

New entrants

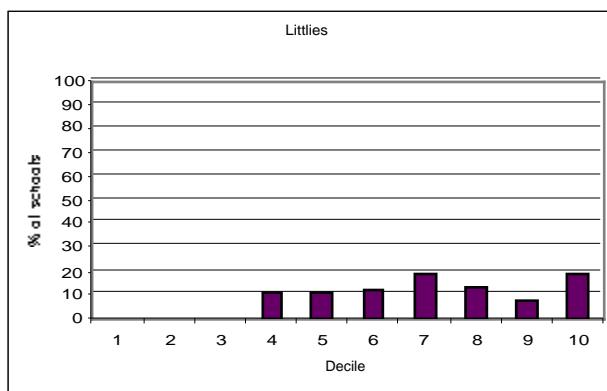
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Question 44 asked about terms for new entrants:

- 44 If your school is a primary school, do you have a word for new entrants as a group?

The question elicited quite a lot of general abuse, and large numbers of terms reported 3 times or fewer. A number of these were apparently references to TV shows: *Munchkins*, *Rug rats*, *Pee-wees*, etc. It also produced a response from some Intermediate and Form 1-7 Schools, which was coded as 44b and which is discussed below.

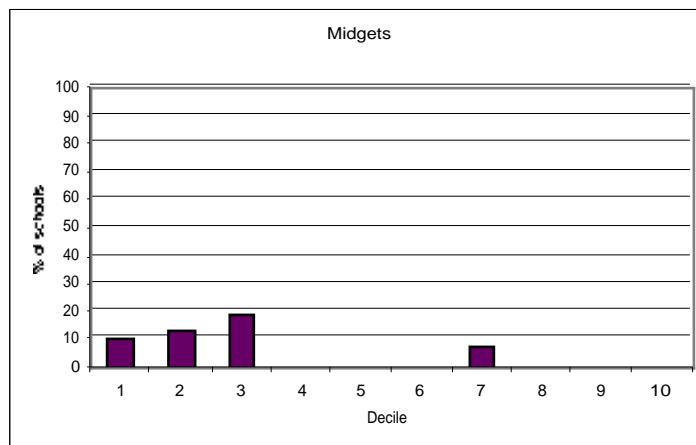
Little grouping of answers was possible. The responses remaining after the deletion of low frequency items were grouped according to frequency. The highest frequency terms were: *little kids* (69); *juniors* (31); *babies* (23); *littlies* (15); *new kids* (12); *little dudes* (10). Essentially none of these showed any tendency to regionalisation, although the two lowest frequency terms in this group were not reported from Northland. *Littlies* shows some sign of social differentiation: it was not reported by any schools lower than decile 4.



The lower frequency group consisted of: *Year/J 1's* (9); *wieners* (8); *weenies* (7); *midgets* (7); *little brats* (6); *shrimps* (5); *turds* (4). Most of these were not regionalised, either. However, *wieners* and *midgets* deserve some comment. *Wieners* was spelled in three different ways by the teachers: *wieners*, *weeners*, *weaners*. We suspect that the form shared orally between the sausages *wieners* and the form *weenies* may have contributed to the use of this form. Five of the reports of this term came from the Southern Region, with the others from the Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay and Wellington. It is just possible that it is *wieners* in the North Island context, but *weeners* in the South. These questions were asked during school visits, and the responses suggest that there is a considerable mixture of understandings. In some schools, *wieners*, if known at all, required a N. American pronunciation, with non-prevocalic /r/. This suggests 'small sausages' as the sense. It was often known from TV, rather than as a local form. However, in one Southland school, one group was sure it was *weaners* because this is the term used for small animals, while another group thought it was *weeners* because they were 'weenie'. The question about the most appropriate

spelling cannot be resolved. The information from school visits certainly suggests that it has rather different associations in the North of the North Island from those found further south.

Midgets was reported only from the Northern Region. It also shows some tendency to be low decile, although with so few reports it is not clear how much validity this has.



Some Intermediate and Form 1-7 schools provided the information that new Form 1's were called *UFOs*, (= unidentified Form Ones) and that new Form 3's were called *turd-formers*.

With one exception, in Marlborough, the schools which volunteered this information came from the Northern Region (including Taranaki). Because we did not specifically ask for this information, we do not know how representative these responses are, but suspect that this is indeed a northernism. However, during school visits, it was also known to a small number of children in a Wellington Intermediate school, so it may be more widespread.

Statistical Analysis

UFOs, *midgets* and *weeners/wieners* were included in the statistical analysis.

UFOs was not reported from the Southern Region. It was therefore necessary to delete the Southern Region to obtain a Northern – Central contrast. This showed that for *UFOs*, the difference between the Northern and Central Regions is not significant (p-value 0.0713).

Midgets is low decile (p-value 0.0075). It is exclusively Northern and therefore exclusively North Island. The interaction between Decile and Main Region was considered in relation to *midgets*. Because *midgets* is exclusively Northern, this factor outweighs Decile. The p-value for Decile variation when Main Region is taken into account is not significant (0.0644). This suggests that to a considerable degree, this is low decile because it is Northern.

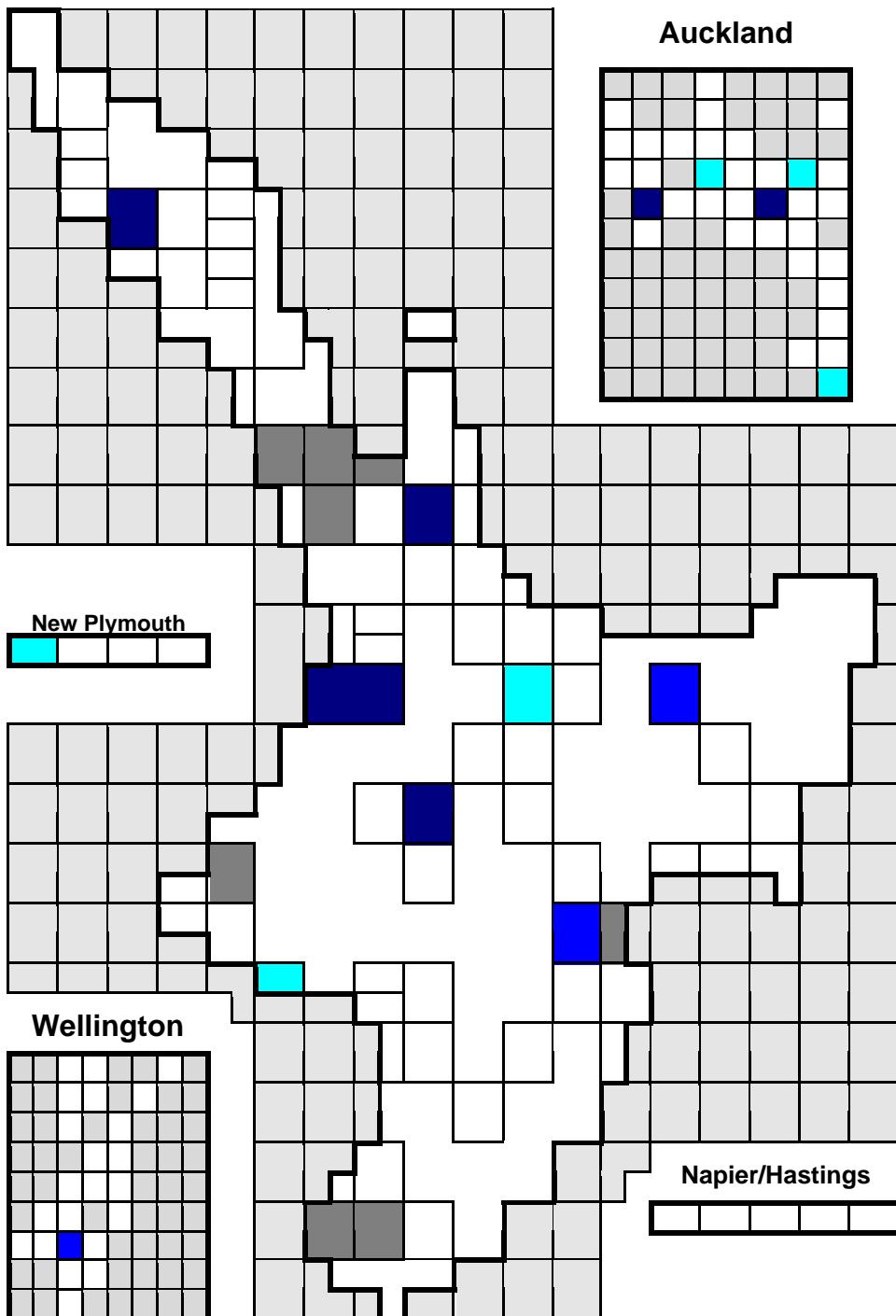
Weeners/wieners is significantly less common in both the Northern and Central Regions than the Southern Region (p-value 0.0029 and 0.0008 respectively).

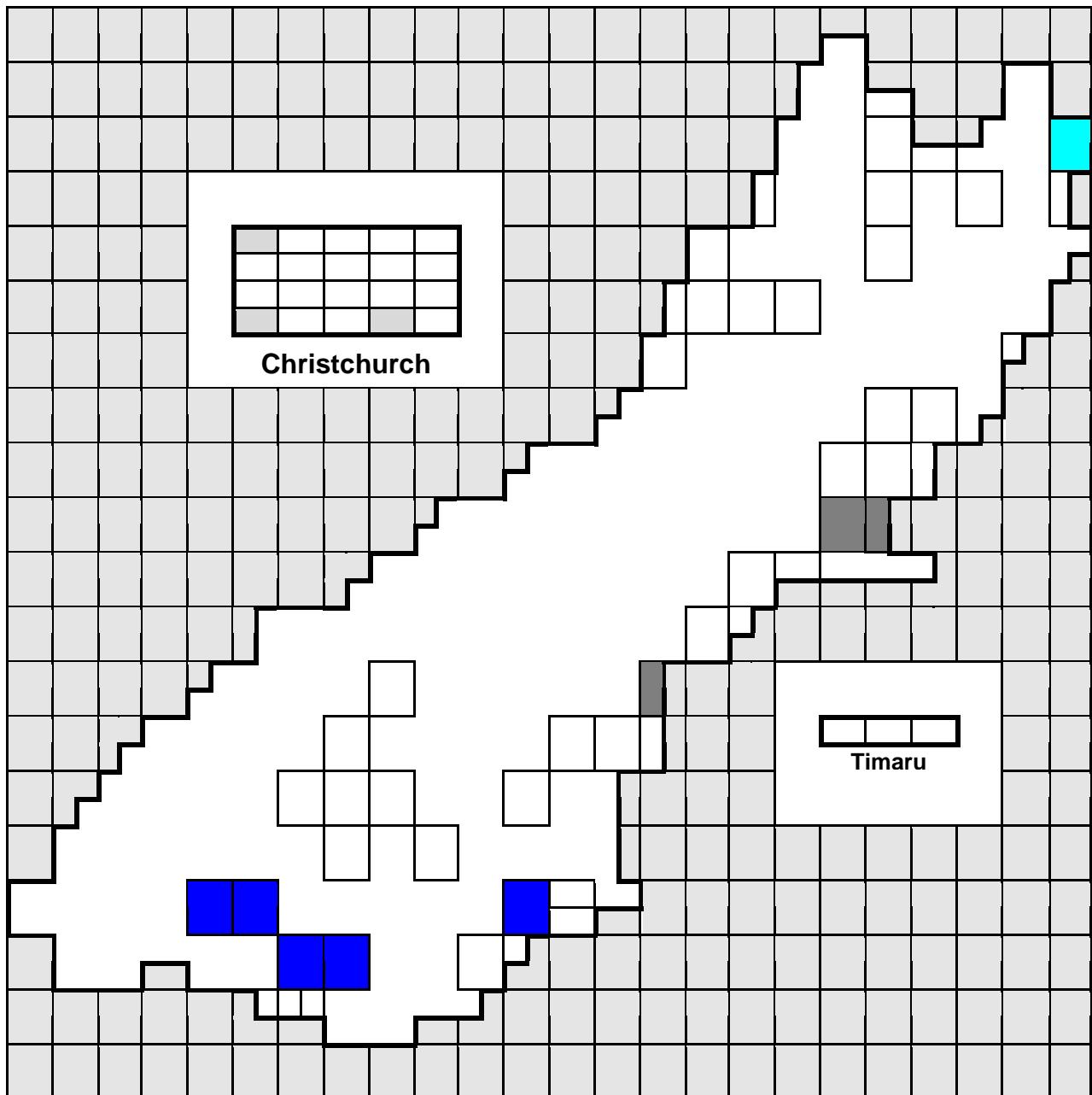
None of these were reported from Catholic Schools, but it is unlikely that this is significant, since the number of forms was so low.

Summary

These forms do show signs of regionalisation. The form *weeners* is important in the study, as it is one of the few forms which is more common in the Southern Region than elsewhere.

A map of the most interesting forms follows.

Map: *midgets, weeners/wieners and UFOs*

**Key**

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.



weeners/wieners



See urban map insert



midgets



UFOs

Q44 Statistics: New entrants

New entrants 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	UFOs	-2.7496	0.7475	-4.2147	-1.2845	-3.678	0.0002
item	midgets	-1.0419	0.6792	-2.3731	0.2894	-1.534	0.1251
item	weeners	-3.4987	1.0360	-5.5293	-1.4682	-3.377	0.0007
decile*item	UFOs	-0.0479	0.1178	-0.2787	0.1829	-.4068	0.6842
decile*item	midgets	-0.4583	0.1713	-0.7940	-0.1226	-2.676	0.0075
decile*item	weeners	0.1016	0.1505	-0.1934	0.3965	0.6749	0.4997
scale	0.9784	.	.	.	.	.

New entrants by Main Region

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.000	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-27.3659	1.0065	739.2922	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-27.3652	0.4036	4598.2311	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-0.5878	0.5578	1.1105	0.2920
item*region1	UFOs, 1	1	25.0241	1.1101	508.1944	0.0001
item*region1	UFOs, 2	0	23.0221	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	UFOs, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 1	0	25.3991	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 2	1	-0.0001	99141.8609	0.0000	1.0000
item*region1	midgets, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	weeners, 1	1	-3.4376	1.1528	8.8917	0.0029
item*region1	weeners, 2	1	-3.0498	0.9079	11.2843	0.0008
item*region1	weeners, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.000	0.0000	.	.	

CONTRAST Statement Results

Contrast	DF	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi	Type
1 -2 for weeners	1	0.1018	0.7496	LR

New entrants by Sub-Region

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

Parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-28.3639	1.0607	715.1231	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-28.3632	0.5436	2722.8240	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-0.5878	0.5578	1.1105	0.2920
item*region2	UFOs, 1	1	-0.0014	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 2	1	-0.0014	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 3	1	26.6900	1.2332	468.3975	0.0001
item*region2	UFOs, 4	1	25.8790	1.2910	401.8348	0.0001
item*region2	UFOs, 5	1	-0.0014	416735.968	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 6	1	-0.0014	307779.910	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 7	0	26.2845	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	UFOs, 8	1	-0.0014	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 9	1	-0.0014	340263.493	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 10	1	-0.0014	456511.380	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	UFOs, 11	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	midgets, 1	1	26.7538	1.2229	478.6260	0.0001
item*region2	midgets, 2	1	-0.0021	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 3	1	26.2231	0.9243	804.9515	0.0001
item*region2	midgets, 4	0	26.6584	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	midgets, 5	1	-0.0021	416735.968	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 6	1	-0.0021	307779.910	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 7	1	-0.0021	481205.247	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 8	1	-0.0021	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 9	1	-0.0021	340263.493	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 10	1	-0.0021	456511.380	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	midgets, 11	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region2	weeners, 1	1	-27.7775	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	weeners, 2	1	-27.7775	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	weeners, 3	1	-27.7775	331188.164	0.0000	0.9999
item*region2	weeners, 4	1	-2.6311	1.1624	5.1237	0.0236
item*region2	weeners, 5	1	-1.8101	1.1841	2.3370	0.1263
item*region2	weeners, 6	1	-2.4567	1.1656	4.4421	0.0351
item*region2	weeners, 7	1	-27.7775	481205.247	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	weeners, 8	1	-27.7775	589353.658	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	weeners, 9	1	-27.7775	340263.493	0.0000	0.9999
item*region2	weeners, 10	1	-27.7775	456511.380	0.0000	1.0000
item*region2	weeners, 11	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Island

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-4.0254	1.0089	15.9192	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-27.3653	0.3930	4847.4595	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-2.3418	0.4682	25.0150	0.0001
item*island	UFOs, 1	1	1.3512	1.0936	1.5265	0.2166
item*island	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 1	0	24.8569	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	weeners, 1	1	-1.0594	0.7508	1.9911	0.1582
item*island	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Catholic

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-26.3653	0.3885	4605.9066	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-26.3653	0.3885	4605.9050	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-26.3654	0.3649	5221.4477	0.0001
item*catholic	UFOs, 1	0	23.4910	0.0000	.	.
item*catholic	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*catholic	midgets, 1	0	23.4910	0.0000	.	.
item*catholic	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*catholic	weeners, 1	0	23.6326	0.0000	.	.
item*catholic	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Urban/Rural

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	UFOs	-2.3795	0.4675	-3.2958	-1.4633	-5.090	0.0000
item	midgets	-3.3499	0.7194	-4.7599	-1.9399	-4.656	0.0000
item	weeners	-4.0604	1.0086	-6.0372	-2.0837	-4.026	0.0001
item*urb_rur	UFOs, 1	-1.3581	0.8546	-3.0332	0.3170	-1.589	0.1120
item*urb_rur	UFOs, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*urb_rur	midgets, 1	0.5649	0.8543	-1.1096	2.2394	0.6612	0.5085
item*urb_rur	midgets, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
item*urb_rur	weeners, 1	1.6369	1.0829	-0.4856	3.7594	1.5115	0.1307
item*urb_rur	weeners, 2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
scale	1.0000	.	.	.	.	.

New entrants 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	UFOs	1	-4.3438	1.0065	18.6267	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-27.3653	0.4036	4598.2647	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-3.6376	0.7164	25.7855	0.0001
item*region1	UFOs, 1	1	2.0020	1.1101	3.2527	0.0713
item*region1	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 1	0	25.3992	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	weeners, 1	1	-0.3878	1.2373	0.0982	0.7540
item*region1	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Decile and Main Region, Model 2 (no sig. figs. Model 1)

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-29.1408	1.5381	358.9421	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-26.6323	0.7707	1194.0523	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-1.2928	1.0904	1.4056	0.2358
decile*item	UFOs	1	0.1260	0.1609	0.6134	0.4335
decile*item	midgets	1	-0.3730	0.2017	3.4199	0.0644
decile*item	weeners	1	0.1190	0.1538	0.5986	0.4391
item*region1	UFOs, 1	1	26.1322	1.1394	525.9793	0.0001
item*region1	UFOs, 2	0	23.9349	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	UFOs, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 1	0	26.1532	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 2	1	0.2787	155355.180	0.0000	1.0000
item*region1	midgets, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	weeners, 1	1	-3.3674	1.1580	8.4566	0.0036
item*region1	weeners, 2	1	-3.1553	0.9284	11.5510	0.0007
item*region1	weeners, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Decile and Island, Model 1

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-0.7555	2.0861	0.1312	0.7172
item	midgets	1	-27.3655	0.7174	1455.1640	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-0.8830	1.1509	0.5886	0.4430
decile*item	UFOs	1	-0.7070	0.5818	1.4765	0.2243
decile*item	midgets	1	0.0000	0.1884	0.0000	0.9999
decile*item	weeners	1	-0.2458	0.1956	1.5783	0.2090
item*island	UFOs, 1	1	-2.2988	2.2926	1.0055	0.3160
item*island	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 1	0	26.4054	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	weeners, 1	1	-6.8235	3.3217	4.2200	0.0400
item*island	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
decile*item*island	UFOs, 1	1	0.7755	0.6001	1.6700	0.1963
decile*item*island	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
decile*item*island	midgets, 1	0	-0.3761	0.0000	.	.
decile*item*island	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
decile*item*island	weeners, 1	1	0.8407	0.4064	4.2801	0.0386
decile*item*island	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Decile and Island, Model 2

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-3.9839	1.3511	8.6944	0.0032
item	midgets	1	-25.2415	0.7174	1238.0406	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-2.8087	1.0881	6.6627	0.0098
decile*item	UFOs	1	-0.0064	0.1385	0.0021	0.9633
decile*item	midgets	1	-0.3761	0.1884	3.9862	0.0459
decile*item	weeners	1	0.0698	0.1434	0.2370	0.6264
item*island	UFOs, 1	1	1.3434	1.1069	1.4728	0.2249
item*island	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 1	0	24.2813	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	weeners, 1	1	-0.9814	0.7651	1.6453	0.1996
item*island	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Main Region and Island, Model 2 (no sig. figs. Model 1)

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-28.3633	1.0118	785.7694	0.0001
item	midgets	1	-28.3633	0.4036	4939.7705	0.0001
item	weeners	1	-0.5878	0.5578	1.1105	0.2920
item*region1	UFOs, 1	1	50.6486	1.1149	2063.7166	0.0001
item*region1	UFOs, 2	0	24.6257	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	UFOs, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 1	0	26.3966	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	midgets, 2	1	-0.0023	163457.292	0.0000	1.0000
item*region1	midgets, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*region1	weeners, 1	1	-28.9995	1.1528	632.8011	0.0001
item*region1	weeners, 2	1	-27.7775	0.9173	917.0175	0.0001
item*region1	weeners, 3	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	UFOs, 1	0	-24.6271	0.0000	.	.
item*island	UFOs, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 1	0	0.0006	0.0000	.	.
item*island	midgets, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
item*island	weeners, 1	0	25.5620	0.0000	.	.
item*island	weeners, 2	0	0.0000	0.0000	.	.
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	

New entrants by Decile in North Island

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	UFOs	-3.0609	0.8056	-4.6397	-1.4820	-3.800	0.0001
item	midgets	-0.9845	0.6736	-2.3047	0.3358	-1.462	0.1439
item	weeners	-7.5870	1.7038	-10.9263	-4.2476	-4.453	0.0000
decile*item	UFOs	0.0689	0.1189	-0.1640	0.3019	0.5800	0.5619
decile*item	midgets	-0.3705	0.1621	-0.6883	-0.0527	-2.285	0.0223
decile*item	weeners	0.5798	0.1950	0.1977	0.9619	2.9737	0.0029
scale	0.8924	.	.	.	.	.

New entrants by Decile in South Island

Analysis Of Initial Parameter Estimates

parameter		DF	Estimate	Std Err	ChiSquare	Pr>Chi
intercept	0	0.00	0.0000	.	.	
item	UFOs	1	-0.7555	2.0861	0.1312	0.7172
item	midgets	1	-28.3653	554086.456	0.0000	1.0000
item	weeners	1	-0.8830	1.1509	0.5886	0.4430
decile*item	UFOs	1	-0.7070	0.5818	1.4765	0.2243
decile*item	midgets	1	-0.0000	79684.7759	0.0000	1.0000
decile*item	weeners	1	-0.2458	0.1956	1.5783	0.2090
scale	0	1.00	0.0000	.	.	