



QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY 2016

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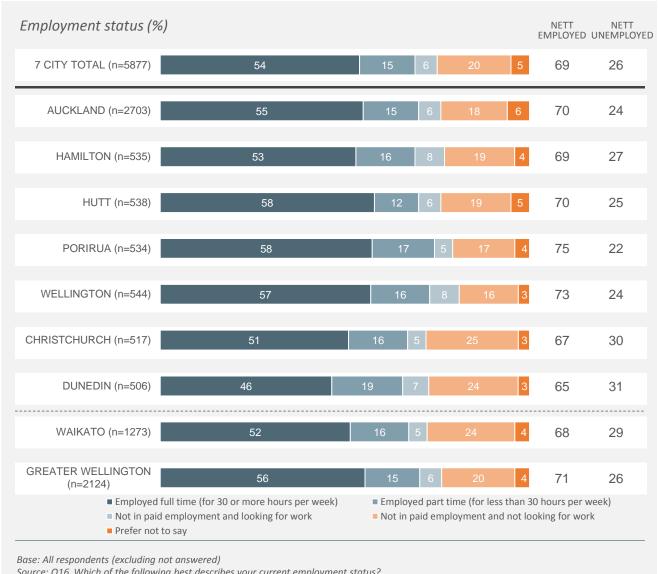
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10. ECONOMIC WELLBEING

This section reports on respondents' employment status, perceptions of their work/life balance, and their ability to cover costs of everyday needs.

10.1 Employment status

Seven in ten (69%) respondents were employed in either full-time (54%) or part-time (15%) work, and a further 6% were currently seeking work.

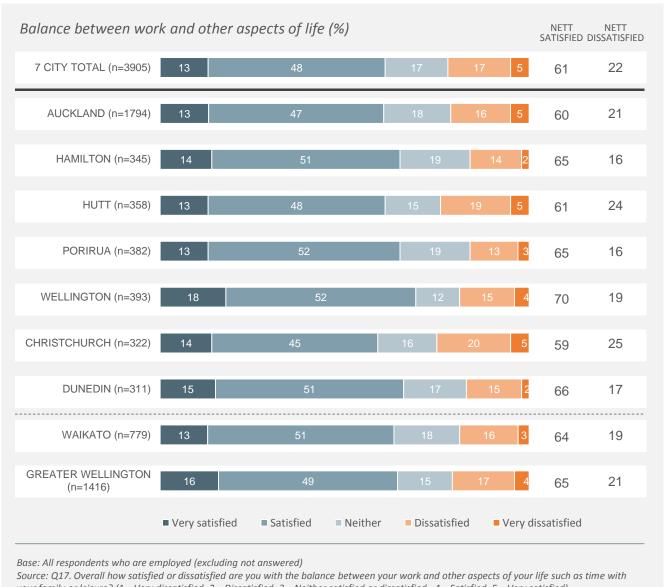


Source: Q16. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed means you undertake work for pay, profit or other income, or do any work in a family business without pay. (1 - Employed full time (for 30 or more hours per week), 2 – Employed part time (for less than 30 hours per week), 3 – Not in paid employment and looking for work, 4 – Not in paid employment and not looking for work (e.g. full-time parent, retired person), 5 – Prefer not to say)

10.2 Balance between work and other aspects of life

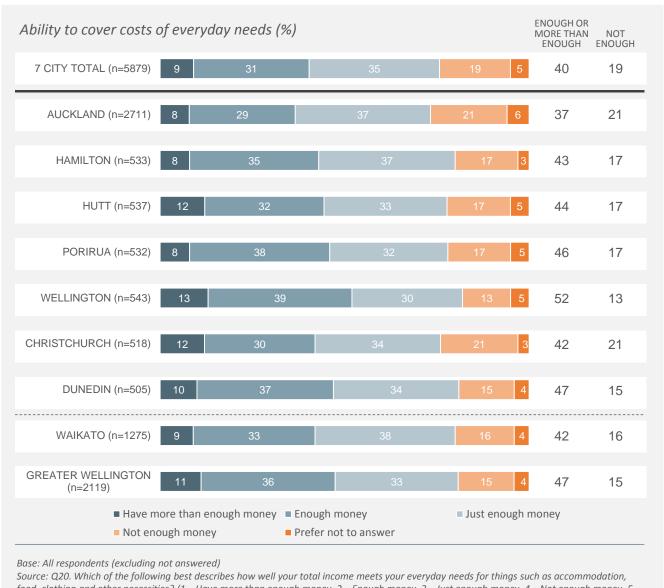
Six in ten (61%) employed respondents were satisfied with the balance of work and other aspects of their life.



your family or leisure? (1 – Very dissatisfied, 2 – Dissatisfied, 3 – Neither satisfied or dissatisfied, 4 – Satisfied, 5 – Very satisfied)

10.3 Ability to cover costs of everyday needs

Four in ten (40%) respondents in the seven cities felt that they have more than enough, or enough money to meet their everyday needs for things such as accommodation, food, clothing and other necessities. Almost one in five (19%) felt they did not have enough money.



Source: Q20. Which of the following best describes how well your total income meets your everyday needs for things such as accommodation, food, clothing and other necessities? (1 – Have more than enough money, 2 – Enough money, 3 – Just enough money, 4 – Not enough money, 5 – Prefer not to answer)

11. HOUSING

This section reports on respondents' perceptions of housing affordability, access to a suitable dwelling type and location, and warmth of housing in winter.

Respondents were asked how much they agreed or disagreed with six statements related to their current housing situation. The first three questions related to affordability and general suitability of their home, and the subsequent three questions asked them to consider aspects of heating their home, during the winter months in particular.

11.1 Affordability of housing costs

Just under half (47%) of respondents agreed that their current housing costs were affordable (housing costs included things like rent or mortgage, rates, house insurance and house maintenance).

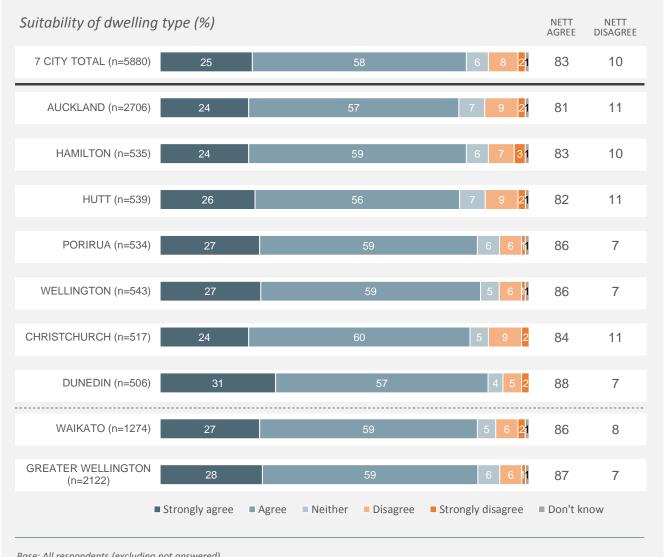


Base: All respondents (excluding not answered)

Source: Q7. This question is about the home that you currently live in. How much do you agree or disagree that: Your housing costs are affordable (by housing costs we mean things like rent or mortgage, rates, house insurance and house maintenance) (1 – Strongly Disagree, 2 – Disagree, 3 – Neither, 4 – Agree, 5 – Strongly Agree, 6 – Don't know)

11.2 Suitability of dwelling type

A large proportion (83%) of respondents agreed that the type of home they lived in suited their needs and the needs of others in their household.

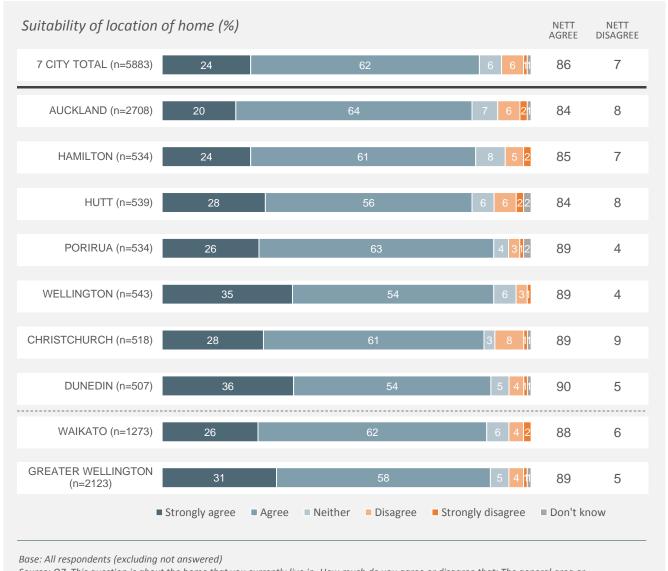


Base: All respondents (excluding not answered)

Source: Q7. This question is about the home that you currently live in. How much do you agree or disagree that: The type of home that you live in suits your needs and the needs of others in your household (1 - Strongly Disagree, 2 - Disagree, 3 - Neither, 4 - Agree, 5 - Strongly Agree, 6 -Don't know)

11.3 Suitability of location of home

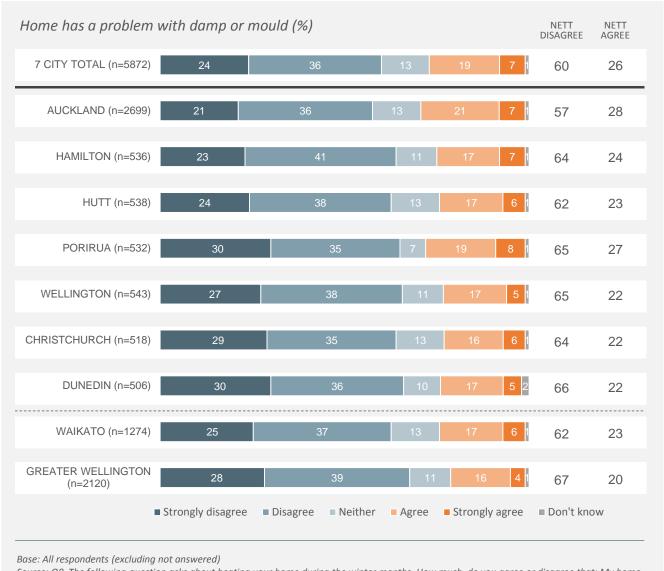
A large proportion (86%) of respondents agreed that the general area, or neighbourhood, they lived in suited their needs and the needs of others in their household.



Source: Q7. This question is about the home that you currently live in. How much do you agree or disagree that: The general area or neighbourhood your home is in suits your needs and the needs of others in your household (1 – Strongly Disagree , 2 – Disagree, 3 – Neither, 4 – Agree, 5 – Strongly Agree, 6 – Don't know)

11.4 Home has a problem with damp or mould

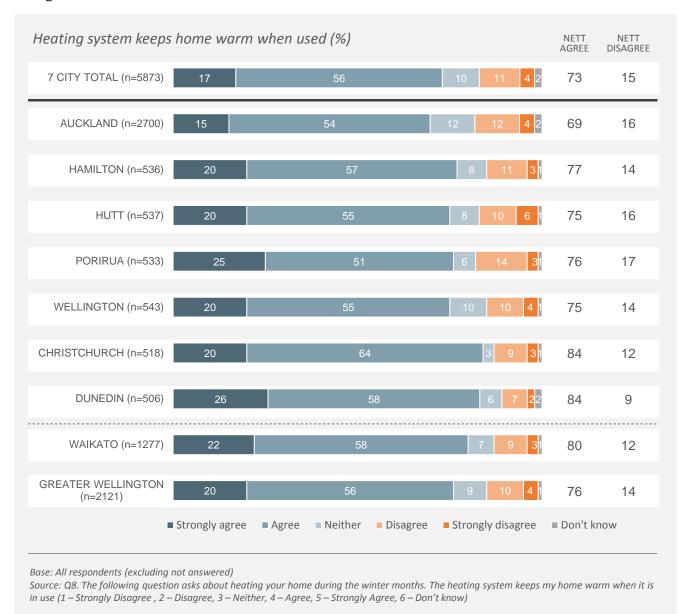
Just over a quarter (26%) of respondents agreed that they had experienced problems with damp or mould in their home during winter.



Source: Q8. The following question asks about heating your home during the winter months. How much do you agree or disagree that: My home has a problem with damp or mould (1 – Strongly Disagree , 2 – Disagree, 3 – Neither, 4 – Agree, 5 – Strongly Agree)

11.5 Heating system keeps home warm when used

Three quarters (73%) of respondents agreed that their heating system keeps their home warm when it is in use during winter.



11.6 Can afford to heat home properly

Just under two thirds (64%) of respondents agreed that they can afford to heat their home properly during winter.

