

Households struggling to survive – NewsTalkZB, 11 November 2009

The Federation of Budgeting Services says a grim wage survey reflects the number of people they are seeing.

The annual study by the Employers and Manufacturers Association looked at the wages of almost 40-thousand people over the 2008 financial year. A quarter of the people they survey are being paid less than they were a year ago, while almost 10 percent have had their pay frozen.

Federation CEO Raewyn Fox says those figures would not surprise most New Zealand households. She says the most common complaint they are hearing is that people's incomes are not matching the rising costs of living.