

Monthly Economic Update

May 2017

Headline Numbers for the Education Sector (latest available)

The education sector is the third most important sector in the Manawatu region in terms of economic activity (GDP). Key indicators are:

5,175 children attended early childhood education in 2017, a 4.9% increase from 2016.

97.2% of children starting school in 2017 had attended early childhood education (96.9% for New Zealand).

12,426 students enrolled in primary and intermediate school (years 1-8) in July 2017, 2.1% increase from 2016.

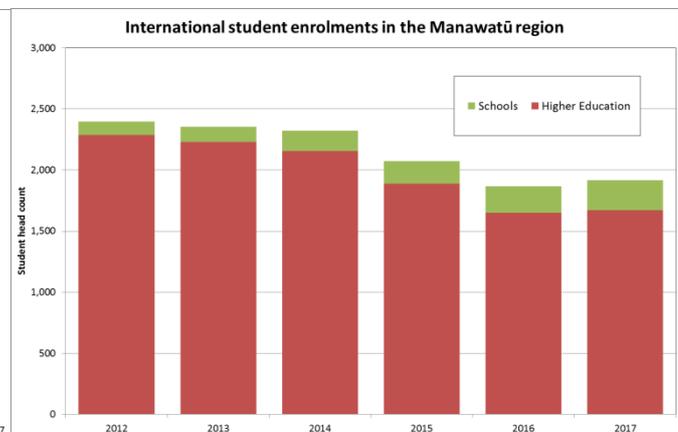
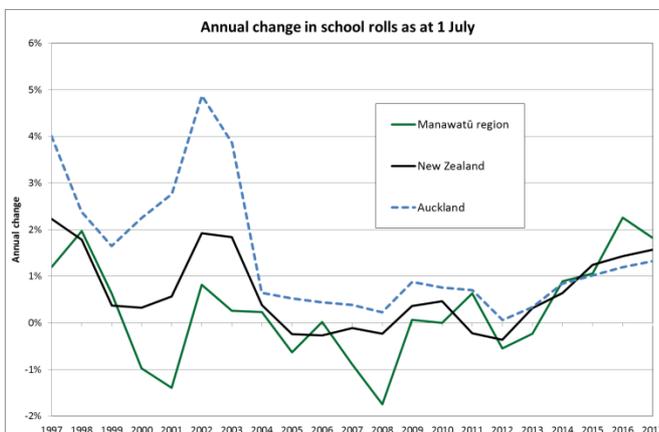
7,607 students enrolled in secondary school (years 9-15), 1.3% increase from 2016.

245 international students enrolled in schools in 2017 (increase of 13.4% from 2016) and 1,671 international students in higher education (increase of 1.3% from 2016). International education contributed \$67.8 million to Manawātū region GDP in 2015/16.

1,547 school leavers in 2016: 36.3% achieved university standard (40.7% for New Zealand) and 10.0% did not achieve at least NCEA level 1 (10.6% for New Zealand).

6,300 jobs in education in February 2017, a 1.6% increase from 2016.

\$381 million earnings (salaries, wages and self-employment income) in the year ended March 2016, an increase of 5.3% from 2015.



(Source: Education Counts, Statistics NZ, Massey University, IPU and UCOL)