The New Zealand Landscape Profession and Industry Survey – 2006

PART TWO

This is the second set of results from the questionnaire distributed to members in January and February this year, looking at a range of information from 2006. While a full analysis and interpretation of the results is some way off, the executive committee thought that a simple count of the responses to some of the variables would be of interest to members, and plans to progressively release further results as they come to hand.

More than 150 members completed a questionnaire; the percentage figures in the following charts and lists are proportions of those who responded, not proportions of the Institute membership as a whole. Please note that the research protocol provides for a minimum number of five respondents to be present in a category for it to be disaggregated, to preserve anonymity. Where fewer than five are present in any category, they are added to adjacent categories until the minimum number is met.



How do we see our jobs?



Not unexpectedly, over half of the respondents indicated that they were Landscape Architects, with around a third of the total across all categories noting that they were self employed.

	What type of work are we doing?
Policy	About a quarter of respondents reported working on policy, most of them for less than 10% of the time.
Planning	About two thirds of respondents indicated that they are engaged in planning, half of those for 20% or less of the time.
Design	As might be expected, 90% of respondents reported working in landscape design, but only 14% spend 50% or more of their time on design.
Design docs & Admin	Just over a quarter of respondents do not spend any time on design documentation or contract administration, about a third spend up to 10%, and another third spend between 10% and 30% of their time.
Project Management	Two thirds of respondents spend some of their time on project mgmt, but for most of those it is less than 20%.
Construction	About 13% of respondents spend some time on landscape construction
Maintenance	with a similar number engaged in landscape maintenance.
Promotion	Around a quarter of respondents spend up to 5% of their time on promotion, but most are not involved in this activity at all.
Teaching	16% of respondents reported that they are involved with teaching, half of those for 5% or less of their time.
Research	About a quarter of respondents spend some time on research, half of those for 5% or less of their time
Admin.	Most respondents spend some time on administration tasks, but over half spend less than 10% of their time doing this.

How big are our projects?

This part of the questionnaire looked at the scale of work we are doing, in terms of the most frequent project size during 2006.

The most frequent project size under each heading follows:

Policy and planning	For about 40% of respondents, they were projects worth more than \$1,000,000, with the rest of the respondents spread fairly evenly across the other value bands.
Design	About 15% of the respondents were involved with projects which were worth \$1,000,000 or more, with the rest involved with projects that were spread relatively evenly across the other value bands.

Design, docs & admin	A similar result as for design, but skewed slightly towards the higher value bands.
Design and build	A fifth of respondents reported that their most frequent project size was over \$500,000, with the rest working on projects spread fairly evenly across the value bands below this.
Build only	About 10% of the total number of respondents were involved here, with project values spread relatively evenly across the range of bands.



Use of Software

Three quarters of those surveyed used CAD, and about 40% used 3D modelling software.



The following charts show the proportion using particular programmes, of those who reported using either CAD or 3D software:

