Skateboarders
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Question 43 asked about names for skateboarders:
43   A person who takes their skateboard everywhere with them can be called:

We knew that the terms *skatie* and *boardie* were in use, and this question was designed to elicit any variation which might exist.
The 14 schools which failed to produce a term for this type of person were largely rural, because skateboarding is an activity which requires a substantial concrete or at least tar-sealed area for its practice. In many rural areas, such a facility is lacking.
There were many one-off responses to this question, mostly terms of general abuse. Wherever the skaties in a classroom suggested a term of approval for themselves (e.g. *cool dudes*), the non-skaties countered with terms of abuse. These were almost all discounted in the analysis.
One term dominated the responses: *skatie*, with 121 reports found throughout the country, although the three northernmost schools in our survey were amongst the 14 which did not provide a response. Other basic terms were *skater* (26); *skateboarder* (9); *boarder/boardie* (4) – three *boarder*'s and one *boardie*.
Skater was reported from Northland to Christchurch. However, there was an area in Hawkes Bay and down through the Wairarapa where it had a higher level of use, with correspondingly fewer reports of *skatie*. There were only 4 reports of *skater* in the South Island, just 15% instead of the expected 40%.
Skateboarder was predominantly found in Auckland, with 5 of the 9 reports, and a 6th also in the Northern Region, thus making 60% instead of the expected 35%. There was only one report of *skateboarder* in the South Island.
Boarder was reported from Auckland (twice), from Wanganui, and from North Canterbury. There is thus no apparent pattern in this data.
A number of responses concentrated on capturing the "excessive" component of the question, and the terms which were used to do this were also considered. Those with more than one report were: *skate freak* (12); *hard-out skatie/er* (5); *hard core skatie/er* (5); *skataholic* (4); *skate fanatic* (2); *skate-lover* (2); *skate nerd* (2). (In these labels, all *skate-* or *board-* words were grouped, so that *skate fanatic, skateboard fanatic* and *board fanatic* were all grouped under *skate fanatic*, etc.)
Skate freak was reported from Northland to Southland, although there were only two reports in the South Island.
Hard-out was reported from Auckland (3) and Christchurch (2). With such low numbers of reports, it is unclear whether there is any significance in this.
Hard core was reported from Northland, the central North Island (2), and Christchurch (2). Again there seems to be no pattern to this.
Skataholic was reported from Northland, Auckland, Hawkes Bay, and Christchurch.
Skate fanatic was reported only from Auckland.
Skate-lover was reported from Auckland and Hawkes Bay.
Skate nerd was reported from Auckland and Southland.
There is thus little to suggest that there is any regional pattern to these terms.
A random group of terms remained to consider: *Homey (G)* (22); *tryhard* (18), *wank on a plan*k (7); *cool dude* (5); *low rider* (2).

Homey appears to be a label which refers to the skaties' dress code: extremely generously-sized trousers which hang in folds round the ankles, have the crotch around the knees, and have large pockets; baseball caps worn backwards, heavy trainers, sloppy sweatshirts etc. It was reported from Northland to Southland, although there was a hole in the east of the North Island from the Bay of Plenty to Wellington.

Tryhard was reported from Auckland and Southland, with areas of greater intensity in Auckland, the Bay of Plenty and the timber belt, and Wellington.

Wank on a plank was reported only from the Central Region, from Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Nelson, North Canterbury and the South Island lake resorts. Because reports of this term were infrequent, it is unclear how much weight to give this.

Cool dude was reported twice from Auckland, and also from Hawkes Bay, Wellington and South Canterbury. There is evidently no pattern here.

Low rider (a term referring to the low crotch on the pants worn by skaties) was reported only twice, and would have been of no significance were it not for the fact that these are two schools which also reported *high rider* in answer to Q42. One is in Christchurch, and the other a school with much evidence of outside influence in Auckland.

None of the terms used in responses to this question showed any clear signs of social differentiation, although it is perhaps worth noting that a marginally lower proportion of the lowest decile schools reported the use of *skatie* than was the case in higher decile schools.

Statistical Analysis

The terms included in the statistical analysis were *skater, skateboarder,* and *wank on a plank.*

Skater was absent from the Southern Region. It is significantly more common in the North Island than the South (p-value 0.0137).

Skateboarder was absent from the Southern Region.

Wank on a plank is found only in the Central Region.

Summary

There is very little evidence of variation in the terms used for those who practise ollies and nollies, back flips and wheel grinds!

Nevertheless, a map of the three terms which showed some sign of regionalisation follows.

Map: *skater, skateboarder, wank on a plank*

Auckland

New Plymouth

Wellington

Napier/Hastings
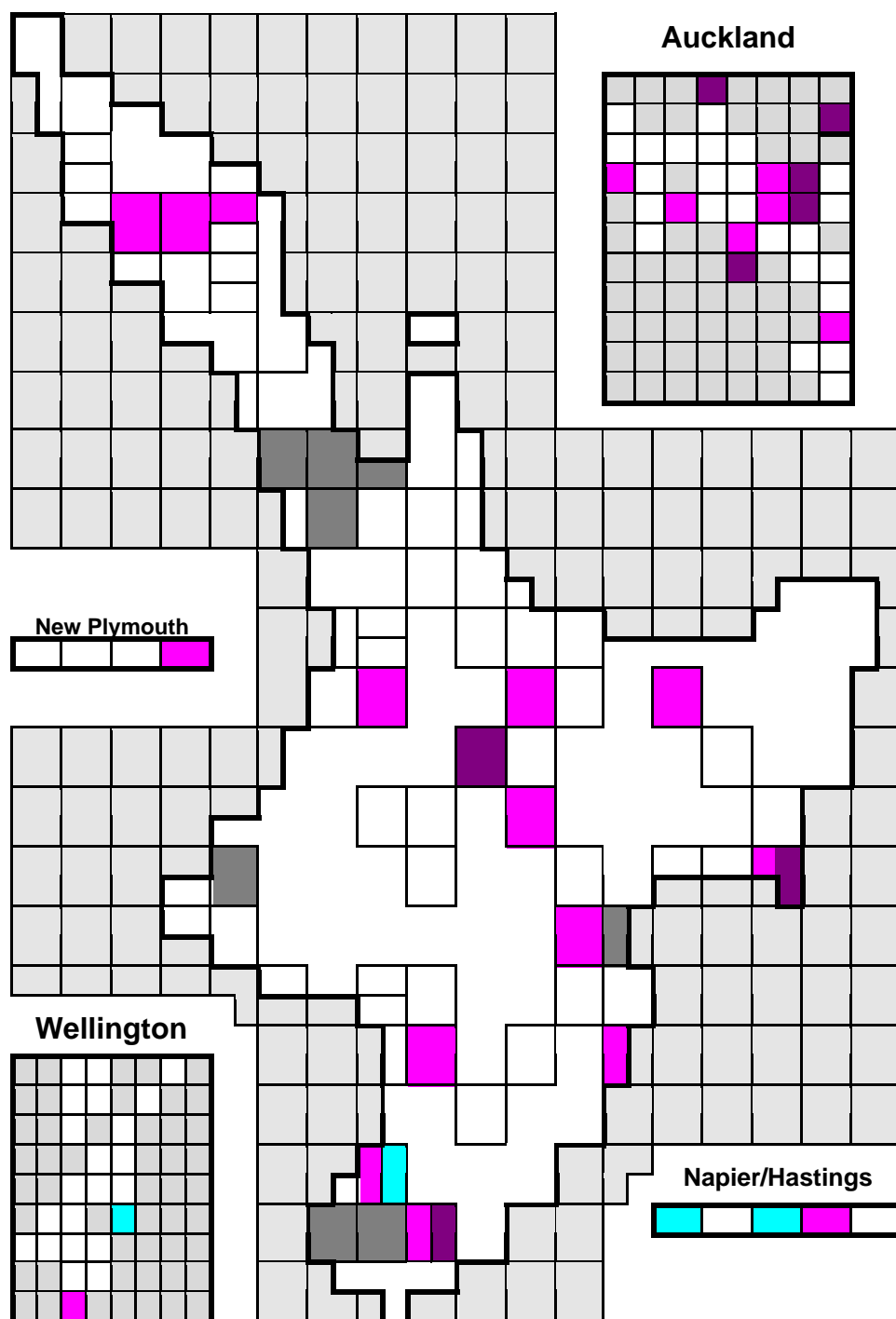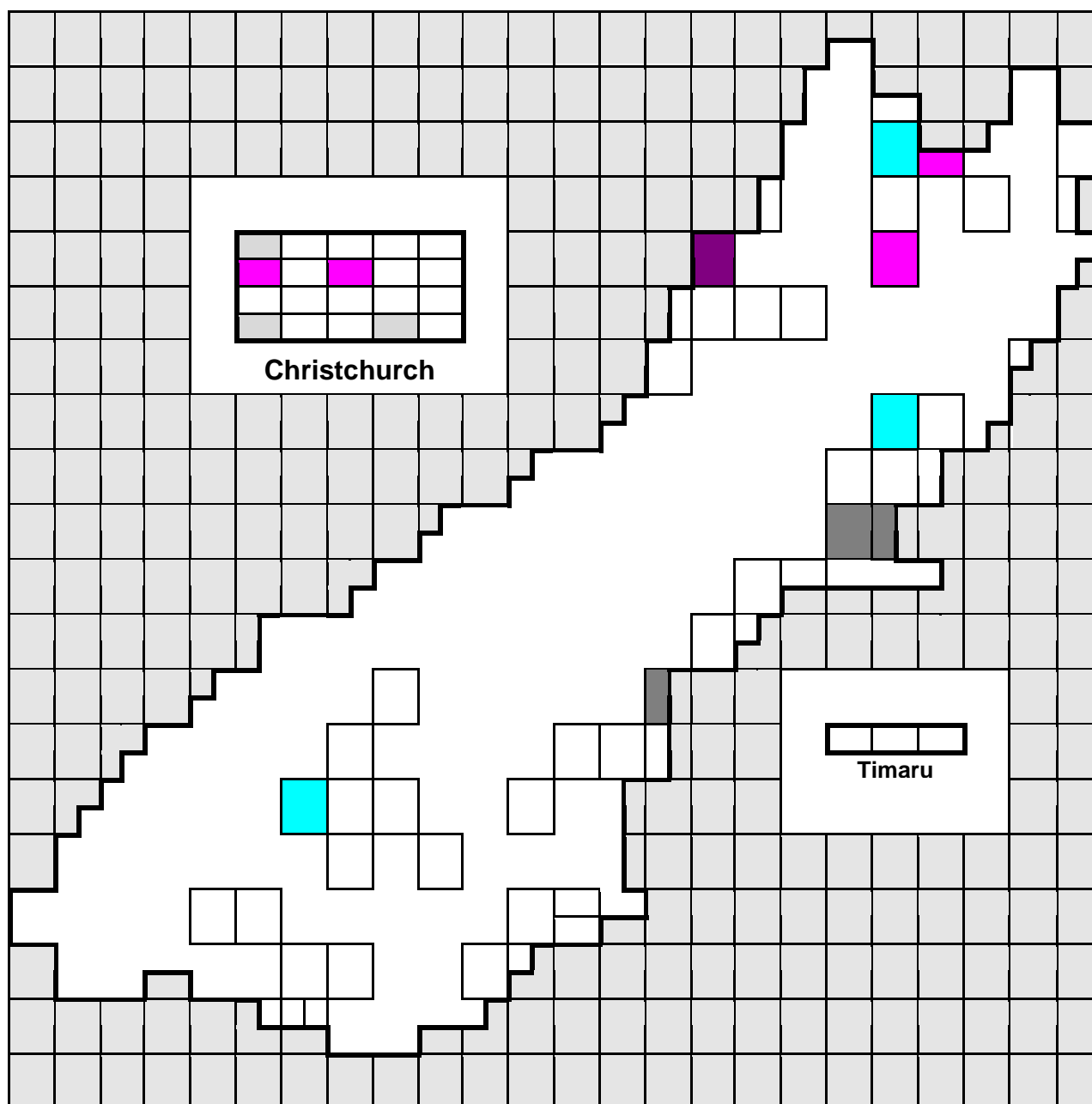
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Note that the insets are not to scale, nor all on the same scale for practical reasons. Each box
represents one school in both urban and rural areas.

| | skater | | See urban map insert |
| | skateboarder | | wank on a plank |

Q43 Statistics: Skaties
Skaties by Decile
Analysis Of GEE Parameter Estimates – Empirical Standard Error Estimates
Empirical 95% Confidence Limits

parameter		Estimate	Std Err	Lower	Upper	Z	Pr>|Z|
intercept	0.0000	.	.	.	.	.	
item	skater	-1.4162	0.5080	-2.4119	-0.4205	-2.788	0.0053
item	skbrder	-2.3257	0.8454	-3.9826	-0.6689	-2.751	0.0059
item	wankonp	-3.5479	0.8378	-5.1900	-1.9059	-4.235	0.0000
decile*item	skater	-0.0256	0.0817	-0.1857	0.1345	-.3132	0.7542
decile*item	skbrder	-0.0772	0.1481	-0.3675	0.2131	-.5214	0.6021
decile*item	wankonp	0.0873	0.1182	-0.1444	0.3190	0.7387	0.4601
scale	0.9999	.	.	.	.	.	

Skaties by Main Region
Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.000	0.0000	.	.	
item	skater	1	-27.3666	0.3138	7604.5283	0.0001
item	skbrder	1	-27.3663	0.5888	2160.3264	0.0001
item	wankonp	1	-27.3653	0.3962	4771.5785	0.0001
item*region1	skater, 1	1	26.2445	0.4395	3565.6380	**0.0001**
item*region1	skater, 2	0	25.6619	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	skater, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	skbrder, 1	1	25.2262	0.7300	1194.0563	**0.0001**
item*region1	skbrder, 2	0	24.1474	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	skbrder, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	wankonp, 1	1	-0.0000	115975.683	0.0000	1.0000
item*region1	wankonp, 2	0	25.0485	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	wankonp, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.000	0.0000	.	.	

Skaties by Sub-Region

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	skater	1	-27.3659	0.7500	1331.3623	0.0001
item	skbrder	1	-27.3654	1.0954	624.0537	0.0001
item	wankonp	1	-27.3653	1.0541	673.9743	0.0001
item*region2	skater, 1	1	26.6727	1.1456	542.0454	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 2	1	25.7564	1.3276	376.3939	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 3	1	26.5927	0.8978	877.2858	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 4	1	25.9308	0.9001	830.0090	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 5	1	26.6727	0.9682	758.8636	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 6	1	25.8618	0.9317	770.4953	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 7	1	26.1131	1.0979	565.7201	**0.0001**
item*region2	skater, 8	1	0.0006	357461.063	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skater, 9	0	25.2864	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	skater, 10	1	0.0006	276888.149	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skater, 11	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	skbrder, 1	1	0.0001	357461.063	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skbrder, 2	1	0.0001	357461.063	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skbrder, 3	1	26.3358	1.2130	471.3601	**0.0001**
item*region2	skbrder,4	1	24.1465	1.4967	260.2920	**0.0001**
item*region2	skbrder, 5	1	24.9675	1.5136	272.1085	**0.0001**
item*region2	skbrder, 6	1	24.3209	1.4992	263.1694	**0.0001**
item*region2	skbrder, 7	1	0.0001	291865.736	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skbrder, 8	0	25.7560	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	skbrder, 9	1	0.0001	206380.241	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skbrder, 10	1	0.0001	276888.149	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	skbrder, 11	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	wankonp, 1	1	-0.0000	357461.063	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	wankonp, 2	1	-0.0000	357461.063	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	wankonp, 3	1	-0.0000	200875.776	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	wankonp, 4	1	-0.0000	171718.740	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	wankonp, 5	1	25.7559	1.3081	387.6809	**0.0001**
item*region2	wankonp, 6	1	25.0627	1.2888	378.1447	**0.0001**
item*region2	wankonp, 7	1	25.2859	1.4954	285.9318	**0.0001**
item*region2	wankonp, 8	1	-0.0000	357461.063	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	wankonp, 9	1	24.5321	1.4731	277.3465	**0.0001**
item*region2	wankonp, 10	0	25.1681	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	wankonp, 11	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

Skaties by Island
Analysis Of GEE Parameter Estimates – Empirical Standard Error Estimates
Empirical 95% Confidence Limits

parameter		Est.	Std Err	Lower	Upper	Z	Pr>|Z|
intercept	0.0000	.	.	.	.	.	
item	skater	-2.5840	0.5185	-3.6003	-1.5677	-4.983	0.0000
item	skbrder	-4.0254	1.0089	-6.0027	-2.0480	-3.990	0.0001
item	wankonp	-2.8904	0.5932	-4.0530	-1.7278	-4.873	0.0000
item*island	skater, 1	1.4124	0.5731	0.2892	2.5356	2.4646	**0.0137**
item*island	skater, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*island	skbrder, 1	1.6621	1.0745	-0.4439	3.7682	1.5469	0.1219
item*island	skbrder, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*island	wankonp, 1	-0.2120	0.7830	-1.7466	1.3227	-.2707	0.7866
item*island	wankonp, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
scale	1.0000	.	.	.	.	.	

Skaties by Catholic
Analysis Of GEE Parameter Estimates – Empirical Standard Error Estimates
Empirical 95% Confidence Limits

parameter		Est.	Std Err	Lower	Upper	Z	Pr>|Z|
intercept	0.0000	.	.	.	.	.	
item	skater	-0.7885	0.5394	-1.8456	0.2687	-1.462	0.1438
item	skbrder	-2.7081	1.0328	-4.7323	-0.6838	-2.622	0.0087
item	wankonp	-2.7081	1.0328	-4.7323	-0.6838	-2.622	0.0087
item*catholic	skater, 1	-0.8675	0.5896	-2.0231	0.2881	-1.471	0.1412
item*catholic	skater, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*catholic	skbrder, 1	-0.0247	1.0954	-2.1715	2.1222	-.0225	0.9820
item*catholic	skbrder, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*catholic	wankonp, 1	-0.3285	1.1142	-2.5122	1.8552	-.2948	0.7681
item*catholic	wankonp, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
scale	1.0000	.	.	.	.	.	

Skaties by Urban/Rural
Analysis Of GEE Parameter Estimates – Empirical Standard Error Estimates
Empirical 95% Confidence Limits

parameter		Est.	Std Err	Lower	Upper	Z	Pr>|Z|
intercept	0.0000	.	.	.	.	.	
item	skater	-1.2637	0.3141	-1.8793	-0.6481	-4.023	0.0001
item	skbrder	-2.6210	0.5179	-3.6360	-1.6060	-5.061	0.0000
item	wankonp	-2.9267	0.5926	-4.0882	-1.7652	-4.939	0.0000
item*urb_rur	skater, 1	-0.4618	0.4351	-1.3145	0.3909	-1.061	0.2885
item*urb_rur	skater, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*urb_rur	skbrder, 1	-0.1640	0.6932	-1.5226	1.1947	-.2365	0.8130
item*urb_rur	skbrder, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*urb_rur	wankonp, 1	-0.3935	0.8346	-2.0293	1.2423	-.4715	0.6373
item*urb_rur	wankonp, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
scale	1.0000	.	.	.	.	.	

Skaties in Northern and Central Regions only
Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	skater	1	-1.7047	0.3138	29.5088	0.0001
item	skbrde	1	-3.2189	0.5888	29.8880	0.0001
item	wankon	1	-2.3168	0.3962	34.2001	0.0001
item*region1	skater, 1	1	0.5826	0.4395	1.7572	0.1850
item*region1	skater, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	skbrde, 1	1	1.0788	0.7300	2.1838	0.1395
item*region1	skbrde, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	wankon, 1	1	-24.0486	70342.8077	0.0000	0.9997
item*region1	wankon, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	