

# STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2021

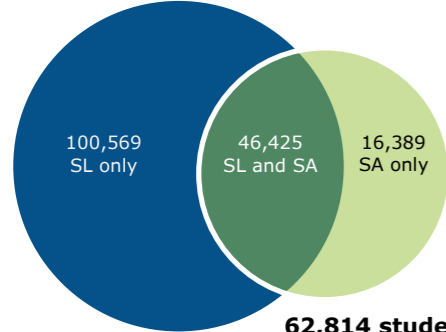
The data presented are cumulative calendar year to date. Counts of recipients and borrowers are randomly rounded to a base of 3. All percentages are rounded off to the first decimal point. A student is defined as a person who received at least one payment from StudyLink in the period being reported.



## Snapshot – January to December 2021

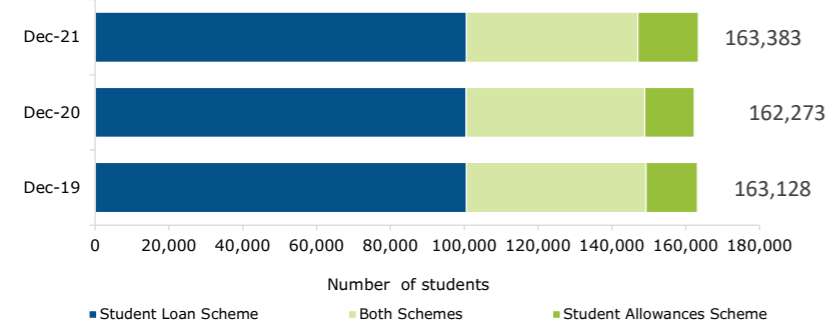
**A total of 163,383 students** received student support, an increase of **0.7 percent** compared to same period last year

**146,994 students** borrowed under the **Student Loan (SL) Scheme**

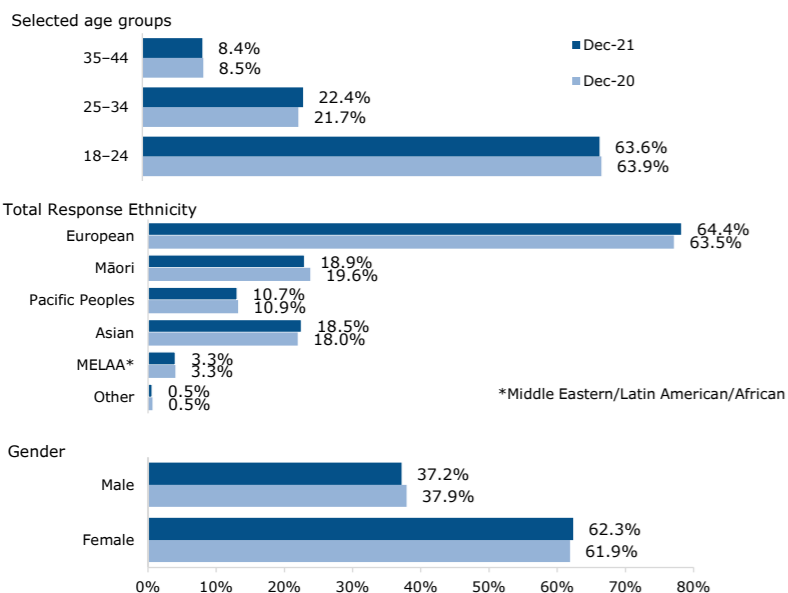


**62,814 students** received support under the **Student Allowances (SA) Scheme**

**1,092 more students** received student support compared with the same period last year

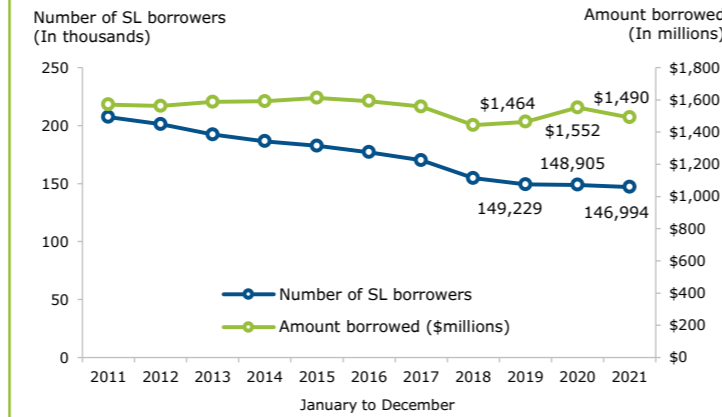


## Students' profile



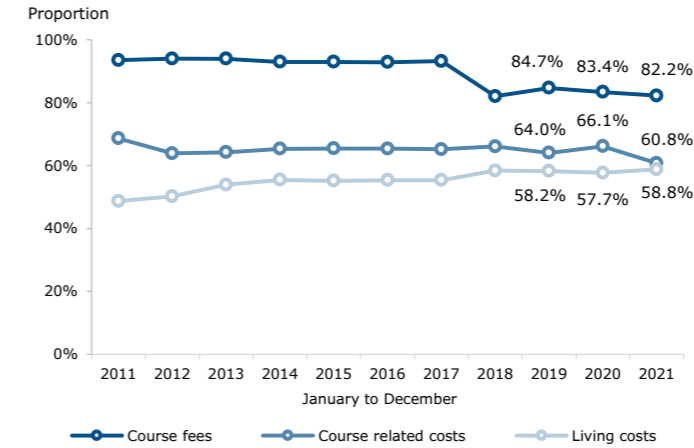
## Long-term trends – January to December 2011 – 2021

The number of **SL borrowers** and **amount borrowed** both decreased

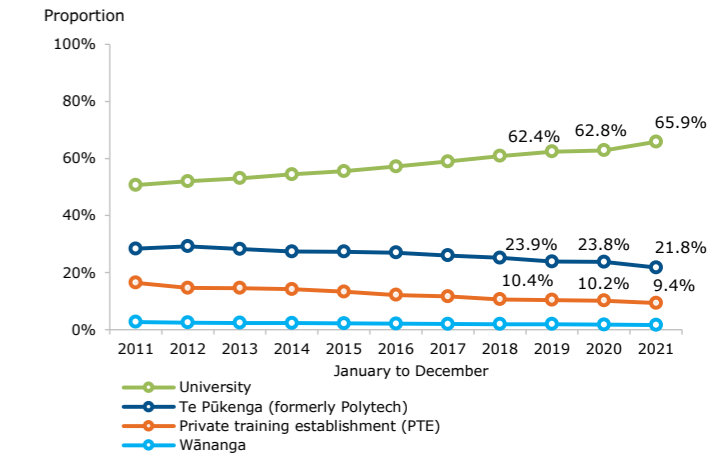


Note: Total amount covers borrowings for course fees, living costs, and course related costs only.

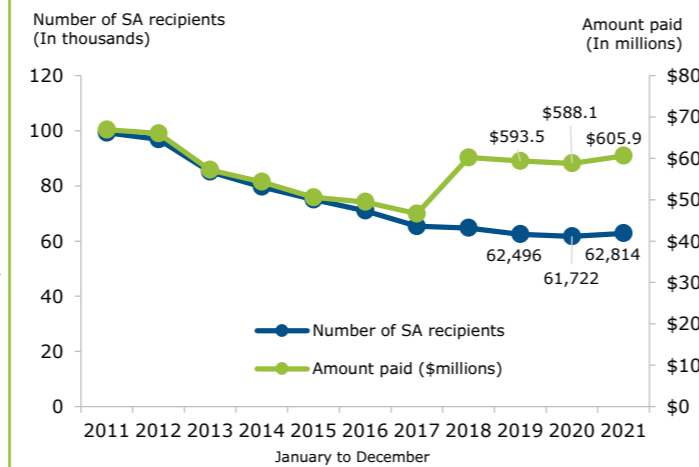
The **proportion** of SL borrowers who borrowed for **course related costs** decreased



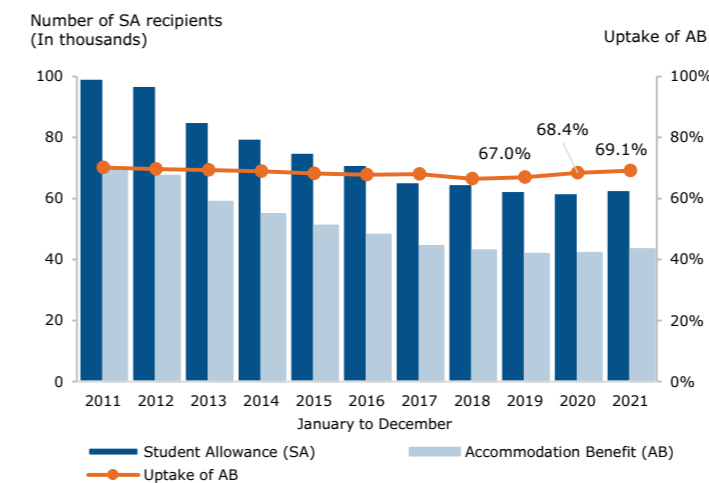
Distribution of SL borrowers by **type of education provider**



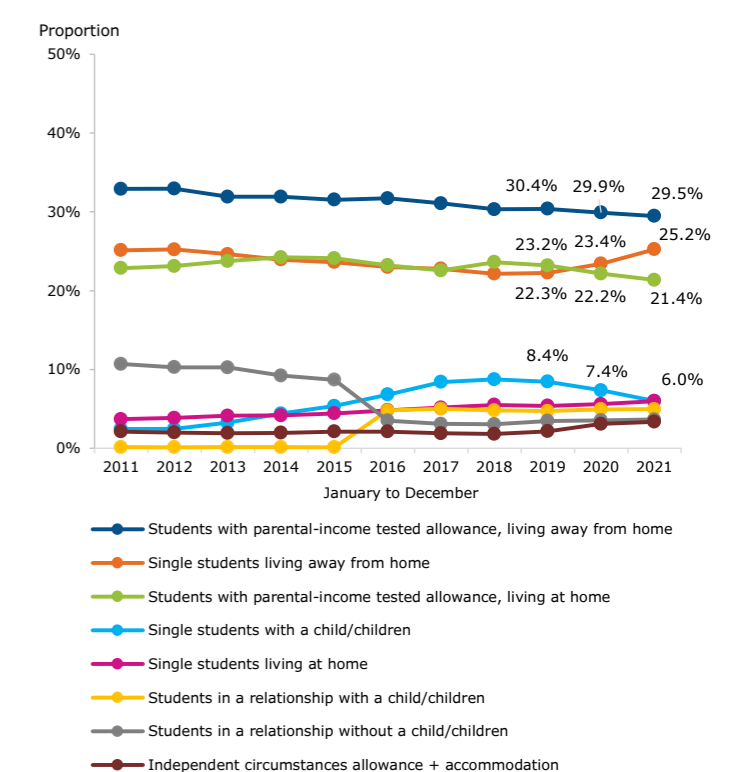
The number of **SA recipients** and **amount paid** increased



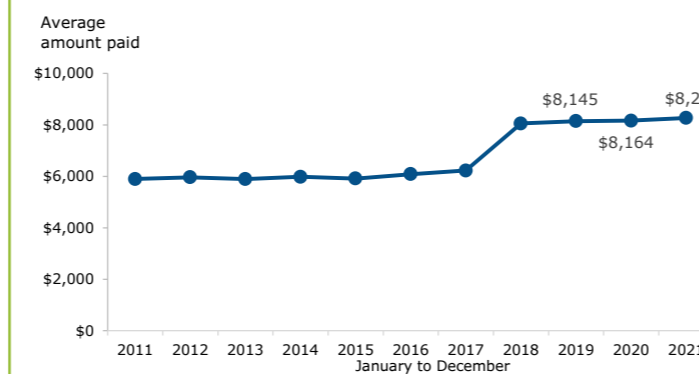
Distribution of SA recipients by **type of allowances received** and **uptake of Accommodation Benefit**



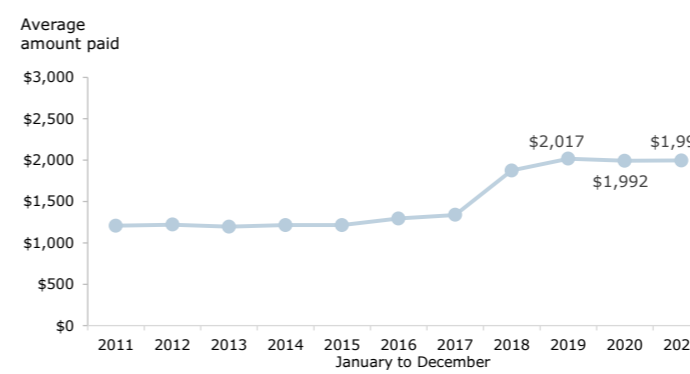
Distribution of SA recipients by **weekly rates paid based on their personal and family circumstances**



**Average Student Allowance paid**



**Average Accommodation Benefit paid**



- Other resources and websites**
- Detailed reports 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/tax-statistics/student-loan-scheme>).
  - Information on how we report Total Response Ethnicity is available at the Ministry of Social Development website (<https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-report-ethnicity.html>).
  - 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 are 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/>).