

STATISTICS THAT MATTER

ONE IN TWENTY-THREE PEOPLE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

March 2004

87,000

Seasonally Adjusted

OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYED

March 2004

4.3%

OR ONE IN 23 PEOPLE
Seasonally Adjusted

DROP IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN LAST THREE MONTHS

Dec 2003— March 2004

6,000

DROP IN LAST YEAR

March 2003— March 2004

11,000

PEOPLE REGISTERED AS JOBBEEKERS WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(Formerly WINZ)
March 2004

117,919

UNDEREMPLOYED

March 2004

85,400

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

GLOBAL

SPAIN	11.2%
FRANCE	9.4%
GERMANY	9.3%
ITALY	8.5%
CANADA	7.4%
OECD Average	6.9%
UNITED STATES	5.6%
AUSTRALIA	5.9%
JAPAN	5.0%
BRITAIN	4.8%
NEW ZEALAND	4.3%

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 2004.

NORTHLAND	4.2%	or one in 24 people
AUCKLAND	4.4%	or one in 23 people
WAIKATO	3.9%	or one in 26 people
BAY OF PLENTY	6.7%	or one in 15 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY	5.7%	or one in 18 people
TARANAKI	5.1%	or one in 20 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU	5.9%	or one in 17 people
WELLINGTON	4.7%	or one in 21 people
NELSON-MARLBOROUGH		
TASMAN-WEST COAST	2.7%	or one in 37 people
CANTERBURY	4.4%	or one in 23 people
OTAGO	4.4%	or one in 23 people
SOUTHLAND	2.9%	or one in 34 people

EMPLOYED

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN NZ 1,956,000
March 2004 Seasonally Adjusted

RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST 3 MTHS 17,000
Dec 2003— March 2004

RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST YEAR 61,000
March 2003— March 2004

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

SECTORS WITH A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING.

FULL-TIME and PART-TIME

of the "Employed" statistics

	FULL -TIME	PART-TIME
MEN	954,900 (89%)	115,900 (11%)
WOMEN	589,000 (66%)	299,200 (34%)
TOTAL	1,543,900	415,100
OVERALL %	79%	21%

GAIN OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 57,000
GAIN OF PART-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 3,000

REGIONS

REGIONS WITH A DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS

Dec 2003— March 2004

NORTHLAND
WAIKATO
WELLINGTON
NELSON / MARLBOROUGH /
TASMAN / WEST COAST
OTAGO
SOUTHLAND

REGIONS WITH A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

AUCKLAND
TARANAKI
BAY OF PLENTY
WANGANUI / MANAWATU
CANTERBURY

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO

THE JOBS LETTER

1 JUNE 2004

ONE IN THIRTEEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY JOBLESS IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF JOBLESS IN NZ
March 2004
166,200

OFFICIAL RATE OF JOBLESS
March 2004
7.8%
OR ONE IN 13 PEOPLE

RISE IN NUMBER OF JOBLESS IN LAST THREE MONTHS
Dec 2003 — March 2004
200

DROP IN NUMBER OF JOBLESS IN LAST YEAR
March 2003 — March 2004
8,400

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.

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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	10.2%	.....	or one in 10 people
AUCKLAND	7.3%	.....	or one in 14 people
WAIKATO	6.6%	.....	or one in 15 people
BAY OF PLENTY	10.3%	.....	or one in 10 people
GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY	10.3%	.....	or one in 10 people
TARANAKI	9.5%	.....	or one in 11 people
WANGANUI-MANAWATU	9.5%	or one in 11 people
WELLINGTON	7.8%	or one in 13 people
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TASMAN-WEST COAST	5.6%	or one in 18 people
CANTERBURY	7.2%	or one in 14 people
OTAGO	8.6%	or one in 12 people
SOUTHLAND	6.2%	.....	or one in 16 people

AGE and LONG-TERM

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 15-19 YEARS	12.7%
March 2004	one in 8 young people
MATURE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 50-65 YEARS	3.2%
March 2004	one in 31 mature people
LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 6 MONTHS)	14,500
March 2004	16% or one in 6 of the unemployed
LONGER-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 2 YEARS)	2,700
March 2004	3% or one in 35 of the unemployed
VERY LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 5 YEARS)	1,100
March 2004	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	806
JOB PLUS	104
JOB PLUS MAORI	3,736
JOB CONNECTION	75
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE	58
ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE WITH CAPITALISATION	180
TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEME (TOPS)	7,200
YOUTH TRAINING (T.E.C.)	4,844
LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (ARMY)	170
CONSERVATION CORPS (March)	1,364
YOUTH SERVICE CORPS (March)	224
ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY (still counted as unemployed)	532

PARTICIPATION

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
March 2004
Seasonally Adjusted
66.6%
up from 62.2% last year

RACE

MAORI RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT
March 2004
9.4%
OR ONE IN 11 PEOPLE

PACIFIC ISLAND RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT
March 2004
7.9%
OR ONE IN 13 PEOPLE

NZ EUROPEAN RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT
March 2004
3.4%
OR ONE IN 29 PEOPLE