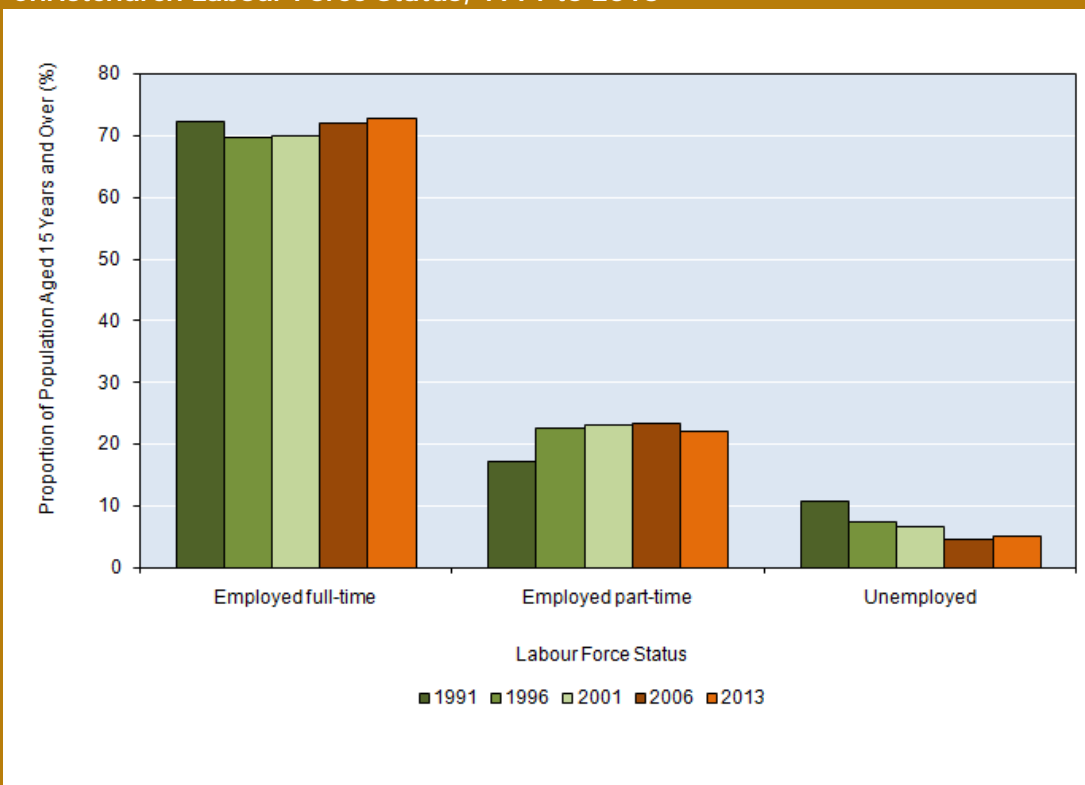


Total Workforce

Christchurch Labour Force Status, 1991 to 2013



Source: Statistics New Zealand: Census of Population and Dwellings.

Key Points:

- In 2013, the total labour force of Christchurch was 182,915, or 68 per cent of the total working age population. This was an increase from 1991 when the labour force was 138,363, or 58 per cent of the working age population.
- The proportion of people employed in full-time work has remained relatively stable (about 72 per cent of the total labour force) between 1991 and 2013. However, the actual number of full time workers has increased by 33,405 to total 133,404 in 2013.
- The number of part-time workers in Christchurch was increasing until 2006, when there were 43,806 (23.5%) part-time workers. However, between 2006 and 2013, there was a decrease of 3,603 (8%) to 40,206.
- Christchurch residents who were unemployed consisted of 11 per cent of the total labour force in 1991. This proportion decreased to its lowest point in 2006 with 4.5% (8,478). In 2013, the proportion rose to 5% (9,303 people).

What is this about?

The figure above shows the proportions of Christchurch City's labour force between 1991 and 2013. Labour force refers to Christchurch City residents aged 15 years and over who are in full or part-time employment or are unemployed and actively seeking work.

Levels of employment and economic growth, along with personal and household income and expenditure, are closely linked with the quality of life of individuals and families. In addition, this shows the changes in the structure of the City's workforce but this does not determine if these structures meet individual worker's needs or wants.

Data limitations:

The data is collected through the Statistics New Zealand Census of Population and Dwellings, therefore annual trends can not be identified.

This dataset does not include residents who are not in the labour force. Those not in the labour force include those who are too young (under 15 years of age), those who have retired and no longer work, and those who choose not to work and may participate in unpaid activities.

In March 2006, the Banks Peninsula District Council amalgamated with Christchurch City. Figures from 2006 onwards will reflect this amalgamation.

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