

The Spirit of Generation Y

Appendix II. Demographics of the Generation Y sample

The following tables show the Number and Percentage for a range of demographic characteristics of the national probability sample of Generation Y collected in the survey.

The number of cases (N) in all tables is the 'weighted N'.

To explain this procedure non-technically:

As can be seen in the following table, which shows both weighted and unweighted Ns, there were 401 respondents aged 13-15 yrs.

Age-groups within Generation Y

	N (Weighted)	%	N (Unweighted)
1 13-15	313	26%	401
2 16-17	212	17%	272
3 18-21	457	38%	379
4 22-24	237	19%	167
Total	1219	100%	1219

But so that the whole sample represents accurately the Generation Y population aged 13-24, the 401 cases aged 13-15 must be 'weighted back' so that they only exert as much influence as 313 cases, or 26%, which is the proportion of Generation Y that this age group constitute, according to the most recent Census. So percentages are based on the weighted N, but significance tests are strengthened by being based on all 401 cases actually collected.

The form of weighting used here is called 'normalised', meaning that the unweighted and weighted N are equal.

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List of tables of demographic variables

1. Age
2. Gender
3. State of residence
4. Region of residence within state (capital city / rest of state)
5. State and region of residence combined
6. Birthplace of respondent (Australia / Other)
7. Birthplace of father (Australia / Other)
8. Birthplace of mother (Australia / Other)
9. Parent(s) with whom respondent lives
10. Family intactness (for those 13-17: whether living with both biological

- parents, or stage when they last did so)
11. Study status in 2005 (year of survey): attending secondary, tertiary or no educational institution
 12. Level of education completed
 13. Years of post-secondary education
 14. Years of post-graduate education
 15. Subject liked best at school last year (first mention)
 16. Subject liked best at school last year (second mention)
 17. How far respondent intends to go with studies
 18. Type of secondary school attending (for those attending in 2005)
 19. Type of secondary school attended (for those not attending secondary school in 2005)
 20. Religious affiliation of secondary school (for those attending or attended non-Government school)
 21. Religious affiliation of secondary school (for those attending or attended non-Government school) -- collapsed into Govt, Catholic, Other Private
 22. Religious affiliation of secondary school (for those attending or attended non-Government school) -- collapsed into Govt, Catholic, Other Christian Private
 23. Respondent's current work status: in paid employment or not
 24. Main activity of those over 16 not at school and not employed
 25. Occupation of respondents over 16 who are working and not studying
 26. Father's usual occupation
 27. Mother's usual occupation

	Age of Respondent	
	N	%
13	92	8%
14	105	9%
15	116	9%
16	102	8%
17	109	9%
18	102	8%
19	119	10%
20	113	9%
21	123	10%
22	91	7%
23	75	6%
24	72	6%
Total	1219	100%

	Gender of Respondent	
	N	%
1 Male	621	51%
2 Female	598	49%
Total	1219	100%

	State of Residence	
	N	%
1 ACT	20	2%
2 NSW	394	32%
3 VIC	306	25%
4 QLD	213	17%
5 SA	112	9%
6 WA	130	11%
7 TAS	33	3%
8 NT	12	1%
Total	1219	100%

	Region of State in which respondent resides: Metropolitan / Regional	
	N	%
1 Metro	800	66%
2 Regional	419	34%
Total	1219	100%

	State & Region of State in which respondent resides: Metropolitan / Regional	
	N	%
1 Sydney	261	21%
2 Rest of NSW	133	11%
3 Melbourne	216	18%
4 Rest of VIC	90	7%
5 Brisbane	104	9%
6 Rest of QLD	109	9%
7 Adelaide	83	7%
8 Rest of SA	29	2%
9 Perth	95	8%
10 Rest of WA	35	3%
11 ACT	20	2%
12 Hobart	16	1%
13 Rest of Tasmania	17	1%
14 Darwin	5	0%
15 Rest of NT	7	1%
Total	1219	100%

	Respondent's Country of birth (Australia / other)	
	N	%
1 Australia	1025	84%
2 All other	194	16%
Total	1219	100%

	Father's country of birth (Australia / other)	
	N	%
1 Australia	737	60%
2 All other	482	40%
Total	1219	100%

	Mother's country of birth (Australia / other)	
	N	%
1 Australia	789	65%
2 All other	431	35%
Total	1219	100%

	Parent(s) with whom respondent lives	
	N	%
1 Lives with (biological) father and (biological) mother	639	53%
2 (Biological) father sole parent	40	3%
3 (Biological) mother sole parent	172	14%
4 Biological father and stepmother/adoptive mother	9	1%
5 Biological mother and stepfather/adoptive father	62	5%
7 Stepfather/adoptive father sole parent	2	0%
8 Lives with stepparents/adoptive parents	2	0%
9 Does not live with mother or father figure	286	24%
Total	1211	100%

'Family intactness'
calculated only for those aged 13-17
who are living with at least one biological parent

The abbreviations in the following table denote the following categories:

- 1. Both biol now: respondent lives with both biological parents now**
- 2. 1bNow2bSec: respondent lives with one biological parent now, but lived with both until some time during secondary school (indicating a relatively recent separation or divorce or death of one parent)**
- 3. 1bNow2bPrim: respondent lives with one biological parent now, but lived with both until some time during primary school (indicating a separation or divorce or death of one parent which took place when respondent was in primary school)**
- 4.1bNow2bPre: respondent lives with one biological parent now, but lived with both until some time before commencing primary school (indicating an early separation or divorce or death of one parent)**

	Re those aged 13-17 only: Family intactness	
	N	%
1 Both biol now	341	70%
2 1bNow2bSec	31	6%
3 1bNow2bPrim	61	12%
4 1bNow2bPre	55	11%
Total	488	100%

	Study status in 2005 (Survey was in Feb-Mar 2005)	
	N	%
1 Attending secondary school (up to and including year 12)	446	37%
2 Attending a tertiary institution (e.g. Uni, TAFE, etc.), or	431	35%
3 Not attending an educational institution	337	28%
Total	1215	100%

	Highest level of education ATTAINED	
	N	%
1 Year 6	2	0%
2 Year 7	34	3%
3 Year 8	90	7%
4 Year 9	106	9%
5 Year 10	166	14%
6 Year 11	154	13%
7 Year 12 / completed secondary school to HSC level or equival	277	23%
8 Completed some post secondary (specify number of years)	123	10%
9 Completed apprenticeship	18	1%
10 Completed TAFE Course	94	8%
11 Completed undergraduate degree	126	10%
12 Complete some post-graduate (specify number of years)	25	2%
13 Completed Master's degree	1	0%
Total	1216	100%

	Number of years of Post- Secondary education	
	N	%
1 1	51	45%
2 2	31	28%
3 3	22	20%
4 4	9	8%
Total	113	100%

	Number of years of Post-graduate education	
	N	%
1 1	11	43%
2 2	3	13%
3 3	7	27%
4 4	3	12%
5 5	1	5%
Total	25	100%

	Subject liked best at school last year (first mention)	
	N	%
1 English	105	17%
2 Business/legal studies	23	4%
3 Language other than English	18	3%
4 Maths/Science (biology, chemistry, physics)	133	21%
5 Music/drama/art	101	16%
6 Computers/information technology	24	4%
7 Technical and applied (eg woodwork, textiles, home economics)	64	10%
8 Study of science and environment (eg history, geography)	60	10%
9 Religious studies	2	0%
10 Sport, physical education, outdoor education	78	12%
11 Other	13	2%
12 (Did not like any subject)	3	0%
Total	623	100%

	Subject liked best at school last year (second mention)	
	N	%
1 English	83	14%
2 Business/legal studies	21	4%
3 Language other than English	18	3%
4 Maths/Science (biology, chemistry, physics)	123	20%
5 Music/drama/art	80	13%
6 Computers/information technology	24	4%
7 Technical and applied (eg woodwork, textiles, home economics)	68	11%
8 Study of science and environment (eg history, geography)	95	16%
9 Religious studies	2	0%
10 Sport, physical education, outdoor education	74	12%
11 Other	15	2%
12 (Did not like any subject)	8	1%
Total	611	100%

	How far intends to go with studies	
	N	%
1 Finishing school at the end of this year (without completing)	20	2%
2 Completing secondary school (finish Year 12)	68	8%
3 Complete TAFE course	121	14%
4 Some university -- diploma, not a 3-year degree	50	6%
5 University degree (BA, or other 3-year degree)	334	40%
6 Longer course e.g. combined degree / 4-5 yr (MB, BS / engineering)	89	11%
7 Post-graduate degree after 1st degree (MBA, MA, PHD, etc)	153	18%
Total	835	100%

	Type of secondary school attending this year (attending secondary school in 2005)	
	N	%
1 Government	274	62%
2 Private	171	38%
Total	444	100%

	Type of secondary school attended (not attending secondary school in 2005)	
	N	%
1 Government	486	63%
2 Private	286	37%
Total	771	100%

	Re those who are attending, or in recent years attended private schools: Religious affiliation or denomination of secondary school attended	
	N	%
1 Anglican	69	15%
2 Baptist	10	2%
3 Catholic	223	49%
4 Lutheran	18	4%
5 Orthodox	3	1%
6 Parent-controlled (Reformed)	2	0%
7 Presbyterian	4	1%
8 Seventh Day Adventist	3	1%
9 Uniting Church	15	3%
10 Christian - not further defined	47	10%
11 Hindu	1	0%
12 Jewish	3	1%
13 Islamic/Muslim	4	1%
14 Other	21	5%
15 None	29	6%
Total	453	100%

	Attending or attended Gov or Cath or OthXnPriv or NonXnPriv	
	N	%
1 Govt.	759	63%
2 Cath	223	18%
3 OthPriv	230	19%
Total	1212	100%

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	N	%
1.00 Govt.	759	66%
2.00 Cath	223	19%
3.00 OthXnPriv	171	15%
Total	1153	100%

	Respondent's current work status (have paid job?) (Only asked of respondents aged 16 or over; but includes those studying who have part-time work)	
	N	%
1 Yes	626	69%
2 No	280	31%
Total	906	100%

	Respondent's main activity (Only asked of respondents aged 16 or over who have no paid work)	
	N	%
1 Looking for work,	51	18%
2 Studying,	195	70%
3 Doing home duties	23	8%
4 Other	12	4%
Total	280	100%

Occupation categories

The categories used in the following tables of occupations of respondents and their parents are the familiar set used in the Census. The abbreviated entries in the tables stand for the following categories:

1. Labourer or related work
2. Elementary clerical, sales or service work
3. Intermediate plant operator or transport work
4. Intermediate clerical, sales or service work
5. Advanced clerical, sales or service work
6. Tradesperson or related work
7. Technician or associated professional work
8. Manager or administrator work

	Respondent's occupation (if over 16, working, and not currently studying)	
	N	%
1 Labourer etc	46	18%
2 Elem cler/sales/svce	40	16%
3 Int oper/transport	11	4%
4 Int cler/sales/svce	31	12%
5 Adv cler /svce	17	7%
6 Tradesperson	32	13%
7 Tech /assoc profl	17	7%
8 Professional	36	14%
9 Manager /admin	24	9%
Total	253	100%

Parents' usual occupation

If respondent had earlier indicated that they never knew the parent, and that there is no alternative father / mother figure in the household, they were not asked the question on that

parent's usual occupation.

Some of those who were asked the question responded that they did not know the parent's occupation, or that the parent is not in paid employment or was engaged in home duties, or that the parent died when the respondent was young. Hence the smaller totals of responses for parents' occupation.

	Father's usual occupation	
	N	%
1 Labourer etc	105	14%
2 Elem cler/sales/svce	15	2%
3 Int oper/transport	44	6%
4 Int cler/sales/svce	24	3%
5 Adv cler /svce	28	4%
6 Tradesperson	142	19%
7 Tech /assoc profl	69	9%
8 Professional	173	23%
9 Manager /admin	142	19%
Total	742	100%

	Mother's usual occupation	
	N	%
1 Labourer etc	98	13%
2 Elem cler/sales/svce	74	10%
3 Int oper/transport	5	1%
4 Int cler/sales/svce	77	11%
5 Adv cler /svce	80	11%
6 Tradesperson	25	3%
7 Tech /assoc profl	57	8%
8 Professional	224	31%
9 Manager /admin	85	12%
Total	725	100%