Aged 25-44 Participation Rate

180,900

+1,500

2025



EMPLOYMENT Employment Rate 60.6% 398,200 from last year -2.8pp from last year -10,700 from last 5 years -1.8pp from last 5 years +33,500 **Male Employment Rate** 63.7% Aged 25-44 Employment rate 72.9% 204,100 Total 167,300 from last year -7,100 from last year -100 from last 5 years +13,600 from last 5 years +10,900 Female Employment Rate 57.7% Aged 45+ Employment rate 57.6% 194,100 Total Total 150,400 from last year -3,500 from last year -5,100 +19,900 from last 5 years from last 5 years +15,700 **Employment Rate** Total = = - All ethnicities 66.9 63.7 60.6 57.7 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Full-time 316,700 from last year -8,500 +21,800 from last 5 years

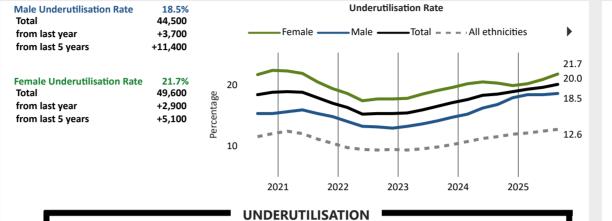
Occupation	Employed	1 year change
Managers	76,000	-700
Professionals	81,300	-1,300
Trades & Technicians	44,600	-3,200
Service workers	42,700	-1,800
Clerical workers	36,300	-1,500
Sales workers	28,800	+1,600
Machinery Operators and Drivers	31,100	-1,700
Labourers	55,100	-2,100

Skill	Employed	1 year change
Highly-skilled	147,800	-2,200
Skilled	31,900	-3,100
Semi-skilled	48,400	+1,000
Low-skilled	95,600	-4,200
Unskilled	72,200	-2,200

Industry	Employed	1 year change	5 year change
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining	24,500	-3,000	-300
Manufacturing	38,600	+4,600	-5,500
Utilities & Construction	53,200	+600	+7,500
Wholesale & Retail	42,900	-1,200	+1,700
Accommodation and food	22,600	NC	+5,300
Transport, Warehousing IM & Communications	23,000	-3,500	-3,100
Financial and Insurance Services	8,700	-500	+1,900
Other Business Services	42,900	-4,000	+7,500
Public Administration and Safety	32,300	-1,600	+3,800
Education and Training	35,400	+1,000	+2,800
Health Care and Social Assistance	40,800	-1,400	+6,000
Other Services	29,700	-1,100	+9,200

UNDERUTILSATION

Underutilisation Rate from last year	20.0%	Total	94,100
	+1.6pp	from last year	+6,600
from last 5 years	+1.7pp	from last 5 years	+16,500



Underemployed (UE) Potential Labour Force

10.2% Total

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Unemployed

Total from last year from last 5 years	22,400 +1,000 +3,300	from last year from last 5 years	+1.3pp +2.1pp	from last year from last 5 years	+5,400 +13,000	from last year from last 5 years	26,500 +300 +200
Male Total from last year from last 5 years	7,800 -400 +1,700	Male UE Rate Total from last year from last 5 years	10.5% 24,000 +3,600 +8,500	Aged 25-44 UE Rate Total from last year from last 5 years	7.5% 13,500 +1,500 +1,800		12,700 +500 +1,200
Female Total from last year from last 5 years	14,700 +1,500 +1,700	Female UE Rate Total from last year from last 5 years	9.8% 21,100 +1,600 +4,300	Aged 45+ UE Rate Total from last year from last 5 years	6.0% 9,600 +2,100 +3,700	Female Total from last year from last 5 years	13,800 -300 -1,000

Employed

	Curre		Cha from la	nge ast Year		rrent	Char from la	nge ast Year
Region	People		People	Rate	People	Rate	People	Rate
Northland	27,500	53.5%	-3,600	-4.0pp	3,400	11.0%	-500	0.0pp
Auckland	88,100	55.8%	-6,600	-5.6pp	13,500	13.3%	+3,300	+3.5pp
Waikato	54,100	59.6%	-200	-0.7pp	7,500	12.2%	+900	+1.4pp
Bay of Plenty	47,100	59.9%	+1,900	-1.6pp	4,600	8.9%	+200	0.0pp
Gisborne / Hawke's Bay	25,100	55.8%	-5,700	-7.8pp	3,200	11.3%	+900	+4.2pp
Taranaki / Manawatū-Whanganui	40,900	61.8%	+1,400	-1.4pp	3,600	8.1%	+100	0.0pp
Wellington	44,800	70.8%	+2,600	+0.2pp	3,400	7.0%	+100	-0.3pp
Canterbury	35,900	64.9%	-1,500	-4.1pp	4,200	10.5%	+1,000	+2.6pp
Rest of South island	34,700	71.3%	+1,100	+1.3pp	1,800	4.9%	-600	-1.8pp
South Auckland	20,900	44.2%	-1,100	-4.0pp	5,000	19.4%	+700	+2.9pp
West Auckland	19,600	52.3%	-3,400	-8.7pp	4,100	17.2%	+1,400	+6.7pp
Rest of Auckland	47,600	65.0%	-2,100	-5.2pp	4,400	8.5%	+1,200	+2.5pp

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

71.2%

228,100

-3,500

Male Participation Rate

2021

14,000

+2,100

Total

from last year

Total

from last year

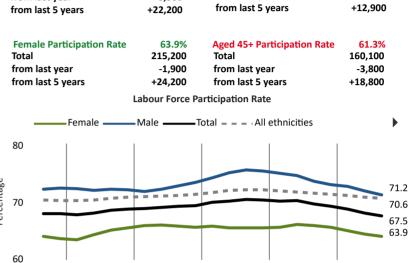
Total

from last year

Participation Rate	67.5%	Total	443,300
from last year	-2.1pp	from last year	-5,400
from last 5 years	-0.4pp	from last 5 years	+46,400

Total

from last year



NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (Aged 15-24 years)

2023

2022

NEET rate from last year from last 5 years	20.2% +0.6pp +1.1pp	Total from last year from last 5 years	33,600 +1,300 +5,400
Male NEET rate Total from last year from last 5 years	18.8% 15,700 +700 +2,200	Aged 15-19 NEET rate Total from last year from last 5 years	16.5% 15,400 +1,300 +3,500
Female NEET rate Total from last year from last 5 years	21.5% 17,900 +600 +3,100	Aged 20-24 NEET rate Total from last year from last 5 years T Rate	24.8% 18,100 -100 +1,700
Female —		Total = = - All ethnicities	•
10 2021		023 2024 EET	21.5 20.2 18.8 13.2 2025
Unemployed, Not in	Not in LF no	t in education - Not in	LF not in education
Education	no ca	regiving	- caregiving

12,700

-1,000

Total

from last year

6.800

+100





SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES

All data provided apart from regional, industry, age group and NEET breakdowns is seasonally adjusted. This process removes the seasonal component present when dealing with quarterly data. Seasonal patterns obscure the underlying behaviour of the series. For the unadjusted series, only annual changes are reported to avoid seasonal effects.

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: People in the working-age population who, during the reference week, did one of the following:

- worked for one hour or more for pay or profit in the context of an employee/employer relationship or self-employment
- 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
- 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.

EMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of employed people expressed as a percentage of the working-age population. The employment rate is closely linked to the working-age population definition.

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS: Full-time workers usually work 30 hours or more per week, even if they did not do so in the survey reference week because of sickness, holidays, or other reasons. Part-time workers usually work fewer than 30 hours per week.

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) JOBS: The total number of full-time jobs plus half the number of part-time jobs. Does not include working proprietors.

HOURS WORKED: Average weekly paid hours (FTE) are calculated by dividing total ordinary hours paid by total FTEs.

HOURLY EARNINGS: Average hourly earnings are calculated by dividing total gross earnings by total paid hours.

LABOUR FORCE: Members of the working-age population, who during the survey reference week, were classified as 'employed' or 'unemployed.'

LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE: The total labour force expressed as a percentage of the working-age population. Labour force participation is closely linked to how the working-age population is defined.

NEET (NOT IN EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, OR TRAINING): Young people aged 15–24 years who are unemployed (part of the labour force) and not engaged in education or training, and those not in the labour force and not engaged in education or training for many reasons.

NEET RATE: The total number of youth (aged 15–24 years) who are not in education, employment, or training (NEET), as a proportion of the total youth working-age population.

NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE: Any neither employed nor unemployed. For example, this residual category includes people 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.

POTENTIAL LABOUR FORCE: The potential labour force consists of people who are not in the labour force but can be considered to be 'just outside it'. They meet two of the three criteria needed to be considered unemployed. Two main groups of individuals are in the potential labour force:

- •UNAVAILABLE JOBSEEKERS People who were actively seeking work, were not available to have started work in the reference week, but would become available within a short subsequent period
- AVAILABLE POTENTIAL JOBSEEKERS People who are not actively seeking work but were available in the reference week and want a job.

UNDEREMPLOYMENT: People who are in part-time employment who would like to, and are available to, work more hours.

UNDERUTILISATION: The sum of those unemployed, underemployed, who are not actively seeking but are available and wanting a job and people who are actively seeking but not currently available, but will be available to work in the next four weeks.

UNEMPLOYED: All people 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.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed people expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

WORKING-AGE POPULATION: The usually resident, non-institutionalised population of New Zealand aged 15 years and over.

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