

Regional Snapshot: Northland



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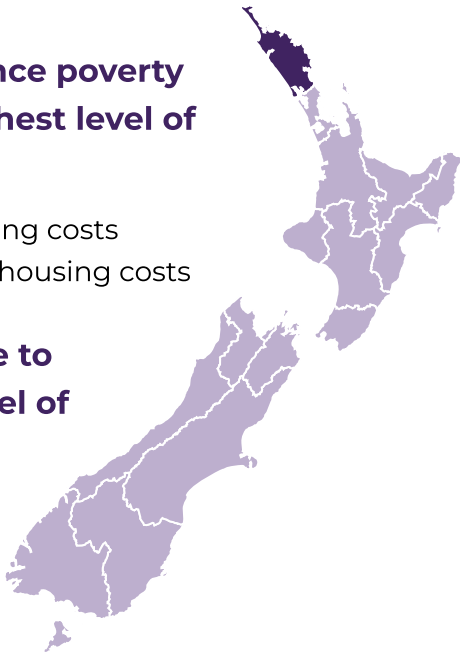
people in Northland (20.5%) experience poverty after housing costs are paid, the highest level of poverty for any region

8,000 adults over 65 years old in Northland (18.92%) experience poverty after housing costs
13,000 children in Northland (26.9%) live in households experiencing poverty after housing costs

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people in Northland (13.2%) are unable to afford essential items, the highest level of hardship faced by any region

3,000 adults over 65 years old in Northland (7.09%) are unable to afford the essentials
9,500 children in Northland (19.5%) are living in households that are unable to afford the essentials



Employment

8.8% of working aged people in Northland are unemployed, above the national unemployment rate (5.6%)

Northland has the highest rate of working adults who would like, or are able, to work more hours than they currently were (17.9% compared to 13.8% nationally)

Northland had the highest increase in unemployment (63%) and workers not getting the hours they wanted (44%) between June 25 and June 26

1 in 4 (26.1%) of 20-24 year olds are not taking part in employment, education or training (compared to 16.2% of this age group nationally)

35% of people in Northland experienced food insecurity in the past year

Health

Almost 1 in 3 adults over the age of 65 in Northland put off dental or doctor visits due to cost (compared to 19.72% nationally)

Northland has the highest rate of material hardship. A population the size of Kaipara District is unable to afford the essentials

Housing

The 2023 census reported 102 children under the age of 15 and 117 people over the age of 65 living without shelter in Far North District

Average rent (\$608/week) makes up 43% average weekly earnings (above the 40% national average)

Income adequacy

The Jobseeker support is estimated to be \$126.61/week short of covering essential living costs like food, housing and power for single adult recipients in Northland

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