

Household Labour Force Survey Estimated Working-age Population: March 2011 quarter

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The Household Labour Force Survey (HLFS) estimated working-age population is based on national resident population estimates that have been adjusted to be consistent with the scope of the HLFS. The working-age population represents an estimate of the usually resident, non-institutionalised, civilian population of New Zealand aged 15 years and over. It provides the benchmark figure for the number of people in the labour market each quarter, and results from the HLFS are then summed to this total.

This release enables analysts to access the most recent benchmark data and to more accurately model changes in the labour market.

A brief paper, [Impact of the 22 February 2011 earthquake on the HLFS](#), outlines how the Canterbury earthquake has affected the March 2011 quarter HLFS. It is available on the Statistics NZ website.

Household Labour Force Survey estimated working-age population⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾			
By age group and sex			
Mean, quarter ended 31 March 2011			
Age group (years)	Working-age population		
	Males	Females	Total
	(000)		
15–19	163.0	155.2	318.2
20–24	163.7	156.4	320.1
25–29	144.4	147.0	291.4
30–34	129.5	140.9	270.4
35–39	138.8	154.3	293.1
40–44	148.3	162.9	311.2
45–49	154.4	165.6	319.9
50–54	144.2	151.5	295.8
55–59	124.6	129.6	254.2
60–64	114.8	119.4	234.3
65+	255.7	293.4	549.1
Total	1,681.4	1,776.2	3,457.6

1. The civilian, non-institutionalised, New Zealand resident population aged 15 years and over. The working-age population is derived from the estimated resident population aged 15 years and over by excluding military personnel and people usually resident in institutions within this age group.

2. The working-age population is based on the 2006 Census data and is updated using early estimates of births, deaths, and net permanent and long-term migration.

Note: Individual figures may not sum to stated totals due to rounding.

Source: Statistics New Zealand