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1 Unemployment

	total unemployed share (percent)	total jobless	Male	Female	Pakeha	Maori	Pacific Islanders	total unemployment	total jobless
					Number (thousands)				
1987	4	7.2	33.3	30.7	43.2	15.4	2.8	64	115.4
1988	4.3	7.5	39.2	30.2	47.2	14.9	4	69.5	121.1
1989	6.2	9.9	57.1	40.8	66.4	19.9	7.1	98	157.5
1990	7.1	11.1	65.6	46.8	75.3	23	9.2	112.4	175.9
1991	8.4	13.2	80.3	55.4	88.9	28.3	11.7	135.7	212.5
1992	10.6	15.9	103.6	69.3	111.1	36.4	16.9	173	259.9
1993	10.1	15.3	99.5	67.3	109.6	34.2	15.6	166.8	251.3
1994	9.3	14.3	92.1	65.1	100.7	33.5	16.2	157.1	241.5
1995	7.5	11.9	75.8	54.5	80.8	29.4	13.4	130.1	207.4
1996	6.2	10.2	60.9	49.9	68.8	24.6	9.3	110.9	182.6
1997	6.2	10.3	62.4	52.1	70	25	10.4	114.6	190.8
1998	6.8	11.1	70.4	56.5	73.4	29.4	11.8	127.1	206.8
1999	7.5	11.9	78.4	61	83.4	31.1	11.5	139.4	222.2
2000	6.4	10.9	67	53	75.9	27.6	10.1	120	205.2
2001	5.4	9.9	63	51	70.1	23.4	8.6	114	187.3
2002	4.9	8.6	52	46	51.8	23.7	8.1	103	
2003	4.4	7.5	44.7	41.6	50.9	20	6.1		178.8
								104	188.5

Notes:

Pakeha means European or "white"

Pacific Islands means from Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and other Pacific Islands

Total u/e means total officially registered unemployed

Total Jobless includes those looking for work but not registered unemployed

February years

2 Unemployment, Underemployed and Long-term unemployed

	Long-term unemployment Share (percent)	Under Employment	Jobless	total
		Share (percent)		
1987	19.1	1.9	7.2	9.1
1988	22.3	2.1	7.5	9.5
1989	29	2.4	9.9	12.3
1990	32.7	2.5	11.1	13.6
1991	35.7	4.6	13.2	17.7
1992	43.9	5.7	15.9	21.6
1993	49.9	6.1	15.3	21.3
1994	48.5	5.8	14.3	20.1
1995	43.7	5.5	11.9	17.5
1996	36.3	5.3	10.2	15.5
1997	33.3	5.8	10.3	17.5
1998	33.2	6.3	11.1	17.4
1999	35.1	6.5	11.9	18.4
2000	34.8	5.8	10.9	16.7
2001	32.1	5.2	10.7	15.9
2002	26	5.7	8.6	14.3
2003	21.5	5.2	7.5	12.7

Notes:

% long-term is the percentage of unemployed who have been unemployed for more than 6 months

Underemployment is a measure of those part-time workers seeking additional hours

Total % is the total of those jobless and underemployed as a % of the labour force

3. Wages

Year (as at hourly wages	Nominal ordinary	Real wages		
		(2002 NZ d	(2002 US c	CPI deflator
1989	12.91	17.49	11.37	0.738
1990	13.7	17.34	11.27	0.79
1991	14.3	17.33	11.26	0.825
1992	14.69	17.66	11.48	0.832
1993	14.72	17.52	11.39	0.84
1994	14.86	17.44	11.34	0.852
1995	15.14	17.11	11.12	0.885
1996	15.61	17.25	11.21	0.905
1997	16.58	18	11.7	0.921
1998	17.01	18.23	11.85	0.933
1999	17.2	18.45	11.99	0.932
2000	17.5	18.5	12.03	0.946
2001	18.05	18.51	12.03	0.975
2002	18.71	18.71	12.16	1
Dec-03	19.59	19.3	12.55	1.015

*At Dec 2003 exchange rate was .65 so real ordinary time wage was \$US12.84 an hour.

Source: Nominal wage is from the Quarterly Employment Survey. The Labour Cost Index is another another measure of wages and salaries but tends to be lower than the QES figure.

4. GDP

	GDP (1) (r GDP (2) (millions)		Population (per Capita GDP per Capita GDP (2)		
1991	73134	79443	3470	21076	22894
1992	79921	78416	3509	20776	22347
1993	75242	79320	3547	21214	22363
1994	81403	84447	3594	22649	23496
1995	85427	89000	3646	23430	24410
1996	91971	92680	3705	24823	25015
1997	94174	95516	3755	25677	25437
1998	99746	97284	3789	26325	25675
1999	100600	97684	3809	26411	25646
2000	106978	102256	3830	27932	26699
2001	110015	104961	3845	28612	27298
2002	122,396	108331	3973	30807	29580
2003	130935	113507	4040	32409	28095

GDP (1) is expenditure measure in current prices.

GDP (2) is production measure in 1995/96 prices.

Per Capita (1) is GDP in current prices per capita.

Per Capita (2) is GDP in 1995/96 prices per capita.

Current exchange rate is .65 so per capita income is \$21066

9 Minimum Wage

	16/17 years old	18/19 years old	20 years and over
Before March 2001	4.55	4.55	7.55
After March 2001	5.7	7.7	7.7
After March 2002	6.4	8	8
After March 2003	6.8	8.5	8.5