



# Family Violence Statistics Fact Sheet

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This fact sheet outlines national data from agencies working with people experiencing family violence. The data is made available here with the intention of adding to the understanding of family violence and sexual violence; however several important limitations to this administration data need to be noted.

Most family violence is not reported to agencies. NZ Police estimate they see only 18% of all violence within homes. The 2006 Crime and Safety Survey found that offences committed by a partner were less likely to be reported because victims felt it was a private matter or that Police would be unable to help. Sexual violence, and violence experienced by children, older people, and new migrants are also known to be under reported. It is also likely that the agency data is skewed towards more serious violence. Thus, the data in this fact sheet does not represent all of the instances of the family violence in New Zealand.

The statistics included here are taken from agency administrative sources. Administrative data can vary over time due to changes in policies, legislation, and recording practices, making it difficult to draw comparisons from year to year. Comparisons can not be made across the different agencies, due to differing definitions and data collection methods used, nor is it possible to get a picture of the incidence of family violence in New Zealand by adding together the number of people seen by each agency. Many of the agencies have clients in common. Nevertheless, by making data from additional sources available, these statistics contribute to our understanding and provide useful insights into the extent and nature of family violence in New Zealand.

## New Zealand Police Statistics

### Family Violence Murders<sup>1</sup>

Description	Between 2000 and 2004		
	Numbers murdered in family violence-related incidents	56 women	26 men
Number of women murdered by their male partner or ex-partner	45		
Number of men murdered by their female partner or ex-partner	3		
Gender of adults who murdered children <sup>2</sup>	26 men	15 women	

### Recorded Family Violence Murders<sup>3</sup>

Fiscal year Ending 30 June	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
	28	16	23

<sup>1</sup> Police do not maintain official statistics on the gender and age of those involved in family violence-related murders, but in a one-off exercise, this information was collated by the Police for the period 2000-2004. The NZ Police National Statistics Manager notes that: "This data is provisional and drawn from a dynamic operational database. It is subject to change as new offences are continually recorded. Provisional data cannot reliably be compared to official statistics."

<sup>2</sup> Some children were killed by more than one adult.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that murder is defined by section 172 of the Crimes Act 1961 and excludes 'incite/council/attempt to procure murder' (section 174), 'conspiracy to murder' (section 175), and 'Accessory after the Fact to Murder' (section 176). These offences have been excluded from the figures provided, although they do form part of the Murder Offence type in official police statistics.

## Family Violence Occurrences and Offences<sup>4</sup>

Description	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total recorded Pol400 <sup>5</sup> occurrences	56,380	61,768	69,893	72,482
Total recorded domestic occurrences with Incidence Task Code <sup>6</sup>	34,538	37,322	38,290	38,064
Total recorded family violence offences	29,756	32,675	40,613	44,628
Total recorded family violence offences within the violence category	17,094	18,448	24,258	27,257
Total recorded family violence incidents and offences where children were present	30,137	32,057	34,812	36,450
Number of children present at recorded family violence incidents and offences	63,502	67,416	71,297	74,785
Recorded family violence apprehensions by gender of the offender	23,116 male 3,896 female 1 other	25,569 male 4,136 female 3 other	31,408 male 5,492 female 4 other	34,186 male 6,748 female 5 other

## Family Violence Offences and Arrests - Male Assaults Female<sup>7</sup> and Breaches of Protection Order<sup>8,9</sup>

Year	Number of recorded offences for male assaults female	Number of male assaults female offences resulting in arrest	Number of recorded offences for breaching a protection order	Number of breaching a protections order offences resulting in arrest
1999	6,949	4,960	4,020	2,262
2000	7,177	4,932	4,381	2,601
2001	7,358	5,079	4,427	2,545
2002	7,277	5,035	4,540	2,577
2003	7,460	5,481	4,448	2,640
2004	7,526	5,696	4,281	2,570
2005	8,049	6,214	4,299	2,698
2006	8,326	6,701	4,290	2,838
2007	9,593	7,904	4,875	3,276
2008	9,630	8,053	4,914	3,395

<sup>4</sup> Source: New Zealand Police. The NZ Police National Statistics Manager makes the following comments regarding all Police data:

i) "As Police have given increasing focus to domestic violence over recent years, it is likely that more offences have been recognised and recorded as being domestic violence related than in earlier years. Additionally, Police replaced its crime recording IT system in 2005, making it easier for staff to record an offence as being domestic violence related. The combined effect of these changes is that we would expect to see increases in mid-2005. Police statistics for recorded domestic violence should therefore not be used to make inferences about trends in the incidence of domestic violence over time. It is likely that 'family violence' related offending is significantly under-reported to Police. Also, changes in education and awareness may be impacting the likelihood of reporting these offences. Therefore inferences about trends in such offending should not be made from these statistics alone, as they may simply be reflecting changes in inclination to report offences";

ii) "Some data represents the number of offences or incidents and not the number of apprehensions or offenders. One offender may be apprehended for multiple offences, or multiple offenders may be apprehended for one offence."

<sup>5</sup> Pol400 forms are completed by Police when they attend a family violence situation.

<sup>6</sup> Occurrences coded as 1d (Domestic Dispute) Incidents only are family violence or domestic situations attended by the Police where Police determine that there was no crime committed.

<sup>7</sup> Not all Male Assaults Female offences are family violence. Male Assaults Female is a crime under the Crimes Act (1961) and is most often used with domestic violence-related assaults. Until 2005, many were not coded as family violence. With the increasing focus on family violence mentioned above, more Male Assaults Female offences are now shown to be family violence. The latest figures show that 92% of all male assaults female offences are now coded as family violence.

<sup>8</sup> This offence includes all the 3850 series domestic violence offences, such as contravening a protection order, failing to comply with order, and failing to attend a programme.

<sup>9</sup> Protection Orders are granted under the Domestic Violence Act. This Act was passed in 1995.

## Family Court Statistics<sup>10,11,12</sup>

### Protection Order Applications<sup>13</sup>

Year	Number of applications	Percentage of applications that became final protection orders	Percentage of applications for on-notice protection orders	Percentage of without notice applications directed to proceed on-notice
1999	6,520	62%	n/a	n/a
2000	6,015	61%	11%	19%
2001	5,820	59%	12%	23%
2002	5,568	59%	14%	24%
2003	5,093	55%	14%	21%
2004	4,659	60%	13%	18%
2005	4,545	56%	11%	17%
2006	4,432	56%	13%	16%
2007	4,511	57%	12%	14%

### Respondents of Protection Order Applications by Gender, Age and Ethnicity<sup>14</sup>

Description	2004	2005	2006	2007
Gender of respondents under the Domestic Violence Act	10% female 89% male	9% female 90% male	9% female 90% male	9% female 90% male
Ethnicity of respondents named in protection orders applied for under the Domestic Violence Act	53% European/Pakeha 30% Maori 10% Pacifica 5% Asian 2% Other	56% European/Pakeha 30% Maori 8% Pacifica 5% Asian 2% Other	55% European/Pakeha 31% Maori 8% Pacifica 5% Asian 1% Other	55% European/Pakeha 29% Maori 9% Pacifica 6% Asian 2% Other
Age of respondents named in protection orders applied for under the Domestic Violence Act	3% aged 15-19 10% aged 20-24 16% aged 25-29 19% aged 30-34 18% aged 35-39 16% aged 40-44 9% aged 45-49 4% aged 50-54 2% aged 55-59 2% aged 60+	4% aged 15-19 12% aged 20-24 16% aged 25-29 18% aged 30-34 17% aged 35-39 15% aged 40-44 9% aged 45-49 5% aged 50-54 2% aged 55-59 2% aged 60+	4% aged 15-19 12% aged 20-24 15% aged 25-29 19% aged 30-34 19% aged 35-39 15% aged 40-44 9% aged 45-49 4% aged 50-54 2% aged 55-59 2% aged 60+	4% aged 15-19 13% aged 20-24 16% aged 25-29 17% aged 30-34 19% aged 35-39 14% aged 40-44 10% aged 45-49 4% aged 50-54 2% aged 55-59 2% aged 60+

<sup>10</sup> Bartlett, E. (2006). Family Court statistics 2004. Wellington, New Zealand: Ministry of Justice. Retrieved 20 August, 2009 from <http://www.justice.govt.nz/publications/global-publications/ffamily-court-statistics-2004-february-2006/publication>.

<sup>11</sup> Ministry of Justice (2009) Family Court Statistics in New Zealand in 2006 and 2007. Retrieved August 20, 2009 from <http://www.justice.govt.nz/publications/global-publications/ffamily-court-statistics-in-new-zealand-in-2006-and-2007-april-2009/publication>.

<sup>12</sup> Ministry of Justice (2007) Family Court Statistics 2005. Retrieved September 23, 2009 from <http://www.justice.govt.nz/publications/global-publications/ffamily-court-statistics-2005/publication>.

<sup>13</sup> Some of the data differs from that published in our 2007 Statistics Sheet due to updated data provided from Ministry of Justice.

<sup>14</sup> Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

### Protection Order Applications by Gender of Applicants

Description	2004	2005	2006	2007
Gender of applicants under the Domestic Violence Act	91% female 8% male	92% female 8% male	91% female 8% male	91% female 8% male

### Cases involving children

Description	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total number of children involved in cases initiated under the Domestic Violence Act	6,799	6,624	6,610	6,400
Number of care and protection applications under the Children Young People and their Families Act (1989)	10,636 (involving 14,856 children)	11,733 (involving 17,482 children)	12,315 (involving 18,541 children)	12,191 (involving 18,194 children)

### District Court Statistics<sup>15,16,17,18</sup>

#### Prosecutions and Convictions for Male Assaults Female

Year	Number of charges prosecuted	Number of convictions	Percentage of convictions	Number of discharged without conviction	Percentage of discharged without conviction	Number of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted	Percentage of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted
1999	4858	3043	63%	150	3%	1665	34%
2000	4839	2916	60%	152	3%	1771	37%
2001	5087	2916	57%	121	3%	2050	40%
2002	4932	2625	53%	127	3%	2180	44%
2003	5237	2870	55%	150	3%	2217	42%
2004	5626	2973	53%	233	4%	2420	43%
2005	6303	3529	56%	239	4%	2535	40%
2006	6314	3568	57%	310	5%	2436	39%
2007	7052	4040	57%	351	5%	2661	38%
2008	7678	4762	62%	392	5%	2524	33%

<sup>15</sup> Criminal conviction and sentencing statistics retrieved August 21, 2009 from Statistics New Zealand Web Site [http://www.stats.govt.nz/methods\\_and\\_services/tablebuilder/conviction-and-sentencing-tables.aspx](http://www.stats.govt.nz/methods_and_services/tablebuilder/conviction-and-sentencing-tables.aspx)

<sup>16</sup> The prosecuted charges tables contain the number of charges finalised in criminal courts during a calendar year. The tables provide information on the number of charges prosecuted in the New Zealand court system.

<sup>17</sup> The convicted offenders' tables contain the number of people convicted in criminal courts during a calendar year.

<sup>18</sup> Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

### Convicted Offenders and Sentence Outcomes for Male Assaults Female

Year	Total Sentences	Number of Custodial Sentences <sup>19</sup>	Percentage of Custodial Sentences	Number of Community Sentences	Percentage of Community Sentences	Number of Other Sentences <sup>20</sup>	Percentage of Other Sentences
1999	1994	278	14%	1352	68%	364	18%
2000	1893	267	14%	1233	65%	393	21%
2001	1946	305	16%	1256	65%	385	20%
2002	1674	210	13%	1039	62%	425	25%
2003	1813	228	13%	1040	57%	545	30%
2004	1813	289	16%	958	53%	566	31%
2005	2195	346	16%	1246	57%	603	27%
2006	2198	353	16%	1190	54%	655	30%
2007	2360	352	15%	1392	59%	616	26%
2008	2793	406	15%	1719	62%	668	24%

### Prosecutions and Convictions for Breach of protection/non-molestation order

Year	Number of charges	Number of convictions	Percentage of convictions	Number of discharged without conviction	Percentage of discharged without conviction	Number of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted	Percentage of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted
1999	3304	2117	64%	60	2%	1127	34%
2000	3439	2257	66%	55	2%	1127	33%
2001	3759	2360	63%	57	2%	1342	36%
2002	3424	2027	59%	58	2%	1339	39%
2003	3757	2254	60%	41	1%	1462	39%
2004	3566	2167	61%	78	2%	1321	37%
2005	3851	2379	62%	47	1%	1425	37%
2006	3736	2232	60%	66	2%	1438	38%
2007	3968	2532	64%	48	1%	1388	35%
2008	4332	2815	65%	41	1%	1476	34%

<sup>19</sup> Includes Home Detention.

<sup>20</sup> Includes conviction and discharge and monetary sentences.

### Convicted Offenders and Sentence Outcomes for Breach of protection/non-molestation order

Year	Total Sentences	Number of Custodial Sentences <sup>21</sup>	Percentage of Custodial Sentences	Number of Community Sentences	Percentage of Community Sentences	Number of Other Sentences <sup>22</sup>	Percentage of Other Sentences
1999	730	87	12%	359	49%	284	39%
2000	737	77	10%	316	43%	344	47%
2001	792	122	15%	309	39%	361	46%
2002	724	98	14%	312	43%	314	43%
2003	767	96	13%	307	40%	364	47%
2004	718	114	16%	250	35%	354	49%
2005	799	157	20%	288	36%	354	44%
2006	740	139	19%	268	36%	333	45%
2007	819	149	18%	341	42%	329	40%
2008	877	159	18%	403	46%	315	36%

### Prosecutions and Convictions for Sexual Violence<sup>23</sup>

Year	Number of charges prosecuted	Number of convictions	Percentage of convictions	Number of discharged without conviction	Percentage of discharged without conviction	Number of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted	Percentage of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted
1999	3532	1419	40%	29	1%	2084	59%
2000	3577	1351	38%	37	1%	2189	61%
2001	3951	1511	38%	52	1%	2388	60%
2002	3875	1473	38%	51	1%	2351	61%
2003	3487	1295	37%	48	1%	2144	61%
2004	3990	1610	40%	42	1%	2338	59%
2005	3858	1504	39%	31	1%	2323	60%
2006	3547	1430	40%	52	1%	2065	58%
2007	3280	1278	39%	18	1%	1984	60%
2008	3503	1594	46%	35	1%	1874	53%

<sup>21</sup> Includes Home Detention.

<sup>22</sup> Includes conviction and discharge and monetary sentences.

<sup>23</sup> Sexual violence includes rape, unlawful sexual connection, attempted sexual violation and indecent assault.

### Convicted Offenders and Sentence Outcomes for Sexual Violence

Year	Total Sentences	Number of Custodial Sentences <sup>24</sup>	Percentage of Custodial Sentences	Number of Community Sentences	Percentage of Community Sentences	Number of Other Sentences <sup>25</sup>	Percentage of Other Sentences
1999	543	363	67%	152	28%	28	5%
2000	481	336	70%	112	23%	33	7%
2001	481	346	72%	102	21%	33	7%
2002	508	353	69%	102	20%	53	10%
2003	514	400	78%	87	17%	27	5%
2004	433	341	79%	71	16%	21	5%
2005	517	390	75%	94	18%	33	6%
2006	464	364	78%	79	17%	21	5%
2007	429	323	75%	76	18%	30	7%
2008	463	361	78%	84	18%	18	4%

### Prosecutions and Convictions for assault on a child

Year	Number of charges prosecuted	Number of convictions	Percentage of convictions	Number of discharged without conviction	Percentage of discharged without conviction	Number of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted	Percentage of withdrawn, dismissed, struck out or acquitted
1999	548	304	55%	19	3%	225	41%
2000	591	280	47%	15	3%	296	50%
2001	603	294	49%	24	4%	285	47%
2002	606	291	48%	22	4%	293	48%
2003	551	253	46%	15	3%	283	51%
2004	580	305	53%	21	4%	254	44%
2005	652	288	44%	28	4%	336	52%
2006	637	263	41%	37	6%	337	53%
2007	743	387	52%	26	3%	330	44%
2008	863	421	49%	46	5%	396	46%

<sup>24</sup> Includes Home Detention.

<sup>25</sup> Includes conviction and discharge and monetary sentences.

### Convicted Offenders and Sentence Outcomes for assault on a child

Year	Total Sentences	Number of Custodial Sentences <sup>26</sup>	Percentage of Custodial Sentences	Number of Community Sentences	Percentage of Community Sentences	Number of Other Sentences <sup>27</sup>	Percentage of Other Sentences
1999	190	16	8%	145	76%	29	15%
2000	170	28	16%	110	65%	32	19%
2001	189	26	14%	121	64%	42	22%
2002	173	31	18%	97	56%	45	26%
2003	158	14	9%	105	66%	39	25%
2004	188	35	19%	99	53%	54	29%
2005	173	19	11%	107	62%	47	27%
2006	158	19	12%	84	53%	55	35%
2007	205	25	12%	131	64%	49	24%
2008	259	36	14%	162	63%	61	24%

### Child, Youth and Family Statistics<sup>28,29</sup>

Year	Total notifications received <sup>30</sup>	Notifications requiring further action <sup>31</sup>	Children in care placements	Care and protection family group conferences convened
1999/2000	19,521	16,206	3,533	
2000/01	26,707	22,868	3,909	
2001/02	27,507	23,805	4,281	4,111
2002/03	31,781	27,394	4,440	4,343
2003/04	40,939	35,350	4,674	4,308
2004/05	50,488	41,599	4,853	5,422
2005/06	62,739	46,541	5,077	6,287
2006/07	71,927	43,845	5,044	6,237
2007/08	89,461	40,739	4,522	7,242

<sup>26</sup> Includes Home Detention.

<sup>27</sup> Includes conviction and discharge and monetary sentences.

<sup>28</sup> Child Youth and Family (2006). Department of Child Youth and Family Services annual report for the year ended 30 June 2006: The true measure of our success: Six years of achievement. Wellington, New Zealand. Retrieved February 12, 2007, from [http://www.cyf.govt.nz/documents/annual\\_report\\_06.pdf](http://www.cyf.govt.nz/documents/annual_report_06.pdf).

<sup>29</sup> Ministry of Social Development (2009). The statistical report for year ending 2008. Wellington, New Zealand: Ministry of Social Development, . Retrieved September 23, 2009, from <http://www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/statistics/statistical-report-2008.pdf>.

<sup>30</sup> Number of notifications received during the year ended 30 June.

<sup>31</sup> More than one notification recorded in the same year may involve the same child or young person.

**Investigations of care and protection notifications requiring further action**<sup>32,33,34</sup>

Type of finding	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
Emotionally abused	2,571	4,592	6,142	8,256	8,664
Physically abused	1,864	2,351	2,336	2,274	2,321
Sexually abused	1,149	1,424	1,291	1,194	1,003
Neglected	2,878	4,074	4,199	4,486	4,302
Behavioural/ relationship difficulties	3,325	4,355	4,657	4,461	4,154
Self harm/ suicidal	100	173	172	138	116
Not found	15,860	23,388	26,011	22,921	19,334
Total findings from investigations	27,747	40,357	44,808	43,730	39,894

**Ministry of Health**<sup>35</sup>

**Number and percentage of people admitted to publicly funded hospitals at least once in the calendar year as a result of assault, abuse or neglect, by perpetrator type and gender of victim**

Perpetrator Type	2005			2006						
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total				
Spouse or domestic partner	392	89%	49	11%	441	523	91%	53	9%	577
Parent	52	57%	40	43%	92	50	49%	53	51%	103
Other family member	97	47%	111	53%	208	106	46%	124	54%	230
Acquaintance or friend	73	33%	151	67%	224	65	30%	155	70%	220
Carer	1	17%	5	83%	6	4	50%	4	50%	8
Official authorities	2	9%	21	91%	23	2	10%	18	90%	20
Other specified person	49	25%	148	75%	197	52	26%	150	74%	202
Person unknown to the victim	53	19%	231	81%	284	36	15%	210	85%	246
Multiple persons unknown to the victim	19	9%	187	91%	206	34	11%	286	89%	320
Unspecified person	319	13%	2225	87%	2544	346	13%	2320	87%	2665
Total	1057	25%	3168	75%	4225	1218	27%	3373	73%	4591

<sup>32</sup> Investigations findings may not give an indication of the number of investigations completed as multiple findings can result from a single investigation.

<sup>33</sup> Investigation findings relate to investigations completed in that year and may not relate to notifications received in that year.

<sup>34</sup> Number of investigations may not relate to numbers of children or young people, as there may be more than one investigation related to the same individual in the same year. Numbers of investigations also may not relate to numbers of notifications assessed as requiring further action, as one investigation may address more than one such notification.

<sup>35</sup> The Families Commission (2009) Family Violence Statistics Report. Retrieved 1st September 2009 from <http://www.familiescommission.govt.nz/files/family-violence-statistics-report.pdf>.

## Mortality in children and young people as a result of assault<sup>36,37</sup>

Age <sup>38</sup>	2002	2003	2004	2005
4 weeks-1 year	2	0	5	1
1-4 years	4	1	3	1
5-9 years	0	1	2	1
10-14 years	2	0	3	1
Total	8	2	13	4

## Age Concern Elder Abuse Statistics

Description	2002-04 <sup>39</sup>	2004-06 <sup>40</sup>
Number of clients reporting abuse or neglect	975	732
Number of clients reporting self neglect	234	153
Number of clients reporting institutional abuse	76	69
Gender of clients reporting abuse and neglect	620 women 264 men	696 women 299 men
Age of clients reporting abuse and neglect	63 aged under 64 94 aged 65-74 243 aged 75-84 418 aged 85+	116 aged under 64 268 aged 65-74 424 aged 75-84 187 aged 85+
Abusers' relationship to the client	40% son or daughter 3% son or daughter-in-law 2% brother or sister 15% partner 10% other relative 7% friend 7% neighbour	48% son or daughter 4% son or daughter-in-law 2% brother or sister 14% partner 11% other relative 6% friend 8% neighbour 7% other

<sup>36</sup> Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee, Te Ropu Arotake Auau Mate o te Hunga Tamariki, Taiohi. (2008). *Fourth Report to the Minister of Health: Reporting mortality 2002-2005*. Wellington: Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee. Retrieved 1st March 2009 from [www.cymrc.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexcm/cymrc-resources-publications-annualreport4](http://www.cymrc.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexcm/cymrc-resources-publications-annualreport4).

<sup>37</sup> Although this data source does not explicitly identify these deaths as caused by family violence, child deaths by a stranger are extremely rare events in New Zealand. It may therefore be concluded that these deaths are extremely likely to be as a result of family violence.

<sup>38</sup> This data excludes children under 4 weeks of age.

<sup>39</sup> Age Concern New Zealand. (2005). *Age Concern Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services: An analysis of referrals for the period: 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2004*. Wellington, New Zealand.

<sup>40</sup> Age Concern New Zealand. (2007). *Challenges for the Future: An analysis of referrals to Age Concern Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention services from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2006* Wellington, New Zealand. Copies of these detailed reports are available from: [orders@ageconcern.org.nz](mailto:orders@ageconcern.org.nz).

## National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges Statistics

Description	2005/06 <sup>41</sup>	2006/07 <sup>42</sup>	2007/08 <sup>43</sup>
Number of women accessing safehouse services <sup>44</sup>	2,281	1,920	1832
Number of children accessing safehouse services	3,148	2,359	2117
Average length of stay in the safehouse	37 nights	Not Available	18.5 nights
Number of women accessing advocacy services in the community	9,611	8,808	9,365
Number of children accessing advocacy services in the community	3,565	4,637	4,815
Number of crisis calls received	41,734	47,918	49,509
Percentage of clients who are accessing the refuge service in that area for the first time	84%	Not Available	Not Available
Ethnicity of women using refuge services	33% Pakeha 48% Maori 4% Pacifica 4% European 2% Asian 9% Other/ Unknown	37% Pakeha 43% Maori 6% Pacifica 5% European 2% Asian 8% Other/Unknown	38% Pakeha 47% Maori 5% Pacifica 6% European 3% Asian 7% Other/Unknown
Ethnicity of children receiving refuge services	24% Pakeha 60% Maori 7% Pacifica 3% European 1% Asian 5% Other/Unknown	28% Pakeha 50% Maori 8% Pacifica 5% European 2% Asian 7% Other/Unknown	30% Pakeha 53% Maori 9% Pacifica 5% European 2% Asian 6% Other/Unknown
Ages of women using refuge services	27% aged 17-25 34% aged 26-35 26% aged 36-45 11% aged 46-59 2% aged 60 +	Not Available	2% aged <16 25% aged 17-25 30% aged 26-35 25% aged 36-45 11% aged 46-59 2% aged 60 + 5% unknown
Ages of children using refuge services	36% aged 0-4 34% aged 5-9 30% aged 10-16	37% aged 0-4 33% aged 5-9 30% aged 10-16	33% aged 0-4 30% aged 5-9 20% aged 10-16 4% aged >16 9% unknown

<sup>41</sup> National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (2006). Annual Report : 2005 - 2006. Wellington, New Zealand: NCIWR.

<sup>42</sup> National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges (2007). Annual Report : July 2006 - June 2007. Wellington, New Zealand: NCIWR.

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