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Main benefits population percentage

11.9%

of the estimated working-age population received a main benefit as at December 2023.

Main benefits recipients (Graph 1)

 \uparrow 9,666 increase

when comparing December 2023 (378,711) with November 2023 (369,045).

Main benefits cancels into work (Graph 5)

↓ 2,142 decrease

when comparing December 2023 (4,062) with November 2023 (6,204).

Jobseeker Support - Work Ready recipients (Graph 10)

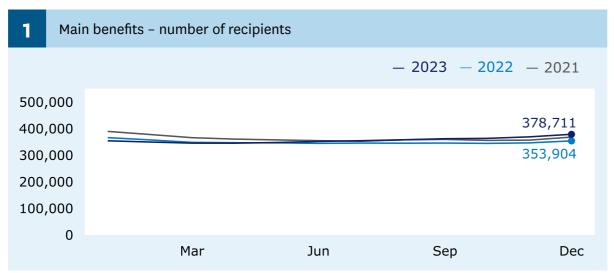
↑ **4,317** increase

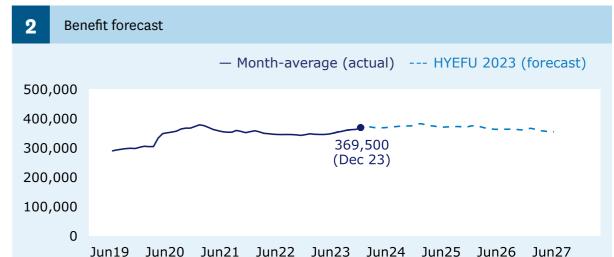
when comparing December 2023 (109,698) with November 2023 (105,381).

* Ethnicity is reported using 'total response' methodology. MELAA refers to Middle Eastern, Latin American, and African. For more information, please go to: www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html.

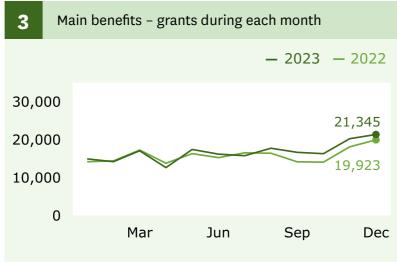
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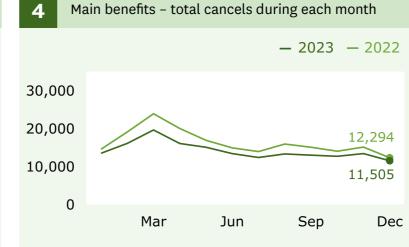
Main benefits

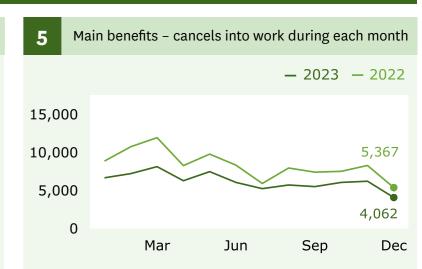




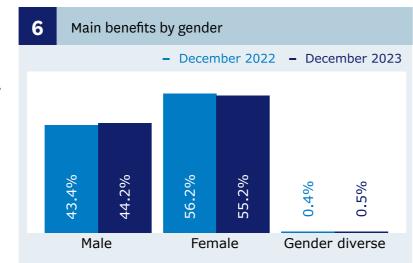
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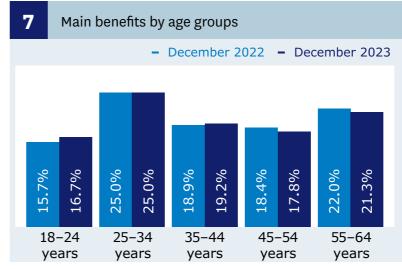


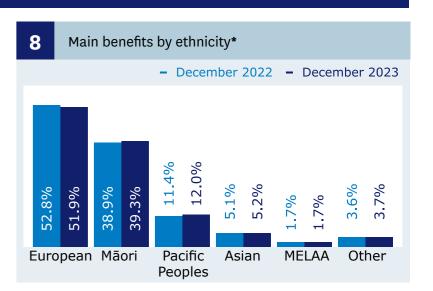




Main benefits demographics







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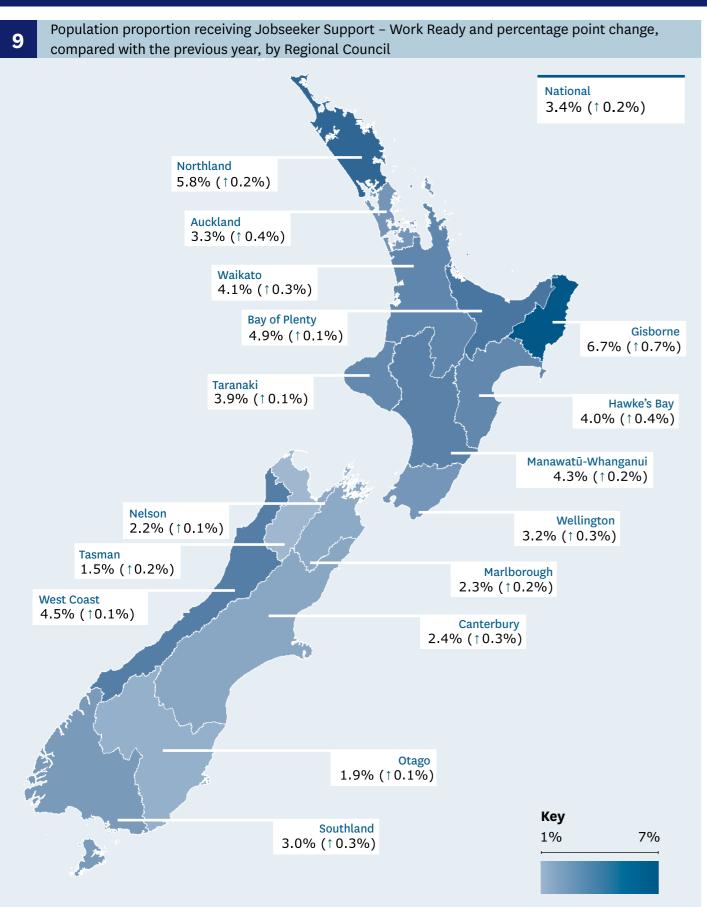
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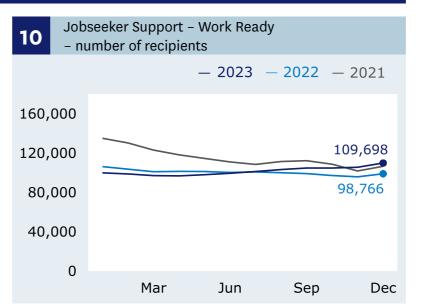
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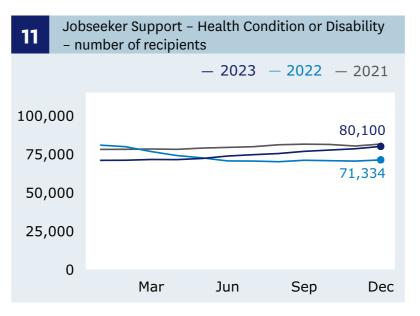
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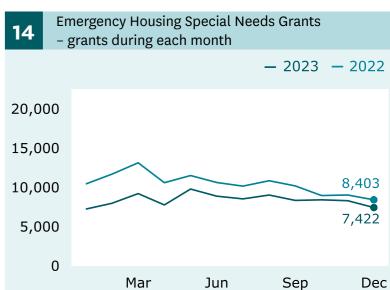
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Jobseeker Support









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Hardship assistance

160,000

120,000

80,000

40,000

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Food Special Needs Grants

- grants during each month

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