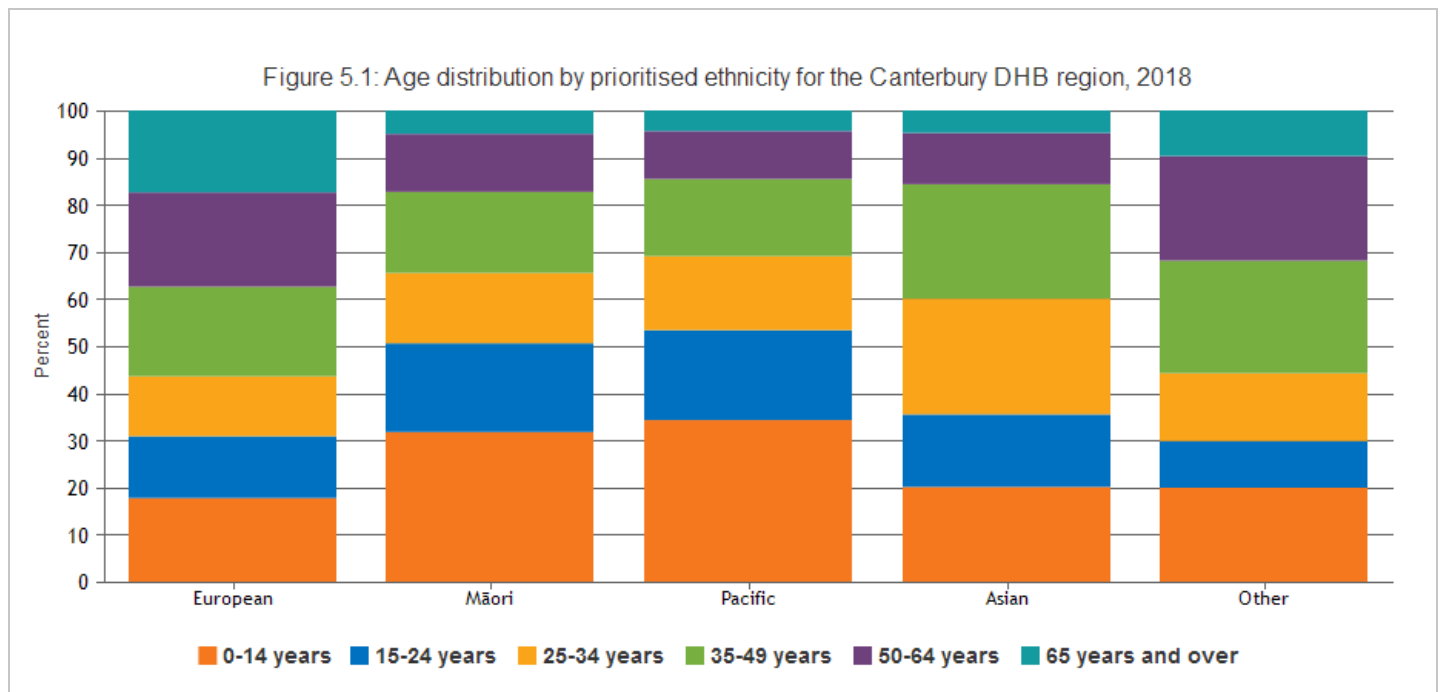


## Our Population: Age distribution by ethnicity

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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 ethnic group for greater Christchurch, using census usually-resident population count data, 2018. As this indicator reports ethnic group total responses, people who identify with more than one ethnic group are included in each ethnic group they identify with.



The figure shows that in 2018 the Māori and Pacific ethnic groups had a markedly different age structure from the European, Asian, Middle Eastern/Latin American/African (MELAA), and Other ethnic groups in greater Christchurch. In 2018, the Māori and Pacific ethnic groups had substantially younger populations, with just over half of Māori (50.7%) and Pacific peoples (53.6%) aged from 0 to 24 years. In contrast, under a third (31.1%) of the European ethnic group fell into this age range. Similarly, less than five percent of the Māori, Pacific, MELAA, 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 (17.2% and 9.5% 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:** Census of Population and Dwellings. Access publicly available data from the Statistics New Zealand website [www.nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=TABLECODE](http://www.nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=TABLECODE)

**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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