

# Household Labour Force Survey: June 2011 quarter

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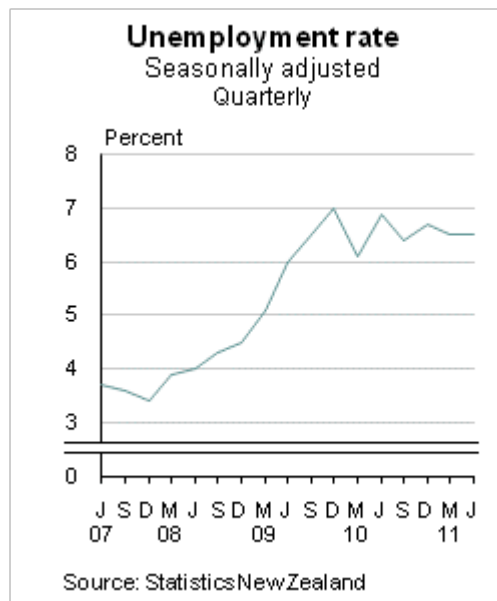
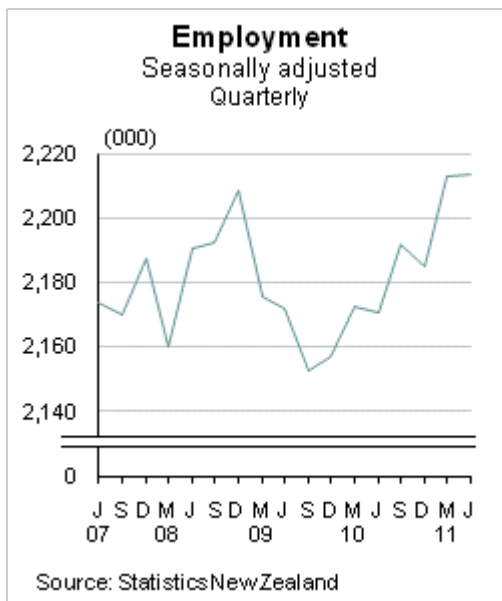
## Highlights

In the June 2011 quarter:

- Seasonally adjusted unemployment was unchanged at 154,000.\*\*
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained the same at 6.5 percent.
- Seasonally adjusted employment increased slightly by 1,000 to 2,214,000.
- Unadjusted movements for key labour market outcomes in the Canterbury region moved in a different direction from the national estimates, when compared with the June 2010 quarter.

Seasonally adjusted	June 2011 quarter	Quarterly change	Annual change
Unemployment rate	6.5%	0.0	-0.4
Unemployed	154,000	-0.1%**	-3.7%
Employed	2,214,000	0.0%	+2.0%
Not in the labour force	1,096,000	+1.4%	+0.3%
Labour force participation rate	68.4%	-0.2	+0.3

\*\*Due to rounding there is no level change but there is a quarterly percentage change.



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# Commentary

## Labour market overview – seasonally adjusted

The labour market remained relatively steady over the June 2011 quarter. Employment increased by 1,000, while unemployment and the unemployment rate remained unchanged for the quarter. Although there was little change to the total levels of employment and unemployment over the quarter, there were different outcomes for males and females.

Although the quarterly change in employment was small, there was a large annual increase in employment (43,000). This was driven by increases in both full-time and part-time employment (up 26,000 and 17,000, respectively).

The unemployment rate remained at 6.5 percent for the June 2011 quarter. While there was no change in the total unemployment rate, the male and female unemployment rates moved closer together. The male unemployment rate increased to 6.4 percent from 6.2 percent, while the female unemployment rate fell to 6.6 percent from 6.9 percent.

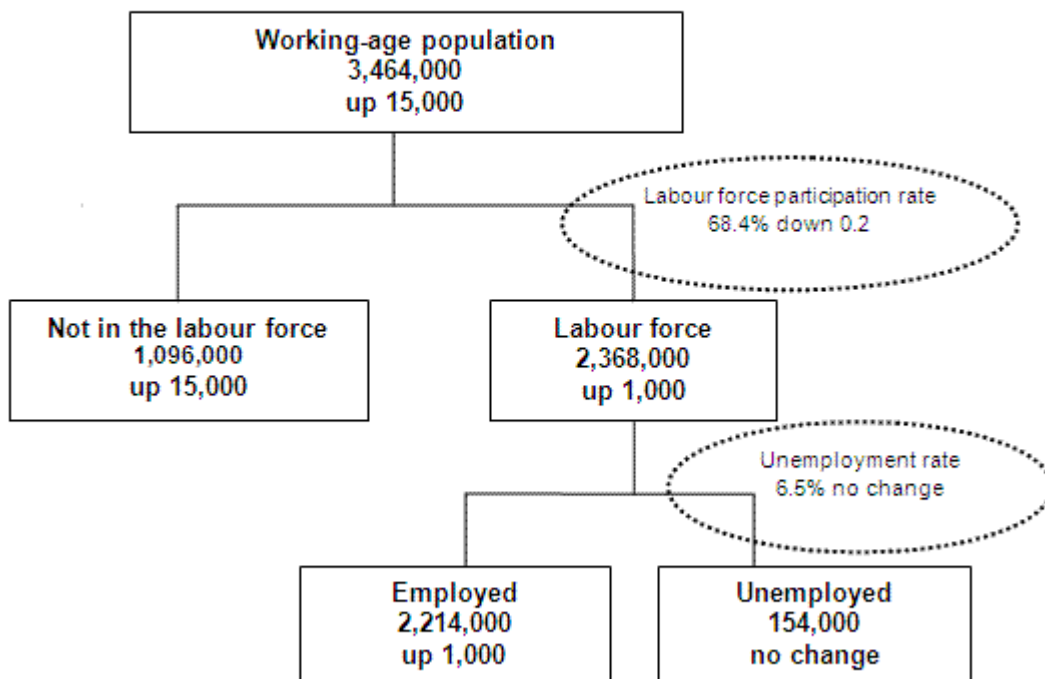
There was a large rise in actual hours worked for the June 2011 quarter, up 1.6 percent. Usual hours worked increased by 0.6 percent.

In annual unadjusted terms, key labour market outcomes for the June 2011 year were different in the Canterbury region compared with movements in the national estimates. Employment fell in Canterbury but rose nationally. Unemployment increased in Canterbury but decreased nationally.

### The Labour Market June 2011 quarter

Seasonally adjusted figures

Quarterly change

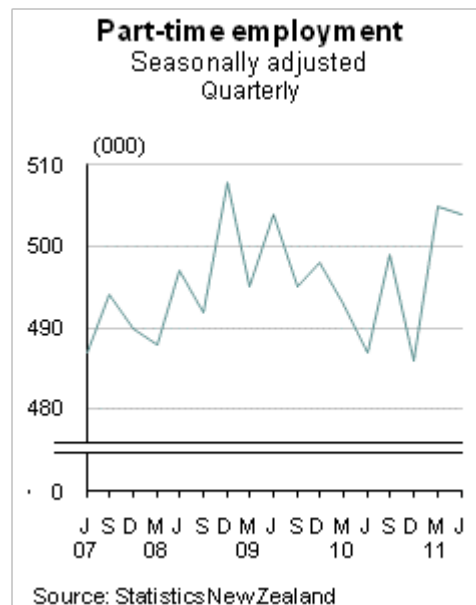
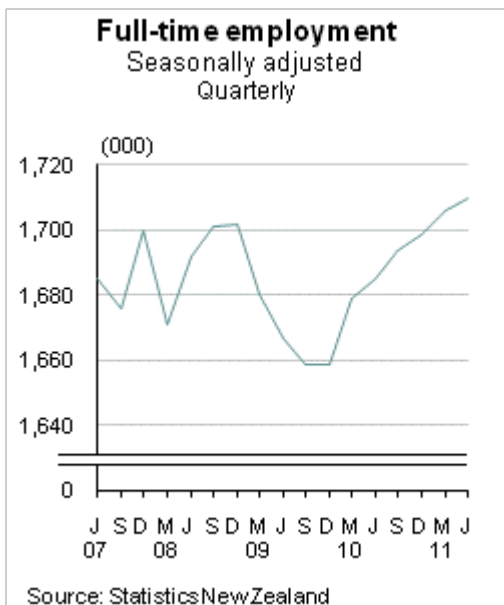


## Employment – seasonally adjusted

Employment rose slightly in the June 2011 quarter, up 1,000 to 2,214,000. There were small quarterly changes in the number of women and men employed. Employment for women increased by 3,000 (0.3 percent) while for men it decreased by 2,000 (0.2 percent).

In the June 2011 quarter, there was a small rise in full-time employment of 0.2 percent, and a small decrease in part-time employment of 0.1 percent. Male full-time employment increased while female full-time employment decreased. Male part-time employment decreased while female part-time employment increased.

For the June 2011 year, employment rose 43,000 (2.0 percent). This is the largest annual percentage increase in employment since December 2007. Annually, male employment increased by 21,000 (1.8 percent) and female employment increased by 22,000 (2.2 percent). Full-time employment increased by 26,000 over the year, while part-time employment grew by 17,000.



## Trend series

The trend series adjusts for seasonal effects and removes the irregular component from a series. This can help reveal the underlying movement in employment. Refer to the [Technical notes](#) of this release for more information about trend series.

During the June 2011 quarter, employment increased by 11,000 (0.5 percent) to 2,218,000. Female employment increased by more than male employment (up 8,000 and 4,000, respectively).

For the June 2011 year, employment increased by 40,000 (1.9 percent). The series has been on an upward trend since September 2009.

## **Unadjusted annual series**

For the June 2011 year, the number of people employed increased by 42,700 (2.0 percent). This is the largest annual percentage increase since December 2007. Both men and women contributed to this employment growth. Male employment increased by 21,100 (1.8 percent) and female employment increased by 21,700 (2.1 percent).

Most employment growth in the June 2011 year occurred in the Auckland region. In total, employment in Auckland increased by 34,600 (5.4 percent). This was evenly spread among men and women; male employment increased by 17,200 (5.0 percent) and female employment increased by 17,400 (5.8 percent).

The 20–24-year-old and the 65+ age groups drove the annual increase in employment with increases in employment of 17,600 and 13,900, respectively. These two age groups have experienced annual increases in employment for a number of quarters. The 65+ age group has had particularly strong growth, with employment increasing on an annual basis in each quarter since the March 2010 quarter.

Although overall annual employment growth was strong for the June 2011 year, there was a decrease in employment for 15–19-year-olds of 12,100 (10.5 percent). The last time there was an annual increase in employment for this group was December 2007.

There continues to be strong annual growth in self-employment. For the year to June 2011, self-employment increased by 22,600 (10.1 percent). Annual changes in self-employment have been positive since June 2010.

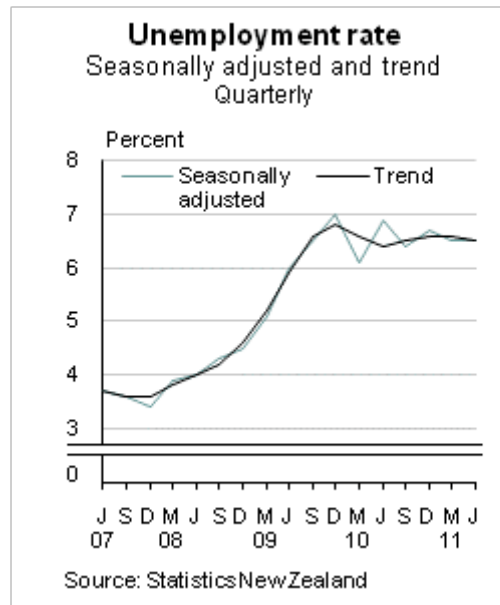
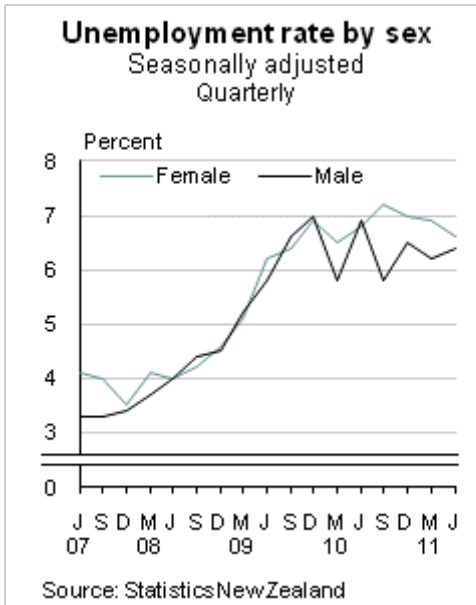
By industry, for the June 2011 year employment in construction decreased by 12,700 (6.9 percent). The number of females employed in education and training increased by 11,000 (7.7 percent).

## **Unemployment – seasonally adjusted**

The number of people unemployed was unchanged at 154,000 in the June 2011 quarter. A decrease of 3,000 (4.3 percent) in female unemployment cancelled out a rise of 3,000 (4.0 percent) in male unemployment.

The unemployment rate remained at 6.5 percent for the June 2011 quarter. The male unemployment rate increased to 6.4 percent from 6.2 percent. The female unemployment rate fell to 6.6 percent from 6.9 percent.

There was an annual decrease of 6,000 (3.7 percent) in the number of people unemployed. This is the largest annual percentage decrease since December 2007. The annual decrease was solely driven by a decrease in male unemployment. Female unemployment remained unchanged over the June 2011 year.



## Trend series

The trend series shows little change in the number of unemployed for the June 2011 quarter, down 2,000 (1.0 percent). Unemployment in the trend series has flattened out since the December 2009 quarter. The unemployment rate is down 0.1 percentage points to 6.5 percent.

## Unadjusted annual series

Unemployment for 25–29 and 50–54-year-olds decreased over the June 2011 year by 6,400 and 2,500 respectively, while for 40–44-year-olds unemployment increased by 4,400.

The Auckland region experienced a large decline in unemployment over the June 2011 year. The number of unemployed fell by 7,800 (12.7 percent), and the unemployment rate decreased by 1.4 percentage points, from 8.7 percent to 7.3 percent. In the Canterbury region, unemployment for women rose sharply by 5,000.

## Canterbury – unadjusted annual movements

We have included supplementary tables with detailed data for the Canterbury region in this release. These are similar to tables 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 14 from the main tables. Data in the tables for the Canterbury region are all unadjusted. A brief overview of the Canterbury labour market is provided below.

For the June 2011 year, the annual movements for key labour market outcomes in the Canterbury region were in different directions from the movements in the national estimates.

The annual decrease in actual hours worked of 1.3 percent was consistent with movements in the Canterbury labour market.

Employment decreased by 5,200 for males and 7,100 for females for the year to June 2011. There was a large rise in female unemployment (from 6,600 to 11,700). Male unemployment decreased from 10,200 to 8,100. The unemployment rate in the Canterbury region is still lower than the national rate.

<b>Unadjusted annual changes for the June 2011 quarter</b>		
	<b>Canterbury</b>	<b>National</b>
	<b>Annual change</b>	<b>Annual change</b>
Unemployment rate	+0.9	-0.3
Unemployed	+17.8%	-3.5%
Employed	-3.6%	+2.0%
Not in the labour force	+3.6%	+0.2%
Labour force participation	-1.4	+0.3
Actual hours	-1.3%	+1.8%

Over the June 2011 year there were notable falls in employment for the following industries in Canterbury:

- Retail trade and accommodation fell 15.8 percent.
- Professional, scientific, technical services, administrative, and support services fell 10.7 percent.
- Manufacturing; and electricity, gas, water, and waste services fell 8.6 percent.

In the June 2011 quarter, a small number of households in certain geographic areas in Christchurch were excluded from interviewing because of the ongoing impact of the 22 February 2011 earthquake on residents. The number of households excluded in these areas accounted for 6 percent of the Canterbury sample. The effect of excluding these households was investigated and analysis showed that the working-age population for Canterbury is likely to be overestimated if a large percentage of these households were vacant, derelict, or demolished. Additionally, the Canterbury response rate would be underestimated.

Some of the Household Labour Force Survey sample is located in Christchurch areas classified as the 'red zone' by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority. The sample in these areas will continue to be monitored, and no methodological change will be required in the short term.

## **Working-age population – unadjusted**

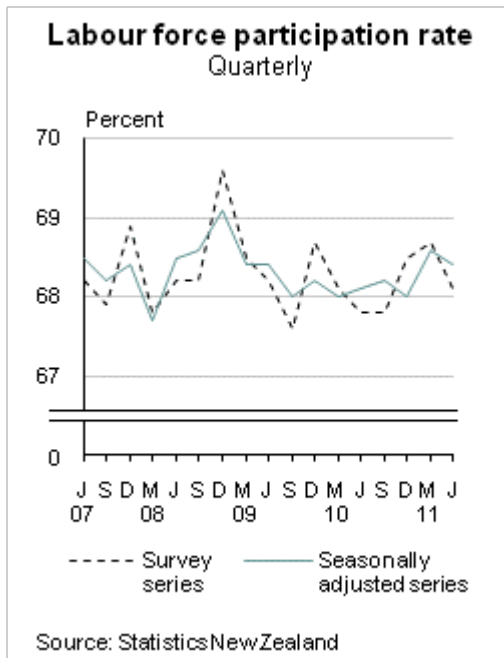
The working-age population grew by 3,500 (0.1 percent) during the June 2011 quarter, and by 39,800 (1.2 percent) during the year to reach 3,461,100. However, the number of people who left New Zealand permanently during the quarter was more than the number who arrived. (See [International Travel and Migration: June 2011](#) for more information).

## **Labour force participation rate – seasonally adjusted**

The labour force participation rate is the total labour force (ie the number of employed and unemployed) expressed as a percentage of the working-age population.

There was a small change in the labour force for the June 2011 quarter – it increased by 1,000 to 2,368,000. The male labour force increased to 1,255,000, while the female labour force remained unchanged at 1,113,000.

The labour force participation rate for the June 2011 quarter fell 0.2 percentage points from 68.6 percent to 68.4 percent. The participation rates for both males and females fell. Male participation dropped from 74.8 percent to 74.4 percent, and female participation fell from 62.8 percent to 62.6 percent.

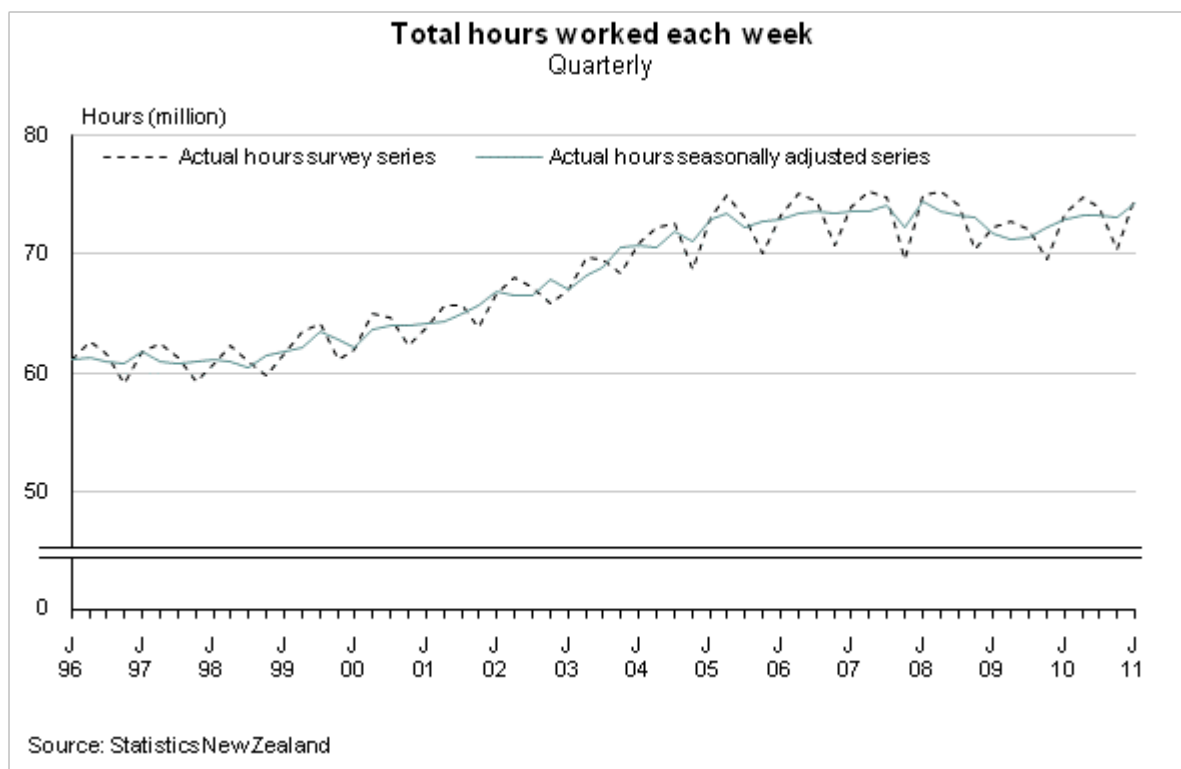


## Total hours worked – seasonally adjusted

Actual hours worked are the number of hours a person worked in the reference week (including overtime). Usual hours worked are the number of hours a person normally works in a week.

The number of actual hours worked for the June 2011 quarter increased by 1.6 percent to 74,217,000. This is the highest quarterly percentage increase since June 2008. For the year ending June 2011 actual hours worked increased 1.8 percent.

There was an increase in the number of usual hours worked for both the June 2011 quarter and the June 2011 year. For the quarter the number of usual hours worked increased by 0.6 percent, and for the year there was an increase of 1.5 percent.



## Jobless – unadjusted

The jobless are defined as those people who are either officially unemployed, available but not seeking work, or actively seeking but not available for work.

In the year to June 2011, there was a decrease of 4,700 (1.8 percent) in the number of jobless. This decrease was solely driven by a fall in the number of men who were jobless.

## Underemployment – unadjusted

The number of underemployed people (employed people who work part-time and would prefer to work more hours) may serve as a measure of under-utilised labour in the economy.

Over the June 2011 year the number of underemployed increased by 9,100 (8.9 percent). Male underemployment increased by 5,800 (16.2 percent) and female underemployment increased by 3,400 (5.0 percent).

## Duration of unemployment – unadjusted

In the year to June 2011, short-term unemployment (those unemployed for 26 weeks or less) decreased by 3,900 (3.7 percent) to 101,100. During the same period, the number of long-term unemployed (those unemployed for longer than 26 weeks) marginally increased by 400 (1.1 percent) to 38,000. Of the total number of unemployed people in the June 2011 quarter, 67.4 percent had been so for 26 weeks or less, while 25.4 percent had been unemployed for longer than 26 weeks.



<b>Duration of unemployment (unadjusted)</b>		
	<b>June 2010 quarter (000)</b>	<b>June 2011 quarter (000)</b>
<b>Short-term unemployment</b>		
26 weeks or less	105.0	101.1
<b>Long-term unemployment</b>		
Over 26 weeks, but not over a year	24.4	24.1
Over one year, but not over two years	9.1	10.7
Over two years	4.1	3.3
Total long-term unemployment	37.6	38.0
<b>Not specified</b>	12.8	10.8
<b>Total unemployment</b>	155.3	149.9

## Participation in formal study – unadjusted

During the June 2011 quarter, 318,400 people were participating in formal study, a 1.2 percent decline from the same quarter in 2010.

Since the beginning of the series in June 2004, the individuals most likely to be involved in formal study have been the unemployed. This pattern continued in the June 2011 quarter, with 12.3 percent of unemployed people taking part in formal study. Of those not in the labour force, 11.8 percent participated in formal study. Only 7.7 percent of employed people were engaged in formal study.

## Ethnic group statistics – unadjusted

In the year to June 2011, unemployment rates fell significantly for the 'Māori only' and 'Asian only' ethnic groups, down 2.7 and 4.4 percentage points, respectively. The unemployment rate for the 'Middle Eastern/Latin American/African only' ethnic group increased by 3.1 percentage points.

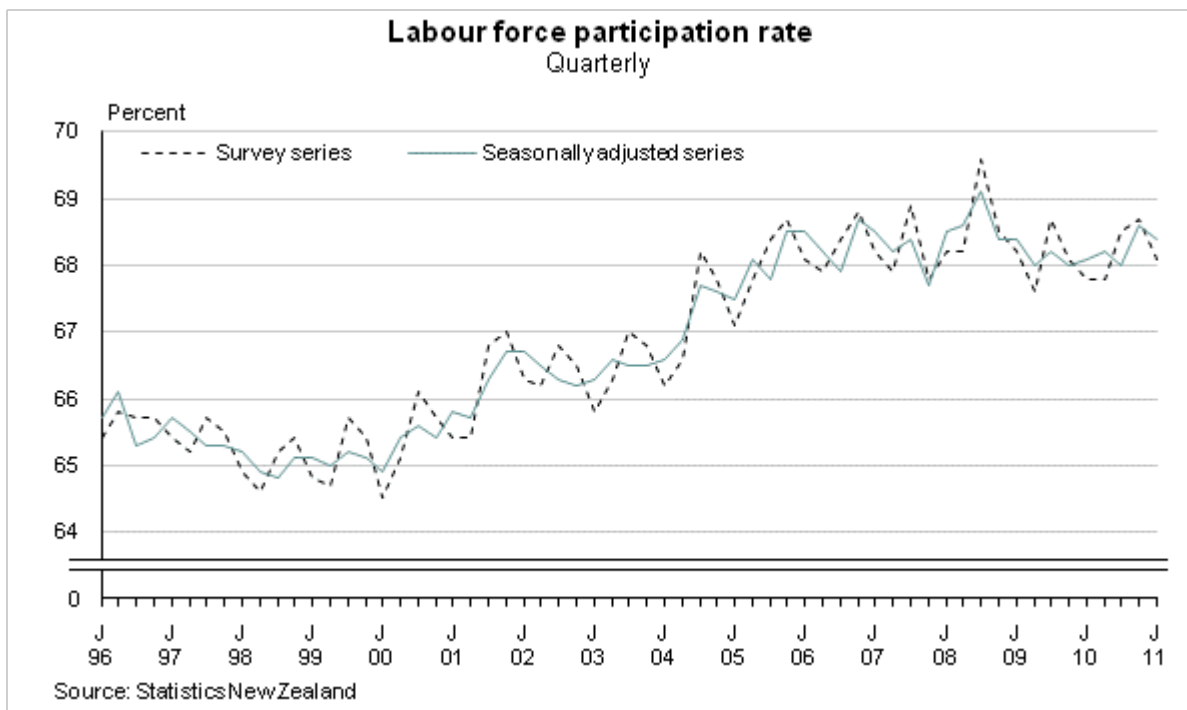
<b>Single/combination unemployment rate (unadjusted) by ethnic group</b>		
	<b>June 2010 quarter (percent)</b>	<b>June 2011 quarter (percent)</b>
European only	4.4	4.7
Māori only	16.4	13.7
Pacific peoples only	14.1	13.1
Asian only	10.5	6.1
MELAA only	9.0	12.1
Other ethnicity only	3.3	4.7
European/Māori	10.2	11.1
Two or more groups not elsewhere included	16.8	16.8

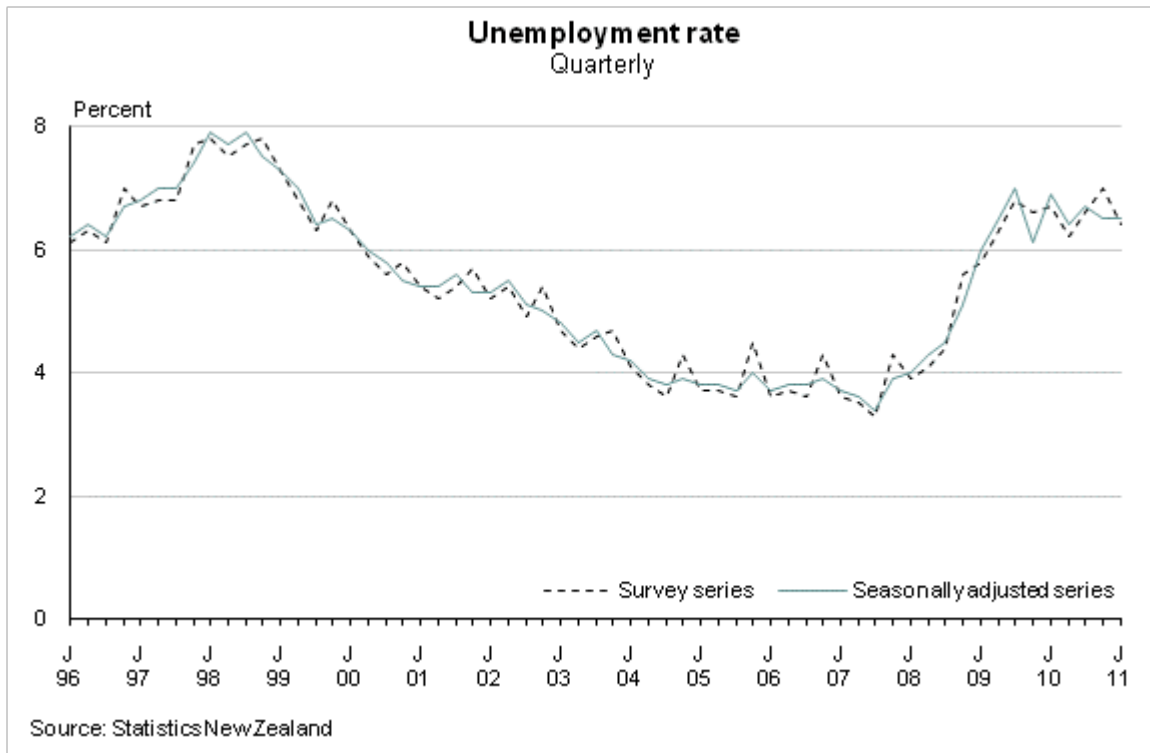
**Note:** MELAA= Middle Eastern/Latin American/African

The unemployment rate for all people who identified with the Māori ethnic group (including those who identified with other groups as well) was 12.6 percent for the June 2011 quarter. This is known as the total response Māori unemployment rate. This is a 1.7 percentage point fall since the June 2010 quarter.

## Longer time series

The following graphs show the Household Labour Force Survey series for the number of employed, the labour force participation rate and the unemployment rate over a 15-year period. A complete time series from March 1986 onwards is available on request.





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### Next release...

*Household Labour Force Survey: September 2011 quarter will be released on  
3 November 2011.*

## Technical notes

### Background to the survey

The Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) started in October 1985, and the first results published were for the March 1986 quarter. The survey provides a regular, timely, and comprehensive portrayal of New Zealand's labour force. Each quarter, a range of statistics relating to employment, unemployment, and people not in the labour force is published.

### In this release

This release contains seasonally adjusted, trend, and survey statistics for the June 2011 quarter. These statistics are averages for the three-month period and do not apply to any specific point in time. Data sourced from the seasonally adjusted series and trend series are identified as such in the table or section headings. All other data, in the commentary or in tables, are sourced from the original survey series and are unadjusted.

Figures presented in this release are rounded. Because each table contains rounded figures, there may be some small inconsistencies between the totals and individual cells. Unrounded figures are used in the calculation of unemployment rates and labour force participation rates. Cells with estimates of less than 1,000 are suppressed and appear as 'S' in the tables. These estimates are subject to sampling errors too great for most practical purposes.

### Seasonal adjustment and trend series

Seasonal adjustment aims to eliminate the impact of regular seasonal events on a time series. In the labour market, cyclical events that affect labour supply and demand occur around the same time each year. For example, in summertime a large pool of student labour is both available for, and actively seeking, work. Demand for labour in the retail sector and in many primary production industries also increases. Seasonal adjustment makes data for adjacent quarters more comparable by smoothing out the effect on the time series of any regular seasonal events. This ensures that the underlying movements in the time series are more visible.

For any series, the estimates can be broken down into three components: trend, seasonal, and irregular. Seasonally adjusted series have had the seasonal component removed. Trend series have had both the seasonal and irregular components removed, and reveal the underlying direction of movement in a series.

Each series is adjusted separately. For this reason, the sum of the seasonally adjusted estimates for employment, unemployment, and people not in the labour force will usually not add up to the working-age population estimates. All seasonally adjusted and trend series are produced using the X-12-ARIMA Version 0.2.10 package developed by the U.S. Census Bureau.

### Quality of seasonal adjustment

The X-12-ARIMA programme is highly customisable and can produce a wide variety of possible adjustments for any particular input series. Consequently, X-12-ARIMA produces a number of diagnostics which are useful in assessing the quality of the chosen adjustment. The following table provides a selection of diagnostics; and the reference value provides an indication of the desired value for each. Most are acceptable, though there is evidence of a changing seasonal

pattern for the number of males who are unemployed and females who are not in labour force. More detail about seasonal adjustment in the HLFs is available upon request.

	Reference value	Male employed	Female employed	Male unemployed	Female unemployed	Male not in labour force	Female not in labour force
Test for seasonality	<0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Test for moving seasonality	>0.10	0.20	0.66	0.02	0.23	0.62	0.05
Periods until trend dominates	<3	1	1	1	2	2	2
Trend contribution to change	<20	32.12	42.24	47.11	14.98	12.58	20.03
Seasonal contribution to change	>50	58.69	40.99	31.63	68.83	76.33	51.84
Irregular contribution to change	<20	9.19	16.77	21.26	16.19	11.09	28.12
Quality statistic	<1	0.42	0.50	0.71	0.66	0.63	0.93

### Outliers

During the seasonal adjustment process, X-12-ARIMA can downweight the irregular component. Specifically, if the estimated irregular component at a point in time is sufficiently large compared with the standard deviation of the irregular as a whole, then the irregular at that point can be downweighted or removed completely and re-estimated. Such observations are referred to as partial and zero-outliers, respectively. In practice, the downweighting of outliers will do little to seasonally adjusted data, but the impact of the outliers on the trend series will generally be reduced. However, if an outlier ceases to be an outlier as more data becomes available, then significant revisions to the trend series become possible. The table below shows partial (P) and zero (Z) outliers for the last year of each time series.

Quarter	Male employed	Female employed	Male unemployed	Female unemployed	Male not in labour force	Female not in labour force
September 2010						
December 2010	P				P	
March 2011						
June 2011						

### Revisions

Each quarter, the seasonal adjustment process is applied to the latest quarter and all previous quarters. This means that seasonally adjusted estimates for any of the previously published quarters may change slightly. The following table lists the change in estimates between the current and previous publication for the seasonally adjusted data. For example, in the March 2011 quarter release, the seasonally adjusted number of males not in the labour force for June

2010 was 425,000. In the June 2011 quarter release, that same estimate has been revised to 426,000. These numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000, but the relative change derived from the unrounded estimates is an upward revision of 0.08 percent.

<b>Percent revision from last published, seasonally adjusted</b>						
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Male employed</b>	<b>Female employed</b>	<b>Male unemployed</b>	<b>Female unemployed</b>	<b>Male not in labour force</b>	<b>Female not in labour force</b>
Jun 2010	0.00	0.02	0.17	0.55	0.08	-0.01
Sep 2010	-0.05	0.01	0.36	0.19	-0.11	-0.02
Dec 2010	0.03	0.07	-0.21	-0.16	0.01	-0.10
Mar 2011	0.03	-0.12	-0.43	-0.69	0.02	0.11

The following table presents the same information, but for the trend estimates. Note that trend revisions are generally larger than those of the seasonally adjusted data.

<b>Percent revision from last published, trend</b>						
<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Male employed</b>	<b>Female employed</b>	<b>Male unemployed</b>	<b>Female unemployed</b>	<b>Male not in labour force</b>	<b>Female not in labour force</b>
Jun 2010	0.09	-0.02	3.06	0.22	0.09	0.04
Sep 2010	0.32	0.05	1.10	0.31	-0.33	-0.04
Dec 2010	0.38	0.01	-0.41	0.24	-0.68	-0.06
Mar 2011	0.09	-0.16	-0.93	-1.27	0.01	0.32

Every estimate is subject to revision each quarter as new data is added, though in practice estimates more than two years from the end-point will change little. For example, the trend estimate of male employment for the June 2010 quarter was 1,156,000 when first published. In the June 2011 quarter, one year later, the trend estimate of male employment for the June 2010 quarter is 1,160,000, an increase of 4000. This is an example of a '4-step ahead' revision. The table below shows the average of all such absolute revisions, and gives some indication of how much the current estimates might be revised when the September 2011 data becomes available.

<b>Mean absolute percent revisions</b>				
	<b>Seasonally adjusted</b>		<b>Trend</b>	
	<b>1-step</b>	<b>4-step</b>	<b>1-step</b>	<b>4-step</b>
Male employed	0.05	0.08	0.16	0.17
Female employed	0.07	0.12	0.27	0.28
Male unemployed	0.45	0.68	1.67	1.68
Female unemployed	0.53	0.98	1.92	1.89
Male not in labour force	0.09	0.17	0.36	0.37
Female not in labour force	0.09	0.15	0.36	0.39

## **Survey scope**

The target population for the HLFS is the civilian, usually resident, non-institutionalised population aged 15 years and over. This means that the statistics in this release do not cover:

- long-term residents of homes for older people, hospitals, and psychiatric institutions

- inmates of penal institutions
- members of the permanent armed forces
- members of the non-New Zealand armed forces
- overseas diplomats
- overseas visitors who expect to be resident in New Zealand for less than 12 months
- those aged less than 15 years.

## Reliability of survey estimates

The HLFS sample contains about 15,000 private households and about 30,000 individuals each quarter. Households are sampled on a statistically representative basis from rural and urban areas throughout New Zealand, and information is obtained for each member of the household.

Each quarter, one-eighth of the households in the sample are rotated out and replaced by a new set of households. Therefore, the overlap between two adjacent quarters can be as high as seven-eighths. This overlap improves the reliability of quarterly estimates of change.

Two types of error are possible in estimates based on a sample survey: sampling error and non-sampling error.

Sampling error can be measured, and quantifies the variability that occurs by chance because a sample rather than an entire population is surveyed. A non-sampling error is very difficult to measure, and if present can lead to biased estimates. Statistics New Zealand endeavours to minimise the impact of these errors by applying best survey practices and monitoring known indicators (eg non-response).

Sampling errors are calculated for each cell in the published tables and for estimates of change between adjacent quarters using a model-based approach. For example, the estimated total number of people employed in the June 2011 quarter is 2,208,300 before seasonal adjustment. This estimate is subject to a sampling error of plus or minus 21,800, or 1.0 percent (measured at the 95 percent confidence level). This means that there is a 95 percent chance that the true number of employed people lies between 2,186,500 and 2,230,100.

Smaller estimates, such as the number of people who are unemployed, are subject to larger relative sampling errors than larger estimates. For example, the estimated total number of people unemployed in the June 2011 quarter is 149,900 before seasonal adjustment. This estimate is subject to a sampling error of plus or minus 9,400 or 6.3 percent (measured at the 95 percent confidence level). This means that there is a 95 percent chance that the true number of unemployed people lies between 140,500 and 159,300.

Estimates of change are also subject to sampling error. For example, the survey estimate of change in total employment from the March 2011 quarter to the June 2011 quarter is a decrease of 1,600. This estimate is subject to a sampling error of plus or minus 18,700 (at the 95 percent confidence level). Therefore, the true value of the change in surveyed employment from the March 2011 quarter to the June 2011 quarter has a 95 percent chance of lying between -20,300 and 17,100.

A change in an estimate, either from one adjacent quarter to the next, or between quarters a year apart, is said to be statistically significant if it is larger than the associated sampling error. Therefore, the example quoted above does not represent a significant movement.

In general, the sampling errors associated with subnational estimates (eg breakdowns by regional council area or ethnic group) are larger than those associated with national estimates.

## Response rates

The target response rate for the HLFS is 90 percent. The response rate is calculated by determining the number of eligible households who responded to the survey, as a proportion of the estimated number of total eligible households in the sample. The following table shows the HLFS response rates for the last five quarters.

HLFS response rates	
Quarter	National response rate (percent)
June 2010	87.3
September 2010	86.1
December 2010	87.7
March 2011	84.3
June 2011	87.2

## Definitions of labour force category

The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on their actual activity during a survey reference week. The following definitions, which conform closely to the international standard definitions specified by the International Labour Organization, are used for the HLFS:

**Working-age population:** The usually resident, non-institutionalised, civilian population of New Zealand aged 15 years and over.

**Labour force:** Members of the working-age population who during their survey reference week were classified as 'employed' or 'unemployed'.

**Employed:** All persons in the working-age population who during the reference week:

- worked for one hour or more for pay or profit in the context of an employee/employer relationship or self-employment; or
- worked without pay for one hour or more in work which contributed directly to the operation of a farm, business, or professional practice owned or operated by a relative; or
- had a job but were not at work due to: own illness or injury, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather or mechanical breakdown, direct involvement in an industrial dispute, or leave or holiday.

**Unemployed:** All persons in the working-age population who during the reference week were without a paid job, available for work, and had either actively sought work in the past four weeks ending with the reference week, or had a new job to start within the next four weeks.

**Not in the labour force:** Any person in the working-age population who is neither employed nor unemployed. For example, this residual category includes persons who:

- are retired
- have personal or family responsibilities such as unpaid housework and childcare
- attend educational institutions
- are permanently unable to work due to physical or mental disabilities
- were temporarily unavailable for work in the survey reference week
- are not actively seeking work.



**Unemployment rate:** The number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

**Labour force participation rate:** The total labour force expressed as a percentage of the working-age population.

This definition of labour force participation includes all those aged 15 years and over in the numerator (the total labour force) and the denominator (the working-age population). This definition is the most appropriate for the New Zealand labour market, as New Zealand does not have a compulsory retirement age, and many workers stay in the labour force beyond the age of 65. Using this definition also means that the measure will reflect changes in labour market demographics, in particular the increasing number of employees working beyond 65 years.

Several alternative definitions of labour force participation rate are in use by other organisations; they differ in regard to age of the working-age population and the inclusion of military personnel. A common definition is to restrict the labour force and working-age population to the 15–64-year-old age group, particularly in countries with a compulsory retirement age. Generally, this definition leads to a higher figure. Using this definition for the New Zealand HLFS in the June 2011 quarter gives a surveyed labour force participation rate of 77.5 percent.

## Industry statistics

Since the September 2009 quarter, the industry statistics are based on the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 2006 (ANZSIC06), the latest edition of the classification. The 1996 version (ANZSIC96), used in industry outputs in previous releases, has been updated to the 2006 edition. Note that industry outputs defined using ANZSIC06 are not comparable with those based on ANZSIC96.

The release of ANZSIC06 followed a review that involved consultation with government agencies responsible for policy formulation and administration, non-government analysts of industry structure and performance, and industry experts. The changes to ANZSIC ensure the classification is current and relevant, reflect changes in the structure and composition of industry since the previous edition, and recognise changing user requirements for industry data.

In the HLFS, data has been collected using both ANZSIC06 and ANZSIC96 from the March 2009 quarter, and will continue to be collected using both classifications until December 2011. A backcast series for 'total people employed by industry and sex' has been created for ANZSIC06. The series has been created at the 1-digit divisional level and has been backcast from the December 2008 quarter to the March 2003 quarter.

With the introduction of ANZSIC06, Statistics NZ also developed the New Zealand Standard Industrial Output Categories (NZSIOC), which will assist in standardising outputs. HLFS industry statistics are published at NZSIOC level 1. Under NZSIOC level 1, industries are published at the 1-digit divisional level, apart from three categories which are combined ANZSIC06 divisions. The category titled 'retail trade and accommodation' is the combined 'retail trade' and 'accommodation and food services' divisions. The 'professional, scientific, technical, administrative, and support services' category is the combined 'professional, scientific, and technical services' division and the 'administrative and support services' division. The 'arts and recreation services' division has been combined with the 'other services' division to form the 'arts, recreation, and other services' category.

For more information see [implementing ANZSIC06 in the Household Labour Force Survey](#).

## Occupation statistics

Since September 2009 quarter, the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) is the basis of occupation data in the HLFS. ANZSCO is a harmonised classification which has been developed by Statistics NZ, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and the Australian Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, for use in both Australia and New Zealand. Occupation data was previously based on the New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations 1999 (NZSCO99). The occupation data is available on Infoshare.

Occupation data has also been collected using both NZSCO99 and ANZSCO from the March 2009 quarter, and will continue to be collected using both classifications until December 2011. A backcast series for 'total people employed by occupation and sex' has been created for ANZSCO. The series has been created at the 1-digit divisional level and has been backcast from the December 2008 quarter to the March 2003 quarter.

For more information see [implementing ANZSCO in the Household Labour Force Survey](#).

## Formal study statistics

To be participating in formal study, an individual must be working towards a qualification that takes three or more months of full-time study to complete. Full-time study is defined as 20 or more hours per week.

## Māori benchmarks

Before April 2009, the Māori working-age population was not benchmarked to population estimates. This, along with other sample design restrictions, caused a high degree of volatility in Māori statistics of the HLFS. Movements in the working-age population estimates of certain ethnic groups, such as Māori, may reflect this volatility rather than a real change in the estimated ethnic demographic.

Including Māori benchmarks in the working-age population mitigates the known undercount of Māori in the HLFS and also results in smoother time series for Māori. However, introducing the Māori population benchmarks does not necessarily translate to improved estimates for non-Māori ethnic groups.

## Ethnic statistics

In the September 2008 quarter, Statistics New Zealand started publishing ethnicity data using the single/combination output method. This created a complete break in the ethnicity series, as the prioritisation of ethnic groups was no longer produced. Using the single/combination ethnicity output, people are counted just once according to the ethnic group or combination of ethnic groups they have reported. This means that the total number of responses equals the total number of people who stated an ethnicity.

Starting from the December 2007 quarter, ethnicity data was collected as part of the HLFS using the 2005 New Zealand standard classification of ethnicity. The 2005 classification of ethnicity enables Statistics New Zealand to collect and output more detailed ethnicity data, especially for the Asian ethnic group, which was not previously collected.

Using the total response ethnicity output, people who reported more than one ethnic group are counted once in each group reported. This means that the total number of responses for all

ethnic groups can be greater than the total number of people who stated their ethnicities. The table below shows total response for the March 2011 and June 2011 quarters of the HLFS.

<b>Total response HLFS ethnicity data for working-age population<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
<b>Ethnic group</b>	<b>March 2011 quarter</b>	<b>June 2011 quarter</b>
European	2,550,600	2,586,500
Māori	435,700	436,500
Pacific peoples	203,300	188,700
Asian	377,300	367,100
MELAA <sup>(2)</sup>	32,800	41,100
Other	73,100	72,800

1. The sum of ethnic groups will not equal the total working-age population as the total response method of grouping ethnicity data counts each response given by an individual.  
2. MELAA = Middle Eastern/Latin American/African.

For more information see the [2005 New Zealand standard classification of ethnicity](#).

## Household statistics

A household's labour force status is derived by looking at the labour force status of members in the household aged 18–64 years. For example, if a couple is living by themselves and one is aged 64 years and the other is aged 65 years, this couple will be assigned to the 'All employed' or 'None employed' category, depending on the labour force status of the 64-year-old.

Households that have no members aged 18–64 years are excluded from this analysis.

The household categories incorporate the concept of dependent children rather than just children. A child is a person of any age who usually resides with at least one parent (natural, step, adopted, or foster) and who does not usually reside with a partner or child(ren) of his or her own. Statistics NZ defines a dependent child as a child aged less than 18 years and not in full-time employment.

## Updated regional classification

On 1 November 2010, the new Auckland territorial authority (TA) replaced the existing Rodney District, North Shore City, Auckland City, Waitakere City, Manukau City, Papakura District, and part of Franklin District councils.

This has resulted in a minor change in the boundary between the Auckland and Waikato regions.

The statistics in the *Household Labour Force Survey: June 2011 quarter* release were produced using the new boundaries and backcast for the March 2011 quarter. The new boundaries do not significantly affect measures from the Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS).

## More information

More [information about the Household Labour Force Survey](#) is available on the Statistics NZ website.

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1. People employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by sex, seasonally adjusted series
2. People employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by sex, trend series
3. People employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by sex
4. Total people employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by age group
5. Total people employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by ethnic group
6. Total people employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by regional council area
7. People employed, by industry and sex
8. The jobless: those without a job and wanting a job, by sex
9. Total actual hours worked
10. Household composition, by household labour force status
11. Underemployment, by sex
12. People employed, unemployed, not in the labour force, and total actual hours worked, seasonally adjusted series
13. Harmonised unemployment rates in OECD countries, latest available
14. Total people employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by sex and formal study status

## Supplementary tables

The following tables can be downloaded from the Statistics NZ website in Excel format.

These tables provide unadjusted statistics for the Canterbury region.

1. People employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by sex
2. Total people employed, unemployed, and not in the labour force, by age group
3. People employed, by industry and sex
4. The jobless: those without a job and wanting a job, by sex
5. Total actual and usual hours worked
6. Underemployment, by sex
7. Total people employed, unemployed, and not in labour force, by sex and formal study status

A longer time series of the supplementary tables is available on request.

Table 1

## People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force

By sex

Seasonally adjusted series<sup>(1)</sup>

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Labour force participation rate <sup>(2)</sup>	Unemployment rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total			
		(000)			(%)		
<b>Males</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		S1A1S	S1B1S	S1Z1S	S1C1S	S1E1S	S1F1S
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	1,159 R	71 R	1,229 R	409 R	75.1 R	5.8 R
	Sep	1,137 R	81 R	1,218 R	425 R	74.2 R	6.6 R
	Dec	1,143 R	86 R	1,229 R	423 R	74.4 R	7.0 R
2010	Mar	1,157 R	71 R	1,228 R	424 R	74.3 R	5.8 R
	Jun	1,153 R	86 R	1,239 R	426 R	74.4 R	6.9 R
	Sep	1,174 R	72 R	1,246 R	422 R	74.7 R	5.8 R
	Dec	1,162 R	81 R	1,242 R	433 R	74.2 R	6.5 R
2011	Mar	1,177 R	77 R	1,254 R	422 R	74.8 R	6.2 R
	Jun	1,174	80	1,255	432	74.4	6.4
<b>Females</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		S1A2S	S1B2S	S1Z2S	S1C2S	S1E2S	S1F2S
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	1,013 R	67 R	1,080 R	656 R	62.2 R	6.2 R
	Sep	1,016 R	69 R	1,085 R	659 R	62.2 R	6.4 R
	Dec	1,014 R	76 R	1,090 R	660 R	62.3 R	6.9 R
2010	Mar	1,016 R	70 R	1,087 R	665 R	62.0 R	6.5 R
	Jun	1,017 R	74 R	1,092 R	668 R	62.0 R	6.8 R
	Sep	1,018 R	79 R	1,097 R	669 R	62.1 R	7.2 R
	Dec	1,023 R	77 R	1,100 R	671 R	62.1 R	7.0 R
2011	Mar	1,036 R	77 R	1,113 R	659 R	62.8 R	6.9 R
	Jun	1,039	74	1,113	665	62.6	6.6
<b>Total</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		S1A3S	S1B3S	S1Z3S	S1C3S	S1E3S	S1F3S
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	2,172 R	138 R	2,309 R	1,065 R	68.4 R	6.0 R
	Sep	2,153 R	150 R	2,303 R	1,083 R	68.0 R	6.5 R
	Dec	2,157 R	162 R	2,319 R	1,083 R	68.2 R	7.0 R
2010	Mar	2,173 R	141 R	2,315 R	1,089 R	68.0 R	6.1 R
	Jun	2,171 R	160 R	2,331 R	1,093 R	68.1 R	6.9 R
	Sep	2,192 R	151 R	2,343 R	1,090 R	68.2 R	6.4 R
	Dec	2,185 R	157 R	2,342 R	1,104 R	68.0 R	6.7 R
2011	Mar	2,213 R	154 R	2,367 R	1,082 R	68.6 R	6.5 R
	Jun	2,214	154	2,368	1,096	68.4	6.5

1. All previously published figures are subject to revision when the seasonal adjustment program is run each quarter.

2. Labour force participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the working-age population.

**Symbol:**

R revised

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 2

## People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force

By sex  
Trend series<sup>(1)</sup>

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Labour force participation rate <sup>(2)</sup>	Unemployment rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total			
		(000)					
<b>Males</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>S4A1S</i>	<i>S4B1S</i>	<i>S4Z1S</i>	<i>S4C1S</i>	<i>S4E1S</i>	<i>S4F1S</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	1,151 R	72 R	1,223 R	413 R	74.8 R	5.9 R
	Sep	1,143 R	81 R	1,223 R	421 R	74.4 R	6.6 R
	Dec	1,144 R	84 R	1,228 R	425 R	74.3 R	6.9 R
2010	Mar	1,152 R	81 R	1,233 R	424 R	74.4 R	6.6 R
	Jun	1,160 R	76 R	1,236 R	424 R	74.5 R	6.1 R
	Sep	1,167 R	75 R	1,242 R	424 R	74.5 R	6.1 R
	Dec	1,172 R	77 R	1,249 R	425 R	74.6 R	6.2 R
2011	Mar	1,173 R	79 R	1,252 R	426 R	74.6 R	6.3 R
	Jun	1,177	79	1,256	429	74.5	6.3
<b>Females</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>S4A2S</i>	<i>S4B2S</i>	<i>S4Z2S</i>	<i>S4C2S</i>	<i>S4E2S</i>	<i>S4F2S</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	1,014 R	65 R	1,079 R	657 R	62.2 R	6.0 R
	Sep	1,014 R	72 R	1,085 R	659 R	62.2 R	6.6 R
	Dec	1,015 R	73 R	1,088 R	661 R	62.2 R	6.7 R
2010	Mar	1,016 R	72 R	1,088 R	665 R	62.1 R	6.7 R
	Jun	1,017 R	74 R	1,091 R	668 R	62.0 R	6.8 R
	Sep	1,018 R	78 R	1,096 R	670 R	62.0 R	7.1 R
	Dec	1,025 R	78 R	1,103 R	668 R	62.3 R	7.1 R
2011	Mar	1,034 R	76 R	1,110 R	664 R	62.6 R	6.9 R
	Jun	1,041	75	1,116	661	62.8	6.7
<b>Total</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>S4A3S</i>	<i>S4B3S</i>	<i>S4Z3S</i>	<i>S4C3S</i>	<i>S4E3S</i>	<i>S4F3S</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	2,166 R	136 R	2,302 R	1,070 R	68.3 R	5.9 R
	Sep	2,156 R	152 R	2,309 R	1,079 R	68.1 R	6.6 R
	Dec	2,159 R	157 R	2,316 R	1,086 R	68.1 R	6.8 R
2010	Mar	2,168 R	154 R	2,322 R	1,089 R	68.1 R	6.6 R
	Jun	2,177 R	150 R	2,327 R	1,092 R	68.1 R	6.4 R
	Sep	2,185 R	153 R	2,338 R	1,095 R	68.1 R	6.5 R
	Dec	2,196 R	155 R	2,352 R	1,092 R	68.3 R	6.6 R
2011	Mar	2,207 R	155 R	2,362 R	1,090 R	68.4 R	6.6 R
	Jun	2,218	154	2,372	1,090	68.5	6.5

1. All previously published figures are subject to revision when the seasonal adjustment program is run each quarter.

2. Labour force participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the working-age population.

**Symbol:**

R revised

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 3

**People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
*By sex*

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate	
	Employed	Unemployed	Total					
						(000)	(%)	
<b>Males</b>								
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA1AZ</i>	<i>SAB1AZ</i>	<i>SAZ1AZ</i>	<i>SAC1AZ</i>	<i>SAD1AZ</i>	<i>SAE1AZ</i>	<i>SAF1AZ</i>	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	1,156.0	68.2	1,224.2	411.8	1,636.1	74.8	5.6
	Sep	1,129.5	78.6	1,208.2	434.1	1,642.2	73.6	6.5
	Dec	1,154.1	84.8	1,238.9	410.8	1,649.7	75.1	6.8
2010	Mar	1,156.7	76.5	1,233.2	423.9	1,657.1	74.4	6.2
	Jun	1,150.9	82.7	1,233.6	428.3	1,661.9	74.2	6.7
	Sep	1,165.4	69.7	1,235.1	431.4	1,666.5	74.1	5.6
	Dec	1,172.8	80.2	1,252.9	420.2	1,673.1	74.9	6.4
2011	Mar	1,176.3	82.9	1,259.2	422.2	1,681.4	74.9	6.6
	Jun	1,172.0	77.3	1,249.2	434.1	1,683.3	74.2	6.2
Absolute sampling error		17.8	6.7	16.6	11.8	...	0.8	0.6
<b>Females</b>								
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA2AZ</i>	<i>SAB2AZ</i>	<i>SAZ2AZ</i>	<i>SAC2AZ</i>	<i>SAD2AZ</i>	<i>SAE2AZ</i>	<i>SAF2AZ</i>	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	1,010.1	65.3	1,075.4	660.8	1,736.2	61.9	6.1
	Sep	1,013.9	65.9	1,079.7	662.0	1,741.8	62.0	6.1
	Dec	1,020.9	74.0	1,095.0	653.8	1,748.7	62.6	6.8
2010	Mar	1,014.0	76.9	1,090.9	664.1	1,755.0	62.2	7.1
	Jun	1,014.7	72.6	1,087.3	672.1	1,759.4	61.8	6.7
	Sep	1,016.5	74.7	1,091.2	672.3	1,763.5	61.9	6.8
	Dec	1,030.2	75.5	1,105.7	664.0	1,769.7	62.5	6.8
2011	Mar	1,033.7	83.8	1,117.5	658.7	1,776.2	62.9	7.5
	Jun	1,036.4	72.6	1,108.9	668.8	1,777.8	62.4	6.5
Absolute sampling error		17.1	6.4	15.9	14.1	...	0.8	0.6
<b>Total</b>								
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AZ</i>	<i>SAB3AZ</i>	<i>SAZ3AZ</i>	<i>SAC3AZ</i>	<i>SAD3AZ</i>	<i>SAE3AZ</i>	<i>SAF3AZ</i>	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	2,166.1	133.5	2,299.6	1,072.6	3,372.2	68.2	5.8
	Sep	2,143.4	144.5	2,287.9	1,096.1	3,384.0	67.6	6.3
	Dec	2,175.0	158.9	2,333.9	1,064.6	3,398.4	68.7	6.8
2010	Mar	2,170.6	153.5	2,324.1	1,088.0	3,412.1	68.1	6.6
	Jun	2,165.6	155.3	2,320.9	1,100.4	3,421.3	67.8	6.7
	Sep	2,181.9	144.5	2,326.3	1,103.7	3,430.0	67.8	6.2
	Dec	2,203.0	155.6	2,358.6	1,084.2	3,442.8	68.5	6.6
2011	Mar	2,209.9	166.7	2,376.7	1,080.9	3,457.6	68.7	7.0
	Jun	2,208.3	149.9	2,358.2	1,102.9	3,461.1	68.1	6.4
Absolute sampling error		21.8	9.4	21.1	17.1	...	0.6	0.4

1. Civilian, non-institutionalised, usually resident New Zealand population aged 15 years and over.

2. There is no sampling error in these cells, because of the sample design and the estimation methods used. There will be a small error arising from the population estimates used in post-stratification.

**Symbol:**

... not applicable

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand



Table 4

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
By age group

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate	
	Employed	Unemployed	Total					
	(000)							(%)
<b>15–19 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AA	SAB3AA	SAZ3AA	SAC3AA	SAD3AA	SAE3AA	SAF3AA	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	115.1	37.8	152.8	167.9	320.8	47.7	24.7
	Sep	110.0	33.4	143.5	176.8	320.3	44.8	23.3
	Dec	115.3	39.5	154.7	164.3	319.0	48.5	25.5
2011	Mar	109.5	41.4	150.9	167.2	318.2	47.4	27.5
	Jun	102.9	39.3	142.2	174.1	316.3	45.0	27.6
Absolute sampling error		3.9	4.5	3.8	3.8	...	1.3	3.2
<b>20–24 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AB	SAB3AB	SAZ3AB	SAC3AB	SAD3AB	SAE3AB	SAF3AB	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	192.2	30.4	222.6	88.8	311.4	71.5	13.7
	Sep	202.1	27.0	229.1	84.6	313.7	73.0	11.8
	Dec	213.3	27.0	240.3	76.5	316.8	75.9	11.2
2011	Mar	214.1	33.5	247.7	72.4	320.1	77.4	13.5
	Jun	209.8	26.4	236.2	85.7	321.9	73.4	11.2
Absolute sampling error		4.6	3.7	4.1	4.2	...	1.4	1.5
<b>25–29 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AC	SAB3AC	SAZ3AC	SAC3AC	SAD3AC	SAE3AC	SAF3AC	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	206.4	20.1	226.5	59.5	286.0	79.2	8.9
	Sep	210.5	16.8	227.3	59.4	286.7	79.3	7.4
	Dec	217.9	17.0	234.9	54.3	289.2	81.2	7.2
2011	Mar	221.1	18.6	239.6	51.7	291.4	82.2	7.8
	Jun	220.2	13.7	233.9	57.6	291.5	80.2	5.9
Absolute sampling error		4.6	2.6	4.1	4.2	...	1.5	1.1
<b>30–34 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AD	SAB3AD	SAZ3AD	SAC3AD	SAD3AD	SAE3AD	SAF3AD	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	205.7	11.3	217.0	50.6	267.6	81.1	5.2
	Sep	205.8	10.2	216.1	51.7	267.8	80.7	4.7
	Dec	204.1	13.9	218.0	51.0	269.0	81.0	6.4
2011	Mar	210.6	11.8	222.4	48.0	270.4	82.2	5.3
	Jun	213.7	10.7	224.4	46.5	270.9	82.8	4.8
Absolute sampling error		4.6	2.3	4.1	4.0	...	1.6	1.0

**Note:** For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 4  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
*By age group*

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total				
		(000)						(%)
<b>35–39 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AE	SAB3AE	SAZ3AE	SAC3AE	SAD3AE	SAE3AE	SAF3AE
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	238.9	10.8	249.7	50.6	300.3	83.1	4.3
	Sep	236.7	10.8	247.4	50.8	298.2	83.0	4.3
	Dec	235.9	10.6	246.5	49.2	295.7	83.4	4.3
2011	Mar	229.7	12.0	241.7	51.4	293.1	82.5	5.0
	Jun	229.5	10.7	240.3	49.9	290.2	82.8	4.5
Absolute sampling error		4.7	2.3	4.2	4.1	...	1.6	0.9
<b>40–44 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AF	SAB3AF	SAZ3AF	SAC3AF	SAD3AF	SAE3AF	SAF3AF
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	256.9	9.6	266.5	44.1	310.6	85.8	3.6
	Sep	257.0	11.0	268.0	42.3	310.2	86.4	4.1
	Dec	255.1	11.7	266.7	43.8	310.5	85.9	4.4
2011	Mar	258.0	12.6	270.6	40.6	311.2	87.0	4.6
	Jun	250.9	14.0	264.8	46.5	311.4	85.1	5.3
Absolute sampling error		4.8	2.6	4.2	4.0	...	1.5	1.0
<b>45–49 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AG	SAB3AG	SAZ3AG	SAC3AG	SAD3AG	SAE3AG	SAF3AG
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	267.9	11.3	279.2	42.4	321.6	86.8	4.0
	Sep	268.0	11.3	279.3	41.9	321.1	87.0	4.0
	Dec	267.6	11.2	278.8	41.8	320.6	87.0	4.0
2011	Mar	265.9	11.9	277.8	42.1	319.9	86.8	4.3
	Jun	267.5	13.0	280.5	38.0	318.6	88.1	4.6
Absolute sampling error		4.9	2.5	4.3	3.9	...	1.5	0.9
<b>50–54 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AH	SAB3AH	SAZ3AH	SAC3AH	SAD3AH	SAE3AH	SAF3AH
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	241.8	10.1	251.9	37.6	289.5	87.0	4.0
	Sep	244.6	8.8	253.3	38.2	291.5	86.9	3.5
	Dec	243.8	9.8	253.5	40.2	293.7	86.3	3.8
2011	Mar	243.7	10.4	254.1	41.7	295.8	85.9	4.1
	Jun	251.7	7.6	259.3	37.7	297.0	87.3	2.9
Absolute sampling error		4.8	1.9	4.2	3.9	...	1.6	0.7

**Note:** For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 4  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
*By age group*

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total				
		(000)			(%)			
<b>55–59 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AI	SAB3AI	SAZ3AI	SAC3AI	SAD3AI	SAE3AI	SAF3AI
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	195.7	7.3	202.9	47.1	250.0	81.2	3.6
	Sep	198.4	8.8	207.1	44.1	251.2	82.4	4.2
	Dec	198.0	7.7	205.6	46.9	252.5	81.4	3.7
2011	Mar	198.9	8.2	207.1	47.1	254.2	81.5	3.9
	Jun	202.8	7.6	210.4	45.3	255.7	82.3	3.6
Absolute sampling error		4.6	1.9	4.1	4.0	...	1.7	0.9
<b>60–64 years</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AJ	SAB3AJ	SAZ3AJ	SAC3AJ	SAD3AJ	SAE3AJ	SAF3AJ
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	156.1	5.4	161.5	67.0	228.5	70.7	3.4
	Sep	155.2	5.1	160.3	69.7	230.0	69.7	3.2
	Dec	157.1	5.3	162.4	69.5	232.0	70.0	3.3
2011	Mar	159.9	4.1	164.0	70.2	234.3	70.0	2.5
	Jun	156.6	4.9	161.5	73.9	235.4	68.6	3.0
Absolute sampling error		4.3	1.5	3.9	4.2	...	1.7	0.9
<b>65 years and over</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AK	SAB3AK	SAZ3AK	SAC3AK	SAD3AK	SAE3AK	SAF3AK
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	88.9	1.3	90.2	444.8	535.0	16.9	1.5
	Sep	93.7	1.4	95.1	444.2	539.2	17.6	1.4
	Dec	94.9	2.1	97.1	446.7	543.8	17.8	2.2
2011	Mar	98.4	2.3	100.7	448.4	549.1	18.3	2.3
	Jun	102.8	1.9	104.7	447.5	552.2	19.0	1.8
Absolute sampling error		3.9	0.9	3.6	2.6	...	0.7	0.8
<b>Total all ages</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SAA3AZ	SAB3AZ	SAZ3AZ	SAC3AZ	SAD3AZ	SAE3AZ	SAF3AZ
<b>Quarter</b>								
2010	Jun	2,165.6	155.3	2,320.9	1,100.4	3,421.3	67.8	6.7
	Sep	2,181.9	144.5	2,326.3	1,103.7	3,430.0	67.8	6.2
	Dec	2,203.0	155.6	2,358.6	1,084.2	3,442.8	68.5	6.6
2011	Mar	2,209.9	166.7	2,376.7	1,080.9	3,457.6	68.7	7.0
	Jun	2,208.3	149.9	2,358.2	1,102.9	3,461.1	68.1	6.4
Absolute sampling error		21.8	9.4	21.1	17.1	...	0.6	0.4

1. Civilian, non-institutionalised, usually resident New Zealand population aged 15 years and over.

2. There is no sampling error in these cells, because of the sample design and the estimation methods used. There will be a small error arising from the population estimates used in post-stratification.

**Symbol:**

... not applicable

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 5

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
By ethnic group <sup>(1)</sup>

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total				
		(000)			(%)			
<b>European only</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WA	S6B3WA	S6Z3WA	S6C3WA	S6D3WA	S6E3WA	S6F3WA
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	1,566.6	66.0	1,632.6	726.7	2,359.3	69.2	4.0
	Sep	1,550.0	73.8	1,623.8	726.7	2,350.6	69.1	4.5
	Dec	1,571.2	75.6	1,646.8	709.3	2,356.1	69.9	4.6
2010	Mar	1,556.4	71.0	1,627.4	725.3	2,352.7	69.2	4.4
	Jun	1,565.0	71.8	1,636.8	730.5	2,367.3	69.1	4.4
	Sep	1,568.1	69.8	1,637.9	726.1	2,364.0	69.3	4.3
	Dec	1,572.7	75.7	1,648.4	715.3	2,363.7	69.7	4.6
2011	Mar	1,557.3	80.2	1,637.5	711.3	2,348.7	69.7	4.9
	Jun	1,573.4	77.4	1,650.8	720.7	2,371.6	69.6	4.7
Absolute sampling error		19.6	6.7	18.4	14.5	19.7	0.7	0.4
<b>Māori only</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WB	S6B3WB	S6Z3WB	S6C3WB	S6D3WB	S6E3WB	S6F3WB
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	135.9	19.6	155.6	84.5	240.1	64.8	12.6
	Sep	132.0	21.8	153.8	89.1	242.9	63.3	14.2
	Dec	137.1	24.9	162.0	86.3	248.4	65.2	15.4
2010	Mar	138.1	22.8	160.9	88.1	249.0	64.6	14.2
	Jun	133.9	26.4	160.3	90.0	250.3	64.0	16.4
	Sep	132.8	25.6	158.4	89.6	248.0	63.9	16.2
	Dec	136.4	25.0	161.4	93.0	254.5	63.4	15.5
2011	Mar	135.8	26.0	161.8	92.1	253.9	63.7	16.1
	Jun	132.6	21.0	153.6	93.1	246.7	62.3	13.7
Absolute sampling error		8.0	3.3	7.2	6.2	10.7	2.2	2.3
<b>Pacific peoples only</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WC	S6B3WC	S6Z3WC	S6C3WC	S6D3WC	S6E3WC	S6F3WC
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	73.7	10.8	84.5	58.3	142.8	59.2	12.8
	Sep	73.1	10.2	83.3	61.0	144.3	57.7	12.3
	Dec	75.2	12.2	87.5	56.7	144.2	60.7	14.0
2010	Mar	78.9	13.3	92.2	59.1	151.3	61.0	14.4
	Jun	69.6	11.5	81.1	59.2	140.3	57.8	14.1
	Sep	74.7	11.7	86.4	60.0	146.4	59.0	13.5
	Dec	81.5	12.7	94.3	61.8	156.0	60.4	13.5
2011	Mar	85.6	13.9	99.5	61.0	160.5	62.0	14.0
	Jun	74.3	11.2	85.5	62.3	147.8	57.9	13.1
Absolute sampling error		6.3	2.4	5.7	5.2	9.0	2.9	2.9

**Note:** For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 5  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
*By ethnic group<sup>(1)</sup>*

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total				
		(000)						
<b>Asian only</b>								
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>S6A3WD</i>	<i>S6B3WD</i>	<i>S6Z3WD</i>	<i>S6C3WD</i>	<i>S6D3WD</i>	<i>S6E3WD</i>	<i>S6F3WD</i>
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	198.9	16.9	215.8	109.1	325.0	66.4	7.8
	Sep	197.9	18.3	216.2	124.4	340.6	63.5	8.5
	Dec	209.0	21.2	230.2	117.5	347.7	66.2	9.2
2010	Mar	205.8	22.4	228.2	116.8	345.0	66.1	9.8
	Jun	202.8	23.9	226.7	116.1	342.8	66.1	10.5
	Sep	198.3	17.2	215.4	120.1	335.5	64.2	8.0
	Dec	208.0	21.3	229.4	111.9	341.3	67.2	9.3
2011	Mar	220.2	22.7	242.9	109.7	352.6	68.9	9.3
	Jun	213.8	13.8	227.6	116.4	344.0	66.2	6.1
Absolute sampling error		9.7	2.7	8.5	6.8	11.9	1.8	1.2
<b>MELAA only<sup>(4)</sup></b>								
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>S6A3WE</i>	<i>S6B3WE</i>	<i>S6Z3WE</i>	<i>S6C3WE</i>	<i>S6D3WE</i>	<i>S6E3WE</i>	<i>S6F3WE</i>
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	16.1	2.8	18.9	12.3	31.2	60.7	14.9
	Sep	15.5	1.3	16.8	12.7	29.5	56.9	8.0
	Dec	13.4	2.8	16.1	11.2	27.4	58.9	17.1
2010	Mar	15.0	2.9	17.9	10.8	28.7	62.4	16.2
	Jun	17.2	1.7	18.9	13.7	32.7	58.0	9.0
	Sep	18.9	2.4	21.3	14.4	35.6	59.7	11.1
	Dec	16.7	1.1	17.8	12.7	30.6	58.3	6.3
2011	Mar	18.1	1.7	19.8	10.7	30.6	64.9	8.6
	Jun	21.3	2.9	24.2	12.0	36.2	67.0	12.1
Absolute sampling error		3.6	1.2	3.3	2.4	5.2	5.2	4.8
<b>Other ethnicity only</b>								
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>S6A3WF</i>	<i>S6B3WF</i>	<i>S6Z3WF</i>	<i>S6C3WF</i>	<i>S6D3WF</i>	<i>S6E3WF</i>	<i>S6F3WF</i>
<b>Quarter</b>								
2009	Jun	35.1	1.1	36.2	13.4	49.6	73.1	3.1
	Sep	36.6	1.4	38.0	16.5	54.5	69.8	3.7
	Dec	34.7	1.2	35.9	18.6	54.5	65.8	3.3
2010	Mar	38.1	2.3	40.4	19.8	60.2	67.1	5.7
	Jun	40.9	1.4	42.3	21.4	63.7	66.4	3.3
	Sep	48.3	1.4	49.6	21.3	70.9	70.0	2.7
	Dec	46.6	2.0	48.6	21.5	70.1	69.4	4.1
2011	Mar	45.7	1.8	47.5	21.4	68.9	68.9	3.8
	Jun	43.3	2.1	45.4	23.9	69.3	65.5	4.7
Absolute sampling error		5.0	1.0	4.3	3.3	6.8	3.9	2.1

**Note:** For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 5  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
*By ethnic group<sup>(1)</sup>*

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Total				
	(000)						
<b>European / Māori</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S6A3WG	S6B3WG	S6Z3WG	S6C3WG	S6D3WG	S6E3WG	S6F3WG
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	102.9	11.8	114.7	47.9	162.6	70.5	10.3
Sep	101.8	11.8	113.6	46.1	159.7	71.1	10.4
Dec	94.4	14.8	109.2	46.9	156.1	69.9	13.6
2010 Mar	96.0	14.4	110.4	45.1	155.5	71.0	13.0
Jun	99.1	11.2	110.3	47.3	157.6	70.0	10.2
Sep	103.5	10.8	114.3	47.9	162.2	70.5	9.4
Dec	101.7	11.6	113.3	45.8	159.1	71.2	10.3
2011 Mar	98.6	14.0	112.6	47.7	160.3	70.3	12.4
Jun	106.0	13.2	119.3	50.4	169.7	70.3	11.1
Absolute sampling error	7.3	2.6	6.5	4.7	9.4	2.4	2.3
<b>Two or more groups not elsewhere included</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S6A3WH	S6B3WH	S6Z3WH	S6C3WH	S6D3WH	S6E3WH	S6F3WH
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	33.2	4.0	37.3	18.9	56.2	66.3	10.8
Sep	33.7	5.7	39.4	18.2	57.6	68.4	14.5
Dec	37.4	6.1	43.6	16.8	60.4	72.1	14.1
2010 Mar	37.8	4.3	42.1	21.4	63.5	66.4	10.3
Jun	32.4	6.5	38.9	21.1	60.0	64.9	16.8
Sep	34.5	5.4	39.9	21.6	61.5	64.8	13.4
Dec	34.2	5.9	40.0	20.0	60.1	66.7	14.6
2011 Mar	37.2	5.6	42.8	21.8	64.6	66.2	13.1
Jun	36.0	7.3	43.2	20.9	64.1	67.4	16.8
Absolute sampling error	4.6	1.9	4.2	3.1	6.5	4.0	4.5
<b>Total all ethnic groups<sup>(5)</sup></b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S6A3WZ	S6B3WZ	S6Z3WZ	S6C3WZ	S6D3WZ	S6E3WZ	S6F3WZ
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	2166.1	133.5	2299.6	1072.6	3372.2	68.2	5.8
Sep	2143.4	144.5	2287.9	1096.1	3384.0	67.6	6.3
Dec	2175.0	158.9	2333.9	1064.6	3398.4	68.7	6.8
2010 Mar	2170.6	153.5	2324.1	1088.0	3412.1	68.1	6.6
Jun	2165.6	155.3	2320.9	1100.4	3421.3	67.8	6.7
Sep	2181.9	144.5	2326.3	1103.7	3430.0	67.8	6.2
Dec	2203.0	155.6	2358.6	1084.2	3442.8	68.5	6.6
2011 Mar	2209.9	166.7	2376.7	1080.9	3457.6	68.7	7.0
Jun	2208.3	149.9	2358.2	1102.9	3461.1	68.1	6.4
Absolute sampling error	21.8	9.4	21.1	17.1	...	0.6	0.4

1. Ethnic groups in this table have been created using the single/combination output method. Please refer to the 'Technical notes' section for more information.

2. Civilian, non-institutionalised, usually resident New Zealand population aged 15 years and over.

3. There is no sampling error for the total working-age population, because of the sample design and the estimation methods used. There will be a small error arising from the population estimates used in post-stratification.

4. MELAA – Middle Eastern/Latin American/African.

5. People who did not specify their ethnic status are included in the totals only.

**Symbol:**

... not applicable

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 6

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area <sup>(1)</sup>

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Total				
	(000)						
<b>Northland region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QA	S2B3QA	S2Z3QA	S2C3QA	S2D3QA	S2E3QA	S2F3QA
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	65.9	6.0	71.8	42.2	114.1	63.0	8.3
Sep	68.0	7.0	75.0	45.0	120.0	62.5	9.3
Dec	67.7	6.9	74.6	43.5	118.1	63.1	9.2
2010 Mar	66.9	7.0	73.9	44.0	118.0	62.7	9.4
Jun	71.2	7.2	78.4	45.6	124.0	63.2	9.1
Sep	71.8	6.2	78.0	47.5	125.5	62.2	8.0
Dec	68.5	6.7	75.2	44.7	119.9	62.7	8.9
2011 Mar	67.8	7.4	75.2	45.0	120.2	62.6	9.8
Jun	72.7	5.7	78.4	46.0	124.4	63.0	7.3
Absolute sampling error	6.2	1.7	5.4	4.5	8.4	3.0	2.2
<b>Auckland region<sup>(2)</sup></b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QB	S2B3QB	S2Z3QB	S2C3QB	S2D3QB	S2E3QB	S2F3QB
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	654.9	46.2	701.2	332.2	1,033.3	67.9	6.6
Sep	642.8	44.7	687.5	339.1	1,026.5	67.0	6.5
Dec	654.7	57.2	711.9	327.0	1,039.0	68.5	8.0
2010 Mar	653.6	56.3	709.9	343.7	1,053.6	67.4	7.9
Jun	644.7	61.3	706.0	342.4	1,048.4	67.3	8.7
Sep	645.8	51.6	697.4	341.7	1,039.1	67.1	7.4
Dec	662.8	56.1	718.9	349.6	1,068.4	67.3	7.8
2011 Mar	678.9 R	58.1 R	737.0 R	343.3 R	1,080.3 R	68.2 R	7.9 R
Jun	679.3	53.5	732.8	348.5	1,081.3	67.8	7.3
Absolute sampling error	14.8	5.5	13.5	10.8	16.4	1.0	0.8
<b>Waikato region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QC	S2B3QC	S2Z3QC	S2C3QC	S2D3QC	S2E3QC	S2F3QC
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	206.5	15.0	221.5	96.1	317.6	69.7	6.8
Sep	192.6	13.2	205.8	99.3	305.1	67.4	6.4
Dec	201.0	12.4	213.4	97.4	310.9	68.7	5.8
2010 Mar	199.0	11.2	210.3	96.3	306.6	68.6	5.3
Jun	190.7	12.3	203.0	100.8	303.8	66.8	6.0
Sep	200.4	15.2	215.6	103.1	318.7	67.6	7.0
Dec	203.9	13.3	217.2	99.0	316.3	68.7	6.1
2011 Mar	201.7 R	15.9 R	217.5 R	87.8 R	305.4 R	71.2 R	7.3 R
Jun	199.0	13.8	212.7	94.4	307.1	69.3	6.5
Absolute sampling error	9.4	2.7	8.3	6.2	11.5	1.8	1.3

**Note:** For footnote, see end of table.

Table 6  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area <sup>(1)</sup>

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Total				
	(000)						
<b>Bay of Plenty region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QD	S2B3QD	S2Z3QD	S2C3QD	S2D3QD	S2E3QD	S2F3QD
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	117.3	7.3	124.6	67.0	191.5	65.0	5.8
Sep	113.8	9.8	123.5	66.1	189.6	65.2	7.9
Dec	118.4	9.5	127.9	67.1	194.9	65.6	7.4
2010 Mar	114.6	10.0	124.5	71.1	195.6	63.7	8.0
Jun	120.3	10.2	130.5	67.9	198.4	65.8	7.8
Sep	120.1	11.4	131.5	71.1	202.5	64.9	8.6
Dec	122.1	9.5	131.6	69.6	201.2	65.4	7.3
2011 Mar	121.1	9.7	130.8	69.4	200.2	65.3	7.4
Jun	120.9	9.0	129.9	67.5	197.4	65.8	6.9
Absolute sampling error	7.7	2.1	6.7	5.4	9.9	2.3	1.7
<b>Gisborne/Hawke's Bay regions</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QE	S2B3QE	S2Z3QE	S2C3QE	S2D3QE	S2E3QE	S2F3QE
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	97.9	7.7	105.5	53.1	158.6	66.5	7.3
Sep	100.0	11.1	111.1	51.5	162.6	68.3	10.0
Dec	99.2	9.3	108.4	50.9	159.3	68.1	8.6
2010 Mar	99.6	7.0	106.6	52.5	159.1	67.0	6.5
Jun	97.8	9.1	106.9	53.8	160.7	66.5	8.5
Sep	97.2	7.3	104.6	53.3	157.8	66.2	7.0
Dec	102.9	7.9	110.8	54.3	165.1	67.1	7.1
2011 Mar	100.9	8.7	109.6	51.7	161.3	68.0	7.9
Jun	97.4	7.5	104.9	53.6	158.5	66.2	7.2
Absolute sampling error	7.1	1.9	6.2	4.8	9.2	2.6	1.9
<b>Taranaki region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QF	S2B3QF	S2Z3QF	S2C3QF	S2D3QF	S2E3QF	S2F3QF
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	57.7	2.5	60.3	27.8	88.1	68.4	4.2
Sep	57.1	2.3	59.4	29.0	88.4	67.2	3.8
Dec	57.8	3.7	61.5	27.5	89.1	69.1	6.0
2010 Mar	57.4	3.1	60.5	27.9	88.4	68.5	5.1
Jun	57.9	3.0	60.9	26.2	87.2	69.9	4.9
Sep	56.0	2.9	59.0	30.6	89.6	65.8	5.0
Dec	55.7	3.0	58.6	28.8	87.4	67.0	5.1
2011 Mar	55.5	3.1	58.6	28.1	86.7	67.6	5.2
Jun	55.1	3.1	58.1	27.5	85.7	67.9	5.3
Absolute sampling error	5.5	1.2	4.8	3.6	7.3	3.4	2.0

**Note:** For footnote, see end of table.



Table 6  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area <sup>(1)</sup>

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Total				
	(000)						
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QH	S2B3QH	S2Z3QH	S2C3QH	S2D3QH	S2E3QH	S2F3QH
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	112.9	5.4	118.3	62.3	180.6	65.5	4.5
Sep	113.7	6.7	120.4	63.9	184.3	65.3	5.6
Dec	117.0	10.3	127.3	59.6	186.9	68.1	8.1
2010 Mar	114.7	8.7	123.3	59.5	182.8	67.5	7.0
Jun	113.1	8.4	121.5	61.5	183.0	66.4	6.9
Sep	118.8	8.4	127.2	61.0	188.2	67.6	6.6
Dec	112.1	8.0	120.1	60.5	180.6	66.5	6.6
2011 Mar	115.2	8.5	123.7	60.4	184.1	67.2	6.9
Jun	114.8	8.5	123.3	59.2	182.4	67.6	6.9
Absolute sampling error	7.5	2.0	6.6	5.1	9.7	2.4	1.7
<b>Wellington region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QI	S2B3QI	S2Z3QI	S2C3QI	S2D3QI	S2E3QI	S2F3QI
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	275.3	16.0	291.3	113.1	404.4	72.0	5.5
Sep	272.2	16.9	289.0	127.8	416.8	69.3	5.8
Dec	276.9	18.7	295.6	115.2	410.8	72.0	6.3
2010 Mar	273.7	16.7	290.3	122.6	412.9	70.3	5.7
Jun	274.4	16.0	290.5	120.1	410.5	70.8	5.5
Sep	274.3	14.0	288.2	121.2	409.4	70.4	4.8
Dec	274.2	15.7	289.9	108.7	398.6	72.7	5.4
2011 Mar	267.3	19.9	287.2	116.7	404.0	71.1	6.9
Jun	274.0	16.1	290.1	119.0	409.1	70.9	5.5
Absolute sampling error	10.6	2.9	9.4	6.9	12.6	1.6	1.0
<b>Tasman/Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast regions</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QJ	S2B3QJ	S2Z3QJ	S2C3QJ	S2D3QJ	S2E3QJ	S2F3QJ
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	91.8	3.0	94.7	45.5	140.2	67.6	3.1
Sep	90.7	3.8	94.5	46.1	140.6	67.2	4.1
Dec	90.9	4.3	95.1	47.8	142.9	66.6	4.5
2010 Mar	91.0	4.9	95.9	46.4	142.3	67.4	5.1
Jun	90.6	3.0	93.7	45.8	139.5	67.2	3.2
Sep	88.6	3.4	92.1	45.1	137.2	67.1	3.7
Dec	87.7	4.2	91.9	44.2	136.1	67.5	4.6
2011 Mar	91.0	4.9	95.9	45.7	141.6	67.7	5.1
Jun	92.9	4.2	97.1	46.4	143.5	67.7	4.4
Absolute sampling error	6.9	1.4	6.0	4.5	8.9	2.7	1.5

**Note:** For footnote, see end of table.

Table 6  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area <sup>(1)</sup>

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(2)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Total				
						(000)	
						(%)	
<b>Canterbury region<sup>(3)</sup></b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QL	S2B3QL	S2Z3QL	S2C3QL	S2D3QL	S2E3QL	S2F3QL
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	334.7	17.0	351.7	157.8	509.5	69.0	4.8
Sep	337.2	21.0	358.2	149.8	508.1	70.5	5.9
Dec	330.3	20.0	350.3	154.3	504.6	69.4	5.7
2010 Mar	330.4	19.2	349.6	149.4	499.0	70.1	5.5
Jun	336.9	16.8	353.7	157.0	510.7	69.3	4.8
Sep	335.2	16.9	352.1	150.7	502.8	70.0	4.8
Dec	337.9	21.5	359.5	148.7	508.2	70.7	6.0
2011 Mar	331.5	22.6	354.1	156.5	510.6	69.3	6.4
Jun	324.6	19.8	344.4	162.7	507.1	67.9	5.7
Absolute sampling error	11.3	3.2	10.0	7.9	13.4	1.5	1.0
<b>Otago region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QN	S2B3QN	S2Z3QN	S2C3QN	S2D3QN	S2E3QN	S2F3QN
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	100.4	5.7	106.0	54.7	160.7	66.0	5.3
Sep	102.7	6.1	108.8	57.9	166.8	65.3	5.6
Dec	107.5	4.4	111.9	53.8	165.7	67.5	3.9
2010 Mar	114.5	7.6	122.1	54.2	176.4	69.2	6.3
Jun	116.4	5.7	122.1	57.4	179.5	68.0	4.7
Sep	122.0	4.5	126.5	57.3	183.8	68.8	3.6
Dec	119.6	6.4	126.0	54.7	180.6	69.7	5.0
2011 Mar	124.5	5.9	130.4	54.0	184.4	70.7	4.5
Jun	123.3	6.9	130.2	57.5	187.6	69.4	5.3
Absolute sampling error	7.8	1.8	6.7	5.0	9.8	2.3	1.4
<b>Southland region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QO	S2B3QO	S2Z3QO	S2C3QO	S2D3QO	S2E3QO	S2F3QO
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	50.9	1.8	52.7	20.9	73.6	71.6	3.4
Sep	52.6	2.0	54.7	20.6	75.3	72.6	3.7
Dec	53.6	2.4	56.0	20.4	76.4	73.2	4.3
2010 Mar	55.3	1.9	57.2	20.2	77.4	73.8	3.3
Jun	51.5	2.3	53.8	21.9	75.7	71.1	4.4
Sep	51.7	2.6	54.2	21.1	75.3	72.0	4.8
Dec	55.6	3.3	59.0	21.4	80.4	73.3	5.6
2011 Mar	54.5	2.2	56.6	22.3	78.9	71.7	3.8
Jun	54.3	1.9	56.2	20.6	76.8	73.2	3.4
Absolute sampling error	5.5	0.9	4.7	3.1	7.0	3.5	1.6

1. Civilian, non-institutionalised, usually resident New Zealand population aged 15 years and over.

2. On 1 November 2010, the new Auckland territorial authority (TA) replaced the existing: Rodney District, North Shore City, Auckland City, Waitakere City, Manukau City, Papakura District, and part of Franklin District councils. The changes were introduced in the release for the June 2011 quarter and backcast for the March 2011 quarter. This has resulted in a minor change in the boundary between the Auckland and Waikato regions. The new boundaries do not significantly affect measures from the Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS).

3. Note that there was a change in the estimation method for the March 2011 quarter. For more information please refer to the 'Technical Notes' section of the March 2011 release.

**Symbol:**

R revised

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 7

**People Employed**  
By industry<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and sex

	Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	Mining	Manufacturing	Electricity, gas, water and waste services	Construction	Wholesale trade	Retail trade and accommodation <sup>(3)</sup>	Transport, postal and warehousing	Information media and telecommunications
	(000)								
<b>Males</b>									
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SJC1AA</i>	<i>SJC1BB</i>	<i>SJC1CC</i>	<i>SJC1DD</i>	<i>SJC1EE</i>	<i>SJC1FF</i>	<i>SJC1GH</i>	<i>SJC1II</i>	<i>SJC1JJ</i>
<b>Quarter</b>									
2009 Jun	94.3	5.1	182.4	12.2	160.9	67.9	145.0	66.6	24.6
Sep	93.3	6.0	174.5	11.4	150.7	66.9	142.7	68.1	23.2
Dec	103.9	6.6	170.9	10.0	154.4	68.4	142.8	69.5	24.0
2010 Mar	103.5	6.2	176.4	12.5	157.2	70.7	138.4	67.9	24.9
Jun	101.1	6.2	170.2	11.0	159.9	71.7	142.7	64.0	24.8
Sep	107.3	6.3	175.9	13.7	151.0	69.2	143.9	68.6	26.1
Dec	106.6	5.9	181.3	13.9	157.7	69.2	150.5	65.6	23.5
2011 Mar	108.4	6.2	177.8	12.3	145.3	75.4	152.5	72.3	26.3
Jun	105.3	7.6	176.7	13.0	149.6	75.0	139.6	67.0	26.6
<b>Females</b>									
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SJC2AA</i>	<i>SJC2BB</i>	<i>SJC2CC</i>	<i>SJC2DD</i>	<i>SJC2EE</i>	<i>SJC2FF</i>	<i>SJC2GH</i>	<i>SJC2II</i>	<i>SJC2JJ</i>
<b>Quarter</b>									
2009 Jun	41.6	1.5	76.0	2.8	25.8	33.9	192.7	24.4	16.0
Sep	44.5	1.2	70.2	2.5	21.2	34.1	189.1	28.1	17.4
Dec	44.8	S	68.5	3.1	22.9	35.5	190.8	26.3	19.0
2010 Mar	46.4	1.0	72.2	3.3	22.2	37.3	193.3	24.7	17.1
Jun	44.2	S	69.3	3.8	23.8	35.3	185.4	25.1	18.0
Sep	43.8	S	69.0	4.8	22.8	35.1	190.6	25.9	17.5
Dec	44.0	S	75.5	4.4	21.7	36.2	191.7	25.8	19.2
2011 Mar	48.4	S	74.1	4.3	19.4	37.9	195.2	25.1	17.4
Jun	49.1	S	68.1	3.9	21.5	32.0	186.2	24.9	18.6
<b>Total</b>									
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SJC3AA</i>	<i>SJC3BB</i>	<i>SJC3CC</i>	<i>SJC3DD</i>	<i>SJC3EE</i>	<i>SJC3FF</i>	<i>SJC3GH</i>	<i>SJC3II</i>	<i>SJC3JJ</i>
<b>Quarter</b>									
2009 Jun	135.8	6.6	258.4	15.0	186.7	101.8	337.7	91.0	40.5
Sep	137.8	7.2	244.7	13.9	171.9	101.0	331.8	96.1	40.6
Dec	148.7	7.3	239.4	13.0	177.3	103.9	333.6	95.7	43.0
2010 Mar	149.9	7.2	248.6	15.8	179.4	108.0	331.7	92.6	42.0
Jun	145.3	6.7	239.5	14.7	183.8	107.1	328.0	89.1	42.8
Sep	151.0	7.2	245.0	18.5	173.8	104.2	334.5	94.5	43.7
Dec	150.6	6.8	256.8	18.3	179.4	105.4	342.2	91.4	42.8
2011 Mar	156.7	6.7	252.0	16.6	164.7	113.2	347.8	97.3	43.7
Jun	154.4	8.0	244.7	16.9	171.1	107.1	325.8	91.9	45.1

**Note:** For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 7  
continued

**People Employed**  
*By industry<sup>(1)(2)</sup> and sex*

		Financial and insurance services	Rental, hiring, and real estate services	Professional, scientific, technical, administrative, and support services <sup>(3)</sup>	Public administration and safety	Education and training	Health care and social assistance	Arts, recreation and other services <sup>(3)</sup>	Not specified	Total
		(000)								
		<b>Males</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		SJC1KK	SJC1LL	SJC1MN	SJC1OO	SJC1PP	SJC1QQ	SJC1RS	SJC1TT	SJC1ZZ
<b>Quarter</b>										
2009	Jun	32.1	18.8	129.2	58.6	54.2	38.8	60.0	5.4	1,156.0
	Sep	30.2	20.2	123.6	63.8	51.0	35.6	63.2	5.1	1,129.5
	Dec	31.4	19.0	135.2	64.7	49.4	39.5	58.0	6.4	1,154.1
2010	Mar	24.9	17.5	128.3	61.7	53.3	41.0	66.3	6.0	1,156.7
	Jun	26.7	19.6	127.9	63.0	56.5	37.8	64.5	3.4	1,150.9
	Sep	25.3	19.9	128.0	65.7	55.0	39.5	65.8	4.1	1,165.4
	Dec	25.5	19.7	131.8	65.1	49.0	41.9	60.9	4.7	1,172.8
2011	Mar	25.9	17.3	132.6	61.9	53.8	42.7	61.0	4.4	1,176.3
	Jun	28.2	20.4	135.3	65.8	53.0	40.6	65.0	3.1	1,172.0
<b>Females</b>										
Series ref: HLFQ		SJC2KK	SJC2LL	SJC2MN	SJC2OO	SJC2PP	SJC2QQ	SJC2RS	SJC2TT	SJC2ZZ
<b>Quarter</b>										
2009	Jun	39.1	18.0	113.7	56.1	127.9	181.6	56.4	2.6	1,010.1
	Sep	39.8	17.5	109.0	59.3	137.4	182.6	56.8	3.3	1,013.9
	Dec	37.8	17.7	107.6	58.7	140.0	184.9	58.5	4.3	1,020.9
2010	Mar	37.7	18.1	102.5	61.7	132.5	180.2	59.6	4.0	1,014.0
	Jun	36.1	17.9	106.1	62.3	142.0	182.9	59.1	2.9	1,014.7
	Sep	36.1	18.1	110.0	57.6	140.1	180.6	60.7	3.2	1,016.5
	Dec	37.6	16.2	113.7	58.4	130.9	190.1	61.6	2.4	1,030.2
2011	Mar	36.6	17.1	108.3	60.7	142.5	186.4	57.6	2.3	1,033.7
	Jun	40.9	17.6	107.5	59.5	153.0	188.5	63.1	1.7	1,036.4
<b>Total</b>										
Series ref: HLFQ		SJC3KK	SJC3LL	SJC3MN	SJC3OO	SJC3PP	SJC3QQ	SJC3RS	SJC3TT	SJC3ZZ
<b>Quarter</b>										
2009	Jun	71.2	36.8	242.9	114.7	182.2	220.5	116.4	8.0	2,166.1
	Sep	70.0	37.7	232.6	123.2	188.4	218.2	120.0	8.4	2,143.4
	Dec	69.1	36.7	242.8	123.4	189.3	224.4	116.5	10.6	2,175.0
2010	Mar	62.6	35.6	230.9	123.5	185.8	221.2	125.9	9.9	2,170.6
	Jun	62.8	37.5	234.0	125.3	198.5	220.8	123.6	6.3	2,165.6
	Sep	61.4	38.0	237.9	123.3	195.1	220.1	126.5	7.2	2,181.9
	Dec	63.1	35.9	245.5	123.5	179.9	232.0	122.5	7.1	2,203.0
2011	Mar	62.6	34.4	240.9	122.6	196.3	229.1	118.7	6.7	2,209.9
	Jun	69.1	38.0	242.8	125.3	206.0	229.1	128.2	4.8	2,208.3

1. ANZSIC06: Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 2006.

2. Industrial activity of place of employment.

3. These are combined categories to correspond with the New Zealand Standard Industrial Output Categories (NZSIOC). For more information on NZSIOC please refer to the 'Technical notes' section of this release.

**Symbol:**

S suppressed (please refer to the 'Technical notes' section of this release for more information.)

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 8

**The Jobless: Those Without a Job and Wanting a Job**  
*By sex*

		Official unemployed <sup>(1)</sup>	Available for <sup>(2)</sup> but not actively seeking work <sup>(3)</sup>			Actively seeking <sup>(3)</sup> but not available for work <sup>(2)</sup>	Total jobless people
			Seeking through newspaper only <sup>(4)</sup>	Discouraged <sup>(5)</sup>	Other		
							(000)
<b>Males</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		SXR1TA	SXR1TB	SXR1TC	SXR1TD	SXR1TE	SXR1TF
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	68.2	5.2	2.7	28.3	9.6	114.0
	Sep	78.6	5.3	1.6	30.2	12.3	128.0
	Dec	84.8	3.5	2.7	29.1	14.3	134.4
2010	Mar	76.5	3.3	2.4	30.2	10.8	123.2
	Jun	82.7	3.7	2.2	29.4	8.6	126.6
	Sep	69.7	4.2	2.4	27.1	8.3	111.7
2011	Dec	80.2	3.0	2.6	24.7	16.0	126.6
	Mar	82.9	4.0	2.3	27.6	8.9	125.7
	Jun	77.3	3.6	3.3	28.7	8.9	121.7
<b>Females</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		SXR2TA	SXR2TB	SXR2TC	SXR2TD	SXR2TE	SXR2TF
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	65.3	5.5	3.7	37.3	10.3	122.1
	Sep	65.9	4.2	3.8	41.0	11.1	126.0
	Dec	74.0	5.4	3.8	41.2	17.1	141.5
2010	Mar	76.9	5.4	2.2	42.2	13.1	139.9
	Jun	72.6	4.1	3.1	37.2	12.1	129.1
	Sep	74.7	4.7	2.6	38.9	10.8	131.8
2011	Dec	75.5	7.1	4.0	40.1	11.9	138.6
	Mar	83.8	4.7	2.9	37.3	17.0	145.7
	Jun	72.6	5.3	3.6	38.5	9.4	129.3
<b>Total</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		SXR3TA	SXR3TB	SXR3TC	SXR3TD	SXR3TE	SXR3TF
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009	Jun	133.5	10.8	6.4	65.5	19.9	236.1
	Sep	144.5	9.5	5.4	71.2	23.4	254.0
	Dec	158.9	9.0	6.5	70.2	31.4	275.9
2010	Mar	153.5	8.7	4.6	72.4	23.9	263.0
	Jun	155.3	7.9	5.3	66.6	20.7	255.7
	Sep	144.5	8.9	5.0	66.0	19.2	243.5
2011	Dec	155.6	10.1	6.6	64.8	28.0	265.1
	Mar	166.7	8.7	5.2	64.9	25.9	271.4
	Jun	149.9	8.8	6.9	67.2	18.2	251.0

1. 'Official unemployed' refers to people who are actively seeking and available for work.

2. 'Available for work' refers to people who have answered 'Yes' to the question 'If you had been offered a job, would you have started last week?'

3. 'Actively seeking work' refers to people who in the last four weeks have used job search methods other than looking at advertisements in the newspapers to find work.

4. 'Seeking through newspaper only' refers to people whose only method of job search was to look at job advertisements in newspapers.

5. 'Discouraged' refers to people who were not actively seeking work because they believed that they lacked skills, that they were the wrong age, or that the right work was unavailable in their area.

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 9

**Total Actual Hours Worked<sup>(1)</sup>**

	Actual	Seasonally adjusted <sup>(2)</sup>	Trend	Seasonally adjusted <sup>(2)</sup>				
				Quarterly change <sup>(3)</sup>		Annual change <sup>(3)</sup>		
				(000)	(%)	(000)	(%)	
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SHA</i>	<i>SHC</i>	<i>SHB</i>	(000)	(%)	(000)	(%)	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2002	Jun	66,655	66,893 R	66,603 R	1,253 R	1.9 R	2,822 R	4.4 R
	Sep	67,998	66,572 R	66,646 R	-321 R	-0.5 R	2,306 R	3.6 R
	Dec	67,178	66,520 R	66,778 R	-52 R	-0.1 R	1,605 R	2.5 R
2003	Mar	65,848	67,842 R	67,125 R	1,322 R	2.0 R	2,202 R	3.4 R
	Jun	66,921	67,022 R	67,433 R	-820 R	-1.2 R	129 R	0.2 R
	Sep	69,699	68,208 R	67,924 R	1,186 R	1.8 R	1,636 R	2.5 R
	Dec	69,507	68,845 R	69,143 R	637 R	0.9 R	2,325 R	3.5 R
2004	Mar	68,279	70,519 R	70,262 R	1,675 R	2.4 R	2,677 R	3.9 R
	Jun	70,794	70,758 R	70,694 R	239 R	0.3 R	3,736 R	5.6 R
	Sep	72,167	70,590 R	70,993 R	-168 R	-0.2 R	2,383 R	3.5 R
	Dec	72,620	71,914 R	71,316 R	1,323 R	1.9 R	3,069 R	4.5 R
2005	Mar	68,626	71,060 R	71,747 R	-854 R	-1.2 R	540 R	0.8 R
	Jun	72,995	72,832 R	72,586 R	1,772 R	2.5 R	2,074 R	2.9 R
	Sep	74,953	73,312 R	73,070 R	480 R	0.7 R	2,722 R	3.9 R
	Dec	73,038	72,267 R	72,603 R	-1,045 R	-1.4 R	353 R	0.5 R
2006	Mar	70,017	72,674 R	72,528 R	407 R	0.6 R	1,614 R	2.3 R
	Jun	73,200	72,933 R	73,003 R	259 R	0.4 R	102 R	0.1 R
	Sep	75,080	73,433 R	73,393 R	500 R	0.7 R	122 R	0.2 R
	Dec	74,409	73,608 R	73,560 R	174 R	0.2 R	1,341 R	1.9 R
2007	Mar	70,675	73,445 R	73,528 R	-163 R	-0.2 R	771 R	1.1 R
	Jun	73,952	73,591 R	73,507 R	146 R	0.2 R	658 R	0.9 R
	Sep	75,165	73,558 R	73,709 R	-33 R	0 R	125 R	0.2 R
	Dec	74,813	74,006 R	73,795 R	447 R	0.6 R	398 R	0.5 R
2008	Mar	69,545	72,291 R	73,689 R	-1,714 R	-2.3 R	-1,154 R	-1.6 R
	Jun	74,890	74,457 R	73,589 R	2,166 R	3.0 R	866 R	1.2 R
	Sep	75,182	73,621 R	73,569 R	-836 R	-1.1 R	63 R	0.1 R
	Dec	74,064	73,289 R	73,408 R	-333 R	-0.5 R	-717 R	-1.0 R
2009	Mar	70,305	73,060 R	72,839 R	-229 R	-0.3 R	768 R	1.1 R
	Jun	72,227	71,754 R	71,897 R	-1,305 R	-1.8 R	-2,703 R	-3.6 R
	Sep	72,648	71,203 R	71,180 R	-552 R	-0.8 R	-2,418 R	-3.3 R
	Dec	72,055	71,295 R	71,394 R	92 R	0.1 R	-1,993 R	-2.7 R
2010	Mar	69,504	72,235 R	72,150 R	940 R	1.3 R	-825 R	-1.1 R
	Jun	73,415	72,882 R	72,895 R	647 R	0.9 R	1,128 R	1.6 R
	Sep	74,705	73,248 R	73,209 R	366 R	0.5 R	2,045 R	2.9 R
	Dec	73,930	73,175 R	73,101 R	-73 R	-0.1 R	1,880 R	2.6 R
2011	Mar	70,298 R	73,038 R	73,330 R	-137 R	-0.2 R	803 R	1.1 R
	Jun	74,773 P	74,217 P	73,976 P	1,179 P	1.6 P	1,335 P	1.8 P

1. These figures refer to the total actual hours worked during an average week in the quarter.

2. All previously published figures are subject to revision when the seasonal adjustment program is run each quarter.

3. Percentage changes are calculated from unrounded data.

**Symbols:**

P provisional

R revised

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 10

**Household Composition<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>***By household labour force status*

	Quarter								
	Jun 09	Sep 09	Dec 09	Mar 10	Jun 10	Sep 10	Dec 10	Mar 11	Jun 11
	(%)								
<b>All employed</b>									
Couple only	74.4	73.9	75.2	74.2	74.5	73.4	75.2	75.8	76.9
Couple only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	67.1	64.2	73.0	56.4	56.6	64.1	58.7	65.9	60.6
Couple with one dependent child	66.6	65.9	67.4	66.5	66.2	67.8	68.3	66.1	67.6
Couple with two dependent children	68.0	69.4	68.6	65.3	67.0	67.7	66.1	65.8	64.8
Couple with three or more dependent children	55.5	58.8	54.2	53.4	57.7	55.5	53.5	53.8	55.2
Couple with dependent and adult children	46.4	43.3	43.9	48.0	44.0	49.4	50.1	45.4	46.1
Couple with adult child(ren) only	53.3	50.3	52.2	50.6	52.8	54.3	55.8	51.7	48.7
Couple with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	51.4	47.4	41.5	46.0	39.2	41.8	41.0	38.5	47.2
Couple with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	57.7	60.3	69.5	55.2	S	S	37.1	48.9	69.0
One parent with dependent child(ren) only	53.9	49.3	52.3	51.6	51.4	50.0	48.3	51.4	52.0
One parent with dependent and adult children	39.8	33.3	33.7	34.4	34.2	32.8	34.6	38.6	27.8
One parent with adult child(ren) only	52.4	46.7	52.4	51.0	47.6	50.4	51.9	53.9	53.6
One parent with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	40.9	43.0	36.1	32.0	37.1	31.0	34.3	34.1	37.7
One parent with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	36.3	44.5	35.4	44.9	42.9	41.4	50.9	36.4	33.8
One-person household	74.4	73.9	73.6	73.5	74.3	74.3	75.5	76.3	72.9
Other household	53.6	47.5	55.7	52.7	48.8	49.7	52.3	54.3	56.9
Household composition unidentifiable	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Total</b>	63.9	62.4	63.5	62.3	62.5	62.7	63.2	63.4	63.5
<b>Mixed work<sup>(6)</sup></b>									
Couple only	15.9	16.2	14.4	15.5	15.6	16.7	14.9	14.9	14.3
Couple only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	29.4	29.9	22.4	39.7	26.7	33.0	39.3	28.0	30.3
Couple with one dependent child	27.9	28.7	26.4	28.7	27.8	28.1	26.7	28.8	27.1
Couple with two dependent children	26.6	26.6	27.2	31.7	30.1	28.7	31.0	30.2	31.9
Couple with three or more dependent children	38.2	36.7	40.4	41.6	37.0	37.7	40.1	39.8	36.9
Couple with dependent and adult children	48.3	52.2	51.8	47.9	50.7	43.7	44.1	48.7	45.9
Couple with adult child(ren) only	39.5	44.9	41.4	45.6	41.2	40.7	39.2	42.2	46.3
Couple with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	43.5	48.9	53.4	46.1	54.0	54.5	52.1	54.0	46.2
Couple with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	39.7	39.7	30.5	44.8	54.2	70.4	62.9	47.3	29.0
One parent with dependent child(ren) only <sup>(7)</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
One parent with dependent and adult children	35.7	36.7	30.4	39.1	36.2	37.2	36.8	33.7	41.6
One parent with adult child(ren) only	27.2	28.5	26.7	27.4	31.9	29.8	26.3	27.2	25.8
One parent with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	26.8	32.4	31.8	36.2	28.6	37.4	34.9	34.6	30.9
One parent with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	36.0	43.2	45.6	43.2	30.6	37.9	27.8	30.3	50.9
One-person household <sup>(7)</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other household	32.7	38.1	30.8	32.8	35.8	35.7	33.6	34.2	30.0
Household composition unidentifiable	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
<b>Total</b>	21.7	23.0	21.8	23.3	22.7	22.7	22.2	22.7	22.2

**Note:** For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 10  
continued

### Household Composition<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>

By household labour force status

	Quarter									
	Jun 09	Sep 09	Dec 09	Mar 10	Jun 10	Sep 10	Dec 10	Mar 11	Jun 11	(%)
<b>None employed</b>										
Couple only	9.8	9.9	10.4	10.3	9.8	10.0	9.8	9.3	8.7	
Couple only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	S	S	S	S	16.7	S	S	S	9.1	
Couple with one dependent child	5.4	5.4	6.2	4.8	6.0	4.0	5.0	5.1	5.3	
Couple with two dependent children	5.4	4.1	4.3	3.0	2.9	3.6	2.9	4.1	3.3	
Couple with three or more dependent children	6.3	4.5	5.4	5.0	5.3	6.8	6.4	6.4	7.9	
Couple with dependent and adult children	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.1	5.3	6.9	5.8	5.9	8.0	
Couple with adult child(ren) only	7.2	4.7	6.4	3.8	5.9	5.0	5.0	6.1	5.0	
Couple with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	5.1	S	5.1	7.8	6.8	S	6.8	7.4	6.6	
Couple with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
One parent with dependent child(ren) only	46.1	50.7	47.7	48.4	48.6	50.0	51.7	48.6	48.0	
One parent with dependent and adult children	24.5	30.0	35.9	26.5	29.7	30.0	28.7	27.7	30.6	
One parent with adult child(ren) only	20.4	24.8	20.9	21.6	20.5	19.8	21.8	19.0	20.6	
One parent with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	32.3	24.6	32.1	31.8	34.3	31.6	30.8	31.3	31.3	
One parent with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	S	S	S	S	26.5	S	21.3	33.4	S	
One-person household	25.6	26.1	26.4	26.5	25.7	25.7	24.5	23.7	27.1	
Other household	13.7	14.3	13.6	14.4	15.4	14.6	14.1	11.5	13.1	
Household composition unidentifiable	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>14.3</b>	

- Households where all members are outside the ages of 18–64 years have been removed from this analysis.
- These figures refer to the percentage of any household type in a particular household labour force status.
- All the household categories in the table consist of one-family or one-person households with the exception of the 'other household' category. This category is an aggregation of the following household types: two-family households, three-or-more-family households, and other multiperson households.
- The term 'others' refers to non-family members being present in the household.
- Includes families with dependent children only, as well as those with dependent and adult children.
- Households in the 'mixed work' category contain some employed people and some not-employed people.
- It is impossible, by definition, for these household types to be in the 'mixed work' category.

**Symbols:**

S suppressed (please refer to the 'Technical notes' section of this release for more information).

... not applicable

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand



Table 11

**Underemployment <sup>(1)</sup>**  
*By sex*

		Male	Female	Total
		(000)		
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>		<i>SNH1JA</i>	<i>SNH2JA</i>	<i>SNH3JA</i>
<b>Quarter</b>				
2002	Jun	38.4	71.3	109.7
	Sep	37.9	73.0	110.9
	Dec	38.4	76.8	115.2
2003	Mar	30.2	69.3	99.5
	Jun	30.5	75.5	106.0
	Sep	32.4	74.6	107.0
	Dec	34.2	67.3	101.5
2004	Mar	27.4	60.4	87.8
	Jun	27.4	54.4	81.8
	Sep	25.4	57.2	82.6
	Dec	32.4	61.6	94.0
2005	Mar	20.6	51.1	71.6
	Jun	22.0	57.2	79.2
	Sep	23.1	47.0	70.1
	Dec	25.0	57.5	82.5
2006	Mar	22.9	46.7	69.6
	Jun	24.6	44.0	68.6
	Sep	24.3	46.2	70.5
	Dec	34.4	64.3	98.7
2007	Mar	26.4	55.1	81.5
	Jun	28.9	58.1	87.0
	Sep	28.7	50.8	79.4
	Dec	32.9	56.3	89.2
2008	Mar	25.4	58.5	83.9
	Jun	26.8	57.1	83.9
	Sep	24.7	57.3	82.0
	Dec	33.8	64.9	98.7
2009	Mar	36.1	65.2	101.3
	Jun	43.7	70.6	114.3
	Sep	44.1	78.0	122.1
	Dec	40.4	74.2	114.6
2010	Mar	35.2	64.8	99.9
	Jun	35.5	66.9	102.4
	Sep	42.8	67.2	110.0
	Dec	37.0	67.0	103.9
2011	Mar	35.4	68.3	103.6
	Jun	41.3	70.3	111.5

1. Underemployed workers are those who are employed part-time but would prefer to work more hours.

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 12

**People Employed, Unemployed, Not in the Labour Force, and Total Actual Hours Worked<sup>(1)</sup>***Seasonally adjusted series<sup>(2)</sup>*

Series ref: HLFQ	Labour force					Not in labour force	Total actual hours worked
	Employed			Unemployed	Total		
	Full-time	Part-time <sup>(3)</sup>	Total <sup>(4)</sup>				
	(000)						
S5GS	S5HS	S1A3S	S1B3S	S1Z3S	S1C3S	SHC	
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	1,667 R	504 R	2,172 R	138 R	2,309 R	1,065 R	71,754 R
Sep	1,659 R	495 R	2,153 R	150 R	2,303 R	1,083 R	71,203 R
Dec	1,659 R	498 R	2,157 R	162 R	2,319 R	1,083 R	71,295 R
2010 Mar	1,679 R	493 R	2,173 R	141 R	2,315 R	1,089 R	72,235 R
Jun	1,685 R	487 R	2,171 R	160 R	2,331 R	1,093 R	72,882 R
Sep	1,694 R	499 R	2,192 R	151 R	2,343 R	1,090 R	73,248 R
Dec	1,699 R	486 R	2,185 R	157 R	2,342 R	1,104 R	73,175 R
2011 Mar	1,706 R	505 R	2,213 R	154 R	2,367 R	1,082 R	73,038 R
Jun	1,710	504	2,214	154	2,368	1,096	74,217 P
<b>Percentage change from previous quarter<sup>(5)</sup></b>							
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	-0.7 R	1.8 R	-0.2 R	16.8 R	0.7 R	0.4 R	-1.8 R
Sep	-0.5 R	-1.8 R	-0.9 R	9.0 R	-0.3 R	1.7 R	-0.8 R
Dec	0.0 R	0.6 R	0.2 R	7.5 R	0.7 R	0.0 R	0.1 R
2010 Mar	1.2 R	-1.1 R	0.8 R	-12.5 R	-0.2 R	0.6 R	1.3 R
Jun	0.3 R	-1.1 R	-0.1 R	13.4 R	0.7 R	0.4 R	0.9 R
Sep	0.5 R	2.3 R	1.0 R	-6.0 R	0.5 R	-0.3 R	0.5 R
Dec	0.3 R	-2.6 R	-0.3 R	4.5 R	0.0 R	1.2 R	-0.1 R
2011 Mar	0.4 R	4.0 R	1.3 R	-1.8 R	1.1 R	-2.0 R	-0.2 R
Jun	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	1.4	1.6 P
<b>Percentage change from the same period of previous year<sup>(5)</sup></b>							
<b>Quarter</b>							
2009 Jun	-1.5 R	1.4 R	-0.9 R	52.3 R	1.2 R	1.5 R	-3.6 R
Sep	-2.5 R	0.5 R	-1.8 R	53.8 R	0.6 R	3.3 R	-3.3 R
Dec	-2.5 R	-2.0 R	-2.3 R	53.7 R	0.2 R	4.6 R	-2.7 R
2010 Mar	0.0 R	-0.5 R	-0.1 R	19.8 R	0.9 R	2.7 R	-1.1 R
Jun	1.0 R	-3.3 R	0.0 R	16.2 R	0.9 R	2.7 R	1.6 R
Sep	2.1 R	0.7 R	1.8 R	0.2 R	1.7 R	0.6 R	2.9 R
Dec	2.4 R	-2.5 R	1.3 R	-2.6 R	1.0 R	1.9 R	2.6 R
2011 Mar	1.6 R	2.6 R	1.8 R	9.3 R	2.3 R	-0.7 R	1.1 R
Jun	1.5	3.5	2.0	-3.7	1.6	0.3	1.8 P

1. These figures refer to the total actual hours worked during an average week in the quarter.
2. All previously published figures are subject to revision when the seasonal adjustment program is run each quarter.
3. Part-time workers are those who usually work fewer than 30 hours per week.
4. Full-time, part-time, and total employment are seasonally adjusted separately. For this reason full-time and part-time employment may not always sum to the total employed.
5. Percentage changes are calculated from unrounded data.

**Symbols:**

P provisional  
R revised

Source: Statistics New Zealand

Table 13

**Harmonised<sup>(1)</sup> Unemployment Rates in OECD Countries<sup>(2)</sup>**  
*Latest available<sup>(3)</sup>*

Country	Unemployment rate	June 2011 ranking	March 2011 ranking
	(%)		
Korea	3.3	1	3
Norway	3.4	2	1
Switzerland	3.9	3	2
Netherlands	4.2	4	4
Austria	4.3	5	7
Japan	4.5	6=	6
Luxembourg	4.5	6=	5
Australia	4.9	8	8
Mexico	5.5	9	9
Germany	6.0	10=	10
Israel <sup>(4)</sup>	6.0	10=	11=
Czech Republic	6.5	12=	13
New Zealand	6.5	12=	11=
Chile	7.2	14	14
Belgium	7.3	15	15=
Canada	7.4	16=	17=
Denmark	7.4	16=	19
Iceland	7.4	16=	23
United Kingdom	7.6	19	17=
Sweden	7.7	20	15=
Finland	7.8	21	20=
Italy	8.1	22	22
Slovenia <sup>(5)</sup>	8.3	23	20=
Turkey	9.0	24	26=
OECD - Europe	9.2	...	...
Poland	9.2	25=	26=
United States	9.2	25=	24
France	9.5	27	25
Hungary	10.0	28	29
Portugal	12.4	29	28
Slovak Republic	13.3	30	30
Estonia <sup>(6)</sup>	13.8	31	32
Ireland	14.0	32	33
Greece	15.0	33	31
Spain	20.9	34	34

1. Harmonised rates are seasonally adjusted, and conform with standard International Labour Organization guidelines for comparability.
2. There are 34 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries with harmonised unemployment rates included in this table.
3. Latest available data ranges from the December quarter to the March month or quarter.
4. Israel became a new member of the OECD as at 7 September 2010.
5. Slovenia became a new member of the OECD as at 21 July 2010.
6. Estonia became a new member of the OECD as at 9 December 2010.

**Symbols:**

... not applicable

= country tied for this place

**Source:** Statistics New Zealand

Table 14

**Total People Employed, Unemployed, and Not in the Labour Force***By sex and formal study status<sup>(1)</sup>*

		Male			Female			Total		
		Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in labour force
(000)										
<b>Participating in formal study</b>										
Series ref:	HLFQ	SFA1Y	SFB1Y	SFC1Y	SFA2Y	SFB2Y	SFC2Y	SFA3Y	SFB3Y	SFC3Y
<b>Quarter</b>										
2009	Jun	90.5	7.3	53.3	88.4	9.1	63.8	178.9	16.4	117.0
	Sep	78.4	9.8	62.0	89.2	11.8	63.1	167.5	21.6	125.0
	Dec	71.3	11.2	44.1	75.9	8.5	49.0	147.2	19.8	93.1
2010	Mar	71.9	10.1	49.9	75.8	11.0	59.6	147.6	21.1	109.5
	Jun	78.9	12.4	58.0	87.6	12.9	72.5	166.5	25.3	130.4
	Sep	81.2	10.0	57.0	93.3	11.0	65.5	174.5	21.0	122.5
	Dec	68.1	10.0	45.7	79.4	8.9	53.0	147.4	18.9	98.7
2011	Mar	62.1	9.0	42.1	77.0	7.5	48.3	139.2	16.5	90.4
	Jun	73.3	8.2	63.8	96.5	10.3	66.5	169.7	18.5	130.2
Absolute sampling error <sup>(2)</sup>		7.1	2.2	9.8	10.4	2.6	7.7	12.6	3.5	13.8
<b>Not participating in formal study</b>										
Series ref:	HLFQ	SFA1N	SFB1N	SFC1N	SFA2N	SFB2N	SFC2N	SFA3N	SFB3N	SFC3N
<b>Quarter</b>										
2009	Jun	1,040.4	55.6	303.9	894.0	46.7	545.4	1,934.4	102.3	849.3
	Sep	1,025.0	61.9	313.0	898.7	45.6	544.3	1,923.7	107.6	857.3
	Dec	1,057.0	64.7	312.8	916.3	54.9	552.3	1,973.3	119.6	865.1
2010	Mar	1,060.9	59.9	319.9	915.6	57.7	553.9	1,976.5	117.6	873.7
	Jun	1,051.5	64.2	309.6	903.0	51.7	542.4	1,954.5	115.8	852.0
	Sep	1,061.2	55.0	303.0	899.6	53.0	547.1	1,960.8	108.0	850.1
	Dec	1,080.0	62.9	308.5	922.6	55.8	551.7	2,002.5	118.7	860.2
2011	Mar	1,095.5	65.8	317.8	935.2	65.0	553.0	2,030.7	130.8	870.8
	Jun	1,078.7	60.7	304.4	916.1	51.4	543.8	1,994.8	112.1	848.2
Absolute sampling error <sup>(2)</sup>		14.9	6.5	9.9	16.9	5.6	15.2	24.2	8.8	19.2
<b>Total<sup>(3)</sup></b>										
Series ref:	HLFQ	SFA1Z	SFB1Z	SFC1Z	SFA2Z	SFB2Z	SFC2Z	SFA3Z	SFB3Z	SFC3Z
<b>Quarter</b>										
2009	Jun	1,156.0	68.2	411.8	1,010.1	65.3	660.8	2,166.1	133.5	1,072.6
	Sep	1,129.5	78.6	434.1	1,013.9	65.9	662.0	2,143.4	144.5	1,096.1
	Dec	1,154.1	84.8	410.8	1,020.9	74.0	653.8	2,175.0	158.9	1,064.6
2010	Mar	1,156.7	76.5	423.9	1,014.0	76.9	664.1	2,170.6	153.5	1,088.0
	Jun	1,150.9	82.7	428.3	1,014.7	72.6	672.1	2,165.6	155.3	1,100.4
	Sep	1,165.4	69.7	431.4	1,016.5	74.7	672.3	2,181.9	144.5	1,103.7
	Dec	1,172.8	80.2	420.2	1,030.2	75.5	664.0	2,203.0	155.6	1,084.2
2011	Mar	1,176.3	82.9	422.2	1,033.7	83.8	658.7	2,209.9	166.7	1,080.9
	Jun	1,172.0	77.3	434.1	1,036.4	72.6	668.8	2,208.3	149.9	1,102.9
Absolute sampling error <sup>(2)</sup>		14.6	6.8	13.7	18.0	6.8	17.8	25.7	9.5	24.3

1. Formal study is defined as studying towards a qualification that takes three or more months of full-time study (20 or more hours per week) to complete.

2. There are not enough data points in this table to model sampling errors in the same way as those in tables 3 to 6.

3. Those who have not specified a formal study status are included in the totals only.

Source: Statistics New Zealand