# **Income Support and Wage Subsidy Weekly Update**

#### Week ending 8 May 2020

## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL **DEVELOPMENT**

Nelson, Marlborough and West Coast 5.8%

Canterbury 4.9%

- Southern 4.3%

Auckland Metro 5.8%

Bay of Plenty 8.3%

East Coast 8.0%

Taranaki, King

Country, and Whanganui 7.9%

Central 6.6%

Wellington 5.5%

Waikato 7.1%

# 2,735 increase

in the number of working-age people receiving a main benefit when comparing 8 May 2020 (348,856) to 1 May 2020 (346,121).

### 1,213 decrease

in the number of Special Needs Grants granted during the week ending 8 May 2020 (49,538) when compared to the week ending 1 May 2020 (50,751).

#### 11.6 percent

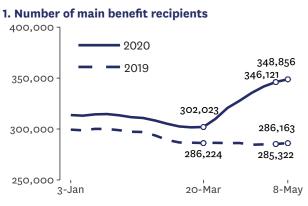
of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at 8 May 2020 (10.4 percent as at 3 January 2020).

# 6.2 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received Jobseeker Support as at 8 May 2020 (4.9 percent as at 3 January 2020).

#### **Main benefits**

Main benefit numbers are working-age, those aged 18-64 years.



3. Number of Sole Parent Support recipients

2020

32,982

80,000

70,000

60,000

50,000

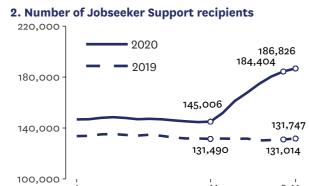
each week

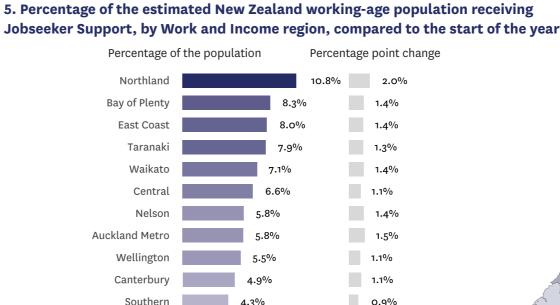
100,000

75,000

50,000

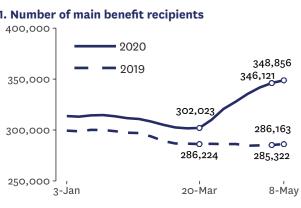
25,000

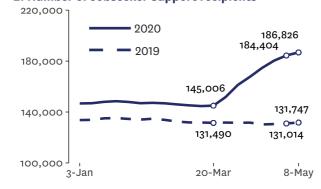




For population proportions, the estimated resident New Zealand population aged 18-64 years is used as at nearest June each year. Currently estimates as at June 2019 are used in this document.

If Friday is a public holiday, variations in the administrative data may occur as manual actions may not happen on a public holiday.





2,134 2,061

341,802

295,866

295,208

339,966

295,517

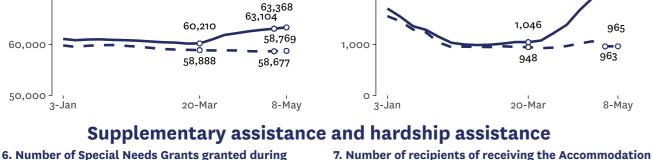
4. Number of Emergency Benefit recipients

2020

2019

2020

**--** 2019



2,000

Supplement

400,000

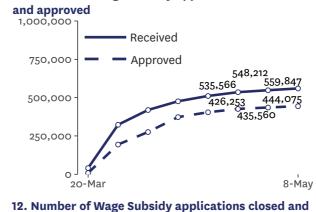
350,000

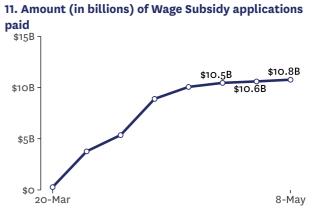
300,000

250,000











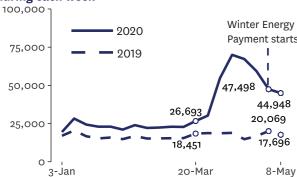
Winter Energy

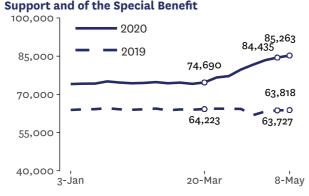
Payment starts

49,538

23,180

25,310





declined 100,000 Closed



**Temporary Placeholder** 

Updated data to be implemented

geographical regions: Northland; Auckland; Waikato; Bay of Plenty; East Coast; Taranaki (Taranaki, King Country, and Whanganui); Central; Wellington; Nelson (Nelson, Marlborough, and West Coast); Canterbury; and Southern. "Other region" refers to people managed by national units, for example contact centres and processing centres.

data is loaded as at 2300 hours

on Friday and is not available by

Hardship grants are counts of grants, rather than clients, one

Work and Income has 11

client can receive multiple grants.

region.

Receipt of main benefit or supplementary assistance are counts of the number of people who are in primary receipt.