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## Household Labour Force Survey: December 2008 quarter

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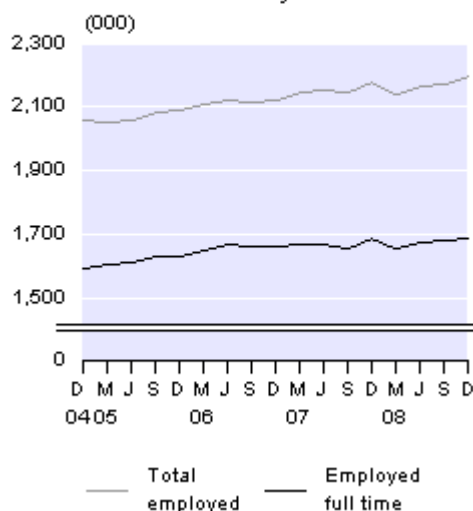
### Highlights

- Seasonally adjusted employment increased by 21,000 to 2,191,000.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent.
- The seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate increased to 69.3 percent.
- Seasonally adjusted total actual hours worked per week fell by 0.5 percent.

	December 2008 quarter	Quarterly change	Annual change
Unemployment rate	4.6%	+0.4	+1.2
Unemployed	105,000	+10.8%	+36.8%
Employed	2,191,000	+0.9%	+0.9%
Not in the labour force	1,015,000	-1.8%	-1.0%
Labour force participation rate	69.3%	+0.6	+0.6

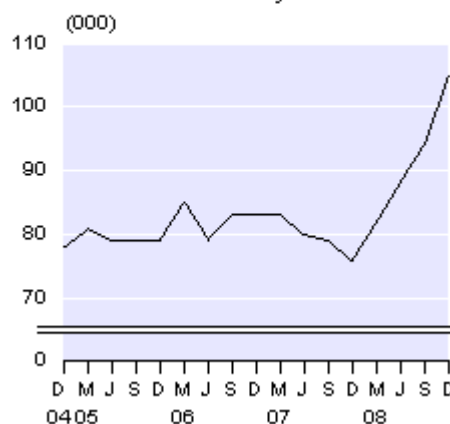
#### Employment

Seasonally adjusted  
Quarterly



#### Unemployment

Seasonally adjusted  
Quarterly



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See also [Household Labour Force Survey: December 2008 quarter – Media release](#).

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# Commentary

## Labour market overview – seasonally adjusted

The December 2008 quarter Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) showed a continuation of the rises in unemployment and the unemployment rate, as seen over the past four quarters. Employment and labour force participation have also continued to rise.

Unemployment increased by 10,000 (10.8 percent) to reach 105,000 over the December 2008 quarter. The last time the number of people unemployed was greater than 100,000 was in the September 2002 quarter. Over the quarter, the number of people unemployed increased at a greater rate than the number of people in the labour force, resulting in an increase in the unemployment rate of 0.4 percentage points, to 4.6 percent.

Employment increased over the December 2008 quarter by 21,000 (0.9 percent), mainly due to an increase of 13,000 in male part-time employment.

The working-age population recorded stronger growth over the December 2008 quarter than any of the previous three quarters, due to positive net permanent and long-term migration. However, the labour force grew at a greater rate, resulting in an increase in the labour force participation rate of 0.6 percentage points to 69.3 percent.



(1) The working-age population is not seasonally adjusted

## Employment – seasonally adjusted

Employment increased by 21,000 (0.9 percent), to reach 2,191,000 over the December 2008 quarter. This is the highest level of employment recorded since the survey began. In annual terms, employment also increased by 0.9 percent.

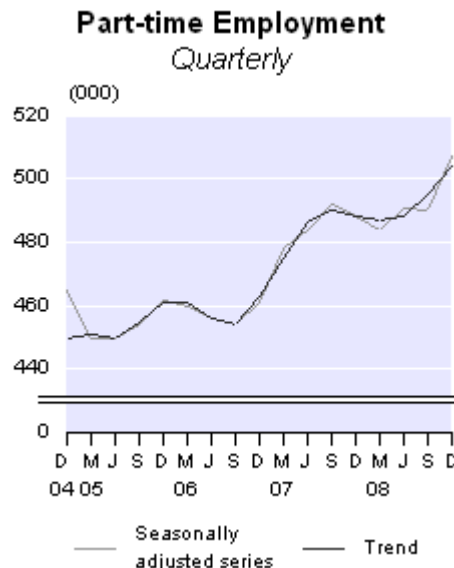
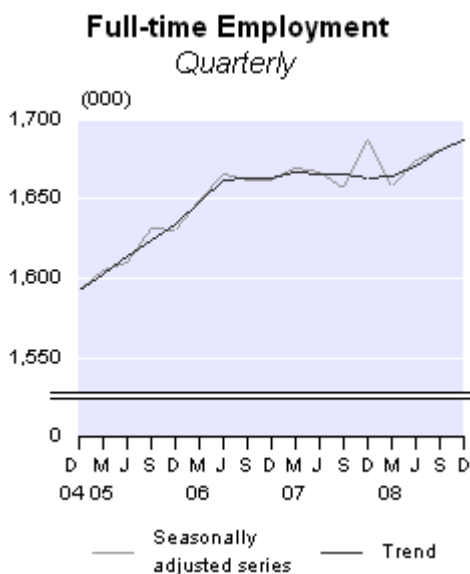
Over the December 2008 quarter both full-time and part-time employment increased. Most of the growth came from part-time employment, which grew by 17,000 (3.5 percent), while full-time employment increased by 6,000 (0.3 percent).

Male employment increased by 12,000 (1.1 percent), to reach 1,169,000 over the December 2008 quarter, the highest level of male employment recorded since the survey began. This was entirely driven by an increase of 13,000 in male part-time employment, while male full-time employment remained flat. In annual terms, male employment increased by 0.7 percent, with male part-time employment rising by 11,000 (7.7 percent) and male full-time employment falling by 3,000 (0.3 percent).

The December 2008 quarter also recorded the highest level of female employment since the survey began, with female employment increasing by 8,000 (0.8 percent) to reach 1,022,000. Both female full-time and part-time employment grew over the quarter, increasing by 0.8 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. Annually, female employment increased by 1.2 percent, with female full-time employment growing moderately by 3,000 (0.4 percent) and female part-time employment increasing by 9,000 (2.5 percent).

In the survey (unadjusted) series, employment growth has been concentrated in service-based industries, particularly education, and transport, storage and communications, while the number of people employed has fallen in the agriculture, construction and manufacturing industries.

In the past year, there were significant annual increases in employment in the Bay of Plenty and Otago regions. Employment also increased significantly on an annual basis for those aged 65 and over, and decreased significantly for those aged 15–19 years.



## Unemployment – seasonally adjusted

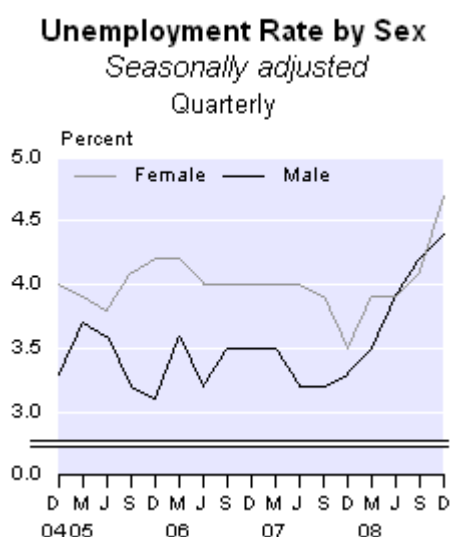
The number of people unemployed increased by 10,000 (10.8 percent), to reach 105,000 over the December 2008 quarter. The number of unemployed males increased by 3,000, to 54,000, while the number of unemployed females increased by 7,000, to 50,000, over the quarter.

Annually, unemployment increased by 28,000 (36.8 percent). Male and female unemployment both increased by 14,000.

The unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points over the December 2008 quarter, to reach 4.6 percent. In annual terms, the unemployment rate increased by 1.2 percentage points.

Over the December 2008 quarter, the female unemployment rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 4.7 percent, while the male unemployment rate increased by 0.2 percentage points to 4.4 percent.

In annual terms, the female unemployment rate increased by 1.2 percentage points, while the male unemployment rate increased by 1.1 percentage points.



## Working-age population – unadjusted

The working-age population grew by 11,200 (0.3 percent) over the December 2008 quarter, and 36,300 (1.1 percent) over the year, to reach 3,310,000. Part of the increase was due to a 2,800 net gain from permanent and long-term migration.

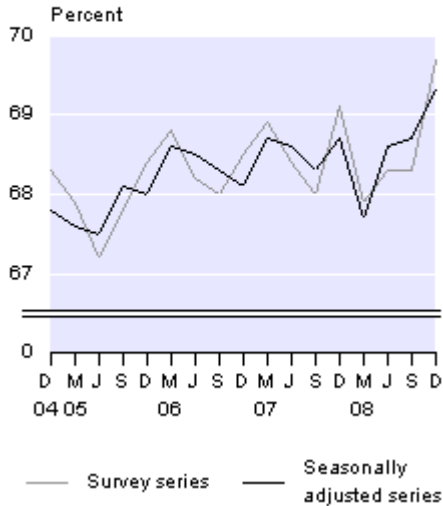
In the year to December 2008, the working-age population decreased significantly in the Auckland region and increased significantly in the Bay of Plenty, Wellington and Otago regions.

## Labour force participation – seasonally adjusted

The labour force participation rate for the December 2008 quarter increased by 0.6 percentage points to 69.3 percent. On an annual basis, the labour force participation rate was up by 0.6 percentage points. The total labour force increased by 31,000 (1.4 percent) over the December 2008 quarter, and by 48,000 (2.1 percent) annually, to reach 2,296,000.

The female participation rate increased by 0.6 percentage points to 63.2 percent over the December 2008 quarter. This is the highest female participation rate ever recorded by the survey. The male participation rate also increased over the quarter, up 0.7 percentage points to 75.8 percent. In annual terms, both the female and male participation rates increased, rising 0.9 percentage points and 0.5 percentage points, respectively.

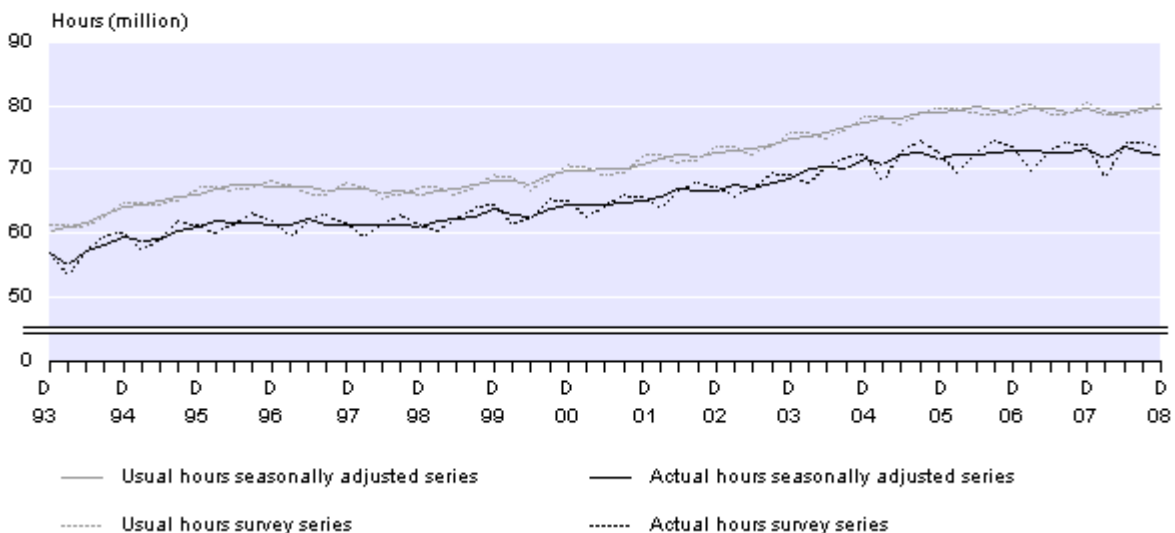
**Labour Force Participation Rate**  
*Quarterly*



**Total hours worked – seasonally adjusted**

The total number of actual hours worked per week decreased by 0.5 percent over the December 2008 quarter. The number of usual hours worked per week increased over the December 2008 quarter, up 0.2 percent. On an annual basis, the number of actual hours worked decreased by 1.2 percent, while the number of usual hours worked increased, up 0.2 percent.

**Total Hours Worked Each Week**  
*Quarterly*



## Jobless – unadjusted

The jobless are defined as those people who are either officially unemployed, available but not actively seeking work, or actively seeking work but not available. In annual terms, the total number of jobless increased by 51,400 (35.2 percent), to reach 197,300. The number of jobless, excluding those officially unemployed, also increased on an annual basis to reach 97,800, up 24,700 (33.9 percent).

## Underemployment – unadjusted

The number of underemployed people (those employed part-time who would like to work more hours) may serve as one measure of under-utilisation of labour in the economy. There were 509,000 people employed part-time in the survey series in the December 2008 quarter, 19.0 percent of whom (96,600 people) indicated a preference to work more hours. This compares with 16.3 percent for each of the September 2008 and June 2008 quarters.

In the December 2008 quarter, 22.9 percent of males employed part time indicated a preference to work more hours compared with 17.4 percent of females employed part-time.

## Duration of unemployment – unadjusted

Short-term unemployment (those unemployed 26 weeks or less) increased to 74,500 in the December 2008 quarter, up from 49,200 in the December 2007 quarter. In annual terms, the number of long-term unemployed (those unemployed for more than 26 weeks) increased to 13,700 in the December 2008 quarter, up from 9,900 in the December 2007 quarter. Of the total number of people unemployed, 13.8 percent were in the long-term unemployment category in the December 2008 quarter, up from 13.5 percent in the December 2007 quarter.

<b>Duration of unemployment (unadjusted)</b>		
	<b>December 2007 quarter (000)</b>	<b>December 2008 quarter (000)</b>
<b>Short-term unemployment</b> 26 weeks or less	49.2	74.5
<b>Long-term unemployment</b> Over 26 weeks, but not over one year	7.1	9.3
Over one year, but not over two years	1.5	3.1
Over two years	1.3	1.3
Total long-term unemployment	9.9	13.7
<b>Not specified</b>	13.8	11.2
<b>Total unemployment</b>	72.8	99.4

## Participation in formal study – unadjusted

In the December 2008 quarter, 256,000 people were participating in formal study, a 9.2 percent increase from the same quarter in 2007. Of unemployed people, 10.7 percent were participating in formal study in the December 2008 quarter. This compares with 8.2 percent of those not in the labour force, and 7.4 percent of those who were employed.

## Ethnic group statistics – unadjusted

Ethnicity series are now published using the single/combination output method of classification. With the single/combination ethnicity output method, people are counted just once according to the ethnic group or combination of ethnic groups they have reported. Please refer to the technical notes of this release for more information.

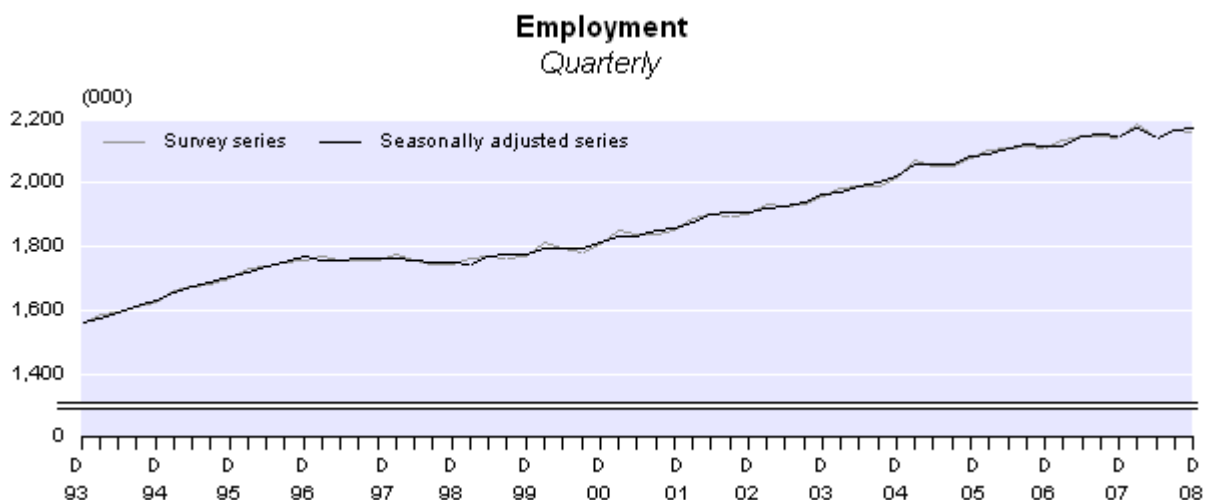
In annual terms, unadjusted unemployment rates increased significantly for Pacific peoples only.

Single/combination unemployment rate (unadjusted) by ethnic group		
	December 2007 quarter (percent)	December 2008 quarter (percent)
European only	2.2	3.2
Māori only	8.3	9.6
Pacific peoples only	5.2	7.8
Asian only	5.5	6.3
MELAA only	9.7	10.6
'Other ethnicity' only	1.1	4.2
European/Māori	5.5	6.8
Two or more groups not elsewhere included	5.3	6.4

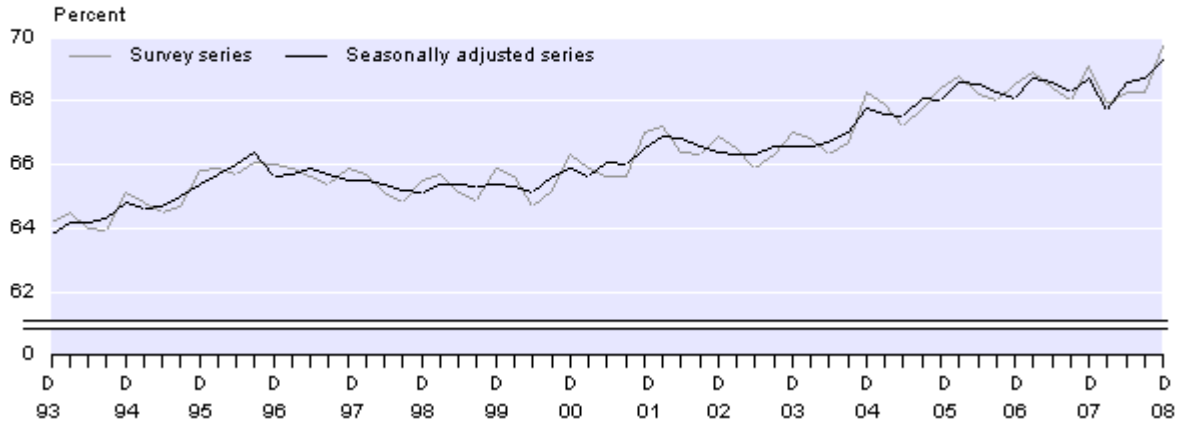
**Note:** MELAA = Middle Eastern/Latin American/African

## Longer time series

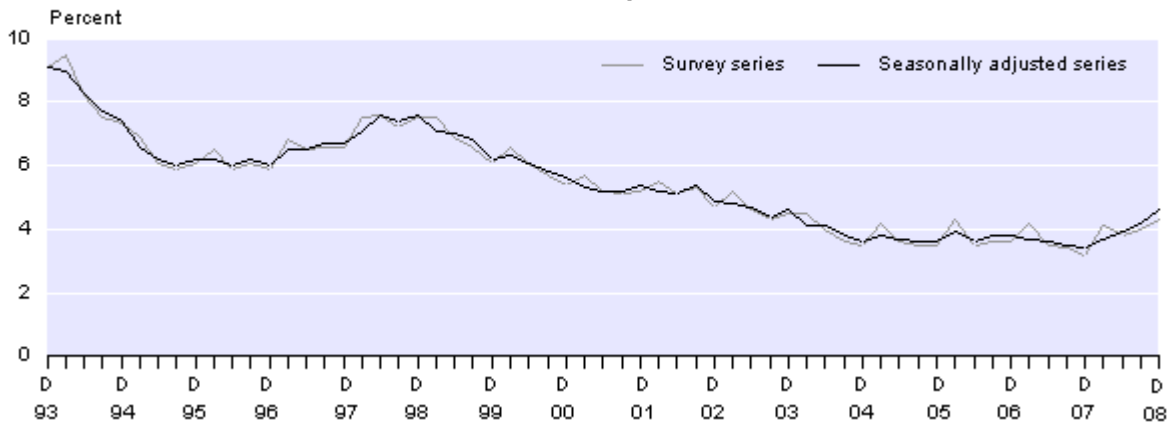
The following graphs show the HLFs series for the number of people employed, the labour force participation rate, and the unemployment rate over a 15-year period. A complete time series from March 1986 onwards is available on request.



## Labour Force Participation Rate *Quarterly*



## Unemployment Rate *Quarterly*



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### Next release ...

*Household Labour Force Survey Population Rebase: December 2008 quarter.* The revised HLFS series will be released on 8 April 2009.

The revision will incorporate population weights derived from the most recent Census of Population and Dwellings (2006), and will include Māori benchmarks. All series will be revised back to March 1986.

*Household Labour Force Survey: March 2009 quarter* will be released on  
7 May 2009.



# Technical notes

## Background to the survey

The Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) commenced 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 December 2008 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 the trend series are identified as such in the table or section headings. All other data, whether 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 the individual cells. Unrounded figures have been used in the calculation of unemployment rates and labour force participation rates.

Cells with estimates of less than 1,000 have been suppressed and appear as 'S' in the tables. These estimates are subject to sampling errors that are too great for most practical purposes.

## Seasonal adjustment

Seasonal adjustment aims to eliminate the impact of regular seasonal events on a time series. In the case of the labour market, there are cyclical events that occur at around the same time each year that affect labour supply and demand. For example, in summertime there is a large pool of student labour that is both available for, and actively seeking, work. There is also increased demand for labour in the retail sector and in many primary production industries.

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. Each quarter, the seasonal adjustment process is applied to the latest and all previous quarters. This means that seasonally adjusted estimates for any of the previously published quarters may change slightly.

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.

## Trend series

For any series, the survey estimate can be broken down into three components: trend, seasonal and irregular. Trend series have had both the seasonal and irregular components removed, and reveal the underlying direction of movement in a series. Revisions to the trend series can be particularly large, especially if any estimates were considered to be outliers, but turn out to be part of the underlying trend. Typically, only the last two or three estimates will be subject to substantial revisions

## 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; and those aged under 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 through the application of best survey practices and monitoring of known indicators (eg non-response).

Sampling errors are calculated for each cell in the published tables and for estimates of change between adjacent quarters. For example, the estimated total number of people employed in the December 2008 quarter is 2,207,200 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 2,185,400 and 2,229,000.

Smaller estimates, such as the number of people unemployed, are subject to larger relative sampling errors than larger estimates. For example, the estimated total number of people unemployed in the December 2008 quarter is 99,400 before seasonal adjustment. This estimate is subject to a sampling error of plus or minus 7,600, or 7.6 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 91,800 and 107,000.

Estimates of change are also subject to sampling error. For example, the survey estimate of change in total employment from the September 2008 quarter to the December 2008 quarter is an increase of 44,200. This estimate is subject to a sampling error of plus or minus 18,600 (at the 95 percent confidence level). Therefore, the true value of the change in surveyed employment from the September 2008 quarter to the December 2008 quarter has a 95 percent chance of lying between 25,600 and 62,800.

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 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. The response rate this quarter is lower than the target but still within acceptable bounds.

HLFS Response Rates	
Quarter	Response rate (%)
Dec 2007	87.8
Mar 2008	85.5
Jun 2008	85.8
Sep 2008	89.0
Dec 2008	88.4

## 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- to 64-year 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 December 2008 quarter gives a surveyed figure of 79.1 percent.

## Industry statistics

Some categories in table 7 are combined ANZSIC (1996) divisions. The category titled wholesale and retail trade, etc is the combined wholesale and retail trade, and accommodation, cafes and restaurants divisions. The transport, storage and communication category is the combined transport and storage division, and the communication services division. Combining the finance and insurance division with the property and business services division has formed the business and financial services category. The other services category includes government administration and defence, cultural and recreational services, and personal and other services. The disaggregation of these combined one-digit ANZSIC categories is available using [Infoshare](#) on the Statistics NZ website, or by request.

## 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.

## Ethnic statistics

The ethnic working-age populations, unlike the working-age populations for different sexes and age groups, are not benchmarked to population estimates. This, along with other sample design restrictions, causes a high degree of volatility in the ethnic statistics of the HLFS. Movements in the working-age population estimates of certain ethnic groups may therefore be a reflection of this volatility, rather than a real change in the estimated ethnic demographic.

In the September 2008 quarter, the HLFS 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.

In the December 2007 quarter, the HLFS began collecting ethnicity data using the 2005 New Zealand standard classification of ethnicity. The new single/combination ethnicity tables contain five quarters worth of data using the 2005 classification. The 2005 classification of ethnicity enables the HLFS 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 September 2008 and December 2008 quarters of the Household Labour Force Survey.

<b>Total Response HLFS Ethnicity Data for Working-age Population<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
<b>Ethnic group</b>	<b>September 2008 quarter</b>	<b>December 2008 quarter</b>
European	2,567,000	2,581,900
Māori	340,200	334,200
Pacific peoples	180,400	179,900
Asian	329,700	333,100
MELAA <sup>(2)</sup>	36,200	28,300
Other	35,000	41,000

(1) The sum of ethnic groups will not add up to 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.

To read about the 2005 New Zealand standard classification of ethnicity please go to the Statistics NZ website, [www.stats.govt.nz](http://www.stats.govt.nz).

## **Household statistics**

A household's labour force status is derived by looking at the labour force status of members in the household aged between 18 and 64 years. For example, if a couple is living by themselves and one is aged 64 and the other is aged 65, 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 between the ages of 18 and 64 years have been 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 under 18 years and not in full-time employment.

## **Working-age population estimates available on the web**

One week prior to the HLFS release, estimates of the working-age population, by sex and five-year age bands, are available from the Statistics NZ website.

## **More information**

For more information, follow the [link](#) from the technical notes of this release on the Statistics NZ website.

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## Erratum

A correction has been made to the Media Release and Hot Off The Press for *Household Labour Force Survey: December 2008 quarter*. Overall the trend remains the same.

In the Media Release, the sentence that said "Despite the rise in employment, total actual hours worked per week fell by 1.9 percent over the December 2008 quarter" now says "Despite the rise in employment, total actual hours worked per week fell by 0.5 percent over the December 2008 quarter."

The fourth highlight in the Hot Off The Press that said "Seasonally adjusted total actual hours worked per week fell by 1.9 percent" now says "...fell by 0.5 percent".

In the Commentary, under the paragraph heading "Total hours worked – seasonally adjusted", the sentences that said:

- The total number of actual hours worked per week decreased by 1.9 percent over the December 2008 quarter.
- On an annual basis, the number of actual hours worked decreased by 2.8 percent, while the number of usual hours worked increased, up 0.2 percent.

now say:

- The total number of actual hours worked per week decreased by 0.5 percent over the December 2008 quarter.
- On an annual basis, the number of actual hours worked decreased by 1.2 percent, while the number of usual hours worked increased, up 0.2 percent.

The graph "Total hours worked each week, quarterly" and tables 9, "Total actual hours worked" and 12, "People employed, unemployed, not in the labour force and total actual hours worked" have been updated to reflect the new data.

These changes have been made due to the discovery of a technical error that affected the December 2008 quarter. A minor revision has also been made to the September 2008 quarter.

Statistics New Zealand regrets any inconvenience caused by this error.

## Tables

The following tables are printed with this Hot Off The Press and can also be downloaded from the Statistics New Zealand website in Excel format. If you do not have access to Excel, you may use the [Excel file viewer](#) to view, print and export the contents of the file.

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
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13. Standardised unemployment rates in OECD countries, latest available
14. Total people employed, unemployed and not in labour force, by sex and formal study status



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>													
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<b>Quarter</b>													
2006	Dec	1,148	R	42	R	1,190	R	385	R	75.6	R	3.5	R
2007	Mar	1,158	R	42	R	1,200	R	383	R	75.8	R	3.5	R
	Jun	1,159	R	39	R	1,198	R	385	R	75.7	R	3.2	R
	Sep	1,166	R	39	R	1,204	R	386	R	75.7	R	3.2	R
	Dec	1,161	R	40	R	1,201	R	393	R	75.3	R	3.3	R
2008	Mar	1,155	R	42	R	1,196	R	405	R	74.7	R	3.5	R
	Jun	1,161	R	47	R	1,208	R	395	R	75.3	R	3.9	R
	Sep	1,157	R	51	R	1,208	R	402	R	75.1	R	4.2	R
	Dec	1,169		54		1,224		391		75.8		4.4	
<b>Females</b>													
Series ref: HLFQ		S1A2S		S1B2S		S1Z2S		S1C2S		S1E2S		S1F2S	
<b>Quarter</b>													
2006	Dec	971	R	41	R	1,012	R	649	R	60.9	R	4.0	R
2007	Mar	990	R	42	R	1,031	R	634	R	61.9	R	4.0	R
	Jun	994	R	41	R	1,035	R	635	R	62.0	R	4.0	R
	Sep	984	R	40	R	1,024	R	648	R	61.2	R	3.9	R
	Dec	1,010	R	36	R	1,046	R	632	R	62.3	R	3.5	R
2008	Mar	988	R	40	R	1,028	R	654	R	61.1	R	3.9	R
	Jun	1,007	R	41	R	1,048	R	639	R	62.1	R	3.9	R
	Sep	1,014	R	44	R	1,057	R	633	R	62.6	R	4.1	R
	Dec	1,022		50		1,072		624		63.2		4.7	
<b>Total</b>													
Series ref: HLFQ		S1A3S		S1B3S		S1Z3S		S1C3S		S1E3S		S1F3S	
<b>Quarter</b>													
2006	Dec	2,119	R	83	R	2,202	R	1,034	R	68.1	R	3.8	R
2007	Mar	2,148	R	83	R	2,231	R	1,016	R	68.7	R	3.7	R
	Jun	2,153	R	80	R	2,234	R	1,020	R	68.6	R	3.6	R
	Sep	2,150	R	79	R	2,229	R	1,034	R	68.3	R	3.5	R
	Dec	2,171	R	76	R	2,248	R	1,026	R	68.7	R	3.4	R
2008	Mar	2,143	R	82	R	2,224	R	1,060	R	67.7	R	3.7	R
	Jun	2,168	R	88	R	2,256	R	1,034	R	68.6	R	3.9	R
	Sep	2,171	R	94	R	2,265	R	1,034	R	68.7	R	4.2	R
	Dec	2,191		105		2,296		1,015		69.3		4.6	

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

**Symbol:**

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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>							
Series ref: HLFQ		S4A1S	S4B1S	S4Z1S	S4C1S	S4E1S	S4F1S
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006	Dec	1,149 R	43 R	1,191 R	384 R	75.6 R	3.6 R
2007	Mar	1,156 R	41 R	1,197 R	384 R	75.7 R	3.4 R
	Jun	1,161 R	39 R	1,201 R	384 R	75.8 R	3.3 R
	Sep	1,164 R	39 R	1,203 R	387 R	75.7 R	3.2 R
	Dec	1,161 R	40 R	1,201 R	395 R	75.3 R	3.3 R
2008	Mar	1,157 R	42 R	1,200 R	402 R	74.9 R	3.5 R
	Jun	1,157 R	47 R	1,204 R	403 R	74.9 R	3.9 R
	Sep	1,161 R	51 R	1,212 R	399 R	75.2 R	4.2 R
	Dec	1,166	54	1,221	393	75.6	4.5
<b>Females</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		S4A2S	S4B2S	S4Z2S	S4C2S	S4E2S	S4F2S
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006	Dec	975 R	41 R	1,016 R	644 R	61.2 R	4.0 R
2007	Mar	987 R	41 R	1,028 R	637 R	61.7 R	4.0 R
	Jun	993 R	41 R	1,034 R	637 R	61.9 R	4.0 R
	Sep	992 R	40 R	1,032 R	643 R	61.6 R	3.9 R
	Dec	991 R	39 R	1,029 R	648 R	61.4 R	3.8 R
2008	Mar	994 R	39 R	1,033 R	648 R	61.4 R	3.8 R
	Jun	1,003 R	41 R	1,044 R	643 R	61.9 R	3.9 R
	Sep	1,014 R	44 R	1,059 R	632 R	62.6 R	4.2 R
	Dec	1,022	49	1,071	625	63.2	4.6
<b>Total</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		S4A3S	S4B3S	S4Z3S	S4C3S	S4E3S	S4F3S
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006	Dec	2,124 R	83 R	2,208 R	1,028 R	68.2 R	3.8 R
2007	Mar	2,143 R	83 R	2,225 R	1,021 R	68.6 R	3.7 R
	Jun	2,154 R	81 R	2,235 R	1,021 R	68.6 R	3.6 R
	Sep	2,156 R	79 R	2,235 R	1,030 R	68.5 R	3.5 R
	Dec	2,152 R	78 R	2,230 R	1,043 R	68.1 R	3.5 R
2008	Mar	2,151 R	82 R	2,233 R	1,050 R	68.0 R	3.7 R
	Jun	2,161 R	88 R	2,248 R	1,046 R	68.3 R	3.9 R
	Sep	2,176 R	95 R	2,271 R	1,031 R	68.8 R	4.2 R
	Dec	2,188	104	2,292	1,018	69.2	4.5

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

**Symbol:**

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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>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA1AZ	SAB1AZ	SAZ1AZ	SAC1AZ	SAD1AZ	SAE1AZ	SAF1AZ	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	1,158.1	40.7	1,198.8	376.0	1,574.8	76.1	3.4
2007	Mar	1,158.4	45.3	1,203.7	377.6	1,581.3	76.1	3.8
	Jun	1,155.5	37.8	1,193.3	391.8	1,585.1	75.3	3.2
	Sep	1,158.0	38.0	1,196.0	393.1	1,589.1	75.3	3.2
	Dec	1,172.4	38.6	1,211.0	384.2	1,595.2	75.9	3.2
2008	Mar	1,155.0	45.4	1,200.4	400.2	1,600.6	75.0	3.8
	Jun	1,157.3	45.8	1,203.1	401.9	1,605.0	75.0	3.8
	Sep	1,149.6	49.8	1,199.5	409.2	1,608.7	74.6	4.2
	Dec	1,180.4	52.2	1,232.6	381.9	1,614.6	76.3	4.2
Absolute sampling error		17.8	5.4	16.5	11.2	...	0.8	0.5
<b>Females</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA2AZ	SAB2AZ	SAZ2AZ	SAC2AZ	SAD2AZ	SAE2AZ	SAF2AZ	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	977.4	38.4	1,015.8	644.7	1,660.6	61.2	3.8
2007	Mar	985.8	48.5	1,034.3	631.9	1,666.2	62.1	4.7
	Jun	992.5	39.4	1,031.9	637.6	1,669.5	61.8	3.8
	Sep	984.1	37.6	1,021.7	651.2	1,672.9	61.1	3.7
	Dec	1,015.4	34.2	1,049.6	628.9	1,678.5	62.5	3.3
2008	Mar	983.9	46.7	1,030.6	652.6	1,683.2	61.2	4.5
	Jun	1,006.5	39.2	1,045.7	641.1	1,686.8	62.0	3.7
	Sep	1,013.3	40.7	1,054.1	636.0	1,690.1	62.4	3.9
	Dec	1,026.8	47.2	1,074.0	621.4	1,695.4	63.3	4.4
Absolute sampling error		17.0	5.1	15.7	13.7	...	0.8	0.5
<b>Total</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AZ	SAB3AZ	SAZ3AZ	SAC3AZ	SAD3AZ	SAE3AZ	SAF3AZ	
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	2,135.5	79.1	2,214.7	1,020.7	3,235.4	68.5	3.6
2007	Mar	2,144.2	93.8	2,238.0	1,009.5	3,247.5	68.9	4.2
	Jun	2,148.1	77.2	2,225.2	1,029.4	3,254.6	68.4	3.5
	Sep	2,142.2	75.5	2,217.7	1,044.3	3,262.0	68.0	3.4
	Dec	2,187.8	72.8	2,260.6	1,013.2	3,273.7	69.1	3.2
2008	Mar	2,138.9	92.2	2,231.0	1,052.8	3,283.9	67.9	4.1
	Jun	2,163.8	85.0	2,248.8	1,042.9	3,291.7	68.3	3.8
	Sep	2,163.0	90.6	2,253.5	1,045.2	3,298.8	68.3	4.0
	Dec	2,207.2	99.4	2,306.6	1,003.4	3,310.0	69.7	4.3
Absolute sampling error		21.8	7.6	20.9	16.5	...	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

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>							
2007 Dec	160.5	22.8	183.4	133.2	316.6	57.9	12.5
2008 Mar	143.9	25.3	169.2	147.3	316.5	53.5	15.0
Jun	146.2	25.9	172.1	144.7	316.8	54.3	15.1
Sep	138.6	25.2	163.8	153.4	317.2	51.6	15.4
Dec	149.7	31.4	181.1	136.3	317.3	57.1	17.3
Absolute sampling error	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	...	1.3	2.2
<b>20–24 years</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AB	SAB3AB	SAZ3AB	SAC3AB	SAD3AB	SAE3AB	SAF3AB
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	209.8	11.0	220.7	70.7	291.5	75.7	5.0
2008 Mar	199.1	18.0	217.1	75.4	292.5	74.2	8.3
Jun	196.0	14.2	210.1	83.2	293.3	71.6	6.7
Sep	198.8	15.7	214.5	79.7	294.2	72.9	7.3
Dec	207.8	15.8	223.6	72.0	295.6	75.6	7.1
Absolute sampling error	4.6	2.8	4.1	4.2	...	1.5	1.2
<b>25–29 years</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AC	SAB3AC	SAZ3AC	SAC3AC	SAD3AC	SAE3AC	SAF3AC
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	214.1	7.5	221.6	45.7	267.2	82.9	3.4
2008 Mar	214.2	11.8	226.1	43.9	270.0	83.7	5.2
Jun	214.6	9.7	224.3	46.9	271.2	82.7	4.3
Sep	214.4	10.1	224.6	47.8	272.3	82.5	4.5
Dec	217.0	10.4	227.4	47.2	274.6	82.8	4.6
Absolute sampling error	4.6	2.2	4.1	4.0	...	1.6	1.0
<b>30–34 years</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	SAA3AD	SAB3AD	SAZ3AD	SAC3AD	SAD3AD	SAE3AD	SAF3AD
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	213.1	5.0	218.1	49.1	267.3	81.6	2.3
2008 Mar	207.8	5.9	213.7	52.5	266.2	80.3	2.7
Jun	213.0	5.5	218.6	46.2	264.7	82.6	2.5
Sep	212.5	8.1	220.6	43.0	263.6	83.7	3.7
Dec	212.7	8.2	220.9	42.3	263.2	83.9	3.7
Absolute sampling error	4.6	1.9	4.1	4.0	...	1.7	0.9

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>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AE</i>	<i>SAB3AE</i>	<i>SAZ3AE</i>	<i>SAC3AE</i>	<i>SAD3AE</i>	<i>SAE3AE</i>	<i>SAF3AE</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	245.4	8.1	253.5	51.2	304.6	83.2	3.2
2008 Mar	242.0	6.5	248.6	55.6	304.2	81.7	2.6
Jun	244.3	6.1	250.4	52.8	303.2	82.6	2.4
Sep	246.5	6.1	252.6	49.4	302.0	83.6	2.4
Dec	244.1	6.6	250.7	50.3	301.1	83.3	2.6
Absolute sampling error	4.8	1.7	4.2	4.1	...	1.5	0.7
<b>40–44 years</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AF</i>	<i>SAB3AF</i>	<i>SAZ3AF</i>	<i>SAC3AF</i>	<i>SAD3AF</i>	<i>SAE3AF</i>	<i>SAF3AF</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	261.1	5.2	266.3	43.6	309.9	85.9	2.0
2008 Mar	253.1	6.7	259.8	48.8	308.6	84.2	2.6
Jun	258.8	6.1	264.9	42.4	307.3	86.2	2.3
Sep	256.4	6.4	262.8	43.6	306.4	85.8	2.4
Dec	257.1	8.0	265.0	40.7	305.8	86.7	3.0
Absolute sampling error	4.8	1.9	4.2	3.9	...	1.5	0.7
<b>45–49 years</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AG</i>	<i>SAB3AG</i>	<i>SAZ3AG</i>	<i>SAC3AG</i>	<i>SAD3AG</i>	<i>SAE3AG</i>	<i>SAF3AG</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	267.3	4.9	272.2	38.1	310.3	87.7	1.8
2008 Mar	263.8	5.4	269.2	42.7	311.9	86.3	2.0
Jun	266.6	6.9	273.6	39.9	313.4	87.3	2.5
Sep	268.4	6.3	274.7	39.8	314.6	87.3	2.3
Dec	267.7	7.1	274.8	40.4	315.2	87.2	2.6
Absolute sampling error	4.9	1.8	4.3	3.9	...	1.5	0.7
<b>50–54 years</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AH</i>	<i>SAB3AH</i>	<i>SAZ3AH</i>	<i>SAC3AH</i>	<i>SAD3AH</i>	<i>SAE3AH</i>	<i>SAF3AH</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	226.1	3.7	229.9	38.2	268.1	85.8	1.6
2008 Mar	225.0	4.9	229.9	39.6	269.5	85.3	2.1
Jun	229.5	4.0	233.5	37.6	271.1	86.1	1.7
Sep	230.3	4.7	235.0	37.9	272.9	86.1	2.0
Dec	235.0	4.6	239.7	35.4	275.0	87.1	1.9
Absolute sampling error	4.7	1.4	4.2	3.8	...	1.6	0.6

**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>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AI</i>	<i>SAB3AI</i>	<i>SAZ3AI</i>	<i>SAC3AI</i>	<i>SAD3AI</i>	<i>SAE3AI</i>	<i>SAF3AI</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	190.8	2.1	193.0	47.8	240.8	80.1	1.1
2008 Mar	190.6	4.2	194.8	46.2	241.1	80.8	2.2
Jun	191.1	3.1	194.2	46.8	241.0	80.6	1.6
Sep	190.6	3.7	194.3	46.8	241.1	80.6	1.9
Dec	193.8	3.7	197.5	44.1	241.6	81.8	1.9
Absolute sampling error	4.5	1.3	4.0	4.0	...	1.8	0.6
<b>60–64 years</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AJ</i>	<i>SAB3AJ</i>	<i>SAZ3AJ</i>	<i>SAC3AJ</i>	<i>SAD3AJ</i>	<i>SAE3AJ</i>	<i>SAF3AJ</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	125.2	1.8	127.0	72.0	199.0	63.8	1.4
2008 Mar	127.9	2.5	130.4	72.5	202.9	64.3	1.9
Jun	131.3	2.4	133.7	72.6	206.4	64.8	1.8
Sep	132.0	3.8	135.8	73.3	209.1	65.0	2.8
Dec	133.1	2.7	135.8	76.1	211.9	64.1	2.0
Absolute sampling error	4.1	1.1	3.7	4.2	...	1.9	0.8
<b>65 years and over</b>							
<i>Series ref: HLFQ</i>	<i>SAA3AK</i>	<i>SAB3AK</i>	<i>SAZ3AK</i>	<i>SAC3AK</i>	<i>SAD3AK</i>	<i>SAE3AK</i>	<i>SAF3AK</i>
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	74.3	S	75.0	423.5	498.5	15.0	S
2008 Mar	71.6	S	72.4	428.3	500.7	14.5	S
Jun	72.4	1.1	73.5	429.8	503.3	14.6	1.5
Sep	74.3	S	74.8	430.5	505.3	14.8	S
Dec	89.2	S	90.1	418.6	508.7	17.7	S
Absolute sampling error	3.8	0.6	3.5	2.7	...	0.7	0.7
<b>Total all ages</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>							
2007 Dec	2,187.8	72.8	2,260.6	1,013.2	3,273.7	69.1	3.2
2008 Mar	2,138.9	92.2	2,231.0	1,052.8	3,283.9	67.9	4.1
Jun	2,163.8	85.0	2,248.8	1,042.9	3,291.7	68.3	3.8
Sep	2,163.0	90.6	2,253.5	1,045.2	3,298.8	68.3	4.0
Dec	2,207.2	99.4	2,306.6	1,003.4	3,310.0	69.7	4.3
Absolute sampling error	21.8	7.6	20.9	16.5	...	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.

**Symbols:**

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

... not applicable

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>							
2007 Dec	1,639.4	37.7	1,677.1	725.8	2,402.9	69.8	2.2
2008 Mar	1,624.9	51.1	1,676.0	746.5	2,422.5	69.2	3.0
Jun	1,620.5	47.1	1,667.6	731.1	2,398.8	69.5	2.8
Sep	1,604.3	52.4	1,656.7	730.1	2,386.9	69.4	3.2
Dec	1,634.7	54.5	1,689.2	717.3	2,406.5	70.2	3.2
Absolute sampling error	19.8	5.5	18.6	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>							
2007 Dec	108.8	9.9	118.7	62.5	181.2	65.5	8.3
2008 Mar	102.9	11.2	114.2	67.9	182.1	62.7	9.8
Jun	97.7	8.5	106.2	57.8	164.1	64.7	8.0
Sep	108.2	11.1	119.3	65.6	184.9	64.5	9.3
Dec	110.2	11.7	121.9	59.5	181.4	67.2	9.6
Absolute sampling error	7.4	2.4	6.6	5.1	9.7	2.4	2.1
<b>Pacific peoples only</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S6A3WC	S6B3WC	S6Z3WC	S6C3WC	S6D3WC	S6E3WC	S6F3WC
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	81.2	4.5	85.7	51.5	137.1	62.5	5.2
2008 Mar	75.9	7.3	83.2	52.9	136.1	61.1	8.8
Jun	79.0	5.7	84.7	51.3	136.0	62.3	6.8
Sep	86.0	7.1	93.0	54.5	147.5	63.1	7.6
Dec	87.1	7.4	94.5	50.6	145.2	65.1	7.8
Absolute sampling error	6.7	1.9	5.9	4.7	8.9	2.7	2.1
<b>Asian only</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S6A3WD	S6B3WD	S6Z3WD	S6C3WD	S6D3WD	S6E3WD	S6F3WD
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	177.0	10.3	187.2	98.8	286.1	65.4	5.5
2008 Mar	175.0	10.9	185.9	110.2	296.1	62.8	5.9
Jun	192.3	10.6	202.9	117.8	320.7	63.3	5.2
Sep	193.2	9.5	202.7	112.5	315.2	64.3	4.7
Dec	202.8	13.7	216.5	102.7	319.2	67.8	6.3
Absolute sampling error	9.5	2.7	8.3	6.5	11.6	1.8	1.3

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>MELAA only<sup>(4)</sup></b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WE	S6B3WE	S6Z3WE	S6C3WE	S6D3WE	S6E3WE	S6F3WE
<b>Quarter</b>								
2007	Dec	14.5	1.6	16.0	12.0	28.0	57.2	9.7
2008	Mar	14.7	1.7	16.4	12.8	29.2	56.3	10.5
	Jun	16.6	3.2	19.7	12.6	32.4	61.0	16.0
	Sep	15.4	1.7	17.0	16.8	33.8	50.4	9.9
	Dec	13.0	1.5	14.6	11.5	26.1	55.9	10.6
Absolute sampling error		2.9	0.8	2.6	2.4	4.5	6.7	5.6
<b>Other ethnicity only</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WF	S6B3WF	S6Z3WF	S6C3WF	S6D3WF	S6E3WF	S6F3WF
<b>Quarter</b>								
2007	Dec	11.7	S	11.9	3.1	15.0	79.3	S
2008	Mar	13.6	S	14.2	6.1	20.3	69.9	S
	Jun	20.3	1.6	21.8	9.6	31.4	69.4	7.1
	Sep	22.1	S	22.9	11.0	33.9	67.5	S
	Dec	26.4	1.2	27.6	11.8	39.4	70.0	4.2
Absolute sampling error		4.0	0.7	3.5	2.4	5.3	4.9	2.5
<b>European / Māori</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WG	S6B3WG	S6Z3WG	S6C3WG	S6D3WG	S6E3WG	S6F3WG
<b>Quarter</b>								
2007	Dec	94.8	5.6	100.4	34.7	135.1	74.3	5.5
2008	Mar	90.8	6.8	97.7	37.6	135.3	72.2	7.0
	Jun	99.2	6.9	106.1	41.6	147.6	71.8	6.5
	Sep	94.8	6.4	101.1	40.8	142.0	71.2	6.3
	Dec	96.7	7.1	103.8	34.9	138.7	74.8	6.8
Absolute sampling error		7.0	1.9	6.1	4.0	8.8	2.6	1.8
<b>Two or more groups not elsewhere included</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S6A3WH	S6B3WH	S6Z3WH	S6C3WH	S6D3WH	S6E3WH	S6F3WH
<b>Quarter</b>								
2007	Dec	47.1	2.6	49.8	18.9	68.7	72.4	5.3
2008	Mar	30.9	2.0	32.9	13.4	46.3	71.0	5.9
	Jun	32.7	1.5	34.2	14.7	48.8	70.0	4.4
	Sep	32.7	1.6	34.3	12.9	47.2	72.6	4.6
	Dec	32.0	2.2	34.2	13.8	48.0	71.3	6.4
Absolute sampling error		4.4	1.0	3.8	2.6	5.8	4.4	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>Total all ethnic groups<sup>(5)</sup></b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S6A3WZ	S6B3WZ	S6Z3WZ	S6C3WZ	S6D3WZ	S6E3WZ	S6F3WZ
<b>Quarter</b>							
2007 Dec	2,187.8	72.8	2,260.6	1,013.2	3,273.7	69.1	3.2
2008 Mar	2,138.9	92.2	2,231.0	1,052.8	3,283.9	67.9	4.1
Jun	2,163.8	85.0	2,248.8	1,042.9	3,291.7	68.3	3.8
Sep	2,163.0	90.6	2,253.5	1,045.2	3,298.8	68.3	4.0
Dec	2,207.2	99.4	2,306.6	1,003.4	3,310.0	69.7	4.3
Absolute sampling error	21.8	7.6	20.9	16.5	...	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 of this release 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.

**Symbols:**

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Table 6

**Total People Employed, Unemployed and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)</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>							
2006 Dec	71.6	2.5	74.1	36.2	110.3	67.2	3.3
2007 Mar	67.7	3.7	71.4	35.9	107.4	66.5	5.2
Jun	69.7	2.4	72.0	37.5	109.5	65.8	3.3
Sep	64.5	3.6	68.2	37.7	105.9	64.4	5.3
Dec	67.9	1.9	69.8	37.7	107.5	64.9	2.7
2008 Mar	66.6	3.0	69.6	39.7	109.3	63.7	4.4
Jun	62.2	2.6	64.8	40.9	105.7	61.3	4.0
Sep	64.0	4.5	68.5	39.2	107.7	63.6	6.5
Dec	65.9	4.8	70.7	38.8	109.5	64.6	6.7
Absolute sampling error	6.0	1.5	5.2	4.2	8.1	3.1	2.2
<b>Auckland region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QB	S2B3QB	S2Z3QB	S2C3QB	S2D3QB	S2E3QB	S2F3QB
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	654.3	26.0	680.3	335.2	1015.5	67.0	3.8
2007 Mar	673.7	33.2	706.9	329.5	1036.4	68.2	4.7
Jun	669.5	23.0	692.5	337.5	1030.0	67.2	3.3
Sep	677.4	25.9	703.3	332.2	1035.5	67.9	3.7
Dec	686.6	25.3	711.9	323.5	1035.3	68.8	3.5
2008 Mar	674.1	32.7	706.7	323.6	1030.3	68.6	4.6
Jun	675.1	31.0	706.1	322.6	1028.7	68.6	4.4
Sep	656.3	30.3	686.6	322.4	1009.0	68.0	4.4
Dec	673.9	37.2	711.1	295.4	1006.5	70.6	5.2
Absolute sampling error	14.8	4.5	13.4	10.1	16.1	1.0	0.7
<b>Waikato region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QC	S2B3QC	S2Z3QC	S2C3QC	S2D3QC	S2E3QC	S2F3QC
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	196.5	5.3	201.8	88.2	290.0	69.6	2.6
2007 Mar	199.9	8.6	208.6	92.3	300.9	69.3	4.1
Jun	202.1	7.2	209.3	91.9	301.3	69.5	3.5
Sep	199.8	6.6	206.4	90.8	297.2	69.4	3.2
Dec	209.1	7.1	216.2	88.0	304.2	71.1	3.3
2008 Mar	202.1	8.5	210.6	93.1	303.6	69.3	4.0
Jun	200.4	7.7	208.1	90.9	299.0	69.6	3.7
Sep	204.3	9.2	213.5	88.7	302.2	70.7	4.3
Dec	205.1	9.1	214.1	91.2	305.3	70.1	4.2
Absolute sampling error	9.5	2.1	8.3	6.1	11.5	1.8	1.0

Note: For footnote, see end of table.

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Table 6  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area

		Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)</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>								
2006	Dec	112.8	4.0	116.8	59.5	176.3	66.3	3.4
2007	Mar	115.4	4.6	120.0	57.5	177.5	67.6	3.8
	Jun	118.4	3.2	121.7	60.7	182.4	66.7	2.7
	Sep	111.4	3.7	115.2	63.3	178.5	64.5	3.2
	Dec	108.1	3.8	111.9	62.7	174.6	64.1	3.4
2008	Mar	105.1	5.3	110.4	64.1	174.6	63.3	4.8
	Jun	108.7	4.2	112.9	62.2	175.1	64.5	3.7
	Sep	111.4	4.5	115.9	64.5	180.3	64.2	3.9
	Dec	117.4	5.1	122.5	64.4	186.9	65.5	4.1
Absolute sampling error		7.6	1.5	6.6	5.3	9.8	2.4	1.3
<b>Gisborne/Hawke's Bay regions</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S2A3QE	S2B3QE	S2Z3QE	S2C3QE	S2D3QE	S2E3QE	S2F3QE
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	95.9	4.7	100.6	48.2	148.8	67.6	4.7
2007	Mar	92.8	4.4	97.2	45.6	142.8	68.0	4.5
	Jun	92.5	4.5	97.0	46.0	143.0	67.8	4.6
	Sep	94.0	3.9	97.9	46.4	144.2	67.9	4.0
	Dec	96.3	4.5	100.8	46.0	146.9	68.7	4.5
2008	Mar	96.4	5.5	101.8	49.8	151.6	67.2	5.4
	Jun	96.0	4.2	100.2	46.7	146.9	68.2	4.2
	Sep	96.9	6.6	103.6	45.4	149.0	69.5	6.4
	Dec	95.7	6.4	102.1	49.4	151.5	67.4	6.3
Absolute sampling error		7.0	1.8	6.1	4.7	9.1	2.6	1.8
<b>Taranaki region</b>								
Series ref: HLFQ		S2A3QF	S2B3QF	S2Z3QF	S2C3QF	S2D3QF	S2E3QF	S2F3QF
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	60.7	1.6	62.4	26.0	88.4	70.6	2.6
2007	Mar	60.4	2.4	62.8	26.1	88.9	70.6	3.9
	Jun	57.8	2.4	60.1	26.3	86.4	69.6	3.9
	Sep	57.4	1.5	58.9	27.6	86.5	68.1	2.5
	Dec	61.0	1.5	62.5	28.1	90.6	69.0	2.4
2008	Mar	58.2	2.3	60.5	28.8	89.3	67.7	3.8
	Jun	59.4	2.0	61.3	28.3	89.6	68.4	3.2
	Sep	59.2	2.0	61.2	28.4	89.6	68.3	3.3
	Dec	58.3	2.1	60.4	30.0	90.4	66.8	3.5
Absolute sampling error		5.7	1.0	4.9	3.7	7.5	3.4	1.6

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Table 6  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)</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>							
2006 Dec	114.1	5.1	119.2	56.5	175.7	67.8	4.3
2007 Mar	110.7	5.9	116.6	56.2	172.8	67.5	5.0
Jun	108.0	5.8	113.8	63.4	177.2	64.2	5.1
Sep	107.7	5.7	113.3	61.9	175.2	64.7	5.0
Dec	114.1	6.3	120.5	60.0	180.4	66.8	5.3
2008 Mar	105.8	5.4	111.2	63.9	175.2	63.5	4.8
Jun	109.1	4.8	113.8	62.6	176.5	64.5	4.2
Sep	112.5	4.2	116.7	61.6	178.3	65.5	3.6
Dec	116.1	4.3	120.3	58.2	178.6	67.4	3.6
Absolute sampling error	7.6	1.4	6.5	5.0	9.6	2.4	1.2
<b>Wellington region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QI	S2B3QI	S2Z3QI	S2C3QI	S2D3QI	S2E3QI	S2F3QI
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	274.4	12.9	287.4	122.1	409.5	70.2	4.5
2007 Mar	260.2	12.8	273.0	114.0	387.0	70.5	4.7
Jun	267.5	9.8	277.3	111.2	388.5	71.4	3.5
Sep	262.0	8.8	270.8	120.8	391.6	69.1	3.2
Dec	267.7	6.7	274.4	109.0	383.4	71.6	2.5
2008 Mar	253.5	13.4	266.9	124.8	391.7	68.1	5.0
Jun	261.7	9.0	270.7	118.8	389.5	69.5	3.3
Sep	280.2	10.3	290.5	121.0	411.5	70.6	3.6
Dec	277.3	10.5	287.7	111.3	399.1	72.1	3.6
Absolute sampling error	10.7	2.3	9.3	6.7	12.5	1.6	0.8
<b>Tasman/Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast regions</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QJ	S2B3QJ	S2Z3QJ	S2C3QJ	S2D3QJ	S2E3QJ	S2F3QJ
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	86.0	2.7	88.7	43.7	132.5	67.0	3.1
2007 Mar	88.5	2.1	90.6	43.0	133.7	67.8	2.3
Jun	86.3	3.0	89.3	43.1	132.4	67.4	3.3
Sep	91.4	2.5	93.9	43.4	137.3	68.4	2.6
Dec	92.8	2.5	95.3	42.2	137.5	69.3	2.7
2008 Mar	88.6	3.4	91.9	44.8	136.7	67.2	3.7
Jun	90.2	2.7	92.9	40.9	133.8	69.4	2.9
Sep	90.8	2.9	93.7	43.7	137.4	68.2	3.1
Dec	96.1	3.2	99.3	44.0	143.3	69.3	3.3
Absolute sampling error	7.0	1.2	6.0	4.4	8.9	2.7	1.2

Note: For footnote, see end of table.

Table 6  
continued

**Total People Employed, Unemployed and Not in Labour Force**  
By regional council area

	Labour force			Not in labour force	Working-age population <sup>(1)</sup>	Labour force participation rate	Unemployment rate
	Employed	Unemployed	Total				
	(000)						
<b>Canterbury region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QL	S2B3QL	S2Z3QL	S2C3QL	S2D3QL	S2E3QL	S2F3QL
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	324.2	9.5	333.7	139.4	473.1	70.5	2.8
2007 Mar	325.9	11.4	337.3	136.5	473.8	71.2	3.4
Jun	330.0	11.0	341.0	143.0	484.0	70.4	3.2
Sep	329.0	8.8	337.8	149.5	487.3	69.3	2.6
Dec	336.6	9.3	345.9	149.9	495.8	69.8	2.7
2008 Mar	342.9	9.1	352.1	149.9	502.0	70.1	2.6
Jun	352.3	11.5	363.8	153.7	517.5	70.3	3.2
Sep	340.7	11.7	352.4	156.9	509.4	69.2	3.3
Dec	344.1	12.1	356.2	149.9	506.2	70.4	3.4
Absolute sampling error	11.6	2.5	10.2	7.6	13.4	1.4	0.7
<b>Otago region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QN	S2B3QN	S2Z3QN	S2C3QN	S2D3QN	S2E3QN	S2F3QN
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	92.9	3.4	96.3	44.7	141.0	68.3	3.5
2007 Mar	95.3	3.0	98.4	52.1	150.4	65.4	3.1
Jun	94.0	3.8	97.8	47.9	145.8	67.1	3.9
Sep	95.3	3.3	98.5	48.9	147.4	66.8	3.3
Dec	93.7	2.8	96.5	45.9	142.4	67.8	2.9
2008 Mar	92.1	2.5	94.6	49.0	143.6	65.9	2.7
Jun	94.7	4.0	98.8	53.3	152.0	65.0	4.1
Sep	93.8	2.6	96.3	51.2	147.5	65.3	2.7
Dec	103.3	3.2	106.5	50.3	156.8	67.9	3.0
Absolute sampling error	7.2	1.2	6.2	4.7	9.2	2.6	1.1
<b>Southland region</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ	S2A3QO	S2B3QO	S2Z3QO	S2C3QO	S2D3QO	S2E3QO	S2F3QO
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006 Dec	52.2	1.4	53.6	21.0	74.6	71.9	2.7
2007 Mar	53.5	1.7	55.3	20.8	76.0	72.7	3.1
Jun	52.3	1.1	53.4	20.8	74.2	71.9	2.0
Sep	52.3	1.3	53.6	21.9	75.4	71.0	2.4
Dec	53.9	S	54.8	20.2	75.0	73.1	S
2008 Mar	53.6	1.1	54.6	21.3	76.0	71.9	2.0
Jun	54.1	1.2	55.3	22.1	77.4	71.5	2.2
Sep	52.9	1.7	54.5	22.3	76.8	71.0	3.1
Dec	54.1	1.6	55.6	20.4	76.1	73.1	2.8
Absolute sampling error	5.5	0.8	4.7	3.1	7.0	3.5	1.5

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

**Symbol:**

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Table 7

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

		Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale and retail trade etc <sup>(3)</sup>	Transport, storage and communication <sup>(3)</sup>	Business and financial services <sup>(3)</sup>	Education	Health and community services	Other services <sup>(3)</sup>	Not specified	Total <sup>(4)</sup>
		(000)										
<b>Males</b>												
Series ref: HLFQ		SJB1UA	SJB1UC	SJB1UE	SJB1U1	SJB1U2	SJB1U3	SJB1UL	SJB1UM	SJB1UN	SJB1UO	SJB1UZ
<b>Quarter</b>												
2006	Dec	104.9	202.6	167.6	230.1	84.3	163.1	50.7	31.1	106.7	4.7	1,158.1
2007	Mar	104.8	209.0	165.9	230.8	80.7	156.3	50.8	31.5	108.7	6.9	1,158.4
	Jun	101.7	194.2	167.1	236.6	84.0	166.4	51.6	29.1	107.7	5.1	1,155.5
	Sep	104.7	193.8	156.4	244.7	85.4	163.9	49.6	34.4	105.5	7.3	1,158.0
	Dec	107.8	198.6	160.1	248.6	82.2	165.0	48.7	33.3	109.8	5.4	1,172.4
2008	Mar	106.7	201.8	153.5	239.8	82.6	158.7	45.4	36.9	110.9	4.5	1,155.0
	Jun	101.3	190.2	158.4	240.1	86.8	166.3	48.8	35.8	108.4	7.1	1,157.3
	Sep	95.6	190.8	155.4	243.4	84.1	162.4	47.1	36.5	111.4	8.0	1,149.6
	Dec	102.7	185.7	159.0	252.1	88.7	170.2	49.5	35.8	112.9	8.7	1,180.4
<b>Females</b>												
Series ref: HLFQ		SJB2UA	SJB2UC	SJB2UE	SJB2U1	SJB2U2	SJB2U3	SJB2UL	SJB2UM	SJB2UN	SJB2UO	SJB2UZ
<b>Quarter</b>												
2006	Dec	50.0	71.7	24.1	244.6	39.5	144.0	110.2	163.1	124.5	2.1	977.4
2007	Mar	48.6	79.0	20.2	242.7	31.8	152.2	111.0	169.1	124.1	3.8	985.8
	Jun	49.5	72.5	20.8	246.0	31.4	156.1	119.6	168.8	122.1	3.2	992.5
	Sep	49.2	73.8	19.8	240.0	31.5	155.6	121.4	164.9	119.4	5.3	984.1
	Dec	51.6	76.8	22.1	253.4	34.6	159.6	116.0	169.2	124.6	4.8	1,015.4
2008	Mar	53.3	80.3	21.3	236.5	35.3	153.9	115.8	163.7	117.4	3.6	983.9
	Jun	47.5	78.8	19.9	247.6	34.7	157.5	126.3	165.9	119.4	5.9	1,006.5
	Sep	47.0	84.0	20.6	239.4	36.6	158.5	131.7	169.7	118.5	3.6	1,013.3
	Dec	48.9	83.4	18.9	249.9	34.7	157.0	126.4	173.0	127.5	4.5	1,026.8
<b>Total</b>												
Series ref: HLFQ		SJB3UA	SJB3UC	SJB3UE	SJB3U1	SJB3U2	SJB3U3	SJB3UL	SJB3UM	SJB3UN	SJB3UO	SJB3UZ
<b>Quarter</b>												
2006	Dec	154.9	274.3	191.7	474.7	123.8	307.1	160.9	194.2	231.2	6.7	2,135.5
2007	Mar	153.4	288.0	186.1	473.5	112.4	308.6	161.8	200.6	232.8	10.7	2,144.2
	Jun	151.2	266.7	187.9	482.7	115.5	322.6	171.2	197.8	229.9	8.3	2,148.1
	Sep	153.9	267.5	176.2	484.7	116.8	319.5	171.1	199.3	224.9	12.7	2,142.2
	Dec	159.3	275.4	182.1	502.0	116.8	324.7	164.7	202.5	234.4	10.1	2,187.8
2008	Mar	160.0	282.1	174.8	476.3	117.9	312.6	161.2	200.6	228.4	8.1	2,138.9
	Jun	148.7	268.9	178.3	487.7	121.5	323.8	175.1	201.7	227.8	13.0	2,163.8
	Sep	142.6	274.9	176.1	482.8	120.7	320.9	178.9	206.2	229.9	11.6	2,163.0
	Dec	151.6	269.1	177.9	502.1	123.4	327.2	175.9	208.8	240.4	13.2	2,207.2

(1) ANZSIC: Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 1996.

(2) Industrial activity of place of employment.

(3) These are combined categories, a more disaggregated level of industry statistics are available on Infoshare. For more information refer to the Technical notes of this release.

(4) Totals include two extra categories: mining; and electricity, gas and water supply. These are available separately on Infoshare or on request.

Table 8

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

		Official unemployed <sup>(1)</sup>	Available <sup>(2)</sup> for 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>							
2006	Dec	40.7	3.5	1.2	22.4	8.7	76.4
2007	Mar	45.3	3.1	1.4	21.4	8.7	79.9
	Jun	37.8	3.5	S	20.4	6.5	68.9
	Sep	38.0	2.9	S	17.4	8.6	67.9
	Dec	38.6	3.6	2.2	14.9	10.2	69.5
2008	Mar	45.4	4.3	1.1	24.1	10.5	85.4
	Jun	45.8	4.9	S	23.7	9.2	84.6
	Sep	49.8	3.9	1.8	23.0	7.0	85.6
	Dec	52.2	3.5	1.2	24.2	13.0	94.1
<b>Females</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		SXR2TA	SXR2TB	SXR2TC	SXR2TD	SXR2TE	SXR2TF
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006	Dec	38.4	3.9	1.8	27.9	13.4	85.4
2007	Mar	48.5	5.2	1.9	27.4	10.6	93.6
	Jun	39.4	7.1	S	27.0	12.4	86.7
	Sep	37.6	3.4	1.5	20.4	9.6	72.4
	Dec	34.2	5.0	2.3	21.4	13.4	76.3
2008	Mar	46.7	3.8	1.2	29.7	14.9	96.3
	Jun	39.2	4.4	1.6	28.1	8.4	81.7
	Sep	40.7	5.1	1.4	29.1	11.7	88.0
	Dec	47.2	5.7	2.0	33.8	14.4	103.2
<b>Total</b>							
Series ref: HLFQ		SXR3TA	SXR3TB	SXR3TC	SXR3TD	SXR3TE	SXR3TF
<b>Quarter</b>							
2006	Dec	79.1	7.3	2.9	50.3	22.0	161.8
2007	Mar	93.8	8.2	3.3	48.8	19.3	173.5
	Jun	77.2	10.6	1.6	47.4	18.9	155.6
	Sep	75.5	6.3	2.4	37.8	18.2	140.3
	Dec	72.8	8.6	4.6	36.3	23.6	145.9
2008	Mar	92.2	8.1	2.2	53.8	25.5	181.8
	Jun	85.0	9.3	2.6	51.7	17.6	166.3
	Sep	90.6	9.0	3.1	52.1	18.7	173.6
	Dec	99.4	9.2	3.2	58.0	27.4	197.3

(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.

**Symbols:**

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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)	(%)	(000)	(%)
Series ref: HLFQ		SHA	SHC	SHB				
<b>Quarter</b>								
1999	Dec	64,471	63,857 R	63,089 R	1,370 R	2.2 R	2,959 R	4.9 R
2000	Mar	61,341	63,051 R	63,114 R	-805 R	-1.3 R	1,007 R	1.6 R
	Jun	62,197	62,443 R	63,242 R	-609 R	-1.0 R	115 R	0.2 R
	Sep	65,296	63,955 R	63,683 R	1,512 R	2.4 R	1,468 R	2.3 R
	Dec	65,058	64,422 R	64,230 R	468 R	0.7 R	565 R	0.9 R
2001	Mar	62,654	64,362 R	64,427 R	-60 R	-0.1 R	1,311 R	2.1 R
	Jun	64,106	64,374 R	64,440 R	12 R	0.0 R	1,931 R	3.1 R
	Sep	65,983	64,643 R	64,643 R	269 R	0.4 R	689 R	1.1 R
	Dec	65,817	65,160 R	65,209 R	516 R	0.8 R	738 R	1.1 R
2002	Mar	63,981	65,785 R	65,973 R	626 R	1.0 R	1,423 R	2.2 R
	Jun	66,771	66,968 R	66,504 R	1,183 R	1.8 R	2,594 R	4.0 R
	Sep	68,072	66,679 R	66,798 R	-289 R	-0.4 R	2,035 R	3.1 R
	Dec	67,180	66,533 R	66,889 R	-146 R	-0.2 R	1,373 R	2.1 R
2003	Mar	65,764	67,755 R	67,021 R	1,222 R	1.8 R	1,969 R	3.0 R
	Jun	66,854	66,902 R	67,328 R	-853 R	-1.3 R	-66 R	-0.1 R
	Sep	69,469	68,013 R	67,918 R	1,111 R	1.7 R	1,334 R	2.0 R
	Dec	69,278	68,649 R	68,900 R	636 R	0.9 R	2,116 R	3.2 R
2004	Mar	67,999	70,222 R	69,829 R	1,573 R	2.3 R	2,468 R	3.6 R
	Jun	70,595	70,508 R	70,428 R	285 R	0.4 R	3,606 R	5.4 R
	Sep	71,788	70,236 R	70,721 R	-272 R	-0.4 R	2,223 R	3.3 R
	Dec	72,281	71,610 R	70,964 R	1,375 R	2.0 R	2,961 R	4.3 R
2005	Mar	68,293	70,739 R	71,550 R	-871 R	-1.2 R	517 R	0.7 R
	Jun	72,583	72,359 R	72,094 R	1,620 R	2.3 R	1,851 R	2.6 R
	Sep	74,455	72,823 R	72,332 R	464 R	0.6 R	2,587 R	3.7 R
	Dec	72,535	71,766 R	72,289 R	-1,057 R	-1.5 R	156 R	0.2 R
2006	Mar	69,530	72,278 R	72,134 R	512 R	0.7 R	1,539 R	2.2 R
	Jun	72,568	72,231 R	72,321 R	-47 R	-0.1 R	-128 R	-0.2 R
	Sep	74,404	72,719 R	72,659 R	488 R	0.7 R	-104 R	-0.1 R
	Dec	73,675	72,848 R	72,836 R	129 R	0.2 R	1,082 R	1.5 R
2007	Mar	69,979	72,944 R	72,837 R	96 R	0.1 R	665 R	0.9 R
	Jun	73,133	72,682 R	72,793 R	-262 R	-0.4 R	450 R	0.6 R
	Sep	74,368	72,677 R	72,789 R	-4 R	0.0 R	-42 R	-0.1 R
	Dec	74,042	73,188 R	72,931 R	511 R	0.7 R	340 R	0.5 R
2008	Mar	68,770	71,750 R	73,100 R	-1,438 R	-2.0 R	-1,193 R	-1.6 R
	Jun	73,960	73,484 R	73,127 R	1,734 R	2.4 R	802 R	1.1 R
	Sep	74,388 R	72,680 R	72,841 R	-804 R	-1.1 R	3 R	0.0 R
	Dec	73,182 R	72,345 R	72,259 R	-335 R	-0.5 R	-843 R	-1.2 R

(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.

**Symbol:**

R revised



Table 10

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

By household labour force status

	Quarter								
	Dec 06	Mar 07	Jun 07	Sep 07	Dec 07	Mar 08	Jun 08	Sep 08	Dec 08
	Percent								
<b>All employed</b>									
Couple only	73.3	74.2	75.3	73.6	74.2	73.8	73.3	73.8	74.7
Couple only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	71.1	62.7	53.5	56.5	74.0	71.3	67.3	68.2	64.3
Couple with one dependent child	65.2	67.9	67.5	70.7	69.4	66.3	69.5	70.2	68.6
Couple with two dependent children	66.8	67.2	65.9	64.3	64.4	64.7	68.6	67.9	69.0
Couple with three or more dependent children	54.5	54.5	57.8	55.6	57.8	51.6	59.4	61.0	60.1
Couple with dependent and adult children	57.6	57.1	53.3	52.5	54.2	51.6	52.9	49.0	54.0
Couple with adult child(ren) only	58.5	58.0	56.8	56.3	59.2	57.9	56.5	54.7	58.1
Couple with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	46.0	51.4	45.4	46.9	51.3	49.5	52.7	48.6	43.1
Couple with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	42.3	45.0	S	S	41.2	60.7	61.5	54.2	44.5
One parent with dependent child(ren) only	57.6	58.0	60.8	59.2	61.1	54.4	57.6	60.3	58.4
One parent with dependent and adult children	53.4	43.5	39.1	43.2	47.6	42.7	48.4	41.7	43.9
One parent with adult child(ren) only	54.9	58.9	57.1	57.7	57.4	54.8	56.8	57.4	59.8
One parent with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	44.1	39.3	35.2	41.8	39.4	49.3	38.2	43.1	41.4
One parent with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	52.4	42.6	41.9	44.2	62.1	62.3	62.2	56.0	33.6
One-person household	77.6	78.0	76.8	73.9	77.0	75.5	74.8	73.6	75.8
Other household	58.2	56.1	56.2	58.0	57.9	57.1	55.5	53.6	58.9
Household composition unidentifiable	S	S	56.5	85.9	62.0	63.8	S	S	S
<b>Total</b>	65.4	65.8	65.7	65.0	66.2	64.5	65.5	65.1	66.1
<b>Mixed work<sup>(6)</sup></b>									
Couple only	14.5	15.2	15.0	15.9	15.4	14.5	16.5	16.4	14.6
Couple only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	24.6	28.4	43.3	38.5	21.9	26.0	19.3	28.2	24.3
Couple with one dependent child	30.7	27.2	28.4	25.3	27.7	29.7	28.2	26.7	28.6
Couple with two dependent children	30.0	29.4	31.1	33.0	32.5	31.3	28.0	28.5	27.7
Couple with three or more dependent children	40.5	40.1	37.1	40.2	37.4	43.4	37.3	35.7	34.6
Couple with dependent and adult children	39.3	38.8	42.8	43.1	41.9	43.5	41.1	47.4	42.8
Couple with adult child(ren) only	35.5	36.7	37.3	38.1	35.7	36.9	37.7	38.6	36.8
Couple with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	47.2	42.8	48.2	50.4	46.0	39.3	39.9	47.1	51.3
Couple with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	57.7	50.2	48.0	58.3	42.9	S	33.3	36.1	55.5
One parent with dependent child(ren) only <sup>(7)</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
One parent with dependent and adult children	29.4	39.6	42.5	39.9	38.8	35.5	32.4	32.4	33.7
One parent with adult child(ren) only	25.2	26.0	24.8	25.4	23.2	27.6	24.3	24.5	24.6
One parent with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	35.7	36.3	36.5	31.9	36.4	26.2	32.0	36.5	32.5
One parent with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	35.9	44.6	54.0	40.2	33.5	34.4	31.2	40.8	52.7
One-person household <sup>(7)</sup>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other household	29.2	32.2	31.1	30.0	31.1	30.9	32.0	34.3	30.7
Household composition unidentifiable	...	S	S	S	S	S	...	S	S
<b>Total</b>	21.4	21.4	21.7	21.7	21.4	21.7	21.2	21.9	21.2

Note: For footnotes, see end of table.

Table 10  
continued

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

By household labour force status

	Quarter									
	Dec 06	Mar 07	Jun 07	Sep 07	Dec 07	Mar 08	Jun 08	Sep 08	Dec 08	
	Percent									
<b>None employed</b>										
Couple only	12.2	10.7	9.7	10.5	10.5	11.7	10.3	9.8	10.7	
Couple only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	S	S	S	S	S	S	13.5	S	S	
Couple with one dependent child	4.0	4.9	4.1	4.0	2.9	4.0	2.3	3.0	2.8	
Couple with two dependent children	3.3	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.1	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.3	
Couple with three or more dependent children	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.3	4.8	4.9	3.3	3.2	5.3	
Couple with dependent and adult children	3.1	4.1	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.9	6.0	3.6	3.2	
Couple with adult child(ren) only	5.9	5.3	5.9	5.6	5.1	5.2	5.8	6.8	5.1	
Couple with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	6.8	5.7	6.4	S	S	11.3	7.4	4.3	5.6	
Couple with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	...	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	...	
One parent with dependent child(ren) only	42.4	42.0	39.2	40.8	38.9	45.6	42.4	39.7	41.6	
One parent with dependent and adult children	17.2	16.9	18.4	16.9	13.5	21.7	19.2	25.9	22.4	
One parent with adult child(ren) only	20.0	15.1	18.0	16.9	19.4	17.6	18.8	18.1	15.6	
One parent with dependent child(ren) <sup>(5)</sup> and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	20.2	24.4	28.3	26.3	24.2	24.5	29.8	20.4	26.0	
One parent with adult child(ren) only and other(s) <sup>(4)</sup>	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
One-person household	22.4	22.0	23.2	26.1	23.0	24.5	25.2	26.4	24.2	
Other household	12.6	11.7	12.7	12.0	10.9	12.0	12.5	12.0	10.3	
Household composition unidentifiable	S	S	S	S	...	S	S	...	S	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.7</b>	

(1) Households where all members are outside the ages of 18–64 years have been removed from this analysis.

(2) These figures refer to the percentage of any household type in a particular household labour force status. For example, in the December 2008 quarter 74.7 percent of 'couple only households' were 'all employed'.

(3) 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.

(4) The term 'other(s)' refers to non-family members being present in the household.

(5) Includes families with dependent children only, as well as those with dependent and adult children.

(6) Households in the 'mixed work' category contain some employed people and some not employed people.

(7) It is impossible, by definition, for any of these household types to be in these categories.

**Symbols:**

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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>				
1999	Dec	38.7	84.7	123.5
2000	Mar	33.5	77.4	110.8
	Jun	37.1	75.2	112.3
	Sep	35.8	72.6	108.4
	Dec	34.9	73.0	107.8
2001	Mar	33.4	68.0	101.4
	Jun	32.9	74.7	107.6
	Sep	38.0	68.2	106.1
	Dec	35.4	79.8	115.3
2002	Mar	39.1	68.5	107.6
	Jun	38.0	70.5	108.5
	Sep	37.6	72.6	110.2
	Dec	38.3	76.2	114.6
2003	Mar	29.7	68.7	98.3
	Jun	30.3	74.3	104.6
	Sep	32.2	73.7	105.9
	Dec	34.4	66.5	100.9
2004	Mar	27.3	59.6	86.9
	Jun	27.2	53.2	80.4
	Sep	25.3	56.6	81.9
	Dec	32.3	60.3	92.6
2005	Mar	20.7	50.5	71.2
	Jun	21.9	56.0	77.9
	Sep	23.1	46.2	69.3
	Dec	25.4	56.1	81.5
2006	Mar	23.0	45.5	68.5
	Jun	25.0	43.1	68.1
	Sep	24.3	45.3	69.6
	Dec	34.4	63.1	97.5
2007	Mar	26.3	53.4	79.8
	Jun	29.3	57.5	86.8
	Sep	28.7	49.3	78.1
	Dec	33.5	55.0	88.5
2008	Mar	25.4	57.1	82.5
	Jun	26.5	55.5	82.1
	Sep	24.7	56.1	80.8
	Dec	33.6	63.0	96.6

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

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>								
2006	Dec	1,662 R	461 R	2,119 R	83 R	2,202 R	1,034 R	72,848 R
2007	Mar	1,669 R	478 R	2,148 R	83 R	2,231 R	1,016 R	72,944 R
	Jun	1,667 R	484 R	2,153 R	80 R	2,234 R	1,020 R	72,682 R
	Sep	1,657 R	492 R	2,150 R	79 R	2,229 R	1,034 R	72,677 R
	Dec	1,687 R	488 R	2,171 R	76 R	2,248 R	1,026 R	73,188 R
2008	Mar	1,658 R	484 R	2,143 R	82 R	2,224 R	1,060 R	71,750 R
	Jun	1,674 R	491 R	2,168 R	88 R	2,256 R	1,034 R	73,484 R
	Sep	1,681 R	490 R	2,171 R	94 R	2,265 R	1,034 R	72,680 R
	Dec	1,687	507	2,191	105	2,296	1,015	72,345 R
<b>Percentage change from previous quarter<sup>(5)</sup></b>								
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	0.0 R	1.4 R	0.1 R	-0.4 R	0.1 R	1.1 R	0.2 R
2007	Mar	0.4 R	3.8 R	1.3 R	0.7 R	1.3 R	-1.7 R	0.1 R
	Jun	-0.1 R	1.2 R	0.3 R	-3.6 R	0.1 R	0.4 R	-0.4 R
	Sep	-0.6 R	1.6 R	-0.2 R	-1.8 R	-0.2 R	1.4 R	0.0 R
	Dec	1.8 R	-0.7 R	1.0 R	-3.1 R	0.9 R	-0.8 R	0.7 R
2008	Mar	-1.7 R	-0.8 R	-1.3 R	6.8 R	-1.0 R	3.3 R	-2.0 R
	Jun	0.9 R	1.4 R	1.2 R	8.3 R	1.4 R	-2.4 R	2.4 R
	Sep	0.4 R	-0.2 R	0.1 R	6.8 R	0.4 R	0.0 R	-1.1 R
	Dec	0.3	3.5	0.9	10.8	1.4	-1.8	-0.5 R
<b>Percentage change from the same period of previous year<sup>(5)</sup></b>								
<b>Quarter</b>								
2006	Dec	2.0 R	-0.4 R	1.4 R	5.2 R	1.6 R	1.3 R	1.5 R
2007	Mar	1.2 R	3.8 R	1.8 R	-2.1 R	1.6 R	1.0 R	0.9 R
	Jun	0.1 R	6.1 R	1.5 R	1.2 R	1.5 R	1.0 R	0.6 R
	Sep	-0.3 R	8.2 R	1.5 R	-5.1 R	1.3 R	1.1 R	-0.1 R
	Dec	1.5 R	6.0 R	2.5 R	-7.7 R	2.1 R	-0.8 R	0.5 R
2008	Mar	-0.6 R	1.3 R	-0.2 R	-2.1 R	-0.3 R	4.3 R	-1.6 R
	Jun	0.4 R	1.6 R	0.7 R	10.1 R	1.0 R	1.4 R	1.1 R
	Sep	1.4 R	-0.3 R	1.0 R	19.7 R	1.6 R	0.0 R	0.0 R
	Dec	0.0	3.9	0.9	36.8	2.1	-1.0	-1.2 R

(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.

**Symbol:**

R revised

Table 13

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

Country	Unemployment rate	Dec 2008 ranking	Sep 2008 ranking
	(%)		
Netherlands	2.7	1=	2
Norway	2.7	1=	1
Korea, Republic of	3.2	3	4
Switzerland	3.5	4	6
Austria	3.8	5	5
Japan	4.0	6	7
Denmark	4.1	7	3
Australia	4.4	8	10=
Czech Republic	4.5	9	10=
Luxembourg	4.6	10=	8=
New Zealand	4.6	10=	8=
United Kingdom	5.9	12	12
Finland	6.4	13	17
All OECD	6.5	...	...
Poland	6.5	14	19
Canada	6.6	15	14=
Italy	6.7	16	20
Belgium	7.0	17=	18
Sweden	7.0	17=	13
Germany	7.1	19	21
United States	7.2	20	14=
Greece	7.5	21	22=
Portugal	7.8	22	22=
France	7.9	23=	25
Ireland	7.9	23=	16
Hungary	8.3	25	24
Slovak Republic	9.1	26	26
Spain	13.4	27	27

(1) Standardised rates are seasonally adjusted, and conform with standard International Labour Organization guidelines for comparability.

(2) There are 27 OECD countries with standardised unemployment rates.

(3) Source: [www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org) (27 January 2009).

**Symbol:**

... not applicable

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
Quarter										
2006	Dec	75.7	6.0	38.1	86.4	6.1	54.0	162.1	12.1	92.0
2007	Mar	80.0	4.3	34.1	76.9	7.2	51.9	156.9	11.6	86.0
	Jun	87.6	6.7	48.7	95.4	6.6	63.5	183.0	13.4	112.2
	Sep	85.7	4.6	47.2	92.4	6.3	67.3	178.0	10.9	114.5
	Dec	71.7	4.4	34.9	75.9	4.5	43.1	147.5	8.9	78.1
2008	Mar	68.4	4.6	39.7	65.3	6.7	55.2	133.7	11.2	94.8
	Jun	84.4	5.8	43.7	80.0	6.1	59.6	164.4	11.9	103.2
	Sep	83.5	7.5	50.6	81.5	6.1	59.4	165.0	13.6	110.0
	Dec	85.3	4.5	40.2	77.9	6.1	41.9	163.2	10.7	82.1
Absolute sampling error <sup>(2)</sup>		11.6	2.1	8.2	6.5	3.2	5.0	14.4	3.6	11.0
<b>Not participating in formal study</b>										
Series ref: HLFQ		SFA1N	SFB1N	SFC1N	SFA2N	SFB2N	SFC2N	SFA3N	SFB3N	SFC3N
Quarter										
2006	Dec	1048.2	29.7	288.2	849.8	26.6	542.4	1898.0	56.3	830.6
2007	Mar	1047.9	34.9	292.9	875.3	36.2	537.2	1923.2	71.1	830.1
	Jun	1038.2	25.8	290.1	859.4	27.0	528.0	1897.6	52.8	818.0
	Sep	1038.0	26.7	287.1	850.4	25.5	532.7	1888.4	52.3	819.9
	Dec	1059.4	29.3	292.2	893.6	25.2	535.4	1953.0	54.5	827.5
2008	Mar	1055.2	35.2	303.2	886.1	35.3	550.0	1941.3	70.5	853.1
	Jun	1036.9	33.8	298.4	892.3	26.7	526.1	1929.2	60.5	824.5
	Sep	1033.2	37.1	298.9	895.1	30.0	518.9	1928.3	67.1	817.8
	Dec	1061.5	38.4	286.5	911.7	34.2	526.4	1973.2	72.5	812.9
Absolute sampling error <sup>(2)</sup>		14.6	5.1	8.6	11.9	3.9	11.8	21.2	7.3	16.6
<b>Total<sup>(3)</sup></b>										
Series ref: HLFQ		SFA1Z	SFB1Z	SFC1Z	SFA2Z	SFB2Z	SFC2Z	SFA3Z	SFB3Z	SFC3Z
Quarter										
2006	Dec	1,158.1	40.7	376.0	977.4	38.4	644.7	2,135.5	79.1	1,020.7
2007	Mar	1,158.4	45.3	377.6	985.8	48.5	631.9	2,144.2	93.8	1,009.5
	Jun	1,155.5	37.8	391.8	992.5	39.4	637.6	2,148.1	77.2	1,029.4
	Sep	1,158.0	38.0	393.1	984.1	37.6	651.2	2,142.2	75.5	1,044.3
	Dec	1,172.4	38.6	384.2	1,015.4	34.2	628.9	2,187.8	72.8	1,013.2
2008	Mar	1,155.0	45.4	400.2	983.9	46.7	652.6	2,138.9	92.2	1,052.8
	Jun	1,157.3	45.8	401.9	1,006.5	39.2	641.1	2,163.8	85.0	1,042.9
	Sep	1,149.6	49.8	409.2	1,013.3	40.7	636.0	2,163.0	90.6	1,045.2
	Dec	1,180.4	52.2	381.9	1,026.8	47.2	621.4	2,207.2	99.4	1,003.4
Absolute sampling error <sup>(2)</sup>		13.2	6.2	12.0	13.2	5.1	14.5	20.6	8.7	20.9

(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.