

454 decrease

in the number of working-age recipients of a main benefit, when comparing 12 June 2020 (352,834) with 5 June 2020 (353,288).

362 increase

in the number of Special Needs Grants granted during the week ending 12 June 2020 (36,002), when compared with the week ending 5 June 2020 (35,640).

11.7 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at 12 June 2020 (10.4 percent as at 3 January 2020).

6.3 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received Jobseeker Support (JS) as at 12 June 2020 (4.9 percent as at 3 January 2020).

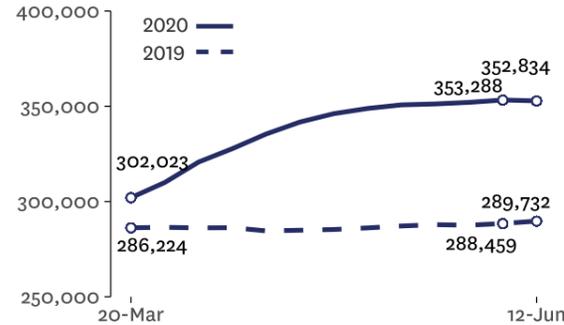
2,816 recipients

of the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment, as at 12 June 2020, of which 2,611 received the full-time payment, and 205 received the part-time payment.

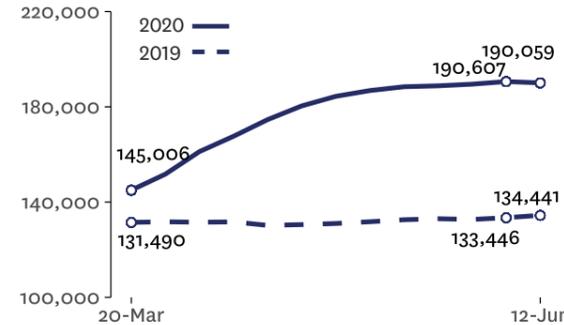
Main benefits

Main benefit numbers are working-age, or those aged 18–64 years. Main benefit numbers are affected by recipients transferred to CIRP.

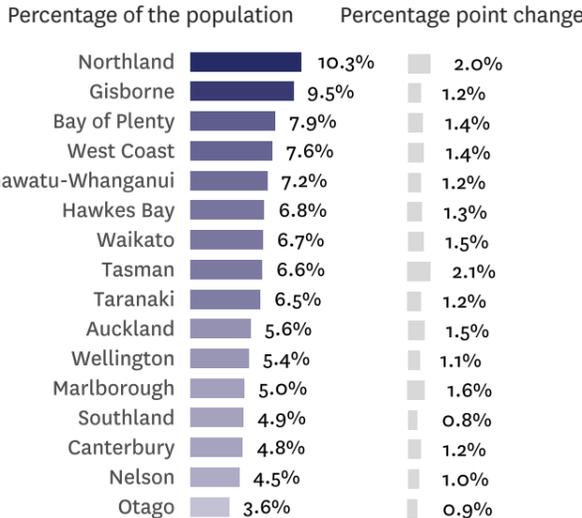
1. Number of main benefit recipients



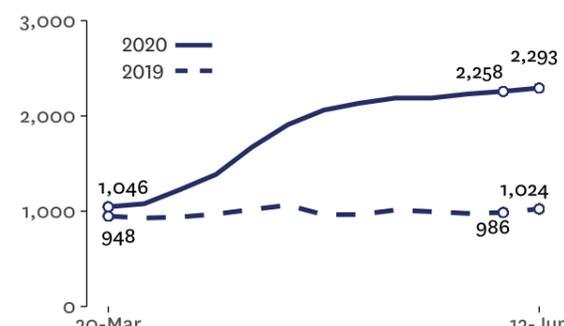
2. Number of Jobseeker Support recipients



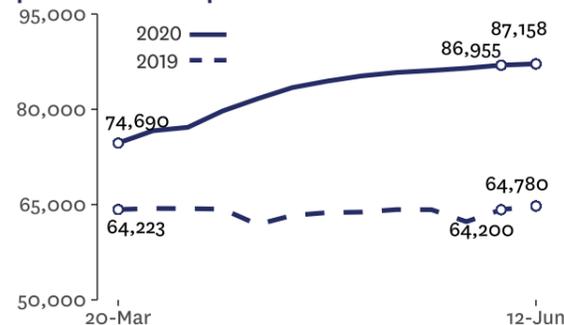
3. Percentage of the estimated New Zealand population aged 15–64 receiving Jobseeker Support, by Regional Council, compared with the start of the year



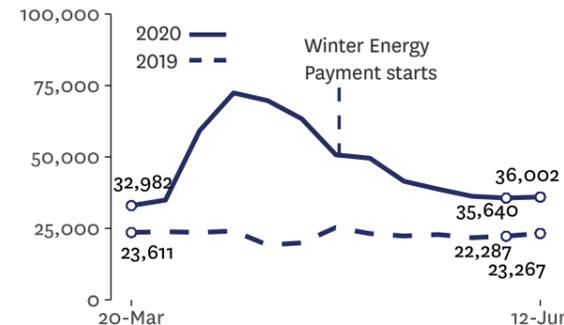
4. Number of Emergency Benefit recipients



5. Number of Temporary Additional Support and Special Benefit recipients



6. Number of Special Needs Grants granted during each week



COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP)

From 8 June 2020, people who lost their job between 1 March 2020 and 30 October 2020 can apply for CIRP. Numbers reported are of those eligible, aged 16 and older, as at 12 June 2020.

2,866 grants * for CIRP in the week ending 12 June 2020.

2,816 recipients ** of CIRP as at 12 June 2020.

1,515 transfers from Jobseeker Support to CIRP in the week ending 12 June 2020.

2,611 full-time recipients of CIRP as at 12 June 2020.
205 part-time recipients of CIRP as at 12 June 2020.

* The number of grants for CIRP exceed the number of recipients actively receiving CIRP because of the nature of MSD's administrative data. Some grants may be suspended awaiting further information, cancelled if the grant was applied incorrectly, or the recipient may have gained employment.
** CIRP recipients are counts of the total number of people supported by CIRP.

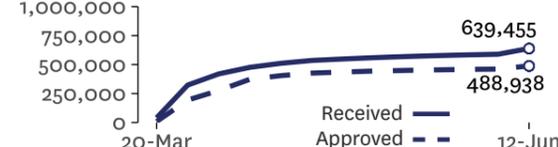
Wage Subsidy and Leave Scheme

Payments

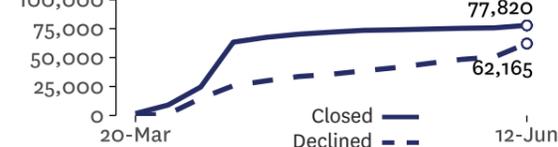
\$11.2 billions paid out to approved Wage Subsidy and Leave Scheme applications up to the week ending 12 June 2020.

1,677,448 jobs associated with a paid application, up to the week ending 12 June 2020.

7. Number of applications received and approved



8. Number of applications closed and declined



Refunds

\$158.2 millions is the value of refunds received as at 12 June 2020, an increase of \$12.7 million when compared with the week ending 5 June 2020.

5,134 refunds received as at 12 June 2020, an increase of 722 when compared with the week ending 5 June 2020.

Supplementary assistance and hardship assistance

Receipt of main benefits or supplementary assistance are counts of the number of people who are in primary receipt.
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. SNGs also include SNGs for food.
Wage Subsidy and Leave Payment data are cumulative data, and sums data from the start of the Wage Subsidy (week ending 20 March 2020) and of the Leave Payment (week ending 1 May 2020). The numbers currently reported for the Wage Subsidy and Leave Payment Scheme are a count of jobs, rather than of people associated with paid applications.
Total refunds received will not equal the number of businesses who have made refunds, as some businesses may make multiple refunds.
For **population proportions**, the estimated resident New Zealand population aged 18-64 years is used as at the nearest June each year. Current estimates as at June 2019 are used in this document.
There **may be variations when comparing quarterly and monthly data, to weekly data** reported by MSD. This is due to the business rules used allowing for processing time for payments, when there are public holidays the processing time may need to be advanced Thursday or Wednesday. If public holidays land on the following Monday or the Friday, the monthly and quarterly data will have a different extract date from the weekly data which is always extracted on Fridays. Comparisons should be done with caution.