



2006 National Survey of Unmet Legal Needs and Access to Services

Summary Results for Youth

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Youth

Key Highlights for Youth

In comparison with national results, the following differences are noted for young people in New Zealand:¹

1. Youth, in general, cannot be regarded as one homogeneous group in relation to problems experienced, services accessed and the nature of help and advice sought.
2. **Nationally**, 20-24 year olds are far more likely to experience problems, while 15-19 years olds are much less likely to experience problems overall.
3. In particular, 20-24 year olds experience more money and debt problems (especially not being able to meet hire purchase or credit card repayment obligations) and employment problems (particularly lack of formal employment contracts).
4. They are also more likely to experience traffic or driving offences and, as a tenant, problems with landlords.
5. Despite having fewer problems overall, 15-19 year olds are more likely to suffer discrimination at work or unfair disciplinary procedures, domestic violence, and being accused of a crime, than older youth.
6. Both 15-19 years and 20-24 years also experience more problems with banks and insurance companies.
7. For 20-24 year olds, money and debt problems are most serious, while for those aged 15-19 years 'other' problems are, by far, more serious.
8. Typically, problems for youth are of a shorter duration than for people overall. 15-19 year olds, however, have relatively more medium term problems (4-12 months) due to issues they have with employment and money or debt.
9. Both age groups try to involve family and friends in problem resolution, although 15-19 years are more likely to not attempt to solve the problem, either because they think it will resolve itself or because they don't know what to do.
10. Because their problems are more likely to be of a criminal or traffic nature, court or tribunal action features as a resolution path.
11. Both age groups are much less likely to seek help or advice for their problem, preferring to deal with it themselves or keeping it in the family/whanau. Fear of government agencies or departments is a barrier affecting youth at twice the national average for people overall.
12. Among youth that do seek help or advice, 20-24 year olds are more likely to want information only or basic support. In contrast, 15-19 year olds are more likely to want someone to help them deal with the problem, sort it out for them, or represent them before a court or tribunal.
13. Both age groups have a higher incidence of seeking help from a legal aid lawyer. However 15-19 year olds rely relatively heavily on insurance companies and the

¹ For the purposes of this analysis, youth are defined as people aged 15-24 years. Results are presented for youth overall and are also analysed within the 15-19 year and 20-24 year age bands.

police for help, while 20-24 year olds refer to internet sites, social services and advocacy organisations. They also tend to access more service in general than 15-19 year olds.

14. When seeking help or advice difficulties were more likely to be experienced with leaflets, booklets and other publications, the internet, insurance companies and doctors or other health professionals. The most common difficulty was the inability of that service to provide help.
15. Youth appear more resilient to the impacts of problems on their well being. Both age groups are less likely to suffer physical illness, emotional stress or loss of confidence, or economic hardship as a result of their problem. However, 15-19 year olds appear more susceptible to violence.
16. Both age groups have lower levels of awareness and knowledge of legal aid and community law centres than people overall, particularly 15-19 year olds.
17. 20-24 year olds more commonly reported that they wanted legal aid but had not applied for it or had their application rejected.
18. Among both age groups, the perceived cost of lawyers' fees is not a barrier to approaching a lawyer to the extent that it is for people nationally.
19. 20-24 year olds are more likely to consider attending a course on legal rights and responsibilities than 15-19 year olds and people in general.
20. **Regionally**, the extent and nature of problems varies considerably, although lower base sizes for each age cohort within each region means the results are more indicative.
21. In Northland and Otago, both age groups have a higher incidence of problems.
22. In Central North Island and Wairarapa, 15-19 year olds appear more likely to have problems.
23. In contrast, prevalence of problems among 20-24 year olds appear much higher than people overall, in:
 - a. West Auckland
 - b. South Auckland
 - c. Waikato
 - d. Gisborne-Hawkes Bay
 - e. Wanganui-Palmerston North
 - f. Wellington
 - g. Nelson-Malborough
 - h. West Coast
 - i. Canterbury

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth and New Zealand

Nature of Problem or Dispute	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Consumer related	6	10	8	10
Money or debt	4	11	7	8
Welfare benefits	1	6	4	7
Housing or land	3	6	4	6
Employment	4	9	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	3	4	3	5
Immigration	-	1	1	1
Other	9	10	9	6
Nett have a problem	18	37	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	82	63	73	71
Base	648	576	1,224	7,200

Table: Nature of Consumer Related Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Faulty or defective goods and services	64	30	38	43
Problems with phone or power companies	4	10	8	19
Difficulties getting refunds or replacements	15	19	18	18
Problems with banks or insurance companies	25	22	23	15
Questionable or irregular billing	-	7	4	14
Difficulty understanding contracts/policies	-	8	5	3
Unauthorised work by trades people	-	12	7	3
Other	-	10	6	5
Base	41	60	101	746

Table: Nature of Money or Debt Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Not meeting day-to-day living needs	44	40	40	53
Not making credit card payments	21	29	27	22
Not making hire purchase payments	9	35	31	17
Not meeting rent/mortgage commitments	4	5	4	7
Difficulties meeting health costs	1	1	1	8
Difficulties paying insurances	3	6	5	5
Having goods repossessed	-	2	1	2
Difficulties paying child support	-	-	-	2
Other	28	9	15	8
Base	27*	62	89	582

Table: Nature of Employment Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Unfavourable changes to terms/conditions	5	17	12	22
Harassment at work	18	13	16	18
Discrimination	30	12	18	16
Being sacked or made redundant	18	10	13	14
Unfair disciplinary procedures	33	-	12	10
Problems with payment of wages	10	4	6	10
Having no formal employment contract	4	27	18	7
Dangerous working conditions	2	-	1	7
Problems taking holidays	-	-	-	3
Being threatened with the sack	-	-	-	3
Other	-	12	8	7
Base	28*	49	77	387

Table: Nature of Welfare Benefit Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Difficulties obtaining entitlements	55	53	52	43
Difficulties finding out what entitled to	32	38	36	41
Review of a benefit decision	12	19	18	14
Difficulties dealing with organisation	2	4	2	9
Other	13	4	5	13
Base	10**	34	44	481

Table: Nature of Housing or Land Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Disputes with neighbours	52	30	36	27
Disputes with councils	2	6	4	20
As a tenant: disputes with landlords	-	24	15	15
As a tenant: poor living conditions	30	14	20	14
As a landlord: disputes with tenants	-	5	4	8
Disputes or claims over Māori land	-	-	-	6
Problems over land succession rights	-	2	2	5
Problems with sale or purchase of house	-	2	2	3
Other	18	13	15	12
Base	20*	35	55	414

Table: Nature of Family/Whanau or Relationship Breakdown Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Disputes over division of money or property	31	24	29	24
Disputes over child custody or access	6	4	5	24
Domestic violence	25	19	22	15
Difficulties obtaining financial support	-	-	-	11
Difficulties due to death of family member	3	19	10	6
Child being placed into social welfare care	6	8	7	6
Difficulties with schooling/truancy	15	2	7	6
Difficulties due to family illness	-	6	2	5
Difficulties adopting or becoming a guardian	-	6	2	2
Other	17	25	22	17
Base	18*	23*	41	346

Table: Nature of Other Problems

Nature of Problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Traffic or driving offences	49	66		44
Being the victim of a crime	19	30	25	33
Being accused of a crime	36	1	18	14
Difficulties setting up family trusts	6	2	4	8
Difficulties with wills	1	3	2	7
Other	-	1	1	1
Base	57	57	114	432

Table: % Rating Problem as Most Serious

Problem type	Main issues	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Consumer related	Faulty or defective goods and services, difficulties getting refunds or replacements, problems with phone or power companies, banks and insurance companies	15	18	17	18
Money or debt	Not meeting day to day living needs, and not being able to make credit card or hire purchase payments	14	23	20	17
Housing or land	Disputes with neighbours, disputes with councils and local authorities and tenant disputes with landlords	4	6	6	11
Welfare benefit	Difficulties trying to obtain entitlements and difficulties finding out what benefits, grants, loans or superannuation entitled to	7	9	8	12
Employment	Unfavourable changes to terms and conditions of employment, harassment at work, and discrimination	14	18	17	12
Family/ relationship	Disputes over division of money or property with a former partner, difficulties with custody and access to children, domestic violence, difficulties obtaining child support	13	10	11	15
Immigration	Difficulties obtaining NZ residency or citizenship and sponsoring a partner or other family members	-	3	2	2
Other	Traffic/driving offences and being the victim of a crime	34	12	19	14
Base		119	211	330	2,069

Table: Duration of Most Serious Problem

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
1 month or less	34	27	30	21
2 months	13	23	19	12
3 months	3	12	9	8
Total short term	50	62	58	41
4 months	4	4	4	3
5 months	4	2	3	3
6 months	11	7	9	8
7 months	3	2	2	1
8 months	1	2	1	2
9 months	1	*	1	1
10 months	3	*	1	1
11 months	2	*	1	1
12 months	13	8	10	12
Total medium term	42	27	32	32
2-3 years	7	8	8	16
4-5 years	-	2	1	4
6-10 years	-	-	-	3
More than 10 years	-	-	-	3
Total long term	7	10	9	26
Don't know	1	1	1	1
Base	119	211	330	2,069

Table: Main Cause for Most Serious Problem to Happen in First Place

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Receiving incorrect information/being misled/false advertising	2	15	10	9
Other (non income) job related such as bullying, overwork etc	14	13	13	9
Faulty goods and appliances	14	9	11	8
Relationship break up, e.g. separation or divorce	8	1	3	6
Being the victim of a crime, e.g. theft, burglary, assault	14	-	5	5
Low income/wages	4	7	6	5
Taking on too much debt	3	3	3	4
Unable to meet (re)payments	1	5	3	4
Illness or poor health	-	-	-	4
Being overcharged for a good or service	-	-	-	3
Difficulties with a government agency or department ²	-	3	1	3
Loss of/breakdown in communication	2	2	2	3
Committed a traffic or driving offence	13	5	8	3
Problems with neighbours	2	1	1	3
Loss or change of job	-	4	3	3
Conflicts/disputes with partners, ex-partners, children or other family	1	5	3	3
Alcohol or drugs	4	3	3	2
Being taken advantage of	1	4	3	2
Difficulties with billing and poor/untimely service	-	3	2	2
A reduction in benefit/change in benefit status	-	-	-	2
Not understanding the implications of credit contracts	2	2	2	2
Death of a family member	2	2	2	2
Suffered an injury or accident	-	-	-	2
Irregular income	-	2	1	2
Difficulties with council/planning subdivisions	-	3	2	1
Domestic violence	4	-	2	1
Base	119	211	330	2,069

² This covers a broad range of agencies and departments, including, but not limited to, IRD, WINZ, ACC and the Immigration Service.

Table: How Problem was Resolved

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Solved the problem on own without the help of anyone	25	20	19	28
Agreement was reached with the other party	28	27	27	24
Solved the problem with the help of someone (other than mediator or family and friends)	3	7	6	10
The problem sorted itself out	10	11	11	10
After court or tribunal action	10	17	14	9
Solved the problem with the help of family and friends	12	8	9	7
Gave up trying to resolve the problem	4	6	5	6
Through mediation	9	4	6	4
Did nothing to resolve the problem	-	1	1	2
Base: Most serious problem over	61	116	177	1,016

Table: Current Problem Position

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Trying to solve it on own without help of anyone else	13	23	19	28
Trying to solve it with help of family and friends	27	35	32	16
Trying to solve it with the help of someone (other than mediator or family and friends)	3	11	8	15
Trying to reach agreement with the other party without court or tribunal action	12	10	10	10
Not trying to do anything because don't know what to do	20	3	9	9
Not trying to do anything because think it will resolve itself	13	5	8	7
Court or tribunal action is occurring	9	10	10	5
Court or tribunal action is about to occur	3	3	3	5
In the process of going though mediation	-	-	-	4
Base: Most serious problem ongoing	58	95	153	1,052

Table: % Intend to or Have Sought Help

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Yes	26	32	30	44
Maybe	-	6	4	4
No	74	62	66	52
Base	119	211	330	2,069

Table: % Type of Help Wanted

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Information only, so they can sort problem out themselves	34	46	43	34
Information <u>and</u> basic support (e.g. help with filling in forms, help with contacting third parties to seek information)	19	44	36	35
Someone to help them deal with the problem (e.g. talking to the other side)	42	39	40	35
Someone to sort out problem for them	18	9	12	11
Someone to appear on their behalf and/or represent them before a court or tribunal	25	15	18	18
Base: Seeking help	31	79	110	981

Table: Services Accessed for Advice and Help

Service Provider	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Leaflet, booklet or other publication	6	12	10	10
Internet site	12	18	16	13
Local council of other public authority	2	10	7	12
Community law centre	2	14	10	11
Citizens Advice Bureau	5	5	5	16
Other local social services and advocacy organisation	2	21	16	13
Private lawyer	12	16	15	22
Lawyer doing pro bono work	4	5	5	5
Legal aid lawyer	16	22	20	10
Insurance company	14	4	6	3
Government agency or department	5	16	13	20³
Police	22	5	10	9
Doctor or other health professional	18	13	15	23
Mediation or reconciliation service	-	10	7	7
Member of parliament	-	-	-	6
Ombudsman	-	-	-	2
Friends of other family members	38	49	46	34
Trade Union	-	2	1	3
Court desk	-	1	1	3
Minister of religion	-	3	2	3
Māori organisation	2	2	2	4
Average number of sources used	1.6	2.3	2.1	2.5
Base: Seek help	31	79	110	981

³ Note: Some people are likely to have provided this response when they have received legal aid.

Table: Experienced Problems Accessing Services for Advice and Help

Service Provider	Total Youth % experience problem	NZ % experience problem
Leaflet, booklet or other publication	45	17
Internet site	61	24
Local council of other public authority	-	22
Community law centre	10	9
Citizens Advice Bureau	-	10
Other local social services and advocacy organisation	22	14
Private lawyer	6	15
Lawyer doing pro bono work	20	8
Legal aid lawyer	10	16
Insurance company	43	33
Government agency or department	21	41
Police	36	39
Doctor or other health professional	25	12
Mediation or reconciliation service	-	8
Member of parliament	-	27
Ombudsman	-	6
Friends of other family members	16	11
Trade Union	-	2
Court desk	-	7
Minister of religion	-	13
Māori organisation	-	2
Base: Total seek help (nett)	110	981

Table: Main Problems Experienced With Specific Services

Service Provider	
Leaflet, booklet or other publication	Unable or difficult to find information looking for
Internet site	Unable to provide any help Unable or difficult to find information looking for
Other local social services and advocacy organisation	Got referred to someone/somewhere else
Friends of other family members	Unable to provide any help

Table: Preferred Methods of Access

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Personal visit	37	42	39	42
Telephone	25	30	27	36
Through a web site	17	11	14	7
By letter	5	3	4	3
By email	7	9	8	4
Some other way	4	-	2	2
Don't know/it depends	6	4	5	5
Base	648	576	1,224	7,200

Table: Main Reasons Given for Not Seeking Help for Most Serious Problem

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total region %	NZ %
Dealt with it myself	24	32	29	33
The problem was sorted before got around to seeking help	12	7	10	13
Thought the problem would resolve itself	7	8	7	11
Did not think it was serious or important enough	11	5	8	9
Did not think it would make much difference	2	13	9	8
Couldn't be bothered	3	5	4	5
Didn't know what to do or where to go	4	7	6	4
Wanted to keep it in the family/whanau	10	6	8	4
Thought it would cost too much	1	-	-	4
Thought it would be too stressful to sort out	3	2	3	3
Tried to seek help or advice but they were unable to help	3	8	6	4
Was uncertain of my rights	-	4	3	3
Thought it would take too much time	3	2	2	2
Didn't trust anyone	2	3	3	2
Fear of government or official agencies/intimidated by them	5	4	4	2
The help or advice wanted was not available locally	-	-	-	2
Too embarrassed/shy	1	2	2	2
Confused by the legal process/intimidated by it	-	2	1	1
Thought that the other party was right	2	1	1	1
Too scared	1	2	1	1
Other	15	19	17	20
Base: All people not seeking help	88	132	220	1,087

Table: Impacts on People with Problems

Impacts of problem	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Stress related illness	28	22	25	39
Loss of confidence	22	25	24	32
Loss of income	18	15	17	26
Physical ill health	11	7	8	20
Relationship breakdown	13	8	9	16
Loss of employment	7	6	6	14
Had to move home	9	14	12	10
Violence	16	3	8	6
Base	119	211	330	2,069

Table: Awareness and Knowledge of Legal Aid

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Aware of legal aid and know where or how to apply for it	7	27	17	34
Aware of legal aid but don't know where or how to apply for it	36	41	38	51
Total awareness	43	68	55	85
Not aware of legal aid	57	32	45	15
Base: All people	648	576	1,224	7,200

Table: Awareness and Knowledge of Community Law Centres

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Aware of community law centres and know where they are located	3	18	10	23
Aware of community law centres but don't know where they are	10	17	13	25
Total awareness	13	35	23	48
Not aware of community law centres	87	65	77	52
Base: All people	648	576	1,224	7,200

Table: Experiences with Legal Aid in Previous 12 Months

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Received legal aid	7	7	7	7
Applied for legal but was turned down	1	6	4	3
Wanted or considered legal aid but did not apply for it for some reason	8	13	11	7
Base: Have problem	119	211	330	2,069

Table: Cost of Lawyers' Fees Prevented Approaching Lawyer

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Yes	10	16	13	27
No	90	84	87	73
Base: Have problem	119	211	330	2,069

Table: Awareness of Law Access Website

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Yes	2	5	3	4
Maybe	1	1	1	1
No	97	94	96	95
Base: All people	648	576	1,224	7,200

Table: Have Attended Course(s) on Legal Rights and Responsibilities

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Yes	6	9	7	9
No	94	91	93	91
Base: All people	648	576	1,224	7,200

Table: Would Consider Attending Course(s) on Legal Rights and Responsibilities

	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	NZ %
Yes	24	31	27	27
Maybe	18	22	20	20
No	56	45	51	51
Don't know	2	2	2	2
Base: Not attended course(s)	612	526	1,138	6,586

REGIONAL RESULTS

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Northland

Nature of Problem	Northland			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	4	7	5	8	10
Money or debt	17	17	17	7	8
Welfare benefits	1	-	-	4	7
Housing or land	5	13	8	4	6
Employment	9	15	12	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	18	4	12	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	19	6	13	9	6
Nett have a problem	35	33	35	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	65	67	65	73	71
Base	36	24	60	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in North/Central Auckland

Nature of Problem	North/Central Auckland			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	4	8	6	8	10
Money or debt	1	-	1	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	1	1	4	7
Housing or land	3	3	3	4	6
Employment	-	6	4	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	5	3	3	5
Immigration	-	1	1	1	1
Other	2	4	4	9	6
Nett have a problem	6	24	17	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	94	76	83	73	71
Base	32	40	72	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in West Auckland

Nature of Problem	West Auckland			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	19	13	17	8	10
Money or debt	3	8	6	7	8
Welfare benefits	3	9	6	4	7
Housing or land	1	20	10	4	6
Employment	10	10	10	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	1	4	2	3	5
Immigration	3	8	6	1	1
Other	-	13	7	9	6
Nett have a problem	23	35	29	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	77	65	71	73	71
Base	36	36	72	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in South Auckland

Nature of Problem	South Auckland			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	5	5	5	8	10
Money or debt	5	10	6	7	8
Welfare benefits	2	5	4	4	7
Housing or land	-	5	3	4	6
Employment	7	6	6	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	4	7	6	3	5
Immigration	-	2	1	1	1
Other	11	14	13	9	6
Nett have a problem	20	46	27	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	80	64	73	73	71
Base	44	36	80	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Waikato

Nature of Problem	Waikato			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	7	4	6	8	10
Money or debt	3	57	26	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	21	10	4	7
Housing or land	14	-	7	4	6
Employment	9	10	10	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	7	2	6	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	9	27	18	9	6
Nett have a problem	21	68	42	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	79	32	58	73	71
Base	40	32	72	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Bay of Plenty

Nature of Problem	Bay of Plenty			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	14	6	11	8	10
Money or debt	-	7	4	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	4	2	4	7
Housing or land	9	-	4	4	6
Employment	-	-	-	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	7	-	4	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	14	10	13	9	6
Nett have a problem	27	17	22	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	73	83	78	73	71
Base	27*	27*	54	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Central North Island

Nature of Problem	Central North Island			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	-	6	3	8	10
Money or debt	36	11	25	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	3	2	4	7
Housing or land	-	-	-	4	6
Employment	-	11	5	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	19	3	13	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	20	-	11	9	6
Nett have a problem	37	18	28	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	63	82	72	73	71
Base	36	28*	64	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Gisborne-Hawkes Bay

Nature of Problem	Gisborne-Hawkes Bay			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	21	35	27	8	10
Money or debt	-	22	9	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	25	11	4	7
Housing or land	2	5	3	4	6
Employment	-	2	1	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	5	2	3	5
Immigration	-	14	6	1	1
Other	21	17	19	9	6
Nett have a problem	23	53	36	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	77	47	54	73	71
Base	36	28*	64	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Taranaki

Nature of Problem	Taranaki			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	1	13	6	8	10
Money or debt	-	2	1	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	-	-	4	7
Housing or land	-	-	-	4	6
Employment	3	5	3	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	5	3	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	6	-	3	9	6
Nett have a problem	9	25	14	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	94	75	86	73	71
Base	36	28*	64	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Wanganui-Palmerston North

Nature of Problem	Wanganui-Palmerston North			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	16	9	15	8	10
Money or debt	6	8	6	7	8
Welfare benefits	13	6	10	4	7
Housing or land	1	11	6	4	6
Employment	15	-	8	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	10	4	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	17	8	14	9	6
Nett have a problem	23	35	28	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	77	65	72	73	71
Base	40	32	72	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Wairarapa

Nature of Problem	Wairarapa			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	3	4	3	8	10
Money or debt	1	4	3	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	1	1	4	7
Housing or land	10	-	7	4	6
Employment	9	2	5	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	1	1	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	20	2	12	9	6
Nett have a problem	41	11	30	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	59	89	70	73	71
Base	36	24*	60	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Wellington

Nature of Problem	Wellington			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	11	13	12	8	10
Money or debt	8	21	15	7	8
Welfare benefits	3	3	3	4	7
Housing or land	-	2	1	4	6
Employment	1	8	5	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	-	-	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	6	8	6	9	6
Nett have a problem	23	40	31	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	77	60	69	73	71
Base	72	72	144	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Nelson-Malborough

Nature of Problem	Nelson-Malborough			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	9	20	14	8	10
Money or debt	12	12	12	7	8
Welfare benefits	3	19	9	4	7
Housing or land	-	13	5	4	6
Employment	3	3	3	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	3	9	5	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	21	13	18	9	6
Nett have a problem	27	60	41	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	73	40	59	73	71
Base	32	24*	56	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in West Coast

Nature of Problem	West Coast			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	-	20	10	8	10
Money or debt	2	10	6	7	8
Welfare benefits	24	21	23	4	7
Housing or land	-	10	4	4	6
Employment	-	10	4	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	-	-	-	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	-	32	15	9	6
Nett have a problem	26	64	42	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	74	36	58	73	71
Base	28*	24*	52	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Canterbury

Nature of Problem	Canterbury			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	1	5	3	8	10
Money or debt	1	7	3	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	10	4	4	7
Housing or land	-	10	4	4	6
Employment	-	14	6	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	1	-	-	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	11	18	15	9	6
Nett have a problem	11	50	29	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	89	50	71	73	71
Base	36	32	68	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Otago

Nature of Problem	Otago			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	2	20	11	8	10
Money or debt	-	10	5	7	8
Welfare benefits	-	3	1	4	7
Housing or land	-	3	1	4	6
Employment	-	14	7	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	8	9	9	3	5
Immigration	-	2	1	1	1
Other	25	11	19	9	6
Nett have a problem	33	43	37	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	67	57	63	73	71
Base	40	40	80	1,224	7,200

Table: Prevalence of Problems Aggregated for Youth in Southland

Nature of Problem	Southland			New Zealand	
	15-19 years %	20-24 years %	Total Youth %	Total Youth %	NZ Total %
Consumer related	-	2	1	8	10
Money or debt	1	2	1	7	8
Welfare benefits	1	1	1	4	7
Housing or land	-	2	1	4	6
Employment	1	2	1	6	5
Family/whanau or relationship breakdown	1	1	1	3	5
Immigration	-	-	-	1	1
Other	1	1	1	9	6
Nett have a problem	1	4	2	27	29
Nett do not have a problem	99	96	98	73	71
Base	36	32	68	1,224	7,200