

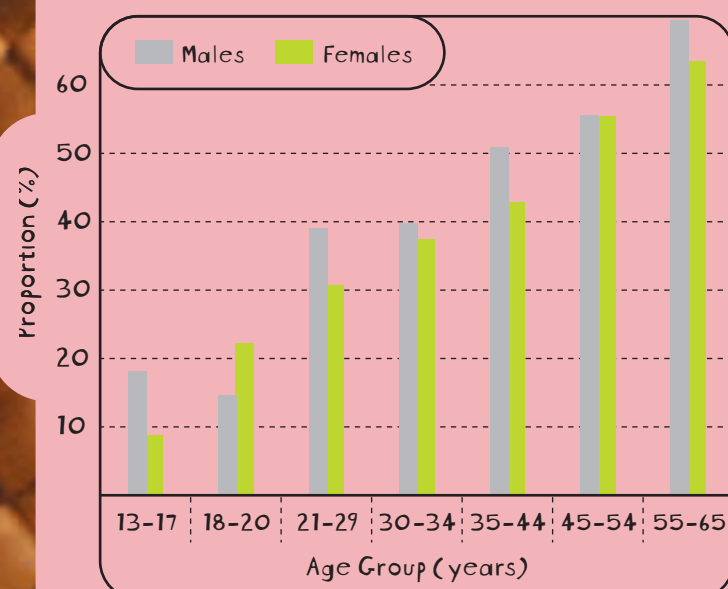
Pacific Peoples: Gambling

Who gambles?

Almost two out of five Pacific people (39% of men and 38% of women) said they had gambled. The men most commonly gambled on lotto, pokies and horses. Women most commonly gambled on lotto, housie, at the casino and on the pokies.

The proportion of people gambling increased with age so those aged 55 to 65 included the highest proportion of gamblers.

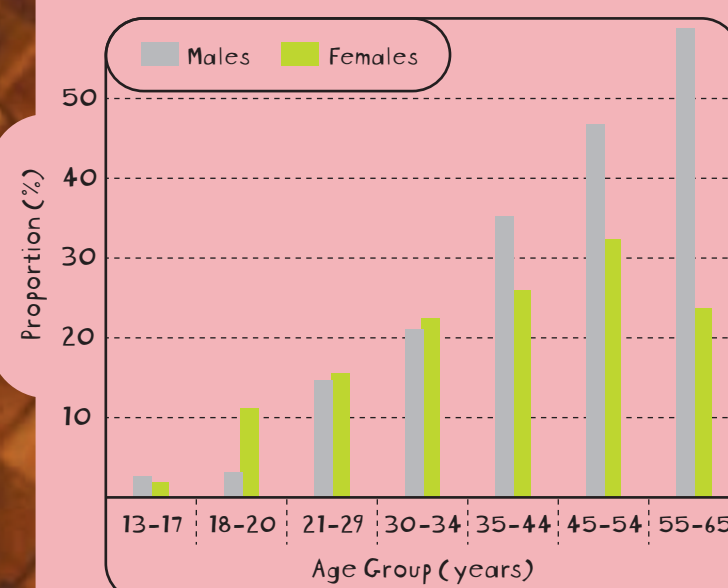
Gambling by age



Recent gambling

Of those who reported gambling in the last week, over 30% of Pacific men played lotto and bet on the horses, 16% played the pokies and 12% gambled at the casino. Thirty-seven percent of Pacific women played housie, 25% played lotto, 22% played the pokies and 17% gambled at the casino.

Gambling in the last week by gender



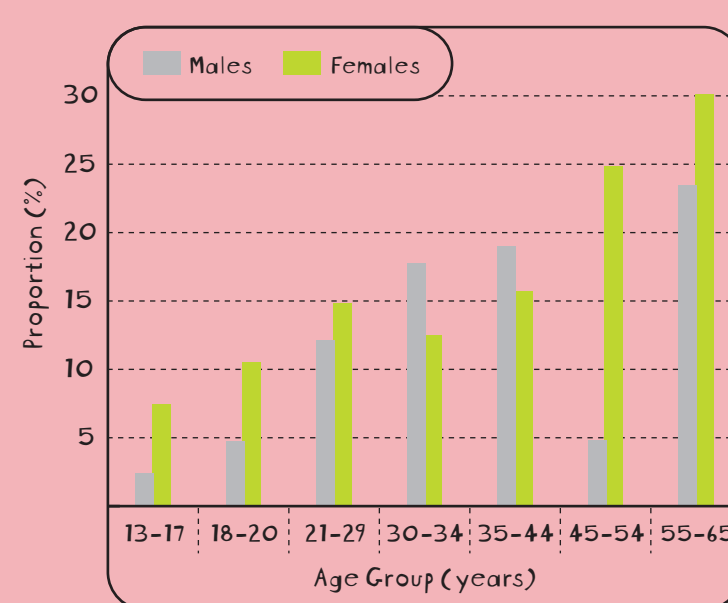
Compared to the Pacific sample, on average:

- More Cook Islands Maori respondents aged 13 to 29, and in particular Cook Islands Maori women, reported gambling in the last week.
- Less Tongan men aged 13 to 29 reported gambling in the last week.

Worried about gambling

In the last 12 months 11% of Pacific men and 15% of Pacific women reported feeling worried or sad after gambling.

Gamblers feeling worried or sad after gambling



Compared to the Pacific sample, on average:

- More Cook Islands Maori women aged 13 to 29 reported feeling worried or sad after gambling and less Cook Islands Maori men aged 30 or over felt worried or sad after gambling.
- Less Tongan women, in particular those aged 30 to 65 reported feeling worried or sad after gambling. Less Tongan men aged up to 29 felt worried or sad after gambling.

Borrowing money to gamble

Three percent of Pacific men and two percent of Pacific women reported going into debt or borrowing money because of gambling.

Compared to the Pacific sample, on average:

- More Samoan men aged 30 to 65 years reported going into debt or borrowing money.
- Fewer Tongan women reported going into debt or borrowing money.
- Niuean men aged 13 to 29 and Niuean women aged 30 to 65 were less likely to report going into debt or borrowing money.

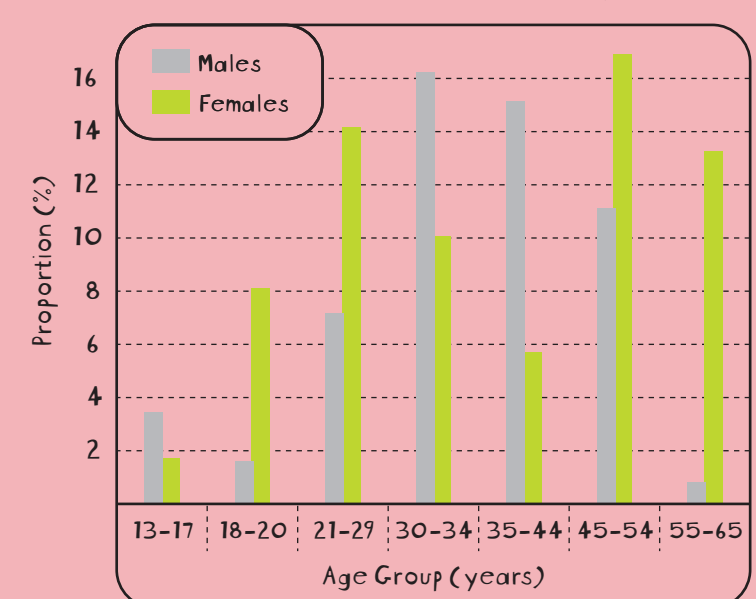
Feeling their own gambling has sometimes caused problems

Five percent of Pacific men and 10% of Pacific women reported their gambling sometimes caused them problems.

Needing to bet more money

Ten percent of Pacific men and 14% of Pacific women reported wanting or needing to bet more and more money when gambling.

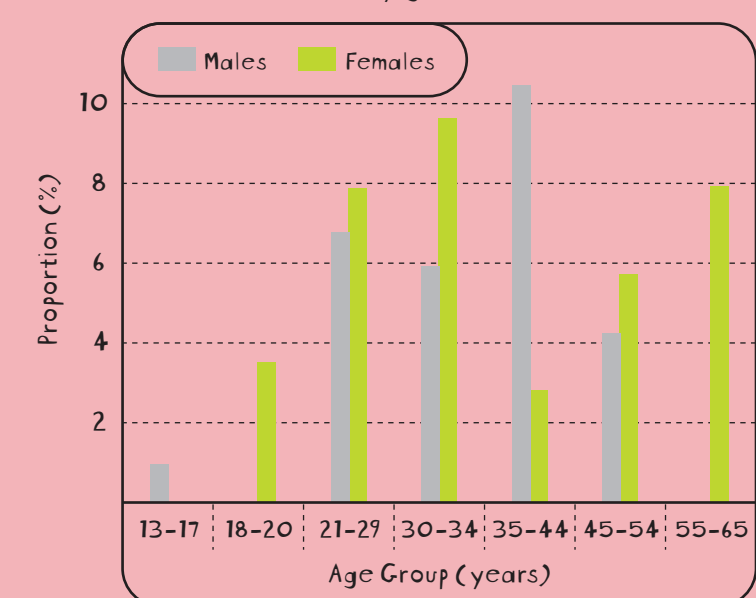
Needing to bet more and more money



Lying about gambling to those close to them

Six percent of Pacific men and seven percent of Pacific women reported lying to their family or someone they respected about how much they gambled.

Lying to family or someone they respected about how much they gamble



Compared to the Pacific sample, on average:

- Cook Islands Maori men aged 30 to 65 and Niuean men aged 13 to 29 were less likely to have lied to family or someone they respected about how much they gambled.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF PACIFIC SAMPLE Sample size: 1103

Age and gender			
Gender	Age Group (years)	Sample Numbers	Sample % Weighted % Census 2001
Male	13-17	77	8.7
	18-20	57	5.8
	21-29	99	11.1
	30-34	53	5.7
	35-44	108	8.4
	45-54	74	6.2
	55-65	39	3.9
Female	13-17	73	7.8
	18-20	59	4.4
	21-29	150	12.1
	30-34	63	6.6
	35-44	107	9.1
	45-54	81	6.3
	55-65	59	3.9
Total		1103*	100
Ethnicity			
Ethnicity	Sample Numbers	Sample % Weighted	% Census 2001
Samoan	338	48.3	49.7
Cook Islands Maori	228	21.2	21.8
Tongan	232	16.1	16.4
Niuean	207	8.7	8.4
Fijian	66	3.2	3.3
Tokelauan	32	2.5	2.5
Total	1103	100	

*Includes four males who refused to give their age

Survey Summary:

The interviews were carried out by phone between November 2002 and July 2003.

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