

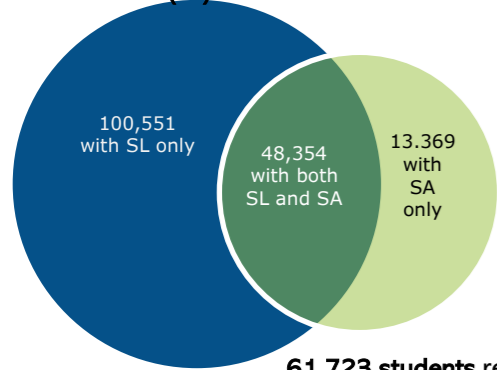
STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

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 period being reported.

Snapshot – January to December 2020

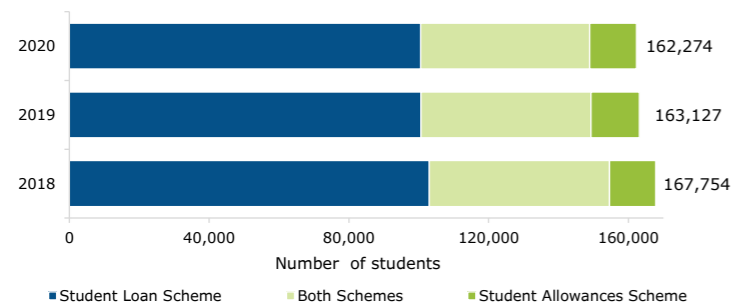
A total of 162,274 students were provided student support.

148,905 students borrowed under Student Loan (SL) Scheme



61,723 students received support under Student Allowances (SA) Scheme

853 fewer students received students support compared with last year.



Hardship Assistance for students

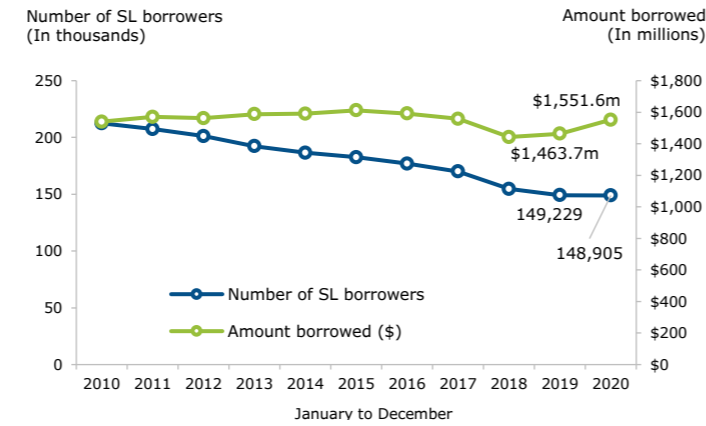
79 students received the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP) in December 2020. Of this total, 54 received the full-time rate, and 25 received the part-time rate. Applications for CIRP support ended in November 2020.

- Students and their partners were eligible to receive the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment if they have lost part-time or full-time employment. This income support is no longer available.

As at 30 December 2020, there were 10,171 students in receipt of Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH), up by 22.7 percent when compared with December 2019. Part of the increase was likely due to a seasonal trend during this time of the year, when students finish their studies.

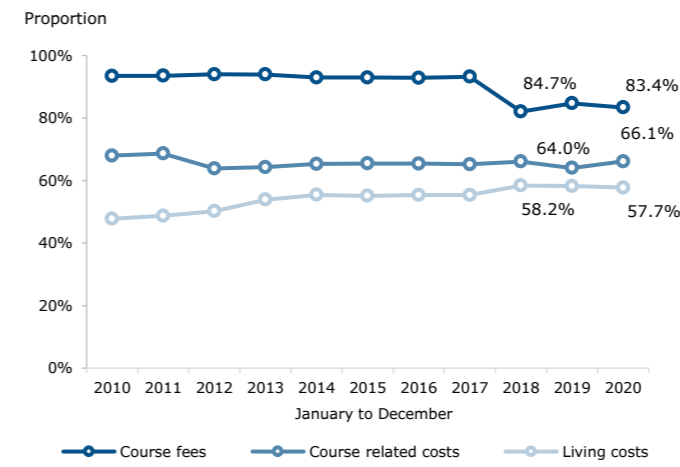
Long-term trends – January to December 2010 to 2020

Student Loan (SL) Scheme – number of student borrowers and amount of borrowings

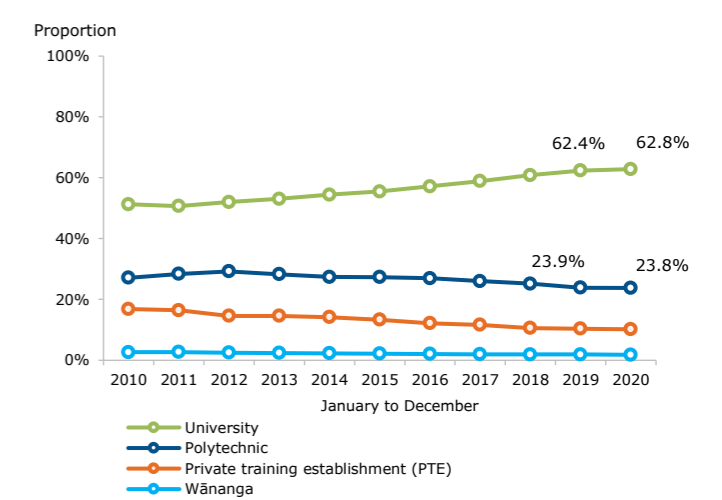


Note: Total amount covers borrowings for course fees, living costs, and course related costs only.

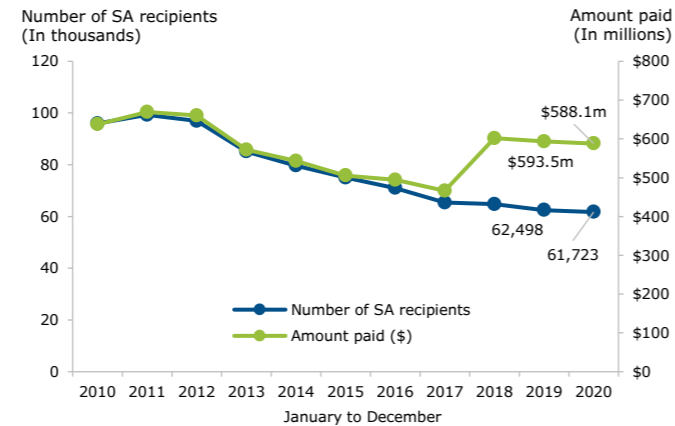
Proportion of SL borrowers by loan components



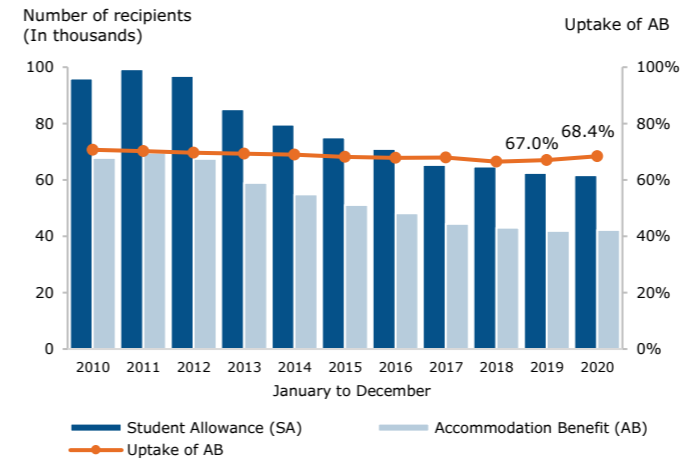
Distribution of SL borrowers by types of education providers



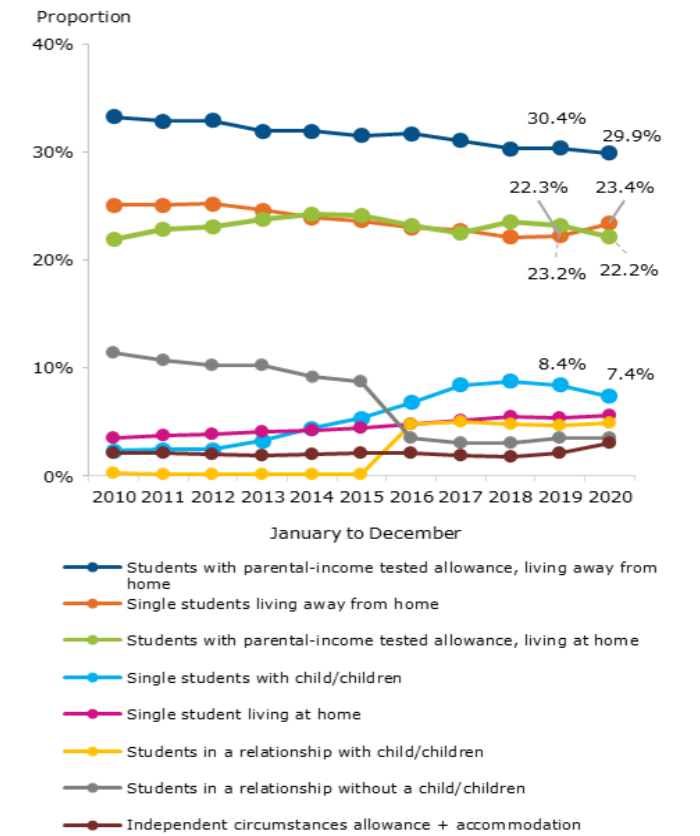
Student Allowances (SA) Scheme – number of recipients and amount of allowances paid



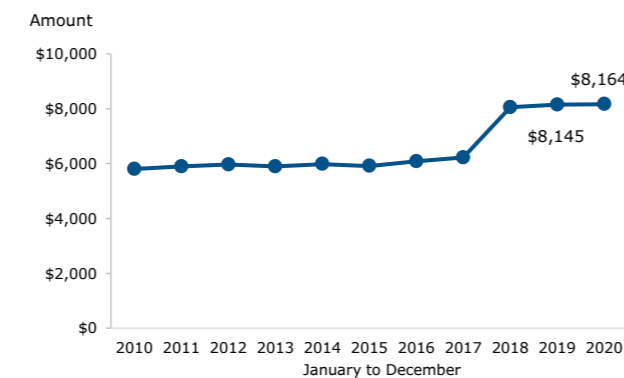
Distribution of SA recipients by type of allowances received and uptake of Accommodation Benefit



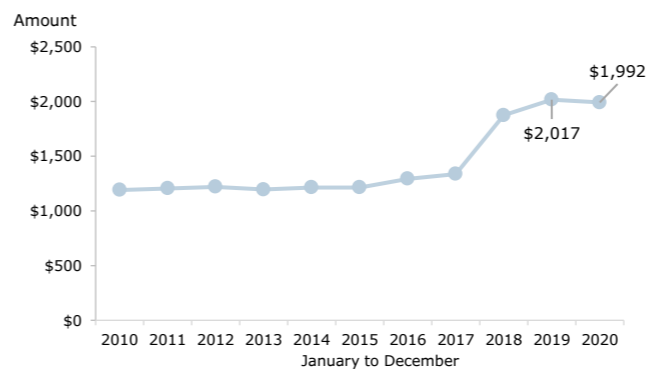
Distribution of SA recipients by weekly rates paid to eligible students based on their personal and family circumstances



Average Student Allowance paid



Average Accommodation Benefit paid



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>).
- Inland Revenue's Student Loan Scheme Quarterly reports on loan repayments 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 are available at the Fees Free government website (<https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>).
- An online calculator and information on extra support to help students is available at the StudyLink website (<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/products/rates/calculators/ind-ex.html>) and <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/starting-study/whats-available/extra-help.html>.
- Information on scholarships and other financial help is 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 is available at the Tertiary Education Commission website (<https://www.tec.govt.nz/>).