

Customer Service and Billing Ranking Methodology and Guide

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Ranking Survey and Scoring Methodology

Sampling

The survey is based on a sample of New Zealand telecommunications customers. The survey collects samples of both residential and SME telecommunication decision makers using consumer panels. To be eligible for the survey a respondent must meet the following criteria:

- Main decision maker OR shared responsibility for making decisions for Internet at home or for Mobile phone plan / monthly payment / pre-pay
- Broadband / household internet OR Mobile are currently telecommunication products and services that they paid for.
- Current broadband or mobile provider is known.
- 18+ years old
- Live in New Zealand

Data collection and volumes

Data collection is by online survey. The monthly survey aims to achieve 400 residential respondents falling naturally across mobile and broadband. These monthly samples are then rolled together to form the nine-monthly sample in this report.

Data was collected in the months July 2024 to March 2025. The residential sample is weighted by age, gender and region to be nationally representative of the New Zealand population.

Scoring

Where providers score equally in terms of the percentages based on whole numbers these will be shown as scoring equally, but in order to create a position in a list they will be positioned according to their percentage calculated by using two or more decimal points.

Ranking Guide

Customers who experienced an issue

Respondents were asked the following question:

“In the last 6 months, have you experienced any of the following issues with your [Broadband internet or mobile] service? Please select as many as apply.”

An issue with service coverage (availability)	An issue with debt (e.g. an unpaid bill)
An issue with service reliability	An issue with moving home
An issue with service speed (including not getting the speed promised)	An issue with the contract terms (e.g. Early Termination Fees or contract changes)
An issue with pricing	Other, please specify
An issue with a bill you have received	No issues experienced in the last 6 months
An issue with installation/new connection	Don't know

Results show the percentage of respondents who experienced one or more issues in the last 6 months.

Sample Size

Q: In the last 6 months, have you experienced any of the following issues with your mobile service?

	Mobile	Broadband
2degrees	807	546
One NZ	901	673
Spark	819	932
Contact Energy		144
Mercury		179
Skinny		208
Slingshot		183
Total	2,526	2,865

Satisfaction with Speed of Resolution and Staff Helpfulness and Knowledge

Where respondents indicated they had experienced an issue in the last six months they are asked the following questions:

- “How satisfied were you with how long it took to resolve the issue?”, and
- “How helpful and knowledgeable were [provider’s] staff with the issue you had?”

For both questions, results are in the form of the percentage who scored their provider 4 or 5 out of 5 on a satisfaction scale, with 1 being very dissatisfied and 5 being very satisfied. Percentages are calculated by excluding those who answered, “don’t know”.

What is a good satisfaction score?

Our review of publications in this area indicates that a ‘good’ customer satisfaction score is between 75% - 85%.

Sample Size

Q: How satisfied were you with how long it took to resolve the issue?

	Mobile	Broadband
2degrees	158	272
One NZ	210	344
Spark	168	358
Contact Energy		53
Mercury		61
Skinny		83
Slingshot		79
Total	537	1,250

Q: How helpful and knowledgeable were [provider’s] staff with the issue you had?

	Mobile	Broadband
2degrees	156	273
One NZ	212	342
Spark	177	360
Contact Energy		52
Mercury		61
Skinny		84
Slingshot		82
Total	545	1,254

Billing Comprehension

We asked respondents:

- How easy it is to understand your bills from [provider]?

Results are in the form of the percentage who scored their provider 4 or 5 out of 5 on an *ease of understanding* scale, with 1 being very hard to understand and 5 being very easy. Percentages are calculated by excluding those who do not receive or read bills or answered “don’t know”.

Sample Size

Q: How easy it is to understand your bills from [provider]?

	Mobile	Broadband
2degrees	520	540
One NZ	631	683
Spark	625	930
Contact Energy		147
Mercury		180
Skinny		188
Slingshot		180
Total	1,776	2,848