



**Submission on Statistics NZ's proposed content for the NZ General Social Survey 2016**

Submissions close at 5pm on Friday, 30 May 2014

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## 2. Proposed content for the 2016 NZ General Social Survey

Which of the following topics is your **first** preference for the supplementary module content for NZGSS 2016?

- Option 1: Civic and cultural participation
- Option 2: Housing and physical environment
- Option 3: Other topic(s) you think we should measure in 2016

My **most preferred** topic is: \_\_Option 2\_\_\_\_\_

How would information from your preferred topic contribute to your work?

The state of housing and in particular the means and cost of domestic energy use is a key driver in several portfolios, eg Health and Superannuation for which Grey Power Federation (GPF) advocates on behalf of older New Zealanders. We also note that many of the environmental factors that have high risk factors for the elderly are equally pertinent to infants and young children.

What aspects of this topic would be of most value? (If applicable please don't feel limited by the aspects listed in tables 2 and 3.)

For Housing, Tenure and Objective housing quality would be of most immediate value. However, if available, Subjective housing quality and housing adequacy would be very useful.

Built environment. Proximity of services especially transport and medical services would be the most use.

Natural environment. Access to and satisfaction with natural surroundings and attitudes and behaviour relating to climate change would be of most use.

How frequently would you need this information?

Every:

- ideal 2 years
- acceptable 4 years
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What are the population groups of interest you would need this data to identify (eg ethnic groups, geographical areas, age groups, migrant status)?

Ideal 5 year age bands to age 100, Ten year bands acceptable.

Area units would be ideal, but TLA acceptable

Sex and ethnic coding would be useful but not essential for our purposes.

**If you have a second, and/or third preference, please complete the following:**

Which of the following topics is your **second** preference for the supplementary module content for NZGSS 2016?

- Option 1: Civic and cultural participation
- Option 2: Housing and physical environment.
- Option 3: Other topic(s) you think we should measure in 2016.

My **second** preference is: \_Option 1\_\_\_\_\_

How would information from this contribute to your work?

Research indicates that the degree of participation in civic society is a key determinant of health and well being in later life. Secondly, the degree to which individuals actively participate in the democratic process shapes the approach taken by GPF to advocacy.

What aspects of this topic would be of most value? (If applicable please don't feel limited by the aspects listed in tables 2 and 3.)

Cultural expression and wellbeing. Distribution of outcomes across sub populations

Civic participation. Relationship between civic engagement and social wellbeing. Not only capability to exercise democratic rights but also degree to which this is seen as a social responsibility.

How frequently would you need this information?

Every:

- 4 years or
- 6 years would be acceptable

What are the population groups of interest you would need this data to identify (eg ethnic groups, geographic areas, age groups, migrant status)?

As above

Which of the following topics is your **third** preference for the supplementary module content for NZGSS 2016?

- Option 1: Civic and cultural participation
- Option 2: Housing and physical environment.
- Option 3: Other topic(s) you think we should measure in 2016.

My **third** preference is: \_\_\_\_\_

How would information from this contribute to your work?

What aspects of this topic would be of most value? (If applicable please don't feel limited by the aspects listed in tables 2 and 3.)

How frequently would you need this information?

Every:

- 2 years
- 4 years
- 6 years
- 8 years
- 10 years

What are the population groups of interest you would need this data to identify (eg ethnic groups, geographic areas, age groups, migrant status)?

**Any other comments?**

Thank you for your time in helping us further shape the content of the NZ General Social Survey, to make sure that New Zealand gets the information it needs to grow and prosper. Your input is appreciated.

**Information about the proposal**

Read [New Zealand General Social Survey 2016 consultation](#) for details about the proposal.

**How to return your submission**

**Post your hard copy submission to:**  
2016 NZ General Social Survey content  
Statistics New Zealand  
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Wellington

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**Any questions?**

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All submissions received by Statistics NZ will be acknowledged.

Submissions must reach Statistics NZ by 5pm on Friday, 30 May 2014.

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All submissions received become the property of Statistics NZ and may be released or otherwise referred to when we publicly explain the content of questionnaires for the 2016 NZ General Social Survey.