

Monthly Benefits Update – August 2020

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).

5,522 increase
in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing August (361,170) with July 2020 (355,648).

4,739 increase
in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing August (197,227) with July 2020 (192,488).

12.0 percent
of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at August 2020.

607 decrease
in the number of **benefit cancellations due to obtaining work**, when comparing August (6,933) with July 2020 (7,540).

64,132 was the yearly increase (297,038).

56,210 was the yearly increase (141,017).

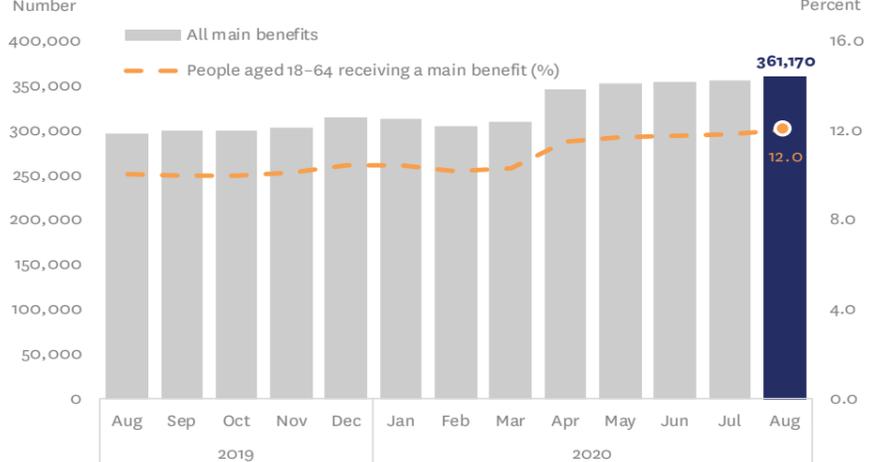
6.6 percent received Jobseeker Support.

682 was the yearly change (6,251).

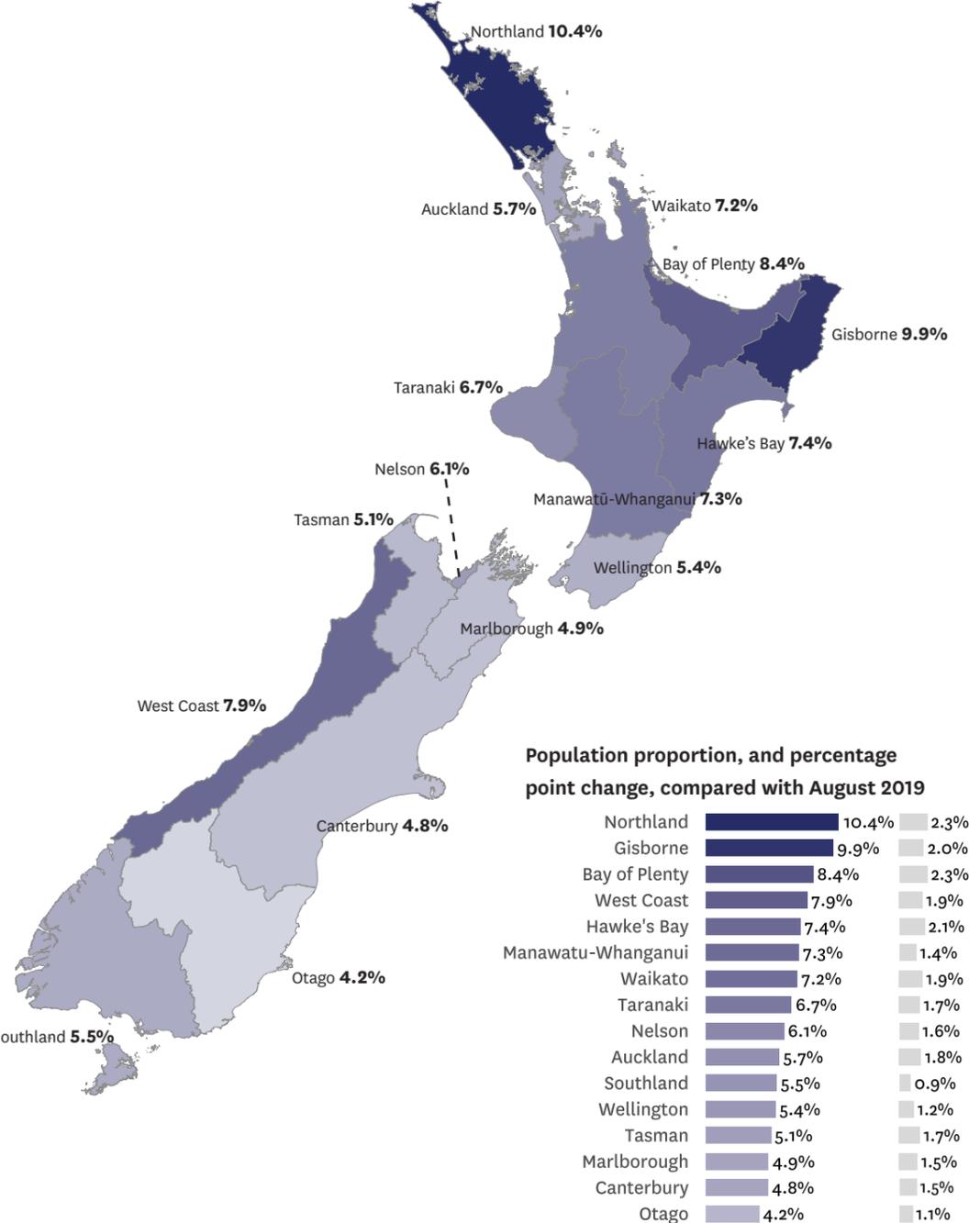
Main benefit categories and sub-categories

| | August 20 | Yearly trend |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| All main benefits | 361,170 | |
| Jobseeker Support (JS) | 197,227 | |
| Work Ready (JS – WR) | 127,615 | |
| Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD) | 69,612 | |
| Sole Parent Support (SPS) | 65,165 | |
| Supported Living Payment (SLP) | 94,164 | |
| Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD) | 85,122 | |
| Carers (SLP – Carers) | 9,042 | |
| Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment | 1,573 | |
| Youth Payment (YP) | 255 | |
| Young Parent Payment (YPP) | 1,318 | |
| Other main benefits | 3,041 | |

All main benefits, timeseries



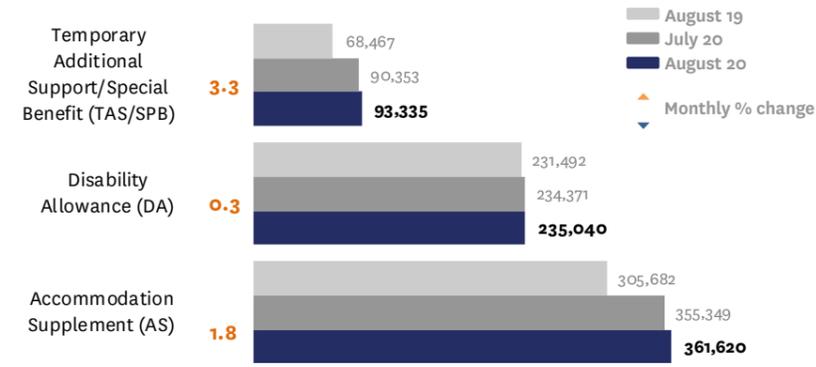
Population proportion of 15–64 year olds receiving Jobseeker Support, by Regional Council



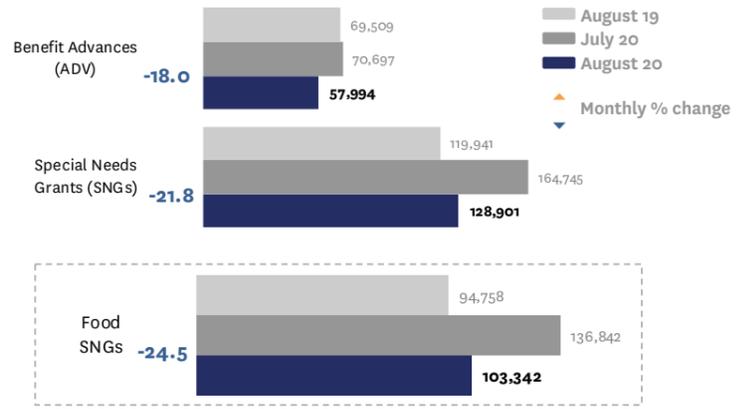
Supplementary benefits and hardship assistance

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.

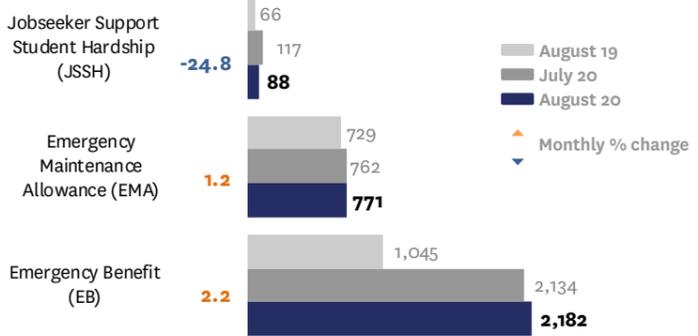
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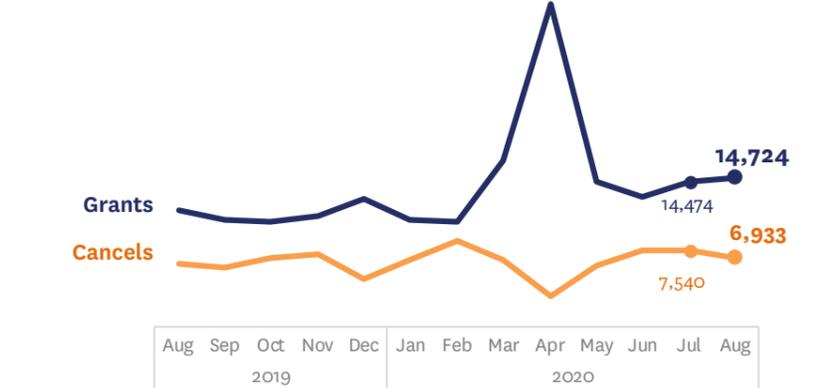
Hardship assistance



Other main benefits



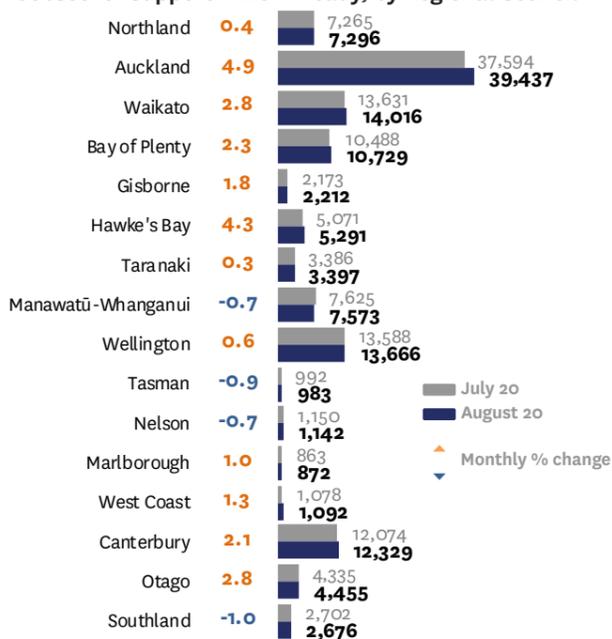
Benefit grants for Jobseeker Support, and benefit cancellations due to obtaining work, timeseries



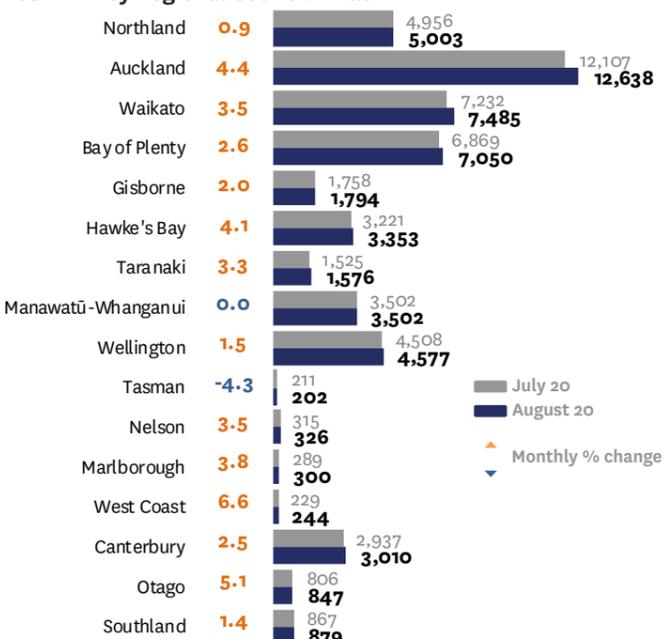
Month-on-month comparison, by selected data cuts

Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by Regional Council and ethnicity

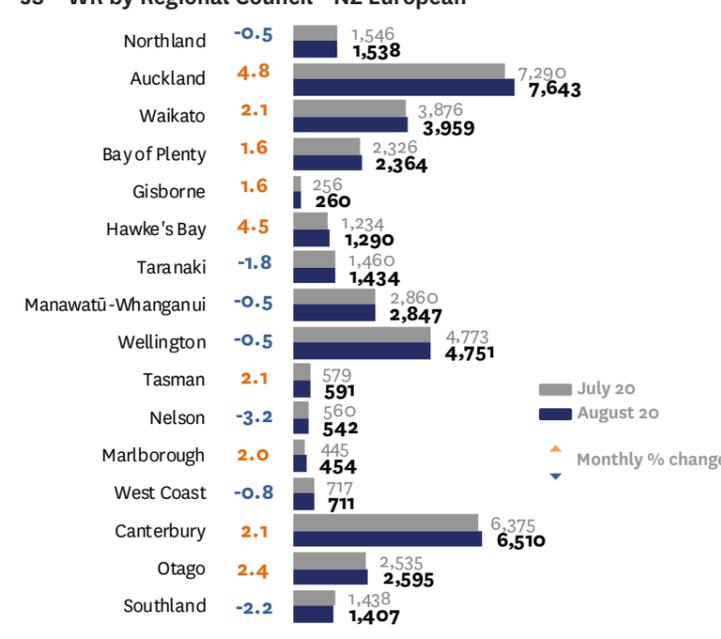
Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by Regional Council



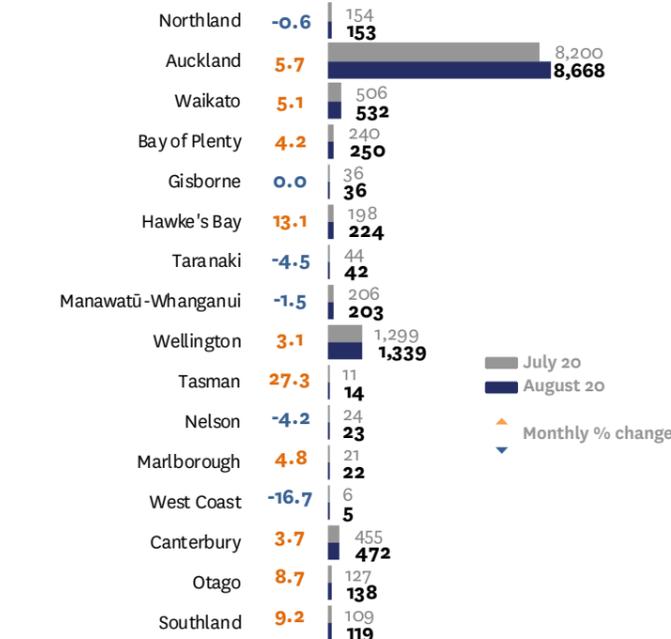
JS – WR by Regional Council - Māori



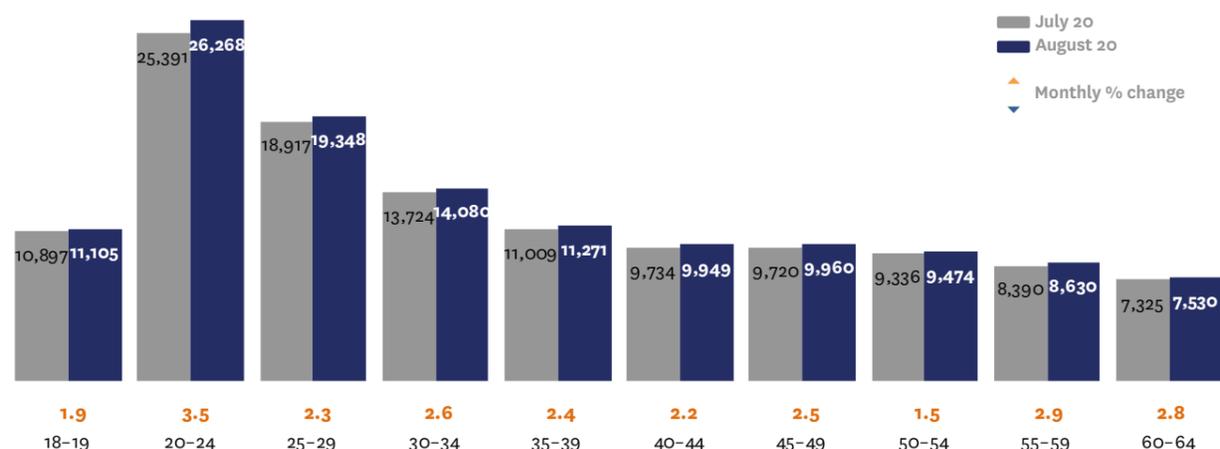
JS – WR by Regional Council - NZ European



JS – WR by Regional Council - Pacific peoples



Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups

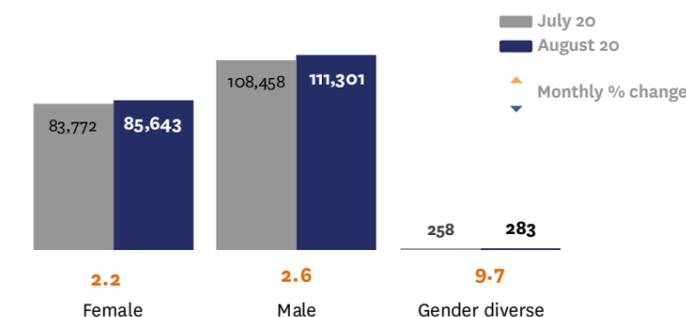


Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

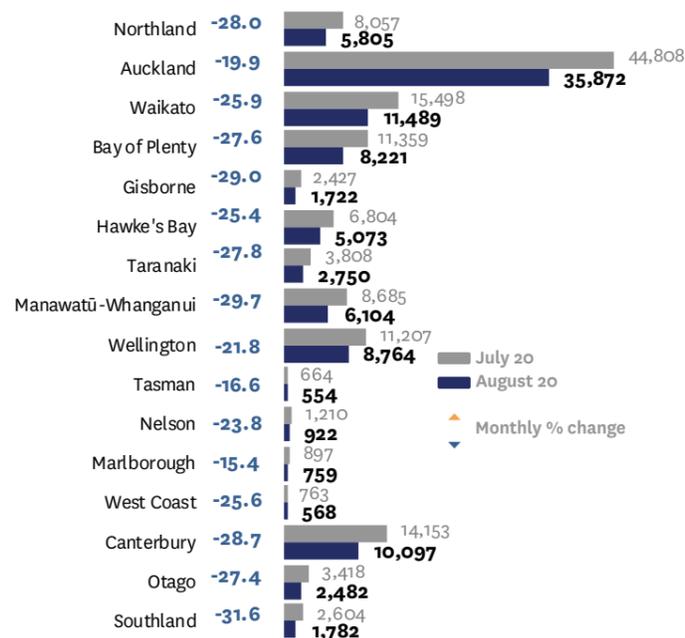
| | July 20 | August 20 | % change |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Māori | 51,538 | 53,000 | 2.8 |
| NZ European | 38,382 | 39,010 | 1.6 |
| Pacific peoples | 11,674 | 12,285 | 5.2 |
| All other ethnicities | 16,260 | 16,827 | 3.5 |
| Total JS - WR | 124,443 | 127,615 | 2.5 |

Jobseeker Support, by gender

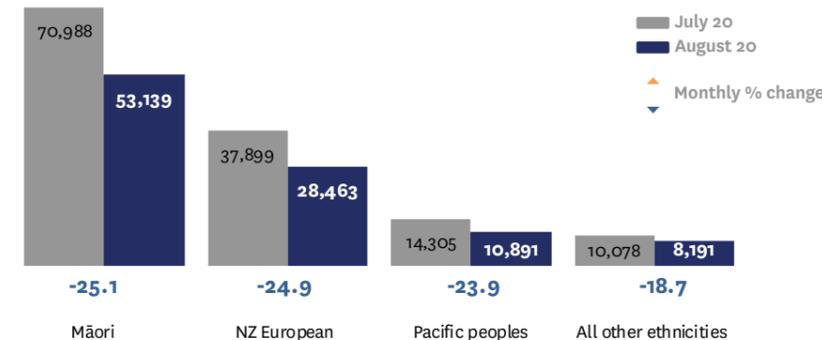
From 2 December 2019, a "Gender diverse" option was made available for our clients to choose from. We expect the numbers in this category to increase over time.



Special Needs Grants granted for food, by Regional Council

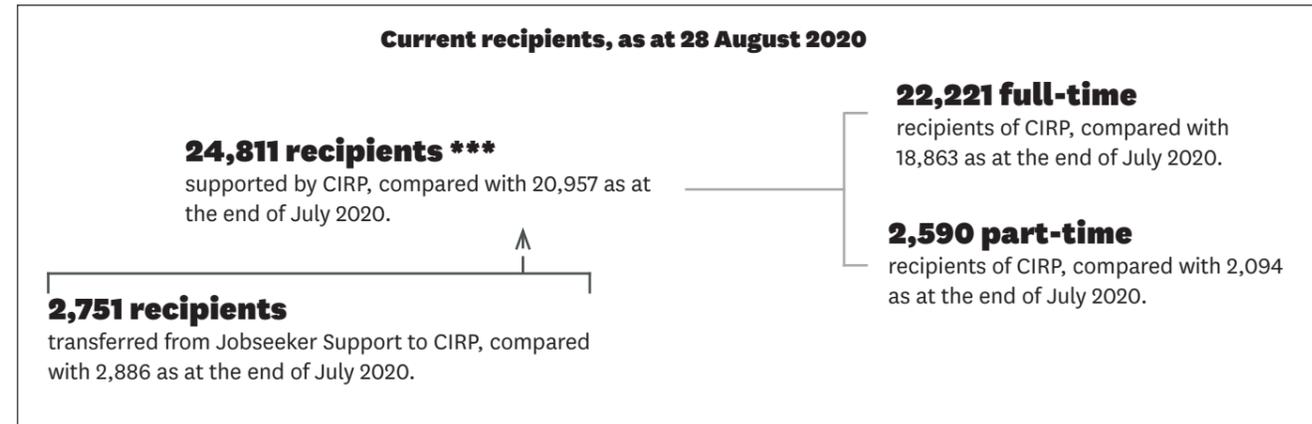
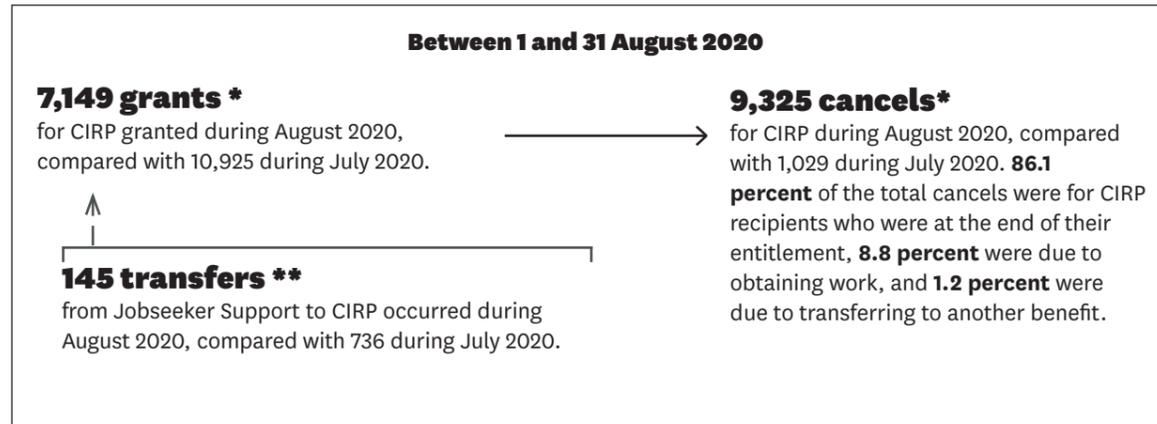


Special Needs Grants granted for food, by ethnicity



COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP)

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

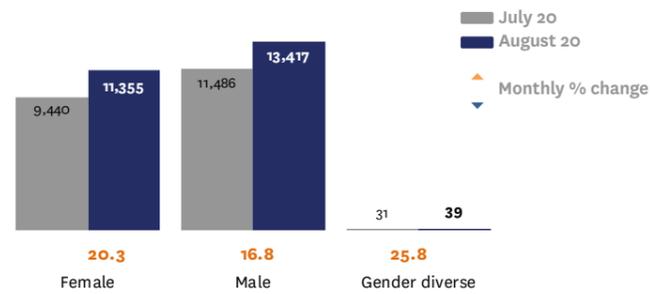


* Total grants over time will not add up to the number of CIRP recipients.

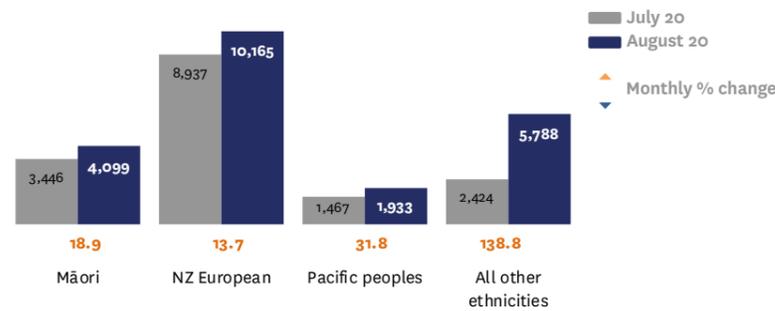
** Transfers to CIRP from Jobseeker Support are cumulative counts of people granted CIRP, who were recently in receipt (or the partner of a primary recipient) of Jobseeker Support.

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

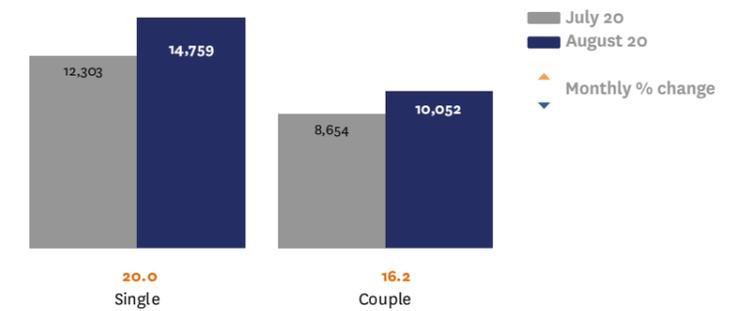
CIRP recipients, by gender



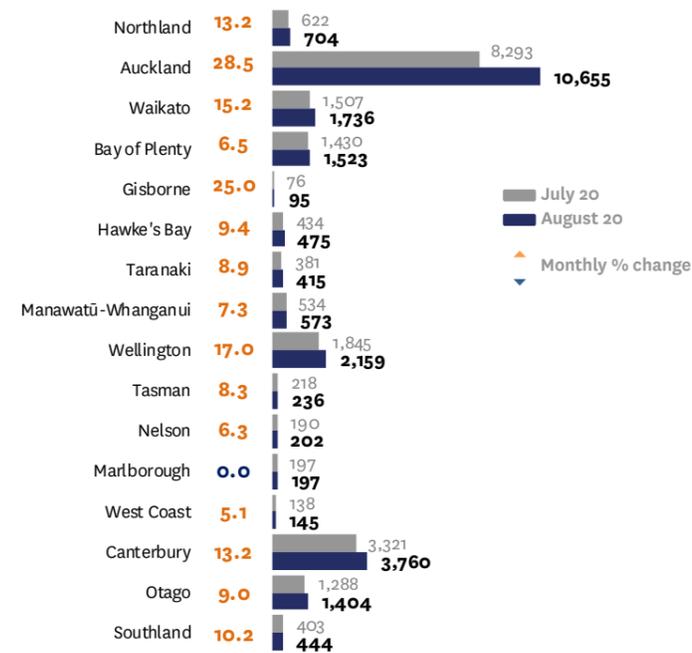
CIRP recipients, by ethnicity



CIRP recipients, by relationship status



CIRP recipients, by Regional Council



CIRP recipients, by age groups

