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PACIFIC PEOPLES IN NEW ZEALAND

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# Understanding who we are

## INFOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS



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of the Pacific population are Pacific children.  
By 2038, 20% of all children in New Zealand  
are estimated to be Pacific children.



73%

of Pacific peoples are Christian.



lowest

median personal income compared to  
other main ethnic groups.

# Pacific peoples' share of the New Zealand population

## POPULATION

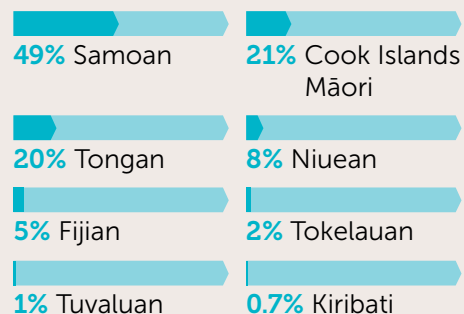
The Pacific peoples' ethnic group is the 4th largest major ethnic group in New Zealand.

**7.4%** of the New Zealand population identified with one or more Pacific ethnic groups in 2013.

## ETHNICITY

There are distinct Pacific ethnic groups.

The eight largest Pacific ethnic groups in New Zealand are:

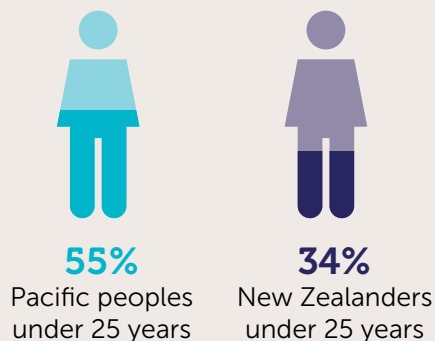


**9%** of Pacific peoples identified with more than one Pacific ethnicity.

**32%** of Pacific peoples also identified with ethnicities outside the Pacific group.

## AGE

The majority of Pacific peoples in New Zealand are aged under 25 years.



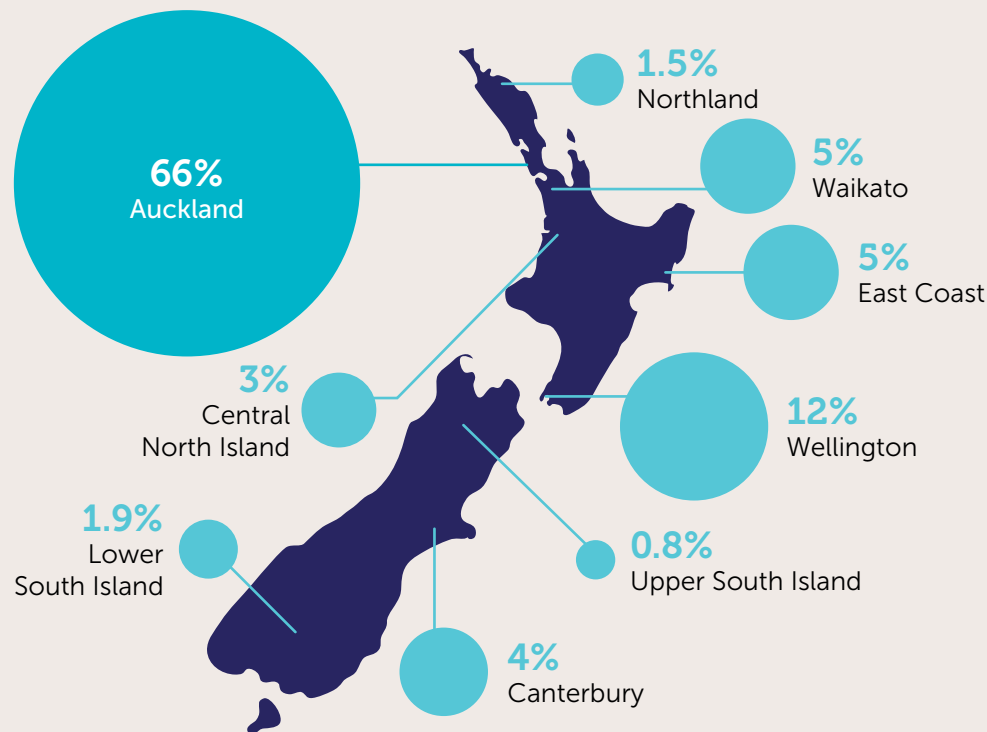
## POPULATION GROWTH

The rate of growth for the Pacific population has slowed.



## LOCATION

Most Pacific peoples live in Auckland.



## RELIGION

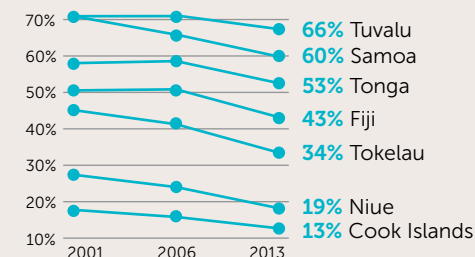
More Pacific peoples are Christian.



**7 out of 10** Pacific peoples are affiliated with one or more Christian religions.

## LANGUAGE

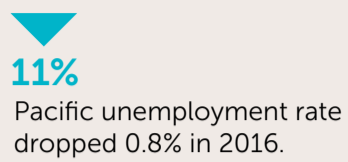
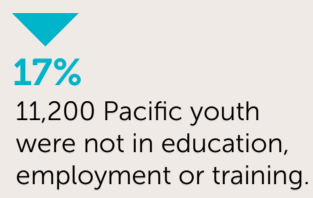
Fluent Pacific language speakers are decreasing.



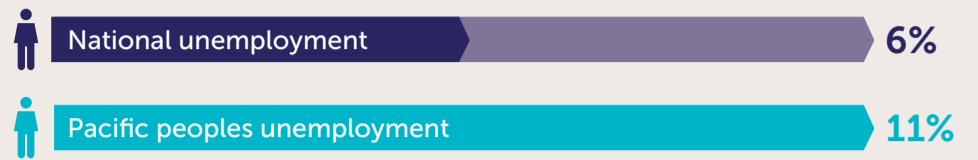
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## UNEMPLOYMENT

Pacific peoples' unemployment rate is dropping.



The unemployment rate for Pacific peoples is still almost twice the national unemployment rate.



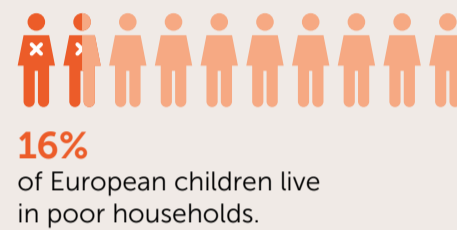
## PERSONAL ANNUAL INCOME

Pacific peoples have the lowest median personal income.



## CHILDREN LIVING IN POOR HOUSEHOLDS

Pacific children live in poor households.



## LIFE EXPECTANCY

Pacific peoples have a shorter life expectancy.



## OBESITY

Pacific adults have the highest rates of obesity in New Zealand.



**Two out of three**  
Pacific adults are classified as obese, with almost one in three obese children.



**One out of three**  
New Zealand adults are obese, with just over one in ten obese children.

## HOUSEHOLD CROWDING

Household crowding leads to hospital admissions.



**45%**  
of Pacific children (0–16 years) are exposed to household crowding.



**17%**  
of Māori children are exposed to household crowding.

## SMOKING

One quarter of Pacific adults are smokers.



**25%**  
of Pacific adults are smokers.



**17%**  
of New Zealand adults are smokers.

## COMPLETION OF QUALIFICATION

Pacific NCEA Level 2 qualification completion continues to increase at a faster rate.



Proportion of learners leaving school with NCEA Level 2 or above between 2009 and 2014.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Pacific learners participating in Early Childhood Education has increased.

**87%**  
Pacific children in Early Childhood Education, 2012.



**91%**  
Pacific children in Early Childhood Education, 2015.



# Our future

Investing in the success of Pacific peoples has significant benefits for all New Zealanders – both economically and in social wellbeing.

In 20 years, one in five New Zealand children will be Pacific, and one in eight workers under 39 will be Pacific.



**One in eight**  
workers under 39 will be Pacific

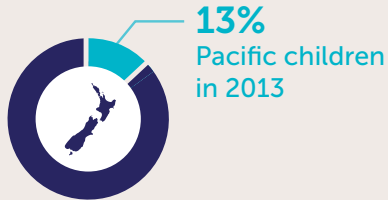


**One in five**  
children will be Pacific

## FUTURE PROJECTIONS

The Pacific population in New Zealand is projected to make up 11% of the total population 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.



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