Labour force participation rate increased by 0.1 percentage points (up to 70.9 per cent in the June 2018 quarter), while the rate for men remained unchanged at 76.1 per cent.

Net permanent and long-term (PLT) migration slowed to 65,000 people in the June 2018 year, from a record high of 72,400 in the July 2017 year.

New Zealand citizen departure to Australia still show a net loss of 5,000 compared to a year ago.

Change since Dec 2017: Improved

Outlook for Jun 2018: Improving

The proportion of people aged 25 to 34 years with NCEA level 4 or higher qualifications increased by 1.3 pp to 58.4 per cent in the year to March 2018. 27.3% of the workforce had bachelor's degree or higher in the June 2018 quarter, up 1.2 pp on the same quarter last year.

Note: Some contributing indicators are only available up to 2016. School level qualifications will be updated in August 2018.

Note: The headline indicator is only available up to March 2018 and some contributing indicators are only available up to a year ago.