

Official Statistics System seminar:

The New Zealand General Social Survey

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When: Thursday, 12 November 2009, 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Where: Spectrum Theatre, BP House, Cnr Customhouse Quay and Johnston St, Wellington.

Seminar: The New Zealand General Social Survey (NZGSS) is the first new and repeating social survey produced by Statistics NZ for a considerable length of time. It is an element of the [Programme of Official Social Statistics](#) (POSS).

Social surveys of this type are a regular feature of statistical programmes in a number of international statistical offices, including Australia, the UK and Canada.

The NZGSS will provide important social and economic data about New Zealanders, and inform decision-making by government agencies and the wider community. In representing key aspects of well-being across a range of life domains, the survey provides a basis for cross-domain analysis which is not possible with other surveys. The life domains include housing, health, paid work, voluntary work, economic standard of living, knowledge and skills, culture and identity, social connectedness, safety and security, human rights, the environment, leisure and recreation, and overall life satisfaction. The NZGSS provides the ability to look at information on different outcomes for the same person at the same time, and gives insight into how people self-assess themselves, combined with objective information about their situation, such as household income.

This seminar will briefly cover the background of the NZGSS and will provide an overview of the survey content. A range of specific examples will be used to illustrate the potential of the NZGSS to provide a better picture of social and economic outcomes in New Zealand than is available from pre-existing data sources.

To register:

Please complete the [online registration form](#) for this seminar. Numbers are limited and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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