

Union Membership Return 2008

Section 16 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 requires every registered union to file an annual membership return. The returns for 1 March 2008 are presented below.

Summary

As at 1 March 2008 there were 168 registered unions with a total membership of 373,327. This union membership represents 17.4% of the total employed labour force (March 2008 Household Labour Force Survey). The total number of union members has decreased by 2.7% since March 2007, compared to a decrease of 1.3% in the total employed labour force for the same period.

Analysis

Of the registered unions that provided returns, 44% have less than 100 members. While the average number of members per union is 2489, the median is 132 members. The 10 largest unions account for 75.8% of the total union membership. More women (55.4%) than men are union members.

Membership Trends 2004-2008:

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Union Membership	340413	354898	373117	383551	373327
% Employment Force	17.4	17.3	17.7	17.9	17.4
% Change in Union Membership	+1.9	+4.3	+5.1	+2.8	-2.7
% Change in Employment Force	+3.2	+3.4	+2.6	+1.7	-0.2

Union Name

Membership

Akarana Public Transport Drivers Association Inc	148
Alloy Yachts Employees Federation Incorporated	200
Alpha Aviation Shop Floor Workers Union	N/R
Alternative Staff Group	125
Amalgamated Workers Union	44
Amalgamated Workers Union New Zealand Southern Incorporated	4027
Ambulance Officer's Workplace Union Incorporated	88
Associated Council Employees Incorporated	72
Association of Ritchies employees (Albany Branch) Incorporated	47
Association of Salaried Medical Specialists	3108
Association of Staff in Tertiary Education Inc	4310
Association of University Staff Inc	6706
Auckland Society of International Flight Planners	21
Autonomous Workers Union Incorporated	20
Aviation and Marine Engineers Association Inc	2131
Bay of Plenty Regional Council Staff Association Inc.	185
Bay Road & Quarry Workers Incorporated	111
Bay Union Group Inc	640
Bridgestone Rubber Workers Union Inc. (formerly Firestone Employees Society Inc)	190
Bureau Staff Association Incorporated	134
Cape Foulwind Drivers, Operators and General Workers Union Inc	28
Central Amalgamated Workers Union Incorporated	4199
Central Staff Collective Incorporated	171
Chilton Staff Association Inc	N/R*
Christ's College Academic Staff Association Inc	68
Clothing, Laundry and Allied Workers Union of Aotearoa Inc	N/R*

Combined Employees Association Inc	402
Combined Hospital Individual Contracts Collective Union Inc	53
Corrections Association of New Zealand Inc	2978
DOTSE Staff Association Inc	52
Eastern Bay Independent Industrial Workers Union 1995 Inc	70
Eastern Civil Engineers Union Incorporated	N/R
Electrical Union	61
Employment Relations Society Incorporated	N/R
Far North Rooding Union Inc	N/R*
Featherston Mill Workers' Union Incorporated	32
Federation of Air New Zealand Pilots	168
FINSEC Inc	5852
Flight Attendants and Related Services (NZ) Association Inc	1799
Foreign Service Association Inc	526
GCSB Blenheim Employees Association Inc	21
Hastings District Council Employees Society Inc	108
Hawkes Bay Workers Union Incorporated	3
HHB Workers Union Inc	68
Hostel Managers Association Inc	15
Hutt Valley Society of Independent Bus Drivers Inc	130
IAG NZ Staff Association Inc (formerly NZI Insurance Staff Association Inc.)	559
In-House Alliance Inc.	107
Independent Electrical Workers Union 1995 Inc	41
Jetconnect Pilots' Collective Inc	N/R*
King's College Teachers Association Inc	81
Kotahitanga Union Incorporated	N/R
Kristin Staff Association	69
M.E.U Society Incorporated	231
Manufacturing & Construction Workers Union Incorp. (Shipwrights, Moulder, Coachworkers, Boilermakers, Pulp & Paper Workers & Optical Technicians Inc.)	1510
Maritime Union of New Zealand Inc	2514
Medbury Teachers Association Incorporated	N/R*
Midwifery Employee Representation & Advisory Service Inc	650
Napier City Council Staff Association Inc	129
National Distribution Union	17167
National Union of Public Employees Inc	1482
Nelson Collective Union Incorporated	174
New Plymouth District Council Staff Association	154
New Zealand Airline Pilots Association Industrial Union of Workers Inc	1996
New Zealand Ambulance Association Incorporated	51
New Zealand Association of Professional and Executive Employees Inc	1594
New Zealand Baking, Pastrycooking and Related Industries Employees Union Inc	652
New Zealand Building Trades Union Inc	1521
New Zealand Central Baking Trades & Related Trades Employees Union Incorporated	47
New Zealand Chief and Deputy Chief Fire Officers Society Incorporated	41
New Zealand Dairy Workers Union Inc	6800
New Zealand Educational Institute Inc	47988
New Zealand Fishing Industry Guild Inc	555
New Zealand Furniture Manufacturing and Associated Workers Union Inc	520
New Zealand Halal Slaughtermen Union Inc	62
New Zealand Meat Workers and Related Trades Union Inc	21621
New Zealand Medical Laboratory Workers Union Inc	1324
New Zealand Merchant Service Guild Industrial Union of Workers Inc	676

New Zealand Netball Players Association Incorporated	N/R
New Zealand Nurses Organisation Inc	39292
New Zealand Police Association Inc	10220
New Zealand Police Officers' Guild Inc	172
New Zealand Post-Primary Teachers Association Inc	16913
New Zealand Postal Workers Federation Incorporated	1010
New Zealand Professional Drivers and Transport Employees Association Incorporated	82
New Zealand Professional Firefighters Union Inc	1850
New Zealand Professional Footballers' Association Inc	45
New Zealand Public Service Association Incorporated	55333
New Zealand Resident Doctors Association Inc	2386
New Zealand Rubber and Tobacco Workers Union Inc	70
New Zealand Store and Warehouse Employees' Union Incorporated	78
New Zealand Tramways and Public Passenger Transport Employees Industrial Union	1200
New Zealand Writers Guild Inc	N/R
Night & Day Port Workers Assn Inc	56
North Island Mussels Employees Union Incorporated	56
Northern Amalgamated Workers Union Incorporated	2964
Northern Chemical Workers Union	952
Northern Totalisator & Allied Employees Assn. Inc	219
Number One Manufacturing Association Inc	164
NZ Advertising Guild & Associates Inc. (previously NZ Advertising Guild Inc)	408
NZ Cityline Collective Inc	28
NZ Employees Union Inc.	70
NZ Tour Drivers Union Inc	32
NZ Van Lines Union Incorporated	99
Oamaru Factory and United Trades Union Inc	186
Pareora Trades Guild Inc.	14
Pegasus - NZ Airline Services Society Inc	78
Postal Workers Association (AK) Inc	N/R
Postal Workers Union Inc	1010
Promina Group Staff Association NZ Inc	324
Pukepine Workers Association Inc	42
Qantas Employees Collective Inc	80
Rail and Maritime Transport Union Incorporated	4159
Red and White Incorporated	6
Reunited Employees Association Incorporated	210
Saint Kentigern Teachers' Association Incorporated	106
Sanford Workers Association Timaru Incorporated	144
Shorecare Staff Society Incorporated	41
SLGOU Associates Incorporated	70
Society of Professional Aeronautical Engineers Inc	28
South Waikato District Council Staff Association Incorporated	15
Southern Coastal Employees Association	158
Southern Engineers Society Union Inc	27
Southern Local Government Officers Union Incorporated	2098
Southland District Council Officers Assoc. Inc	48
Southland Enterprises Union of Workers	92
St Peter's School, Cambridge, Academic Staff Association	65
St. Margaret's College Teachers Union Inc	87
T & B Union Inc	71
Taranaki Regional Council Staff Association Inc	91
Tasman Staff Association Incorporated	69

Taxpro Inc	760
Te Kuiti Beef Workers Union Incorporated	N/R
Te Piringa Kaimahi Maori O Aotearoa Inc	N/R
Tertiary Institutes Allied Staff Association Inc	1960
The Amalgamated Stevedores Union Incorporated	231
The Aotearoa Mataranga Association Inc	N/R
The Association of Tutors in Tertiary Institutions Incorporated	193
The Clutha District Council Officer's Association	59
The Cricket Players Association Incorporated	125
The Customs Officers Association Inc	580
The Farmers Mutual Group Staff Association Inc	40
The Grey District Council Union of Employees Inc	37
The Hawke's Bay Regional Council Staff Union Inc	53
The Independent School Teachers' Association of New Zealand Inc.	658
The New Zealand Amalgamated Engineering Printing and Manufacturing Union Inc	44808
The NZ Towing, Pilotage and Port Workers Industrial Union Incorporated	7
The Presbyterian Support Otago Independent Association of Staff Inc	181
The Royal New Zealand Ballet Union of Employees Inc	30
The Rugby Players Collective Incorporated	643
The Service and Food Workers Union Inc	23012
The Solidarity Union of New Zealand Incorporated	3
The Surfside Employees Association Incorporated	62
The Teachers Union of New Zealand - Aotearoa	N/R
TIG - The Independent Group	80
TIG-HW Incorporated	N/R
Towers Auckland Employees Union Incorporated	15
Unison Networks Employees Association Inc. (Formerly Hawkes Bay Network Employees Association Incorporated)	41
Unite Incorporated	4321
United Fisheries Workplace Union Incorporated	46
Waingawa Workers Union Inc	249
Warehouse People Union Inc	2269
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Employees Association Inc	76
Whakatane District Council Employees Association Inc	174
Whangarei Roadworkers Union Inc	36
Wooltops Independent Society of Employees Inc.	20
Work and Income Northland Staff Incorporated	N/R
WSA Inc	113
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NB: N/R - Did not provide annual return 2008

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Union Membership by Industry

Industry	Male	Female
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	1830	2740
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3519	1538
Communication Services	4554	6776
Construction	7143	430
Cultural and Recreational Services	9633	11232
Education	13090	52375
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	4463	446

Finance and Insurance	2754	5969
Government Administration and Defence	23328	24455
Health and Community Services	18606	72145
Manufacturing	49960	15065
Mining	1442	111
Not Elsewhere Included	252	297
Property and Business Services	1224	1608
Retail Trade	701	1703
Transport and Storage	19659	4853
Wholesale Trade	4196	5230
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