

## Update on the number of people working on PGF projects as at July 2020

One of the key objectives for PGF projects is to create employment opportunities through investment in the regions.

Job numbers are one way of measuring the success of the Provincial Growth Fund's (PGF) investments. There are many other factors that should be taken into account when evaluating the PGF's investments, such as improving community wellbeing, creating greater regional resilience, encouraging environmental sustainability, and increasing the value of Māori-owned land.

The Provincial Development Unit (PDU) has completed a stocktake of the number of people who have worked on Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), Worker Redeployment and Regional Investment Opportunities projects. These numbers include both current and past employment as well as the number of expected workers in the future.

As at 29 July 2020, there has been a total of 12,936 people who have worked on PGF-supported projects (broken down into 6,405 current workers and 6,531 people who have previously worked on the project). A further 15,062 people are expected to work on PGF-supported projects in the future. In addition, 11,090 participants have enrolled in PGF-supported He Poutama Rangatahi and Te Ara Mahi projects.

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) provided its figures as an FTE count rather than headcount. Given this is a different method, these figures have not been included in the overall total of people working on PGF-supported projects. As at 18 June, 65 FTEs were working on NZTA's PGF projects, 30 FTEs previously worked on NZTA's PGF projects, and 362 FTEs are expected to work on NZTA PGF projects in the future.

The table below outlines the information received to date by the PDU by region, broken down into current, past and expected jobs.

### *Regional breakdown of job data as at July 2020*

Region	Current jobs	Previous jobs	Total jobs	Expected jobs
Bay of Plenty	768	363	1,131	3,484
Canterbury	52	44	96	146
Hawke's Bay	375	256	631	586
Manawatū-Whanganui	401	669	1,070	497
Pan-region <i>(National and Multi-region projects)</i>	1,922	2,256	4,178	2,612
Northland	1,312	1,762	3,074	3,231
Otago	211	69	280	249
Southland	219	71	290	983
Tairāwhiti	415	521	936	868
Taranaki	141	82	223	281
Top of the South	129	95	224	211
Waikato	156	120	276	1,409
Wairarapa - Kapiti - Chathams	81	36	117	156
West Coast	223	187	410	349
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,405</b>	<b>6,531</b>	<b>12,936</b>	<b>15,062</b>