

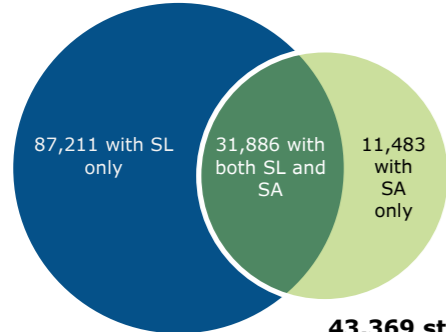
# STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO MARCH 2021

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 March 2021

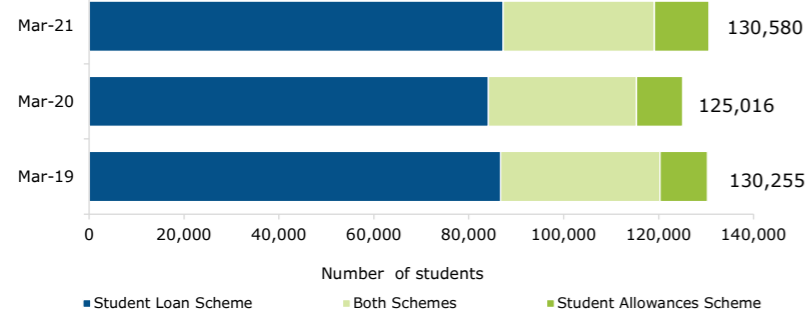
A total of **130,580 students** were provided student support, an increase of **4.5 percent** compared to same time last year

**119,097 students** borrowed under Student Loan (SL) Scheme

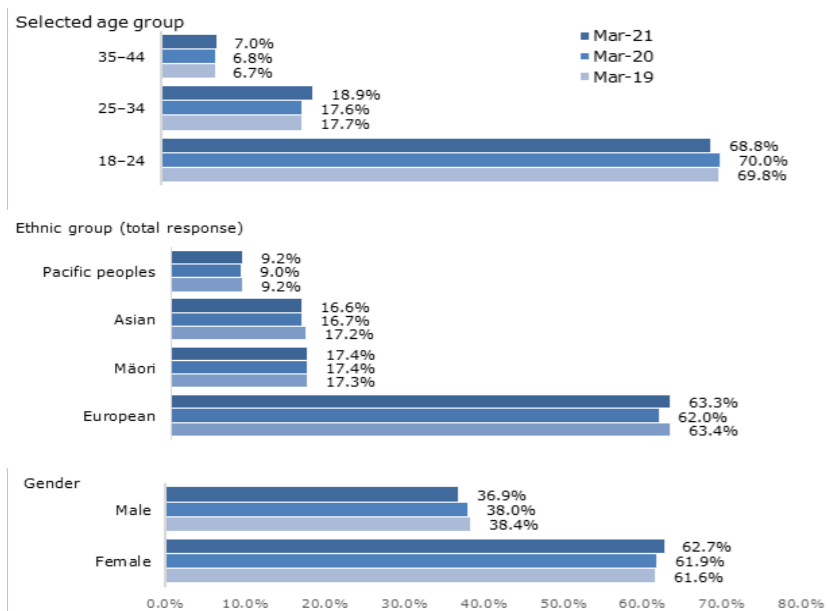


**43,369 students** received support under Student Allowances (SA) Scheme

**5,564 more students** received students support compared with the same time last year

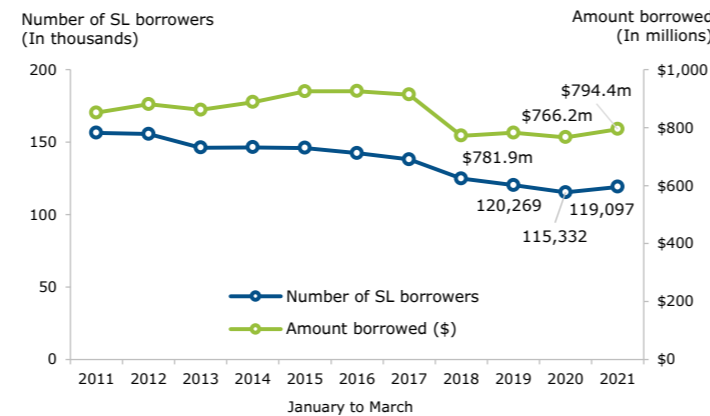


## Students' profile



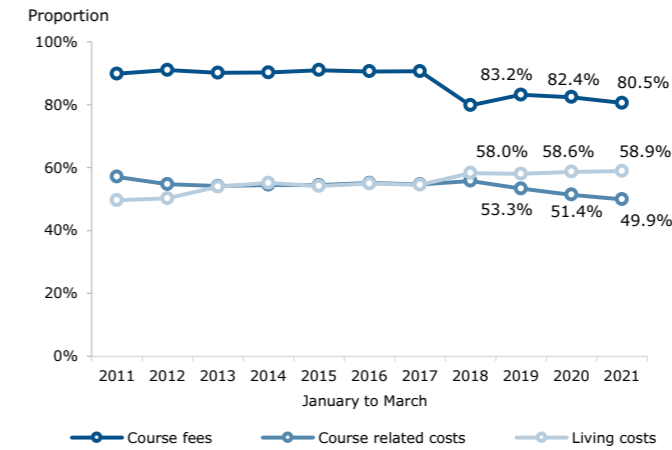
## Long-term trends – January to March 2011 – 2021

**Student Loan (SL) Scheme** – number of borrowers and amount borrowed **increased**

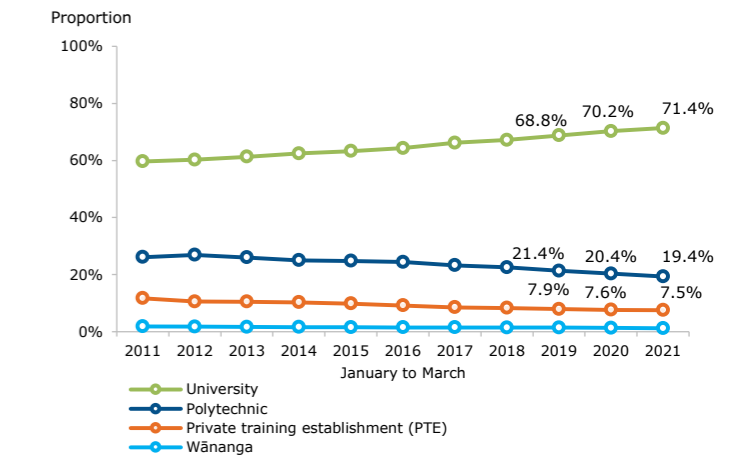


Note: Total amount covers borrowings for course fees, living costs, and course related costs only.

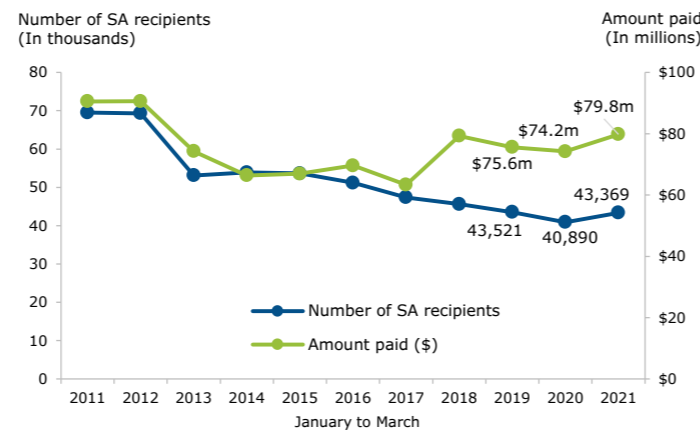
Proportion of **SL borrowers for living costs slightly increased**



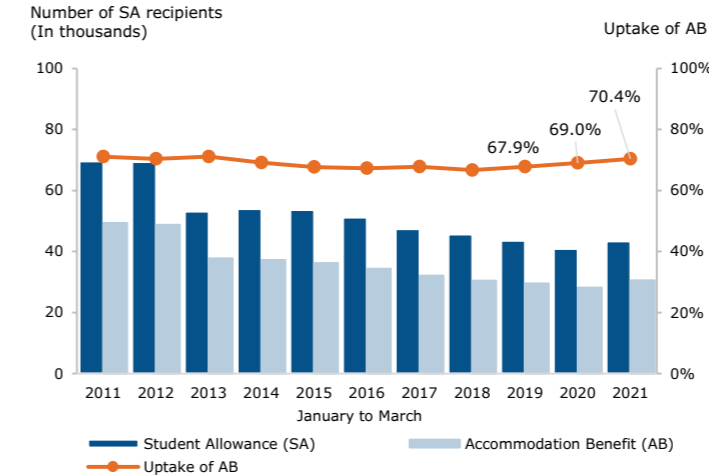
Distribution of SL borrowers by **types of education providers**



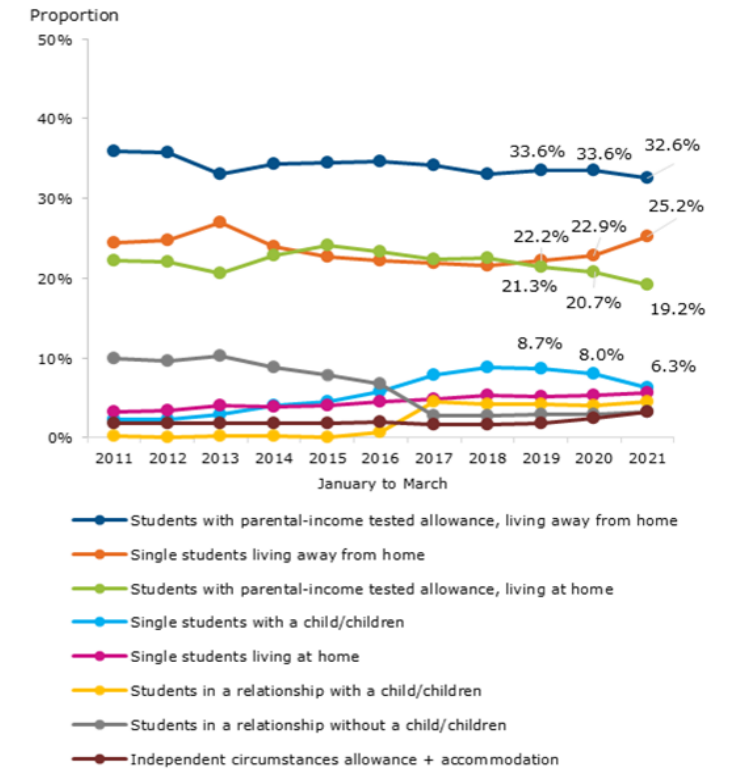
**Student Allowances (SA) Scheme** – number of recipients and amount of allowances paid **increased**



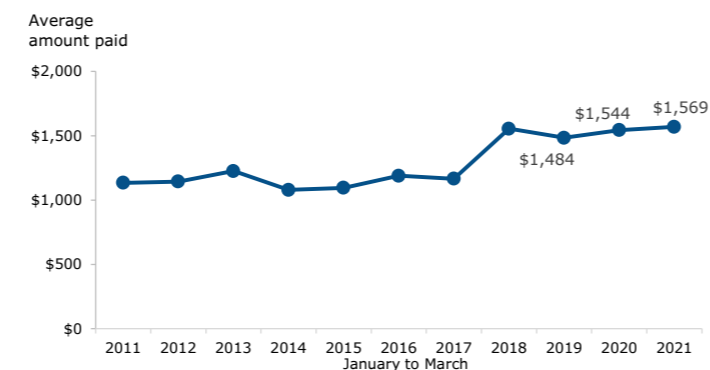
Distribution of SA recipients by **type of allowances received and uptake of Accommodation Benefit**



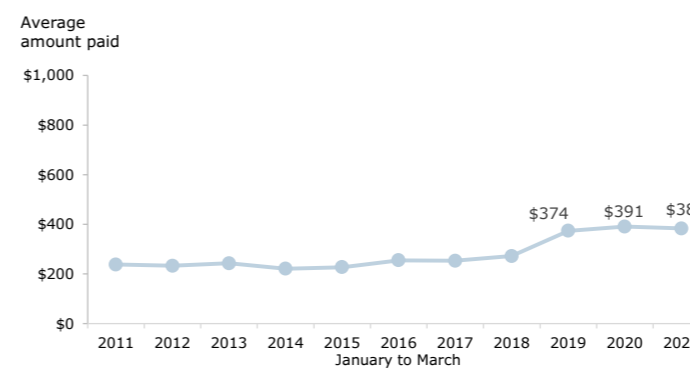
Distribution of SA recipients by **weekly rates paid based on their personal and family circumstances**



**Average Student Allowance paid**



**Average Accommodation Benefit paid**



**Other resources and websites**

- Detailed 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 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/>).