

2001 THAI ELECTION STUDY SAMPLE DESIGN:

The sample is composed of 1081 respondents from a sample of 1250. Respondents were interviewed as a panel both pre-election and post-election (Parliamentary Elections, January 6, 2001). The data of interest for our study had to be pre-election; the CSES had to be post-election, so we conducted the panel study, as noted in the questionnaire.

The sample was drawn in the following manner:

1. Stratification by region. This included:
 - a. North - 4 provinces
 - b. Northeast - 3 provinces
 - c. Central - 3 provinces
 - d. Bangkok
 - e. South - 5 provinces

Each region was to produce 250 respondents.

2. Cluster sampling within regions by systematic sampling of polling units Each region sampled 50 polling units.
3. Systematic sampling of eligible voters across the polling units in each region.
4. These data allow statistical analysis comparing regions. However, in order to generalize across all respondents, the data may be weighted by populations of the province to reflect the relative populations of the provinces. The WEIGHT variable is designated in the data set.

NOTE: Questions were asked verbally, in the language or dialect spoken in the home.