

ABSTINENCE POLL Mar 2010

CLIENT: Family First New Zealand

POLL DATES: Evenings of Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 March and Sunday

28 March 2010

SAMPLE SIZE: 1,000 respondents agreed to participate.

SAMPLE SELECTION: A random selection of 10,000 nationwide phone numbers.

SAMPLE ERROR: Based on this sample of 1,000 respondents, the maximum

sampling error (for a result of 50%) is +/- 3.2%, at the 95%

confidence level.

DEMOGRAPHICS

	Gender				
	Count	%			
Female	528	53%			
Male	472	47%			
Total	1000	100%			

	Age				
	Count	%			
18 - 40	300	30%			
41 - 60	518	52%			
61+	182	18%			
Total	1000	100%			

	Area				
	Count	%			
Metro	435	44%			
Provincial	252	25%			
Rural	313	31%			
Total	1000	100%			

Metro is defined as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

Provincial is all other cities in New Zealand.

Rural areas are all areas not Metro or Provincial.



	Have children under 12				
	Count	%			
Yes	296	30%			
No	704	70%			
Total	1000	100%			

ABSTINENCE

Do you think schools, as part of their sex education programme, should be required to encourage pupils, to abstain from sex until they are old enough to handle the possible consequences of pregnancy?

	Gender		Age			Total	
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should schools encourage abstinence	Yes	68%	69%	76%	67%	61%	69%
	No	23%	22%	18%	23%	29%	23%
	Don't Know	8%	8%	6%	9%	9%	8%
	Refused	1%	0%		1%	1%	1%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Overall 69% support schools encouraging pupils to abstain from sex until they are old enough to handle possible consequences of pregnancy. Somewhat surprisingly those under 40 are most in favour of this.

		Area			Have children under 12		Total
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Yes	No	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should schools encourage abstinence	Yes	68%	71%	67%	74%	66%	69%
	No	22%	21%	26%	21%	24%	23%
	Don't Know	9%	7%	7%	5%	9%	8%
	Refused	0%	2%	1%		1%	1%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Parents of children aged below 12 are 8% more likely support encouragement of abstinence.

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