



## Primary

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### Have you used the Census Education Resource?

Statistics New Zealand has developed the 2006 Census Education Resource for primary, intermediate, and secondary schools. Teachers and resource writers have put together cross-curriculum activities that are easily photocopied or printed. The activities incorporate the essential skills of gathering, sorting, interpreting, and presenting information.

The 2006 Census Education Resource has themes of special interest to students, including topics on population pyramids, changing employment, cultural diversity, planning for the future, groups and communities, and the census process.

[Check out the Census Education Resource](#)

## Is your class prepared?

On 29 October 2009 Statistics New Zealand released the results of the first New Zealand General Social Survey which will be conducted every two years. From this survey we learnt that 86 percent of New Zealanders are satisfied with their lives overall, but only 41 percent are prepared for an emergency, that is, they have a three-day water supply for all members of their household.

From the New Zealand General Social Survey we learnt a lot about the social well-being of our nation, so we thought it might be a good idea to do this kind of survey to learn about your class. Some questions you may wish to ask are:

- Is your family prepared for an emergency? (How much water does your family think is necessary?)
- How often do you have contact with a family member outside of your household? (Do you use a phone, cell phone, email, or visit them?)
- Do you have excellent, very good, or good health?
- Have you undertaken any voluntary work? (This could be doing chores around the house or helping a neighbour.)
- Do you recycle? (What kinds of waste do you recycle?)
- Do you conserve energy? (What kinds of activity can be done to conserve energy?)

[Click here to read more on the New Zealand General Social Survey.](#)

### Does your class agree?

The majority of households only have two people usually residing in them, is this the same for your household? To know how many other families have the same number of residents as you do, go to Table Builder and look at [Dwelling Type and Number of Usual Residents in Household, for Households in Private Occupied Dwellings, 2001.](#)

[Check out other Table Builder tables here.](#)

## New Zealand in Profile class set

Many teachers find these very valuable in the classroom for teaching purposes, and they are available to any school that requests them.

## Websites worth a look

Check out [CensusAtSchool](#), it's a great website that can be used for year 5-13. It is a nationwide online survey which provides real, relevant data and classroom activities to enhance statistical enquiry across the curriculum,

If you have a favourite website that you'd like to share with other teachers, send us the URL:  
[educationsservices@stats.govt.nz](mailto:educationsservices@stats.govt.nz)

## Schools Corner

For more activities refer to the Schools Corner section of the Statistics New Zealand website:  
[www.stats.govt.nz/schools-corner](http://www.stats.govt.nz/schools-corner)

## Tell us

Tell us about how you have used Statistics New Zealand in the classroom, and we will publish your story in our next newsletter.

## Contact us

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## Interesting facts

These statistics come from the 2009 CensusAtSchool survey:

- telepathy is the most desired super power by girls and time travel by boys
- 3 percent of respondents have school bags that weigh over 8kg
- 63 percent bought cellphones in the last year.

## New Zealand in Profile



Some of the topics covered in the *New Zealand in Profile* are:

- population
- economy
- income
- education
- labour force
- climate.

To order your class set, email [educationsservices@stats.govt.nz](mailto:educationsservices@stats.govt.nz) with the amount you require and your postal address, and we will send these out to you. If you would like to pre-order for the *New Zealand in Profile: 2010*, then please also let us know.

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