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South Pacific COUNTRIES

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PACIFIC POPULATION GROUPS



According to the 2006 census:

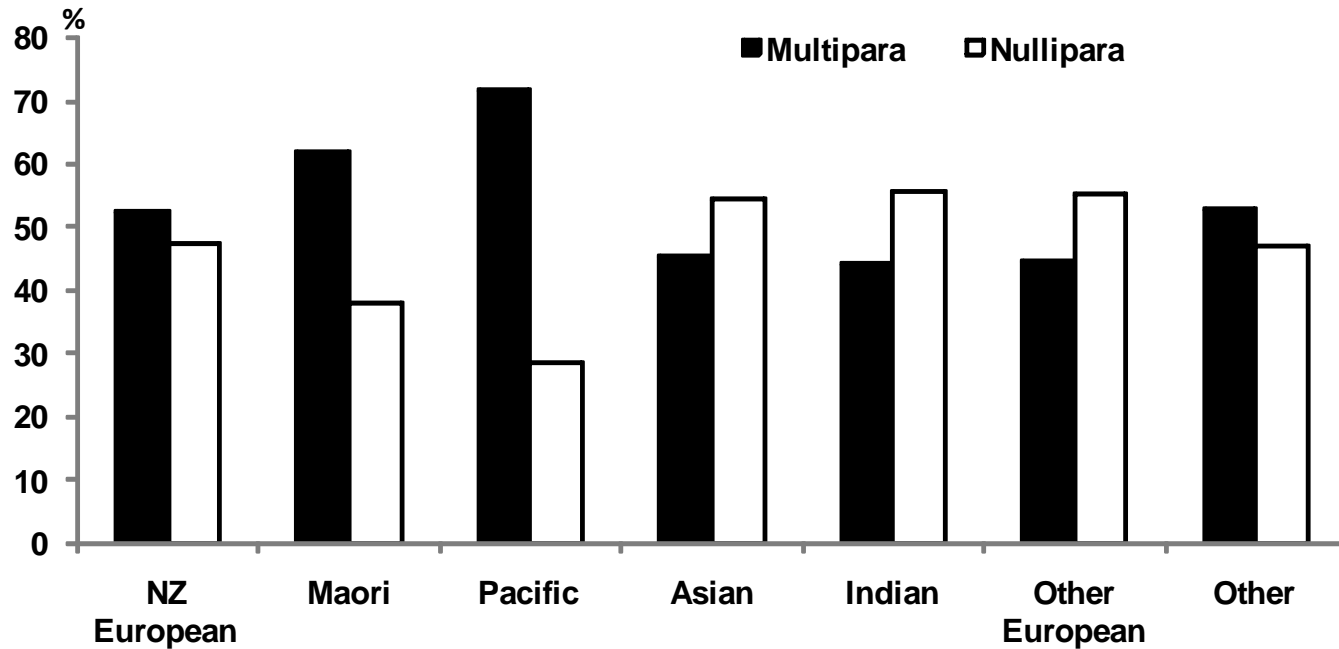
- There were 265,974 individual Pacific people comprising of 6.9% total NZ population. Approximately 67% of the Pacific population reside within the greater Auckland region. We are a diverse population comprising mainly of:

SAMOA	COOK ISLAND	TONGA	NIUE	FIJI	TOKELAU	TUVALU
49%	22%	19%	8%	4%	3%	1%

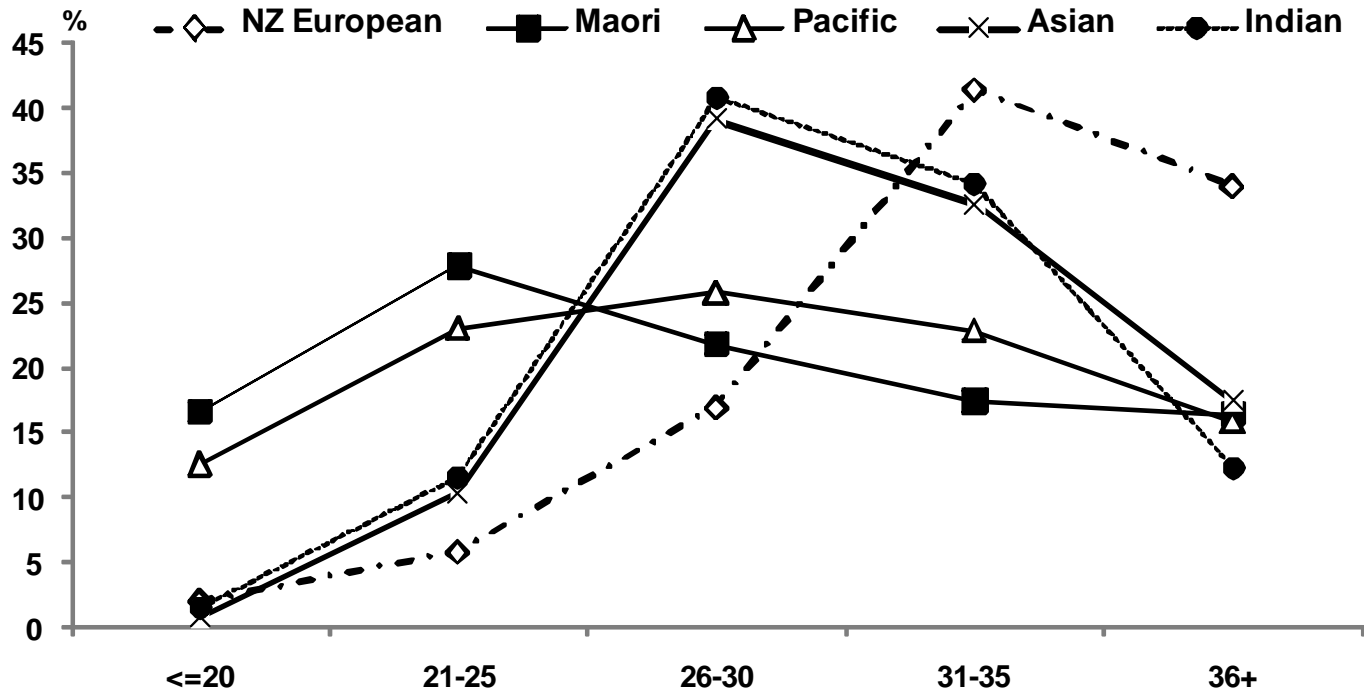
- Fastest growing population group in NZ – 11 times faster than the general population with a further 15% expected growth by the year 2050.
- Youthful population group – median age 21 years compared with 35 years for the total population and where half of the Pacific population was under 19 years of age (in fact – 39.2% of all Pacific peoples are under 15yrs of age compared with 23% of the total population).
- 83% have strong religious beliefs as compared to 61% for overall NZ population.



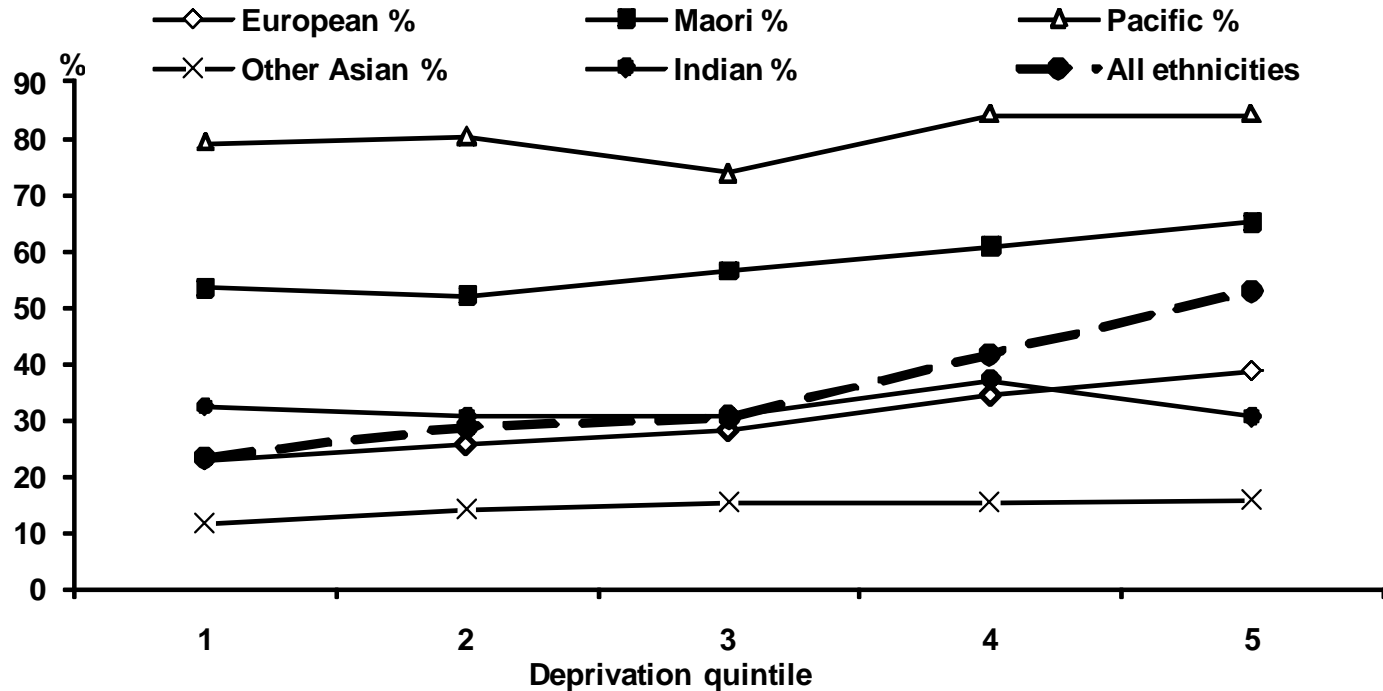
Parity distribution by maternal ethnicity (2011)



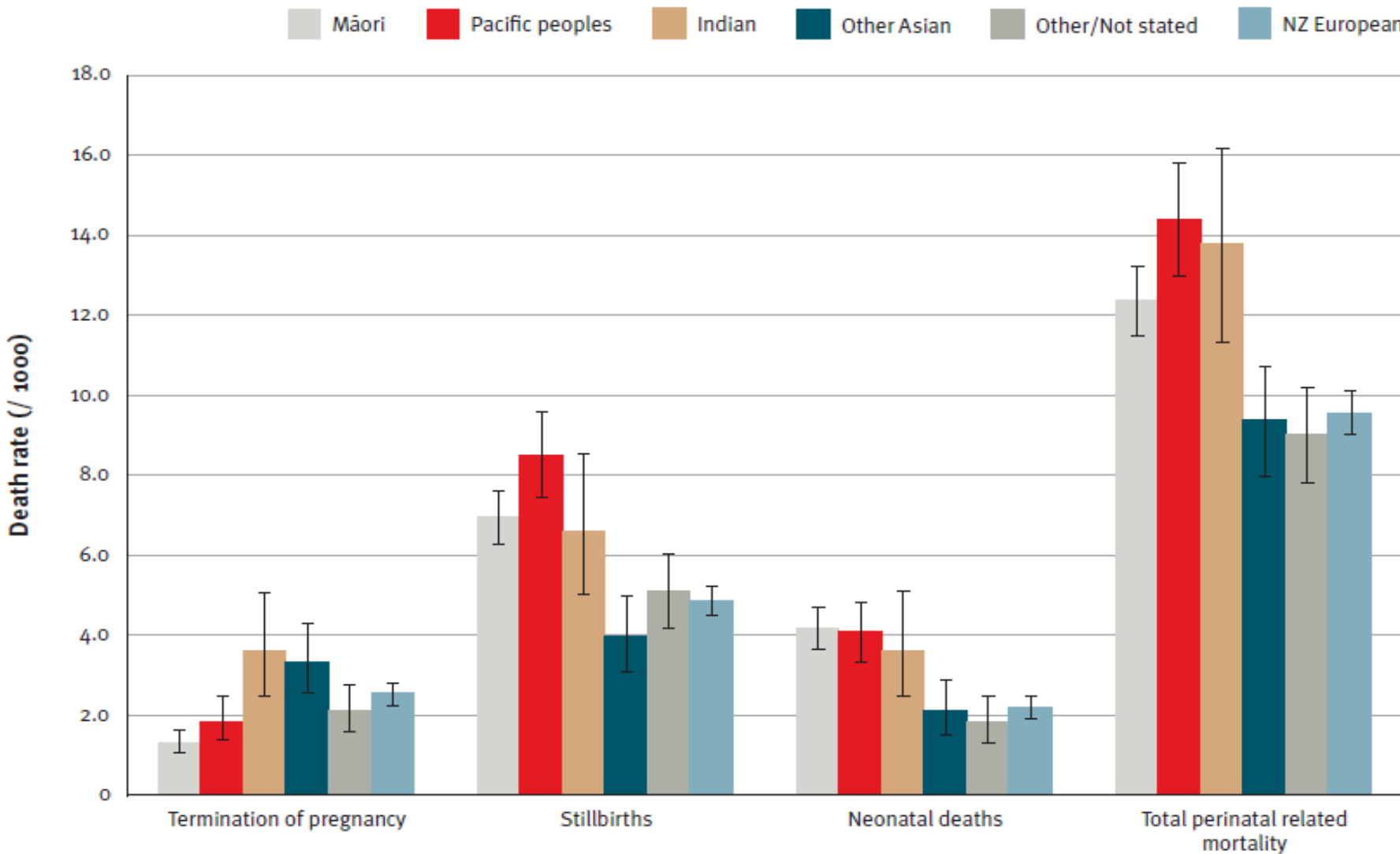
Maternal Age among European, Maori, Pacific, other Asian and Indian ethnicities (2011)



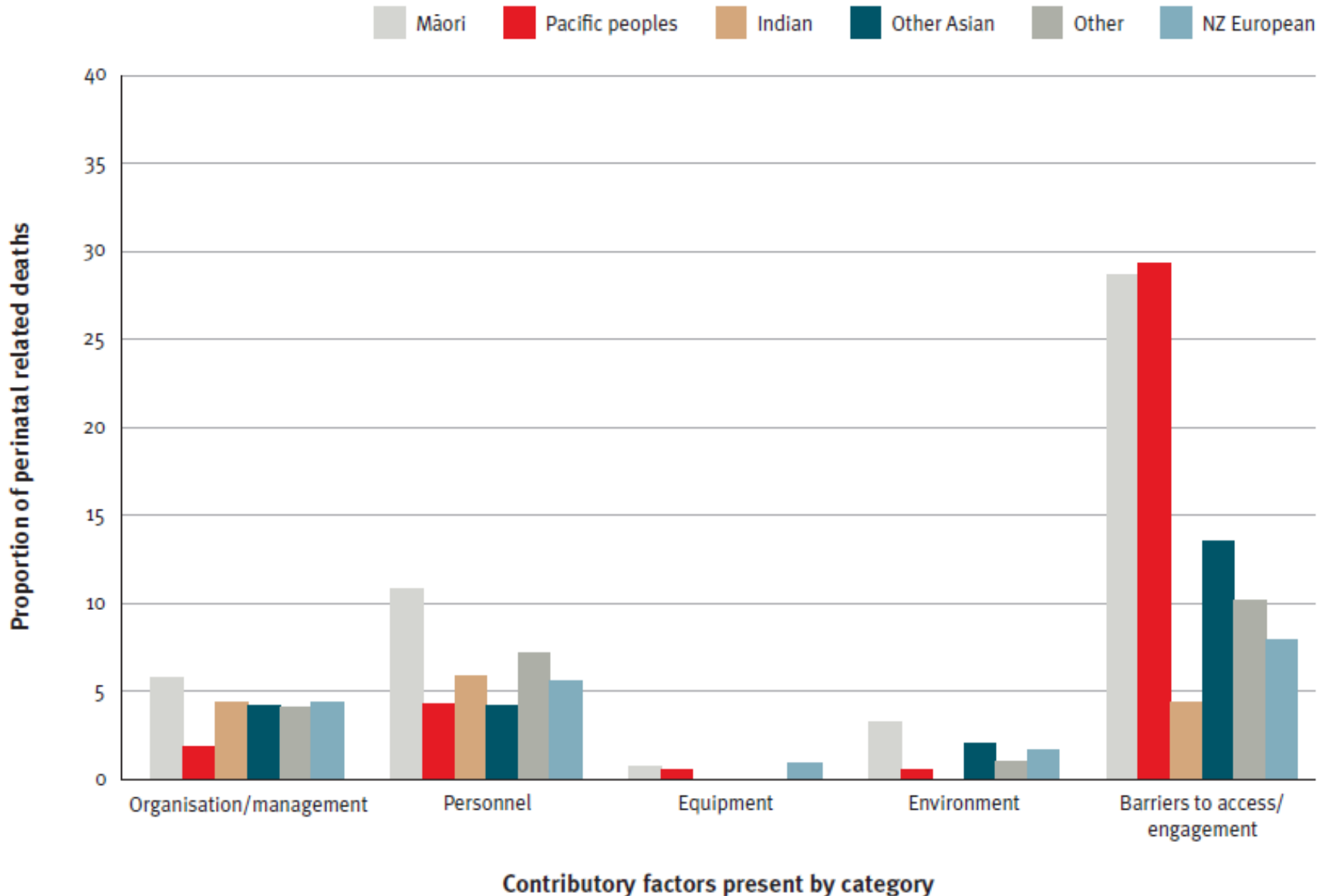
BMI >25 by ethnicity and deprivation quintile (2011)



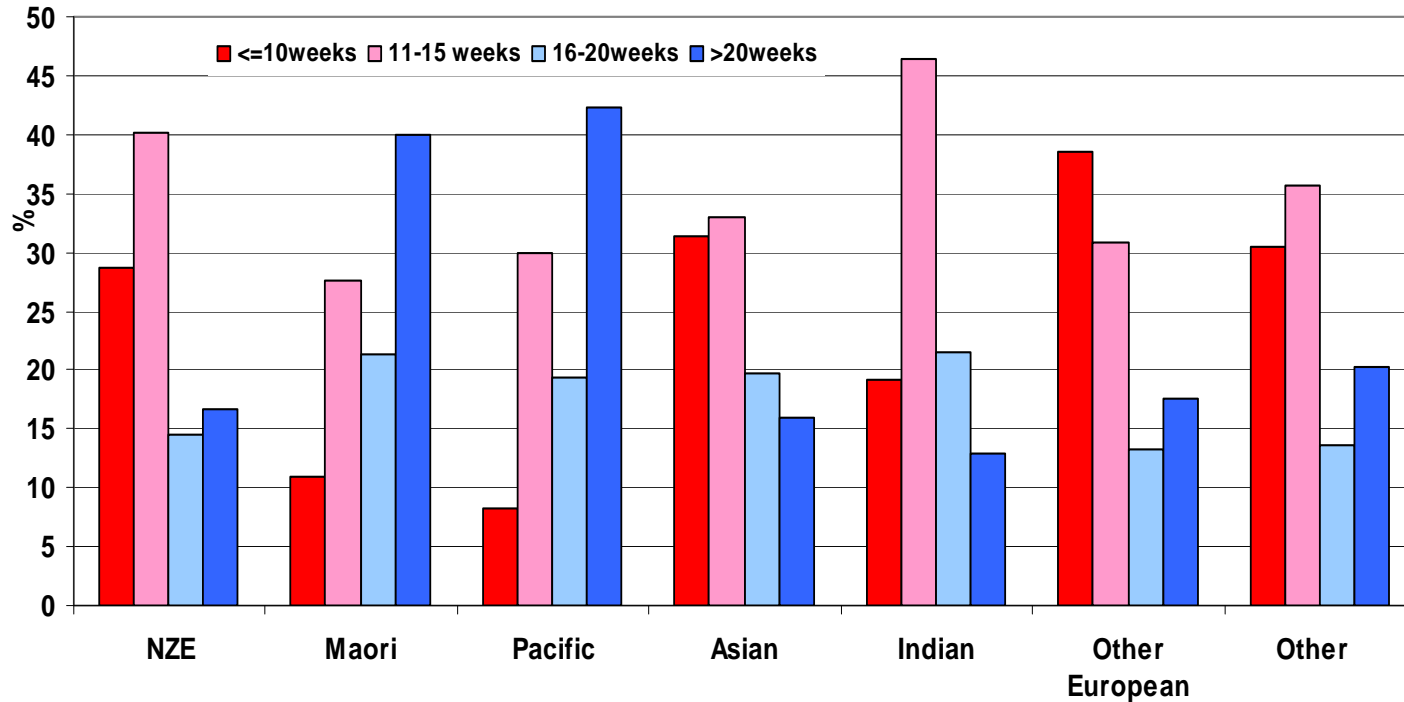
Ethnic specific perinatal related mortality 2007-10 (PMMRC Report 2010)

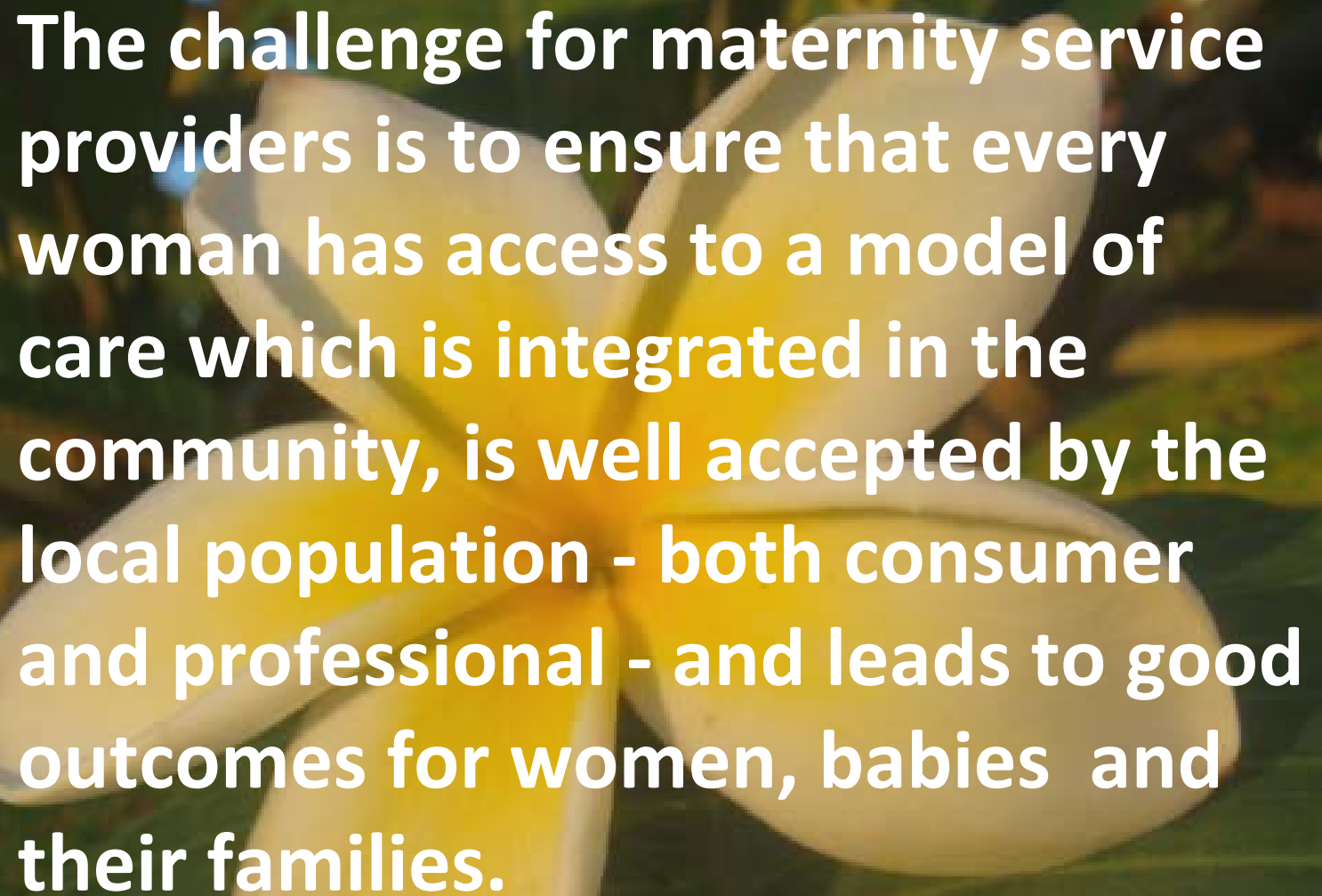


Contributory factors by ethnicity among perinatal related deaths 2009-10 (PMMRC Report 2010)




Gestation at Booking by Ethnicity at NW 2010





The challenge for maternity service providers is to ensure that every woman has access to a model of care which is integrated in the community, is well accepted by the local population - both consumer and professional - and leads to good outcomes for women, babies and their families.

J McAra-Couper (2012)



The challenge for us as individuals is.....

To provide this care is a way that engages the pacific community that does not stigmatize and make women feel like a statistic but empowers women; in the way that Joshua describes in his talk.



PROGRESS SO FAR:

- High risk families or those with transport issues are home visited ante-natally.
- Pacific Healthcare providers assist as needed with transporting families to and from clinics/ other appointments as required.
- Prompt access to Pacific staff from within healthcare providers.
- Pacific families appear more accepting and better engaged.
- Pacific families have the opportunity to meet with well child health providers ante-natally and on discharge from hospital rather than waiting till 4-6 weeks p/n.



Benefits:

- **Encourages collaboration, collegiality and trusting relationships amongst key stakeholders.**
- **Not re-inventing the wheel but strengthening services we have through better integration.**
- **All share the same focus....making a positive difference.**



CULTURE:

The ability to understand and appropriately apply cultural values and practices that underpin Pacific peoples worldview and perspectives on health...(This) includes the ability to integrate or acknowledge Pacific values, principles, structures, attitudes and practices in the care and delivery of services to Pacific clients, their families and communities.

(ADHB Pacific Best Practice Guidelines, 2010).