

**STATISTICS THAT MATTER****ONE IN NINETEEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED IN NZ**OFFICIAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN NZ  
March 2002**104,000***Seasonally Adjusted*OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYED  
March 2002**5.3%**OR ONE IN 19 PEOPLE  
*Seasonally Adjusted*DROP IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED  
IN LAST THREE MONTHS  
Dec 2001— March 2002**1,000**RISE IN LAST YEAR  
March 2001 — March 2002**1,000**PEOPLE REGISTERED AS  
JOBSEEKERS WITH  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
(Formerly WINZ)

March 2002

**173,280**UNDEREMPLOYED  
March 2002**106,600***(workers who are employed part time but would prefer to work more hours)***GLOBAL**

SPAIN	12.9%
FRANCE	9.1%
ITALY	9.0%
GERMANY	8.1%
CANADA	7.7%
OECD Average	7.0%
AUSTRALIA	6.7%
UNITED STATES	5.7%
NEW ZEALAND	5.3%
JAPAN	5.2%
BRITAIN	5.0%

**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 March 2002.

NORTHLAND	10.5%	or one in 10 people
AUCKLAND	4.9%	or one in 20 people
WAIKATO	6.1%	or one in 16 people
BAY OF PLENTY	7.2%	or one in 14 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY	4.9%	or one in 20 people
TARANAKI	4.9%	or one in 20 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU	6.2%	or one in 16 people
WELLINGTON	5.8%	or one in 17 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH		
TASMAN-WEST COAST	3.5%	or one in 29 people
CANTERBURY	5.5%	or one in 18 people
OTAGO	6.5%	or one in 15 people
SOUTHLAND	3.7%	or one in 27 people

**EMPLOYED**NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN NZ  
March 2002 *Seasonally Adjusted* **1,867,000**RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST 3 MTHS  
Dec 2001 — March 2002 **24,000**RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST YEAR  
March 2001— March 2002 **63,000**SECTORS WITH A RISE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL, EDUCATION,  
CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION, HEALTH  
& COMMUNITY SERVICES, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHINGSECTORS WITH A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR  
MANUFACTURING**FULL-TIME and PART-TIME***of the "Employed" statistics*

	FULL -TIME	PART-TIME
MEN	910,000 (89%)	117,300 (11%)
WOMEN	541,900 (64%)	300,700 (36%)
TOTAL	1,451,900	418,100
OVERALL %	78%	22%

GAIN OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 30,000  
GAIN OF PART-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 14,000**REGIONS**REGIONS WITH A DROP IN  
UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE  
LAST 3 MONTHS  
Dec 2001 — March 2002BAY OF PLENTY  
GISBORNE / HAWKES BAY  
TARANAKI  
NELSON / MARLBOROUGH /  
TASMAN / WEST COAST  
SOUTHLANDREGIONS WITH A RISE IN  
UNEMPLOYMENTNORTHLAND  
AUCKLAND  
WAIKATO  
WANGANUI / MANAWATU  
WELLINGTON  
CANTERBURY  
OTAGOA SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO  
**THE JOBS LETTER**

14 MAY 2002

# ONE IN ELEVEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY JOBLESS IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN NZ  
March 2002

188,500

OFFICIAL RATE OF  
JOBLESS  
March 2002

9.2%  
OR ONE IN 11 PEOPLE

RISE IN NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN LAST THREE  
MONTHS  
Dec 2001 — March 2002

4,900

RISE IN NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN LAST YEAR  
March 2001 — March 2002

9,700

## 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.

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# 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 .....	17.5%	..... or one in 6 people
AUCKLAND .....	8.6%	..... or one in 12 people
WAIKATO .....	8.7%	..... or one in 11 people
BAY OF PLENTY .....	11.7%	..... or one in 9 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY .....	8.6%	..... or one in 12 people
TARANAKI .....	8.8%	..... or one in 11 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU .....	9.2%	..... or one in 11 people
WELLINGTON .....	8.8%	..... or one in 11 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH TASMAN-WEST COAST .....	6.8%	..... or one in 15 people
CANTERBURY .....	9.3%	..... or one in 11 people
OTAGO .....	9.9%	..... or one in 10 people
SOUTHLAND .....	6.7%	..... or one in 15 people

## AGE and LONG-TERM

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 15-19 YEARS March 2002	16.0%	one in 6 young people
MATURE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 50-65 YEARS March 2002	3.9%	one in 26 mature people
LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 6 MONTHS) March 2002	27,200	26% or one in 4 of the unemployed
LONGER-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 2 YEARS) March 2002	7,100	7% or one in 15 of the unemployed
VERY LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 5 YEARS) March 2002	1,900	2% or one in 55 of the unemployed

## THE SCHEMES

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

TASKFORCE GREEN .....	790
JOB PLUS .....	4,378
JOB PLUS MAORI .....	153
JOB CONNECTION .....	184
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE .....	61
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE WITH CAPITALISATION .....	200
TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEME (TOPS) .....	7,784
YOUTH TRAINING (SKILL NZ) .....	5,211
LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (ARMY) .....	150
CONSERVATION CORPS .....	1,363
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS .....	237
ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY (still counted as unemployed) .....	1,612

## PARTICIPATION

LABOUR FORCE  
PARTICIPATION RATE  
March 2002  
Seasonally Adjusted

66.9%

up from 65.6% last year

## RACE

MAORI RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
March 2002

10.8%

OR ONE IN NINE PEOPLE

PACIFIC ISLAND RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
March 2002

9.7%

OR ONE IN 10 PEOPLE

NZ EUROPEAN RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT  
March 2002

4.2%

OR ONE IN 24 PEOPLE