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Business Register

The list of all economically significant enterprises in New Zealand, which is maintained by Statistics NZ.

Earnings

Earnings estimates are based on payroll data received from economically significant businesses. Businesses provide the total amount of wages/salaries paid to employees by gender and from here earnings figures such as average hourly earnings, and average weekly earnings are derived. Gross earnings can include shift, penal and other allowances, ACC earners premiums, bonuses, paid leave and commissions earned in the pay period. However, it excludes payments not earned in the pay period (e.g. back pay, redundancy or severance pay) and non-taxable payment (e.g. tool money).

Employment

Employment estimates are based on filled jobs in economically significant businesses. If a person has a paid job in the reference week they are considered employed. This includes employees even if they are absent from work (e.g. due to sickness, being on leave, on strike or temporary lay-off, etc.) whether paid or not. This also includes all managerial or executive staff (e.g. Chief Executive).

Enterprise

A business or service entity operating in New Zealand.

Full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs

The total number of full-time jobs plus half the number of part-time jobs. Does not include working proprietors.

Full-time jobs

Jobs where the employee works for 30 hours or more per week.

Hours Paid

Hours paid is represented by any ordinary time and overtime hours for which an employee has been paid. The concept of hours paid includes paid travelling time, hours represented by holiday pay, sick pay, etc. It is not restricted to just hours that have been worked.

Industry

Determined from the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006. Businesses in QES are classified using ANZSIC06 industries.

Part-time jobs

Jobs where the employee works for less than 30 hours per week.

Working proprietors

Includes sole proprietors, partners, or shareholders in a limited liability company who actively engage in the business or its management. Please note that working proprietors in businesses with no employees are outside the scope of the QES and are not included in the estimate of filled jobs.

Filled jobs

The total number of full-time jobs and part-time jobs.