

The Government, Security & Defence Services Industry

The Government, Security & Defence Services sector includes central and local government, the justice system, defence forces, and security services.



Workforce

1. Number of workers

102,370

There are 102,370 people employed in Government, Security & Defence services, or about 10% of all workers covered by Ringa Hora, or 4% of all NZ workers.

↑5%
change pa 2016 - 2021

The number of workers in the Government, Security & Defence services sector grew by 5.0% per year from 2016 - 2021, outstripping growth of 2.1% in the NZ economy overall.

2. Age

11%
aged 15 - 24

11% of people in Government, Security & Defence services are 15-24, lower than the NZ total of 15% and much lower than the Ringa Hora total of 20%.

43.6
Average age

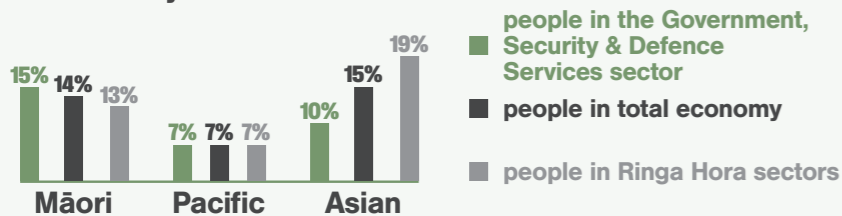
The average age in Government, Security & Defence services is about 1 year older than in the NZ economy as a whole, and 3 years older than all Ringa Hora workers.

3. Gender

55%
female

55% of people in Government, Security & Defence services are women, higher than the 47% in the NZ economy and similar to the 55% across Ringa Hora sectors.

4. Ethnicity



Maori representation within the Government, Security & Defence Services is marginally higher than both the total economy and across Ringa Hora sectors. Government, Security & Defence services has the similar percentage of Pacific workers of the total economy and Ringa Hora sectors, but it is lower in the Asian representation.

Businesses

1. Number of business

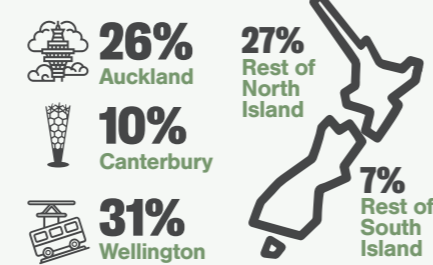
2,193

There are 2,193 businesses in Government, Security & Defence services, or about 0.7% of all businesses covered by Ringa Hora and 0.4% of all NZ businesses.

↑0.4% from 2016 - 2021

The number of businesses in the Government, Security & Defence services sector grew by 0.4% per year from 2016 - 2021, considerably slower than growth of 1.6% in the NZ economy overall.

2. Region



Government, Security & Defence services is considerably over-represented in Wellington with 31% of all workers in the industry working in Wellington compared to 12% of all NZ workers. The industry is under-represented in all other regions, particularly in Auckland with 26% of workers in the industry compared to 35% of all NZ workers and 39% of all Ringa Hora workers.

3. Self-employment

4%
self employed

4% of people in Government, Security & Defence services are self-employed, considerably lower than the 17% in both NZ overall and in all Ringa Hora sectors, and one of the two lowest of all Ringa Hora sectors.

4. Business size - FTE per business

47
Jobs per business

On average 47 people work in each business in Government, Security & Defence services, dramatically higher than the 4 in the NZ economy as a whole and 3 across all Ringa Hora industries. This is by far the largest across all Ringa Hora sectors.

Economic contribution

1. GDP

\$11.0 Billion

The Government, Security & Defence services sector contributes \$11.0 Billion to GDP. This is 3.4% of NZ's GDP and 11.0% of Ringa Hora's total contribution to GDP.

2. GDP per FTE

\$114,309
per full time equivalent worker

The Government, Security & Defence services sector generates \$114,000 per full time equivalent worker. This is around 90% of the total across the NZ economy.

3. Change in GDP

↑5%
change pa 2016 - 2021

GDP generated by the Government, Security & Defence services sector grew by 5.0% per annum from 2016 - 2021, considerably higher than both the Ringa Hora total of 2.7% and NZ total of 2.3%.

4. Earnings

Average earnings 2020
\$83,400

The average worker in Government, Security & Defence services earned \$83,400 in 2020. This is considerably higher than the NZ average of \$64,000 and the Ringa Hora average of \$60,000.

Education and Training

1. Highest qualification of workers

27.6%
no post school qualification

28% of all workers in Government, Security & Defence services have no post-school qualification. This compares to 40% of workers in all Ringa Hora sectors and 38% of workers across the NZ economy.

2. No. of qualifications and standards by level

10
No. of qualifications

There are 10 qualifications relating to Government, Security & Defence services, spread across levels 3 - 6. These make up 10% of all of Ringa Hora's qualifications.

102
No. of standards

There are 102 standards relating to the Government, Security & Defence Services sector, mostly at levels 3 - 6.

3. No. of learners in 2021

1,095
No. of learners in 2021

There were 1,095 people undertaking qualifications relating to Government, Security & Defence services in 2021. This is 2% of all learners undertaking qualifications in Ringa Hora's coverage.

4. Mode of provision - off job, on job remote

29%
on-site provider

0%
remote provider

71%
workplace learning

More than 70% of provision of qualifications relating to Government, Security & Defence services was done through workplace learning in 2021 with the remaining provision done through on-site providers.

5. Major providers

The majority of provision of qualifications relating to Government, Security & Defence services was done through Skills Org in 2021 with small amounts at a number of providers.