

# Monthly Benefits Update – October 2021

## 3,855 decrease

in the number of **main benefit** recipients, when comparing October (355,641) with September 2021 (359,496), and a **14,220 decrease** when compared with October 2020 (369,861).

## 3,777 decrease

in the number of **Jobseeker Support** recipients, when comparing October (189,855) with September 2021 (193,632), and a **13,518 decrease** when compared with October 2020 (203,373).

## 11.3 percent

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

**6.0 percent** received Jobseeker Support.

## 9,336 cancels into work

for all main benefits in October 2021, from 8,106 in September 2021.

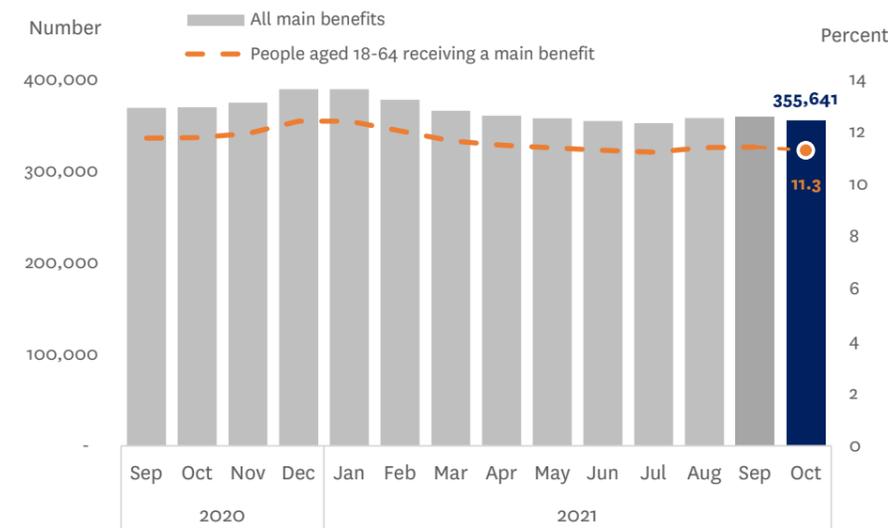
**9,684** cancels into work in October 2020.

## Main benefits

Figure 1. Main benefit categories and sub-categories

	September 2021	October 2021	Annual trend
<b>All main benefits</b>	<b>359,496</b>	<b>355,641</b>	▼
<b>Jobseeker Support (JS)</b>	<b>193,632</b>	<b>189,855</b>	▼
Work Ready (JS – WR)	112,056	108,471	▼
Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD)	81,579	81,384	▼
<b>Sole Parent Support (SPS)</b>	<b>66,627</b>	<b>66,432</b>	▼
<b>Supported Living Payment (SLP)</b>	<b>94,599</b>	<b>93,690</b>	▼
Health Condition and Disability (SLP – HCD)	85,503	84,663	▼
Carers (SLP – Carers)	9,093	9,021	▼
<b>Youth Payment/Young Parent Payment</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,455</b>	▼
Youth Payment (YP)	246	255	▲
Young Parent Payment (YPP)	1,239	1,200	▼
<b>Other main benefits</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>4,206</b>	▲
Emergency Benefit (EB)	2,193	1,926	▼
Emergency Maintenance Allowance (EMA)	696	684	▼
Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH)	264	1,596	▲

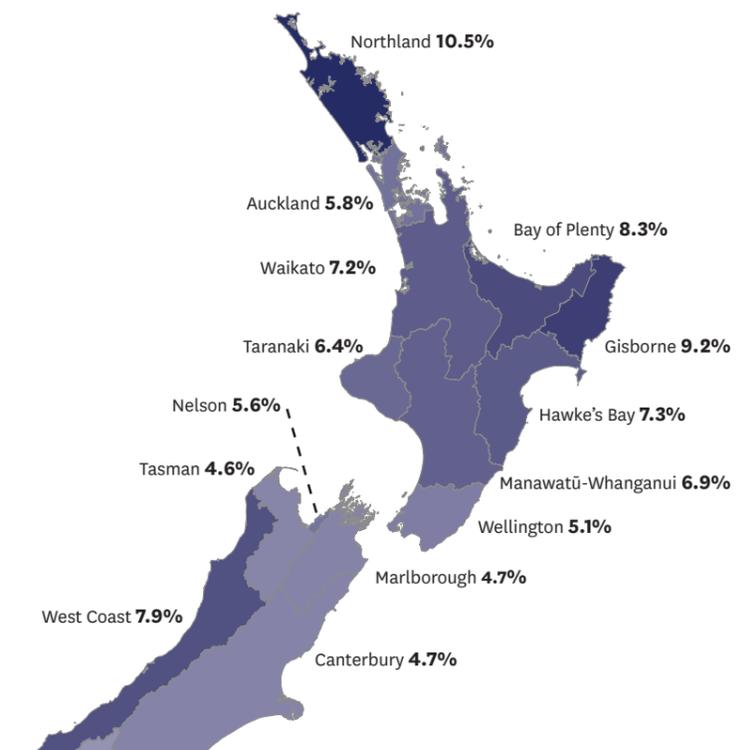
Figure 2. All main benefits, timeseries



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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)

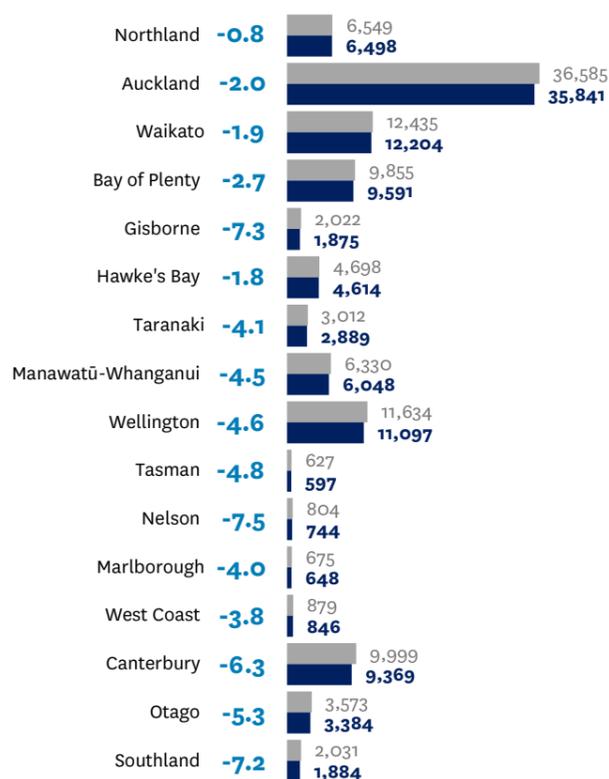


Figure 4. JS – WR by Regional Council – Māori

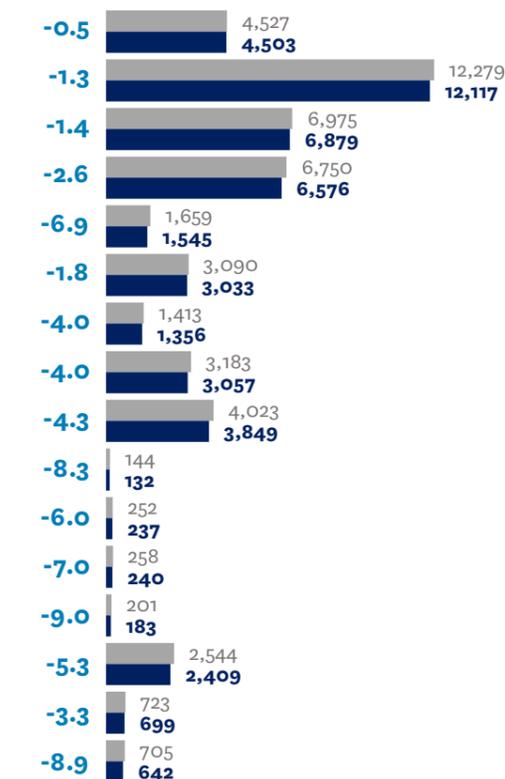


Figure 5. JS – WR by Regional Council – NZ European

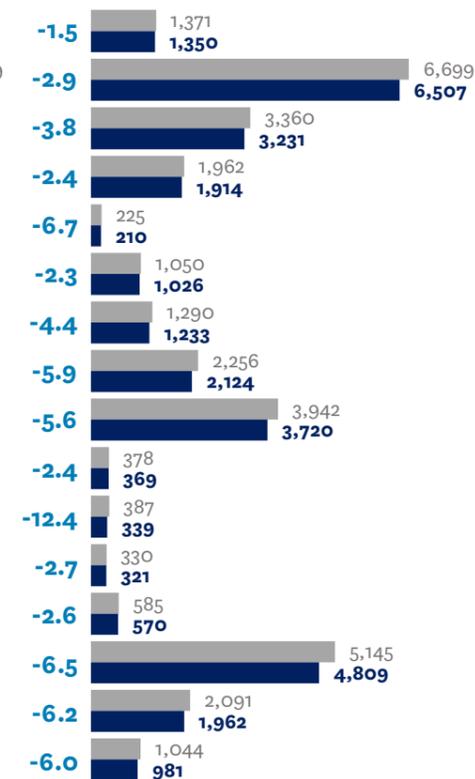


Figure 6. JS – WR by Regional Council – Pacific peoples

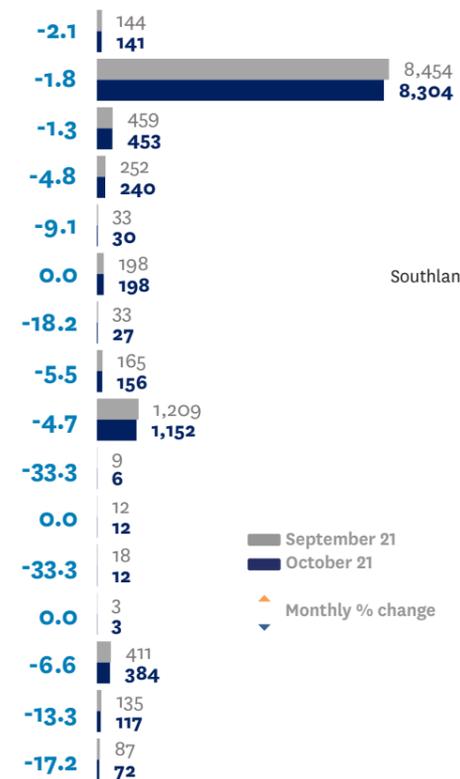
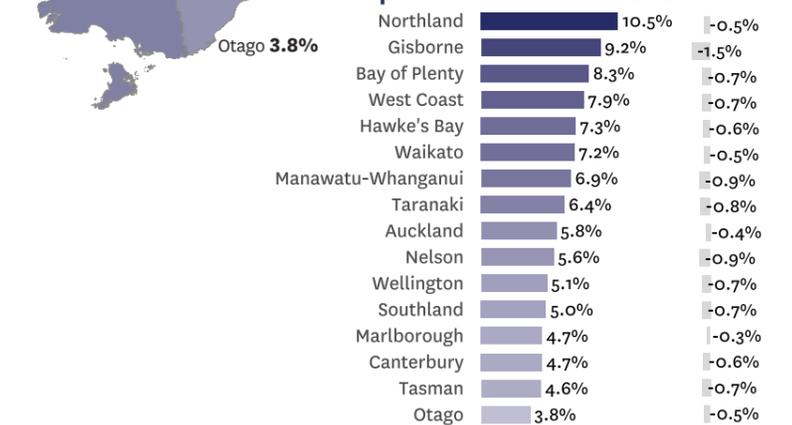


Figure 8. Population proportion, and percentage point change, compared with October 2020



## Jobseeker Support

Figure 9. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by ethnicity

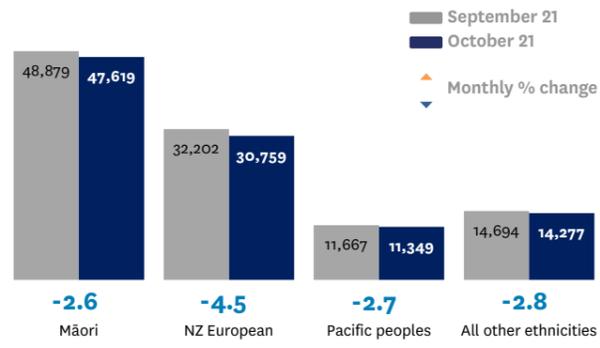


Figure 10. Jobseeker Support, by gender

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.

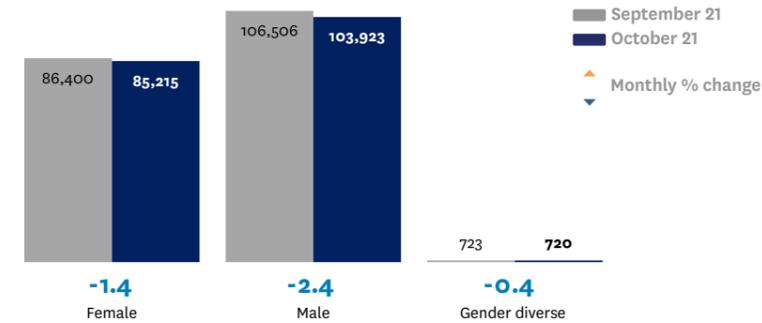
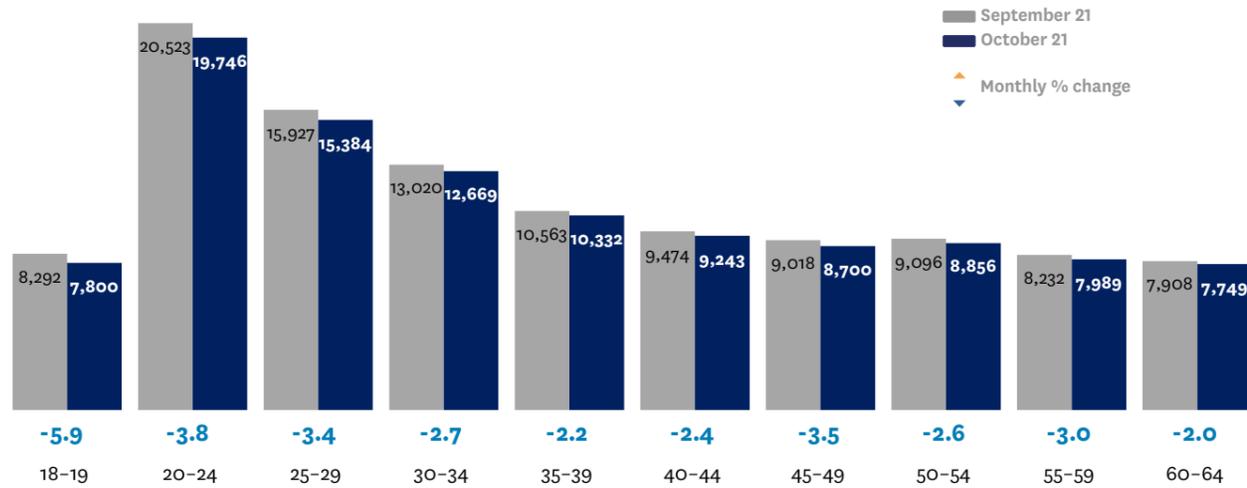
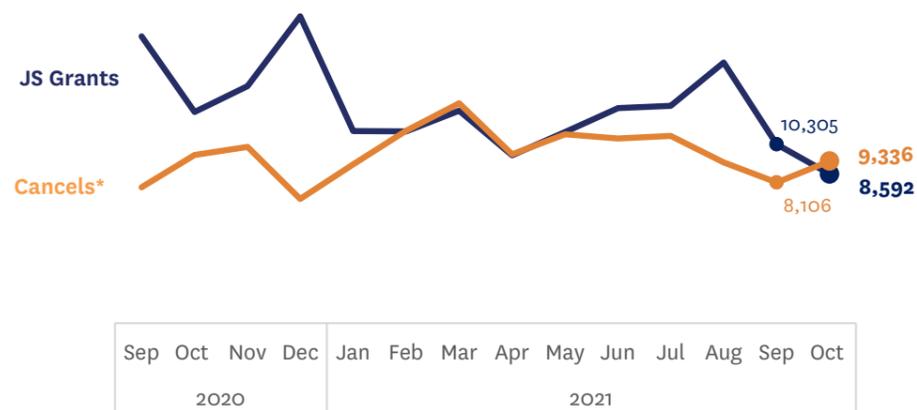


Figure 11. Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, by age groups



## 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

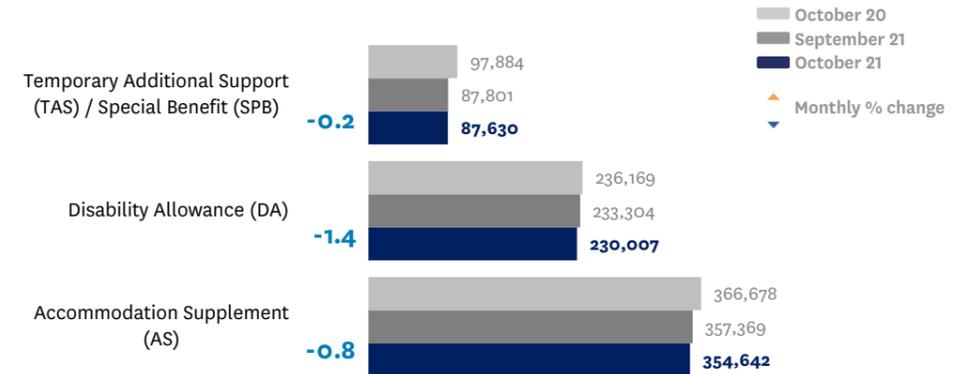


Figure 14. Hardship assistance

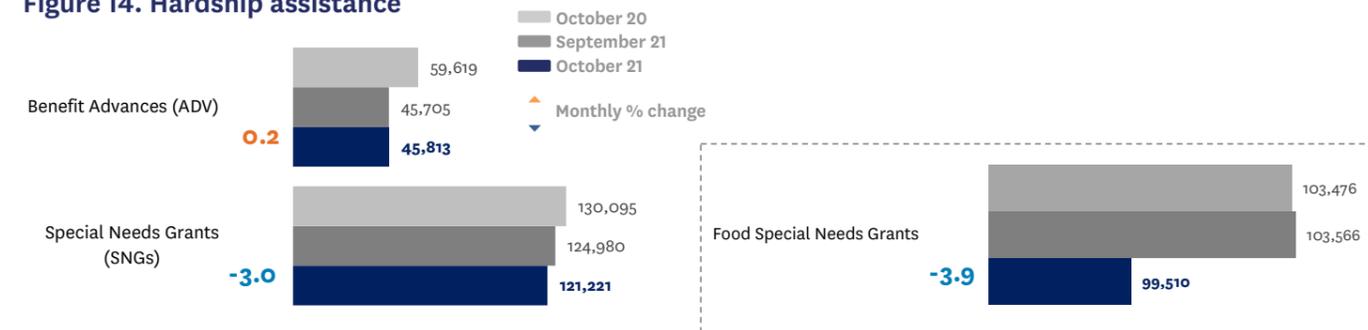


Figure 15. Food Special Needs Grants, by Regional Council

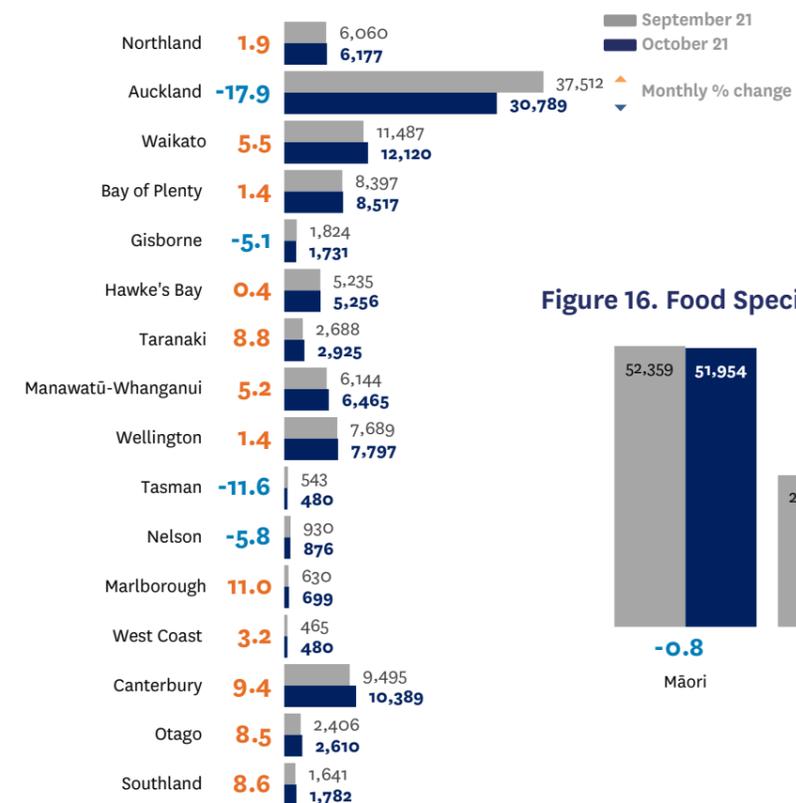


Figure 16. Food Special Needs Grants, by ethnicity

