



International Social Survey Programme New Zealand

New Zealand ISSP 2009 – Social Inequality IV Questionnaire

1. Please tick one box for each of these to show how important you think it is for getting ahead in life...

		Essential	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not very Important	Not Important At all	Can't Choose
a.	Coming from a wealthy family	1	2	3	4	5	8
b.	Having well- educated parents		2	3	4	5	8
c.	Having a good education yourself		2	3	4	5	8
d.	Having ambition		2	3	4	5	8
e.	Hard work		2	3	4	5	8
f.	Knowing the right people		2	3	4	5	8
g.	Having political connections		2	3	4	5	8
h.	Giving bribes		2	3	4	5	8
i.	A person's race		2	3	4	5	8
j.	A person's religion		2	3	4	5	8
k.	Being born a man or a woman		2	3	4	5	8

2.	To what extent	do you agree o	r disagree with	the following statements?
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		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
a.	To get all the way to the top in New Zealand today, you have to be corrupt		2	3	4	5	8
b.	In New Zealand only students from the best secondary schools have a good chance to obtain a university education		_2	3	4	5	8
c.	In New Zealand only the rich can afford the costs of attending university		2	3	4	5	8
d.	In New Zealand people have the same chances to enter university, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or social background		2	3	4	5	8
	ould you say that you ear t job?	rnIf you	are not w	vorking now,	please tell	us about yo	our
		N	Auch less	than I deserve			
			Less	than I deserve	2		
			V	Vhat I deserve	3		
			More t	than I deserve	4		
		M	uch more	than I deserve	5		
			1	Never worked	6		
				Can't choose	8		

3.

4.	We would like to know what you think people in these jobs actually earn. Please write in how much you think they usually earn each year before tax. Many people are not exactly sure about this, but your best guess will be close enough. This may be difficult, but it is very important. So please try.
	Please write in how much they <u>ACTUALLY</u> earn each year before tax.
	a. How much do you think a doctor in general practice earns?

6.	6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?							
			Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Can't Choose
	a.	Differences in income in New Zealand are too large		2	3	4	5	8
	b.	It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes		_2	3	4	_3	8
	c.	The government should provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed		2	3	4	5	8
	d.	The government should spend less on benefits for the poor		2	3	4	5	8
7a.		you think people with h kes than those with low in					eir income i	in
				Muc	ch larger share	: 1		
					Larger			
				T	he same share	3		
					Smaller	4		
				Much	smaller share	5		
					Can't choose	8		

7b.	Generally, how would you describe taxes in New Zealand tod incomes? Taxes are	ay for those with high
	much too high	
	too high	_2
	about right	_3
	too low	4
	much too low	_5
	Can't choose	8
8a.	Is it just or unjust – right or wrong – that people with higher health care than people with lower incomes?	incomes can buy better
	Very just, definitely right	
	Somewhat just, right	_2
	Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings	3
	Somewhat unjust, wrong	4
	Very unjust, definitely wrong	_5
	Can't choose	8
8b.	Is it just or unjust – right or wrong – that people with higher education for their children than people with lower incomes?	
	Very just, definitely right	
	Somewhat just, right	2
	Neither just nor unjust, mixed feelings	3
	Somewhat unjust, wrong	4
	Very unjust, definitely wrong	5
	Can't choose	8

9. In all countries, there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in New Zealand how much conflict is there between...

		Very strong conflicts	Strong conflicts	Not very strong conflicts	There are no conflicts	Can't choose
a.	Poor people and rich people	1	2	3	4	8
b.	The working class and the middle class	1	2	3	4	8
c.	Management and workers		2	3	4	8
d.	People at the top of society and people at the bottom	1	2	3	4	8

10a. In our society there are groups which tend to be towards the top and groups which tend to be towards the bottom. Below is a scale that runs from top to bottom. Where would you put yourself now on this scale? 10 being top, 1 being bottom.

	TOP	\square_{10}	TOP
10			
9		\square_{8}	
7		\square_7	
6		\square_6	
5		\square_5	
4		\square_4	
3		\square_3	
2		\square_2	
1	BOTTOM		воттом

10b. And if you think about the family that you grew up in, where did they fit in then?

	ТОР	\square_{10}	ТОР
10		□ ₉	
9		\square_8	
7		\square_7	
6		\square_6	
5		\square_5	
4		\square_4	
3		\square_3	
2		\square_2	
1	BOTTOM		ВОТТОМ

11. Please think about your present job (or your last one if you don't have one now). If you compare this job to the job your father had when you were 15, would you say that the level of status of your job is (or was)...

Much higher than your father's

Higher 2

About equal 3

Lower

Much lower than your father's

[3]

I never had a job

I don't know what my father did/father never had a job/never knew father/father deceased

12.	In deciding how much people ought to earn, how important should each of these
	things be, in your opinion?

	H	Essential	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not very Important	Not Important At all	Can't Choose	
a.	How much responsibility goes with the job. How important do you think that ought to be in deciding pay?		2	3	4	5	8	
b.	The number of years spent in education and training		2	3	4	5	8	
c.	What is needed to support a family	1	2	3	4	5	8	
d.	Whether the person has children to support	1	2	3	4	5	8	
e.	How well he or she does the job	1	_2	3	4	5	8	
f.	How hard he or she works at the job	1	2	3	4	5	8	
wha	Is your pay just? We are not asking about how much you would like to earn – but what you feel is just given your skills and effort. If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job.							
	Mu	ch less tha	n is just [
	A lit	tle less tha	n is just [2				
About just for me 3								
A little more than is just 4								
	Muc	h more tha	n is just [5				
		Never h	ad a job 🛚	6				
		Can't	t choose Γ					

13.

14. These five diagrams show different types of society. Please read the descriptions and look at the diagrams and decide which you think best describes New Zealand.

Type A	Туре В	Туре С	Type D	Type E	
A small elite at the top, very few people in the middle and the great mass of people at the bottom.	A society like a pyramid with a small elite at the top, more people in the middle, and most at the bottom.	A pyramid except that just a few people are at the bottom.	A society with most people in the middle.	Many people near the top, and only a few near the bottom.	

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14a.	First, what type	of society is New	Zealand today	 which diagram 	comes closest?

Type A	1
Type B	2
Type C	3
Type D	4
Type E	5
Can't choose	8

14b. What do you think New Zealand ought to be like – which would you prefer?

Type A	
Type B	2
Type C	
Type D	4
Type E	
Can't choose	

not have	a paid	e 15 years old, for whom did your father work? If you job at the time, please give information about his last	
		Employee of a private company or business	
	G	overnment (national, state or local government)	2
		Self-employed	3
Other	r (please	e specify)	4
		Can't choose	8
your mo	ther di If she	d not work when you were 15 years old, did your moth worked before, when did she stop working?	
	Yes	My mother did have a job when I was 15 years old	1
	No	My mother never had a job outside the household	2
		My mother stopped working before she got married	3
		My mother stopped working after she got married, but before her first child was born	4
		My mother stopped working after her first child was born	5
		Can't choose	8
mother v informa	work? tion ab Go	If your mother did not have a paid job at the time, ple out her last job before that time. Employee of a private company or business vernment (national, state or local government) Self-employed specify)	ease give
	Other works of the state of the	ot have a paid that time. G Other (please your mother dibefore? If she Yes No In her last job mother work? information about the control of	Employee of a private company or business Government (national, state or local government) Self-employed Other (please specify) Can't choose When you were 15 years old, did your mother work outside the house your mother did not work when you were 15 years old, did your mother before? If she worked before, when did she stop working? Yes My mother did have a job when I was 15 years old No My mother never had a job outside the household My mother stopped working before she got married. My mother stopped working after she got married, but before her first child was born My mother stopped working after her first child was born My mother stopped working after her first child was born Can't choose In her last job – i.e., when or before you were 15 years old, for whom mother work? If your mother did not have a paid job at the time, ple information about her last job before that time. Employee of a private company or business Government (national, state or local government) Self-employed Other (please specify) My mother never worked outside the household ,

17. Here is a list of different types of jobs. Which type of job did your father/mother have when you were 15 years old (or earlier when they did not have a paid job at that time)?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX FOR YOUR FATHER AND ONE BOX FOR YOUR MOTHER.

	Your father	Your mother
Professional and technical (for example: doctor, teacher, engineer, artist, accountant, nurse)		
Higher administrative (for example: banker, executive in big business, high government official, union official)	2	2
Clerical (for example: secretary, clerk, office manager, civil servant, bookkeeper)	3	3
Sales (for example: sales manager, shop owner, shop assistant, insurance agent, buyer)	4	4
Service (for example: restaurant owner, police officer, waitress, barber, caretaker)	5	5
Skilled worker (for example: foreman, motor mechanic, printer, seamstress, tool and die maker, electrician)	6	6
Semi-skilled worker (for example: bricklayer, bus driver, cannery worker, carpenter, sheet metal worker, baker)	7	7
Unskilled worker (for example: labourer, porter, unskilled factory worker, cleaner)	8	8
Farm worker (for example: farm labourer, tractor driver)	9	9
Farm proprietor, farm manager	10	10
Father/mother never had a job		11
Father/mother unknown	99	99

18.	About how many books were there around your family years old?	's house when you were 15
	None	
	1 or 2 \square	
	Around 10 \square_3	
	Around 20 4	
	Around 50s	
	Around 1006	
	Around 200	
	Around 500 s	
	1000 or more \square_9	
19.	In your first job after leaving full-time education, for w	hom did you work?
	A private company or business	
	Government (national, state or local government)	2
	Yourself (Self-employed)	3
	Other (please specify)	4
	I have never had a paid job	7
20.	In your current job, for whom do you work? If not won about your most recent job.	rking now, please tell us
	Government (national, state or local government)	
	Work for a publicly owned firm	2
	Do not work for government or a publicly owned firm and not self-employed	3
	Yourself (Self-employed)	4
	Other (please specify)	5
	I have never had a paid job	0

21. Here is a list of different types of jobs. Which type of job did you have in your first job – after leaving full-time education – and which type of job do you have now in your current job? If you are not working now, please tell us about your last job.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX FOR YOUR FIRST JOB AND ONE BOX FOR YOUR CURRENT/LAST JOB.

	Your first job	Your current/last job
Professional and technical (for example: doctor, teacher, engineer, artist, accountant, nurse)		
Higher administrative (for example: banker, executive in big business, high government official, union official)	2	2
Clerical (for example: secretary, clerk, office manager, civil servant, bookkeeper)	3	3
Sales (for example: sales manager, shop owner, shop assistant, insurance agent, buyer)	4	4
Service (for example: restaurant owner, police officer, waitress, barber, caretaker)	5	5
Skilled worker (for example: foreman, motor mechanic, printer, seamstress, tool and die maker, electrician)	6	6
Semi-skilled worker (for example: bricklayer, bus driver, cannery worker, carpenter, sheet metal worker, baker)	7	7
Unskilled worker (for example: labourer, porter, unskilled factory worker, cleaner)	8	8
Farm worker (for example: farm labourer, tractor driver)	9	9
Farm proprietor, farm manager	10	10
First job is same as current job	11	11
I have never had a job	99	99

22.	Most people see themselves as belonging to a particular cla social class you would say you belong to?	ss. Please tell us which
	Lower class	
	Working class	2
	Lower middle class	3
	Middle class	4
	Upper middle class	5
	Upper class	6
23a.	How much money would be left if the home or apartment y immediate family live in was sold, and any debts on it, such personal loan, would have been paid off? Please give your	as a mortgage or
	Just debts	
	I/we do not own a home	2
	\$1 - \$30,000	3
	\$30,000 - \$60,000	4
	\$60,000 - \$90,000	5
	\$90,000 - \$120,000	6
	\$120,000 - \$160,000	7
	\$160,000 - \$200,000	8
	\$200,000 - \$400,000	9
	\$400,000 - \$700,000	10
	\$700,000 - \$1,000,000	11
	More than \$1,000,000	12
	Can't choose	99

23b. How much money would be left if you and/or your immediate family converted to cash all savings, stocks, or bonds you own, and then paid off any personal debts you have (not including any home loan)? Please give your best estimate.

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Just debts	
Nothing	2
\$1 - \$20,000	3
\$20,000 - \$40,000	4
\$40,000 - \$60,000	5
\$60,000 - \$80,000	6
\$80,000 - \$120,000	7
\$120,000 - \$200,000	8
\$200,000 - \$300,000	9
\$300,000 - \$500,000	10
\$500,000 - \$700,000	11
More than \$700,000	12
Can't choose	99

About Yourself

So that we can be sure we have a good cross section of people in our survey, would you please answer the following questions about yourself. Remember that all responses remain *STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL*.

28.	Please indicate the year in which you were born: Year: 19
29.	What is your gender? Male Female 2
30.	Which of these categories best describes your <i>current</i> marital status?
	Married
	Widowed 2
	Divorced 3
	Separated 4
	Single, never married 5
31.	Do you live together with a partner?
	Yes No 2
32.	INCLUDING YOURSELF, how many people are there in your household?
	Number in household :
	How many children under the age of 18 are in your household?
	Children under 18 years

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PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS YOU N GROUP(S) YOU BELONG TO	EED TO SHOW WHICH ETH	INIC
	N Z Maori	
	N Z European or Pakeha	
	Other European	
	Samoan	
	Cook Island Maori	
	Tongan	
	Niuean	
	Chinese	
	Indian	
	Other (such as Fijian, Korean)	

	gious denomination?	34. What is your current religion o
13	Methodist	Anglican
14	Muslim	Assemblies of God
15	Orthodox	Baptist
16	Pentecostal	Brethren
17	Presbyterian	Buddhist
18	Protestant	Catholic
19	Ratana	Christian
20	Ringatu	Jehovah's Witness
21	Salvation Army	Jewish
22	Seventh Day Adventist	Hindu
23	Other	Lutheran
24	No religion	Mormon (Latter Day Saints)
	service?	35. How often do you attend a reli
1	Never	
2	Less than once a year	
3	Once a year	
4	Several times a year	
5	Once a month	
6	Two or three times a month	
7	Once a week	
8	Several times a week	
9	Can't choose/Don't know	

36.	Which one of these categories best describes the amount of formal education have had?	tion you
	No formal schooling	1
	A few years of primary school	2
	Primary/Intermediate up to Standard 6 or Form 2	3
	Secondary school for up to 3 years	4
	Secondary school for 4 years or more	5
	University/polytechnic for up to 3 years	6
	University/polytechnic for 4 years or more	7
37.	Which of these categories best describes your highest formal qualification	n?
	No formal qualification	1
	Proficiency	2
	School C, Nat Cert Level 1, NCEA Level 1	3
	Sixth Form Cert, Nat Cert Level 2, UE, NCEA Level 2	4
	Higher Sch Cert, Higher Leaving Cert, Bursary/Scholarship, NCEA Level 3	5
	Trade or Professional certificate	6
	Trade or Professional certificate Diploma below degree level	6

38. Which one of these categories best describes your current employment status?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

	CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY	
	Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly)	
	Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly)	2
	Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work	3
	Helping family member	4
	NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY	
	Unemployed or beneficiary	5
	Student	6
	Retired	7
	Housewife/husband - home duties	8
	Permanently disabled	9
39. H	low many hours, on average, do you usually work in a normal week?	
	Number of hours: OR: Doesn't apply to me	
40. W	What is your main occupation?	
•	• If you have more than one job, business or professional practice, ple occupation for the job you spend the most time at.	ease give the
•	• Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builde not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.	rs' labourer
	Main occupation: OR: not applica	able 99

41.	Do you supervise, or are you responsible for, the work of any other peop	le?
	Yes 1 No 2	
	If yes, how many people do you supervise?	
	Number of people:	
42.	Which of these categories best describes who you work for (or who you work recently)?	vorked for
	Public sector (i.e. local government, Government)	1
	Publicly-owned private sector organisation	2
	Privately-owned private sector organisation	3
	Non-profit/Charity/Welfare organisation	4
	Self-employed	5
	Not working	6
43.	If you are self-employed, how many employees do you currently have? Number of employees:	
44.	Have you ever been a member of a Trade Union?	
	Currently a member	
	Once a member, but not now	2
	Never a member	3

IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, PLEASE ANSWER QUESTION 45. OTHERWISE, PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 48.

45. Which one of the following categories best describes your partner's or spouse's current employment status?

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY

CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY	
Employed – full time (35+ hours weekly)	
Employed - part time (15-35 hours weekly)	2
Employed - less than 15 hours/temporarily out of work	3
Helping family member	4
NOT CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY	
Unemployed or beneficiary	5
Student	6
Retired	7
Housewife/husband - home duties	8
Permanently disabled	9
What is your partner's or spouse's main occupation?	
• If your partner or spouse has more than one job, business or profes practice, please give the occupation for the job he or she spends the	
• Please describe fully, using two words or more; for example, builde not labourer, accounts clerk not clerk, deer farmer not farmer.	rs' labourer
Main occupation: OR: not applic	able 99

46.

47. Which of these categories best describes who your part who they worked for most recently)?	artner or spouse w	orks for (or
Public sector (i.e. local govern	nment, Government) 1
Publicly-owned private	e sector organisation	1 2
Privately-owned private	e sector organisation	1 3
Non-profit/Charity/V	Welfare organisation	1 4
	Self-employed	d 5
	Not working	g 6
48. At the 2008 General Election, who did you vote for?		
	Electorate candidate	Party list
Didn't vote/not eligible to vote		
Act	2	2
Alliance	3	3
Destiny	4	4
Green	5	5
Labour	6	6
Maori Party	7	7
National	8	8
New Zealand First	9	9
Progressive Coalition	10	10
United Future	11	11
Other	12	12
Don't know	13	13

49. Where on the following scale would you say your political views lie?		
Far left		
Left/centre left	2	
Centre/liberal	3	
Right/conservative	4	
Far right	5	
Other	6	
Have no preference	7	
Don't know	8	
50. Which of the following categories best describes your own yearly income sources before tax?	from all	
\$10,000 or less		
\$10,001 - \$15,000	2	
\$15,001 - \$20,000	3	
\$20,001 - \$25,000	4	
\$25,001 - \$30,000	5	
\$30,001 - \$40,000	6	
\$40,001 - \$50,000	7	
\$50,001 - \$70,000	8	
\$70,001 - \$100,000	9	
\$101,000 or more	10	

51.	. Which of the following categories best describes the total yearly income of <i>everyone in your household</i> from all sources before tax?					
			\$15,000 or less			
			\$15,001 - \$20,000	2		
			\$20,001 - \$30,000	3		
			\$30,001 - \$40,000	4		
			\$40,001 - \$50,000	5		
			\$50,001 - \$60,000	6		
			\$60,001 - \$70,000	7		
			\$70,001 - \$80,000	8		
			\$80,001 - \$100,000	9		
			\$100,001 or more	10		
52.	And in which area do you live?					
	Northland		Horowhenua 12			
	Auckland	2	Wellington [13]			
	Thames Valley	3	Wairarapa ₁₄			
	Bay of Plenty	4	Nelson Bays ₁₅			
	Waikato	5	Marlborough ₁₆			
	Tongariro	6	West Coast 17			
	East Cape	7	Canterbury 18			
	Hawkes Bay	8	Aorangi ₁₉			
	Taranaki	9	Clutha-Central Otago 20			
	Wanganui	10	Coastal-North Otago 21			
	Manawatu-Rangitikei	11	Southland 22			

53. Would you describe the place where you live as	
A big city	1
The suburbs or outskirts of a big city	2
A small city or town	3
A country village	4
A farm or home in the country	5
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54. What is the population of place where you live?	
100,000 or more	
50,000 - 99,000	2
30,000 - 49,999	3
10,000 - 29,999	4
1,000 - 9,999	5
Less than 1,000	6
Farm or rural property	7

	ner comments you wi ould welcome them. P			
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