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PACIFIC PEOPLES IN NEW ZEALAND

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Understanding family violence

INFOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS



PACIFIC PEOPLES ARE:

2x

as likely to be an offender who has committed a serious crime against a family member.



PACIFIC STUDENTS ARE:

3x

as likely as New Zealand European students to report witnessing adults hit children in their homes.



PACIFIC CHILDREN ARE:

5x

more likely to die from child abuse or neglect.

Some factors when thinking about family violence

RESILIENCE FACTORS

EDUCATION

Achievement of Pacific 18 year old students has increased.



75% of Pacific 18 year olds are now achieving NCEA Level 2 or equivalent qualification.

RELIGION

More Pacific peoples are Christian.



73% of Pacific peoples affiliated with one or more Christian religions in 2013 compared with

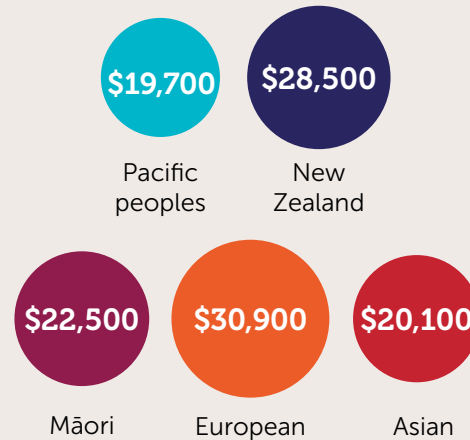


44% of the total New Zealand population.

RISK FACTORS

MEDIAN PERSONAL ANNUAL INCOME

Pacific peoples have the lowest personal income.



YOUNG MOTHERS

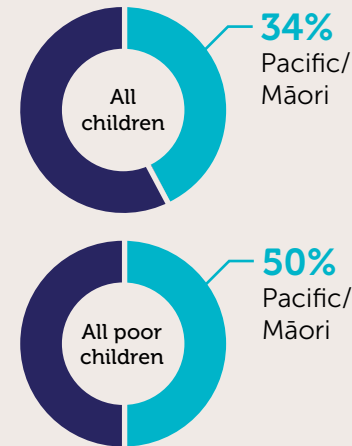
Almost one third of Pacific women aged 20–24 years are mothers.



53% of Pacific mothers aged 20–24 years are sole parents.

POOR CHILDREN

Pacific children are over-represented among poor children in New Zealand.



HAZARDOUS DRINKING

Pacific adults are less likely to drink alcohol but those who do drink are more likely to be hazardous drinkers.



52% of male Pacific drinkers are hazardous drinkers.

YOUTHFUL POPULATION

Pacific peoples in New Zealand are a youthful population.



Pacific peoples **22yrs**

New Zealand population **38yrs**



median age

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Pacific adults are more likely to be anxious or depressed.



Pacific peoples



New Zealand

2x more likely to experience high levels of psychological distress indicating a high probability of an anxiety or depressive disorder.

CHILD PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT

Pacific children are two times as likely to be physically punished.



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YOUTH SURVEY

Pacific students reported much greater exposure to violence than New Zealand European students.



Pacific students were three times as likely as New Zealand European students to report witnessing adults hit children in their homes.



Pacific students were three and a half times as likely to report witnessing adults hitting other adults in their home.



Pacific students were also twice as likely to report having experienced sexual abuse or coercion than their New Zealand European counterparts.

CRIME AND SAFETY SURVEY

Pacific peoples were more likely than the New Zealand average to have been victims of crime.



Pacific peoples are no more likely to be a victim of a violent interpersonal offence by an intimate partner.



The prevalence of intimate partner violence has fallen among Pacific peoples.



Pacific peoples are more likely to experience one or more coercive and controlling behaviours from a current partner.

DEATHS

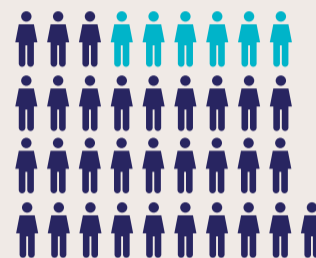
Almost a third of all family violence deaths in New Zealand are children as a result of abuse and neglect.



Half of all homicides in New Zealand are family related.



37 are child abuse and neglect deaths.

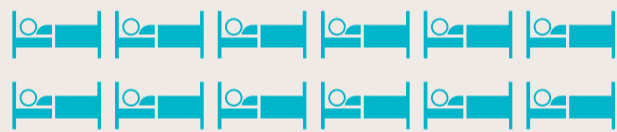


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who died from abuse and neglect between 2009 and 2012 are Pacific children.

HOSPITALISATION

Pacific children have high rates of hospitalisation due to assault, neglect and maltreatment.



24.36

Pacific children per 100,000

28.29

Māori children per 100,000

11.71

European/Other children per 100,000

5.25

Asian children per 100,000

VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS

Pacific peoples' experience in the justice system.



14% of unique offenders* who perpetrated a serious crime against a family member were Pacific offenders in 2015.



11% of family victims** of serious offences were Pacific family victims in 2015.



12% of prison inmates are Pacific peoples.

1,005 prison inmates out of a total of 8,611 prison inmates were Pacific peoples.

CHILD YOUTH AND FAMILY

Pacific children require services of Child Youth and Family.

FURTHER ACTION RESPONSE (FAR)

10% of total children who require FAR



5,633 Pacific children

SUBSTANTIATED ABUSE

17% of total children who have substantiated abuse findings



2,239 Pacific children

PHYSICAL ABUSE

18% of total children with physical abuse findings



556 Pacific children

SEXUAL ABUSE

9% of total children with sexual abuse findings



111 Pacific children

NEGLECT

11% of total children with neglect findings



443 Pacific children

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

12% of total children with emotional abuse findings



1,129 Pacific children

*The unique offender population is the measure that counts individual offenders once in a given 12 month reference period regardless of how many times they may have been dealt with by Police.
 **The unique victim population is the measure that counts a person/organisation once in a given 12 month reference period for each offence group in which they are recorded as being a victim of an offence, regardless of how many times they may have been victimised.

Why take action now?

Knowing who is at risk of poor outcomes later in life will help us know where we need to target our efforts and investment.

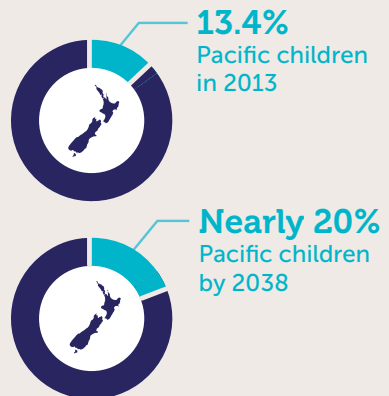
Recent analysis undertaken by Treasury to understand children who are at risk of poor outcomes and the costs (CYF, benefit and Corrections costs) associated with those outcomes showed that total costs of Pacific children in the cohort before age 36 were estimated as averaging \$80,400.



FUTURE PROJECTIONS

Pacific children will make up almost one fifth of all New Zealand children by 2038.

The Pacific population will continue to have a much younger age structure than the total New Zealand population due to higher Pacific birth rates.



REFERENCES