

# NEW ZEALAND

## Table 3. Participation rates and unemployment rates by age and sex

Annual average estimates, percentage

|                            | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Participation rates</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Males</b>               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 15-19                      | 55.5 | 53.1 | 52.9 | 54.6 | 54.0 | 55.2 | 55.0 | 51.3 | 47.0 | 46.0 |
| 20-24                      | 79.5 | 78.9 | 79.7 | 77.6 | 82.3 | 80.4 | 78.1 | 78.0 | 77.8 | 79.2 |
| 25-34                      | 90.8 | 89.7 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 91.3 | 91.8 | 92.0 | 91.1 | 91.7 | 90.9 |
| 35-44                      | 92.2 | 92.0 | 92.0 | 93.6 | 93.1 | 92.8 | 92.0 | 92.2 | 92.7 | 92.6 |
| 45-54                      | 90.8 | 90.7 | 91.0 | 91.8 | 92.4 | 91.7 | 91.6 | 91.3 | 91.2 | 91.9 |
| 55-59                      | 84.7 | 84.0 | 85.1 | 86.2 | 87.3 | 86.8 | 87.8 | 87.0 | 86.2 | 87.1 |
| 60-64                      | 67.8 | 65.9 | 68.9 | 70.9 | 73.2 | 76.0 | 74.8 | 77.7 | 78.9 | 78.2 |
| 15-24                      | 66.9 | 65.5 | 65.8 | 65.6 | 67.5 | 67.2 | 66.0 | 64.2 | 62.2 | 62.8 |
| 25-54                      | 91.3 | 90.8 | 91.4 | 92.3 | 92.3 | 92.1 | 91.9 | 91.5 | 91.8 | 91.8 |
| 55-64                      | 77.0 | 76.0 | 78.0 | 79.5 | 81.2 | 81.9 | 81.8 | 82.7 | 82.7 | 82.8 |
| 65 and over                | 14.6 | 14.7 | 15.7 | 16.3 | 17.6 | 19.5 | 20.7 | 21.1 | 22.6 | 24.6 |
| 15-64                      | 83.9 | 83.0 | 83.7 | 84.4 | 85.0 | 84.9 | 84.4 | 83.9 | 83.6 | 83.6 |
| <b>Females</b>             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 15-19                      | 53.7 | 52.4 | 51.9 | 53.4 | 54.6 | 56.9 | 52.8 | 50.6 | 48.7 | 45.1 |
| 20-24                      | 68.0 | 67.3 | 65.9 | 65.7 | 69.2 | 67.8 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 69.7 |
| 25-34                      | 67.7 | 68.4 | 69.1 | 71.5 | 71.9 | 72.7 | 73.5 | 72.6 | 70.3 | 73.6 |
| 35-44                      | 76.8 | 76.2 | 75.6 | 76.6 | 76.2 | 76.0 | 76.8 | 77.4 | 77.3 | 76.5 |
| 45-54                      | 79.9 | 79.6 | 80.5 | 80.4 | 81.1 | 80.8 | 81.6 | 82.2 | 82.6 | 82.9 |
| 55-59                      | 62.4 | 68.1 | 70.1 | 71.9 | 71.7 | 72.8 | 74.0 | 74.6 | 77.0 | 78.1 |
| 60-64                      | 44.0 | 44.5 | 46.1 | 50.1 | 50.2 | 53.3 | 54.3 | 57.7 | 60.8 | 60.9 |
| 15-24                      | 60.6 | 59.7 | 58.8 | 59.4 | 61.7 | 62.2 | 60.4 | 59.4 | 58.5 | 57.6 |
| 25-54                      | 74.8 | 74.7 | 75.0 | 76.2 | 76.4 | 76.6 | 77.4 | 77.5 | 76.9 | 77.8 |
| 55-64                      | 54.0 | 57.6 | 59.6 | 62.4 | 62.3 | 64.0 | 64.8 | 66.6 | 69.2 | 69.8 |
| 65 and over                | 5.5  | 6.0  | 7.6  | 8.0  | 8.9  | 9.7  | 11.0 | 11.5 | 12.4 | 14.0 |
| 15-64                      | 68.9 | 69.1 | 69.3 | 70.6 | 71.2 | 71.6 | 71.8 | 72.0 | 71.8 | 72.2 |
| <b>All persons</b>         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 15-24                      | 63.8 | 62.6 | 62.3 | 62.5 | 64.6 | 64.7 | 63.3 | 61.9 | 60.4 | 60.3 |
| 25-54                      | 82.8 | 82.5 | 82.9 | 83.9 | 84.1 | 84.1 | 84.4 | 84.3 | 84.1 | 84.6 |
| 55-64                      | 65.4 | 66.7 | 68.7 | 70.9 | 71.6 | 72.9 | 73.2 | 74.5 | 75.9 | 76.2 |
| 65 and over                | 9.6  | 9.9  | 11.3 | 11.7 | 12.8 | 14.2 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 17.1 | 19.0 |
| 15-64                      | 76.3 | 75.9 | 76.4 | 77.3 | 77.9 | 78.1 | 78.0 | 77.8 | 77.5 | 77.8 |
| <b>Unemployment rates</b>  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Males</b>               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 15-19                      | 15.8 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 15.3 | 17.3 | 22.5 | 23.5 | 28.1 |
| 20-24                      | 8.8  | 7.0  | 6.1  | 6.7  | 6.3  | 6.0  | 7.5  | 11.4 | 12.6 | 12.7 |
| 25-34                      | 5.0  | 4.6  | 3.3  | 3.2  | 3.2  | 3.1  | 3.7  | 5.7  | 6.1  | 5.4  |
| 35-44                      | 3.7  | 3.1  | 2.4  | 2.2  | 2.0  | 1.8  | 2.3  | 3.8  | 3.6  | 3.9  |
| 45-54                      | 3.2  | 2.2  | 1.9  | 2.2  | 2.3  | 1.9  | 2.1  | 3.9  | 3.8  | 3.8  |
| 55-59                      | 2.6  | 2.8  | 2.2  | 1.7  | 2.1  | 1.7  | 2.1  | 3.8  | 3.9  | 3.4  |
| 60-64                      | 4.1  | 4.7  | 2.7  | 2.2  | 1.6  | 1.2  | 2.5  | 3.8  | 3.7  | 3.0  |
| 15-24                      | 11.8 | 10.4 | 9.0  | 9.3  | 9.6  | 10.0 | 11.8 | 16.0 | 16.8 | 18.2 |
| 25-54                      | 3.9  | 3.3  | 2.6  | 2.5  | 2.5  | 2.2  | 2.7  | 4.4  | 4.4  | 4.4  |
| 55-64                      | 3.2  | 3.5  | 2.4  | 1.9  | 1.9  | 1.5  | 2.2  | 3.8  | 3.8  | 3.2  |
| 65 and over                | 1.7  | 1.4  | 0.9  | 1.2  | 1.3  | 0.7  | 1.4  | 1.6  | 2.1  | 1.6  |
| 15-64                      | 5.2  | 4.6  | 3.7  | 3.6  | 3.6  | 3.5  | 4.2  | 6.3  | 6.4  | 6.6  |
| Total                      | 5.1  | 4.5  | 3.6  | 3.5  | 3.6  | 3.4  | 4.1  | 6.1  | 6.2  | 6.3  |
| <b>Females</b>             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 15-19                      | 15.8 | 14.0 | 13.4 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 13.6 | 14.9 | 24.3 | 25.7 | 23.2 |
| 20-24                      | 8.3  | 7.8  | 8.1  | 7.0  | 7.1  | 7.0  | 7.6  | 11.6 | 11.3 | 11.7 |
| 25-34                      | 5.8  | 5.5  | 4.9  | 4.1  | 3.9  | 3.6  | 4.4  | 5.6  | 7.5  | 6.6  |
| 35-44                      | 4.1  | 4.0  | 3.1  | 3.0  | 3.1  | 3.1  | 2.9  | 4.3  | 5.1  | 5.8  |
| 45-54                      | 3.1  | 2.6  | 2.6  | 2.3  | 2.0  | 2.2  | 2.4  | 3.4  | 4.0  | 4.3  |
| 55-59                      | 3.0  | 4.5  | 2.9  | 1.9  | 2.1  | 1.5  | 1.6  | 2.9  | 3.2  | 3.6  |
| 60-64                      | 4.0  | 2.6  | 2.2  | 2.0  | 2.3  | 1.3  | 1.7  | 1.9  | 2.5  | 3.1  |
| 15-24                      | 11.7 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.1 | 10.9 | 17.2 | 17.4 | 16.1 |
| 25-54                      | 4.3  | 4.0  | 3.5  | 3.1  | 3.0  | 3.0  | 3.2  | 4.4  | 5.4  | 5.5  |
| 55-64                      | 3.4  | 3.8  | 2.6  | 1.9  | 2.1  | 1.4  | 1.7  | 2.5  | 2.9  | 3.4  |
| 65 and over                | 0.8  | 0.0  | 0.5  | 1.5  | 2.6  | 1.1  | 0.7  | 0.9  | 1.4  | 1.9  |
| 15-64                      | 5.5  | 5.2  | 4.6  | 4.2  | 4.2  | 4.0  | 4.3  | 6.3  | 7.0  | 6.9  |
| Total                      | 5.5  | 5.1  | 4.5  | 4.1  | 4.2  | 4.0  | 4.2  | 6.1  | 6.8  | 6.7  |
| <b>All persons</b>         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 15-24                      | 11.8 | 10.5 | 9.7  | 9.7  | 10.0 | 10.1 | 11.4 | 16.6 | 17.1 | 17.3 |
| 25-54                      | 4.1  | 3.6  | 3.0  | 2.8  | 2.7  | 2.6  | 2.9  | 4.4  | 4.9  | 4.9  |
| 55-64                      | 3.3  | 3.6  | 2.5  | 1.9  | 2.0  | 1.5  | 2.0  | 3.2  | 3.4  | 3.3  |
| 65 and over                | 1.4  | 0.9  | 0.8  | 1.3  | 1.8  | 0.8  | 1.1  | 1.3  | 1.8  | 1.7  |
| 15-64                      | 5.4  | 4.8  | 4.1  | 3.9  | 3.9  | 3.8  | 4.3  | 6.3  | 6.7  | 6.7  |

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