

Income, savings and debt research

The data comes from Statistics NZ, a government department, and is a survey conducted in 2011, called NZIS - NZ Income Survey. It provides a snapshot of income levels of people and households in NZ. People in the survey are over 15 years old and come from across NZ.

Statistics NZ is interested in how much people in NZ **work** and get **paid**.

Exercise:

Step 1: Background research

Carry out some background research. (Hint: put the sentence above into google.)

Write down anything interesting that you find.

Step 2: Investigation question, purpose and variables.

Look at the list of variables on the next page and write an investigation question that you might be interested in. (It could be either a comparison or relationship question.)

Purpose: who would want to know the answer to your investigation question and why?

Here is a list of variables in NZIS Data Set.

Variables	Description
Ethnicity	A person's main ethnicity: Asian, European, Maori, Pacifica, Other
Region	Which region the person is from: Otago, Canterbury, Auckland, Manawatu, Southland, Waikato, Taranaki, Wellington, Gisborne, Otago, BoP, Nelson.
Gender	Male or Female
Age group	5 years to 65 plus in 5-year age bands
Qualification	A person's highest qualification: none, school, vocational, degree, other
Occupation	Nine categories of what a person's occupation is: manager, technician, professional, none, community, labourer, sales, machinery, clerical.
Hours	weekly hours worked from all wages and salary jobs, excluding self-employment
Income	gross weekly income from all sources.

Search for **2** relevant definitions of "**occupation**". Copy them below and then define occupation in your own words.

Definition 1:	
Definition 2:	
Your definition	

Define them in your own words.

Brainstorm for at least 3 key ideas:

Take each of the key ideas above and research these.

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Hypothesis:

Step 5: Evaluate your information

Use the evaluation checklist to evaluate your references. Discuss the reliability and validity of your references.

Step 6: Select your references

Decide what information is specifically useful to your investigation topic.

Reference list:

Step 7: Organise your information

Summarise and write in your own words.
