

Appendix B

Confidence analysis

If the respondents constitute a random sample of lawyers, the responses from the 404 respondents is likely to be representative of the target population +/- 4.9%, 19 times out of 20. The individual confidence intervals for the responses to each of the questions are shown in Appendix C.

Marktrend was provided with a list of 8,881 practising lawyers' names and telephone numbers and selected from this group at random to identify respondents for contact. In order to ensure that the respondents were similar to the practising membership in respect of four demographic characteristics, Marktrend was provided with information about gender, location, insurance status and years of call for the listed lawyers. The following tables compare the proportion of respondents with the proportion of practising lawyers with each characteristic.

Gender	Respondents	Population
Female	29.7%	29.24%
Male	70.3%	70.76%

The proportion of women to men among the respondents matched the practising membership almost exactly.

Insurance Status	Respondents	Population
Exempt	23.5%	23.33%
Full Time	62.6%	66.04%
Part Time	13.9%	10.63%

The proportion of respondents receiving the part-time insurance discount was slightly higher among the respondents than the practising membership generally and the proportion of respondents paying for full-time insurance was slightly lower.

Years of Call	Respondents	Population
1 – 5	16.58%	17.72%
6 – 10	16.58%	18.62%
11 – 15	15.84%	17.39%
16 – 20	21.04%	15.78%
21 – 25	11.63%	13.14%
26 – 30	8.17%	9.21%
Over 30	10.15%	8.14%

The proportion of respondents with between 16 to 20 years of call was higher among the respondents than for the practising membership and the proportion of respondents practising between 21 and 30 years was lower.

County	Respondents	Population
Vancouver	46.04%	57.80%
Westminster	10.89%	13.13%
Victoria	10.15%	9.60%
Nanaimo	8.91%	3.91%
Kamloops	5.69%	2.36%
Prince Rupert	5.20%	0.84%
Okanagan	3.71%	3.66%
Out of Province	3.47%	4.65%
Cariboo	3.22%	2.30%
Kootenay	2.72%	1.28%

The proportion of respondents from Vancouver was much lower and the proportion of respondents from Nanaimo, Kamloops and Prince Rupert was much higher than for the practising membership generally.

In general, the respondents are fairly proportionate to the general population of practising lawyers with the exception of location. However, an independence analysis of the responses from Vancouver respondents with those from the rest of the province indicates that there is no statistically significant difference between the two groups. As a result, it is unlikely that the low response rate from Vancouver made a significant difference to the results.

Overall, we should feel fairly confident that the responses from the 404 respondents are likely to be representative of the target population +/- 4.9%, 19 times out of 20.