

2014 Factsheet 5

ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey: Pacific smoking

This factsheet describes 'daily', 'regular' and 'never' smoking rates of Pacific boys and girls compared to non-Pacific non-Māori boys and girls in 2014. It also shows previous trends in 'daily', 'regular' and 'never' smoking rates of Pacific and non-Pacific non-Māori students between 2000 and 2014.

Methodology

To measure if they had ever tried smoking, students were asked: *Have you **ever** smoked a cigarette, even just a few puffs?* They can answer either 'yes' or 'no'.

To measure smoking frequency, students were asked: *How often do you smoke **now**?*

Options for response include: 'I have never smoked/ I am not a smoker now', 'At least once a day', 'At least once a week', 'At least once a month' or 'Less often than once a month'.

Daily smokers are those students who report smoking at least once a day. *Regular smokers* include daily smokers along with students who reported smoking weekly or monthly.

To classify ethnicity, students are asked: *Which ethnic group or groups do you belong to?*

Options for response include 'NZ European', 'Māori', 'Samoa', 'Cook Island Māori', 'Tongan', 'Niuean', 'Other Pacific Island', 'Chinese', 'Indian', 'Other Asian' and 'Other'. In this factsheet all ethnicities other than Pacific and Māori are classified as *non-Pacific non-Māori*.

The number of students identifying as Pacific who completed the survey in 2014 was 3,147 (10.15% of respondents) compared to 27,874 (89.85% of respondents) counted as non-Pacific, non-Māori.

Of those who identified as Pacific, there were 1,559 boys (49.54%) and 1,588 girls (50.46%).

For more detailed information, please refer to the 2014 ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey: Information and Methodology information sheet

Key findings in 2014

- 2.92% of Pacific boys and 3.6% of Pacific girls were *daily smokers*; the *daily smoking* rate for non-Pacific non-Māori boys and girls was 1.49%. Refer to *Figure 1*.
- 5.42% of Pacific boys and 7.8% of Pacific girls were *regular smokers*; the *regular smoking* rate for non-Pacific non-Māori boys and girls was 3.34% and 4.33% respectively. Refer to *Figure 2*.
- 72.27% of Pacific boys and 68.07% of Pacific girls had *never smoked*. The *never smoking* rate for non-Pacific non-Māori boys and girls was 83.82% and 84.09% respectively. Refer to *Figure 3*.

Discussion points

In 2014, the downward trend in daily, regular and never smoking continued (refer to *Figure 4*). However the decline in daily, regular smoking among Pacific students was statistically insignificant.

Large inequalities in smoking rates between Pacific and non-Pacific non-Māori students remain, with Pacific students twice as likely to be daily smokers and 1.5 times as likely to be regular smokers as non-Pacific non-Māori students.

Further information

See overleaf for detailed supplementary tables. Further results and information on methodology can be found at www.ash.org.nz

Figure 1: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific Non-Māori students who were daily smokers, 2014

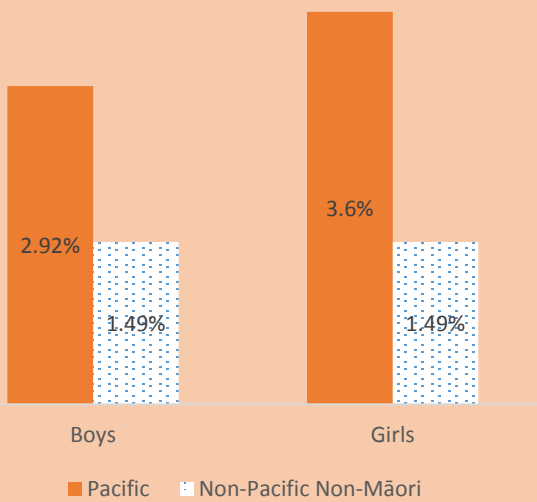


Figure 2: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific Non-Māori students who were regular smokers, 2014

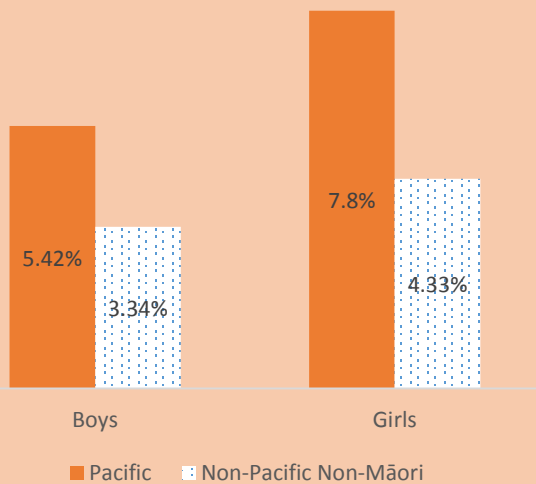


Figure 3: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific Non-Māori students who were never smokers, 2014

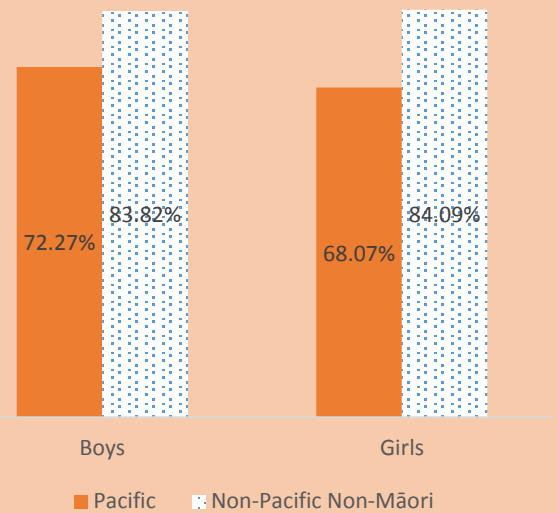
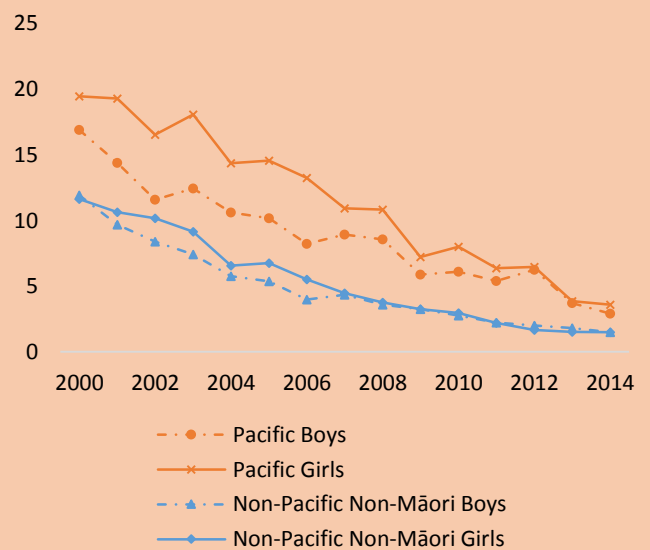


Figure 4: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific Non-Māori students who were daily smokers, 2000-2014



Supplementary tables

Supplementary Table 1: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific non-Māori students who were daily smokers 2000-2014

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pacific All	18.10	16.91	13.88	15.30	12.42	12.39	10.74	9.99	9.67	6.61	6.96	5.87	6.35	3.80	3.26
Non-Pacific non-Māori All	11.77	10.17	9.29	8.29	6.17	6.10	4.76	4.42	3.68	3.26	2.86	2.22	1.83	1.68	1.49
Pacific Girls	19.45	19.29	16.53	18.06	14.36	14.56	13.25	10.94	10.83	7.23	8.00	6.37	6.46	3.87	3.6
Non-Pacific non-Māori Girls	11.63	10.64	10.17	9.16	6.56	6.76	5.52	4.48	3.77	3.26	2.96	2.21	1.66	1.53	1.49
Pacific Boys	16.89	14.40	11.59	12.45	10.62	10.17	8.23	8.94	8.57	5.88	6.11	5.39	6.25	3.72	2.92
Non-Pacific non-Māori Boys	11.92	9.69	8.39	7.42	5.77	5.38	3.99	4.35	3.58	3.25	2.77	2.23	2.00	1.82	1.49

Supplementary Table 2: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific non-Māori students who were regular smokers 2000-2014

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pacific All	28.21	26.26	22.05	23.35	21.71	20.95	17.71	16.38	14.05	11.71	12.22	10.70	10.41	7.86	6.62
Non-Pacific non-Māori All	24.84	21.65	18.79	16.54	13.09	13.02	9.78	8.96	8.17	7.75	6.53	5.15	4.56	4.49	3.84
Pacific Girls	32.06	30.31	26.71	27.94	26.40	25.15	21.79	18.36	16.20	13.42	13.65	11.79	11.63	8.72	7.8
Non-Pacific non-Māori Girls	27.11	24.03	21.69	19.30	15.35	15.26	11.77	9.72	9.02	8.60	6.90	5.40	4.83	4.71	4.33
Pacific Boys	24.79	21.98	17.99	18.60	17.36	16.64	13.64	14.20	12.02	9.68	11.07	9.65	9.27	7.03	5.42
Non-Pacific non-Māori Boys	22.58	19.19	15.83	13.76	10.71	10.60	7.77	8.15	7.30	6.82	6.20	4.87	4.27	4.27	3.34

Supplementary Table 3: Percentage breakdown by gender of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey Pacific and Non-Pacific non-Māori students who were never smokers 2000-2014

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Pacific All	35.24	35.17	36.99	38.30	40.76	41.15	45.38	49.00	52.39	55.23	53.97	61.14	55.68	66.47	70.15
Non-Pacific non-Māori All	36.32	39.84	42.80	47.57	53.24	55.52	61.32	64.36	68.83	71.30	72.78	78.37	79.11	82.21	83.82
Pacific Girls	31.79	31.63	32.53	33.25	36.20	36.86	40.45	46.05	48.05	51.90	51.62	59.16	55.30	65.12	68.07
Non-Pacific non-Māori Girls	35.80	39.31	41.42	45.20	51.79	53.93	59.39	64.23	67.76	70.75	73.51	78.96	80.83	83.18	84.09
Pacific Boys	38.31	38.90	40.86	43.53	44.99	45.57	50.28	52.25	56.50	59.19	55.89	63.04	56.03	67.76	72.27
Non-Pacific non-Māori Boys	26.83	40.39	44.22	49.94	54.77	57.24	63.26	64.51	69.94	71.91	72.12	77.73	77.25	81.28	85.53