

# STATISTICS THAT MATTER

## ONE IN TWENTY PEOPLE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

### OFFICIAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

Dec 2002

**98,000**

Seasonally Adjusted

### OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYED

Dec 2002

**4.9%**

OR ONE IN 20 PEOPLE

Seasonally Adjusted

### DROP IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN LAST THREE MONTHS

Sept 2002 — Dec 2002

**8,000**

### DROP IN LAST YEAR

Dec 2001 — Dec 2002

**7,000**

### PEOPLE REGISTERED AS JOBBEEKERS WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(Formerly WINZ)

December 2002

**168,337**

### UNDEREMPLOYED

December 2002

**113,000**

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

## GLOBAL

SPAIN	12.0%
ITALY	8.9%
FRANCE	8.9%
GERMANY	8.5%
CANADA	7.5%
OECD Average	7.1%
AUSTRALIA	6.2%
UNITED STATES	6.0%
JAPAN	5.5%
BRITAIN	5.1%
NEW ZEALAND	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 December 2002.

<b>NORTHLAND</b>	8.5%	or one in 12 people
<b>AUCKLAND</b>	4.0%	or one in 25 people
<b>WAIKATO</b>	5.4%	or one in 19 people
<b>BAY OF PLENTY</b>	6.6%	or one in 15 people
<b>GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY</b>	5.7%	or one in 18 people
<b>TARANAKI</b>	5.5%	or one in 18 people
<b>WANGANUI-MANAWATU</b>	3.8%	or one in 26 people
<b>WELLINGTON</b>	5.0%	or one in 20 people
<b>NELSON-MARLBOROUGH</b>		
<b>TASMAN-WEST COAST</b>	4.1%	or one in 24 people
<b>CANTERBURY</b>	4.2%	or one in 24 people
<b>OTAGO</b>	5.3%	or one in 19 people
<b>SOUTHLAND</b>	3.9%	or one in 26 people

## EMPLOYED

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN NZ** 1,886,000

Dec 2002 Seasonally Adjusted

**RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST 3 MTHS** 8,000

Sept 2002 — Dec 2002

**RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST YEAR** 44,000

Dec 2001 — Dec 2002

### SECTORS WITH A RISE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR

WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, EDUCATION, CONSTRUCTION, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

### SECTORS WITH A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR

HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING, MANUFACTURING, TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION,

## FULL-TIME and PART-TIME

of the "Employed" statistics

	FULL -TIME	PART-TIME
<b>MEN</b>	924,300 (89%)	114,000 (11%)
<b>WOMEN</b>	556,000 (64%)	310,800 (36%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,480,300	424,800
<b>OVERALL %</b>	78%	22%

**GAIN OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 40,000**

**GAIN OF PART-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 2,000**

## REGIONS

### REGIONS WITH A DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS

Sept 2002 — Dec 2002

AUCKLAND  
TARANAKI  
WANGANUI / MANAWATU  
BAY OF PLENTY  
CANTERBURY  
OTAGO

### REGIONS WITH A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

NORTHLAND  
GISBORNE / HAWKES BAY  
WELLINGTON  
NELSON / MARLBOROUGH /  
TASMAN / WEST COAST  
SOUTHLAND

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**THE JOBS LETTER**

17 FEBRUARY 2003

# ONE IN TWELVE PEOPLE OFFICIALLY JOBLESS IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN NZ  
Dec 2002

172,600

OFFICIAL RATE OF  
JOBLESS  
Dec 2002

8.3%  
OR ONE IN 12 PEOPLE

DROP IN NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN LAST THREE  
MONTHS

Sept 2002 — Dec 2002

4,000

DROP IN NUMBER OF  
JOBLESS IN LAST YEAR

Dec 2001 — Dec 2002

11,000

## 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).

<b>NORTHLAND</b> .....	14.0%	..... or one in 7 people
<b>AUCKLAND</b> .....	6.8%	..... or one in 15 people
<b>WAIKATO</b> .....	9.3%	..... or one in 11 people
<b>BAY OF PLENTY</b> .....	11.1%	..... or one in 9 people
<b>GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY</b> .....	12.2%	..... or one in 8 people
<b>TARANAKI</b> .....	9.6%	..... or one in 10 people
<b>WANGANUI-MANAWATU</b> .....	6.9%	..... or one in 14 people
<b>WELLINGTON</b> .....	8.4%	..... or one in 12 people
<b>NELSON-MARLBOROUGH</b>		
<b>TASMAN-WEST COAST</b> .....	6.6%	..... or one in 15 people
<b>CANTERBURY</b> .....	7.2%	..... or one in 14 people
<b>OTAGO</b> .....	10.9%	..... or one in 9 people
<b>SOUTHLAND</b> .....	7.0%	..... or one in 14 people

## AGE and LONG-TERM

<b>YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 15-19 YEARS</b>	16.0%
Dec 2002	one in 6 young people
<b>MATURE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 50-65 YEARS</b>	3.2%
Dec 2002	one in 31 mature people
<b>LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 6 MONTHS)</b>	25,500
Dec 2002	26% or one in 4 of the unemployed
<b>LONGER-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 2 YEARS)</b>	5,400
Dec 2002	6% or one in 18 of the unemployed
<b>VERY LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 5 YEARS)</b>	1,500
Dec 2002	2% or one in 65 of the unemployed

## THE SCHEMES

Figures from Ministry of Social Development, Youth Affairs and Tertiary Education Commission (formerly Skill NZ)

<b>TASKFORCE GREEN</b> .....	407
<b>JOB PLUS</b> .....	3,217
<b>JOB PLUS MAORI</b> .....	87
<b>JOB CONNECTION</b> .....	86
<b>ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE</b> .....	48
<b>ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE WITH CAPITALISATION</b> .....	273
<b>TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEME (TOPS)</b> .....	7,824
<b>YOUTH TRAINING (T.E.C.)</b> .....	5,490
<b>LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (ARMY)</b> .....	76
<b>CONSERVATION CORPS</b> .....	825
<b>YOUTH SERVICE CORPS</b> .....	126
<b>ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY</b> (still counted as unemployed) .....	786

## PARTICIPATION

**LABOUR FORCE  
PARTICIPATION RATE**

Dec 2002  
Seasonally Adjusted

66.3%

down from 66.4% last year

## RACE

**MAORI RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT**

Dec 2002

11.4%

OR ONE IN NINE PEOPLE

**PACIFIC ISLAND RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT**

Dec 2002

8.2%

OR ONE IN 12 PEOPLE

**NZ EUROPEAN RATE OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT**

Dec 2002

3.3%

OR ONE IN 30 PEOPLE