

# STATISTICS THAT MATTER

## ONE IN NINETEEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN NZ  
Sept 2001

**100,000**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYED  
Sept 2001

**5.2%**

OR ONE IN 19 PEOPLE  
*Seasonally Adjusted*

DROP IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN LAST THREE MONTHS  
June 2001 — Sept 2001

**1,000**

DROP IN LAST YEAR  
Sept 2000 — Sept 2001

**11,000**

PEOPLE REGISTERED AS JOBBEEKERS WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
(Formerly WINZ)

Sept 2001

**182,928**

UNDEREMPLOYED  
Sept 2001

**104,600**

*(workers who are employed part time but would prefer to work more hours)*

### GLOBAL

SPAIN	13.0%
ITALY	9.4%
FRANCE	8.6%
GERMANY	7.9%
CANADA	7.2%
AUSTRALIA	6.7%
<i>OECD Average</i>	<i>6.5%</i>
JAPAN	5.3%
NEW ZEALAND	5.2%
BRITAIN	5.1%
UNITED STATES	4.9%

## OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED

The official unemployed rates are an internationally recognised figure for unemployment based on the Household Labour Force Survey run by Statistics New Zealand. These are the latest figures for September 2001.

NORTHLAND	7.9%	or one in 13 people
AUCKLAND	4.2%	or one in 24 people
WAIKATO	5.6%	or one in 18 people
BAY OF PLENTY	8.2%	or one in 12 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY	5.7%	or one in 18 people
TARANAKI	5.8%	or one in 17 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU	4.2%	or one in 24 people
WELLINGTON	4.5%	or one in 22 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH		
TASMAN-WEST COAST	4.6%	or one in 22 people
CANTERBURY	5.2%	or one in 19 people
OTAGO	6.8%	or one in 15 people
SOUTHLAND	2.7%	or one in 37 people

### EMPLOYED

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN NZ  
Sept 2001 *Seasonally Adjusted* **1,825,000**

RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST 3 MTHS  
June 200 — Sept 2001 **6,000**

RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST YEAR  
Sept 2000 — Sept 2001 **39,000**

SECTORS WITH A RISE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR  
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL, HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES, WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING, MANUFACTURING

SECTORS WITH A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR  
CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION

### FULL-TIME and PART-TIME

*of the "Employed" statistics*

	FULL -TIME	PART-TIME
MEN	870,000 (88%)	122,100 (12%)
WOMEN	520,500 (63%)	304,900 (37%)
TOTAL	1,390,600	427,000
OVERALL %	77%	23%

GAIN OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 20,000  
GAIN OF PART-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 18,000

### REGIONS

REGIONS WITH A DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS  
June 2001 — Sept 2001  
AUCKLAND  
GISBORNE / HAWKES BAY  
WAIKATO  
WANGANUI / MANAWATU  
CANTERBURY  
SOUTHLAND

REGIONS WITH A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT  
NORTHLAND  
BAY OF PLENTY  
TARANAKI  
WELLINGTON  
NELSON / MARLBOROUGH / TASMAN / WEST COAST  
OTAGO

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO  
**THE JOBS LETTER**  
16 NOVEMBER 2001

# ONE IN ELEVEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY JOBLESS IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN NZ  
Sept 2001

173,900

OFFICIAL RATE OF  
JOBLESS  
Sept 2001

8.7%  
OR ONE IN 11 PEOPLE

RISE IN NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN LAST THREE  
MONTHS  
June 2001 — Sept 2001

2,400

FALL IN NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN LAST YEAR  
Sept 2000 — Sept 2001

3,400

## THE JOBLESS FIGURES

According to Statistics NZ, the difference between the official "unemployment" figures and the "jobless" figures is that many of the people on the jobless measurement are available for work, but not actively seeking it.

The reasons for not actively seeking work range from people being discouraged because they lack the skills needed, or were the wrong age, or that the right work was not available in their area, or they were only looking for jobs in the newspaper. This measurement also includes those actively seeking work but not yet available for it.

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO

## THE JOBS LETTER

26 NOVEMBER 2001

# OFFICIALLY JOBLESS

## "Those Without a Job and Wanting a Job"

These are the statistics that are more commonly used by community workers and employment activists in New Zealand because they more accurately reflect the people who are their concern or clients. These "Jobless" figures are also based on the Household Labour Force Survey run by Statistics New Zealand, but include a wider definition of unemployment, usually referred to as "those without a job and wanting a job" ... (see note in side panel).

NORTHLAND .....	13.9%	..... or one in 7 people
AUCKLAND .....	7.3%	..... or one in 14 people
WAIKATO .....	9.4%	..... or one in 11 people
BAY OF PLENTY .....	12.3%	..... or one in 8 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY .....	11.0%	..... or one in 9 people
TARANAKI .....	8.6%	..... or one in 12 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU .....	8.2%	..... or one in 12 people
WELLINGTON .....	7.9%	..... or one in 13 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH TASMAN-WEST COAST .....	7.7%	..... or one in 13 people
CANTERBURY .....	8.8%	..... or one in 11 people
OTAGO .....	11.2%	..... or one in 9 people
SOUTHLAND .....	6.6%	..... or one in 15 people

## AGE and LONG-TERM

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 15-19 YEARS Sept 2001	14.7%	one in 7 young people
MATURE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 50-65 YEARS Sept 2001	3.8%	one in 26 mature people
LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 6 MONTHS) Sept 2001	28,500	29% or one in 4 of the unemployed
LONGER-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 2 YEARS) Sept 2001	7,400	7% or one in 14 of the unemployed
VERY LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 5 YEARS) Sept 2001	2,300	2% or one in 43 of the unemployed

## THE SCHEMES

Figures from Ministry of Social Development (formerly WINZ), Skill NZ and Youth Affairs

TASKFORCE GREEN .....	600
JOB PLUS .....	4,191
JOB PLUS MAORI .....	119
JOB CONNECTION .....	142
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE .....	96
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE WITH CAPITALISATION .....	203
TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEME (TOPS) .....	8,932
YOUTH TRAINING (SKILL NZ) .....	5,871
LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (ARMY) .....	111
CONSERVATION CORPS .....	669
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS .....	106
ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY (still counted as unemployed) .....	1,818

## PARTICIPATION

LABOUR FORCE  
PARTICIPATION RATE  
Sept 2001

Seasonally Adjusted

65.9%

up from 65.5% last year

## RACE

MAORI RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
Sept 2001

12.3%

OR ONE IN EIGHT PEOPLE

PACIFIC ISLAND RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
Sept 2001

8.2%

OR ONE IN 12 PEOPLE

NZ EUROPEAN RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
Sept 2001

3.8%

OR ONE IN 26 PEOPLE