

Research NewZ

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What's new at Rangahau Aotearoa Research New Zealand?

This is our new format newsletter. Shorter and to the point!

Project news

Next to StatsNZ's Census of Population and Dwellings, we have possibly just completed the biggest-ever survey held in Aotearoa New Zealand (for the second time)! Te Taunaki is the name the Public Service Commission has given to its 'census' of the New Zealand public service. Over 60,000 public servants were invited to complete the survey and significantly, well over one-half chose to provide their feedback, exceeding the response to the earlier survey.

As we're sure you're aware, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) has been in the news lately. With this in mind, we're pleased to announce that, with the Ministry for Women's help, we will shortly be conducting the fifth iteration of our Gender Attitudes Survey for the New Zealand Council of Women of New Zealand.

Technology news

As part of our preparation for the Te Taunaki, we completed a round of **accessibility** testing. The purpose of this was to ensure the web accessibility of the survey at WCAG 2.2 (which is the recognised international benchmark). Given that Te Taunaki's accessibility was also tested in 2023 and the learnings from that testing were applied to the current survey, we are pleased to say the benchmark was met. The learnings from the testing are now being applied to all our other web surveys.

We have also recently had Bastion Security Group complete our annual **penetration** testing; specifically to test for vulnerabilities relating to our web portals (used by clients to download data and receive reports) and our web reporting tools. This testing confirmed that we have the appropriate checks and balances in place.

Media releases

Since the beginning of the New Year we have completed two polls, both featuring on RNZ:

1. In February, a poll about the support for several proposed parliamentary reforms showed that, compared to the situation about 10 years ago, New Zealanders 18+ were less in favour of **extending the parliamentary term to four years** (44% cf. 58% in 2013). You can view the poll report [here](#).
2. In March, another one of our ‘cost-of-living’ polls showed one-in-every two New Zealanders 18+ had **gone without or struggled to pay for basic everyday items** such as food and groceries, public transport and going to the doctor. You can view the poll report [here](#). Our ‘cost-of-living’ poll will be updated in three months’ time (April/June).

We are currently self-funding a survey of New Zealand businesses to measure how they are faring given that current economic recession and particularly how this is impacting their mental health. The report for this will be available by the time our next newsletter is published (June), but a preliminary examination of the results points to the fact that over one-third report being ‘frustrated and worried’ on a daily basis.

Other useful information and news

StatsNZ has recently released population-based information from the 2023 Census of Population & Dwellings, which enables us to ‘weight’ the results for any survey of the general public with the most up-to-date age, gender, ethnicity and regional statistics.

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