

STATISTICS THAT MATTER

ONE IN TWENTY-THREE PEOPLE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

December 2003

93,000

Seasonally Adjusted

OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYED

December 2003

4.6%

OR ONE IN 23 PEOPLE
Seasonally Adjusted

RISE IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN LAST THREE MONTHS

Sept 2003 — Dec 2003

4,000

DROP IN LAST YEAR

Dec 2002 — Dec 2003

4,000

PEOPLE REGISTERED AS JOBBEEKERS WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(Formerly WINZ)

December 2003

134,342

UNDEREMPLOYED

December 2003

99,500

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

GLOBAL

SPAIN	11.3%
FRANCE	9.5%
GERMANY	9.3%
ITALY	8.4%
CANADA	7.5%
OECD Average	7.0%
UNITED STATES	5.9%
AUSTRALIA	5.6%
JAPAN	5.2%
BRITAIN	4.9%
NEW ZEALAND	4.6%

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 2003.

NORTHLAND	7.0%	or one in 14 people
AUCKLAND	3.9%	or one in 26 people
WAIKATO	4.3%	or one in 23 people
BAY OF PLENTY	5.9%	or one in 17 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY	5.5%	or one in 18 people
TARANAKI	4.3%	or one in 23 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU	3.7%	or one in 27 people
WELLINGTON	5.5%	or one in 18 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH		
TASMAN-WEST COAST	3.6%	or one in 28 people
CANTERBURY	3.7%	or one in 27 people
OTAGO	5.5%	or one in 18 people
SOUTHLAND	4.3%	or one in 23 people

EMPLOYED

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN NZ 1,939,000
December 2003 Seasonally Adjusted

RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST 3 MTHS 1,000
Sept 2003 — Dec 2003

RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST YEAR 51,000
Dec 2002 — Dec 2003

SECTORS WITH A RISE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES, TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION, CONSTRUCTION.

SECTORS WITH A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR
MANUFACTURING, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING.

FULL-TIME and PART-TIME

of the "Employed" statistics

	FULL -TIME	PART-TIME
MEN	944,900 (89%)	116,800 (11%)
WOMEN	582,800 (65%)	311,800 (35%)
TOTAL	1,527,700	428,600
OVERALL %	78%	22%

GAIN OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 46,000
GAIN OF PART-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 5,000

REGIONS

REGIONS WITH A DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS
Sept 2003 — Dec 2003

NORTHLAND
TARANAKI
WANGANUI / MANAWATU
NELSON / MARLBOROUGH /
TASMAN / WEST COAST
CANTERBURY
OTAGO

REGIONS WITH A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

AUCKLAND
WAIKATO
BAY OF PLENTY
GISBORNE / HAWKES BAY
WELLINGTON
SOUTHLAND

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO

THE JOBS LETTER

24 FEBRUARY 2004

ONE IN FOURTEEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY JOBLESS IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF
JOBLESS IN NZ
December 2003

166,000

OFFICIAL RATE OF
JOBLESS
December 2003

7.8%
OR ONE IN 14 PEOPLE

RISE IN NUMBER OF
JOBLESS IN LAST THREE
MONTHS

Sept 2003 — Dec 2003

15,000

DROP IN NUMBER OF
JOBLESS IN LAST YEAR

Dec 2002 — Dec 2003

6,600

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	11.3%	..... or one in 9 people
AUCKLAND	6.4%	..... or one in 16 people
WAIKATO	6.7%	..... or one in 15 people
BAY OF PLENTY	10.3%	..... or one in 10 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY	10.9%	..... or one in 9 people
TARANAKI	8.0%	..... or one in 13 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU	7.8%	..... or one in 13 people
WELLINGTON	8.3%	..... or one in 12 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH		
TASMAN-WEST COAST	6.5%	..... or one in 15 people
CANTERBURY	7.4%	..... or one in 14 people
OTAGO	11.4%	..... or one in 9 people
SOUTHLAND	7.9%	..... or one in 13 people

AGE and LONG-TERM

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 15-19 YEARS	14.3%
<i>December 2003</i>	one in 7 young people
MATURE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 50-65 YEARS	3.0%
<i>December 2003</i>	one in 33 mature people
LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 6 MONTHS)	21,400
<i>December 2003</i>	23% or one in 4 of the unemployed
LONGER-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 2 YEARS)	4,500
<i>December 2003</i>	5% or one in 21 of the unemployed
VERY LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 5 YEARS)	1,100
<i>December 2003</i>	1% or one in 85 of the unemployed

THE SCHEMES

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

TASKFORCE GREEN	308
JOB PLUS	3,365
JOB PLUS MAORI	68
JOB CONNECTION	58
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE	69
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE WITH CAPITALISATION	304
TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEME (TOPS)	7,381
YOUTH TRAINING (T.E.C.)	5,009
LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (ARMY)	118
CONSERVATION CORPS (December)	630
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (December)	83
ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY (still counted as unemployed)	752

PARTICIPATION

LABOUR FORCE
PARTICIPATION RATE

December 2003
Seasonally Adjusted

66.5%

up from 66.3% last year

RACE

MAORI RATE OF
UNEMPLOYMENT

December 2003

10.0%

OR ONE IN TEN PEOPLE

PACIFIC ISLAND RATE OF
UNEMPLOYMENT

December 2003

8.8%

OR ONE IN 11 PEOPLE

NZ EUROPEAN RATE OF
UNEMPLOYMENT

December 2003

3.2%

OR ONE IN 31 PEOPLE