

STUDENT SUPPORT UPDATE – JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER 2020

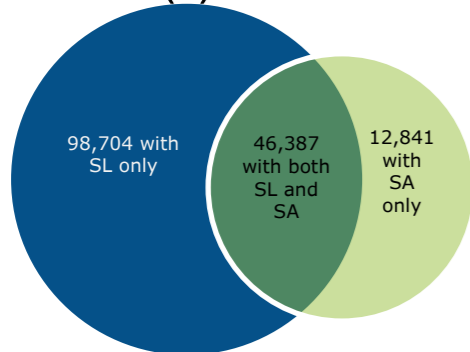
The data presented are cumulative calendar year to date. All percentages are computed using actual data, and are rounded off to the first decimal point. A student is defined as a person who received at least one payment from StudyLink in the period being reported.



Snapshot – January to September 2020

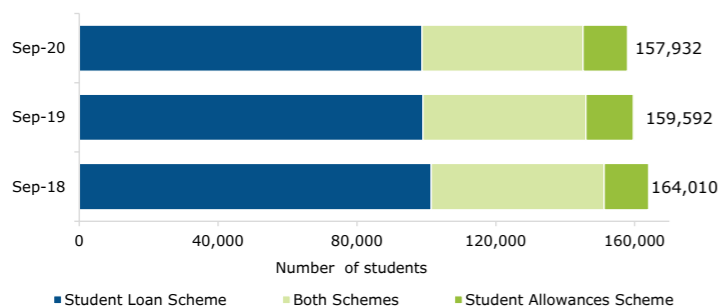
A total of 157,932 students were provided student support.

145,091 students borrowed under Student Loan (SL) Scheme



59,228 students received support under Student Allowances (SA) Scheme

1,660 fewer students received student support compared with the same time last year.



Hardship Assistance for students

717 students received the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment (CIRP) from 10 June to 30 September 2020. Of this total, 363 received the full-time rate, and 354 received the part-time rate.

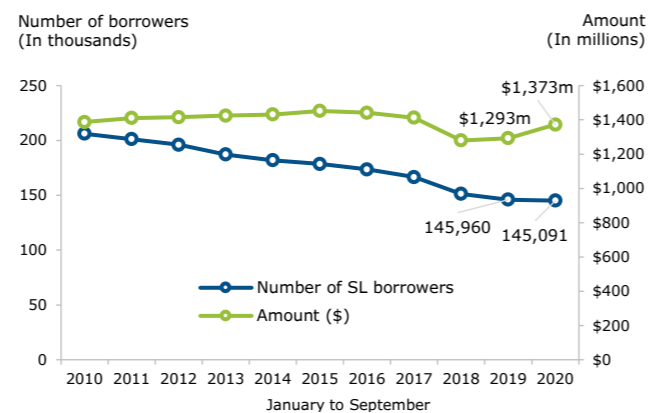
- Students and their partners were eligible to receive the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment if they have lost part-time or full-time employment.
- Additional information on CIRP support for students were available at <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/products/a-z-products/income-relief-payment.html>

As at 30 September 2020, 416 students receiving Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH). The number of students on JSSH starts to increase around this time when they complete their studies for the year.

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

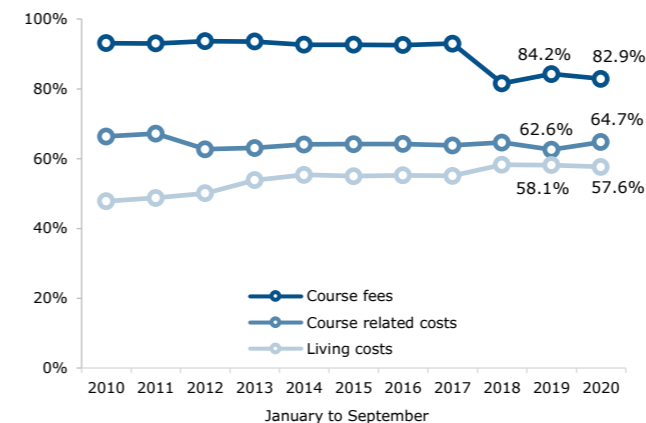
Long-term trends – January to September 2010 to 2020

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

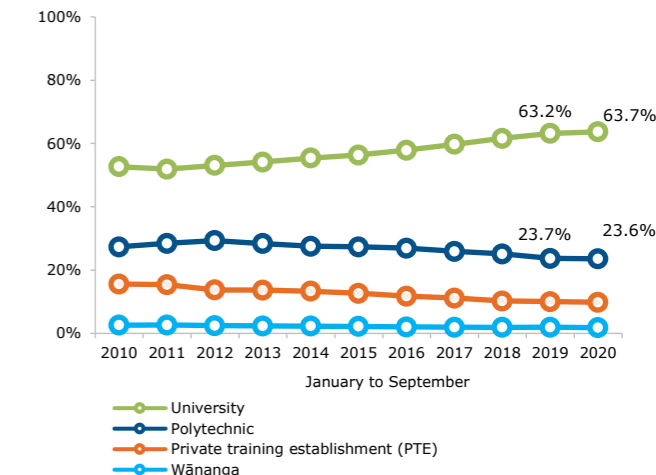


Note: Total amount covers borrowings for course fees, living costs, and course related costs only.

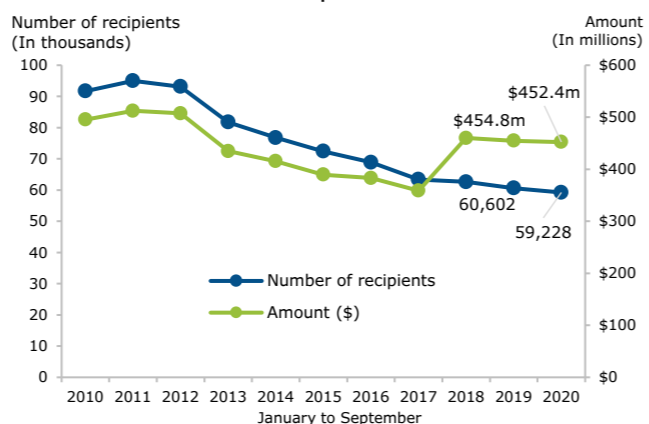
Proportion of SL borrowers by loan components



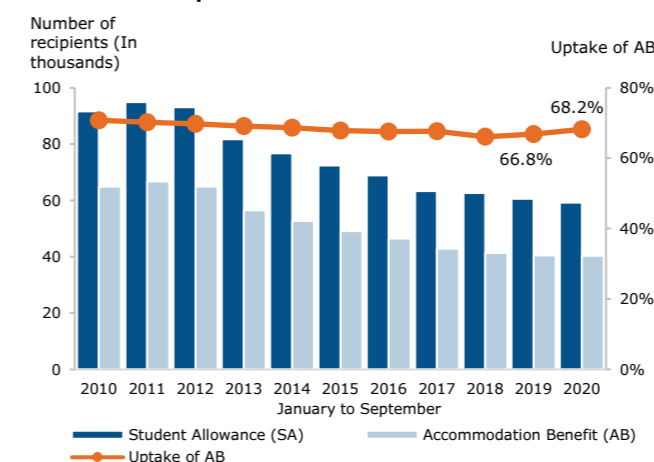
Distribution of SL borrowers by types of education providers



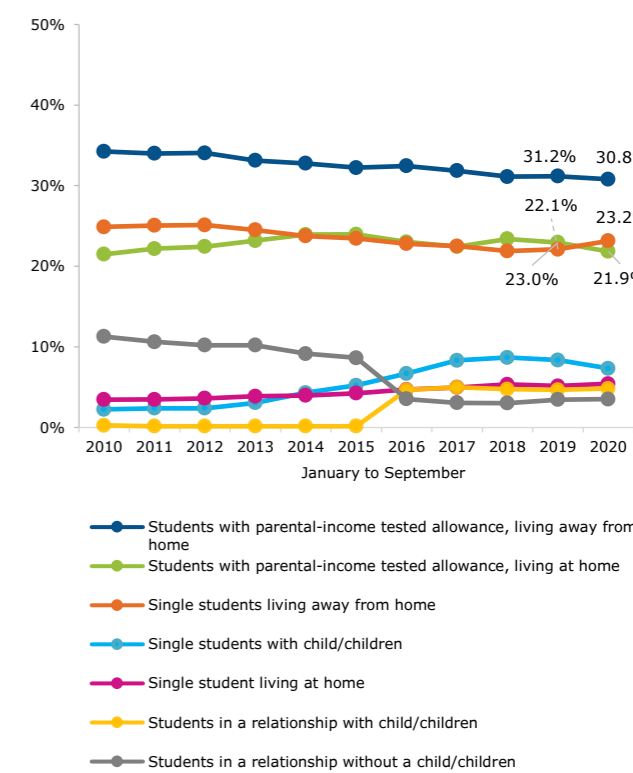
Student Allowances (SA) Scheme – number of recipients and amount of allowances paid



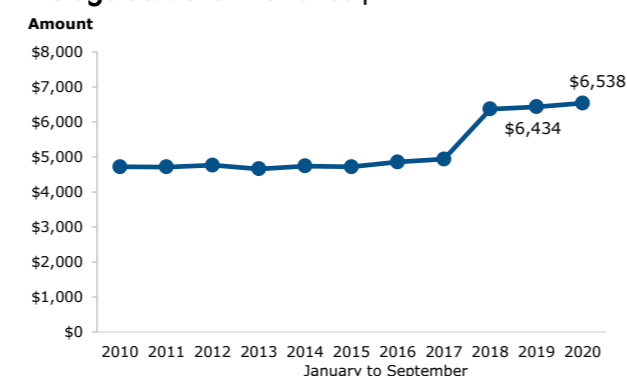
Distribution of SA recipients by type of allowances received and uptake of Accommodation Benefit



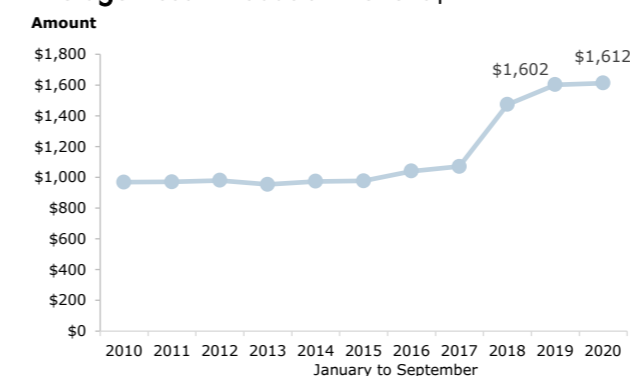
Distribution of SA recipients by weekly rates of student allowances paid to eligible students based on their personal and family circumstances



Average Student Allowance paid



Average Accommodation Benefit paid



Other resources and websites

- Detailed report and downloadable data 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>).
- 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 is 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 support 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/>).