Research New Zealand Survey 28/02/2012: “Are Our Buildings Safe to Occupy?” Testing Claims

In the claims below, categories have been combined so that “Confident” means (very confident or confident) and “Not confident” means (not confident or not at all confident)

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|  | **Claim** | **Type** | **Sample Size** | **Margin of Error** | **Confidence Interval and Judgement** |
| **1** | 65% of **New Zealanders** were **confident** that **commercial buildings** met the building code and were safe to occupy. **(See Table A)** |  |  |  |  |
| **2** | Less than half of **Canterbury** residents have **confidence** that **commercia**l buildings meet the building code and are safe to occupy.  **(See Table A)** |  |  |  |  |
| **3** | For **residentia**l buildings, **confidence** is **higher** among **European/Pakeha** residents (71%) than among **Maori/Pacific** residents (66%).  **(See Table 8)** |  |  |  |  |
| **4** | Over the **South Island** as a whole, **more people** are **confiden**t(56%) in the safety of **commercial** buildings than **not confident** (37%).  **(See Table 4)** |  |  |  |  |
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| **5** | Surprisingly, for **residential** housing **confidence** was **higher** in **the Lower/Central North Island** (79%) than in the **Upper North Island** (71%)  **(See Table 9)** |  |  |  |  |
| **6** | Surprisingly, only two thirds of **Aucklanders** have **confidence** in **residential** buildings.  **(See Table A)** |  |  |  |  |
| **7** | Surprisingly, for **commercial** buildings **older** **New Zealanders** (aged 55and over) were generally **more confident** than **not confident**.  **(See Table 2)** |  |  |  |  |
| **\*8** | For **residential** buildings, **confidence** that they meet the building code and are safe to occupy is higher among **North Island** residents than **South Island** residents. (**See Table 9)** |  |  |  |  |

\* challenge question