

STATISTICS THAT MATTER

ONE IN TWENTYSIX PEOPLE OFFICIALLY UNEMPLOYED IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN NZ
 March 2006
86,000
Seasonally Adjusted

OFFICIAL RATE OF UNEMPLOYED
 March 2006
3.9%
 OR ONE IN 26 PEOPLE
Seasonally Adjusted

RISE IN NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN LAST THREE MONTHS
 Dec 2005—March 2006
8,000
 RISE IN LAST YEAR
 March 2005—March 2006
4,000
Seasonally Adjusted

PEOPLE REGISTERED AS JOBBEEKERS WITH MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
 (Formerly WINZ)
 March 2006
80,792

UNDEREMPLOYED
 March 2006
68,500
(workers who are employed part time but would prefer to work more hours)

GLOBAL

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|---------------|------|
| SPAIN | 8.7% |
| FRANCE | 9.1% |
| GERMANY | 8.9% |
| ITALY | 7.7% |
| CANADA | 6.4% |
| OECD Average | 6.3% |
| UNITED STATES | 4.8% |
| AUSTRALIA | 5.0% |
| JAPAN | 4.1% |
| BRITAIN | 4.9% |
| NEW ZEALAND | 3.9% |

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 March 2006.

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|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| NORTHLAND | 5.2% | or one in 19 people |
| AUCKLAND | 3.9% | or one in 26 people |
| WAIKATO | 4.3% | or one in 23 people |
| BAY OF PLENTY | 4.8% | or one in 21 people |
| GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY | 3.6% | or one in 28 people |
| TARANAKI | 4.7% | or one in 21 people |
| WANGANUI-MANAWATU | 4.9% | or one in 20 people |
| WELLINGTON | 5.8% | or one in 17 people |
| NELSON-MARLBOROUGH | | |
| TASMAN-WEST COAST | 4.2% | or one in 24 people |
| CANTERBURY | 3.7% | or one in 27 people |
| OTAGO | 5.1% | or one in 20 people |
| SOUTHLAND | 3.3% | or one in 30 people |

EMPLOYED

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|---|----------------------------|
| NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN NZ | 2,108,000 |
| March 2006 | <i>Seasonally Adjusted</i> |
| RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST 3 MTHS | 23,000 |
| Dec 2005—March 2006 | |
| RISE IN NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN JOBS IN LAST YEAR | 54,000 |
| March 2005—March 2006 | |

SECTORS WITH A RISE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR
 CONSTRUCTION, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL, HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES, OTHER.

SECTORS WITH A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST YEAR
 AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING, MANUFACTURING, WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE, TRANSPORT, STORAGE & COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION.

FULL-TIME and PART-TIME

of the "Employed" statistics

| | FULL -TIME | PART-TIME |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------|
| MEN | 1,031,900 (91%) | 106,600 (9%) |
| WOMEN | 632,100 (65%) | 337,400 (35%) |
| TOTAL | 1,663,900 | 444,000 |
| OVERALL % | 79% | 21% |

GAIN OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 43,200
 GAIN OF PART-TIME EMPLOYED IN THE PAST YEAR: 10,000

REGIONS

REGIONS WITH A DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS
 Dec 2005—March 2006
 GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY

REGIONS WITH A RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT
 NORTHLAND
 AUCKLAND
 WAIKATO
 BAY OF PLENTY
 TARANAKI
 WANGANUI / MANAWATU
 WELLINGTON
 NELSON / MARLBOROUGH / TASMAN / WEST COAST
 CANTERBURY
 OTAGO
 SOUTHLAND

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO
THE JOBS LETTER
 17 MAY 2006

ONE IN FOURTEEN PEOPLE OFFICIALLY JOBLESS IN NZ

OFFICIAL NUMBER OF
JOBLESS IN NZ
March 2006

161,200

OFFICIAL RATE OF
JOBLESS
March 2006

7.1%
OR ONE IN 14 PEOPLE

RISE IN NUMBER OF
JOBLESS IN LAST THREE
MONTHS

Dec 2005—March 2006

16,400

NO CHANGE IN NUMBER
OF JOBLESS IN LAST YEAR

March 2005—March 2006

0

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).

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| NORTHLAND | 8.3% | or one in 12 people |
| AUCKLAND | 6.6% | or one in 15 people |
| WAIKATO | 7.0% | or one in 14 people |
| BAY OF PLENTY | 8.0% | or one in 13 people |
| GISBORNE-HAWKES BAY | 6.3% | or one in 16 people |
| TARANAKI | 8.4% | or one in 12 people |
| WANGANUI-MANAWATU | 8.5% | or one in 12 people |
| WELLINGTON | 8.8% | or one in 11 people |
| NELSON-MARLBOROUGH | | |
| TASMAN-WEST COAST | 6.4% | or one in 16 people |
| CANTERBURY | 6.0% | or one in 17 people |
| OTAGO | 7.7% | or one in 13 people |
| SOUTHLAND | 5.8% | or one in 17 people |

AGE and LONG-TERM

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| YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 15-19 YEARS | 14% |
| March 2006 | one-in-7 young people |
| MATURE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - AGED 50-65 YEARS | 2.4% |
| March 2006 | one-in-42 mature people |
| LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 6 MONTHS) | 8,700 |
| March 2006 | 9% or one-in-11 of the unemployed |
| LONGER-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 2 YEARS) | 1,800 |
| March 2006 | 2% or one-in-53 of the unemployed |
| VERY LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED (OVER 5 YEARS) | 1,000 |
| March 2006 | Figure too small for accurate estimate |

THE SCHEMES

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

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| TASKFORCE GREEN | 215 |
| JOB PLUS | 2,158 |
| JOB PLUS MAORI | 40 |
| JOB CONNECTION | 175 |
| ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE | 39 |
| ENTERPRISE ALLOWANCE WITH CAPITALISATION | 138 |
| TRAINING OPPORTUNITY SCHEME (TOPS) | 7,170 |
| YOUTH TRAINING (T.E.C.) | 4,858 |
| LIMITED SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (ARMY) | 105 |
| CONSERVATION CORPS | 561 |
| YOUTH SERVICE CORPS | 64 |
| ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY (still counted as unemployed) | 271 |

PARTICIPATION

**LABOUR FORCE
PARTICIPATION RATE**

March 2006

Seasonally Adjusted

68.5%

up from 67.6% last year

RACE

**MAORI RATE OF
UNEMPLOYMENT**

March 2006

8.7%

OR ONE IN 11 PEOPLE

**PACIFIC ISLAND RATE OF
UNEMPLOYMENT**

March 2006

7.6%

OR ONE IN 13 PEOPLE

**NZ EUROPEAN RATE OF
UNEMPLOYMENT**

March 2006

3.2%

OR ONE IN 31 PEOPLE