New Zealand Psychosocial Survey 2021- Key findings



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Background

- The International Labour Organisation (2016): psychosocial factors as 'interactions between and among work environment, job content, organizational conditions and workers' capacities, needs, culture, personal extra-job considerations that may, through perceptions and experience, influence health, work performance and job satisfaction'
- WorkSafe NZ (2019): Work related mental health accounted for 17% of DALY losses from total work-related ill-health

and injury



Mental health is one of the key workrelated injury and health indicators.

The role of the health and safety system in addressing psychosocial risks is to ensure workers' health and wellbeing The Copenhagen Psychosocial Questionnaire (COPSOQ) => www.copsoq-network.org

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INTERNATIONAL NETWORK



Welcome to COPSOQ international network

Aims and activities

Licence, Guidelines & Questionnaire

Steering Committee

Network Members

8th International COPSOQ Workshop Canada 2021 (online)

Former Network Conferences

Validation studies

Publications on COPSOQ

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Welcome to the network for scientific research and risk assessment with the Copenhagen Psychosocial Questionnaire (COPSOQ).

International studies show that exposures to psychosocial risks are important characteristics of work. There is clear evidence that aspects and levels of job strain vary between countries, branches and professions. COPSOQ is a well proven instrument to gather valid and reliable information about main risk factors.

The setting, implementation and evaluation of preventive actions at workplace level and also preventive policies in general need systematic collection, recording, analysis and dissemination of key information on the exposures of workers to psychosocial factors. This is a major challenge due to the diversity of labour in our days and the scientific and technical requirements to generate useful information.

COPSOQ III. Guidelines and questionnaire.

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Quality of Leadership and Workplace Bullying: The Mediating Role of Social Community at Work in a Two-Year Follow-Up Study

Validation of the Copenhagen Psychosocial Ouestionnaire Version III and Establishment of

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Benchmarks for Psychosocial Risk Management

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Original Article

The Third Version of the Copenhagen Psychosocial Questionnaire

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The Psychosocial Work Environmen A Survey of New Zealand Worker

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Cross-cultural adaptation and

version of COPSOQ II-Brazil

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Dissecting the effect of workplace exposures on workers' rating of psychological health and safety

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Methodology

	NZPS 2021					
Sample size	3,612 workers					
Methods	 Online survey Additional respondents were sourced from: street-intercept interviews in high deprivation areas the New Zealand Electoral Roll (certain occupations were targeted) a Facebook community for recent migrants, a Maritime New Zealand database of fishing and shipping operators 					
Fieldwork period	3 March and 30 May 2021.					
Response rate	 Online panel interviews: 28% Face-to-face intercept interviews in high deprivation areas (online self completion survey using tablet): 41% Electoral roll for forestry and fishing workers (mail out to complete online survey): 11% Open link to online survey for recent migrants and MNZ database: Unknown, but we achieved 26 people for the sample from the MNZ database 					
Weighting	The data have been weighted so the overall sample is representative of the population of interest by gender within industry, ethnicity, and age, according to Stats NZ population counts					
Aims	The survey uses the Copenhagen Psychosocial Questionnaire (COPSOQ) developed by the Danish National Research Center to measure a range of elements of the psychosocial work environment, including experiences of hostile acts like bullying, harassment, and violence.					

The Copenhagen Psychosocial Questionnaire

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Overview of the survey scales

Demands at work

- Quantitative demands
- Work pace
- Emotional demands
- Demands for hiding emotions

Work organisation and job content

- Influence at work
- Possibilities for development
- Control over working time
- Meaning of work

Work - individual interface

- Job insecurity
- Insecurity over working conditions
- Quality of work
- Job satisfaction
- Work life conflict

Interpersonal relations and leadership

- Predictability
- Recognition
- Role clarity
- Role conflicts
- Illegitimate tasks
- Quality of leadership
- Social support from supervisors
- Social support from colleagues
- Sense of community at work

Offensive behaviours

- Bullying
- Cyberbullying
- Sexual harassment
- Threats of violence
- Physical violence

High = higher risk High = lower risk Mean scores and proportions reported, high = positive

Proportions reported

Social capital

- Horizontal trust
- Vertical trust
- Organisational justice

Health

Self-related health

How the COPSOQ works

Example of COPSOQ item

WPI: Do you have to work very fast?

Always (100)

Often (75)

Sometimes (50)

Seldom (25)

Never/hardly ever (0)

Example of COPSOQ scale



Example of COPSOQ domain

Quantitative demands]-
Work pace	
Emotional demands	Demands at work
Demands for hiding emotions	

Key findings

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INDUSTRY





QUALIFICATION





HOUSEHOLD INCOME









Note: Weighted data Less than 0.5% of the survey population are gender diverse.

FIGURE 6: Work-related characteristics of the sample (%)

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The most common protective factors supporting the mental wellbeing of New Zealand workers are:

- security over working conditions (security of work hours, work location, and pay),
- Sense of Community at Work (feeling part of the team or community),
- Role Clarity (workers' understanding of their role at work),
- Meaning of Work (understanding of the purpose and context of their work)

Demands at work are the most common psychosocial risk across the New Zealand workforce

Work Pace (speed and intensity of work), Demands for Hiding Emotions (the need to conceal feelings from other people at work), and Quantitative Demands (workload) are the most common sources of psychosocial risk for workers in New Zealand

	BULLYING	CYBERBULLYING	SEXUAL HARASSMENT	THREATS OF VIOLENCE	PHYSICAL VIOLENCE
All workers (n=3,612)	22.6	15.7	11.1	14.0	10.6
Labourers (n=315)	17.9	13.9	9.8	15.5	9.6
Machinery operators and drivers (n=169)	19.7	14.4	11.0	13.5	12.0
Sales workers (n=208)	20.0	13.2	16.1	14.4	10.8
Clerical and administrative workers (n=584)	23.3	12.4	7.4	7.7	5.4
Community and personal service workers (n=298)	22.2	14.8	10.6	23.3	20.3
Technicians and trades workers (n=287)	23.9	12.3	8.4	9.4	5.3
Professionals (n=884)	21.8	12.6	8.6	11.9	7.5
Managers (n=763)	21.5	20.1	12.1	14.0	11.4

Average working hours per week								
<20 hours (n=311)	15.4	111	11.2	10.4	7.1			
20-30 hours (n=465)	20.1	14.3	12.7	15.9	14.3			
31-40 hours (n=1,309)	22.8	16.3	12.0	12.4	9.9			
41-50 hours (n=1,152)	24.3	15.2	9.2	13.6	9.4			
51-60 hours (n=237)	25.5	20.4	9.2	18.8	11.7			
61 hours + (n=104)	27.3	23.2	15.2	11.7	26.2			

Over one third of NZ workers (35%) report being exposed to at least one offensive behaviour in the last 12 months

- Bullying is the most common hostile act reported by workers (23%), followed by cyberbullying (16%), threats of violence (14%), sexual harassment (11%) and physical violence (11%)
- Workers most often report that their colleagues and managers are responsible for bullying and cyberbullying incidents. However, physical violence and threats of violence are most often received by customers or clients
- Workers who work more than 61 hours per week are more likely than all workers to report experiencing bullying, cyberbullying, and threats of violence at work

Māori and Pacific workers face greater risk from certain psychosocial working conditions than other workers, but there are also some positives

Compared to all workers, Māori and Pacific workers report higher Insecurity over Working Conditions and Illegitimate Tasks (threats to professional identity)

Māori workers are more likely than all workers to report exposure to bullying (28%), cyberbullying (21%), sexual harassment (15%), threats of violence (20%), and physical violence (17%) in the past 12 months

However, compared to all workers, Māori and Pacific workers report higher Possibilities for Development, Meaning of Work, Recognition, Role Clarity, Quality of Leadership, Sense of Community at Work, Job Satisfaction, and Organisational Justice (fair treatment at work).

The psychosocial working conditions differ by sociodemographic variables, such as age, gender, and migrant status

- Male workers report higher Quantitative Demands, Work Pace, Role Conflicts, Job Insecurity, Insecurity over Working conditions, and Illegitimate Tasks
- Workers who were not born in New Zealand report higher Role Conflicts, Job Insecurity, Insecurity Over Working Conditions, and Worklife Conflict than those who were born in New Zealand
- Workers aged 60 years and over report higher Predictability, Recognition, Role Clarity, Meaning of Work, Job Satisfaction, Social Support from Supervisors and Organizational Justice at work compared to all other workers

Industry plays a role in shaping workplace psychosocial environments

Healthcare and social assistance (HCSA) workers

- Highest scores of Demands for Hiding Emotions (the need to conceal feelings from other people at work) and Emotional Demands (dealing with other people's feelings or being placed in emotionally tricky situations).
- Most likely to report exposure to bullying (30%) and threats of violence (22%).
- Scores for meaning of work and social support from colleagues appear to be the highest

Forestry workers

- Highest scores of Influence at Work (ability to decide the order of tasks), Predictability (ability to avoid uncertainty by receiving the correct information at the right time) and Job Clarity (workers' understanding of their role at work).
- Score highly on Job Satisfaction and Quality of Work (experience of the immediate output of one's work), Vertical Trust (the trust in communication between management and employees), and Horizontal Trust (the trust built among employees)

Transport, Postal and Warehousing (TPW) workers

- Lowest scores for Quantitative Demands, Emotional Demands, Influence at Work, Role Conflicts and Illegitimate Tasks.
- In the case of offensive behaviour, TPW workers report the lowest exposure to bullying (16%) and cyberbullying (10%)

Some findings for the Transport, Postal and Warehousing sector

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