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## National (48%) increases lead over Labour/ Greens (42%) – biggest lead for National since July 2013

Today's New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows National (48%, up 1%) increasing its lead over a potential Labour/ Greens alliance (42%, down 2%). Support for Key's Coalition partners shows the Maori Party 0.5% (down 1%), ACT NZ (1%, up 1%) and United Future 0.5% (up 0.5%).

Support for the Labour Party has fallen sharply to 30% (down 3%), while the Greens have risen to 12% (up 1%), New Zealand First 5.5% (up 1%), Mana Party 1% (unchanged), Conservative Party of NZ 1% (down 0.5%) and Internet Party (0.5%, unchanged) while support for Others is now 0% (unchanged).

**If a National Election were held now the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows that National would be returned to power.**

The latest NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating is virtually unchanged at 140pts (up 1pt) with 63.5% (unchanged) of New Zealanders saying New Zealand is 'heading in the right direction' compared to 23.5% (down 1%) that say New Zealand is 'heading in the wrong direction'.

**Gary Morgan says:**

*"Today's New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll shows National (48%, up 1%) with its largest lead over a potential Labour/ Greens alliance (42%, down 2%) since July 2013. The rise in support for National comes after Prime Minister John Key enjoyed the festivities at Auckland's 'Big Gay Out', a traditional left-wing constituency, even playing a game of beer pong.*

*"The additional good news for Key this week is that New Zealand Government Confidence has increased to 140pts (up 1pt) – the highest it has been since July 2010 while today's [ANZ-Roy Morgan New Zealand Consumer Confidence Rating of 133.0](#) is only just below its highest level since 2007 – prior to the Global Financial Crisis.*

*"In recent weeks Key has also refused to outline whether National will enter coalition with smaller right-wing parties including Act NZ and the Conservatives, leaving that decision until closer to the election. If the trend of the past few weeks continue, National may win enough seats to govern in its own right."*

Electors were asked: "If a New Zealand Election were held today which party would receive your party vote?" This latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll on voting intention was conducted by telephone – both landline and mobile telephone, with a NZ wide cross-section of 859 electors from February 3-16, 2014. Of all electors surveyed 4% (unchanged) didn't name a party.

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### **Margin of Error**

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. The following table gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
<b>500</b>	±4.5	±3.9	±2.7	±1.9
<b>1,000</b>	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4
<b>1,500</b>	±2.6	±2.2	±1.5	±1.1
<b>2,000</b>	±2.2	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

## Voting Intention Summary

The following table compares the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Polls on Voting Intention with the result from the November 26, 2011 General Election:

<b>PRIMARY VOTE ELECTIONS</b>	<b>National</b> %	<b>Labour</b> %	<b>Green Party</b> %	<b>NZ First</b> %	<b>Maori Party*</b> %	<b>Mana Party*</b> %	<b>ACT NZ</b> %	<b>United Future</b> %	<b>Conservat ives*</b> %	<b>Internet*</b> %	<b>Other</b> %
July 27, 2002	20.9	41.3	7	10.4	n/a	n/a	7.1	6.7	n/a	n/a	6.6
September 17, 2005	39.1	41.1	5.3	5.72	2.12	n/a	1.51	2.67	n/a	n/a	2.48
November 8, 2008	44.93	33.99	6.72	4.07	2.39	n/a	3.65	0.87	n/a	n/a	3.38
November 26, 2011	47.31	27.48	11.06	6.59	1.43	1.08	1.07	0.60	2.65	n/a	0.73
<b>ROY MORGAN POLL</b>											
Jan 3-15, 2012	47	27.5	14.5	5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	2.5
Jan 16-29, 2012	46	30.5	13	5.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	1.5
Jan 30-Feb 12, 2012	45.5	31	11.5	6	1.5	1	1	0.5	n/a	n/a	2
Feb 13-26, 2012	45.5	31.5	13	5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	1.5
Feb 27-Mar 11, 2012	48.5	30	12.5	5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	1.5
Mar 12-Apr 1, 2012	44	30.5	17	5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	0.5
Apr 2-15, 2012	49.5	26.5	12.5	6.5	1.5	1	^	1	n/a	n/a	1.5
Apr 16-29, 2012	47	28.5	15	5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	1.5
Apr 30-May 13, 2012	44.5	30	15	5.5	1	0.5	^	1	n/a	n/a	2.5
May 14-27, 2012	44	30.5	13.5	5	2	1	1	0.5	n/a	n/a	2.5
May 28-Jun 7, 2012	46	31	12.5	5.5	1.5	1	^	0.5	n/a	n/a	2
Jun 8-24, 2012	47.5	32	12	4	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	1.5
Jun 25-Jul 8, 2012	45.5	32.5	13	4.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	n/a	n/a	2
Jul 9-22, 2012	47.5	30	11	5.5	1	0.5	1	0.5	3	n/a	^
Jul 23-Aug 5, 2012	44	32	14	4	2	1	0.5	0.5	1.5	n/a	0.5
Aug 13-26, 2012	44.5	32	14.5	5	2.5	^	1	^	0.5	n/a	^
Aug 27-Sep. 9, 2012	46.5	31	12.5	4.5	2.5	1	0.5	^	1	n/a	0.5
Sep 10-23, 2012	43.5	33	11.5	5	2.5	1.5	0.5	^	2	n/a	0.5
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2012	41.5	33.5	13.5	6.5	1.5	^	0.5	0.5	2	n/a	0.5
Oct 8-21, 2012	43.5	29	13	7.5	3.5	0.5	0.5	^	2	n/a	0.5
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2012	45.5	32.5	10.5	5	2	1	0.5	0.5	1.5	n/a	1
Nov 12-25, 2012	45	31.5	13.5	6.5	1	^	0.5	0.5	1.5	n/a	^
Nov 26-Dec 9, 2012	45.5	33.5	11	5	1.5	1	1	^	1	n/a	0.5
Jan 2-13, 2013	46	31.5	12	5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	n/a	0.5
Jan 14-17, 2013	46	31.5	13.5	5.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	^	0.5	n/a	0.5
Jan 28-Feb 10, 2013	44	34.5	13.5	4	0.5	0.5	0.5	^	2	n/a	0.5
Feb 11-24, 2013	47.5	30.5	12.5	3	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	n/a	0.5
Feb 25-Mar 10, 2013	43.5	32.5	13.5	5	2	^	0.5	0.5	2	n/a	0.5
Mar 11- 24 , 2013	44	34.5	13	3	2.5	0.5	0.5	1	1	n/a	^
Apr 1-14, 2013	40.5	35.5	13.5	5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	n/a	0.5
Apr 15-28, 2013	46.5	31.5	11	4.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	2	n/a	1
Apr 29-May 12, 2013	44	32	12	5	2	1	1.5	0.5	1.5	n/a	0.5
May 13-26, 2013	41	35	12	4.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.5	n/a	1.5
Jun 3-16, 2013	44	33	11.5	6	2	1	0.5	-	2	n/a	^
Jun 17-30, 2013	46.5	31.5	13	3.5	1.5	0.5	-	0.5	2	n/a	1
Jul 1-14, 2013	47	31	11.5	4.5	2	1.5	0.5	^	1.5	n/a	0.5
Jul 15-28, 2013	51	29	10	4	1.5	1	1	^	1.5	n/a	1
Jul 29-Aug 11, 2013	44	34	14	3	2	0.5	0.5	^	1	n/a	1
Aug 12-25, 2013	44	31.5	14	5.5	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	n/a	0.5
Aug 26-Sep. 8, 2013	41	32.5	15	6.5	1	0.5	1	0.5	1.5	n/a	0.5
Sep 16-29, 2013	42	37	11.5	4.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	n/a	0.5
Sep 30-Oct 13, 2013	41.5	37	12.5	5	1.5	0.5	0.5	^	0.5	n/a	1
Oct 14-27, 2013	42	35.5	11	4.5	1.5	0.5	1	0.5	2.5	n/a	1
Oct 28-Nov 10, 2013	45.5	32	12.5	5	1.5	1	-	0.5	1.5	n/a	0.5
Nov 11-24, 2013	44.5	34	11	3.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	2	n/a	1.5
Nov 25-Dec 8, 2013	45	30.5	14.5	5	1.5	1	^	^	2	n/a	0.5
Jan 6-19, 2014	43.5	33.5	12.5	4	2	0.5	^	0.5	2.5	n/a	1
Jan 20-Feb 2, 2014	47	33	11	4.5	1.5	1	^	^	1.5	0.5	^
Feb 3-16, 2014	48	30	12	5.5	0.5	1	1	0.5	1	0.5	^

\*The Maori Party was launched in July 2004; The Mana Party was launched in April 2011. The Conservative Party was launched prior to the 2011 New Zealand Election and first measured by the New Zealand Roy Morgan Poll in July 2012. The Internet Party was launched in January 2014.. ^ Result less than 0.5%.

## Two-Party Preferred: National Party-led Government vs. Parliamentary Opposition Parties

The following table compares the latest New Zealand Roy Morgan Polls on Voting Intention with the result from the November 26, 2011 General Election:

	<b>National Party-led Government*</b>	<b>Parliamentary Opposition Parties#</b>
Election, November 8, 2008	51.84	48.16
Election, November 26, 2011	50.41	46.21
<b><u>ROY MORGAN POLL</u></b>		
Jan. 3-15, 2012	49.5	48
Jan. 16-29, 2012	49	49.5
Jan. 30 – Feb. 12, 2012	48.5	49.5
Feb. 13-26, 2012	48	50.5
Feb. 27-March 11, 2012	50.5	48
March 12-April 1, 2012	46.5	53
April 2-15, 2012	52	46.5
April 16-29, 2012	49.5	49
April 30-May 13, 2012	46.5	51
May 14-27, 2012	47.5	50
May 28-June 7, 2012	48	51.5
June 8-24, 2012	50	48.5
June 25 – July 8, 2012	47.5	50.5
July 9-22, 2012	50	47
July 23-August 5, 2012	47	51
August 13-26, 2012	48	51.5
August 27-Sep. 9, 2012	49.5	49
Sep. 10-23, 2012	46.5	51
Sep. 24 – Oct. 7, 2012	44	53.5
Oct. 8-21, 2012	47.5	50
Oct. 29 – Nov. 11, 2012	48.5	49
Nov. 12-25, 2012	47	51.5
Nov. 26 – Dec. 9, 2012	48	50.5
Jan. 2-13, 2013	49	49
Jan. 14-17, 2013	48	51
Jan. 28 – Feb. 10, 2013	45	52.5
Feb. 11-24, 2013	51	46.5
Feb. 25 – March 10, 2013	46.5	51
March 11- 24 , 2013	48	51
April 1-14, 2013	43.5	54.5
April 15-28, 2013	49	48
April 29 – May 12, 2013	48	50
May 13-26, 2013	44	52
June 3-16, 2013	46.5	51.5
June 17-30, 2013	48.5	48.5
July 1-14, 2013	49.5	48.5
July 15-28, 2013	53.5	44
July 29 – August 11, 2013	46.5	51.5
August 12-25, 2013	47	51.5
August 26 – Sep. 8, 2013	43.5	54.5
Sep. 16-29, 2013	44	53.5
Sep. 30-Oct 13, 2013	43.5	55
Oct 14-27, 2013	45	51.5
Oct 28-Nov 10, 2013	47.5	50.5
Nov 11-24, 2013	47	49.5
Nov 25-Dec 8, 2013	46.5	51
Jan 6-19, 2014	46	50.5
Jan 20-Feb 2, 2014	48.5	49.5
Feb 3-16, 2014	50	48.5

\*National-led Government: National Party, Maori Party, ACT NZ, United Future; #Opposition Parties: Labour Party, Green Party, NZ First, Mana Party. Conservative Party & Other not included as they are not represented in Parliament.

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The Roy Morgan Poll is conducted by the **ONLY** Australian and NZ member of the Gallup International Association.

No other public opinion poll taken in Australia or New Zealand has this qualification.

## NEW ZEALAND: HEADING IN "RIGHT" OR "WRONG" DIRECTION?

Electors were asked: "Generally speaking, do you feel that things in New Zealand are heading in the right direction or would you say things are seriously heading in the wrong direction?"

### NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Aug 27-Sep 9, <u>2012</u> %	Sep 10-23, <u>2012</u> %	Sep 24-Oct 7, <u>2012</u> %	Oct 8-21, <u>2012</u> %	Oct 29 – Nov 11, <u>2012</u> %	Nov 12-25, <u>2012</u> %	Nov 26-Dec 9, <u>2012</u> %	Jan 2-13, <u>2013</u> %
Right direction	51	47.5	44	49	51.5	48.5	53	53.5
Wrong direction	34.5	37.5	38	39	34	37.5	34	33.5
<b>Roy Morgan GCR#</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>120</b>
Can't say	14.5	15	18	12	14.5	14	13	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Jan 14-27, <u>2013</u> %	Jan 28-Feb 10, <u>2013</u> %	Feb 11-24, <u>2013</u> %	Feb 25-Mar 10, <u>2013</u> %	Mar 11-24, <u>2013</u> %	Apr 1-14, <u>2013</u> %	Apr 15-28, <u>2013</u> %	Apr 29- May 12, <u>2013</u> %
Right direction	57	55	54	51.5	53.5	51.5	54.5	56.5
Wrong direction	30.5	30.5	32.5	37.5	34	35.5	34	30.5
<b>Roy Morgan GCR#</b>	<b>126.5</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>119.5</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>126</b>
Can't say	12.5	14.5	13.5	11	12.5	13	11.5	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	May 13-26, <u>2013</u> %	June 3-16, <u>2013</u> %	June 17-30, <u>2013</u> %	July 1-14, <u>2013</u> %	July 15-28, <u>2013</u> %	July 29-Aug 11, <u>2013</u> %	Aug 12-25, <u>2013</u> %	Aug 26-Sep 8, <u>2013</u> %
Right direction	55.5	54	57	58	58.5	58	58	52.5
Wrong direction	32.5	33.5	32	29.5	30	30	30.5	35.5
<b>Roy Morgan GCR#</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>127.5</b>	<b>117</b>
Can't say	12	12.5	11	12.5	11.5	12	11.5	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

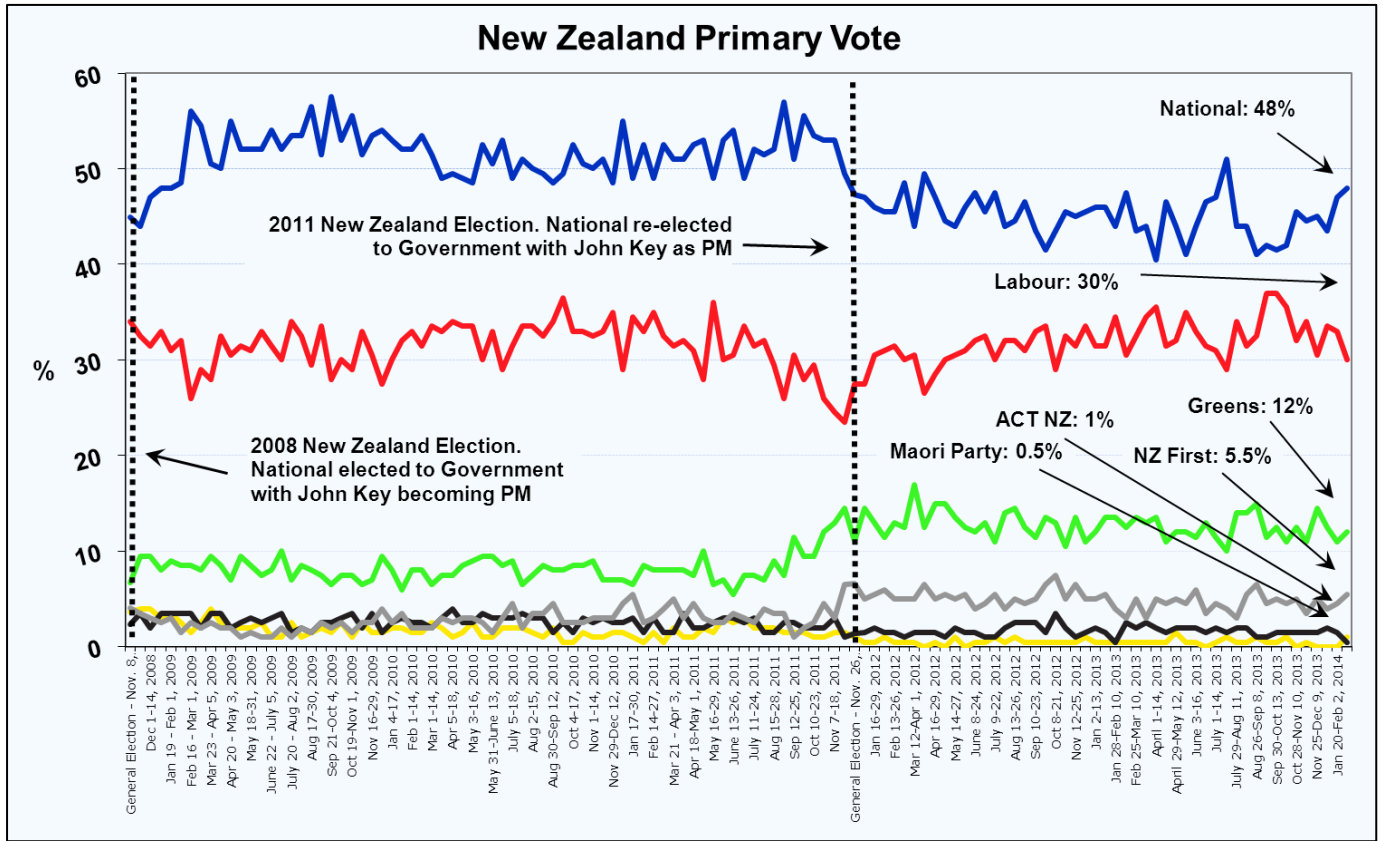
	Sep 16-29, <u>2013</u> %	Sep 30-Oct 13, <u>2013</u> %	Oct 14-27, <u>2013</u> %	Oct 28-Nov 10, <u>2013</u> %	Nov 11-24, <u>2013</u> %	Nov 25-Dec 8, <u>2013</u> %	Jan 6-19, <u>2014</u> %
Right direction	59	55	57.5	61	59	58.5	63
Wrong direction	29.5	31	28.5	27.5	29	28.5	23.5
<b>Roy Morgan GCR#</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>139.5</b>
Can't say	11.5	14	14	11.5	12	13	13.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

### NZ Roy Morgan Government Confidence Rating: Interviewing Dates (National Party Govt.)

	Jan 20-Feb 2, <u>2014</u> %	Feb 3-16, <u>2014</u> %
Right direction	63.5	63.5
Wrong direction	24.5	23.5
<b>Roy Morgan GCR#</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>140</b>
Can't say	12	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

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**New Zealand Primary Vote**



**New Zealand Roy Morgan GCR**

