

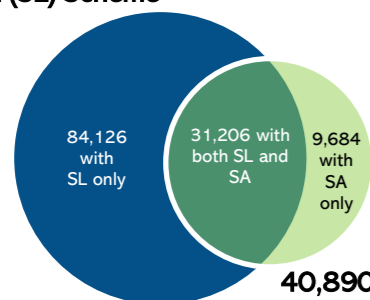
# STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO MARCH 2020

The data presented are cumulative calendar year to date. All percentages are computed using actual data, and are rounded off to the first decimal point. 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. Note that the impacts of COVID-19 are not yet covered by this report.

## Snapshot – January to March 2020

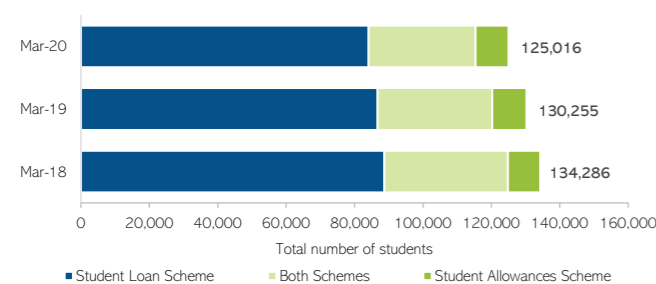
A total of 125,016 students were provided student support.

115,332 students borrowed under Student Loan (SL) Scheme



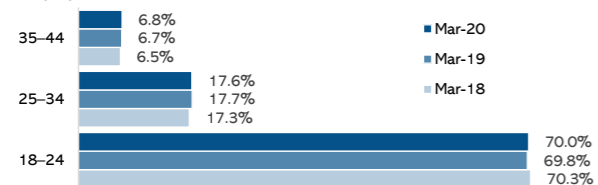
40,890 students received support under Student Allowances (SA) Scheme

There were 5,239 fewer students (down 4.0%) compared with same time last year.



## Selected student demographics

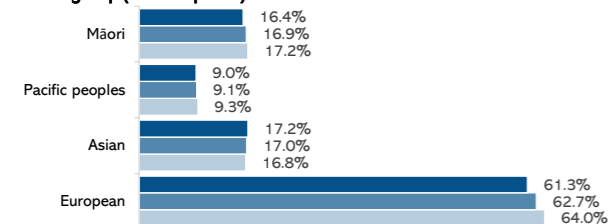
### Selected age group



### Gender

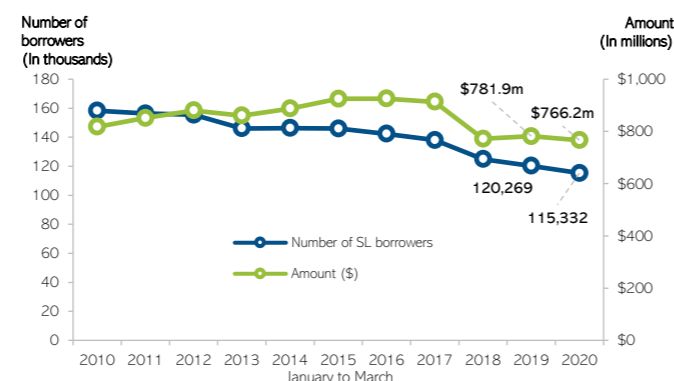


### Ethnic group (total response)



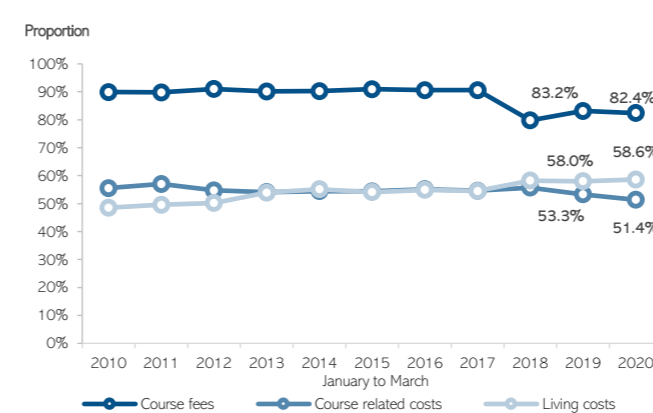
## Long-term trends – January to March 2010 to 2020

Under the Student Loan (SL) Scheme – number of student borrowers (down 4.1 percent) and amount of borrowings\* (down 2.0 percent).

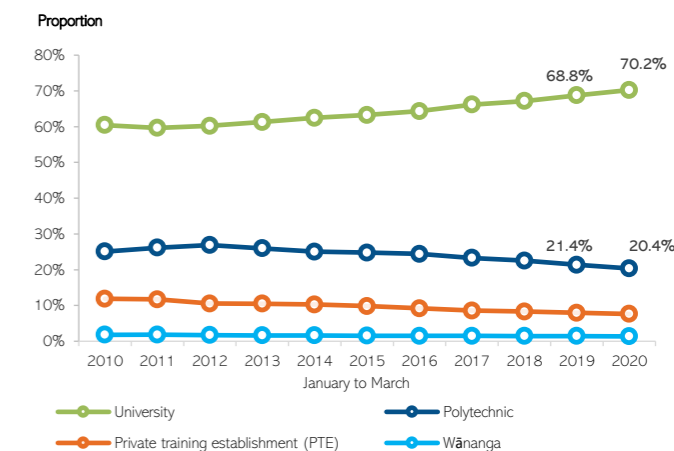


\* This includes the amount borrowed for course fees, course related costs, and living costs. It does not include establishment fees, and does not cover repayments and fee refunds.

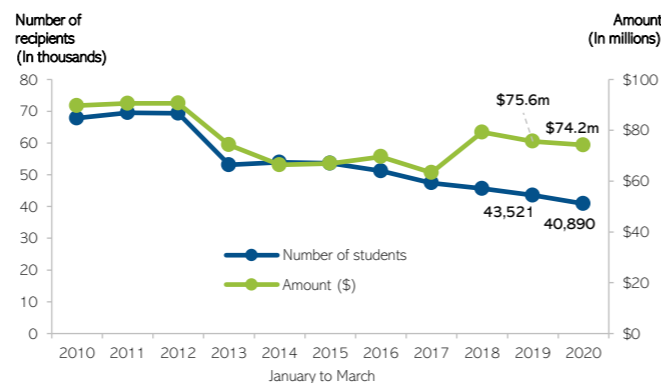
By Loan components – proportion of SL borrowers for course slightly decreased. Proportion of SL for living costs slightly increased.



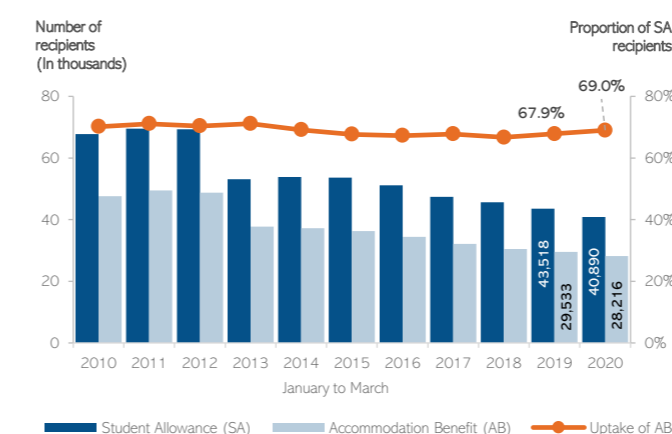
By types of education providers – proportion of student borrowers enrolled in universities continue its increasing trend.



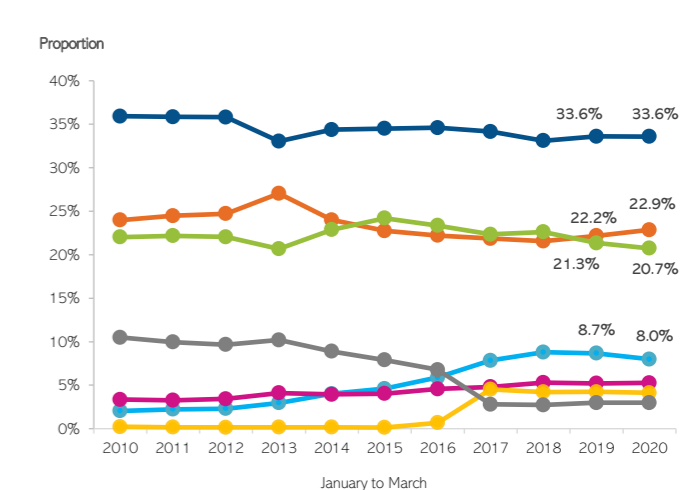
Under the Student Allowances (SA) Scheme – number of recipients (down 6.0 percent) and amount of allowances paid (down 1.9 percent).



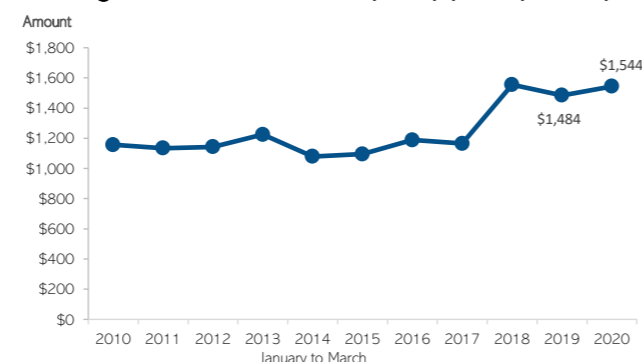
By type of allowances received and uptake of Accommodation Benefit as a proportion of the total number of students who received student allowances.



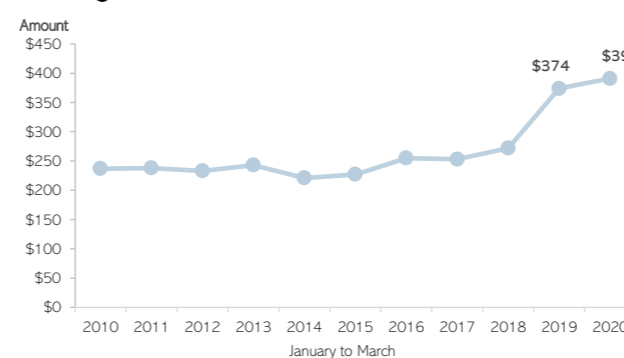
Weekly rates of student allowances were paid to eligible students based on their personal and family circumstances.



## Average Student Allowance paid (up 4.0 percent)



## Average Accommodation Benefit paid (up 4.5 percent)



### Other resources and websites

- Detailed report and downloadable Excel files are available at the Ministry of Social Development website (<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/studylink/index.html>).
- The Student Loan Scheme Quarterly reports on loan payments are available at the Inland Revenue website (<https://www.ird.govt.nz/about-us/publications/student-loan-scheme>).
- Information and eligibility criteria for the government's Fees-Free policy is available at the Fees Free government website (<https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>).
- An online calculator and information on extra support to help students are available at the StudyLink website (<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/products/rates/calculators/index.html>) and <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/starting-study/whats-available/extra-help.html>.
- Information on scholarships and other financial help are available at the Ministry of Education website (<http://www.education.govt.nz/further-education/information-for-students/scholarships/>).
- More information to support tertiary education providers are available at the Tertiary Education Commission website (<https://www.tec.govt.nz/>).