calculators](#) website.
- Information on extra support to help students with other costs (e.g. accommodation, childcare, or health and disability costs) is also available at the [StudyLink-Extra help](#) website.
- Information on scholarships and other financial help are available at the [Ministry of Education](#) website.
- More information to support tertiary education providers is available at the [Tertiary Education Commission](#) website.