

## Adopter categories

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| Categories                   | Salient values                                                                         | Personal characters                                                                                                       | Communication behaviour                                                                                  | Social relationship                                |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Innovators<br>(2.5%)      | 2. Venturesome<br>3. Willing to take risk                                              | 1. Youngest age<br>2. Highest social status<br>3. Largest operation<br>4. Wealthy                                         | 1. Closet contact with scientific information sources<br>2. Interaction with other innovators            | 1. Very cosmopolite<br>2. Some opinion leadership  |
| 2. Early adopters<br>(13.5%) | 1. Respected person<br>2. Role model                                                   | 1. Younger than average<br>2. Large operation<br>3. High social status<br>4. High education                               | 1. Greatest contact with local change agent (ext. worker)<br>2. Read more printing materials than others | 1. Very localite<br>2. Greatest opinion leadership |
| 3. Early majority<br>(34%)   | 1. Deliberate<br>2. Willing to consider innovation only after their peers have adopted | 1. Average age<br>2. Social status above average<br>3. Medium operation<br>4. Average education                           | Consider contact with local change agent and early adopters                                              | Some opinion leadership                            |
| 4. Late majority<br>(34%)    | 1. Skeptical<br>2. Adoption on pressure by peers, friends, neighbours, relatives       | 1. Old in average to old<br>2. Social status-under average<br>3. Small operation<br>4. Poor income<br>5. Poor education   | 1. Contact with early majority, peers, neighbours<br>2. Little use of mass media                         | Little opinion leadership                          |
| 5. Laggard (16%)             | 1. Traditional<br>2. Avoid risk                                                        | 1. Old in age<br>2. Lowest social status<br>3. Very small operation<br>4. Very poor income<br>5. Illeterate in most cases | 1. Contact with relatives, friends, neighbours of similar values<br>2. No use of mass media              | Very little opinion leadership                     |

**Elite:** the people who have the most wealth and status in a society

**Cosmopolitan:** a person who considers the whole world to be his or her homeland and not just a specific country

**Role model:** a person whose behavior in a particular role is imitated by others.