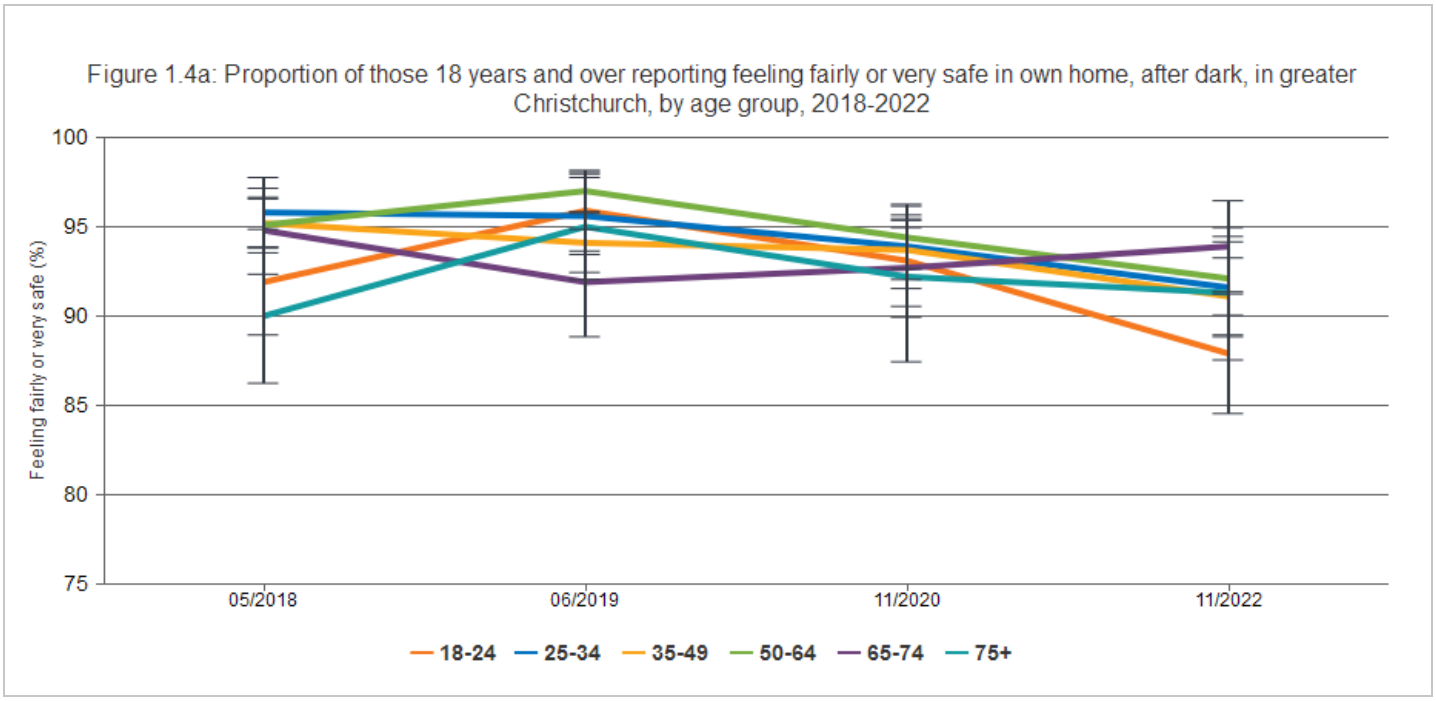
Perceptions of safety: Breakdown by age

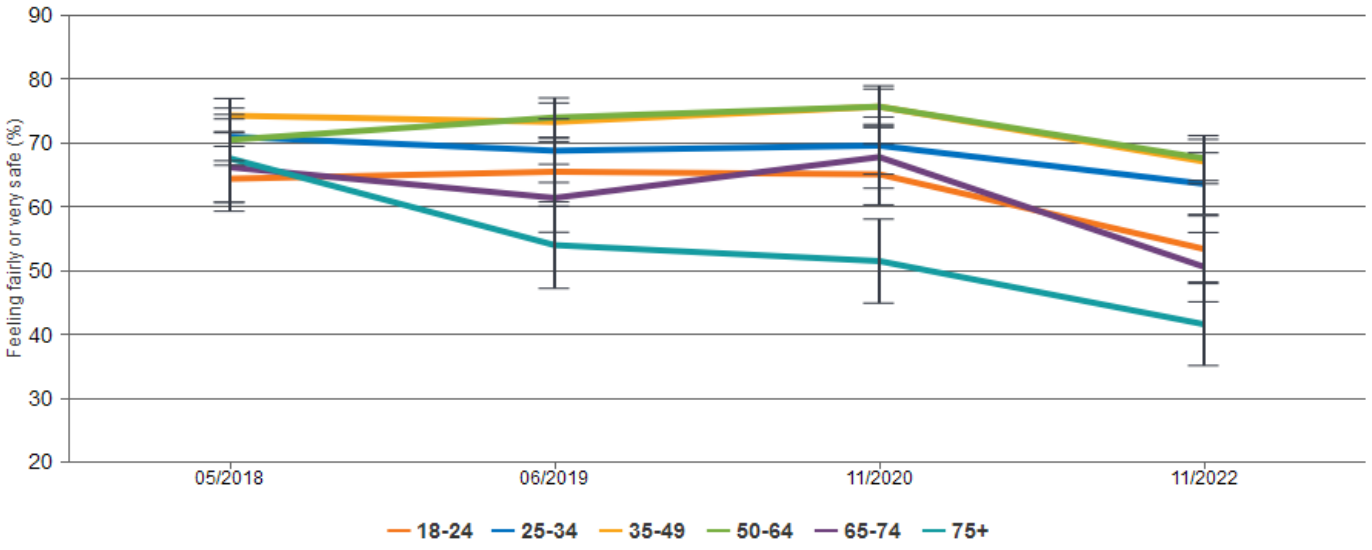
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In own home after dark



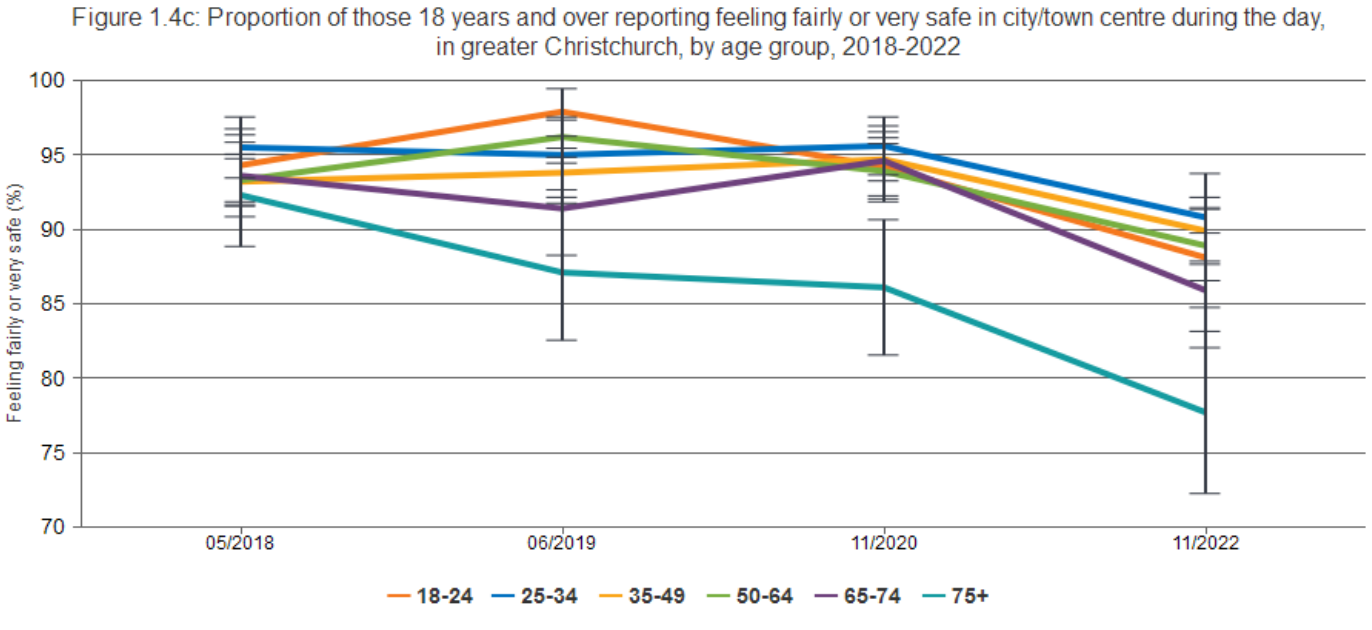
The figure shows generally similar proportions of respondents in the middle age groups reporting that they felt fairly safe or very safe in their own home after dark, in greater Christchurch. While the youngest respondents (18–24 years) have generally reported lower levels of perceived safety (proportion feeling fairly or very safe) than the older age groups (18–24 years, 87.9%; 65–74 years, 93.9%, in 2022), the differences are not statistically significant at any timepoint.

Walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark



The figure shows a pattern of generally lower proportions of respondents reporting feeling fairly or very safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark, for the two oldest age groups (65–74 years, 50.6% and 75+ years, 41.6%, in 2022) and the youngest age group (18–24 years, 53.4%, in 2022) compared with the middle age groups (25–34 years, 63.6%; 35–49 years, 67.1%; and 50–64 years, 67.6%, in 2022). The proportion of respondents in the oldest age group reporting feeling fairly or very safe walking alone in their neighbourhood after dark was statistically significantly lower than for the middle three age groups at the 2019, 2020, and 2022 timepoints.

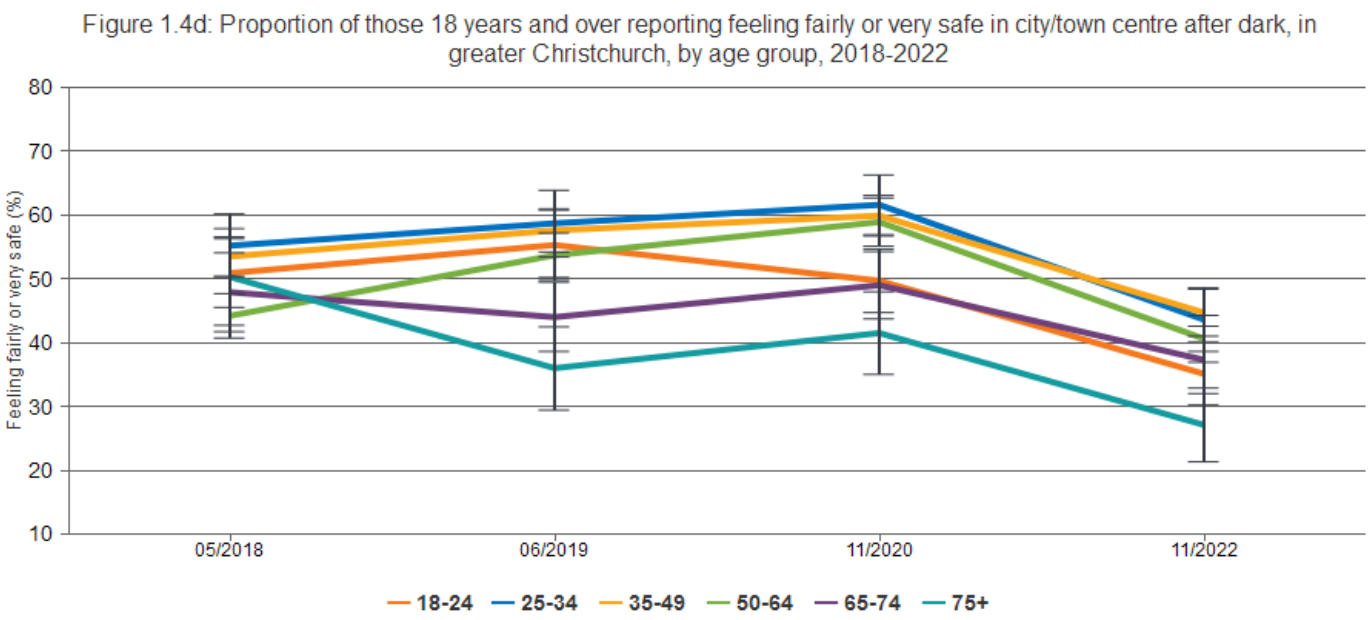
Feeling fairly or very safe in city/town centre during the day



The figure shows a pattern of generally similar proportions of respondents, reporting feeling fairly or very safe in the city/town centre during the day, across the age groups shown (except for the 75+ years group). Perception of safety in the city/town centre during the day for respondents aged over 75 years has been declining steadily over the time series shown and was statistically significantly lower than the younger and middle age groups in 2019, 2020, and 2022 (18–24 years, 88.1%; 25–34 years, 90.8%; 35–49 years, 89.9%; 50–64 years, 88.9%; and 75+ years, 77.7%, in 2022). The difference between the 75+ years age group and the 64 to 74 years age group was statistically significant in 2020 but not in 2022 (65–74 years, 85.9% in 2022).

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Feeling fairly or very safe in city/town centre after dark



The figure shows a pattern of generally similar proportions of respondents, reporting feeling fairly or very safe in the city/town centre after dark, across the age groups shown (except for the 75+ years group). Perceptions of safety in the city/town centre after dark for respondents aged 75+ years has been declining steadily over the time series shown and was statistically significantly lower than the middle age groups in 2019, 2020, and 2022 (25–34 years, 43.6%; 35–49 years, 44.7%; 50–64 years, 40.6%; and 75+ years, 27.1% in 2022). Perceptions of safety in the city/town centre after dark for respondents in the 18-24 years group has declined notably (statistically significantly) between 2019 and 2022 (from a high point of 55.3% in 2019 to 35.1% in 2022).

Data Sources for Perceptions of safety

Source: Te Whatu Ora Waitaha - formerly the Canterbury District Health Board.
Survey/data set: Canterbury Wellbeing Survey to 2022. Access publicly available data from Te Mana Ora | Community and Public Health website www.cph.co.nz/your-health/wellbeing-survey/
Source data frequency: Annually.

Metadata for the Perceptions of safety indicator is available at https://www.canterburywellbeing.org.nz/index-data

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