

Post-election

	base vote	gender/age all	gendr/age mail only	varweight all	valid var	valid vote	weight all	weight all mail only	weight all exlc nonv	weight mail excl nonv	mail only var	sample components	unweighted N	non-tel vars
1990	vot90e			wt1	vvv	nvot90e	nwt1				type le 3	type	2110	
1993	vot93e			nwt	vv	nvot93e	nnwt				nmont ne 3	dpanel	2251	
1996	vot96p	ngagewt		qwt	validate	nvot96p	nqwt				teleph=0	sectors	5013	887
1999	vot99p	gagewt		pvwt	voted	nvot99p	nnpvwt				postph=0	ssample	5972	887, 817
2002	vot02p	ademwt	ndemwt		val_wvt	v_wvt2p	alzwt	wwt	zwt	wwt	teltopup=0	wsample	5783	817

Pre-post panels

1996							nqwt						2152	
1999		cmagewt					ncwt						2415	
2002		gagewt					fcamwt	campwt	mcampwt	mcamwt			2522	

1. All NZES samples contain a base sample of electors who returned postal questionnaires, and a top-up sample by phone, using shorter questionnaire. From 1996 onwards, questions not asked by phone have a code which is set to missing (nontel vars, column O). Not all questions are identified in this way, and where there is doubt they can be identified by cross-tabulating against the mail only variable - column L.

2. All NZES samples are validated, and a corrected vote variable is computed (valid vote, col G). Validation data was not incorporated into most NZES publications until 1999, so the original uncorrected variables and weights are included for purposes of replication.

3. Both the 1996 and 2002 studies oversampled the Maori electorates. For this reason, analysis of unweighted data for these datasets is NOT RECOMMENDED.

From 1996, the weights also contain a correction for household size where households, not individuals, were sampled (see note 5).

4. From 1993, all NZES datasets include a panel of respondents from the previous election. These are distinguished from the 'new sample' in the sample components variables (column M).

5. From 1996, all NZES datasets contain a 'campaign' component, with data from rolling cross-section samples taken during the 4-5 week campaign. See the pre-post panels section.

The post-election wave of this sample included in the main post-election sample and distinguished by the sample components variable (column M).

6. More information on these samples can be found in Vowles, J., 'The New Zealand Election Study', Political Science 52, 2, December 2000, 150-157.