

4,826 increase
in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing November (374,686) with October 2020 (369,860).
71,096 was the yearly increase (303,590).

740 increase
in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing November (204,111) with October 2020 (203,371).
62,314 was the yearly increase (141,797).

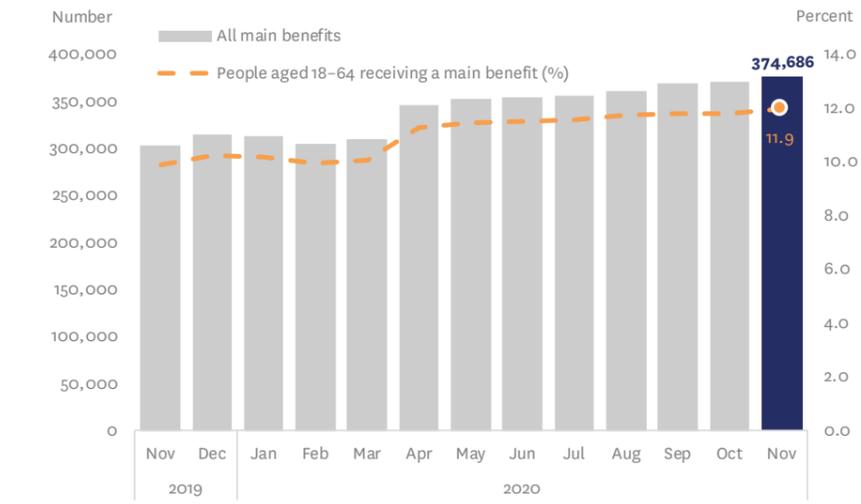
11.9 percent
of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at November 2020.
6.5 percent received Jobseeker Support.

463 increase
in the number of **benefit cancellations due to obtaining work**, when comparing November (10,147) with October 2020 (9,684).
2,992 was the yearly increase (7,225).

Figure 1. Main benefit categories and sub-categories

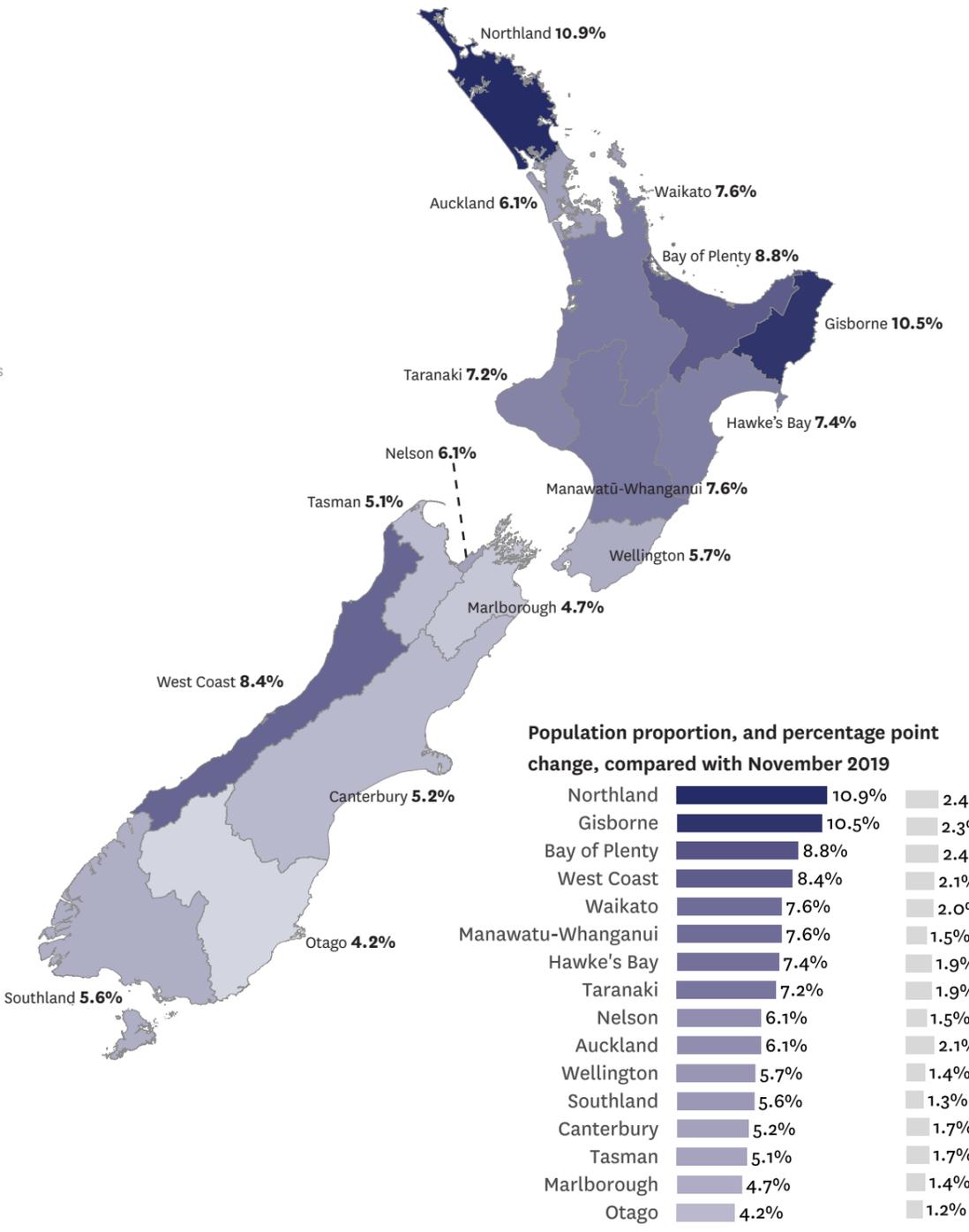
	November 20	Annual trend
All main benefits	374,686	
Jobseeker Support (JS)	204,111	
Work Ready (JS – WR)	128,596	
Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD)	75,515	
Sole Parent Support (SPS)	66,432	
Supported Living Payment (SLP)	94,203	
Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD)	85,107	
Carers (SLP – Carers)	9,096	
Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment	1,607	
Youth Payment (YP)	283	
Young Parent Payment (YPP)	1,324	
Other main benefits	8,333	

Figure 2. 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).

Figure 3. 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.

Figure 4. Supplementary benefits

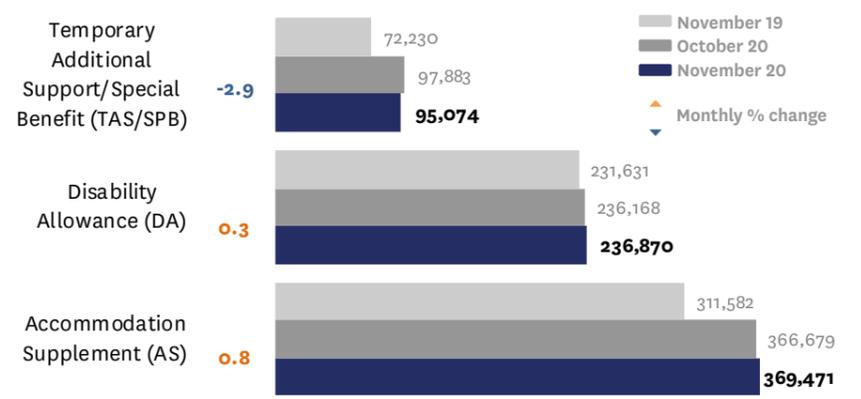


Figure 5. Hardship assistance

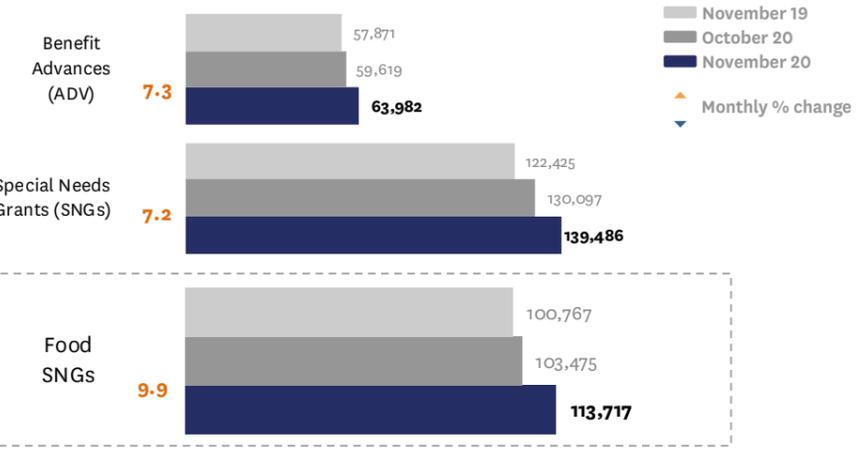


Figure 6. Other main benefits

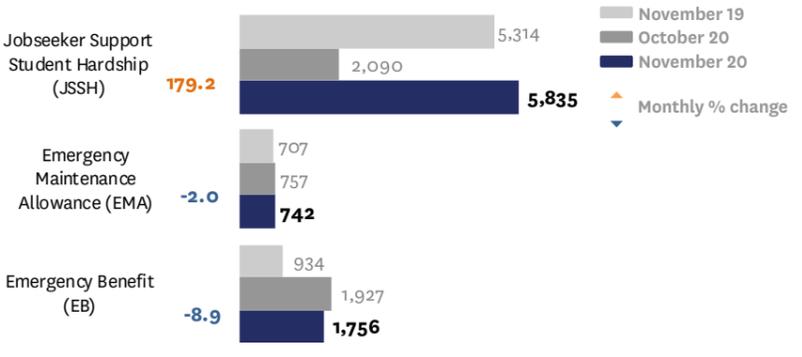
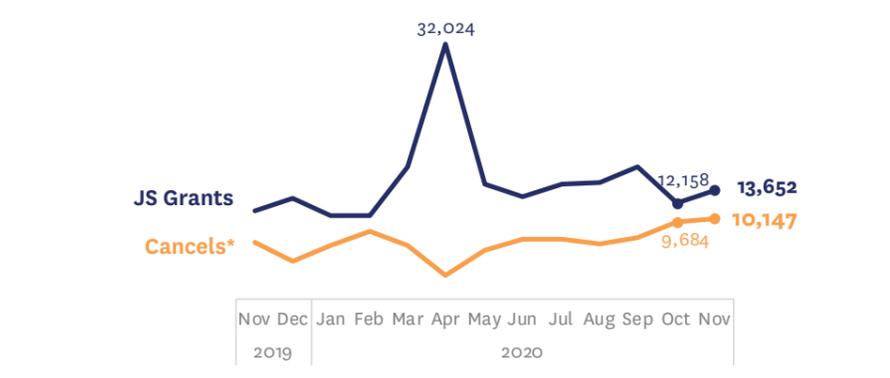


Figure 7. Grants for Jobseeker Support, and cancellations due to obtaining work for all main benefits, timeseries



* 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

Figure 8. JS – WR by Regional Council (total)

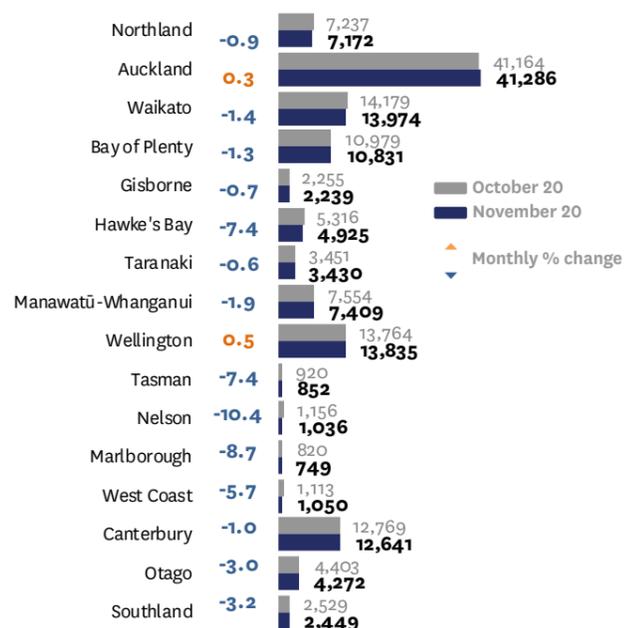


Figure 9. JS – WR by Regional Council - Māori

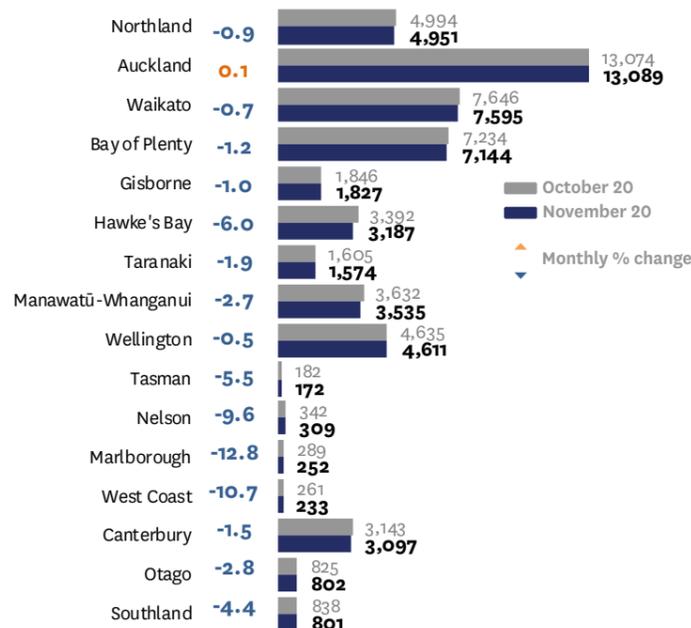


Figure 10. JS – WR by Regional Council - NZ European

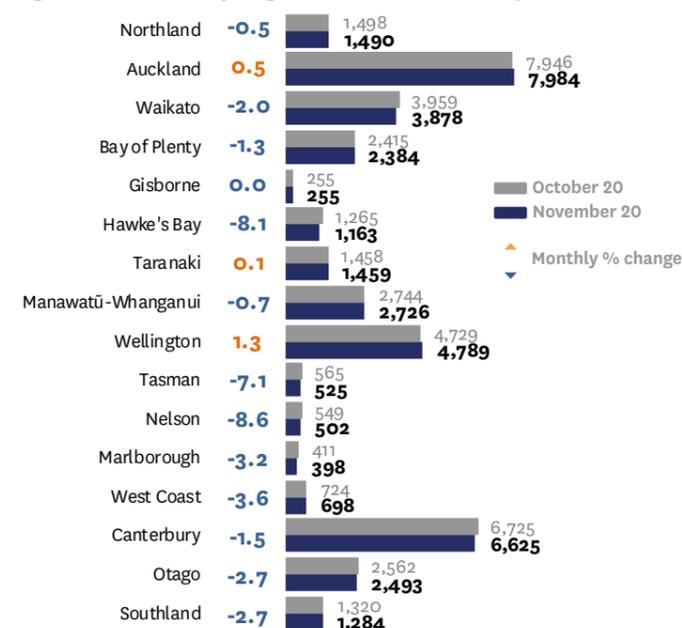


Figure 11. JS – WR by Regional Council - Pacific peoples

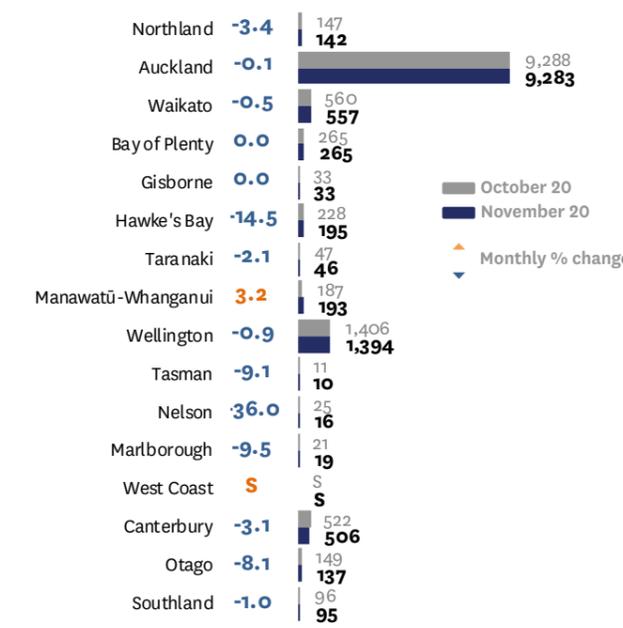


Figure 13. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups

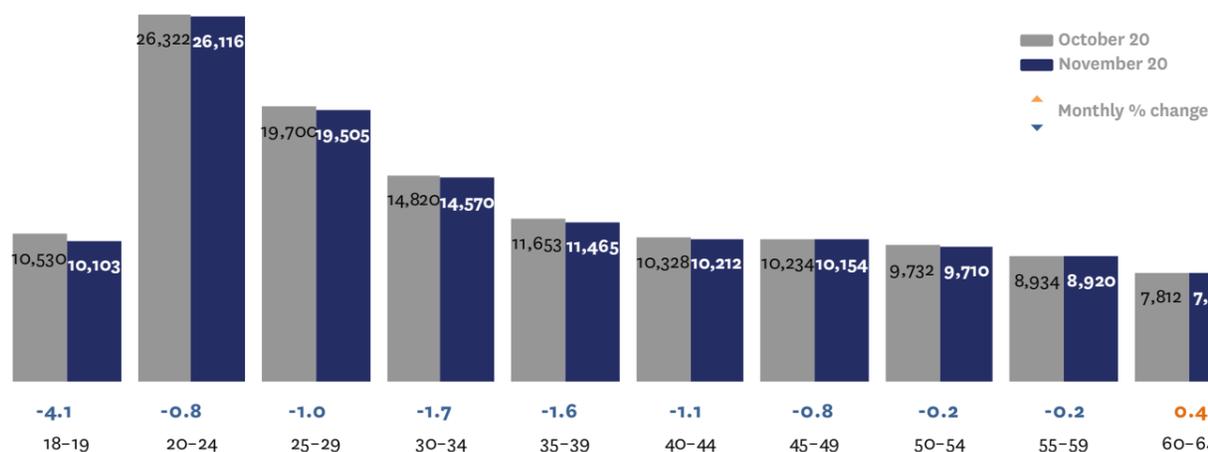


Figure 12. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

	October 20	November 20	% change
Māori	53,938	53,179	-1.4
NZ European	39,125	38,653	-1.2
Pacific peoples	12,990	12,896	-0.7
All other ethnicities	17,347	17,419	0.4
Total JS - WR	129,609	128,210	-1.1

Figure 14. 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.

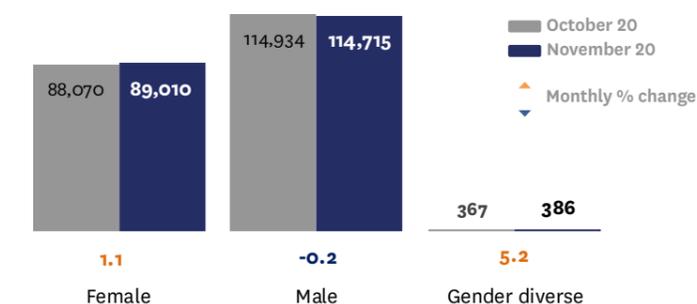


Figure 15. Special Needs Grants granted for food, by Regional Council

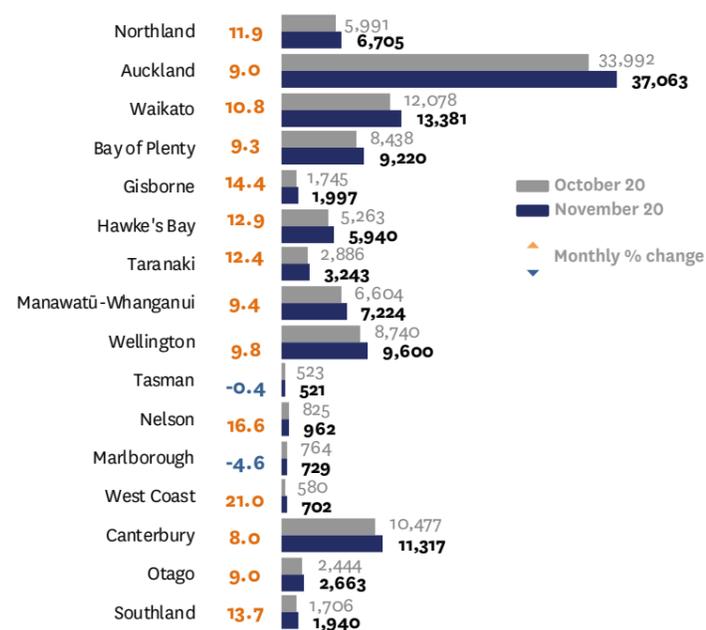
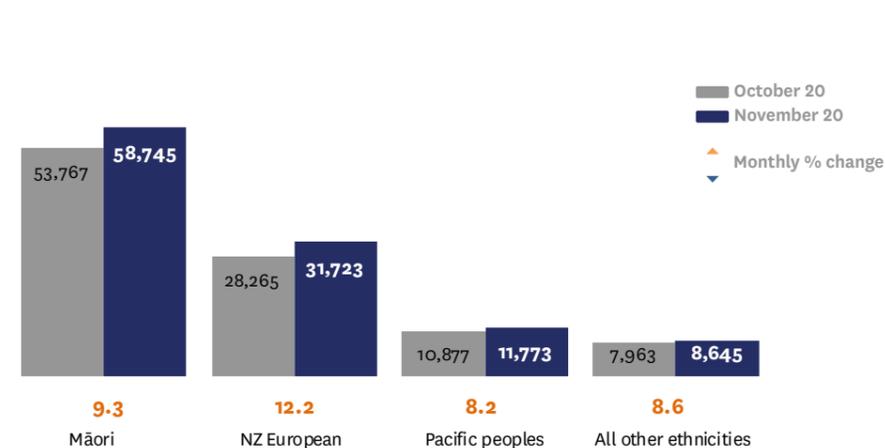


Figure 16. Special Needs Grants granted for food, by ethnicity



COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP)

① COVID-19 Income Relief Payment helps people who lost their job between 1 March and 30 October 2020. The final application date was Friday 13 November 2020, although there will continue to be backdated grants granted for those who applied before the cut-off date, or for people who had CIRP temporarily suspended due to temporary work and had it re-granted subsequently.

Between 1 and 30 November 2020

1,909 grants for CIRP granted during November 2020, compared with 2,726 during October 2020.

48 transfers from Jobseeker Support to CIRP occurred during November 2020, compared with 53 during October 2020.

4,801 cancels for CIRP during November 2020, compared with 6,513 during October 2020. **91.7 percent** of the total cancels were for CIRP recipients who were at the end of their entitlement, **4.7 percent** were due to obtaining work, and **0.6 percent** were due to transferring to another benefit.

1,185 transfers from CIRP to Jobseeker Support occurred during November 2020, compared with 1,173 during October 2020.

Current recipients, as at November 2020

5,971 recipients * supported by CIRP, compared with 8,995 as at the end of October 2020.

126 recipients transferred from Jobseeker Support to CIRP, compared with 179 as at the end of October 2020.

5,356 full-time recipients of CIRP, compared with 8,010 as at the end of October 2020.

615 part-time recipients of CIRP, compared with 985 as at the end of October 2020.

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

Figure 17. CIRP recipients, by gender

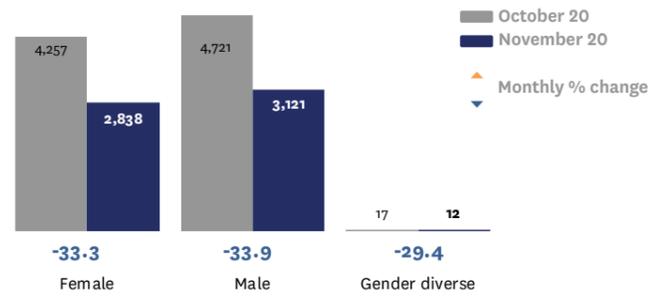


Figure 18. CIRP recipients, by ethnicity

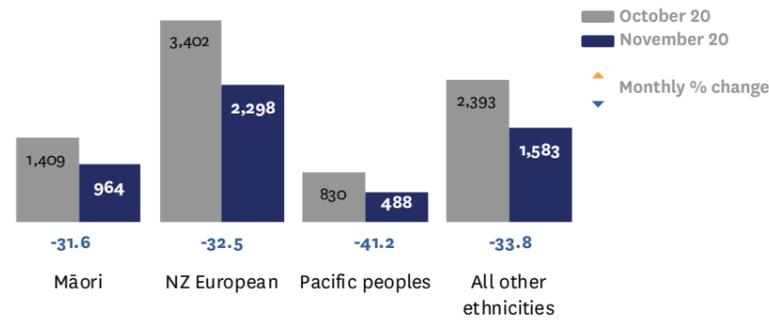


Figure 19. CIRP recipients, by relationship status

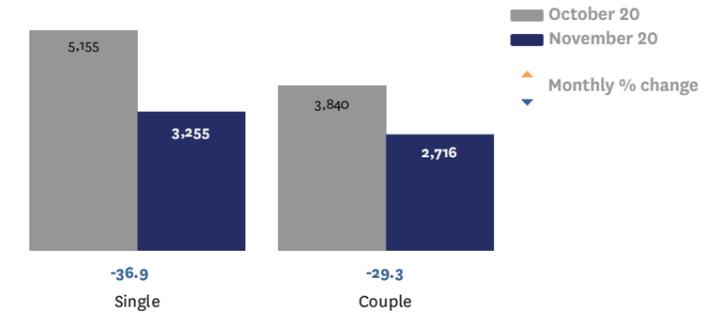


Figure 20. CIRP recipients, by Regional Council

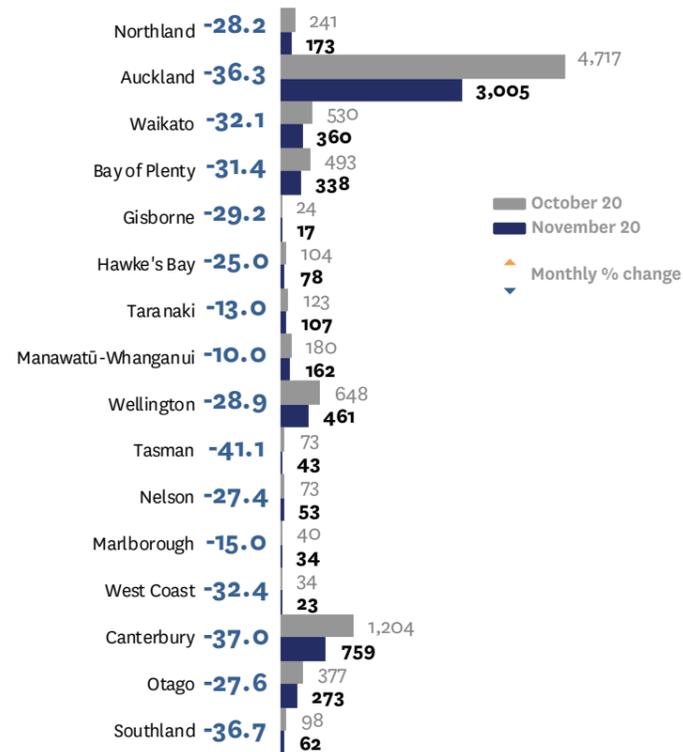


Figure 21. CIRP recipients, by age groups

