

## JSS RATE (18-24 YRS) - TOI EDA QUARTERLY TA SUPPLEMENT

DATA TO: March 2022

### INTRODUCTION

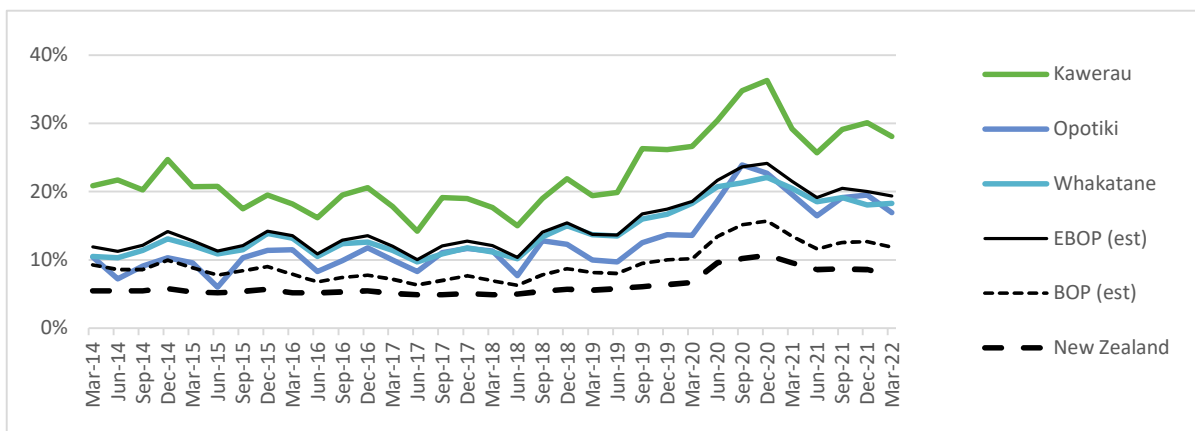
JSS Rate (18-24 yrs) is a youth-focused indicator which enables direct comparisons between territorial authorities (TAs) regardless of their population size differences. It is measured quarterly as the number of Job Seeker Support recipients aged 18-24 divided by the estimated population aged 18-24 within each territorial authority (TA) and for New Zealand overall. For this report, rates for Eastern Bay and BOP Region are calculated using June 2021 estimated population of young people in each TA.

Data shown below includes both Jobseeker Work-Ready and Jobseeker Health Condition or Disability Support grants. The TA and national data below were collated and made publicly available quarterly by Dot Loves Data in partnership with the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ). There is a 2-3 month delay after MSD Benefit Fact Sheets are updated before the 18-24 years JSS Rate data are available.

### JSS Rate (18-24 yrs) by TA in the Eastern Bay - trend data

The Eastern Bay's JSS Rate (18-24 yrs) has historically been in the range 10-15%, substantially higher than the national average of 5-6%. From 2018-19, the JSS Rate began rising at both the national and regional level. This adverse trend was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and subsequent outbreaks in 2021. As at March 2022, the JSS Rate remains higher than historical levels.

In the March 2022 quarter, the Eastern Bay's JSS Rate (18-24 yrs) was highest in Kawerau (28.1%), followed by Whakatane (18.3%) and Opotiki (16.9%). The Eastern Bay overall JSS Rate was estimated to be approximately 19.4% compared to the BOP Region 11.9% and New Zealand overall 7.9%.



Source: Data from MTFJ Youth Employment Dashboard [www.mtfj.co.nz/youth-employment-dashboard](http://www.mtfj.co.nz/youth-employment-dashboard), with rate for Eastern Bay and BOP Region estimated using June 2021 estimated youth population weighting per TA.

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