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PACIFIC PEOPLES IN NEW ZEALAND



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Understanding family violence

INFOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS



RATES OF HOSPITALISATION DUE TO ASSAULT, NEGLECT OR MALTREATMENT FOR PACIFIC CHILDREN ARE:

2x

higher than for New Zealand European/Other children.



PACIFIC CHILDREN ARE:

2.5x

more likely to be physically punished than non-Pacific children.



1/10

offenders who perpetrated a serious crime against a family member was Pacific.

Some factors when thinking about family violence

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

EDUCATION

Achievement of Pacific 18 year old students has been increasing.



89% of Pacific 18 year olds achieved NCEA Level 2 or equivalent qualification in 2017.

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 WEEKLY 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.

INADEQUATE INCOME



25% of Pacific people have inadequate income to meet everyday needs compared to



11% for the New Zealand population in 2016.

FAMILY GROUP

Pacific family groups are larger than the New Zealand population.

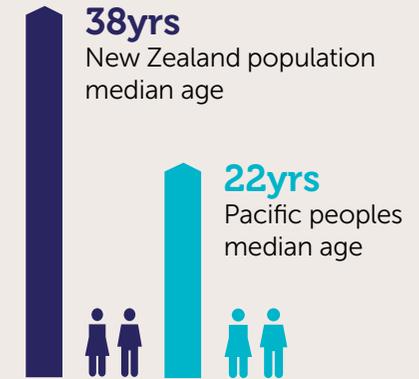


33% of Pacific family groups have 11 or more people compared to

23% for New Zealand in 2016.

YOUTHFUL POPULATION

Pacific peoples in New Zealand are a youthful population.



PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Pacific men are more likely to be anxious or depressed than non-Pacific men.



Pacific men



New Zealand

11% of Pacific adults experience psychological distress in 2017.

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CHILD PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT

Pacific children are two and a half times more likely to be physically punished than non-Pacific children.



CRIME AND VICTIMS SURVEY

Pacific peoples were no more likely than the New Zealand average to have been victims of crime.



27% of Pacific peoples were victims of crime.



29% of New Zealanders were victims of crime.

Pacific peoples were 44% more likely to experience physical or psychological family violence compared to New Zealand Europeans.



DEATHS (2009–2015)

Three in ten family violence deaths in New Zealand are children as a result of abuse and neglect.



4/10 homicides in New Zealand are family related.



56 are child abuse and neglect deaths.

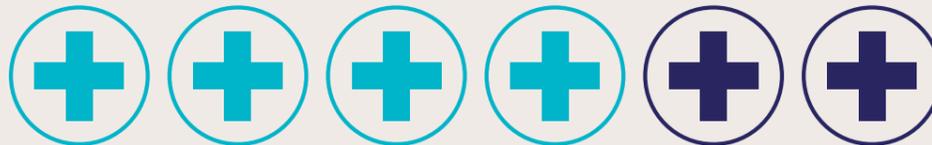


5/56 children who died from abuse and neglect are Pacific children.

HOSPITALISATION

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

Pacific children hospitalisation rates are **more than twice** the hospitalisation rates of New Zealand European/Other children.



VICTIMS AND OFFENDERS

Pacific peoples' experience in the justice system.



13% of unique offenders* who perpetrated a serious crime against a family member were Pacific offenders in the year ending December 2018.



9% of family victims** of serious offences were Pacific family victims in the year ending December 2018.



11% of prison inmates are Pacific peoples in 2017.
1,140 prison inmates out of a total of 10,055 prison inmates were Pacific peoples.

*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.

ORANGA TAMARIKI

Pacific children require services of Oranga Tamariki.

FURTHER ACTION RESPONSE (FAR)

9% of total children who require FAR



5,512 Pacific children

SUBSTANTIATED ABUSE

17% of total children who have substantiated abuse findings



2,103 Pacific children

PHYSICAL ABUSE

25% of total children with physical abuse findings



743 Pacific children

SEXUAL ABUSE

14% of total children with sexual abuse findings



146 Pacific children

NEGLECT

16% of total children with neglect findings



502 Pacific children

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

16% of total children with emotional abuse findings



1,089 Pacific children



Why take action now?

Pacific people are contributing significantly to the New Zealand economy despite the many challenges and inequities they experience in areas such as health, education, housing and employment.

Pacific people make a substantial contribution on an individual basis, earning:

\$6.6 billion

in the 2017 financial year.



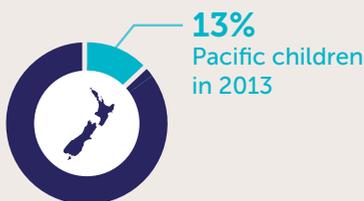
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of the income of all New Zealand individuals.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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