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## New Zealand real unemployment down 0.3% to 8.5% and a further 8.6% (down 1%) of workforce are under-employed

In the September Quarter 2013 according to Roy Morgan:

New Zealand unemployment was 8.5% (down 0.3% since the June Quarter 2013) of the 2,629,000 in the NZ workforce – an estimated 223,000 (down 5,000) were unemployed and looking for work.

A further 8.6% (down 1%) of the workforce\* were under-employed – that is working part-time but looking for more work – 227,000 (down 23,000) New Zealanders.

In total 17.1% of the workforce (450,000, down 28,000) New Zealanders were either unemployed or under-employed.

The latest Roy Morgan unemployment estimate of 8.5% is now 2.3% above the 6.2% currently quoted by Statistics New Zealand for the September Quarter 2013.

Compared to a year ago there are 99,000 more New Zealanders now employed, and unemployment is now 0.3% less than the September Quarter 2012 (8.8%).

### Roy Morgan New Zealand Unemployed and 'Under-employed'\* Estimate

2009	Unemployed or 'Under-employed'*		Unemployed		Unemployed looking for		'Under-employed'*	
	'000	%	'000	%	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	'000	%
Jan-Mar 2009	438	17.6	214	8.6	80	134	224	9.0
Apr-June 2009	443	18.1	243	9.9	119	124	200	8.2
July-Sep 2009	495	20.5	266	11.0	126	140	229	9.5
Oct-Dec 2009	496	20.2	270	11.0	151	119	226	9.2
<b>2010</b>								
Jan-Mar 2010	435	17.4	252	10.1	129	123	183	7.3
Apr-June 2010	472	19.3	237	9.7	130	107	235	9.6
July-Sep 2010	436	17.8	223	9.1	116	107	213	8.7
Oct-Dec 2010	486	20.0	261	10.8	119	143	225	9.3
<b>2011</b>								
Jan-Mar 2011	510	20.5	288	11.6	149	139	222	8.9
Apr-June 2011	418	17.1	237	9.7	116	121	181	7.4
July-Sep 2011	457	18.4	234	9.4	141	93	223	9.0
Oct-Dec 2011	493	19.0	245	9.4	118	127	248	9.9
<b>2012</b>								
Jan-Mar 2012	515	20.3	286	11.1	125	161	229	9.2
Apr-June 2012	467	18.7	228	9.1	105	123	239	9.6
July-Sep 2012	449	17.7	223	8.8	124	99	226	8.9
Oct-Dec 2012	505	19.5	243	9.4	124	119	262	10.1
<b>2013</b>								
Jan-Mar 2013	518	19.9	252	9.7	139	113	266	10.2
Apr-Jun 2013	478	18.4	228	8.8	122	106	250	9.6
Jul-Sep 2013	450	17.1	223	8.5	102	121	227	8.6

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**Gary Morgan says:**

*“The latest Roy Morgan New Zealand September Quarter 2013 employment figures show a drop in New Zealand unemployment to 8.5% (down 0.3% from the June Quarter 2013). New Zealand unemployment is now at its lowest since the September Quarter 2008 (6.9%) – five years ago. Unemployment has now dropped substantially since peaking at 11.6% in the March Quarter 2011.*

*“An additional 8.6% (down 1.0%) of New Zealanders are under-employed – working part-time but looking for more work. This is the lowest level of under-employment since the June Quarter 2011 (7.4%). This is a total of 17.1% (down 1.3%) of New Zealanders that are either unemployed or under-employed – the lowest since September Quarter 2008 at the outset of the Global Financial Crisis – and before John Key became Prime Minister in November 2008.*

*“In more positive news for the Key Government overall New Zealand employment has risen to 2,405,000 (up 31,000) consisting of a record high 1,667,000 full-time employees (up 45,000) and 738,000 part-time employees (down 14,000). The Roy Morgan unemployment estimate is however still significantly higher than the 6.2% estimate provided by Statistics New Zealand for the June Quarter 2013.”*

This Roy Morgan survey on New Zealand’s **unemployment** and **‘under-employed’\*** is based on weekly interviews covering July – September 2013 and in total 6,417 New Zealanders aged 14 and over were interviewed.

**\*The ‘under-employed’ are those people who are in part-time work or consultants who are looking for more work.**

The Roy Morgan New Zealand Unemployment estimate is obtained by surveying a New Zealand-wide cross section by telephone. An unemployed person is classified as part of the labour force if they are looking for work, no matter when.

The results are not seasonally adjusted and provide an accurate measure of monthly unemployment estimates in New Zealand. The Statistics New Zealand Unemployment estimates are obtained by mostly telephone interviews.

Households selected for the Statistics New Zealand Labour Survey are interviewed each quarter for up to two years (eight interviews), with one-eighth of the sample being replaced each quarter. The first interview is conducted face-to-face. Subsequent interviews are then conducted by telephone.

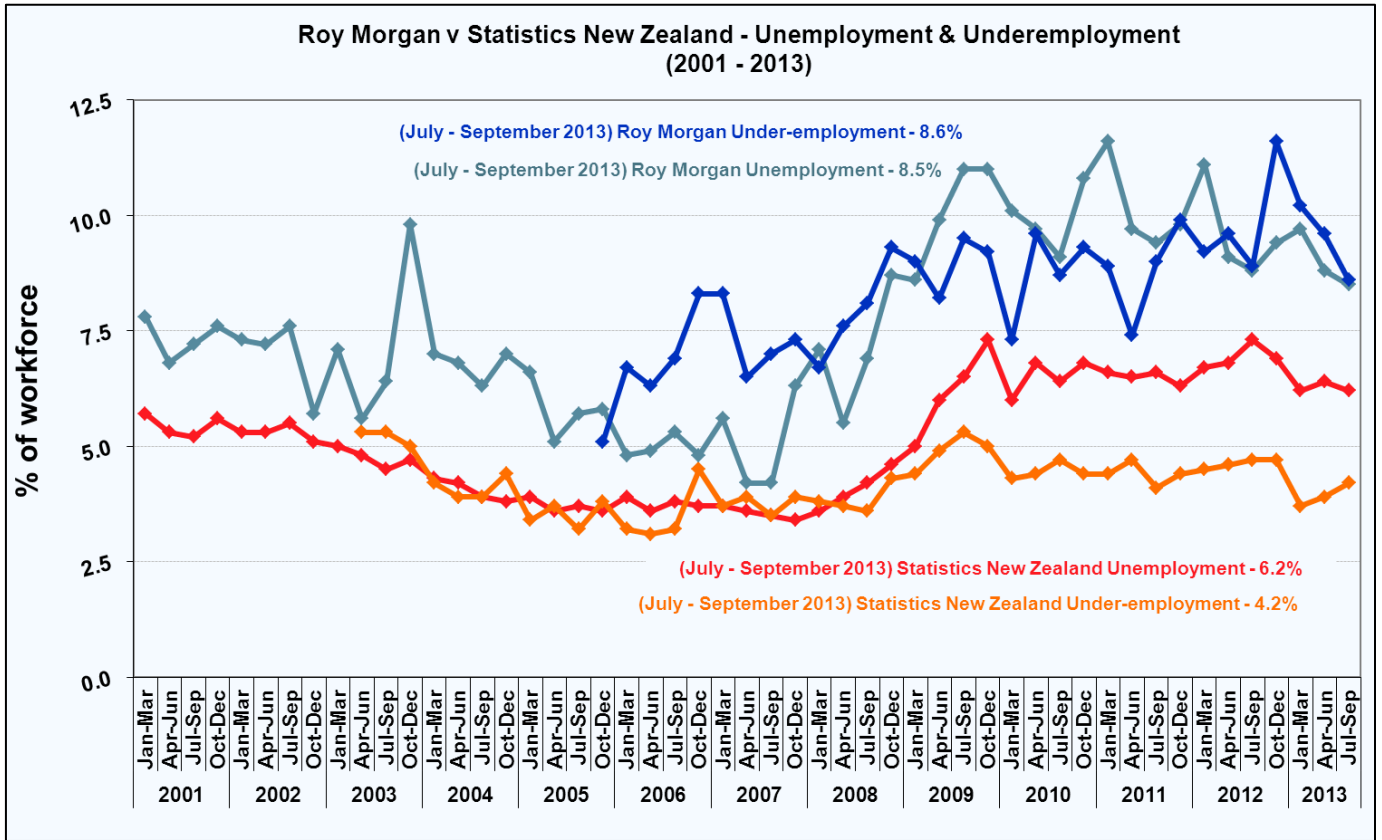
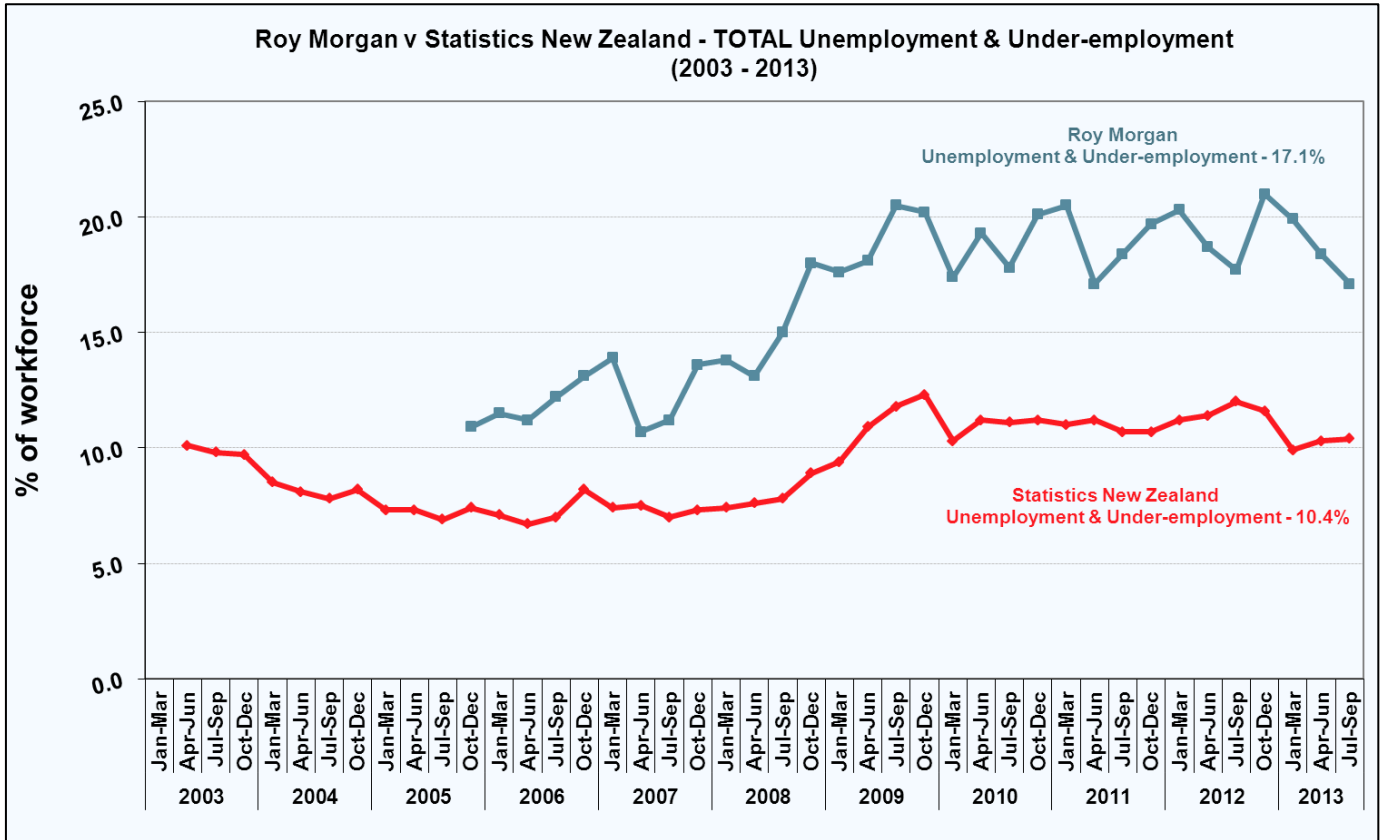
Statistics New Zealand classifies an unemployed person as part of the labour force only if, when surveyed, they had actively sought work in the past four weeks ending with the reference week and were available for work or had a new job to start within the next four weeks.

Statistics New Zealand Unemployment estimates are also seasonally adjusted. For these reasons the Statistics New Zealand Unemployment estimates are different from the Roy Morgan Unemployment estimate.

There is a similar divergence caused in Australia’s ABS Unemployment estimates and the Roy Morgan Australian Unemployment estimates. Roy Morgan Executive Chairman Gary Morgan’s concerns regarding the ABS Unemployment estimate are clearly outlined in his letter to the Australian Financial Review, which was not published.

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## Roy Morgan Research vs. Statistics New Zealand

	The Roy Morgan Unemployment Estimate				Statistics New Zealand Labour Estimate			
	Total Looking For Work	% of Work Force Unemployed	Part-time Looking For Work	% of Work Force Under-employed	Total Looking For Work	% of Work Force Unemployed	Part-time Looking For Work	% of Work Force Under-employed
	('000)	%	('000)	%	('000)	%	('000)	%
<b><u>2001</u></b>								
January – March	162	7.8	n/a	n/a	103	5.4	n/a	n/a
April – June	139	6.8	n/a	n/a	101	5.2	n/a	n/a
July – September	151	7.2	n/a	n/a	100	5.2	n/a	n/a
October – December	160	7.6	n/a	n/a	105	5.4	n/a	n/a
<b><u>2002</u></b>								
January – March	151	7.3	n/a	n/a	104	5.3	n/a	n/a
April – June	149	7.2	n/a	n/a	102	5.1	n/a	n/a
July – September	159	7.6	n/a	n/a	107	5.4	n/a	n/a
October – December	116	5.7	n/a	n/a	98	4.9	n/a	n/a
<b><u>2003</u></b>								
January – March	147	7.1	n/a	n/a	99	5.0	n/a	n/a
April – June	121	5.6	n/a	n/a	95	4.7	106	5.3
July – September	137	6.4	n/a	n/a	88	4.4	107	5.3
October – December	212	9.8	n/a	n/a	93	4.6	102	5.0
<b><u>2004</u></b>								
January – March	154	7.0	n/a	n/a	88	4.3	88	4.2
April – June	151	6.8	n/a	n/a	84	4.0	82	3.9
July – September	143	6.3	n/a	n/a	79	3.8	83	3.9
October – December	160	7.0	n/a	n/a	76	3.6	94	4.4
<b><u>2005</u></b>								
January – March	149	6.6	n/a	n/a	83	3.9	72	3.4
April – June	118	5.1	n/a	n/a	78	3.6	79	3.7
July – September	132	5.7	n/a	n/a	79	3.7	70	3.2
October – December	139	5.8	122	5.1	79	3.6	83	3.8
<b><u>2006</u></b>								
January – March	115	4.8	159	6.7	86	3.9	70	3.2
April – June	118	4.9	153	6.3	79	3.6	69	3.1
July – September	127	5.3	166	6.9	83	3.8	71	3.2
October – December	115	4.8	198	8.3	82	3.7	99	4.5
<b><u>2007</u></b>								
January – March	136	5.6	201	8.3	69	3.7	82	3.7
April – June	98	4.2	152	6.5	81	3.6	87	3.9
July – September	102	4.2	168	7.0	79	3.5	79	3.5
October – December	152	6.3	175	7.3	77	3.4	89	3.9
<b><u>2008</u></b>								
January – March	172	7.1	160	6.7	81	3.6	84	3.8
April – June	132	5.5	184	7.6	89	3.9	84	3.7
July – September	164	6.9	192	8.1	94	4.2	82	3.6
October – December	211	8.7	225	9.3	105	4.6	99	4.3

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	Total Looking For Work	% of Work Force Unemployed	Part-time Looking For Work	% of Work Force Under-employed	Total Looking For Work	% of Work Force Unemployed	Part-time Looking For Work	% of Work Force Under-employed
	('000)	%	('000)	%	('000)	%	('000)	%
<b><u>2009</u></b>								
January – March	214	8.6	224	9.0	115	5.0	101	4.4
April – June	243	9.9	200	8.2	138	6.0	114	4.9
July – September	266	11.0	229	9.5	150	6.5	122	5.3
October – December	270	11.0	226	9.2	169	7.3	115	5.0
<b><u>2010</u></b>								
January – March	252	10.1	183	7.3	140	6.0	100	4.3
April – June	237	9.7	235	9.6	159	6.8	102	4.4
July – September	223	9.1	213	8.7	150	6.4	110	4.7
October – December	261	10.8	225	9.3	158	6.8	104	4.4
<b><u>2011</u></b>								
January – March	288	11.6	222	8.9	155	6.6	104	4.4
April – June	237	9.7	181	7.4	154	6.5	112	4.7
July – September	234	9.4	223	9.0	157	6.6	98	4.1
October – December	245	9.8	248	9.9	150	6.3	105	4.4
<b><u>2012</u></b>								
January – March	286	11.1	229	9.2	160	6.7	108	4.5
April – June	228	9.1	239	9.6	162	6.8	110	4.6
July – September	223	8.8	226	8.9	175	7.3	113	4.7
October – December	243	9.4	262	10.2	163	6.9	111	4.7
<b><u>2013</u></b>								
January – March	252	9.7	266	10.2	146	6.2	83	3.7
April – June	228	8.8	250	9.6	153	6.4	88	3.9
July – September	223	8.5	227	8.6	150	6.2	95	4.2

## Roy Morgan New Zealand Employment Estimate – Detailed

	<u>Workforce</u>			<u>Employed</u>			<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Under-employed</u>		<u>Unemployed Looking for work</u>			
	<u>Total</u> (‘000)	<u>Full-time</u> (‘000)	<u>Part-time</u> (‘000)	<u>Total</u> (‘000)	<u>Full-time</u> (‘000)	<u>Part-time</u> (‘000)	%	(‘000)	%	(‘000)	<u>Full-time</u> (‘000)	%	<u>Part-time</u> (‘000)	%
<b><u>2001</u></b>														
January – March	2,079	1,380	699	1,917	1,286	631	7.8	162	n/a	n/a	94	6.8	68	9.7
April – June	2,047	1,338	709	1,908	1,263	646	6.8	139	n/a	n/a	75	5.6	64	9.0
July – September	2,083	1,378	705	1,932	1,297	635	7.2	151	n/a	n/a	81	5.9	70	10.1
October – December	2,100	1,379	721	1,940	1,298	642	7.6	160	n/a	n/a	81	5.9	80	11.1
<b><u>2002</u></b>														
January – March	2,078	1,366	712	1,927	1,283	644	7.3	151	n/a	n/a	83	6.1	68	9.6
April – June	2,073	1,426	648	1,924	1,346	578	7.2	149	n/a	n/a	80	5.6	69	10.6
July – September	2,088	1,372	716	1,929	1,292	637	7.6	159	n/a	n/a	80	5.8	79	11.0
October – December	2,052	1,384	668	1,936	1,320	616	5.7	116	n/a	n/a	64	4.6	52	7.8
<b><u>2003</u></b>														
January – March	2,076	1,399	677	1,929	1,325	604	7.1	147	n/a	n/a	74	5.3	73	10.8
April – June	2,174	1,439	736	2,053	1,376	677	5.6	121	n/a	n/a	63	4.4	59	8.0
July – September	2,146	1,407	739	2,009	1,351	658	6.4	137	n/a	n/a	56	4.0	81	11.0
October – December	2,163	1,392	771	1,951	1,303	649	9.8	212	n/a	n/a	89	6.4	122	15.8
<b><u>2004</u></b>														
January – March	2,194	1,426	768	2,040	1,352	688	7.0	154	n/a	n/a	73	5.1	80	10.4
April – June	2,234	1,424	810	2,083	1,361	722	6.8	151	n/a	n/a	63	4.4	88	10.9
July – September	2,269	1,465	804	2,126	1,404	722	6.3	143	n/a	n/a	61	4.2	82	10.2
October – December	2,284	1,495	789	2,124	1,433	691	7.0	160	n/a	n/a	62	4.1	98	12.4
<b><u>2005</u></b>														
January – March	2,266	1,560	706	2,117	1,493	624	6.6	149	n/a	n/a	67	4.3	82	11.6
April – June	2,335	1,527	808	2,217	1,486	731	5.1	118	n/a	n/a	41	2.7	78	9.6
July – September	2,324	1,565	759	2,192	1,514	678	5.7	132	n/a	n/a	50	3.2	82	10.7
October – December	2,409	1,570	839	2,270	1,512	758	5.8	139	5.1	122	65	3.9	103	13.8
<b><u>2006</u></b>														
January – March	2,373	1,556	817	2,258	1,510	748	4.8	115	6.7	159	46	3.0	69	8.4
April – June	2,412	1,556	856	2,294	1,509	785	4.9	118	6.3	153	47	3.0	71	8.4
July – September	2,418	1,532	886	2,291	1,483	808	5.3	127	6.9	166	49	3.2	78	8.8
October – December	2,385	1,547	838	2,270	1,487	783	4.8	115	8.3	198	60	3.9	55	6.6
<b><u>2007</u></b>														
January – March	2,423	1,546	877	2,287	1,481	806	5.6	136	8.3	201	65	4.2	71	8.1
April – June	2,333	1,575	758	2,235	1,521	714	4.2	98	6.5	152	54	3.4	44	5.9
July – September	2,411	1,556	855	2,309	1,510	799	4.2	102	7.0	168	46	3.0	56	6.6
October – December	2,409	1,524	885	2,257	1,445	812	6.3	152	7.3	175	79	5.2	73	8.2
<b><u>2008</u></b>														
January – March	2,406	1,512	894	2,234	1,454	780	7.1	172	6.7	160	58	3.8	114	12.8
April – June	2,409	1,521	888	2,277	1,464	813	5.5	132	7.6	184	57	3.7	75	8.4
July – September	2,374	1,456	918	2,210	1,385	826	6.9	164	8.1	192	71	4.9	93	10.1
October – December	2,425	1,611	814	2,214	1,509	705	8.7	211	9.3	225	102	6.3	109	13.4

## Roy Morgan New Zealand Employment Estimate – Detailed

	<u>Workforce</u>			<u>Employed</u>			<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Under-employed</u>		<u>Unemployed Looking for work</u>			
	<u>Total</u> (‘000)	<u>Full-time</u> (‘000)	<u>Part-time</u> (‘000)	<u>Total</u> (‘000)	<u>Full-time</u> (‘000)	<u>Part-time</u> (‘000)	%	(‘000)	%	(‘000)	<u>Full-time</u> (‘000)	%	<u>Part-time</u> (‘000)	%
<b><u>2009</u></b>														
January – March	2,476	1,581	895	2,262	1,501	761	<b>8.6</b>	214	<b>9.0</b>	224	80	<b>5.1</b>	134	<b>14.9</b>
April – June	2,453	1,553	900	2,210	1,434	776	<b>9.9</b>	243	<b>8.2</b>	200	119	<b>7.7</b>	124	<b>13.8</b>
July – September	2,410	1,537	873	2,144	1,411	733	<b>11.0</b>	266	<b>9.5</b>	229	126	<b>8.2</b>	140	<b>16.0</b>
October – December	2,457	1,571	886	2,187	1,420	767	<b>11.0</b>	270	<b>9.2</b>	226	151	<b>9.6</b>	119	<b>13.4</b>
<b><u>2010</u></b>														
January – March	2,493	1,623	870	2,241	1,493	748	<b>10.1</b>	252	<b>7.3</b>	183	129	<b>7.9</b>	123	<b>14.0</b>
April – June	2,446	1,595	851	2,209	1,465	744	<b>9.7</b>	237	<b>9.6</b>	235	130	<b>8.2</b>	107	<b>12.6</b>
July – September	2,449	1,610	839	2,226	1,494	732	<b>9.1</b>	223	<b>8.7</b>	213	116	<b>7.2</b>	107	<b>12.8</b>
October – December	2,427	1,547	880	2,166	1,429	737	<b>10.8</b>	261	<b>9.3</b>	225	119	<b>7.7</b>	143	<b>16.3</b>
<b><u>2011</u></b>														
January – March	2,482	1,622	860	2,194	1,473	721	<b>11.6</b>	288	<b>8.9</b>	222	149	<b>9.2</b>	139	<b>16.2</b>
April – June	2,445	1,626	819	2,208	1,510	698	<b>9.7</b>	237	<b>7.4</b>	181	116	<b>7.1</b>	121	<b>14.8</b>
July – September	2,480	1,598	882	2,246	1,457	789	<b>9.4</b>	234	<b>9.0</b>	223	141	<b>8.8</b>	93	<b>10.5</b>
October – December	2,596	1,577	919	2,251	1,459	792	<b>9.4</b>	245	<b>9.6</b>	248	118	<b>7.5</b>	127	<b>13.8</b>
<b><u>2012</u></b>														
January – March	2,583	1,683	900	2,297	1,558	739	<b>11.1</b>	286	<b>9.2</b>	229	125	<b>7.4</b>	161	<b>17.9</b>
April – June	2,529	1,659	870	2,301	1,554	747	<b>9.1</b>	228	<b>9.6</b>	239	105	<b>6.3</b>	123	<b>14.1</b>
July – September	2,530	1,719	811	2,306	1,595	711	<b>8.8</b>	223	<b>8.9</b>	226	124	<b>7.2</b>	99	<b>12.2</b>
October – December	2,597	1,767	830	2,354	1,643	711	<b>9.4</b>	243	<b>10.1</b>	262	124	<b>7.0</b>	119	<b>14.3</b>
<b><u>2013</u></b>														
January – March	2,593	1,769	824	2,341	1,630	711	<b>9.7</b>	252	<b>10.2</b>	266	139	<b>7.9</b>	113	<b>13.7</b>
April – June	2,602	1,744	858	2,374	1,622	752	<b>8.8</b>	228	<b>9.6</b>	250	122	<b>7.0</b>	106	<b>12.5</b>
July – September	2,629	1,769	860	2,405	1,667	738	<b>8.5</b>	223	<b>8.6</b>	227	102	<b>5.8</b>	121	<b>14.1</b>

## Statistics New Zealand Labour Estimates – Detailed

			Unemployed		Under-employed		TOTAL Unemployed & Under-employed	
	<u>Total Workforce</u>	<u>Total Employed</u>	<u>Total Looking for work</u>		<u>Total Looking for more work</u>		<u>Total – Looking for work &amp; Looking for more work</u>	
<b><u>2001</u></b>								
January – March	1,907	1,804	103	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
April – June	1,920	1,819	101	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
July – September	1,925	1,825	100	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October – December	1,946	1,841	105	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b><u>2002</u></b>								
January – March	1,969	1,865	104	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
April – June	1,986	1,884	102	5.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
July – September	1,985	1,878	107	5.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
October – December	1,984	1,886	98	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b><u>2003</u></b>								
January – March	1,994	1,885	99	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
April – June	2,006	1,911	95	4.7	106	5.3	201	10.0
July – September	2,026	1,938	88	4.3	107	5.3	195	9.6
October – December	2,032	1,939	93	4.6	102	5.0	195	9.6
<b><u>2004</u></b>								
January – March	2,073	1,985	88	4.3	88	4.2	176	8.5
April – June	2,086	2,002	84	4.0	82	3.9	166	7.9
July – September	2,102	2,023	79	3.8	83	3.9	162	7.7
October – December	2,132	2,056	76	3.6	94	4.4	170	8.0
<b><u>2005</u></b>								
January – March	2,138	2,055	83	3.9	72	3.4	155	7.3
April – June	2,145	2,067	78	3.6	79	3.7	157	7.3
July – September	2,164	2,085	79	3.7	70	3.2	149	6.9
October – December	2,164	2,085	79	3.6	83	3.8	162	7.4
<b><u>2006</u></b>								
January – March	2,194	2,108	86	3.9	70	3.2	156	7.1
April – June	2,206	2,127	79	3.6	69	3.1	148	6.7
July – September	2,199	2,116	83	3.8	71	3.2	154	7.0
October – December	2,200	2,118	82	3.7	99	4.5	181	8.2
<b><u>2007</u></b>								
January – March	2,227	2,144	83	3.7	82	3.7	165	7.4
April – June	2,239	2,158	81	3.6	87	3.9	168	7.5
July – September	2,229	2,150	79	3.5	79	3.5	158	7.0
October – December	2,249	2,173	77	3.4	89	3.9	166	7.3
<b><u>2008</u></b>								
January – March	2,222	2,141	81	3.6	84	3.8	165	7.4
April – June	2,257	2,169	89	3.9	84	3.7	173	7.6
July – September	2,266	2,172	94	4.2	82	3.6	176	7.8
October – December	2,296	2,191	105	4.6	99	4.3	204	8.9



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			Unemployed		Under-employed		TOTAL Unemployed & Under-employed	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Total – Looking for work</u>	
	<u>Workforce</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Looking for work</u>		<u>Looking for more work</u>		<u>&amp; Looking for more work</u>	
<b><u>2009</u></b>								
January – March	2,297	2,182	115	5.0	101	4.4	216	9.4
April – June	2,307	2,169	138	6.0	114	4.9	252	10.9
July – September	2,304	2,154	150	6.5	122	5.3	272	11.8
October – December	2,320	2,152	169	7.3	115	5.0	284	12.3
<b><u>2010</u></b>								
January – March	2,317	2,177	140	6.0	100	4.3	240	10.3
April – June	2,329	2,170	159	6.8	102	4.4	261	11.2
July – September	2,344	2,193	150	6.4	110	4.7	260	11.1
October – December	2,341	2,182	158	6.8	104	4.4	262	11.2
<b><u>2011</u></b>								
January – March	2,369	2,214	155	6.6	104	4.4	259	11.0
April – June	2,368	2,214	154	6.5	112	4.7	266	11.2
July – September	2,375	2,218	157	6.6	98	4.1	255	10.7
October – December	2,371	2,221	150	6.3	105	4.4	255	10.7
<b><u>2012</u></b>								
January – March	2,390	2,230	160	6.7	108	4.5	268	11.2
April – June	2,389	2,227	162	6.8	110	4.6	272	11.4
July – September	2,393	2,218	175	7.3	113	4.7	288	12.0
October – December	2,357	2,194	163	6.9	111	4.7	274	11.6
<b><u>2013</u></b>								
January – March	2,380	2,234	146	6.2	83	3.7	229	9.9
April – June	2,395	2,242	153	6.4	88	3.9	241	10.3
July – September	2,422	2,272	150	6.2	95	4.2	245	10.4