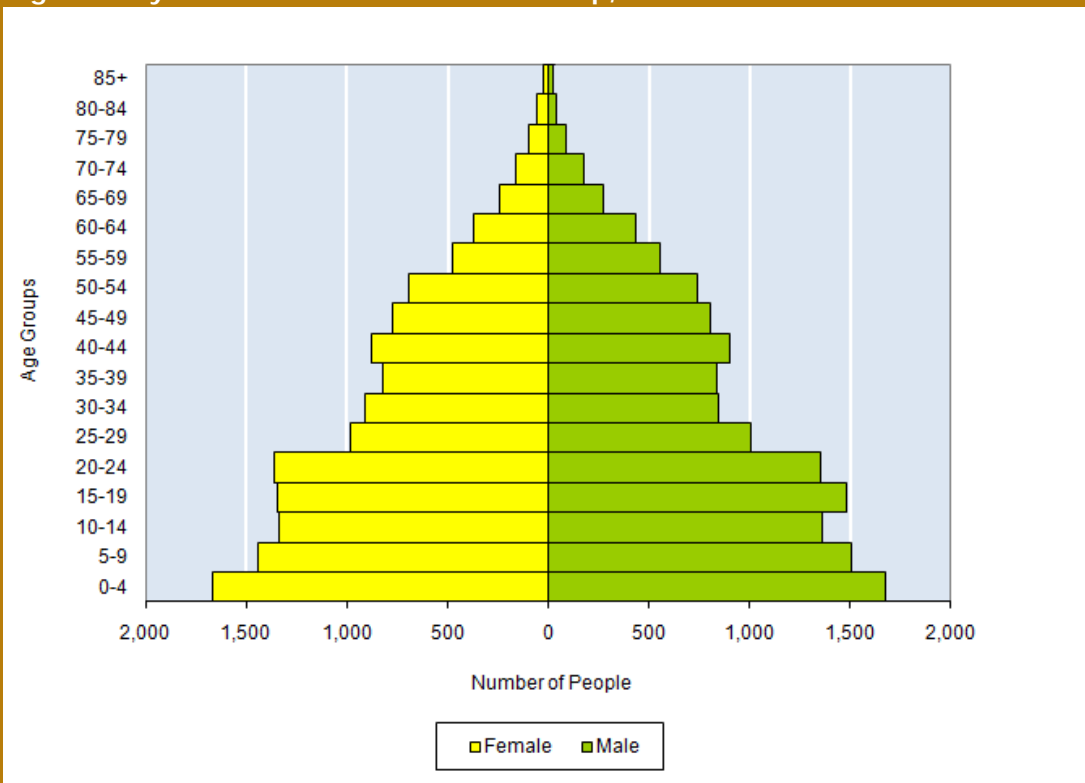


## Ethnic Groups

Age-Sex Pyramid for the Maori Ethnic Group, 2013



Source: Statistics New Zealand: Census of Population and Dwellings.

## Key Points:

- In 2013, 27,768 people in Christchurch identified themselves as belonging to the Maori ethnic group. Of these, 14,106 (51 per cent) were male and 13,659 (49 per cent) were female.
- The Maori population in Christchurch is a young population; older age groups contain significantly fewer people than the younger age groups. In 2013, only four per cent (1,200) of the total Maori ethnic group were aged over 65 years in 2013.
- There is a large proportion of Maori in the younger age groups, with 43% of the population (11,817) aged under 19 years in 2013. In 2013, those aged 4 years or under made up the highest percentage for all age groups with 12% of the population.
- Those aged 85 years and over made up the lowest percentage for all age groups in 2013, with only 0.2% (51 people).

## What is this about?

This graph shows the proportion of the Christchurch population for each age group who identified themselves as belonging to the Maori ethnic group in the 2013 Census of Population and Dwellings. The age-sex structure of the Maori ethnic group is very pyramid-like, with a wide base and narrow peak indicating a relatively youthful population.

The age and gender structure within the City's ethnic group populations provides important information necessary to plan for services such as healthcare, schools, and accommodation suitable for older people in Christchurch.

## Data limitations:

This data is based on total responses and includes all of the people who stated each ethnic group, whether as their only ethnic group or as one of several ethnic groups. Where a person reported more than one ethnic group, they have been counted in each applicable group. Therefore the total number of responses will be greater than the total number of people.

"Ethnicity is the ethnic group or groups a person identifies with or has a sense of belonging to. It is a measure of cultural affiliation (in contrast to race, ancestry, nationality, or citizenship). Ethnicity is self-perceived and a person can belong to more than one ethnic group.", (Statistics New Zealand, 'Definitions and Forms', 2013).

## Related topics:

- Migration
- Population growth
- Population structure
- Service provision
- Employment
- Housing