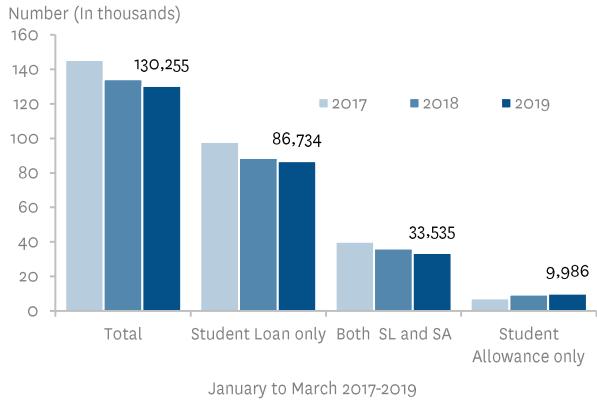


Student Support Update: 1 January to 31 March 2019

NOTE: Unless otherwise mentioned, data presented are cumulative calendar year-to-date. All percentages are computed using actual data, and are rounded to the first decimal point. For the purpose of this report, a student is defined as a person who received at least one payment from StudyLink in the calendar year, up to the end of the month specified.

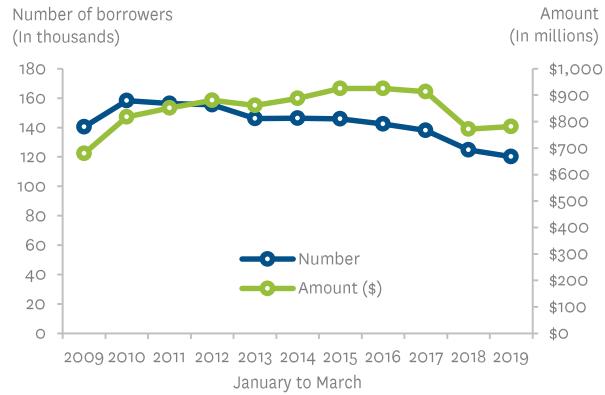
Number of students

130,255 students were provided student support through Student Loan (SL) and Student Allowances (SA) Schemes from 1 January to 31 March 2019.



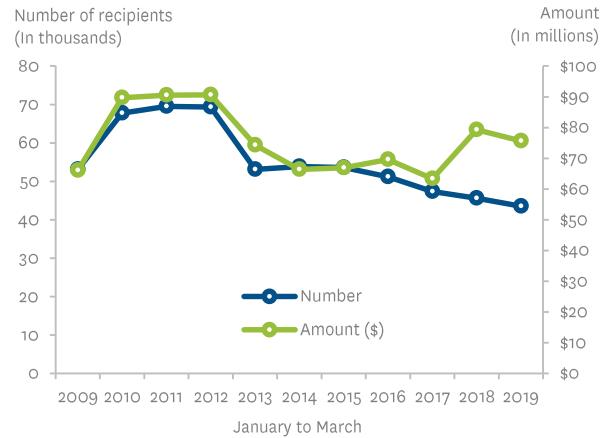
Student Loan

120,269 students borrowed from the Student Loan Scheme, with borrowings amounting to **\$781.9 million**.

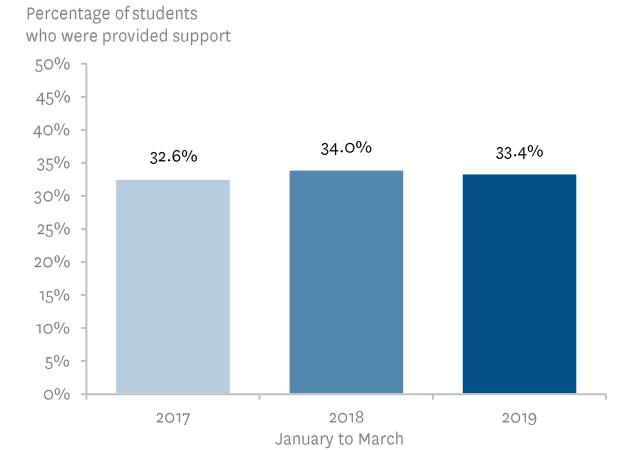


Student Allowances

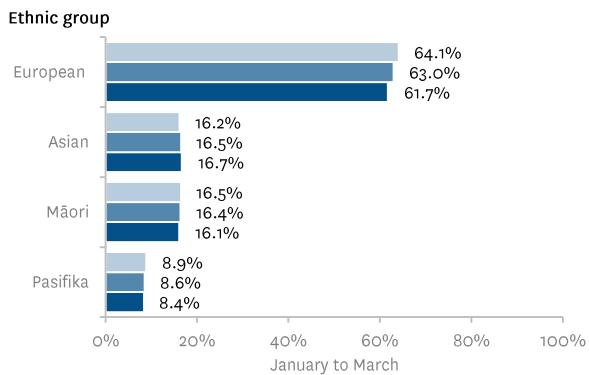
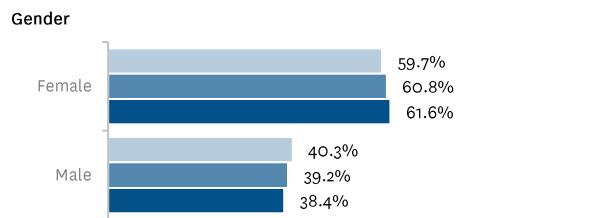
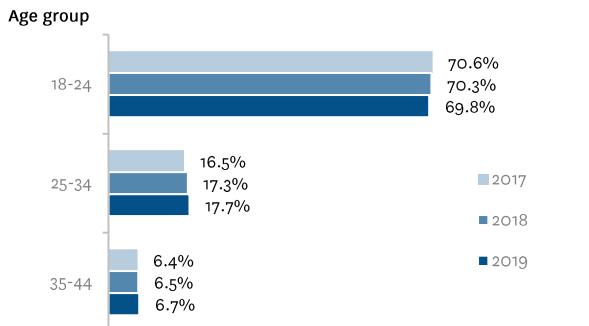
43,521 students received Student Allowance and Accommodation Benefit. Total student allowances paid out from 1 January to 31 March 2019, **amounted to \$75.6 million**.



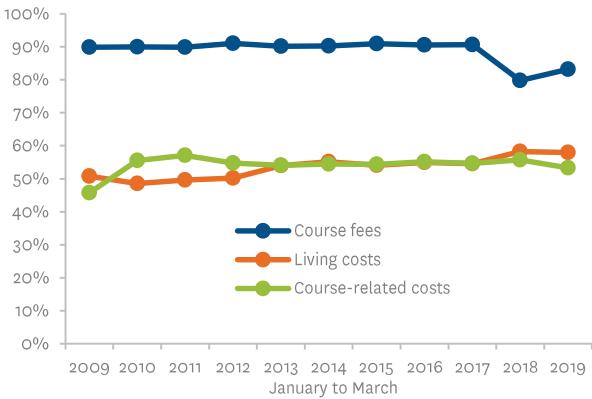
Of the total number of students who were provided support from 1 January to 31 March 2019, **33.4 percent** received student allowances.



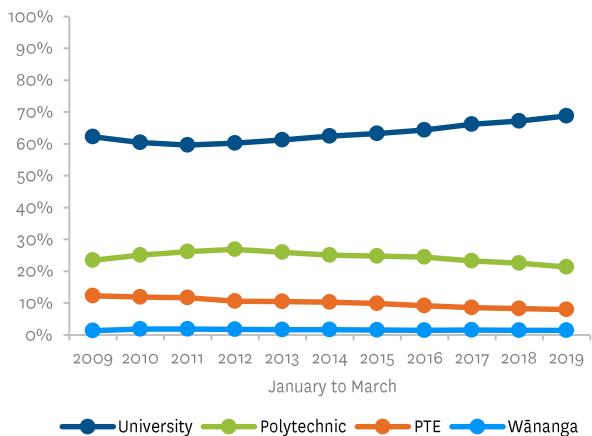
Most students are between the ages of **18-24 years old** (69.8 percent), **female** (61.6 percent), and **European** (61.7 percent).



Of the total number of students, **83.2 percent** borrowed for course fees, 58 percent for living costs, and 53.3 percent for course-related costs.



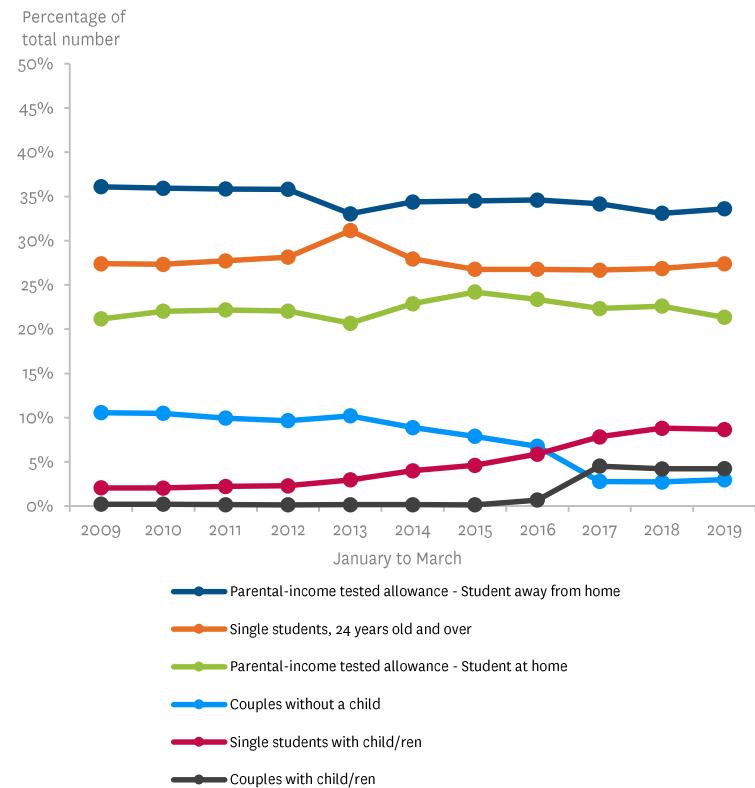
68.8 percent of the student borrowers are enrolled in universities, 21.4 percent in polytechnics, 7.9 percent in private training establishments (PTEs), and 1.5 percent are attending Wānanga.



Student allowances based on personal and family circumstances of students

Student allowances include Student Allowance and Accommodation Benefit. The [weekly rates for student allowances](#) are based on students personal and family circumstances (e.g. age of student, parent/s incomes, and whether the students live with their parent/s or not).

Of the total number of Student Allowance recipients, **33.6 percent** are parental-income tested students living away from home and 27.4 percent are single students (24 years old and over) who are not subject to the parental income test.



- Other resources and websites
- An online calculator to help students estimate how much allowance they are entitled to is available at the [StudyLink-Calculators](#) website.
 - Information on extra support to help students with other costs (e.g. accommodation, childcare, or health and disability costs) is also available at the [StudyLink-Extra help](#) website.
 - The latest detailed report and downloadable data/excel files are available at the [Ministry of Social Development](#) website.
 - A more detailed 2018-2019 Student Loan quarterly reports are available at the [Inland Revenue](#) website.
 - Information and eligibility criteria for the government's Fees-free policy is available at the [Fees-free](#) government website.
 - Information on scholarships and other financial help are available at the [Ministry of Education](#) website.
 - More information to support tertiary education providers is available at the [Tertiary Education Commission](#) website.

Other groups/categories with values of five percent or less, are not shown on the graphs above. For ethnic groups, data are presented as total response and may not add up to 100 percent (i.e. students who identified themselves as belonging to more than one ethnic group are counted in all ethnic groups they identified with).