

5,256 decrease

in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing April (360,678) with March 2021 (365,934).

14,559 was the yearly increase (346,119).

5,064 decrease

in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing April (196,236) with March 2021 (201,300).

11,832 was the yearly increase (184,404).

11.5 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at April 2021.

6.3 percent received Jobseeker Support.

9,729 cancels into work

for all main benefits in April 2021, from 12,663 in March 2021.

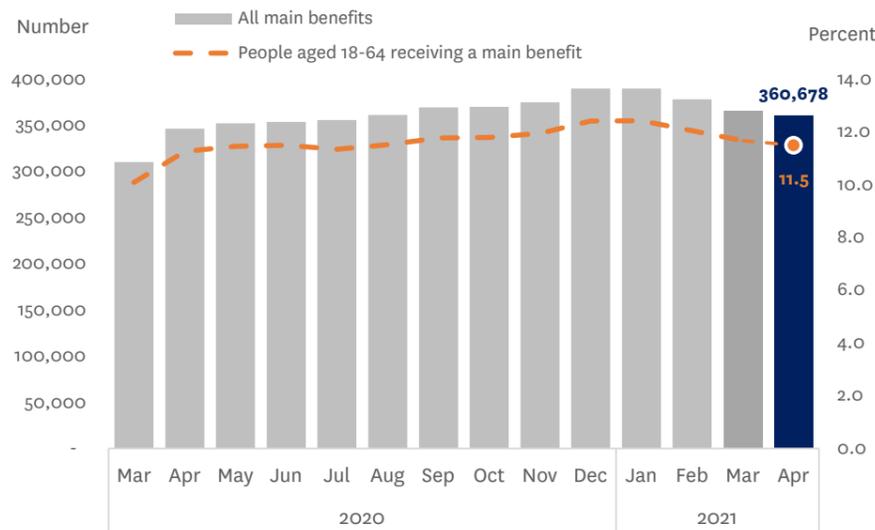
3,063 cancels into work in April 2020.

Main benefits

Figure 1. Main benefit categories and sub-categories

	March 2021	April 2021	Annual trend
All main benefits	365,934	360,678	▼
Jobseeker Support (JS)	201,300	196,236	▼
Work Ready (JS – WR)	122,871	118,029	▼
Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD)	78,432	78,204	▼
Sole Parent Support (SPS)	66,753	66,276	▼
Supported Living Payment (SLP)	94,368	94,485	▲
Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD)	85,317	85,383	▲
Carers (SLP – Carers)	9,051	9,102	▲
Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment	1,338	1,350	▲
Youth Payment (YP)	102	123	▲
Young Parent Payment (YPP)	1,233	1,227	▼
Other main benefits	2,172	2,337	▲
Emergency Benefit (EB)	1,410	1,539	▲
Emergency Maintenance Allowance (EMA)	702	690	▼
Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH)	63	105	▲

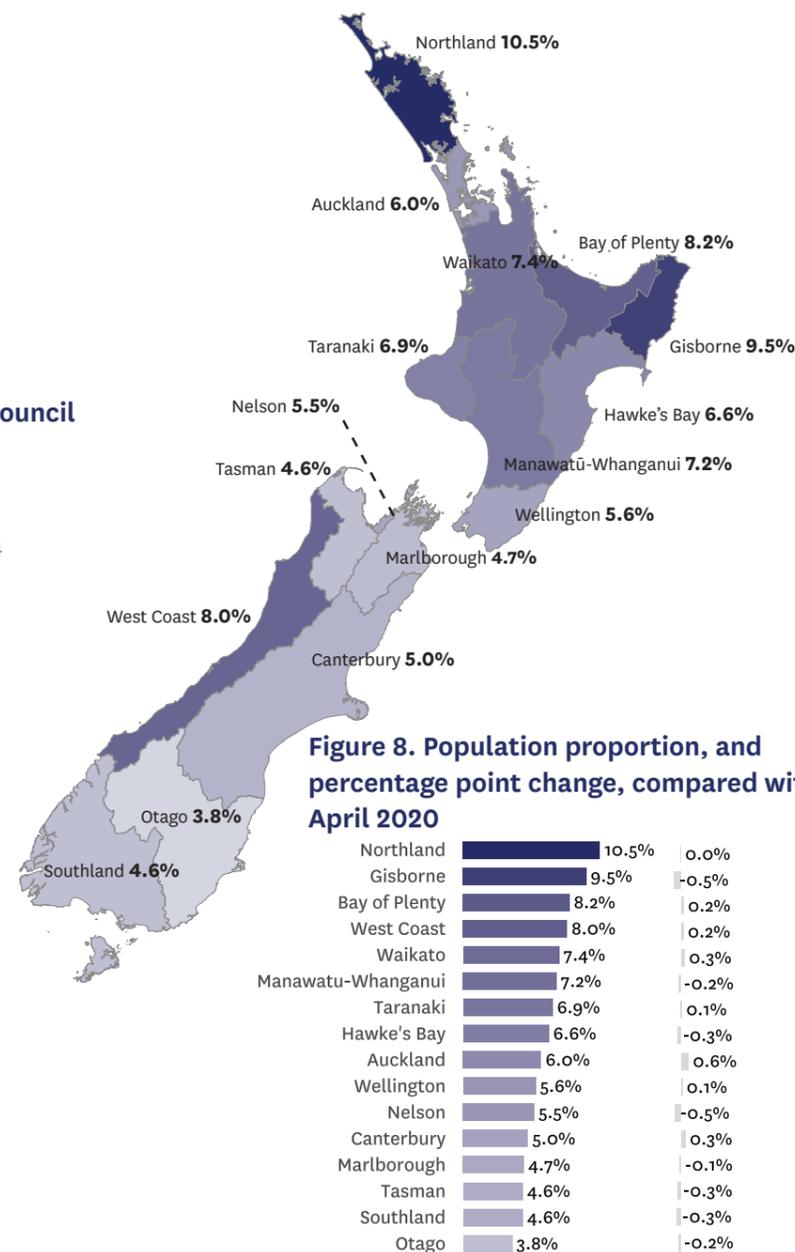
Figure 2. All main benefits, timeseries



From 12 February 2021, the Ministry of Social Development is applying a range of new confidentiality procedures to public data releases. These procedures will continue to protect client information, while making more data available. To find out how we have changed the way we work with client information visit: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-keep-data-private.html>

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 7. Population proportion of 18-64 year olds receiving Jobseeker Support, by Regional Council



Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by Regional Council and ethnicity

Figure 3. JS – WR by Regional Council (total)

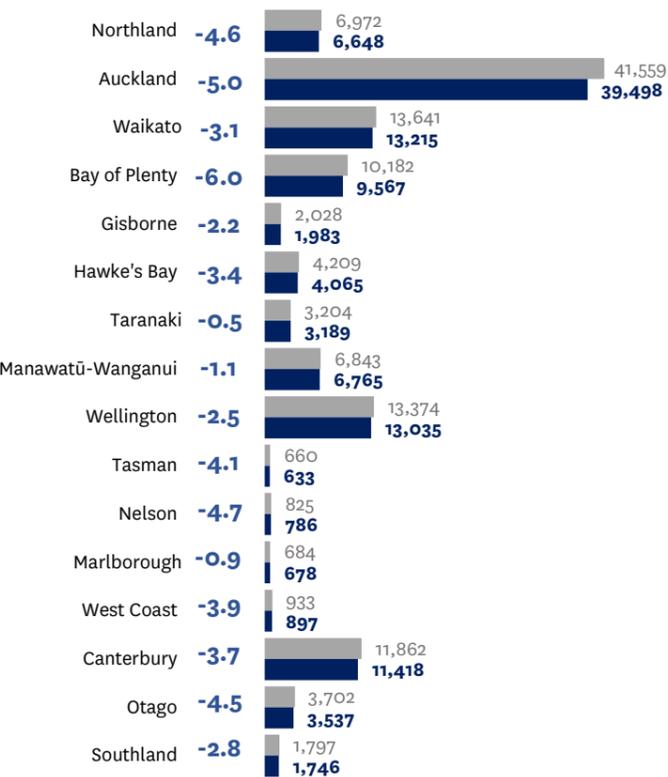


Figure 4. JS – WR by Regional Council – Māori

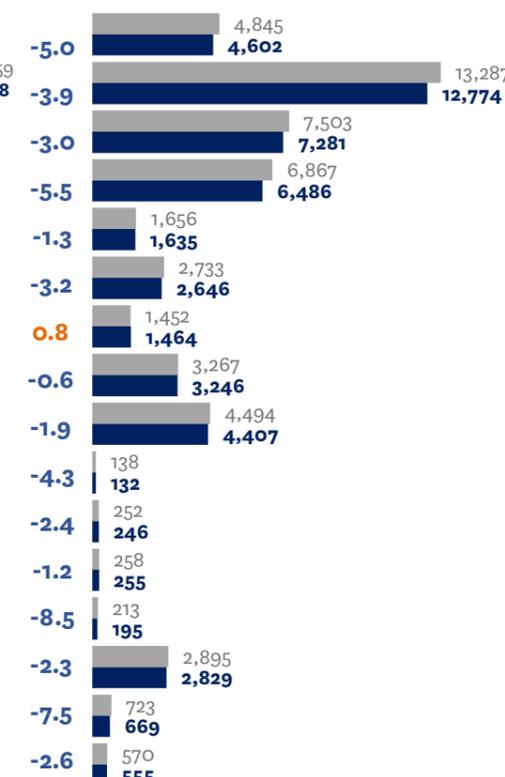


Figure 5. JS – WR by Regional Council – NZ European

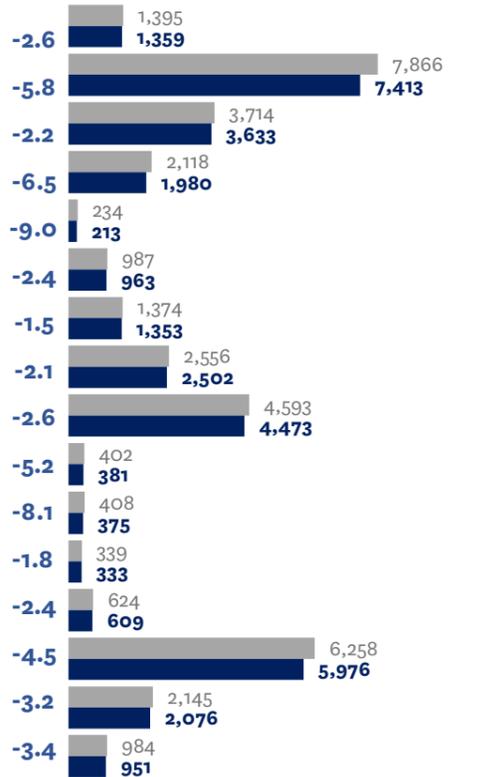


Figure 6. JS – WR by Regional Council – Pacific peoples

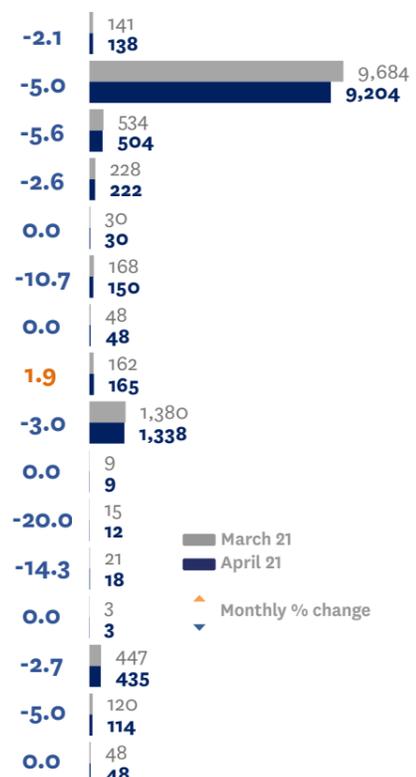
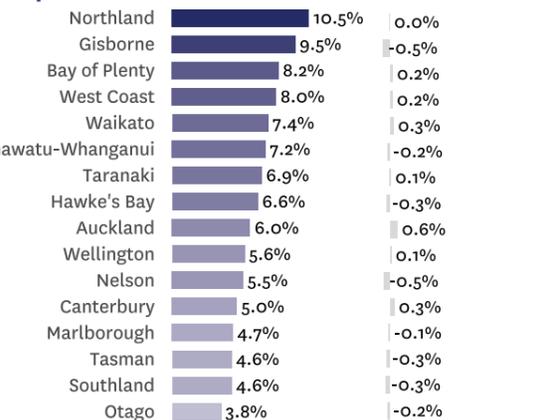


Figure 8. Population proportion, and percentage point change, compared with April 2020



Jobseeker Support and Jobseeker Support - Work Ready

Figure 9. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

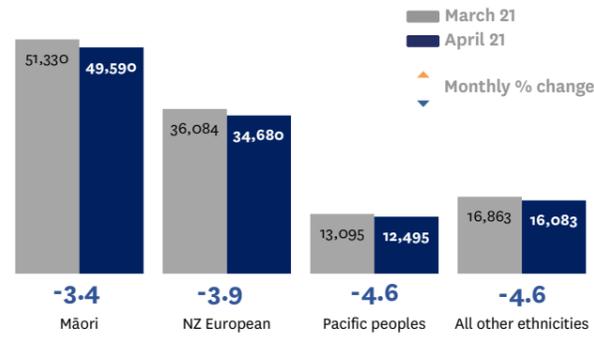


Figure 10. Jobseeker Support, by gender

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.

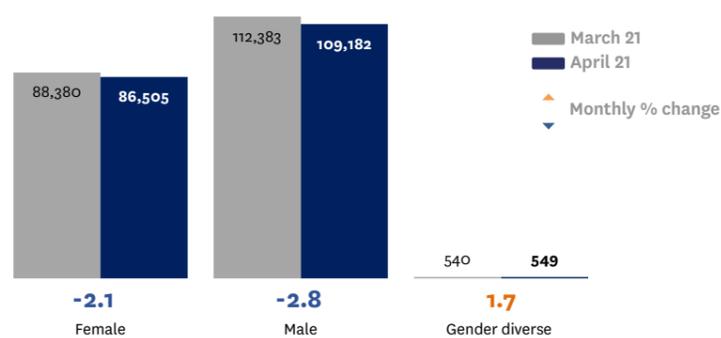
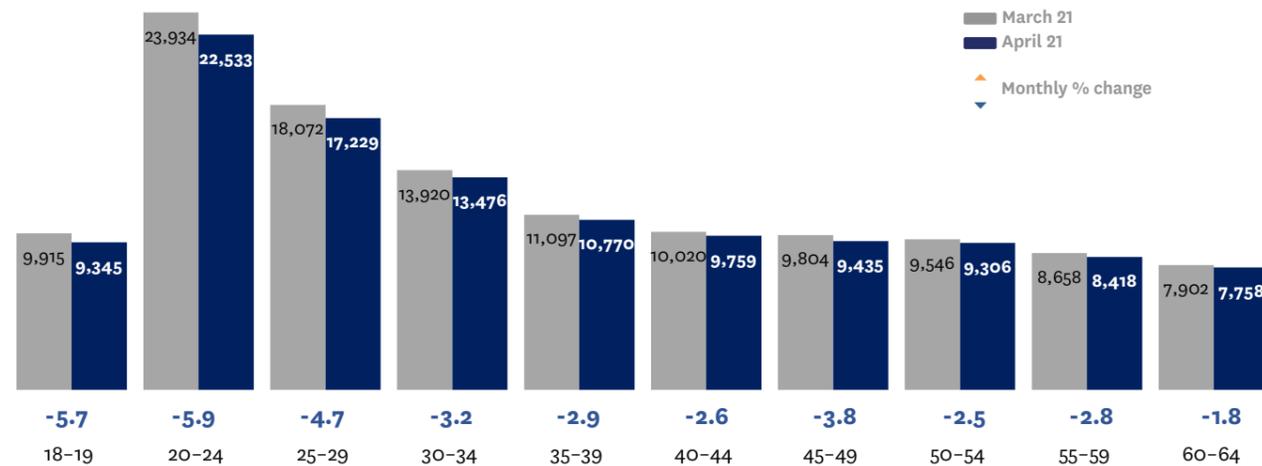
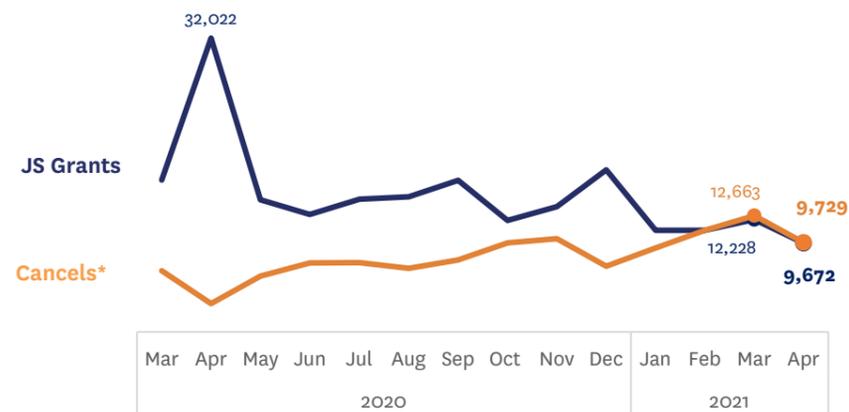


Figure 11. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups



Grants and cancellations

Figure 12. Grants for Jobseeker Support, and cancellations due to obtaining work for all main benefits, timeseries



* This includes cancellations of any main benefit due to obtaining work.

Supplementary benefits and hardship assistance

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 13. Supplementary benefits

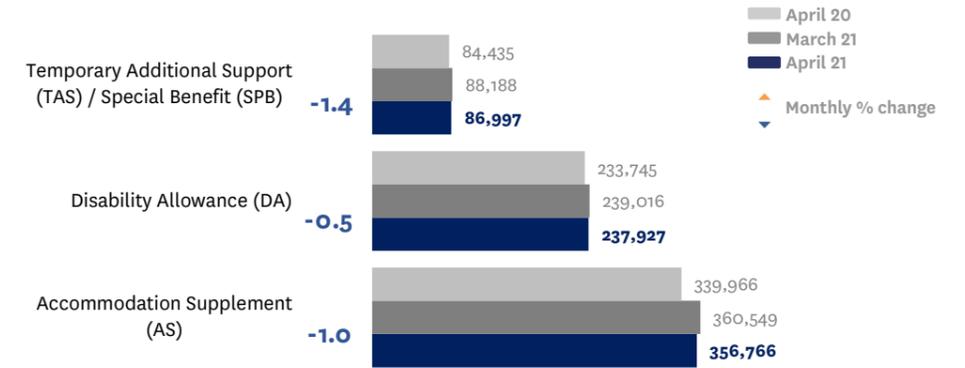


Figure 14. Hardship assistance

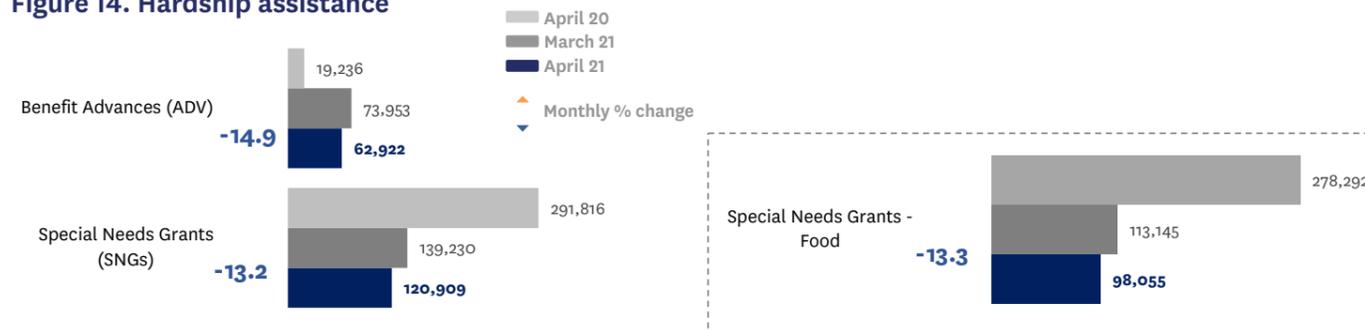


Figure 15. Special Needs Grants granted for food, by Regional Council

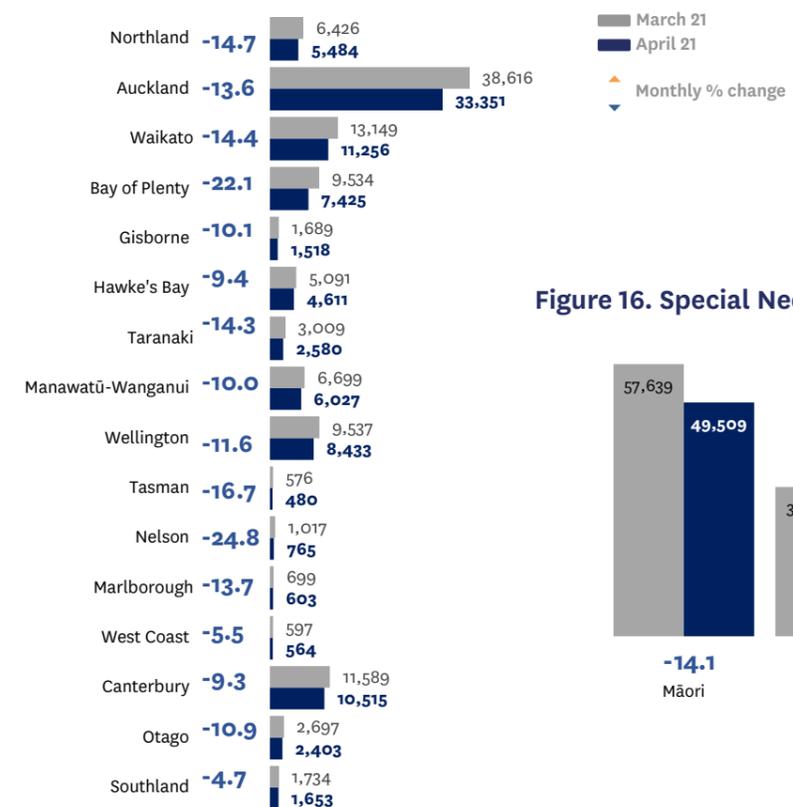


Figure 16. Special Needs Grants granted for food, by ethnicity

