

5,571 increase

in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing August (357,969) with July 2021 (352,398), and a **3,201 decrease** when compared with August 2020 (361,170).

4,197 increase

in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing August (192,390) with July 2021 (188,193), and a **4,836 decrease** when compared with August 2020 (197,226).

11.4 percent

of the estimated New Zealand working-age population received a main benefit as at August 2021.

6.1 percent received Jobseeker Support.

9,255 cancels into work

for all main benefits in August 2021, from 10,791 in July 2021.

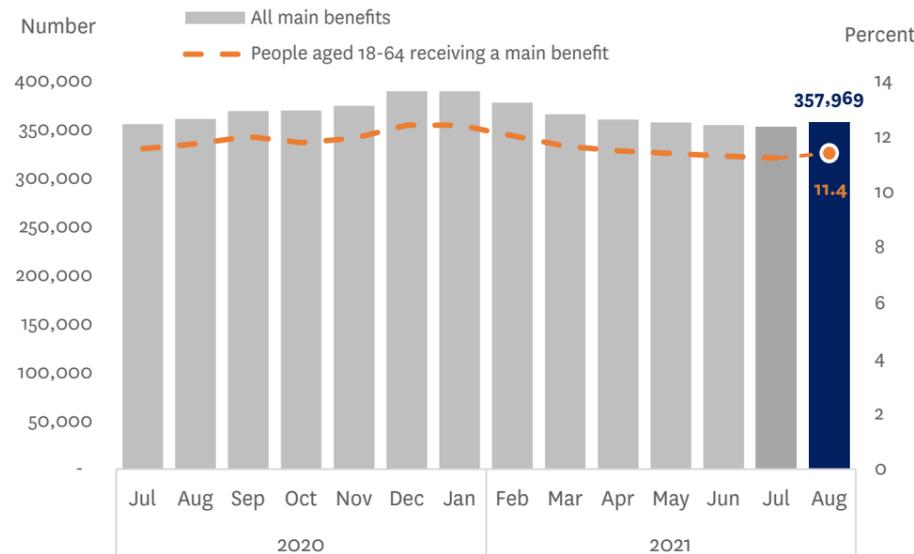
6,933 cancels into work in August 2020.

Main benefits

Figure 1. Main benefit categories and sub-categories

	July 2021	August 2021	Annual trend
All main benefits	352,398	357,969	▲
Jobseeker Support (JS)	188,193	192,390	▲
Work Ready (JS – WR)	108,273	111,213	▲
Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD)	79,920	81,180	▲
Sole Parent Support (SPS)	65,937	66,606	▲
Supported Living Payment (SLP)	94,710	94,977	▲
Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD)	85,635	85,839	▲
Carers (SLP – Carers)	9,078	9,138	▲
Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment	1,413	1,458	▲
Youth Payment (YP)	180	204	▲
Young Parent Payment (YPP)	1,236	1,251	▲
Other main benefits	2,145	2,535	▲
Emergency Benefit (EB)	1,344	1,767	▲
Emergency Maintenance Allowance (EMA)	678	687	▲
Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH)	123	84	▼

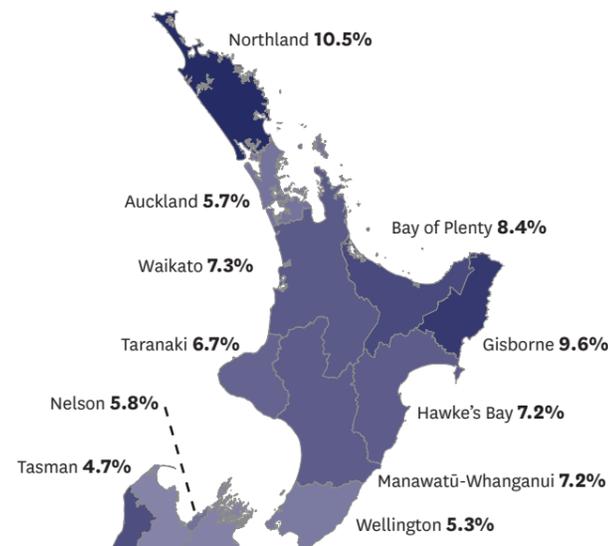
Figure 2. All main benefits. timeseries



From 12 February 2021, the Ministry of Social Development is applying a range of new confidentiality procedures to public data releases. These procedures will continue to protect client information, while making more data available. To find out how we have changed the way we work with client information visit: <https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-keep-data-private.html>

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 7. Population proportion of 18-64 year olds receiving Jobseeker Support, by Regional Council



Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by Regional Council and ethnicity

Figure 3. JS – WR by Regional Council (total)

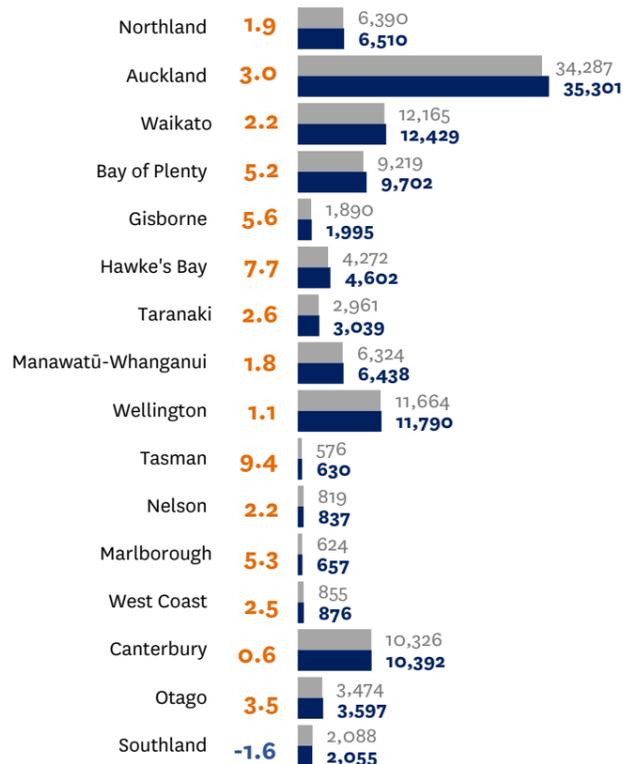


Figure 4. JS – WR by Regional Council – Māori

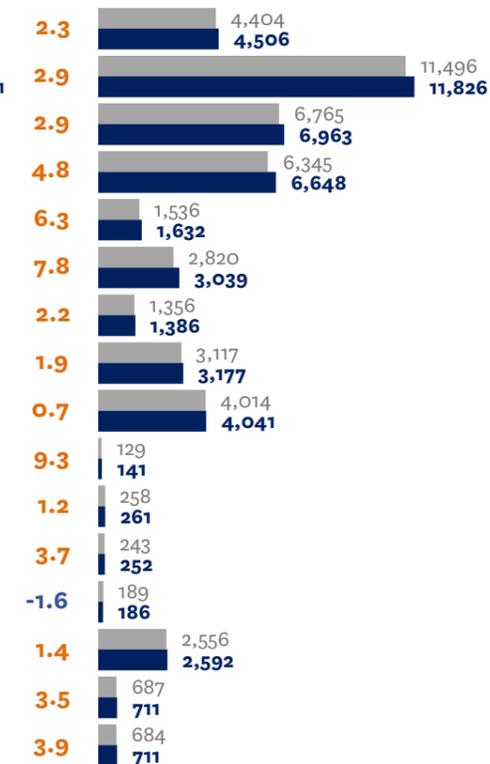


Figure 5. JS – WR by Regional Council – NZ European

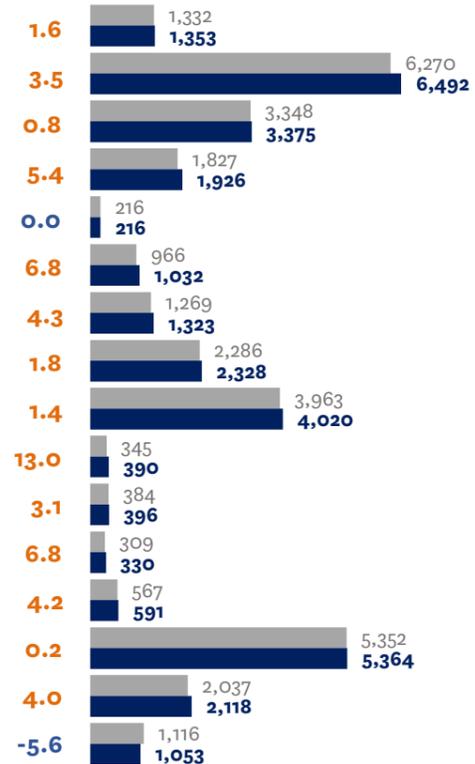


Figure 6. JS – WR by Regional Council – Pacific peoples

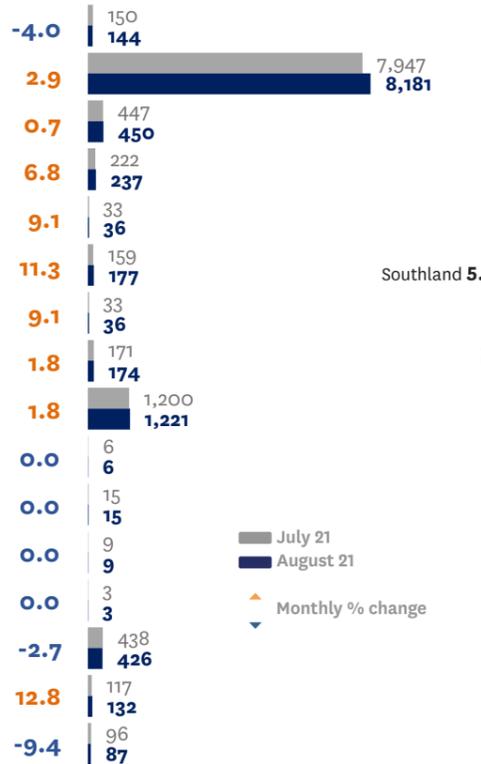
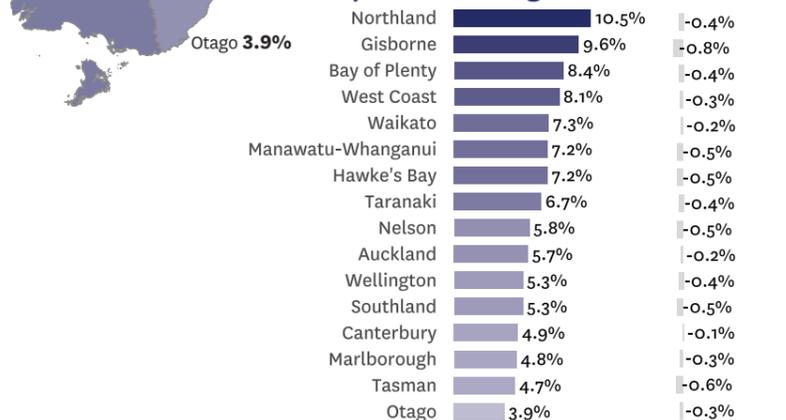


Figure 8. Population proportion, and percentage point change, compared with August 2020



Jobseeker Support and Jobseeker Support - Work Ready

Figure 9. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

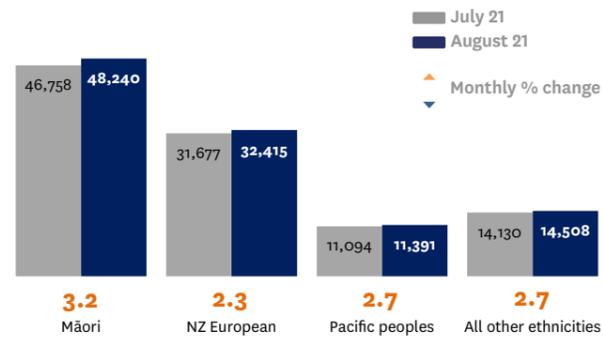


Figure 10. Jobseeker Support, by gender

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.

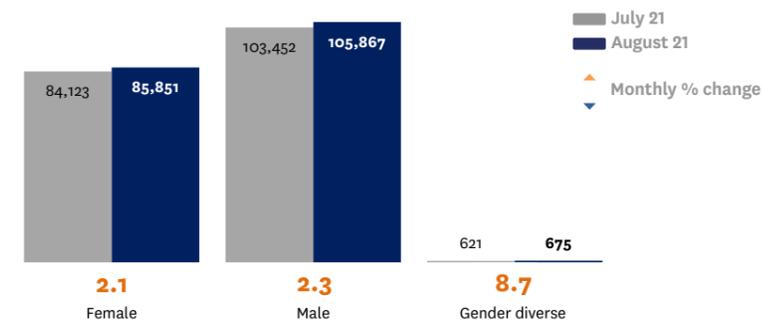
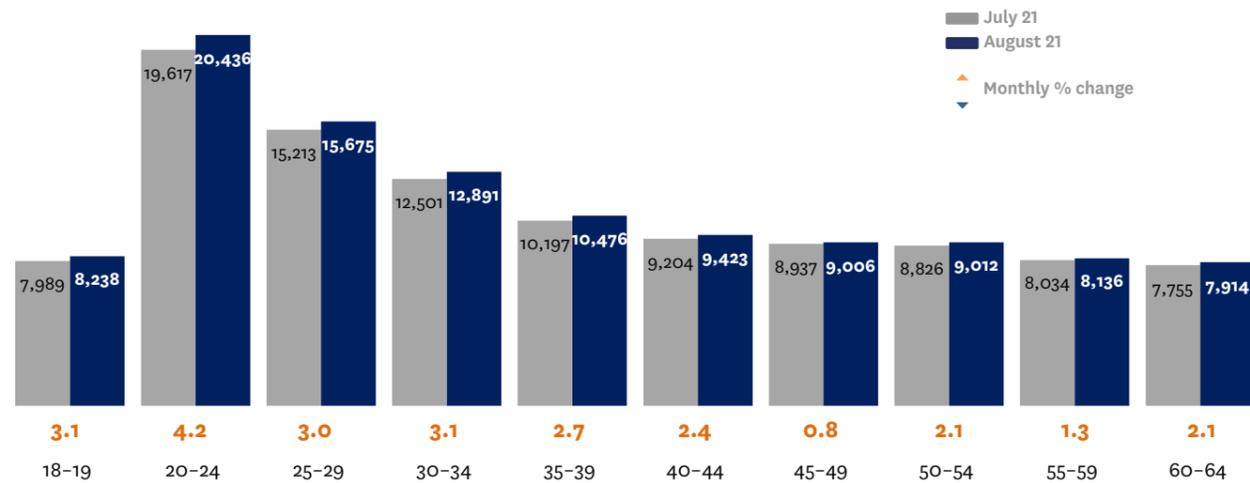
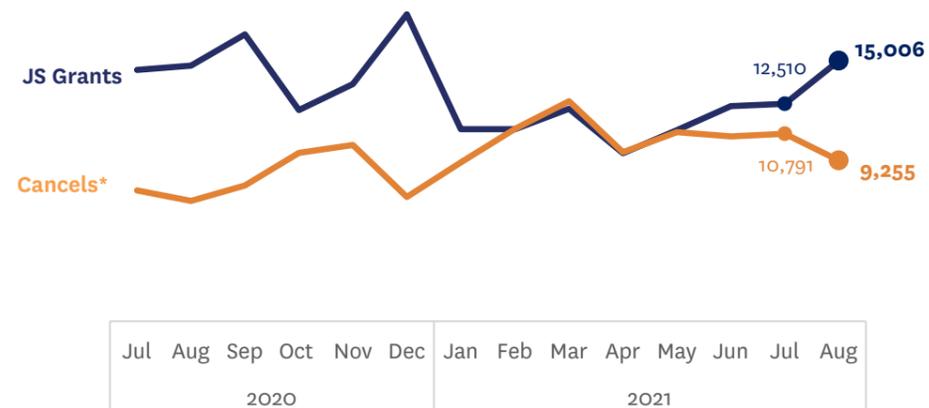


Figure 11. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups



Grants and cancellations

Figure 12. Grants for Jobseeker Support, and cancellations due to obtaining work for all main benefits, timeseries



* This includes cancellations of any main benefit due to obtaining work.

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.

Figure 13. Supplementary benefits

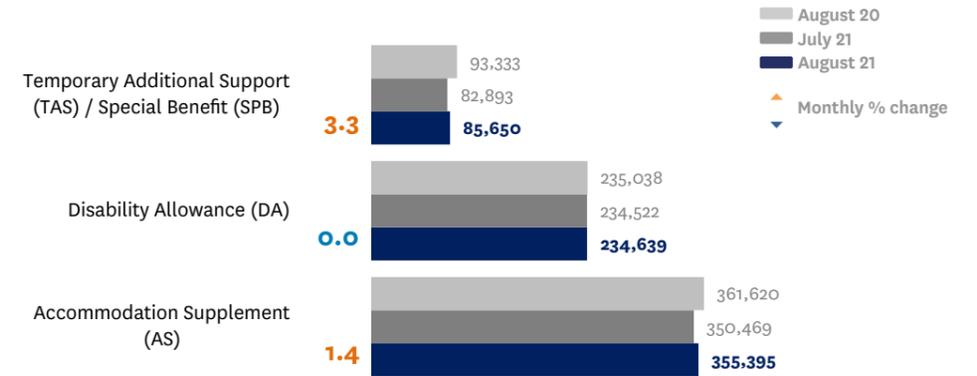


Figure 14. Hardship assistance

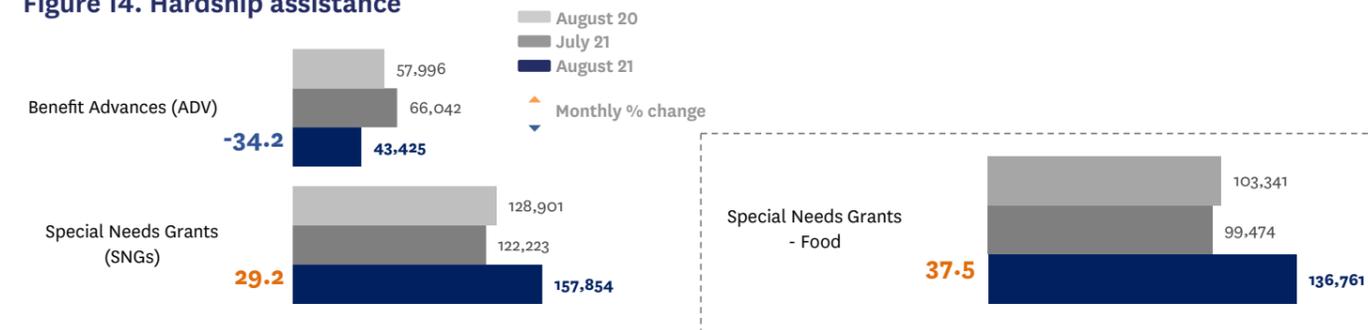


Figure 15. Special Needs Grants for food, by Regional Council

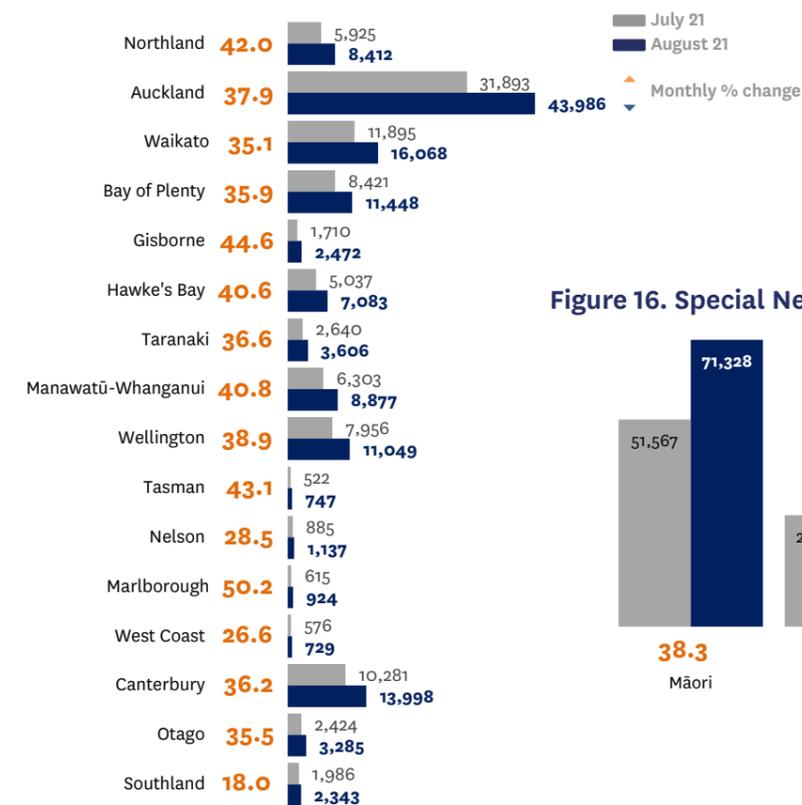


Figure 16. Special Needs Grants for food, by ethnicity

