

Table 1.3. **Soreboard for youth aged 15-24,^a New Zealand, Europe and OECD, 1996 and 2006**

	1996			2006		
	New Zealand	EU ^b	OECD ^b	New Zealand	EU ^b	OECD ^b
Employment rate (% of the age group)	59.5	38.8	43.5	58.8	37.9	43.0
UR (% of the labour force)	11.8	19.5	16.2	9.6	17.4	14.7
Relative UR youth/adult (25-54)	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.6	2.7	2.7
Ratio unemployed to population (% of the age group)	8.0	8.7	7.8	6.3	7.2	6.6
Incidence of LTU (% of unemployment)	12.0	32.3	24.9	2.8	27.2	20.8
Incidence of part-time work (% of employment)	32.5	14.5	19.5	36.0	20.5	23.3
NEET rate (% of the age group) ^c	13.6	14.2	14.3	11.3	11.3	12.0
School drop-outs (% of the age group) ^d	12.6	13.9	16.7	11.5	11.0	13.2
Relative UR low skills/high skills(<ISCED 3)/(>ISCED 3) ^e	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2

UR: unemployment rate; LTU: long-term unemployment; NEET: neither in education nor in employment or training; ISCED 3: International standard of education referring to upper secondary education.

a) 16-24 for Iceland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

b) Unweighted averages for the 19 OECD and EU countries and for the 30 OECD countries.

c) 1995 and 2005 for New Zealand, 1996 and 2005 for EU and OECD.

d) Share of youth not in education and without upper secondary education, 1997 and 2005; 1995 instead of 1996 for New Zealand.

e) 1997 and 2005.

Source: National labour force surveys and OECD Education database.