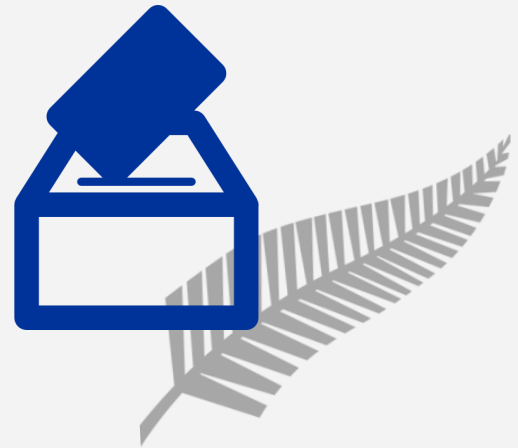


ADVANCE VOTING WITH SAME-DAY REGISTRATION: THE IMPACT ON TURNOUT IN NEW ZEALAND



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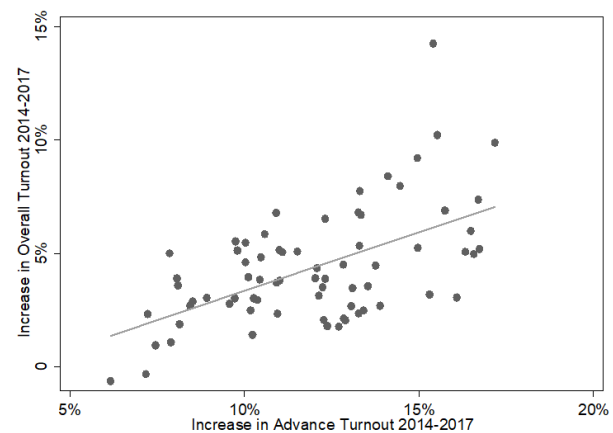
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Does advance voting with same-day registration increase turnout?

- In the 2017 general election, voters could register and vote both at advance polls and on election day.
- Increases in advance voting in an electoral district between 2014 and 2017 were generally positively related to increases in overall turnout in the same time period.
- Models in this paper considering whether advance voting simply displaces election day voting suggest that that advance voting increased turnout in the average electoral district by about 7.6 percentage points.

Increase in Advance and Overall Turnout, 2014-2017



Data at the electorate level from: Elections New Zealand

What are the characteristics of the electorates with the greatest rates of, and increases in, advance voting?



- Electoral districts with higher home ownership rates had lower advance voting rates, and lower increases in advance voting as a percentage of all voters. This result may be related to lower home ownership in urban areas, where advance voting stations may be more convenient.



- *Increases* in advance voting between 2014 and 2017 were negatively related to previous turnout. This supports the idea that advance voting may attract non-voters to the polls.

Data from: Elections New Zealand and New Zealand Census.