

937 decrease

in the number of Jobseeker Support – Work Ready recipients, when comparing 30 October 2020 (130,065) with 23 October (131,002).

262 increase

in the number of COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP) recipients, when comparing 30 October (8,995) with 23 October (8,733).

2,100 cancels into work

from Jobseeker Support during the week ending 30 October.

25 cancels into work from CIRP in the week ending 30 October 2020.

377 increase

in the number of Special Needs Grants granted for food during the week ending 30 October (25,129) when compared with 23 October (24,752).

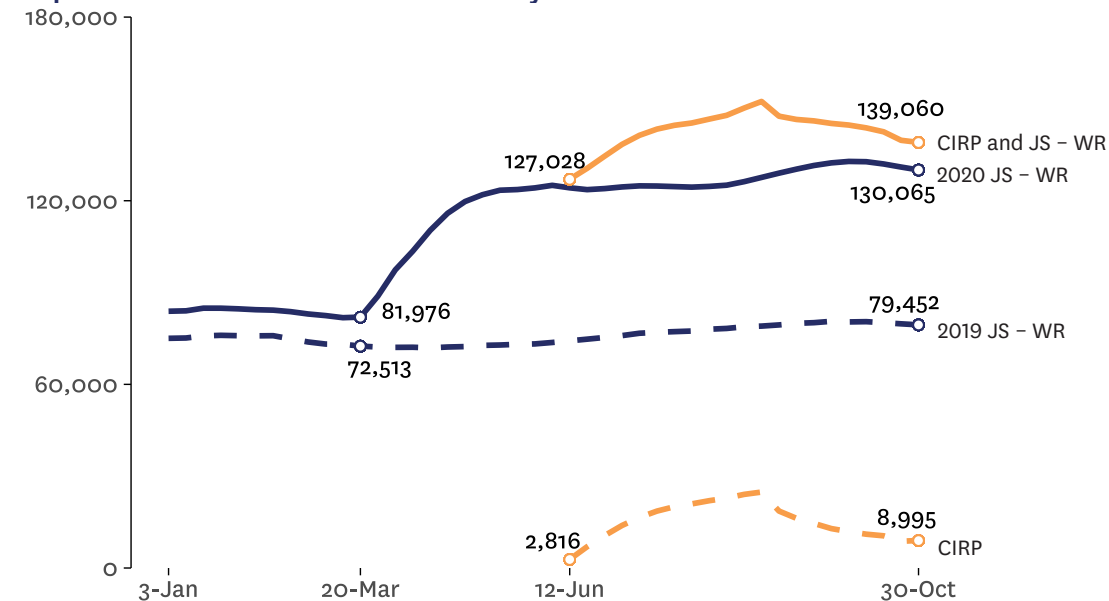
11.8 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at 30 October.

6.5 percent received Jobseeker Support.

Jobseeker Support (JS) by subcategory, and the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP)

1. Number of working-age JS – Work Ready (JS – WR) and CIRP (16 years and older) recipients for each week from the start of the year



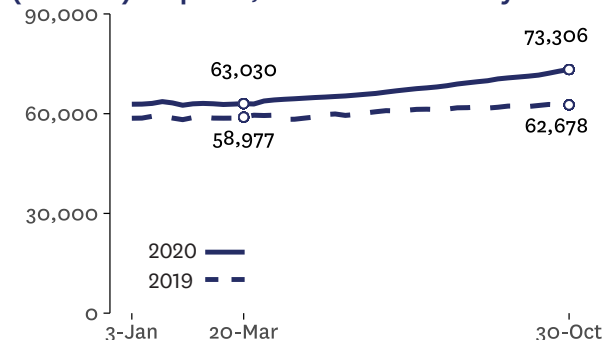
532 increase

in the number of JS – HCD recipients, when comparing 30 October (73,306) with 23 October (72,774).

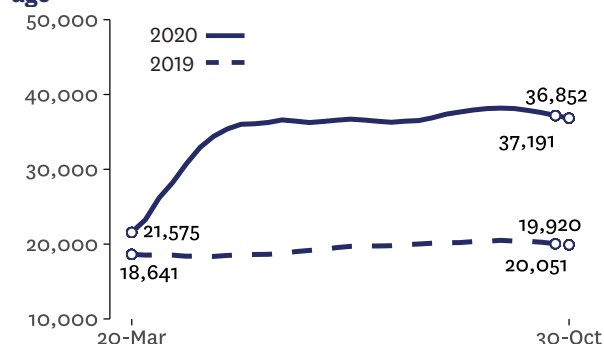
339 decrease

in the number of JS – WR recipients aged 18–24 years of age, when comparing 30 October (36,852) with 23 October (37,191).

2. Number of JS – Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD) recipients, from the start of the year



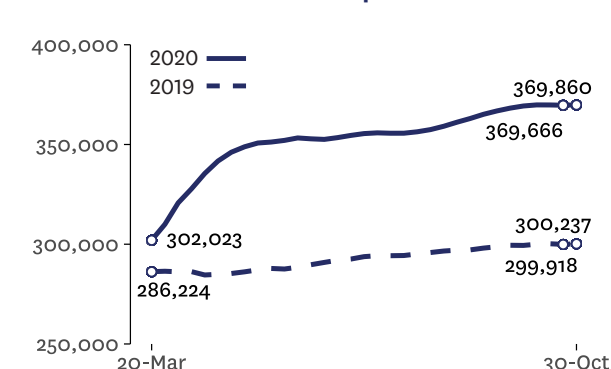
3. Number of JS – WR recipients aged 18–24 years of age



Main benefits

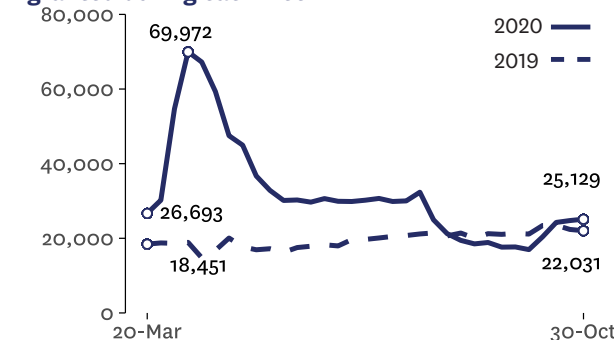
Main benefit numbers are working-age (those aged 18–64 years). Hardship grants are all ages.

9. Number of main benefit recipients

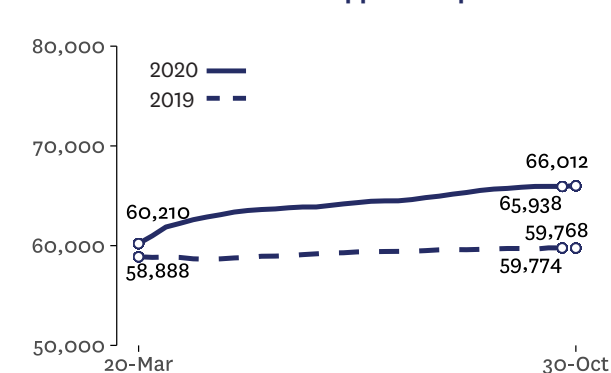


Hardship assistance

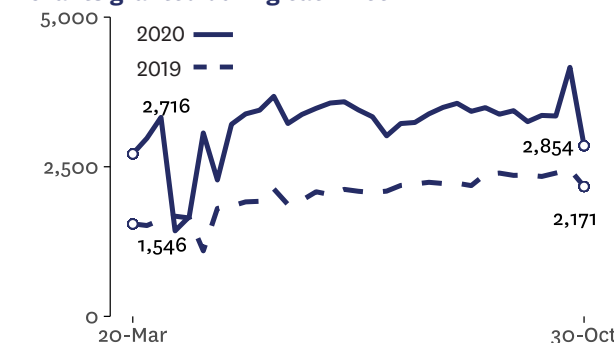
12. Number of Special Needs Grants for food granted during each week



10. Number of Sole Parent Support recipients

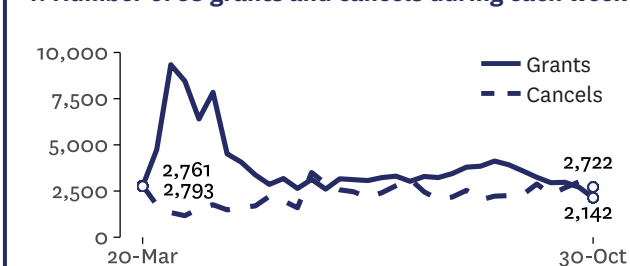


13. Number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants granted during each week

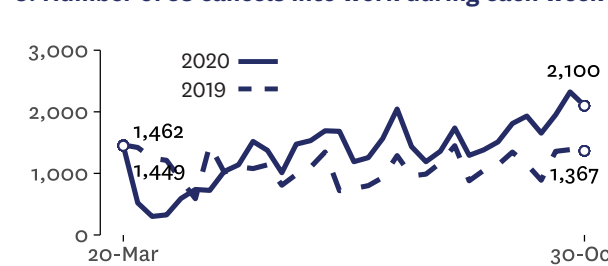


Grants and cancellations for JS (total WR and HCD) and CIRP

4. Number of JS grants and cancels during each week

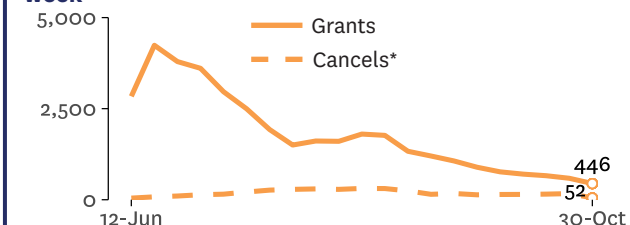


5. Number of JS cancels into work during each week

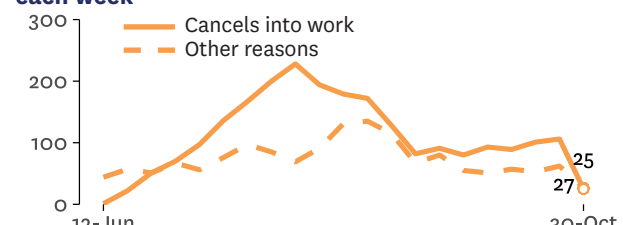


8.3 percent (177) of the **2,142 grants** for Jobseeker Support were transfers of clients from CIRP to Jobseeker Support, during the week ending 30 October 2020.

6. Number of CIRP grants and cancels* during each week



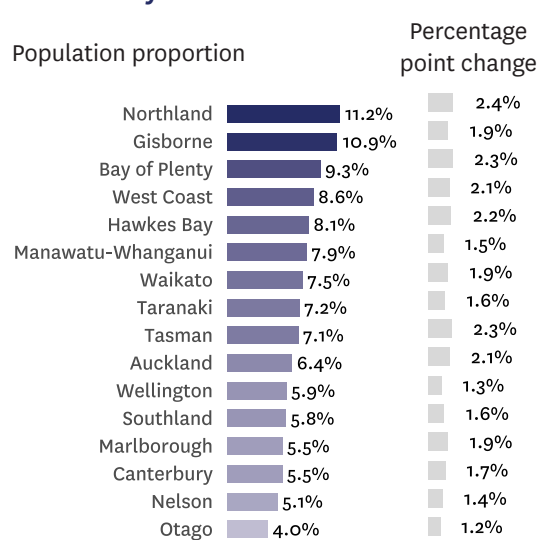
7. Number of CIRP cancels* by selected reason during each week



There were **57 cancels** off CIRP for the reason 'End of Entitlement' during the week ending 30 October. Due to the public holiday on 26 October, many were allocated for processing in the previous week ending 23 October 2020.

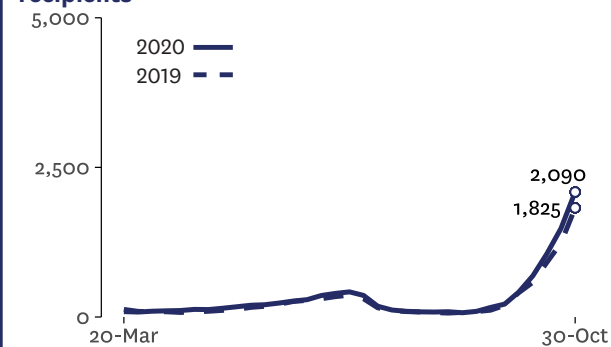
Regional JS (total WR and HCD)

8. Percentage of the estimated New Zealand population aged 18–64 receiving JS, by Regional Council, compared with the start of the year

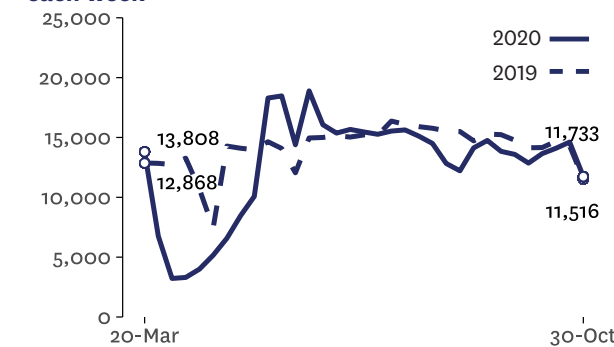


* Graphs 6 and 7 exclude the cancellation reason 'End of Entitlement' to show trends in other selected categories.

11. Number of Jobseeker Support Student Hardship recipients



14. Number of Benefit Advances granted during each week



Receipt of main benefit or supplementary assistance are counts of the number of people who are in primary receipt only, while CIRP recipients are counts of the total number of people supported by this payment. **Hardship grants** are counts of grants, rather than clients. A client can receive multiple grants. Special Needs Grants (SNGs) are the sum of grants during each week.

Wage Subsidy and Leave Payment data, including the refunds information are available in the Income Support and Wage Subsidy data file on the <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/covid-19/index.html>.

There may be **variations when comparing quarterly and monthly, to weekly data** reported by MSD. This is due to the different business rules used, allowing for processing time for payments. Caution should be exercised when comparing data between weekly, monthly, and quarterly data releases.

For **population proportions**, the estimated New Zealand population is used as at the most recent June estimate available. Currently we use June 2019 estimates for sub-national population.