Our Population: Iwi affiliation

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The number of greater Christchurch residents belonging to the Māori ethnic group increased by 12.4 percent between 2006 and 2013, from 30,591 to 34,371 [4]. The 2013 Census asked those who identified as being of Māori descent if they knew the name(s) of their iwi [5]. As Māori often affiliate with more than one iwi, people are included in each iwi they identify with.

The lower-than-expected response rate for the 2018 Census particularly affected the iwi affiliation variable. Statistics New Zealand will not release official statistical counts of iwi from the 2018 Census due to the poor quality of the data. Therefore, this indicator continues to present the ten most prevalent iwi affiliations among Māori descendants living in the greater Christchurch area, using census iwi (total response) data, 2013.

Table 6.1: Ten most prevalent iwi affiliations among Māori descendants living in the greater Christchurch area, 2013

Iwi	Greater Christchurch
Ngāi Tahu / Kāi Tahu	12,246
Ngāpuhi	4,689
Ngāti Porou	3,582
Ngāti Tūwharetoa	1,593
Waikato	1,452
Tūhoe	1,278
Ngāti Maniapoto	1,128
Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa	1,065
Te Arawa	987
Te Atiawa (Taranaki)	771

The table shows that Ngāi Tahu/Kāi Tahu was the most common iwi affiliation in greater Christchurch with 12,246 people indicating an affiliation in the 2013 Census. Ngāpuhi and Ngāti Porou were the next most common iwi affiliations with 4,689 and 3,582 people respectively.

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=TABLECODE248
Source data frequency: The 2018 Census iwi affiliation data will not be released by Statistics New Zealand. The next census will be conducted in 2023.

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