

Regional Comparisons

The table below provides an overview of findings for each region of New Zealand serviced by the regional sports trusts. Statistically significant differences between regional and national findings are denoted by an asterisk (*) and the margin of error (i.e. $\pm 4\%$) associated with each percentage estimate is provided. Regional reports are available at www.sparc.org.nz.

	Popular Activities				Average number of activities per adult per year	Organised Competition/ Event Participation	Instruction
	% of adults who participated in at least one sport or recreation activity...					% of adults who participated in at least one sport or recreation organised competition or event per year	% of adults who received instruction for a sport or recreation activity per year
	over 12 months	per month	per week				
New Zealand	96.0 \pm 2	90.0 \pm 2	79.0 \pm 2	4.6	36.9 \pm 2	39.9 \pm 2	
Northland	95.8 \pm 6	94.3 \pm 6	85.5 \pm 6	5.5	38.0 \pm 6	31.1 \pm 6*	
North Harbour	97.8 \pm 6	92.6 \pm 6	79.8 \pm 6	4.1	33.0 \pm 6	45.4 \pm 6	
Waitakere	97.3 \pm 6	89.5 \pm 6	76.6 \pm 6	3.9	34.9 \pm 6	34.9 \pm 6	
Auckland	96.3 \pm 6	90.6 \pm 6	78.9 \pm 6	4.3	35.9 \pm 6	41.3 \pm 6	
Counties Manukau	97.1 \pm 6	84.6 \pm 6	71.8 \pm 6	4.1	36.3 \pm 6	40.3 \pm 6	
Waikato	96.3 \pm 6	91.6 \pm 6	81.9 \pm 6	4.6	38.2 \pm 6	38.6 \pm 6	
Bay of Plenty	95.8 \pm 6	89.6 \pm 6	77.4 \pm 6	4.3	31.5 \pm 6	36.7 \pm 6	
Gisborne	97.8 \pm 8	93.3 \pm 8	81.1 \pm 8	6.4	37.0 \pm 8	45.4 \pm 8	
Hawkes Bay	92.6 \pm 6	81.9 \pm 6	72.9 \pm 6	3.8	42.7 \pm 6	44.3 \pm 6	
Taranaki	92.8 \pm 6	87.7 \pm 6	75.6 \pm 6	4.1	40.4 \pm 6	41.9 \pm 6	
Wanganui	95.3 \pm 6	90.3 \pm 6	75.0 \pm 6	4.3	31.5 \pm 6	28.1 \pm 6*	
Manawatu	97.6 \pm 6	91.1 \pm 6	79.2 \pm 6	4.6	26.2 \pm 6*	34.4 \pm 6	
Wellington	96.0 \pm 5	91.7 \pm 5	80.2 \pm 5	5.4	39.7 \pm 5	38.4 \pm 5	
Tasman	97.9 \pm 6	93.2 \pm 6	85.4 \pm 7	5.0	32.0 \pm 7	35.7 \pm 7	
Canterbury West Coast	94.2 \pm 6	89.0 \pm 6	79.6 \pm 6	4.6	36.9 \pm 6	41.3 \pm 6	
Otago	96.6 \pm 6	92.8 \pm 6	84.4 \pm 6	5.1	45.0 \pm 6	46.0 \pm 6	
Southland	96.8 \pm 6	89.7 \pm 7	79.5 \pm 7	5.8	50.7 \pm 7*	49.1 \pm 7*	

Compared to all New Zealand adults:

- adults in the Northland region were significantly less likely to have received instruction to improve their performance for a sport or recreation activity;
- adults in the Gisborne region were significantly less likely to have met the national physical activity guideline (30 x 5) and significantly more likely to be in the 'inactive' group;
- adults in the Wanganui region were significantly less likely to have been members of clubs or centres in order to take part in sport and recreation activities and were significantly less likely to have received instruction to improve their performance for a sport or recreation activity;

Club/Centre Involvement	Sport or Physical Activity Club	Volunteering	Physical Activity Levels		
			met the '30 x 5' Guideline	did 'some activity'	were 'inactive'
% of adults who were members of any type of club or centre to take part in sport and recreation activity	% of adults who were members of a sport or physical activity club to take part in sport and recreation activity	% of adults who volunteered for a sport or recreation activity	% of adults who...		
34.9 ± 2	17.9 ± 2	25.3 ± 2	48.2 ± 2	39.1 ± 2	12.7 ± 2
34.6 ± 6	16.3 ± 6	19.2 ± 6	44.5 ± 6	39.9 ± 6	15.6 ± 6
40.2 ± 6	22.5 ± 6	22.5 ± 6	42.5 ± 6	45.8 ± 6	11.7 ± 5
29.2 ± 6	13.3 ± 5	25.7 ± 6	54.3 ± 6	35.7 ± 6	9.9 ± 4
36.7 ± 6	15.1 ± 5	22.2 ± 5	44.0 ± 6	40.3 ± 6	15.7 ± 5
34.5 ± 6	13.5 ± 5	20.8 ± 5	51.0 ± 6	35.0 ± 6	14.0 ± 5
33.9 ± 6	16.3 ± 5	28.3 ± 6	45.9 ± 6	46.4 ± 6	7.7 ± 4
31.7 ± 6	19.5 ± 6	23.0 ± 6	47.5 ± 6	37.2 ± 6	15.4 ± 5
25.5 ± 8	14.1 ± 7	28.2 ± 8	35.2 ± 8*	38.6 ± 8	26.2 ± 8*
41.0 ± 6	25.3 ± 6	28.2 ± 6	53.3 ± 6	37.0 ± 6	9.7 ± 5
37.5 ± 6	24.6 ± 6	31.7 ± 6	47.0 ± 7	40.7 ± 6	12.2 ± 5
24.7 ± 6*	12.0 ± 5	30.3 ± 6	43.0 ± 6	40.3 ± 6	16.8 ± 5
30.7 ± 6	15.3 ± 6	19.2 ± 6	43.6 ± 7	42.3 ± 7	14.2 ± 5
37.6 ± 5	19.4 ± 5	21.5 ± 5	47.6 ± 5	42.7 ± 5	9.7 ± 4
30.3 ± 6	15.7 ± 6	32.7 ± 7	49.8 ± 7	40.1 ± 7	10.1 ± 5
34.8 ± 6	18.4 ± 5	28.1 ± 6	53.2 ± 6	32.5 ± 6	14.3 ± 5
36.4 ± 6	24.0 ± 6	32.0 ± 6	51.1 ± 6	36.4 ± 6	12.5 ± 5
36.7 ± 7	19.6 ± 6	37.4 ± 7*	52.6 ± 7	33.1 ± 7	14.3 ± 6

- adults in the Manawatu region were significantly less likely to have participated in an organised competition or event; and
- adults in the Southland region were significantly more likely to have participated in an organised competition or event, were significantly more likely to have received instruction to improve their performance for a sport or recreation activity, and were significantly more likely to have volunteered for a sport or recreation activity.