

14,814 increase
in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing December (389,500) with November 2020 (374,686).
75,092 was the yearly increase (314,408).

8,357 increase
in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing December (212,468) with November 2020 (204,111).
65,004 was the yearly increase (147,464).

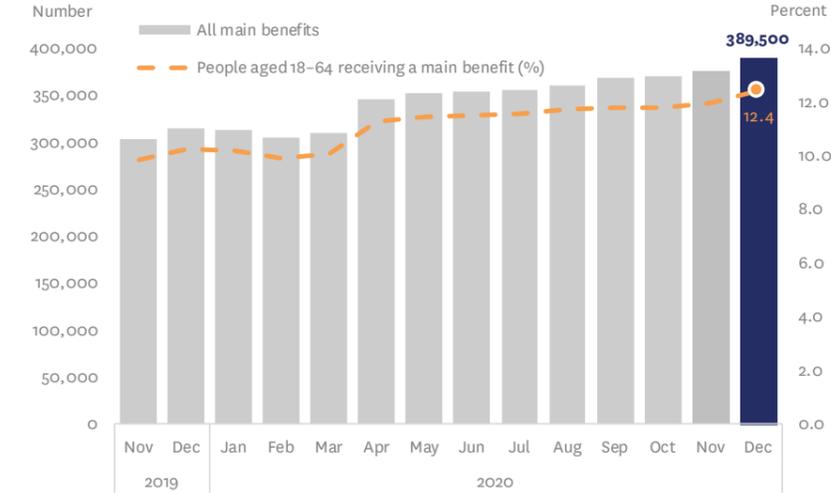
12.4 percent
of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at December 2020.
6.8 percent received Jobseeker Support.

2,986 decrease
in the number of **benefit cancellations due to obtaining work**, when comparing December (7,161) with November 2020 (10,147).
2,448 was the yearly increase (4,713).

Figure 1. Main benefit categories and sub-categories

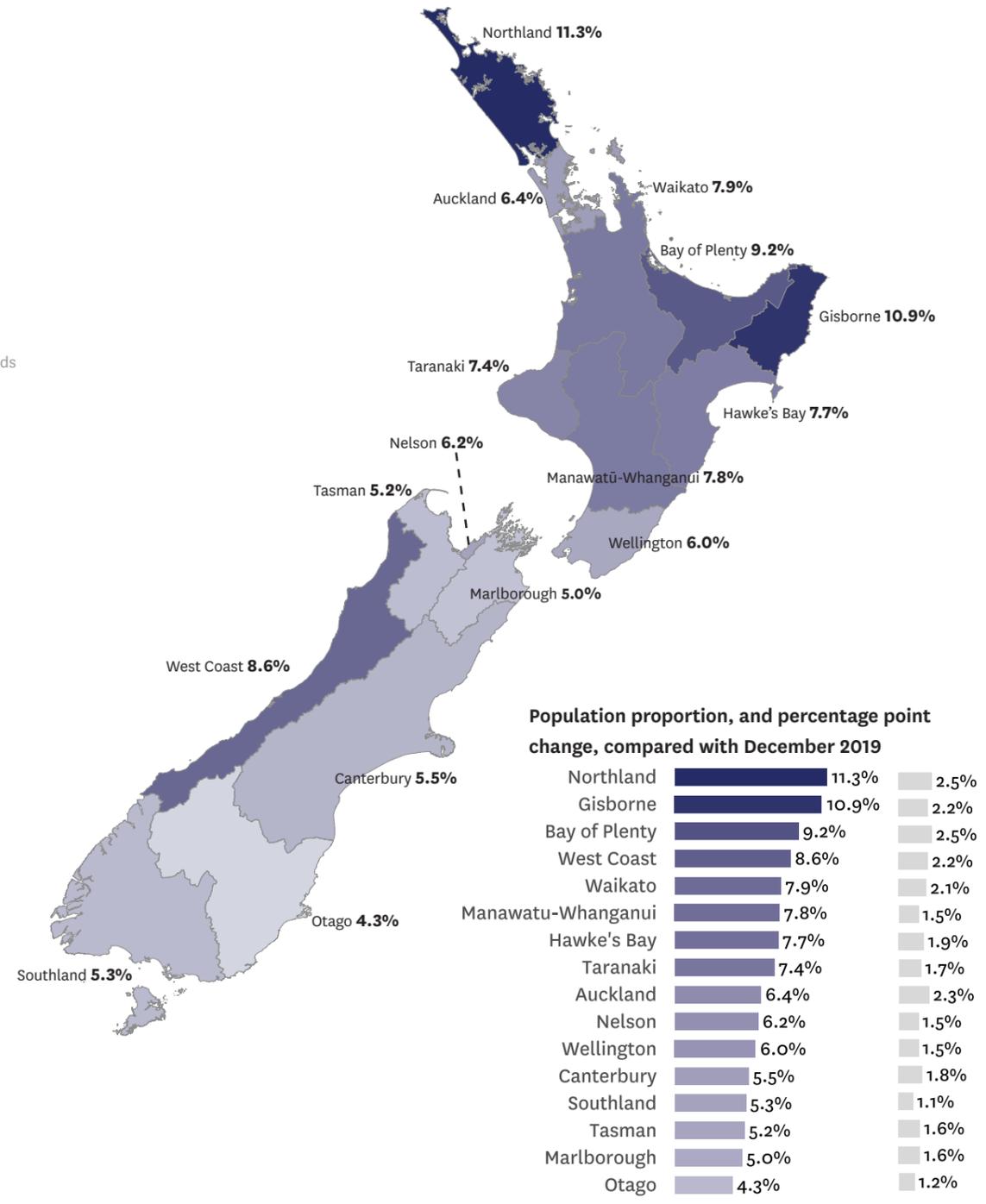
	December 20	Annual trend
All main benefits	389,500	
Jobseeker Support (JS)	212,468	
Work Ready (JS – WR)	134,830	
Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD)	77,638	
Sole Parent Support (SPS)	67,563	
Supported Living Payment (SLP)	94,421	
Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD)	85,301	
Carers (SLP – Carers)	9,120	
Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment	1,559	
Youth Payment (YP)	273	
Young Parent Payment (YPP)	1,286	
Other main benefits	13,489	

Figure 2. All main benefits, timeseries



① 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 3. Population proportion of 18–64 year olds receiving Jobseeker Support, by Regional Council



Supplementary benefits and hardship assistance

① 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 4. Supplementary benefits

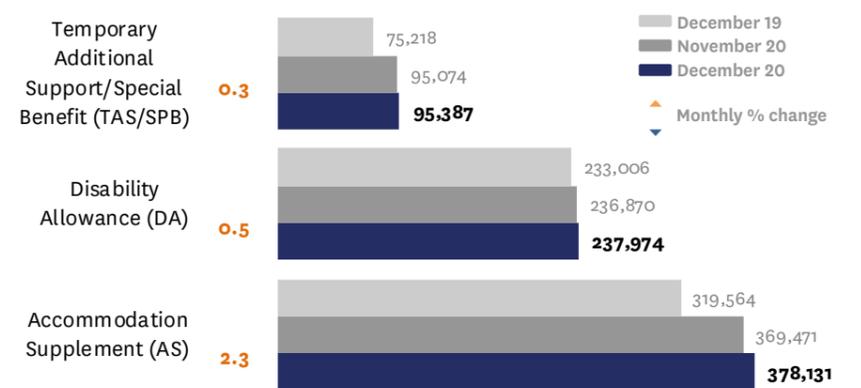


Figure 5. Hardship assistance

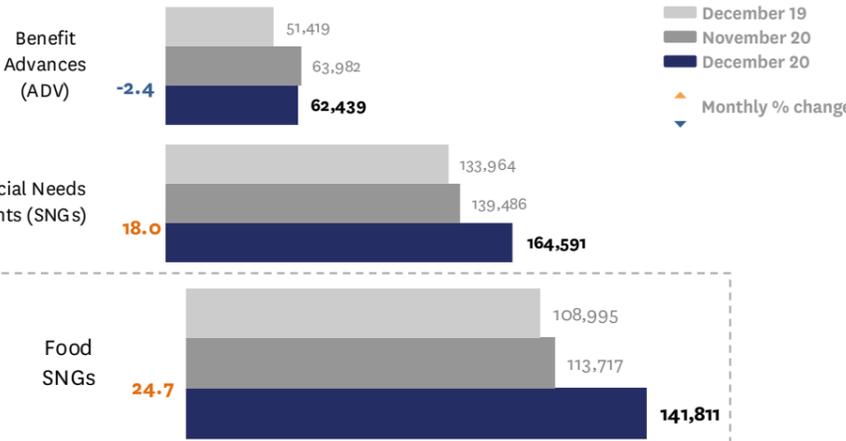


Figure 6. Other main benefits

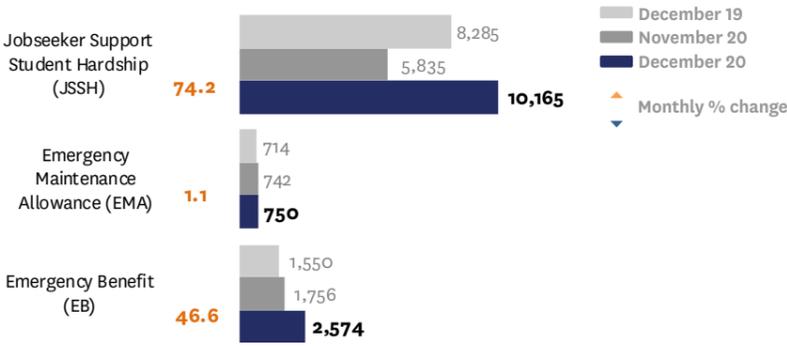
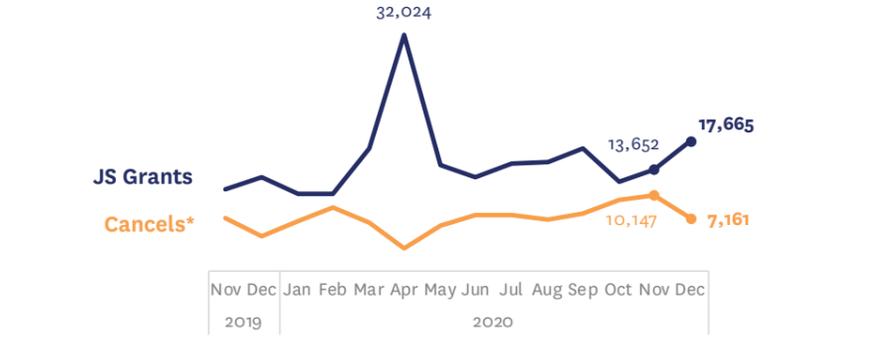


Figure 7. Grants for Jobseeker Support, and cancellations due to obtaining work for all main benefits, timeseries



* These include cancellations of any main benefit due to obtaining work.

Month-on-month comparison, by selected data cuts

Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by Regional Council and ethnicity

Figure 8. JS – WR by Regional Council (total)

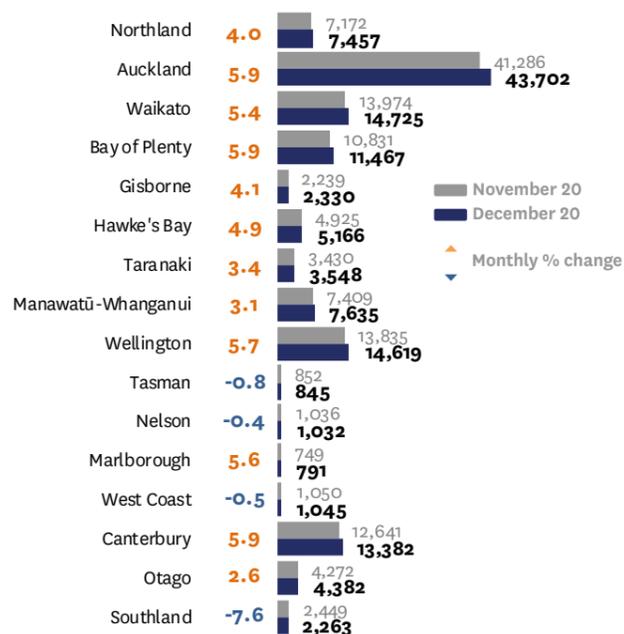


Figure 9. JS – WR by Regional Council - Māori

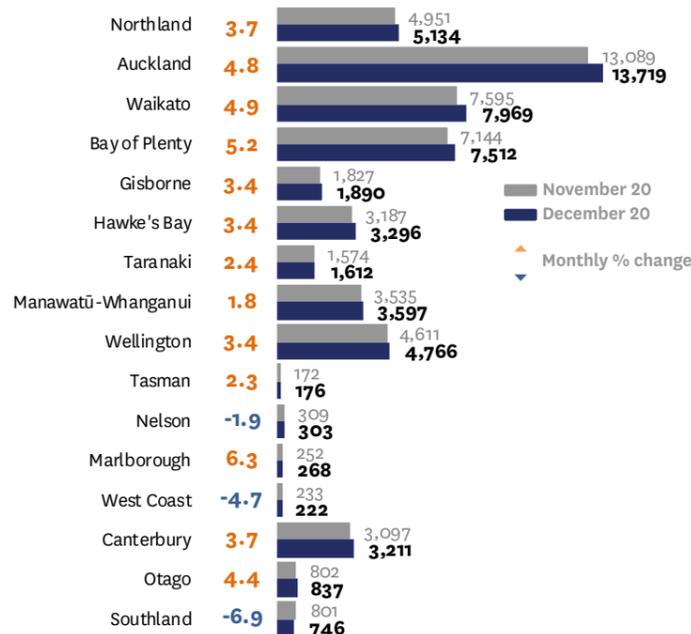


Figure 10. JS – WR by Regional Council - NZ European

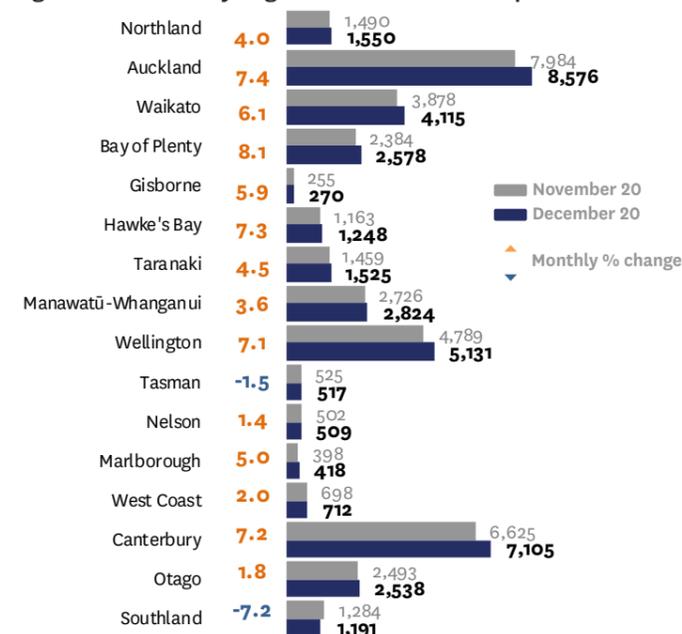


Figure 11. JS – WR by Regional Council - Pacific peoples

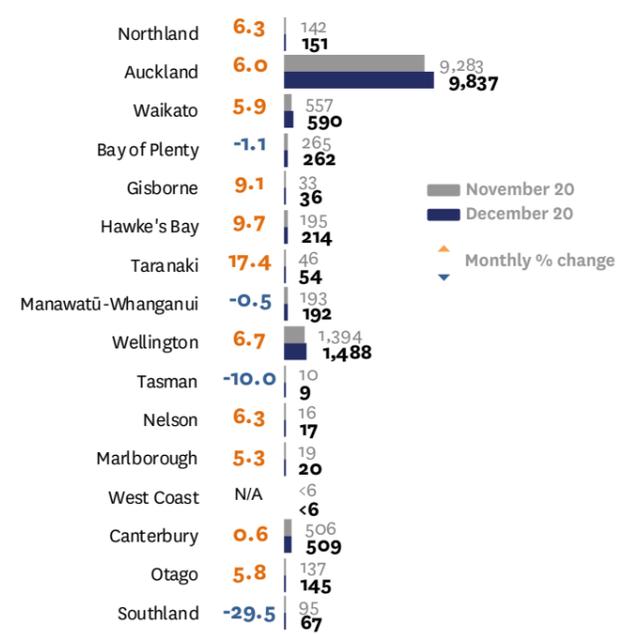


Figure 12. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

	November 20	December 20	% change
Māori	53,383	55,459	3.9
NZ European	38,760	40,917	5.6
Pacific peoples	12,949	13,649	5.4
All other ethnicities	17,476	18,579	6.3
Total JS – WR	128,596	134,830	4.8

Figure 13. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups

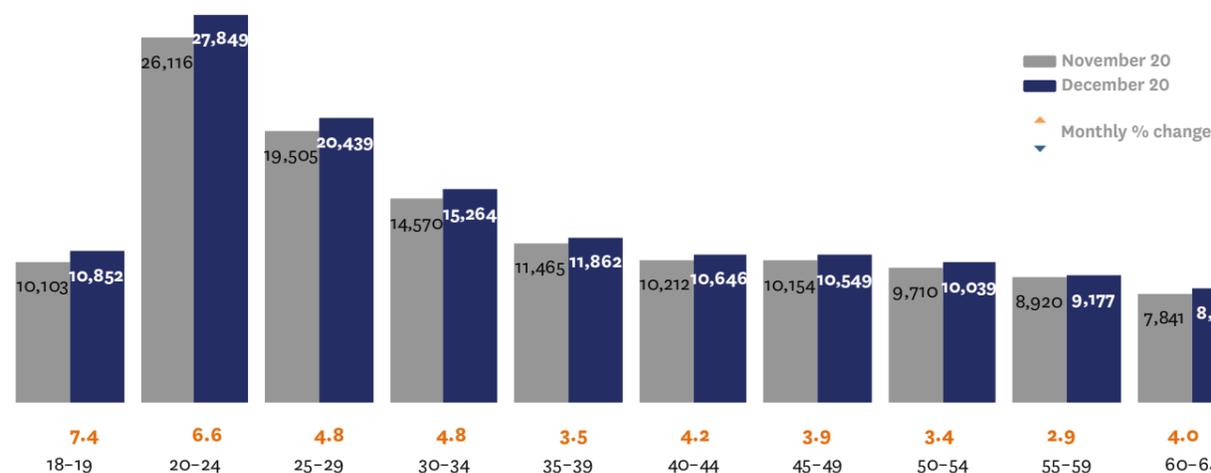


Figure 14. Jobseeker Support, by gender

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.

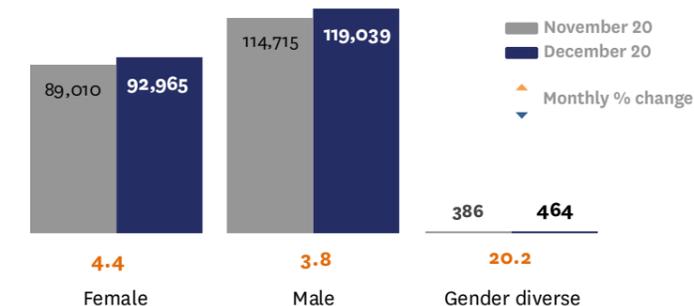


Figure 15. Special Needs Grants granted for food, by Regional Council

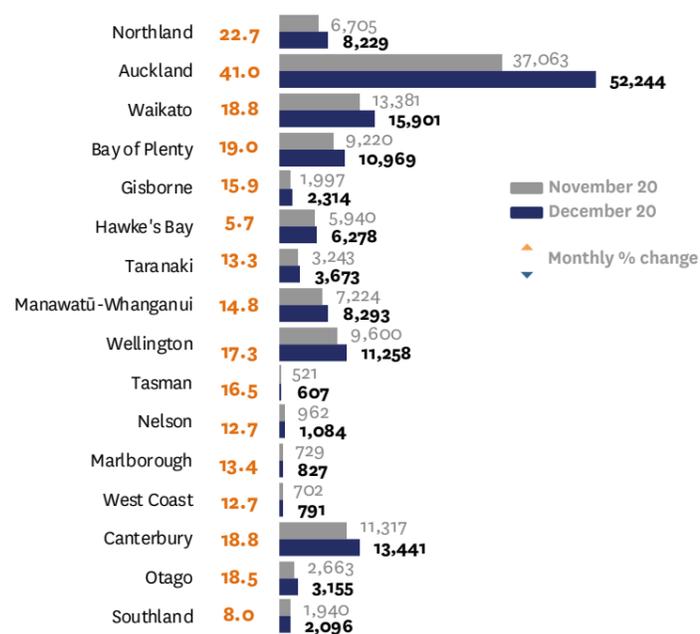
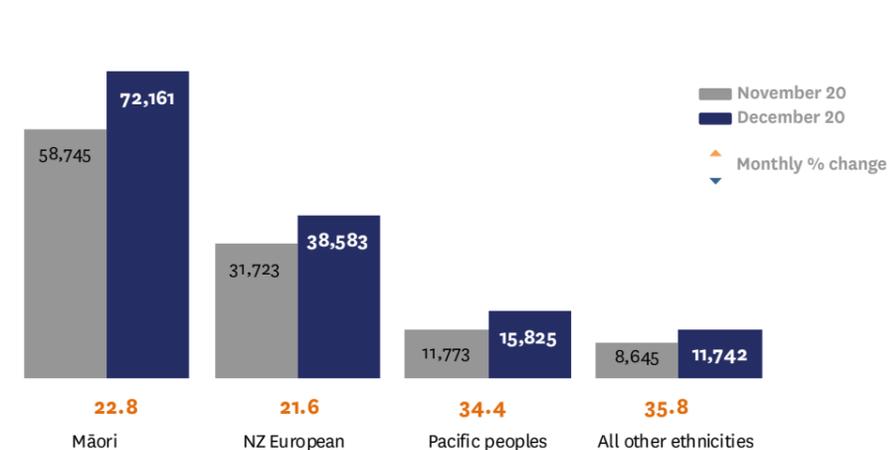
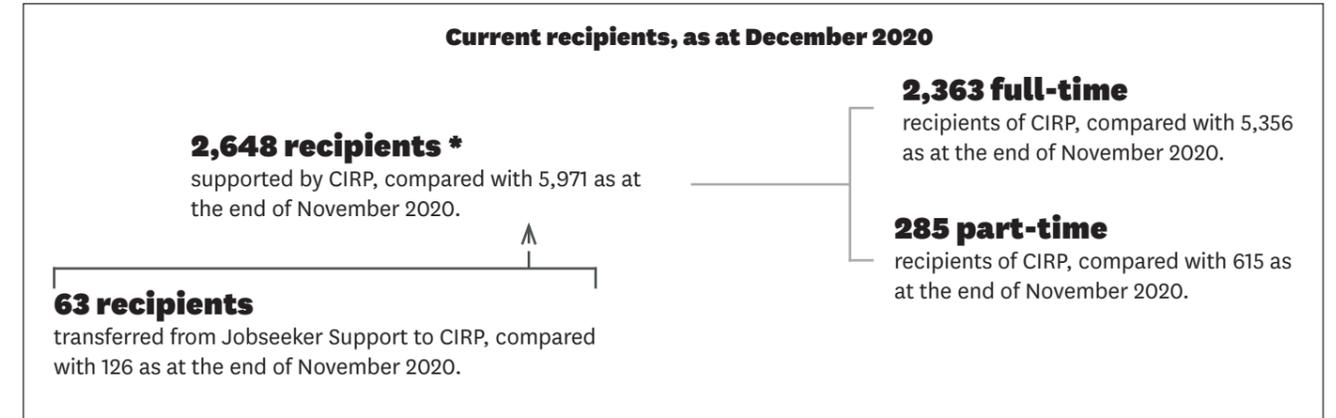
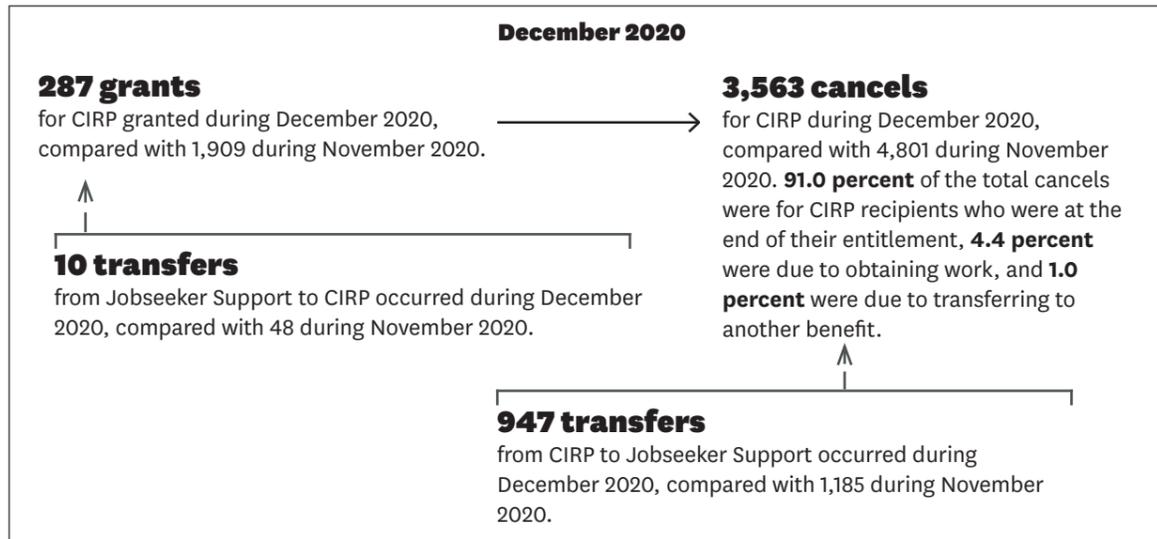


Figure 16. Special Needs Grants granted for food, by ethnicity



COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP)

① COVID-19 Income Relief Payment helps people who lost their job between 1 March and 30 October 2020. The final application date was Friday 13 November 2020, although there will continue to be backdated grants granted for those who applied before the cut-off date, or for people who had CIRP temporarily suspended due to temporary work and had it re-granted subsequently.



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

Figure 17. CIRP recipients, by gender

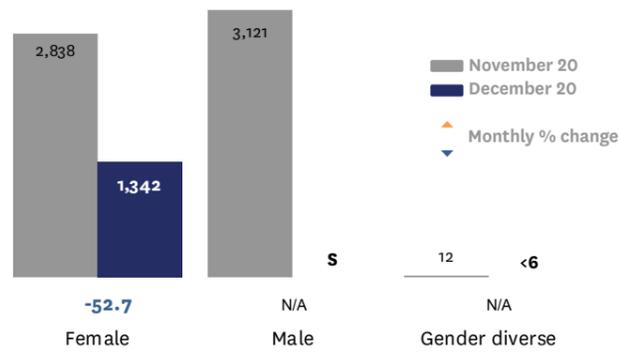


Figure 18. CIRP recipients, by ethnicity

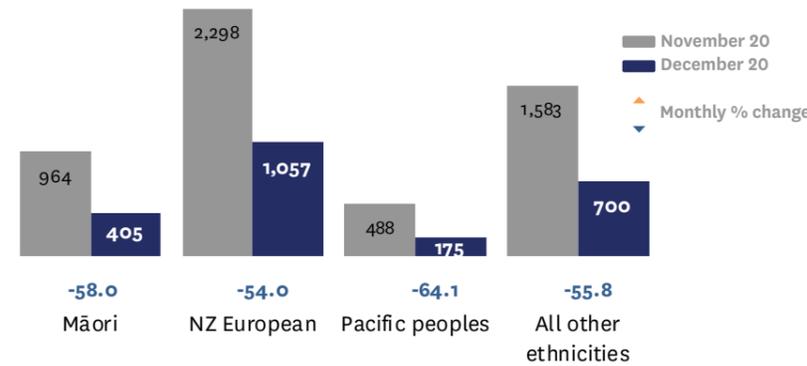


Figure 19. CIRP recipients, by relationship status

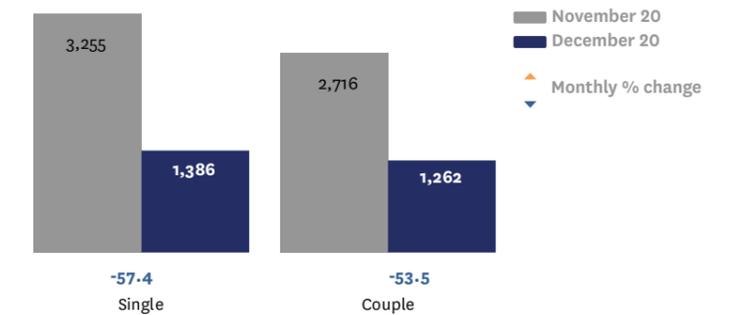


Figure 20. CIRP recipients, by Regional Council

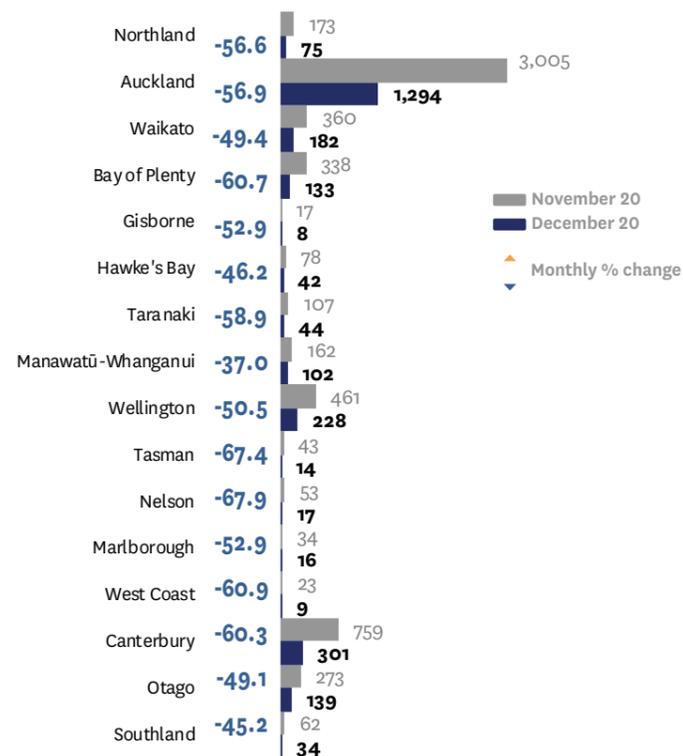
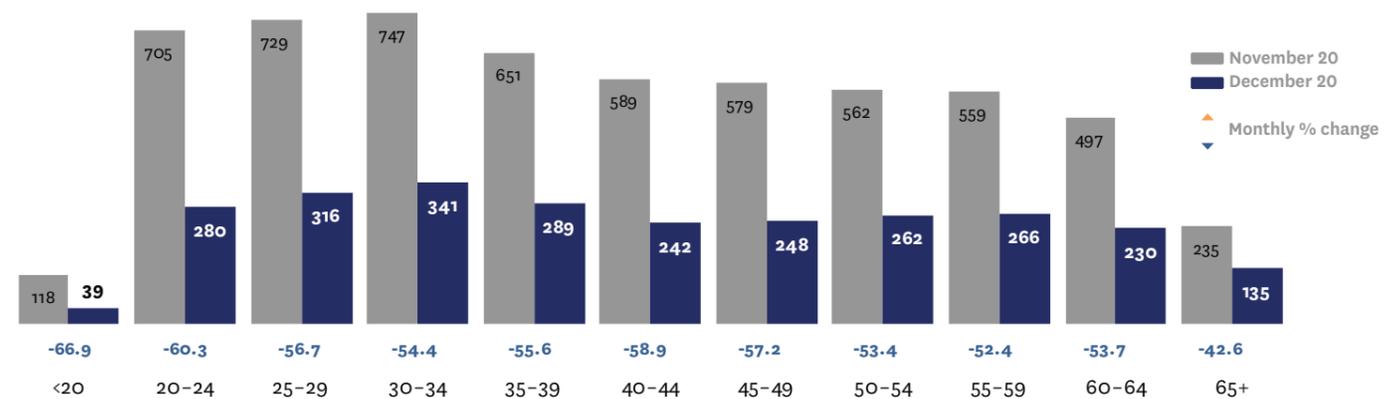


Figure 21. CIRP recipients, by age groups



① Very low numbers have been suppressed due to privacy concerns to avoid individuals being identified. Where necessary, secondary suppression rules have been applied and data replaced with an "S".