



Profile of injury deaths 2001

by age & ethnic group

This factsheet presents data on injury deaths by age-group and by three ethnic groupings: Maori, Pacific, New Zealand (NZ) European/Other (Pakeha and all other ethnic groups). The data were sourced from the New Zealand Health Information Service for the year 2001 (the most recent year for which injury death data were available).

In 2001, 1,524 New Zealanders died as the result of an injury. Seventy-nine percent of the injury deaths were for NZ European/Other (n=1,203), 17% were Maori (n=263), and 4% were Pacific (n=58). Maori had the highest age-standardised rate of injury deaths (52 per 100,000 person years), followed by NZ European/Other (31 per 100,000 person years), and Pacific (27 per 100,000 person years). Transport-related crashes and intentional self-harm were the leading causes of injury deaths across all ethnic groups.

Leading causes of injury death by age and ethnic group.

All ages

Maori (n=263)		NZ European/Other (n=1203)		Pacific (n=58)	
Transport crashes	41%	Intentional self-harm	33%	Transport crashes	38%
Intentional self-harm	29%	Transport crashes	31%	Intentional self-harm	34%
Assault	6%	Falls	22%	Unintentional Poisoning	9%
Other threats to breathing/Suffocation	5%	Assault	2%	Other threats to breathing/ Suffocation	5%
Drowning	4%	Drowning	2%	Falls	3%

0-4 years

Maori (n=18)		NZ European/Other (n=17)		Pacific (n=7)	
Other threats to breathing/ Suffocation	61%	Drowning	29%	Transport crashes	57%
Drowning	17%	Transport crashes	24%		
Transport crashes	11%	Other threats to breathing/ Suffocation	18%	Other threats to breathing/ Suffocation	29%
Exposure to smoke, fire & flames	6%	Assault	18%	Drowning	14%
Assault	6%	Exposure to smoke, fire & flames	6%		

5-14 years

Maori (n=17)		NZ European/Other (n=28)		Pacific (n=5)	
Transport crashes	41%	Transport crashes	68%	Transport crashes	47%
Exposure to smoke, fire & flames	29%	Drowning	7%	Falls	13%
Assault	12%	Exposure to smoke, fire & flames	7%	Intentional self-harm	6%
		Assault	7%	Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	6%

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15-24 years

Maori (n=63)		NZ European/Other (n=189)		Pacific (n=14)	
Transport crashes	44%	Transport crashes	48%	Intentional self-harm	20%
Intentional self-harm	44%	Intentional self-harm	38%	Transport crashes	17%
Assault	5%	Assault	4%	Others/unspecified	14%
Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	3%	Falls	3%		

25-39 years

Maori (n=96)		NZ European/Other (n=243)		Pacific (n=18)	
Transport crashes	38%	Intentional self-harm	52%	Intentional self-harm	50%
Intentional self-harm	38%	Transport crashes	30%	Transport crashes	28%
Assault	6%	Falls	4%	Poisoning	11%
Drowning	5%	Poisoning	3%	Falls	6%
Poisoning	4%	Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	2%	Drowning	6%

40-59 years

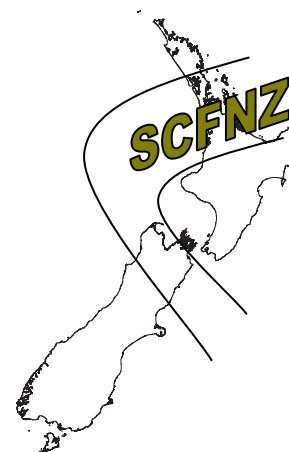
Maori (n=52)		NZ European/Other (n=269)		Pacific (n=9)	
Transport crashes	52%	Intentional self-harm	43%	Transport crashes	44%
Intentional self-harm	15%	Transport crashes	34%	Poisoning	22%
Falls	12%	Others/unspecified	5%	Intentional self-harm	22%
Assault	8%	Falls	4%	Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	11%

60-74 years

Maori (n=14)		NZ European/Other (n=142)		Pacific (n=5)	
Transport crashes	50%	Transport crashes	37%	Transport crashes	40%
Intentional self-harm	29%	Intentional self-harm	32%	Other threats to breathing/Suffocation	20%
Falls	7%	Falls	18%	Poisoning	20%
Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	7%	Assault	3%	Intentional self-harm	6%
Others/unspecified	7%	Drowning	2%		

75+ years

Maori (n=3)		NZ European/Other (n=315)	
Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	67%	Falls	68%
Falls	33%	Transport crashes	12%
		Intentional self-harm	11%



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