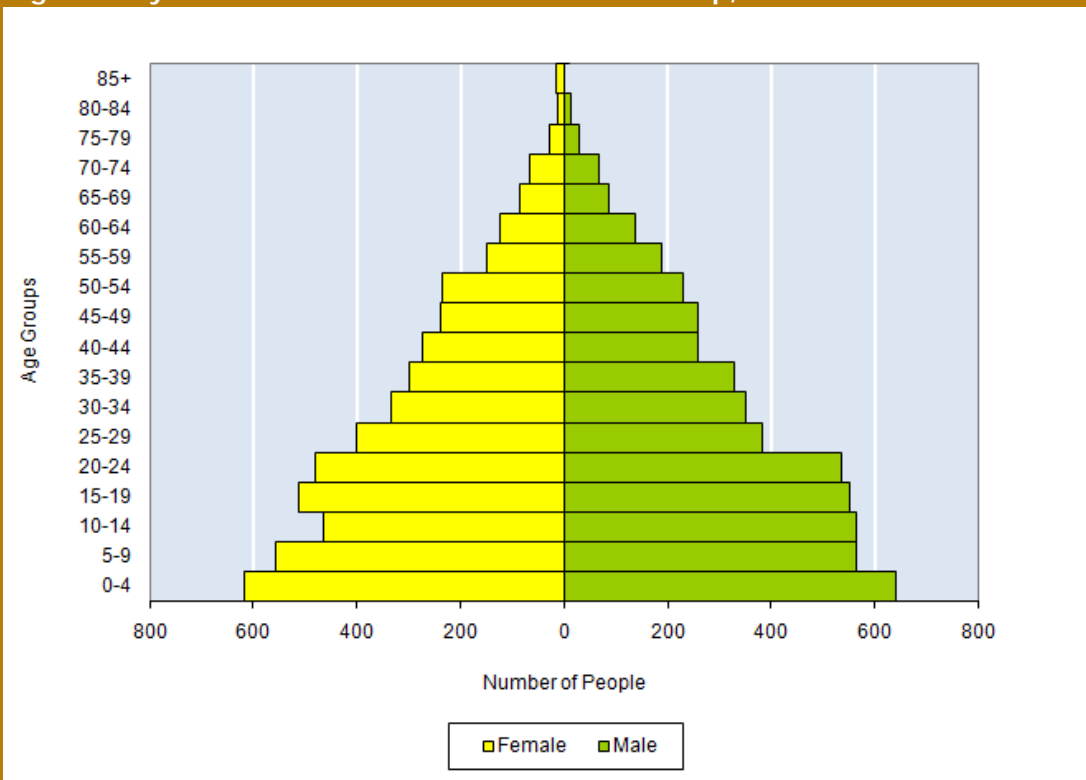


## Age, Gender and Ethnicity

## Ethnic Groups

Age-Sex Pyramid for the Pacific Islands Ethnic Group, 2013



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

## Key Points:

- In 2013, 10,104 people in Christchurch identified themselves as belonging to the Pacific Islands ethnic group. Of these, 5,208 (52%) were male and 4,896 (48%) were female.
- The Pacific Island population in Christchurch is a young population, with 44% (4,479 people) of its population aged below 19 years in 2013. Those aged four years and under made up the largest proportion, with 12.5% of the population.
- There are fewer people in the older age groups, with only 4% (399 people) of the population aged 65 years and over in 2013.
- Those aged 85 years and over made up the lowest percentage for all age groups in 2013, with only 0.2% (21 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 Pacific Islands ethnic group in the 2013 Census of Population and Dwellings. The age-sex structure of the Pacific Islands ethnic group is very pyramid-like, with a wide base and narrow peak indicating a relatively youthful population.

The age and gender structure of the ethnic groups within the City's population is important as it provides information necessary to provide appropriate 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