He Tohu Ora: Visited marae

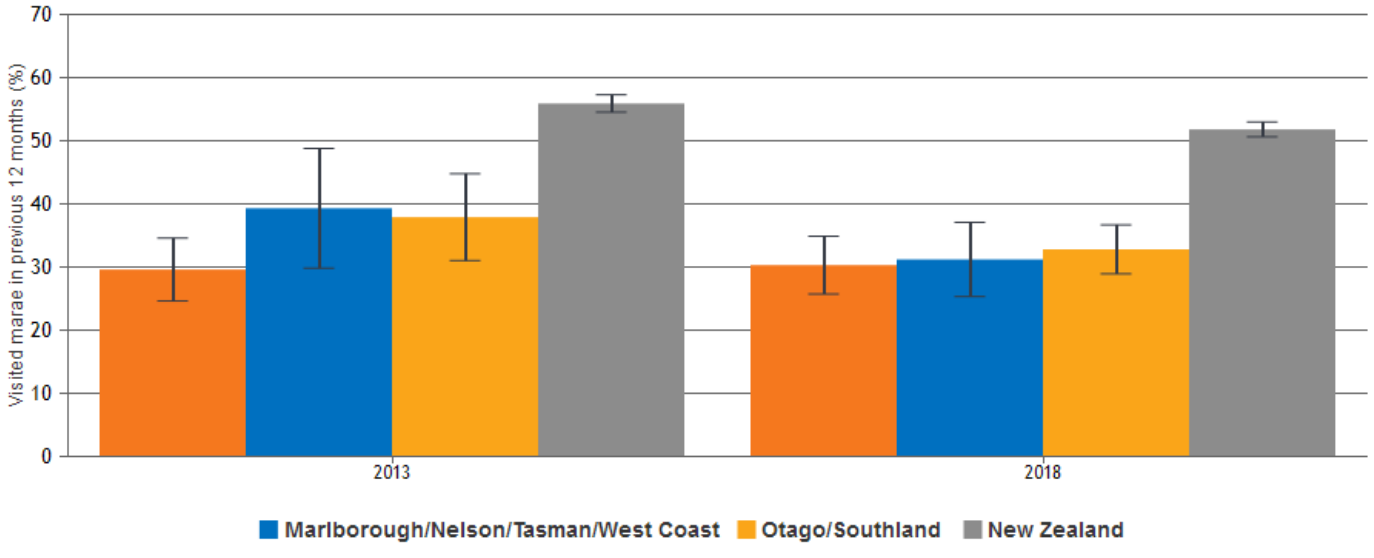
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A marae is an essential focal point for whānau, hapū or iwi to privilege te reo Māori and carry out cultural practices, traditions and hui (meetings) [5]. Visiting a marae can provide Māori with a greater cultural identity, cultural confidence and connection to whakapapa (ancestral knowledge) [5]. It also allows access to and participation in te ao Māori practices such as karakia (incantation), rongoā (medicine or remedy) and observance of tikanga me kawa (protocols and procedures) [5]. Additionally, some marae throughout New Zealand offer marae-based health clinics and health promotion programmes with focuses such as smoking cessation, nutrition, fitness, self-defence and first aid [5]. The marae is an important cultural resource which contributes to a secure Māori identity for individuals and whānau [5].

Te Kupenga asked those respondents who reported ever visiting a marae, if they had been to a marae in the last 12 months [12].

This indicator presents the proportion of respondents, among those who had ever visited a marae, reporting going to a marae in the previous 12 months.

Figure 11: Proportion of Māori aged 15 years and over (who have ever visited a marae) reporting visiting a marae in the previous 12 months, in Canterbury, Rest of South Island and New Zealand, 2013



The figure shows that in 2018, 30.3 percent of Te Kupenga respondents (who have ever visited a marae), aged 15 years and over, in Canterbury, reported visiting a marae in the previous 12 months (similar to 2013, 29.6%). This compares to 31.2 percent for Marlborough/Nelson/Tasman/West Coast, 32.8 percent for Otago/Southland and 51.8 percent for New Zealand overall, in 2018. Overall, a smaller proportion of respondents (who have ever visited a marae) reported visiting a marae in the previous 12 months in 2018 than in 2013 (a statistically significant decline for New Zealand overall, 55.9%, 2013 to 51.8% in 2018).

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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