Income Support Weekly Update

Week ending 5 November 2021

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627 decrease in the number of **Jobseeker Support – Work Ready recipients**, when comparing 5 November (107,844) with 29 October (108,471).

120 decrease in the number of **youth (18–24 year olds) receiving Jobseeker Support – Work Ready**, when comparing 5 November (27,426) with 29 October (27,546).

444 decrease in the number of **people receiving a main benefit**, when comparing 5 November (355,197) with 29 October (355,641).

11.3 percent of the estimated working-age population were on a main benefit as at 5 November.
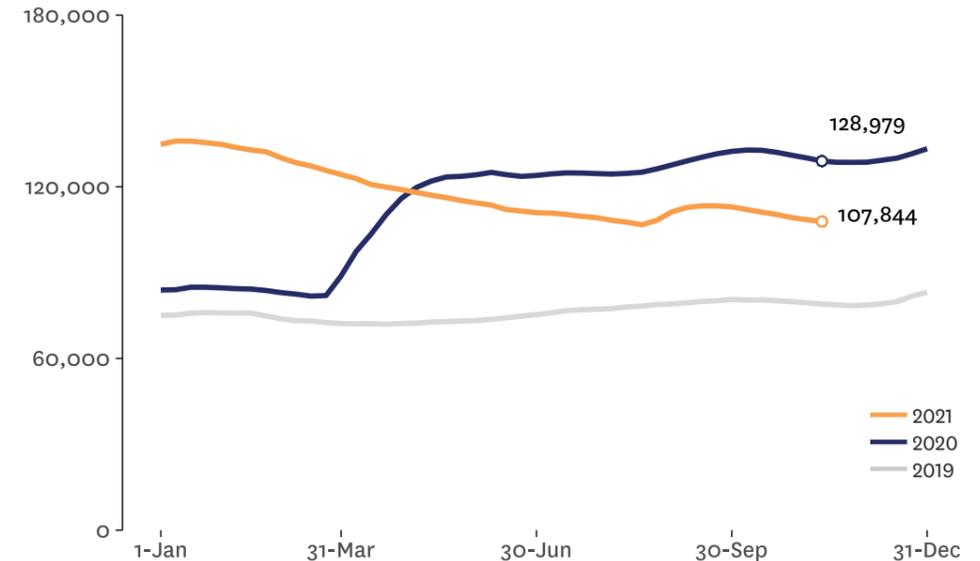
6.0 percent were on Jobseeker Support as at 5 November.

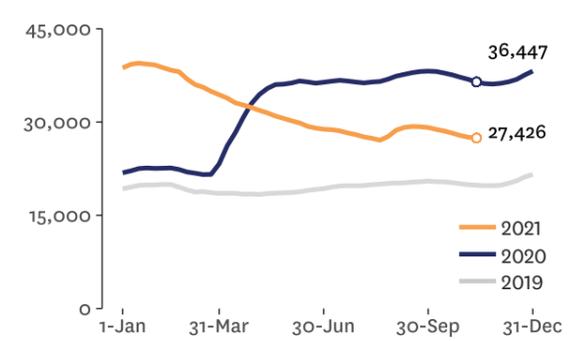**2,046** cancels into work for all main benefits in the week ending 5 November, from 2,646 in the week prior.

1,722 cancels into work from Jobseeker Support in the week ending 5 November, from 2,265 in the week prior.

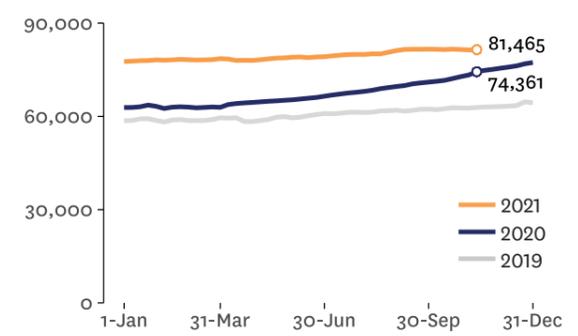## Jobseeker Support – Work Ready, including youth, and Health Condition and Disability

1. Number of Jobseeker Support – Work Ready (JS – WR) recipients

128,979
107,844
2021 / 2020 / 2019

All data contained in this document has been **randomly rounded** to a base of 3 as part of **MSD's confidentiality policy**. More information on the confidentiality policy can be found here:
https://www.msd.govt.nz/about-msd-and-our-work/tools/how-we-keep-data-private.html

The supporting data file can be found here:
https://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/weekly-reporting/2021/nov/data-file-income-support-and-wage-subsidy-weekly-update-5-november-2021.xlsx

2. Number of youth (18–24 year olds) receiving JS – WR

36,447
27,426
2021 / 2020 / 2019

3. Number of Jobseeker Support – Health Condition and Disability (JS – HCD) recipients

81,465
74,361
2021 / 2020 / 2019

Grants and cancels for Jobseeker Support (JS)

4. Total number of JS grants, during each week

2,931
2,349
2021 / 2020 / 2019
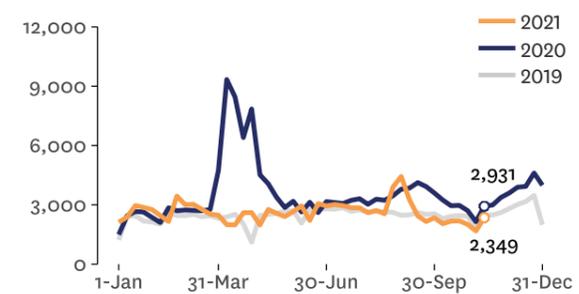
5. Total number of JS cancels, during each week

2,589
2,577
2021 / 2020 / 2019
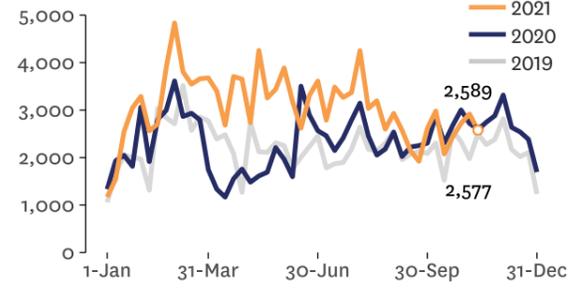
6. Number of JS cancels into work, during each week

1,890
1,722
2021 / 2020 / 2019
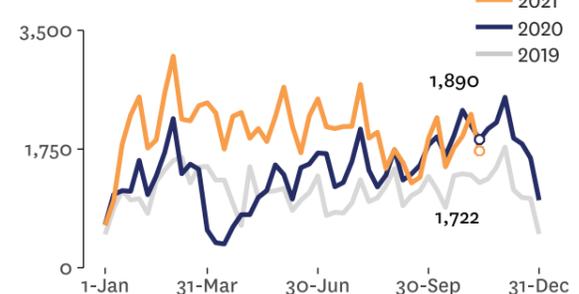
7. Number of JS cancels for all reasons other than work, during each week

855
699
2021 / 2020 / 2019
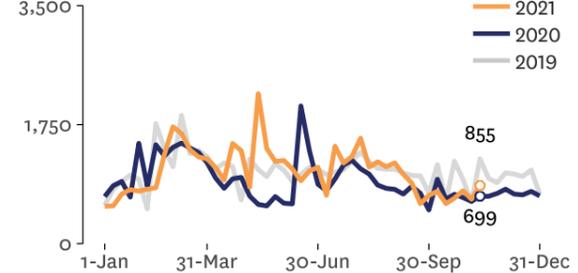
Regional JS total (WR and HCD)

8. Percentage of the estimated New Zealand population aged 18–64 receiving JS, by Regional Council, compared with the same time last year

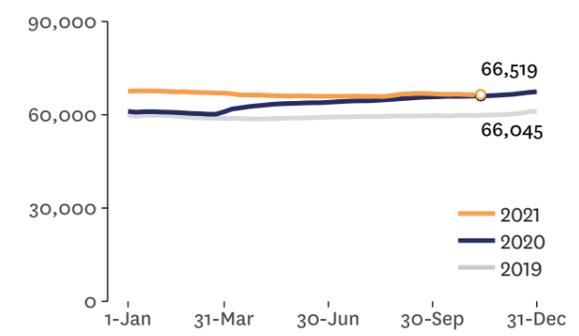|	Population proportion	Percentage point change
Northland	10.5%	-0.6%
Gisborne	9.2%	-1.4%
Bay of Plenty	8.2%	-0.8%
West Coast	7.8%	-0.7%
Hawke's Bay	7.2%	-0.6%
Waikato	7.2%	-0.5%
Manawatu-Whanganui	6.9%	-0.9%
Taranaki	6.4%	-0.9%
Auckland	5.8%	-0.4%
Nelson	5.5%	-0.9%
Wellington	5.1%	-0.7%
Southland	4.9%	-0.8%
Marlborough	4.7%	-0.3%
Canterbury	4.6%	-0.7%
Tasman	4.6%	-0.7%
Otago	3.8%	-0.5%

Main benefits

Unless otherwise stated, all main benefit numbers are ages 18–64, including grants and cancels.
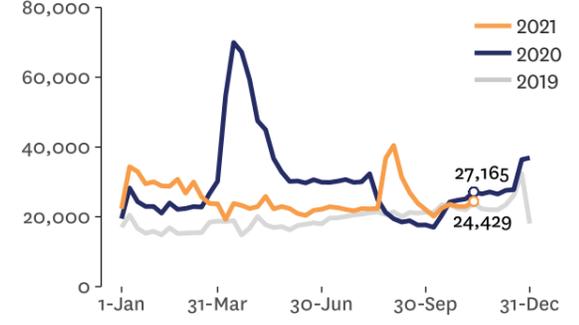
9. Number of main benefit recipients

370,536
355,197
2021 / 2020 / 2019

10. Number of Sole Parent Support recipients

66,519
66,045
2021 / 2020 / 2019

11. Number of Jobseeker Support Student Hardship (JSSH) recipients

2,832
2,118
2021 / 2020 / 2019

Hardship assistance

Hardship grants are all ages.

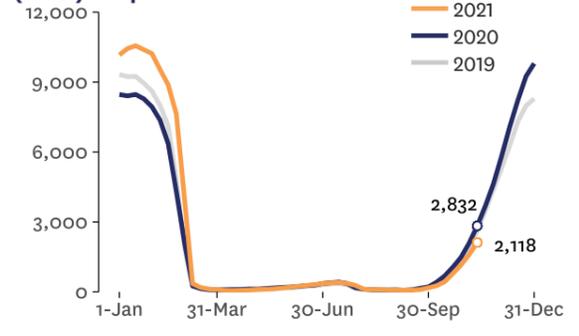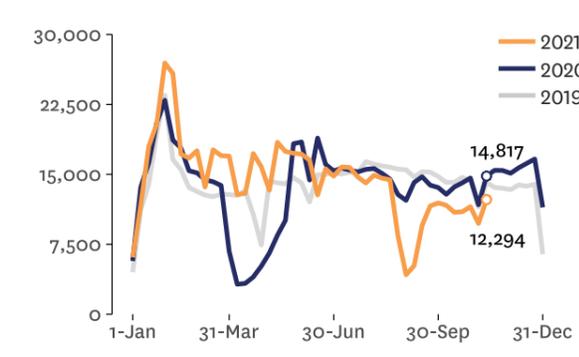**12. Number of Special Needs Grants for Food, during each week**

27,165
24,429
2021 / 2020 / 2019

13. Number of Emergency Housing Special Needs Grants, during each week

3,270
3,174
2021 / 2020 / 2019

14. Number of Benefit Advances, during each week

14,817
12,294
2021 / 2020 / 2019

Main benefit numbers refer to the number of people who are in primary receipt.

Hardship grants are counts of grants, rather than clients. A client can receive multiple grants. Special Needs Grants are the sum of grants during each week. During a week with a public holiday, the number of **hardship grants** may decrease, due to fewer contact hours with clients.

For **population proportions**, the estimated New Zealand resident population is used, as at the most recent June estimate available for the relevant period.

Caution should be exercised when **comparing data between weekly, monthly, and quarterly data releases**. Some data provided by MSD is the exact count as at the end of a week, month, or quarter, while other data is a sum of administrative actions during a period. Data that is summed over a reporting period includes grants and cancels, and hardship grants.

All percentages and proportions are calculated after **random rounding** has been applied.