

Volunteering NEW ZEALAND

Connection and Trust

The potential for volunteering within local government to develop community social capital

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Age-Eligible Base Turnout in New Zealand, 1922-1988

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Membership of Associations and Attendance at Association Meetings, 1980 and 1999

One type of group	% Belonging to Association Type		% Members or Nonmembers Attending a Meeting Once a Month or More	
	15 and Over, 1981	18 and over, 1999	15 and Over, 1980-81	18 and over, 1999
Work	85	69	5	2
Political	33	27	1	0
Interest	13	14	2	2
Church	5	17	23	13
Sports	34	30	29	16
Culture	37	38	7	4
Social	10	17	7	10
Youth	26	27	4	2
Service	5	12	11	9
Hobbies	15	22	10	14
N	13	30	11	14
Response Rate	6891	5231	80	58

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Levels Of Trust (World Values Survey)

Age groups	% Trust completely	% Trust a little	% Neither trust nor distrust	% Do not trust very much	% Do not trust at all
All ages	26	48	24	3	2
18-24 (born 1981-1987)	21	47	28	4	2
25-34 (1971-1980)	17	51	28	4	0
35-44 (1961-1970)	23	47	28	2	2
45-54 (1951-1960)	25	45	25	3	2
55-64 (1941-50)	30	46	21	2	2
65+ (before 1941)	38	40	18	3	1

Age groups	% Trust completely	% Trust a little	% Neither trust nor distrust	% Do not trust very much	% Do not trust at all
All ages	68	25	6	1	0
18-24 (born 1981-1987)	68	28	6	1	0
25-34 (1971-1980)	80	20	7	1	0
35-44 (1961-1970)	64	30	4	1	1
45-54 (1951-1960)	68	26	6	0	0
55-64 (1941-50)	73	18	9	0	0
65+ (before 1941)	73	19	7	1	0

Age groups	% Trust completely	% Trust a little	% Neither trust nor distrust	% Do not trust very much	% Do not trust at all
All ages	17	40	39	5	2
18-24 (born 1981-1987)	13	43	39	4	1
25-34 (1971-1980)	14	38	39	8	2
35-44 (1961-1970)	15	37	40	5	3
45-54 (1951-1960)	16	40	36	6	2
55-64 (1941-50)	21	44	31	2	2
65+ (before 1941)	24	38	33	5	1

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Reasons: Voters (LGNZ Post Election Report 2004)

	Total n=1592*	Council						
		Far North District n=231*	Auckland City n=254*	Manukau City n=202*	Wellington City n=199*	Marlborough District n=239*	Christchurch City n=170*	Waikato District n=252*
Can't complain if you haven't voted	19	17	16	14	17	23	30	20
Duty / democratic duty / responsibility to vote / belief in democracy	28	23	26	21	42	28	30	23
Easy to vote / voting papers were sent to me	1	1	2	0	0	3	2	2
Important to vote / events/book should vote	16	13	13	17	13	15	22	12
Interested in local politics/affairs/issues	12	13	13	7	16	13	11	10
Right to vote / democratic right	16	13	14	16	19	17	17	12
To elect the people I wanted / people who share my views	27	28	30	27	24	20	24	31
To get the right people for the job / people who will do a good job	22	23	22	20	22	23	23	31
To have my say	22	19	20	16	22	21	30	23
Wanted a change / dissatisfied with current Council/Board	13	11	16	20	8	13	5	11
I always vote	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	2
I'm part of the community/user/rely on council services	2	3	1	1	4	1	2	2
Encouraged/influenced by family, friends, etc	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	4
Other	4	4	5	6	3	2	3	3
None / no particular reason(s)	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
Don't know	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Total may exceed 100% because of multiple response.

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Reasons: Non-Voters (LGNZ Post Election Report 2004)

	Total n=1792*	Council						
		Far North District n=165*	Auckland City n=137*	Manukau City n=183*	Wellington City n=201*	Marlborough District n=150*	Christchurch City n=219*	Waikato District n=156*
Didn't get around to it / left it too late / didn't know the deadline	25	28	23	28	29	14	23	20
Didn't know enough about the candidates / not enough information	29	25	27	28	31	36	31	39
Don't receive the voting papers	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1
Forgot to vote / send the ballot papers back	10	11	15	8	10	7	6	10
No candidates I wanted to vote for / candidates didn't appeal	11	9	9	7	11	12	14	10
Not interested / don't vote / couldn't be bothered	18	22	12	16	19	25	23	17
Not on the electoral roll / not registered to vote	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2
Not worth it / don't do a good job / don't keep promises	6	11	2	7	5	8	8	10
Too busy	12	8	11	15	11	10	13	13
Too many candidates to choose from / vote for / too much to read	7	2	8	4	5	0	9	2
Out of the country/area	7	8	6	8	11	9	9	6
New to the area	2	3	2	2	1	4	1	9
Other	1	6	9	5	6	6	6	4
None / no particular reason(s)	1	1	1	3	0	3	1	2
Don't know	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Reasons: Non-Voters (Voter and Non-Voter Survey Report 2011)

Reason for not voting	Total 2011	Total 2008	Total 2011	Total 2008	Male 2011	Male 2008	Female 2011	Female 2008
Had other commitments that were commitments	13%	14%	13%	14%	13%	14%	13%	14%
Can't be bothered	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Don't want to vote	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Away from home and overseas	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Not in New Zealand and vote doesn't make any difference	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Religious reasons	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Health reasons	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Can't be bothered with politics or politicians	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Disagree with the candidate	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Disagree with the process	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Paying price too for another transport	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Didn't get to the polling place on time	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Did not know enough about the process	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Did not like any of the candidates	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Make no difference who the government is to me or my family	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Make no difference who the government is	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know how to vote	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know when to vote	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Not important	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
No particular reason	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know/aren't a candidate	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Refused	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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