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New Zealand real unemployment steady at 8.5% and a further 11.3% (up 2.7%) of workforce are under-employed

In the December Quarter 2013 according to Roy Morgan:

New Zealand unemployment was 8.5% (unchanged since the September Quarter 2013) of the 2,614,000 in the NZ workforce – an estimated 223,000 (unchanged) were unemployed and looking for work.

A further 11.3% (up 2.7%) of the workforce* were under-employed – that is working part-time but looking for more work – 296,000 (up 69,000) New Zealanders.

In total 19.8% of the workforce (519,000, up 69,000) 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 37,000 more New Zealanders now employed, and unemployment is now 0.9% less than the December Quarter 2012 (9.4%).

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
2010								
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
2011								
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
2012								
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
2013								
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
Oct-Dec 2013	519	19.8	223	8.5	104	119	296	11.3

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Gary Morgan says:

“The latest Roy Morgan New Zealand December Quarter 2013 employment figures show New Zealand unemployment at 8.5% (unchanged from September Quarter 2013). However, New Zealand under-employment – those working part-time but looking for more work – has jumped to a record high 11.3% (up 2.7%). It should be noted that this is the fourth year in a row that under-employment has increased in the December Quarter. However, this year’s increase is substantially larger than in previous years and must represent a major concern for Prime Minister John Key seeking re-election.

“This means a total of 19.8% (up 2.7%) New Zealanders are either unemployed or under-employed – almost identical to the figure earlier last year in the March Quarter 2013 of 19.9%. Total New Zealand unemployment and under-employment is also significantly higher than when Prime Minister John Key won the 2011 Election (19.0%). Key clearly needs to reduce unemployment and under-employment during 2014 to have a strong chance of winning re-election to a third term in November.

“The latest [New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll](#) shows a potential Labour/ Greens alliance (46%) with a strong lead over Key’s National (43.5%) in January with the result of the election likely to depend on support from a range of minor parties contesting the election.”

This Roy Morgan survey on New Zealand’s **unemployment** and **‘under-employed’*** is based on weekly interviews covering October - December 2013 and in total 6,239 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.

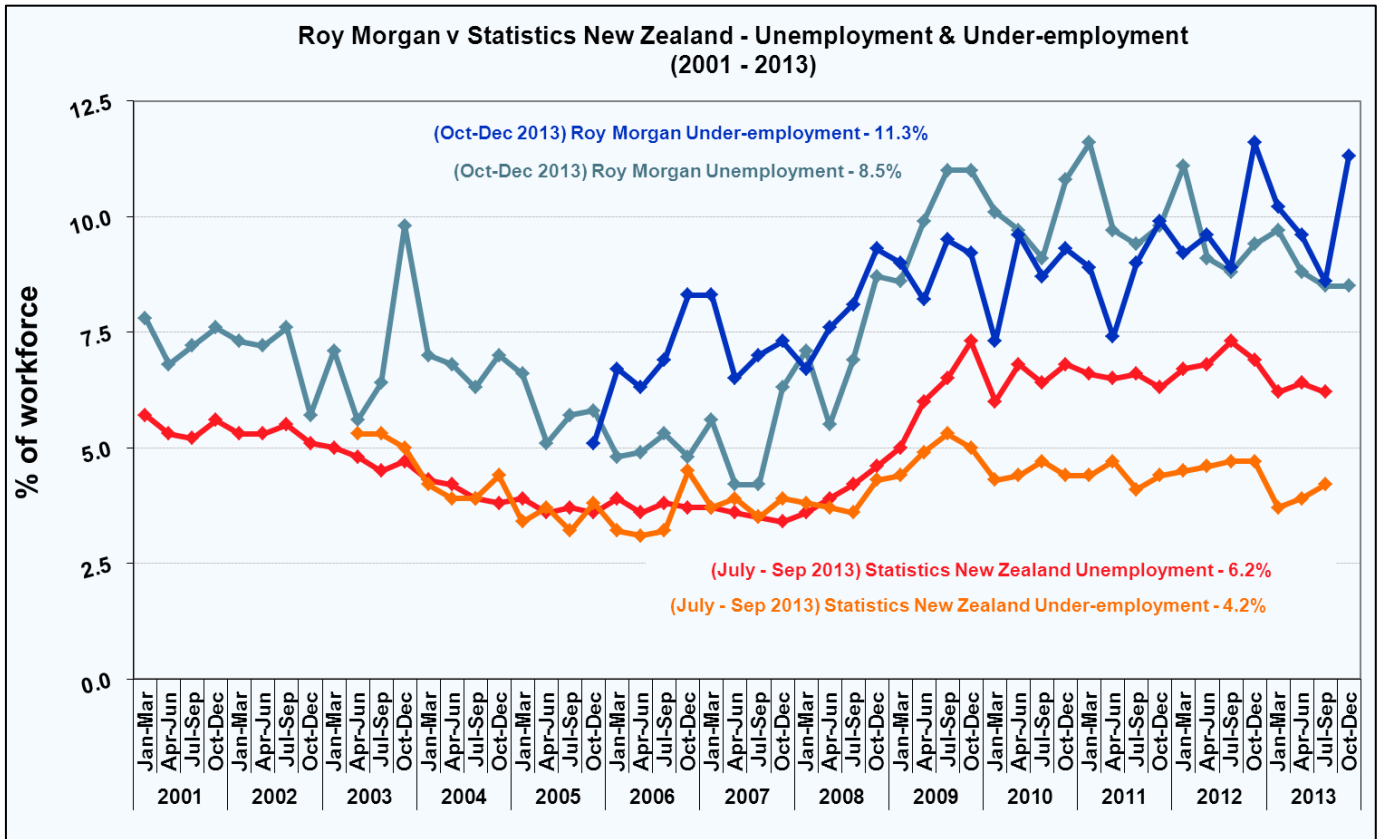
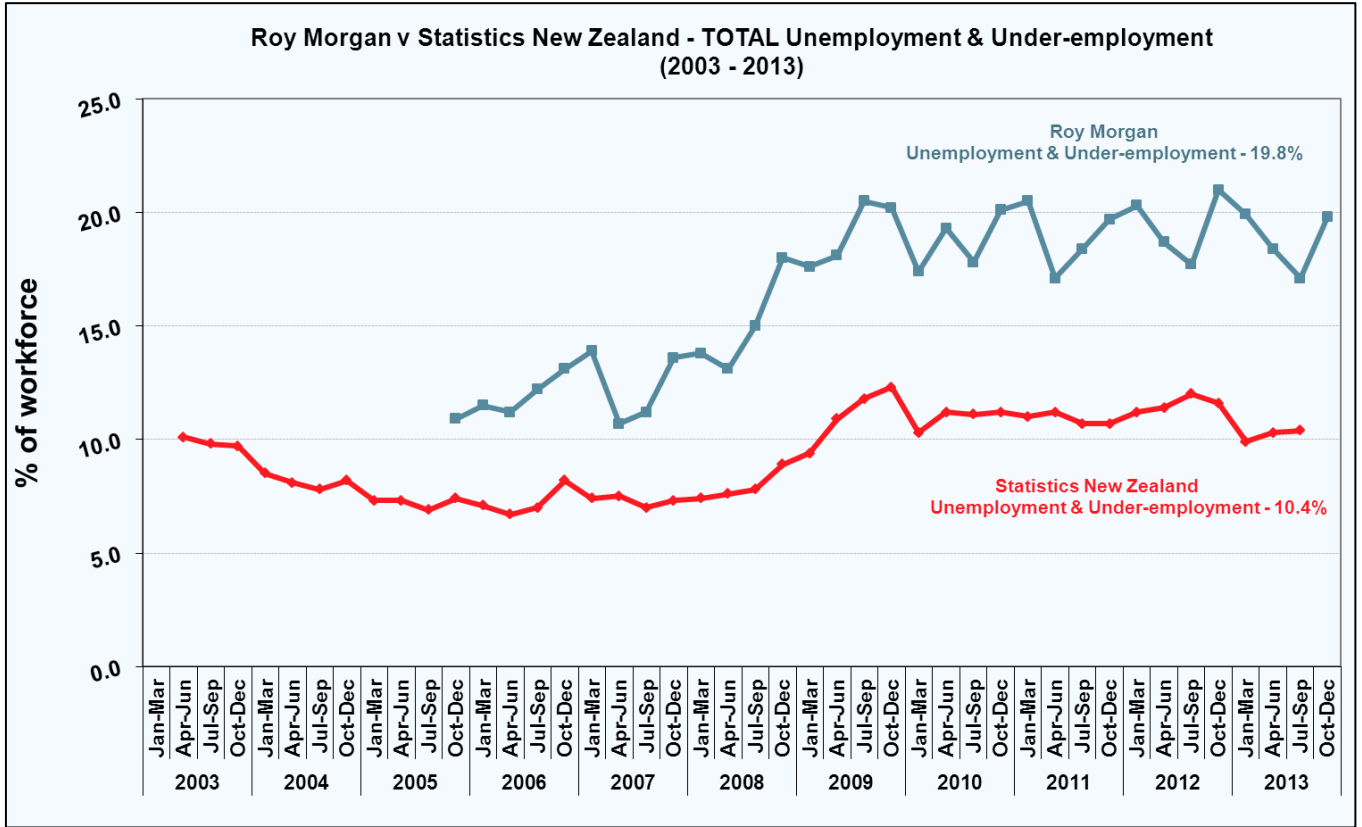
Statistics New Zealand classifies an unemployed person as part of the labour force only if, when surveyed, they had actively sought work in the past four weeks ending with the reference week and were available for work or had a new job to start within the next four weeks.

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)	%
<u>2001</u>								
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
<u>2002</u>								
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
<u>2003</u>								
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
<u>2004</u>								
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
<u>2005</u>								
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
<u>2006</u>								
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
<u>2007</u>								
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
<u>2008</u>								
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)	%
<u>2009</u>								
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
<u>2010</u>								
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
<u>2011</u>								
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
<u>2012</u>								
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
<u>2013</u>								
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
October – December	223	8.5	296	11.3				

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)	%
<u>2001</u>														
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
<u>2002</u>														
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
<u>2003</u>														
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
<u>2004</u>														
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
<u>2005</u>														
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
<u>2006</u>														
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
<u>2007</u>														
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
<u>2008</u>														
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)	%
<u>2009</u>														
January – March	2,476	1,581	895	2,262	1,501	761	8.6	214	9.0	224	80	5.1	134	14.9
April – June	2,453	1,553	900	2,210	1,434	776	9.9	243	8.2	200	119	7.7	124	13.8
July – September	2,410	1,537	873	2,144	1,411	733	11.0	266	9.5	229	126	8.2	140	16.0
October – December	2,457	1,571	886	2,187	1,420	767	11.0	270	9.2	226	151	9.6	119	13.4
<u>2010</u>														
January – March	2,493	1,623	870	2,241	1,493	748	10.1	252	7.3	183	129	7.9	123	14.0
April – June	2,446	1,595	851	2,209	1,465	744	9.7	237	9.6	235	130	8.2	107	12.6
July – September	2,449	1,610	839	2,226	1,494	732	9.1	223	8.7	213	116	7.2	107	12.8
October – December	2,427	1,547	880	2,166	1,429	737	10.8	261	9.3	225	119	7.7	143	16.3
<u>2011</u>														
January – March	2,482	1,622	860	2,194	1,473	721	11.6	288	8.9	222	149	9.2	139	16.2
April – June	2,445	1,626	819	2,208	1,510	698	9.7	237	7.4	181	116	7.1	121	14.8
July – September	2,480	1,598	882	2,246	1,457	789	9.4	234	9.0	223	141	8.8	93	10.5
October – December	2,596	1,577	919	2,251	1,459	792	9.4	245	9.6	248	118	7.5	127	13.8
<u>2012</u>														
January – March	2,583	1,683	900	2,297	1,558	739	11.1	286	9.2	229	125	7.4	161	17.9
April – June	2,529	1,659	870	2,301	1,554	747	9.1	228	9.6	239	105	6.3	123	14.1
July – September	2,530	1,719	811	2,306	1,595	711	8.8	223	8.9	226	124	7.2	99	12.2
October – December	2,597	1,767	830	2,354	1,643	711	9.4	243	10.1	262	124	7.0	119	14.3
<u>2013</u>														
January – March	2,593	1,769	824	2,341	1,630	711	9.7	252	10.2	266	139	7.9	113	13.7
April – June	2,602	1,744	858	2,374	1,622	752	8.8	228	9.6	250	122	7.0	106	12.5
July – September	2,629	1,769	860	2,405	1,667	738	8.5	223	8.6	227	102	5.8	121	14.1
October – December	2,614	1,751	863	2,391	1,647	744	8.5	223	11.3	296	104	5.9	119	13.8

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 & Looking for more work</u>	
<u>2001</u>								
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
<u>2002</u>								
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
<u>2003</u>								
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
<u>2004</u>								
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
<u>2005</u>								
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
<u>2006</u>								
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
<u>2007</u>								
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
<u>2008</u>								
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

