

STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO JUNE 2020

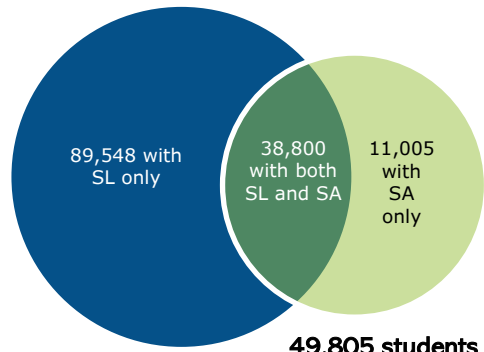
The data presented are cumulative calendar year to date. All percentages are computed using actual data, and are rounded off to the first decimal point. A student is defined as a person who received at least one payment from StudyLink in the calendar year, up to the end of the month specified.



Snapshot – January to June 2020

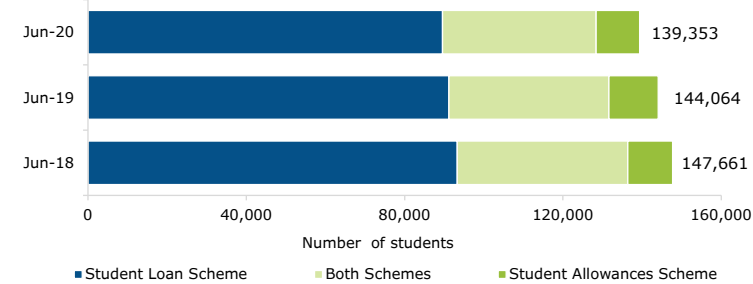
A total of **139,353 students** were provided student support.

128,348 students borrowed under Student Loan (SL) Scheme



49,805 students received support under Student Allowances (SA) Scheme

There were **4,711 fewer students** received student support (down 3.3 percent) when compared with the same time last year.



Hardship Assistance for students

851 students in receipt of student support, received the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP) between 10 to 30 June 2020. Of this total, 466 received the full-time rate, and 385 received the part-time rate.

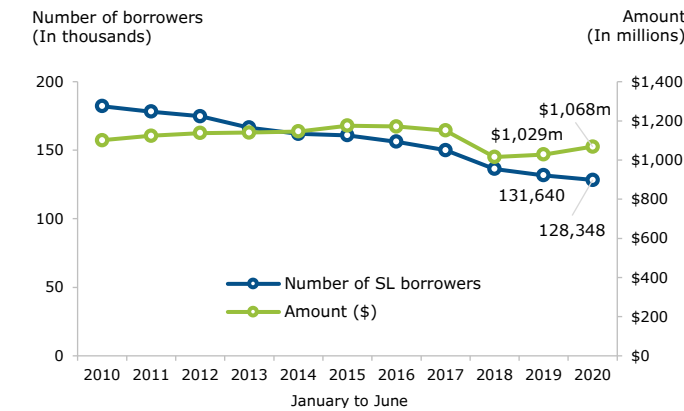
- Students and their partners are eligible to receive the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment if they have lost part-time or full-time employment.
- Additional information on CIRP Support for students are available at <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/products/a-z-products/income-relief-payment.html>

As at 30 June 2020, **359 students** were receiving Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH). This is 54 more when compared with the same time last year.

- Students or a couple cannot receive a main benefit (e.g. JSSH) at the same time as CIRP. Students have an option to choose between a main benefit and CIRP.

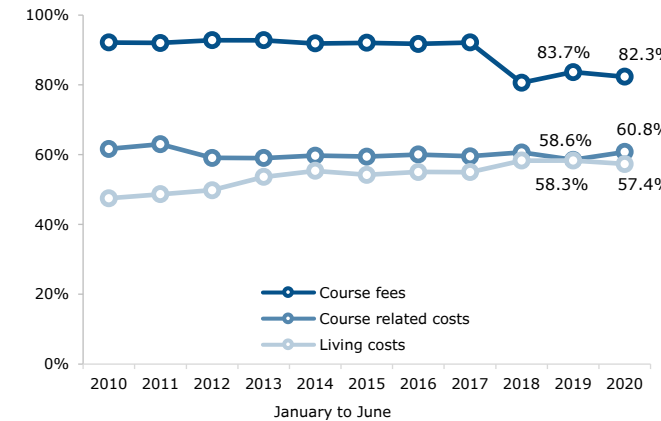
Long-term trends – January to June 2010 to 2020

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

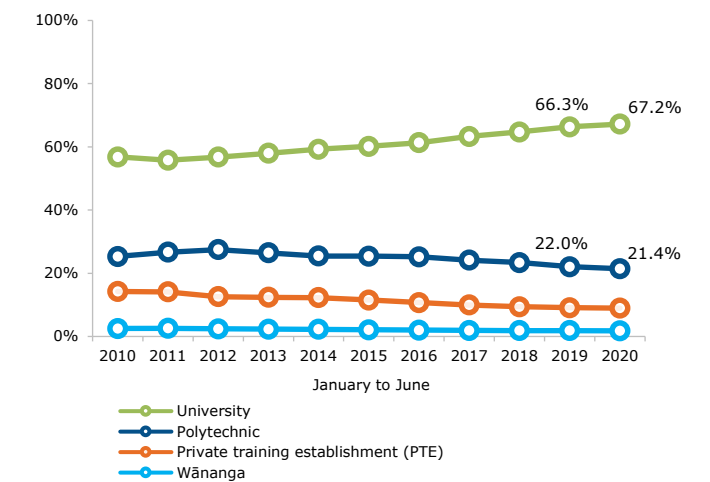


Note: Total amount covers borrowings for course fees, living costs, and course related costs only.

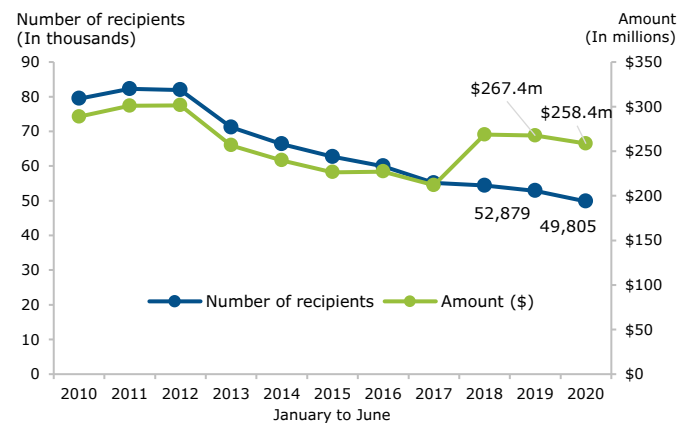
Proportion of SL borrowers by loan components



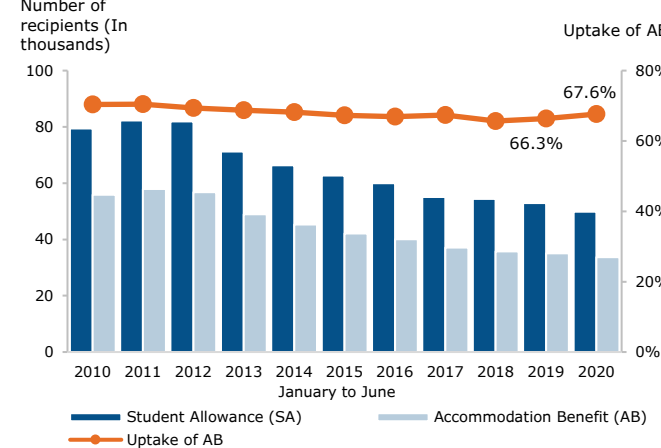
Distribution of SL borrowers by types of education providers



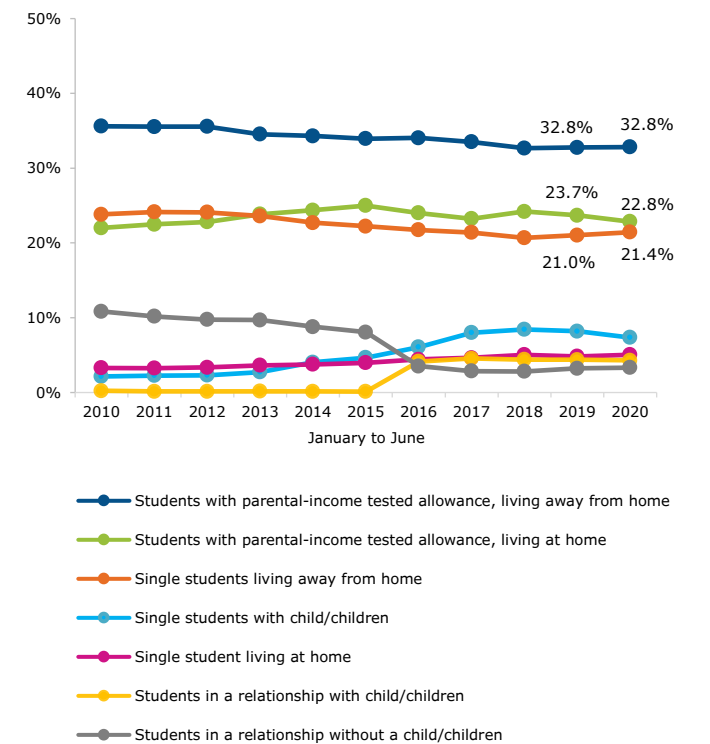
Student Allowances (SA) Scheme – number of recipients and amount of allowances paid



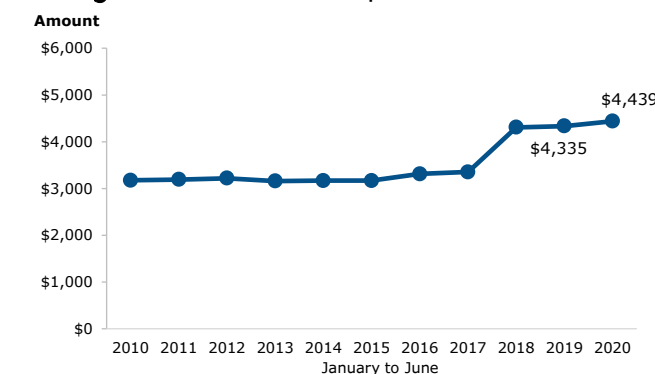
Distribution of SA recipients by type of allowances received and uptake of Accommodation Benefit



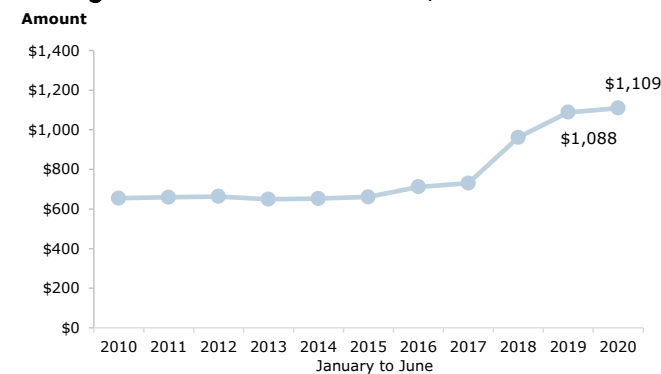
Distribution of SA recipients by weekly rates of student allowances paid to eligible students based on their personal and family circumstances



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>).
 - 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/>).