He Tohu Ora: Tūrangawaewae connection

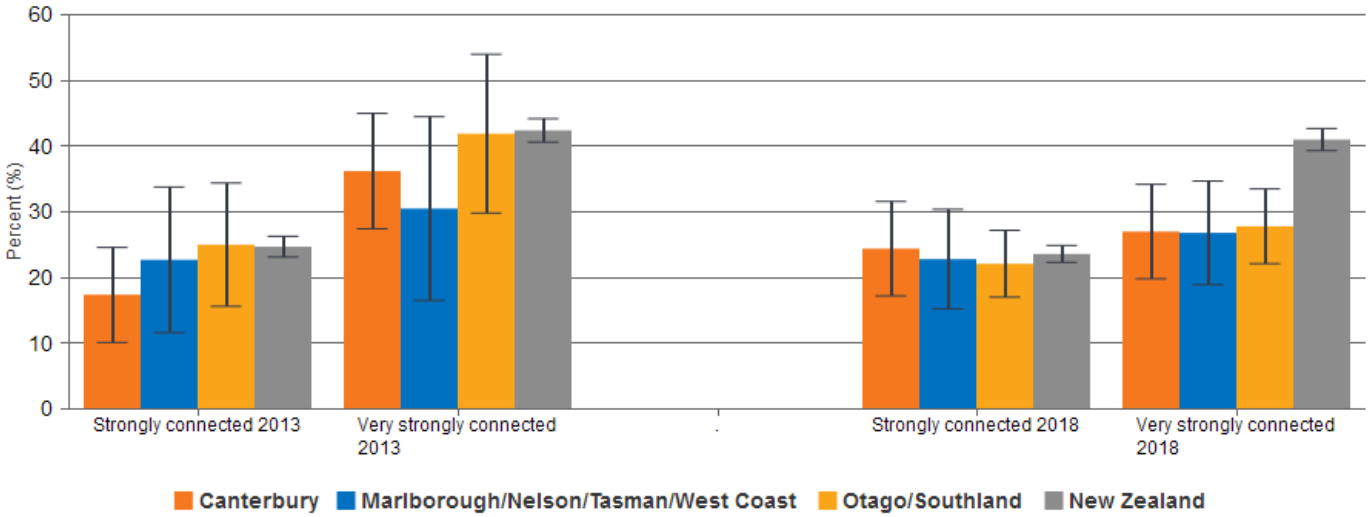
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Tūrangawaewae literally means ‘a place to stand’, but more broadly might relate to where an individual or whānau comes from, either at present or historically [23]. For some Māori, a tūrangawaewae may be an ancestral or local marae, where they connect with the land and feel at home [23]. Having access to a marae as a tūrangawaewae may strengthen cultural identity, which has been demonstrated to benefit wellbeing [1].

Te Kupenga asked respondents if they have an ancestral marae that they think of as their tūrangawaewae (a place of cultural significance, where they feel they belong because their ancestors are from there) [12]. Those who responded ‘yes’ were asked how connected they felt to their tūrangawaewae. The question had five response options ranging from not at all connected to very strongly connected.

This indicator presents the proportion of respondents who reported feeling strongly/very strongly connected to their ancestral marae as tūrangawaewae.

Figure 12: Proportion of Māori aged 15 years and over who reported feeling strongly or very strongly connected to their ancestral marae as tūrangawaewae, in Canterbury, Marlborough/Nelson/Tasman/West Coast, Otago/Southland, and New Zealand, 2013 and 2018



In 2013 and 2018, approximately half of respondents in Canterbury and two-thirds of respondents across New Zealand reported feeling strongly/very strongly connected to their ancestral marae as tūrangawaewae.

Data Sources

Source: Statistics New Zealand.
Survey/data set: Te Kupenga 2013 and 2018. Access publicly available data from the Statistics New Zealand website www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/te-kupenga-2018-final-english
Source data frequency: Survey conducted every 10 years - following the national census.

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

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