

MARRIAGE AND ADOPTION POLL February 2013

- CLIENT:** Family First New Zealand
- POLL DATES:** Evenings of Thu 14, Sun 17, Thu 21, Sun 24 Feb 2013
- SAMPLE SIZE:** 1,000 respondents agreed to participate.
- SAMPLE SELECTION:** A random selection of 10,000 nationwide phone numbers.
- WEIGHTING:** The results are weighted to reflect the overall adult population in terms of gender, age, area and deprivation decile.
- 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.

SAME SEX MARRIAGE

In 2004, Parliament legislated to allow same sex couples to register a civil union, amending over 150 pieces of legislation to give legal rights and recognition to same-sex couples. Do you think Parliament should change the definition of marriage to allow same-sex couples to marry, or do you think civil unions are sufficient for same sex couples?

Should definition of marriage be changed?

		Count	Col %
Should definition of marriage be changed?	Change marriage to allow same sex marriage	476	47%
	Civil unions are sufficient	427	43%
	Unsure/Refuse	99	10%
	Total	1001	100%

In response to the question, a plurality at 47% said that Parliament should change the definition of marriage to allow same-sex couples to marry and 43% said they believed civil unions were sufficient for same sex couples.

Should definition of marriage be changed? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should definition of marriage be changed?	Change marriage to allow same sex marriage	52%	42%	64%	45%	27%	47%
	Civil unions are sufficient	38%	48%	29%	42%	63%	43%
	Unsure/Refuse	10%	10%	6%	13%	11%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Men and over 60s were more likely to state that they believed civil unions were sufficient.

Should definition of marriage be changed? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should definition of marriage be changed?	Change marriage to allow same sex marriage	48%	47%	47%	47%
	Civil unions are sufficient	42%	41%	48%	43%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	12%	5%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Little variation by area.

Should definition of marriage be changed? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should definition of marriage be changed?	Change marriage to allow same sex marriage	55%	46%	42%	47%
	Civil unions are sufficient	36%	45%	46%	43%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	9%	12%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Respondents living in areas with the highest degrees of deprivation were less likely to support changing the definition of marriage.

Should definition of marriage be changed? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should definition of marriage be changed?	Change marriage to allow same sex marriage	48%	49%	50%	40%	47%
	Civil unions are sufficient	44%	44%	40%	40%	43%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	6%	10%	20%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Almost no difference between National and Labour voters on this question.

MARRIAGE REFERENDUM

Do you think any change to the Marriage Act to allow same-sex marriages should be subject to a binding referendum of voters?

Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?

		Count	Col %
Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?	Yes	492	49%
	No	413	41%
	Unsure/Refuse	96	10%
	Total	1001	100%

A plurality of 49% of respondents think any changes to the Marriage Act should be subject to a binding referendum.

Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum? BY Should definition of marriage be changed?

		Should definition of marriage be changed?			
		Change marriage to allow same sex marriage	Civil unions are sufficient	Unsure/Refuse	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?	Yes	42%	61%	34%	49%
	No	50%	32%	38%	41%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	7%	27%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Those who believe civil unions are sufficient are more likely to support a referendum.

Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?	Yes	49%	49%	45%	53%	50%	49%
	No	40%	43%	45%	40%	37%	41%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	8%	10%	7%	13%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?	Yes	48%	47%	55%	49%
	No	44%	39%	37%	41%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	14%	9%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?	Yes	41%	52%	54%	49%
	No	50%	37%	38%	41%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	11%	9%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should Marriage Act changes be subject to a referendum?	Yes	51%	53%	43%	43%	49%
	No	40%	40%	46%	42%	41%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	7%	10%	15%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE CELEBRANTS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should all marriage celebrants, including ministers of all religions, be required to perform same-sex weddings even if these go against their personal convictions?

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?

		Count	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	145	15%
	No	795	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	59	6%
	Total	998	100%

Only 15% of respondents think marriage celebrants should be forced to perform same-sex weddings if they go against their personal convictions.

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	16%	13%	16%	11%	17%	15%
	No	78%	82%	77%	85%	77%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	6%	5%	7%	4%	6%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	15%	9%	20%	15%
	No	80%	83%	75%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	5%	8%	5%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	12%	13%	18%	15%
	No	85%	80%	74%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	7%	7%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should marriage celebrants be forced to perform same-sex weddings?	Yes	15%	13%	16%	16%	15%
	No	83%	80%	80%	71%	80%
	Unsure/Refuse	3%	6%	5%	14%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE CEREMONY LOCATIONS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should temples, mosques, churches and other places of faith all be required to allow same-sex 'marriages' in their buildings?

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??

		Count	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	208	21%
	No	729	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	60	6%
	Total	997	100%

Only 21% of respondents believe churches and other places of faith should be required to allow same-sex marriages in their buildings.

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	25%	15%	28%	15%	18%	21%
	No	68%	80%	67%	79%	73%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	5%	5%	5%	9%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY

Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	21%	17%	25%	21%
	No	74%	76%	67%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	7%	9%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	14%	22%	26%	21%
	No	82%	69%	70%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	9%	5%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings?? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should churches be required to allow same-sex weddings in their buildings??	Yes	19%	25%	21%	19%	21%
	No	77%	70%	74%	69%	73%
	Unsure/Refuse	4%	6%	6%	11%	6%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE TEACHING IN FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should all faith-based schools - whether, Christian, Jewish or Moslem etc - all be required to teach that same-sex marriage is equal to traditional marriage of a man and a woman.

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?

		Count	Col %
Should faith-based schools	Yes	325	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	539	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	123	12%
	Total	986	100%

33% of respondents believe faith-based schools should be required to teach that same-sex marriage is equal to traditional marriage of a man and a woman, and 55% are opposed.

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should faith-based schools	Yes	38%	27%	47%	27%	21%	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	48%	62%	42%	58%	68%	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	14%	11%	12%	14%	10%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should faith-based schools	Yes	34%	32%	31%	33%
have to teach same-sex	No	53%	56%	57%	55%
marriage is equal?	Unsure/Refuse	13%	12%	11%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	30%	38%	29%	33%
	No	61%	51%	53%	55%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	11%	17%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should faith-based schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	34%	31%	45%	20%	33%
	No	58%	51%	43%	65%	55%
	Unsure/Refuse	8%	18%	12%	15%	12%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

MARRIAGE TEACHING IN STATE SCHOOLS

If the Marriage Act is changed to allow same-sex couples to marry, should individual teachers in state schools who have a personal belief against same-sex marriage be forced to teach their students that same-sex 'marriage' is equal to traditional marriage?

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?

		Count	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	365	37%
	No	522	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	100	10%
	Total	987	100%

37% support and 53% oppose requiring individual teachers in state schools to teach same-sex marriage is equal to traditional marriage if it goes against their personal beliefs.

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	39%	35%	56%	34%	15%	37%
	No	49%	57%	35%	58%	70%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	12%	8%	9%	8%	15%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	42%	31%	33%	37%
	No	49%	59%	55%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	9%	10%	12%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	36%	37%	37%	37%
	No	51%	55%	53%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	13%	8%	10%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should teachers in state schools have to teach same-sex marriage is equal?	Yes	36%	40%	51%	19%	37%
	No	54%	49%	44%	67%	53%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	11%	4%	14%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

ADOPTION PRIORITY

Should families where there is both a mum and a dad have priority for the adoption of babies and children?

Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption?

		Count	Col %
Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption?	Yes	511	52%
	No	376	38%
	Unsure/Refuse	95	10%
	Total	982	100%

52% of respondents say that families with both a mum and a dad should have priority for adoptions.

Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption? BY Gender + Age

		Gender		Age			Total
		Female	Male	18 - 40	41 - 60	61+	
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	
Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption?	Yes	44%	62%	45%	52%	61%	52%
	No	46%	29%	46%	40%	24%	38%
	Unsure/Refuse	11%	8%	9%	7%	15%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

A significant difference by gender with women split almost equally and men strongly in favour of priority for families with a mum and dad. This proposition also increases in support by age.

Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption? BY Area

		Area			
		Metro	Provincial	Rural	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption?	Yes	53%	45%	60%	52%
	No	40%	44%	27%	38%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	11%	13%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption? BY Deprivation

		Deprivation			
		Deciles 1 - 3	Deciles 4 - 7	Deciles 8 - 10	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption?	Yes	59%	52%	45%	52%
	No	31%	39%	45%	38%
	Unsure/Refuse	10%	10%	9%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption? BY Party Vote 2011

		Party Vote 2011				
		National	Labour	Others	Not Vote/Unsure	Total
		Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %	Col %
Should families with Mum and Dad have priority for adoption?	Yes	60%	48%	39%	53%	52%
	No	34%	46%	48%	25%	38%
	Unsure/Refuse	7%	5%	13%	21%	10%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

WEIGHTED DEMOGRAPHICS

The results have been weighted to reflect the adult gender, age, area and deprivation distribution.

Gender

	Count	Col %
Gender Female	548	55%
Male	453	45%
Total	1001	100%

Age

	Count	Col %
Age 18 - 40	375	37%
41 - 60	368	37%
61+	259	26%
Total	1001	100%

Area

	Count	Col %
Area Metro	515	51%
Provincial	273	27%
Rural	213	21%
Total	1001	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.

Deprivation

	Count	Col %
Deprivation Deciles 1 - 3	307	31%
Deciles 4 - 7	395	39%
Deciles 8 - 10	299	30%
Total	1001	100%

Party Vote 2011

	Count	Col %
Party Vote 2011 National	400	40%
Labour	266	27%
Others	167	17%
Not Vote/Unsure	168	17%
Total	1001	100%

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