

696 increase in the number of **Jobseeker Support – Work Ready recipients**, when comparing 4 December (129,292) with 27 November (128,596).

985 decrease in the number of **COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP) recipients**, when comparing 4 December (4,986) with 27 November (5,971).

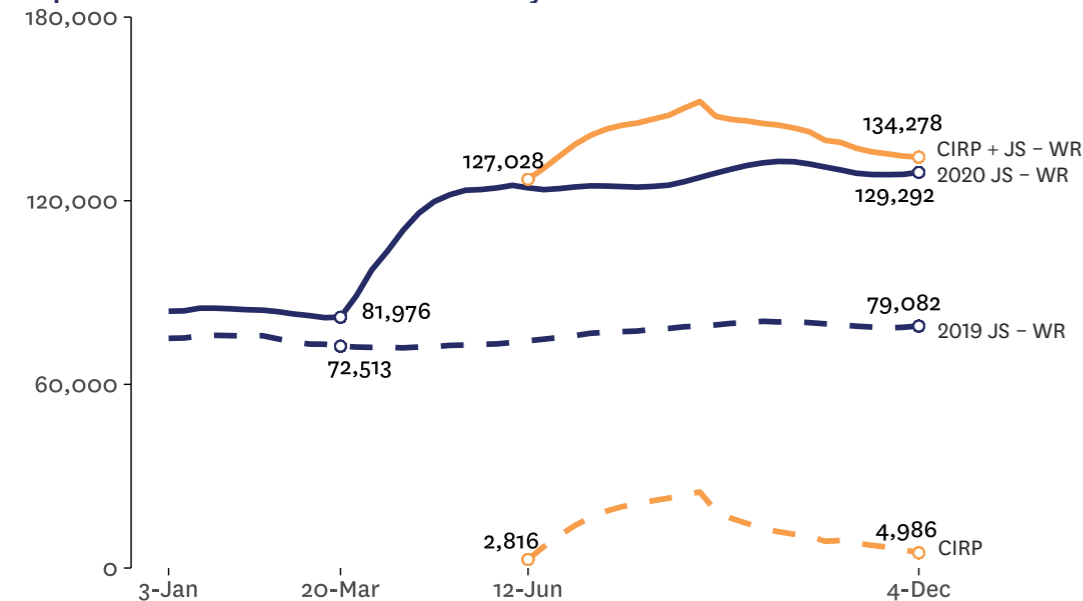
1,909 cancels into work from **Jobseeker Support** during the week ending 4 December.
47 cancels into work from **CIRP** in the week ending 4 December.

1,074 increase in the number of **Special Needs Grants granted for food** during the week ending 4 December (27,577) when compared with 27 November (26,503).

12.0 percent of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a **main benefit** as at 4 December.
6.5 percent received **Jobseeker Support** as at 4 December.

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

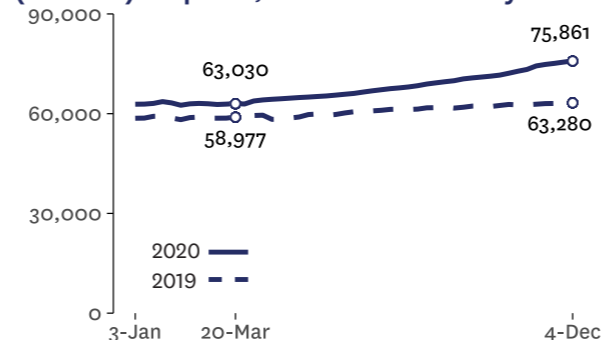
1. Number of working-age JS – Work Ready (JS – WR) and CIRP (16 years and older) recipients for each week from the start of the year



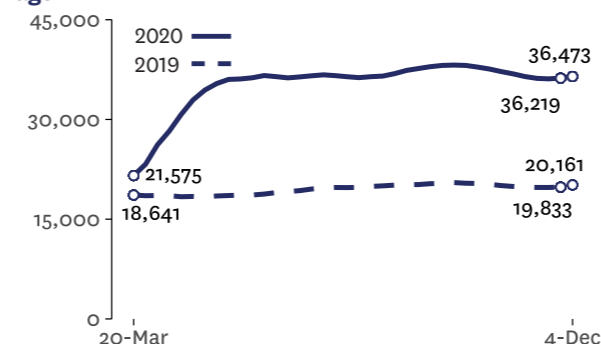
346 increase in the number of **JS – HCD recipients**, when comparing 4 December (75,816) with 27 November (75,515).

254 increase in the number of **JS – WR recipients aged between 18–24 years of age**, when comparing 4 December (36,473) with 27 November (36,219).

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



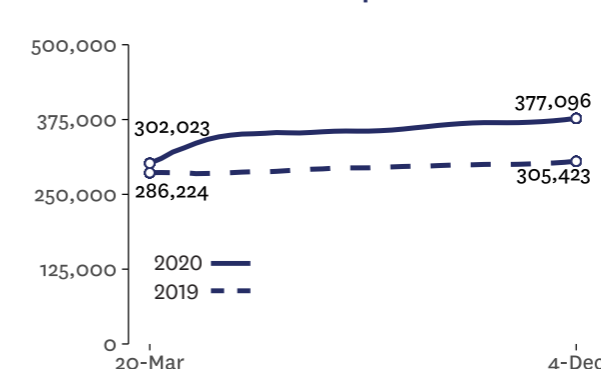
3. Number of JS – WR recipients aged 18–24 years of age



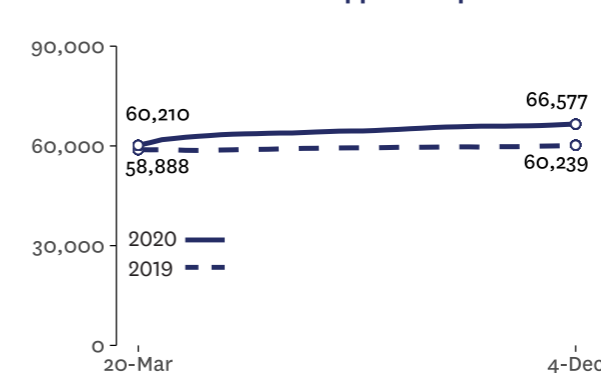
Main benefits

Main benefit numbers are ages 18–64 years.

9. Number of main benefit recipients



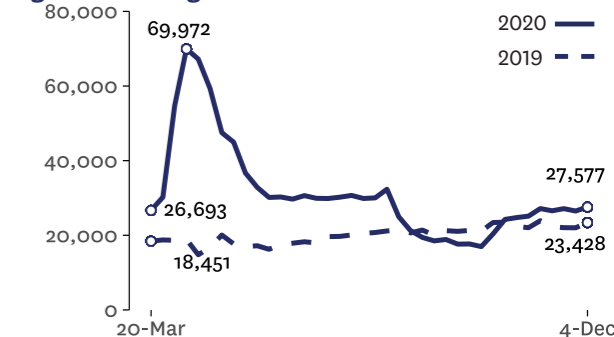
10. Number of Sole Parent Support recipients



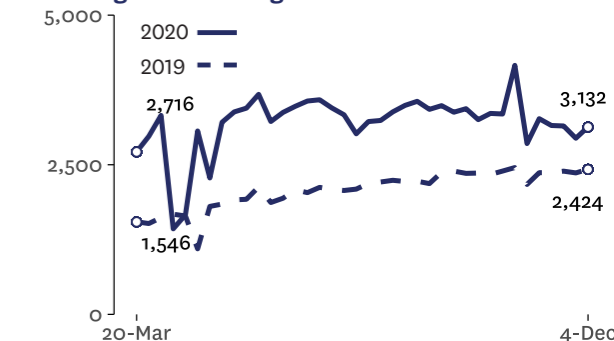
Hardship assistance

Hardship grants are all ages.

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

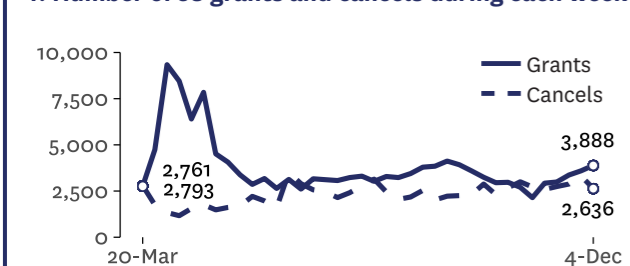


13. Number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants granted during each week



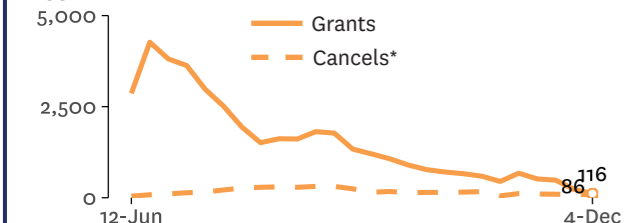
Grants and cancellations for JS (total WR and HCD) and CIRP

4. Number of JS grants and cancels during each week

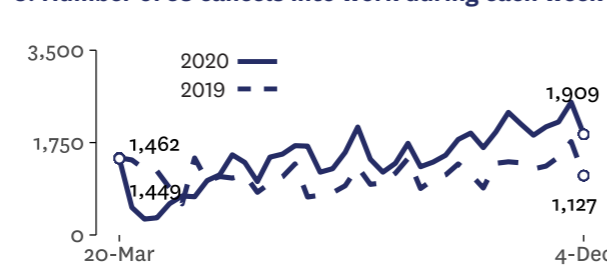


6.6 percent (255) of the **3,888 grants** for Jobseeker Support were transfers of clients from CIRP to Jobseeker Support, during the week ending 4 December 2020.

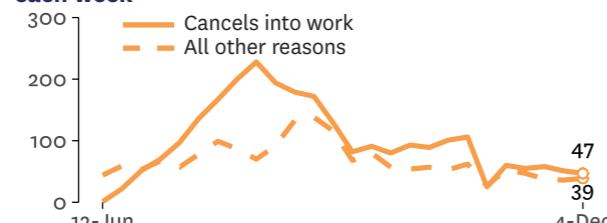
6. Number of CIRP grants and cancels* during each week



5. Number of JS cancels into work during each week



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



There were **1,049** cancels off CIRP for the reason 'End of Entitlement' during the week ending 4 December 2020.

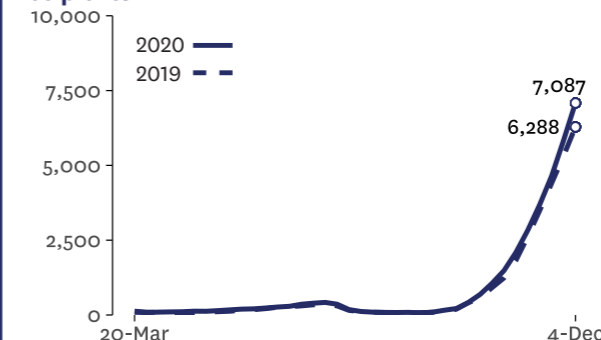
* Graphs 6 and 7 exclude the cancellation reason 'End of Entitlement' to show trends in other selected categories.

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

Population proportion	Percentage point change
Northland 10.9%	2.2%
Gisborne 10.6%	1.9%
Bay of Plenty 8.9%	2.1%
West Coast 8.4%	1.9%
Manawatu-Wanganui 7.7%	1.4%
Hawkes Bay 7.5%	1.7%
Waikato 7.3%	1.8%
Taranaki 7.1%	1.6%
Tasman 6.5%	1.7%
Auckland 6.2%	2.1%
Wellington 5.8%	1.3%
Southland 5.5%	1.2%
Canterbury 5.4%	1.6%
Marlborough 5.1%	1.5%
Nelson 4.6%	1.0%
Otago 3.8%	1.0%

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 recipients of CIRP are counts of the total number of people receiving this payment, including partners (if any). 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 information on refunds, is available in the Income Support and Wage Subsidy Weekly Update data file, published here: <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.

During a week with a public holiday, the number of hardship grants may decrease, due to fewer contact hours with clients.

For population proportions, the estimated New Zealand resident population is used, as at the most recent June estimate available for the relevant period.