

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
Non-validated						Validated								
Post-election		gender/ age/Maori 1996, 2002, 2005	gendr/age mail ony	varweight all	valid var wt1	valid vote nvot90e	weight all nwt1	weight mail only	weight all exlc nonv	weight mail excl nonv	mail only var	sample components	unweighted N	non-tel vars
1990	base vote vot90e										type le 3		2110	
1993	vot93e			nwt	vv	nvot93e	nnwt				nmont ne 3	dpanel	2251	
1996	vot96p	ngagewt	mgagewt	qwt	svoted	nvot96p	nqwt	mnqwt			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	zwt	alwwt	wwt	teltopup=0	wsample	5783	817
2005	vot05p	ygnagwt	ygnagwt		yvalid	ynvt05p	ypwt	ypwt	not computed		NA	ypsam	3743	NA
Pre-post panels														
1996							nqwt						2152	
1999		cmagewt					ncwt						2415	
2002		gagewt					fcamwt	campwt	mcmpwt	mcamwt			2522	

1. All weights are cumulative: that is, the vote and valid vote weights incorporate Maori oversample weights (where appropriate), gender, and age.
2. NZES samples in 2002 and earlier contain a base sample of electors who returned postal questionnaires, and a top-up sample by phone, using a 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 variables named in column L. In 2005, there was no telephone topup - questionnaires were by mail and a very few by the internet
3. 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.
4. The 1996, 2002, and 2005 studies oversampled the Maori electorates. For this reason, analysis of unweighted data for these datasets is NOT RECOMMENDED. In 1996, 1999, and 2002 the weights also contain a correction for household size where households, not individuals, were sampled (see note 6).
5. 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).
6. In 1996, 1999, and 2002 the 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).
7. More information on the samples in 1999 and earlier can be found in Vowles, J., 'The New Zealand Election Study', Political Science 52, 2, December 2000, 150-157.
8. For 2005, the valid vote weight (ypwt) constrains the sample size to 2806 so that the Maori oversample does not boost the total sample size making standard errors misleading. To use the Maori sample only, the weight is ympwt.