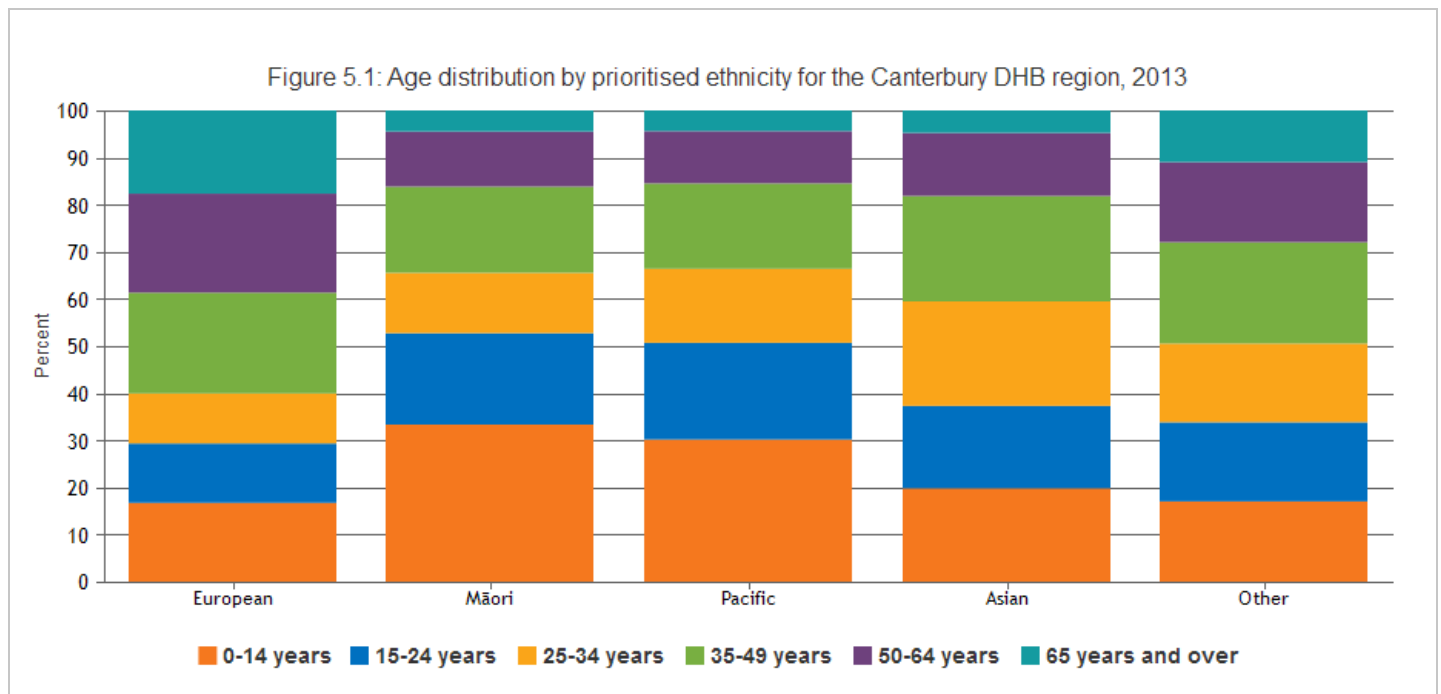


Our Population: Age distribution by ethnicity

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Age distributions by ethnicity are useful to identify the age differences between ethnic groups.

This indicator presents the age distribution by prioritised ethnicity for the Canterbury DHB region, using Census usually-resident population count data, 2013. 'Other' includes unknown ethnicity.



The figure shows that in 2013 the Māori, Pacific and, to a lesser extent, Asian ethnic groups had a markedly different age structure from the European and Other ethnic groups in the Canterbury DHB region. In 2013, the Māori and Pacific ethnic groups had a substantially younger population, with just over half of Māori (52.9%) and Pacific peoples (50.8%) aged from 0 to 24 years. In contrast, under a third (29.5%) of the European ethnic group fell into this age bracket. Similarly, less than five percent of the Māori, Pacific and Asian ethnic groups were aged 65 years and over. Substantially higher proportions of the European and Other ethnic groups fell into this age group (17.5% and 10.8% aged 65 years and over, respectively). The younger age structure of the Māori and Pacific ethnic groups reflects both higher birth rates and lower life expectancy [3].

Data Sources

Source: Statistics New Zealand.

Survey/data set: New Zealand Population Census. Custom data request for prioritised ethnicity for Canterbury region.

Source data frequency: Census conducted every 5 years.

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

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