He Tohu Ora: Sense of neighbourhood

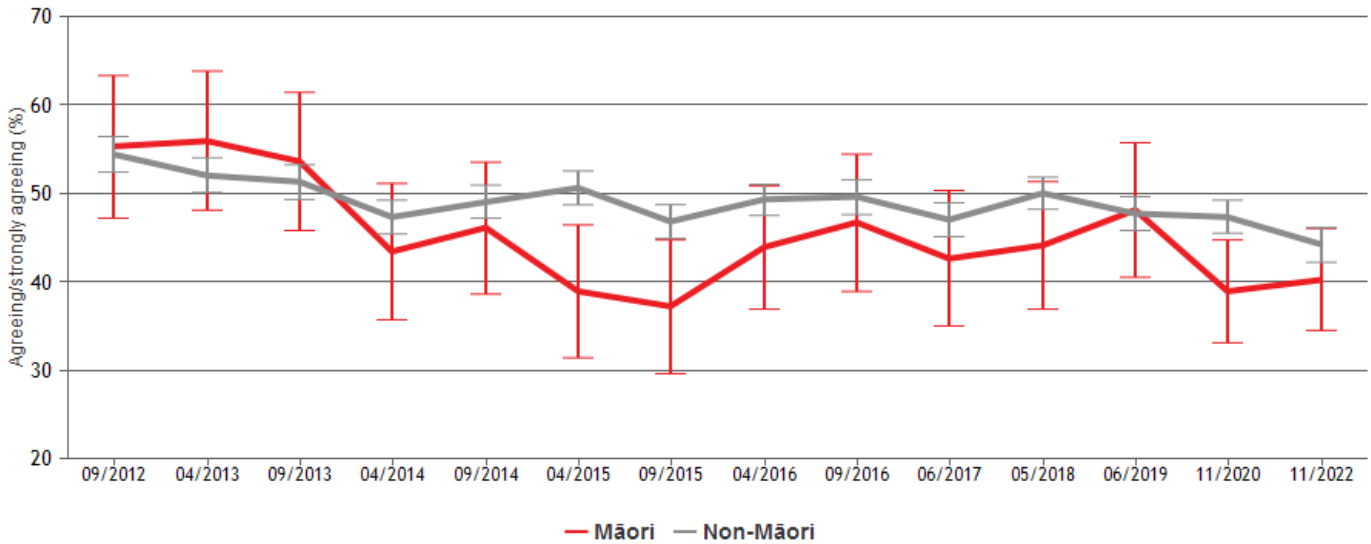
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This indicator measures the extent to which a person feels a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood. It reflects the importance of belonging as a form of social capital, which in turn has a positive effect on health and wellbeing [7, 8]. Within te ao Māori, manaakitanga (support, hospitality and care), tautoko (support), and kotahitanga (unity and solidarity) are important values to have within a community of any form [9]. Within a neighbourhood, this might mean checking on an elderly neighbour, participating in neighbourhood groups (for example neighbourhood watch), or interacting with people from your neighbourhood.

The Canterbury Wellbeing Survey asked respondents the extent to which they agree or disagree that they feel a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood [10]. There were five response options, ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree.

This indicator presents the proportion of Māori and non-Māori survey respondents who reported agreeing/strongly agreeing that they feel a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood.

Figure 1: Proportion of Māori and non-Māori aged 18 years and over agreeing/strongly agreeing that they feel a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood, in greater Christchurch, 2012-2022



The figure shows that, since 2012, the proportion of respondents reporting feeling a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood has declined statistically significantly for both Māori and non-Māori respondents (40.2% and 44.2% in 2022, respectively). Throughout this time-series, the proportion for Māori has shown greater variation than the proportion for non-Māori, due to smaller absolute numbers. The differences between Māori and non-Māori respondents are not statistically significant over the time-series, with the exception of April 2015 and November 2020, where the proportion of Māori respondents reporting feeling a sense of community with others in their neighbourhood is statistically significantly lower than non-Māori respondents.

Data Sources

Source: Te Whatu Ora Waitaha Canterbury.

Survey/data set: Canterbury Wellbeing Survey to 2022. Access publicly available data from Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health website www.cph.co.nz/your-health/wellbeing-survey/
Source data frequency: Annually.

Metadata for this indicator is available at https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/index-data

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