

Ōtautahi Christchurch Recovery Plan

Quarterly Snapshot 1

We're assessing key performance data and using it to guide decisions on what support might be required to lessen the impact of COVID locally and provide relief to businesses and people affected.

The information in this snapshot is for the period up to the end of December for Ōtautahi Christchurch and Canterbury.

62%



drop in value of exports through Christchurch Airport for December 2020 compared to December 2019.

Why: Capacity constraint has led to unavoidable drop in value of air exports.

What's being done: Continue to work with airlines to support freight services until passenger flight numbers can be increased. Note: The value of exports passing through the port at Lyttelton dropped 5%.

71%



decrease in international spending in October 2020 compared with October 2019.

Why: Border closures mean international visitor spending is still considerably below where it was pre-COVID.

What's being done: Christchurch International Airport Limited is preparing to re-engage airlines as the operating environment changes. ChristchurchNZ is ready to engage with visitor markets as conditions allow.

60%



employment rate for Māori in December 2020, down from 63% a year earlier.

Why: This is common at this time of year with people leaving school and study.

What's being done: Māori are a priority focus group for MSD.

41%



increase in the number of 18-24 year olds receiving Job Seeker Support in December 2020 from December 2019.

Why: A seasonal peak in Job Seeker Support in this age group is not unusual due to school leavers and other students leaving tertiary education.

What's being done: Many people move off benefits during February–April, including in this age group as they secure employment. The Ministry for Social Development supports this group with a number of products and services, including contracted services.

69%



employment rate for Pacific people in December 2020, down from 79% a year earlier.

Why: This is common at this time of year as people leave school and study. Pacific people represent about 3% of Job Seeker Support.

What's being done: Pacific people are a priority focus group for MSD.

Overall impact:

Comparisons across all performance measures show that to date the impact has not been as great as anticipated. However, some people and sectors have been severely affected. It is likely there will be further shocks in future.

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