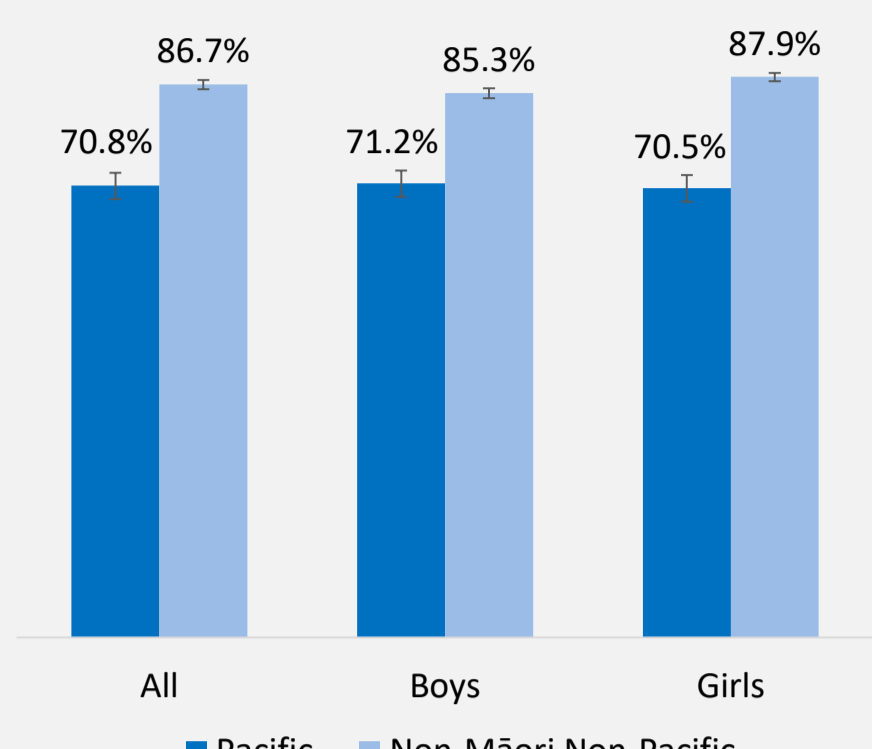


# 2016 ASH Year 10 Snapshot

## Smoking Among Pacific Youth

This factsheet shows smoking rates for Year 10 students identifying as Pacific in New Zealand. Students were categorised using prioritised ethnicity\* – for this factsheet all ethnicities other than Māori or Pacific were classified as “non-Māori non-Pacific” for comparison. 95% confidence intervals were calculated as a measure of uncertainty around the estimated prevalence rates. Wide confidence intervals should be interpreted with some caution, as they indicate more uncertainty. More details on methods can be found in the 2016 Information and Methods factsheet.

### NEVER SMOKING (NOT A SINGLE PUFF)



Never smoking comprises students who have never smoked a single puff, not even a few puffs.

Almost three-quarters of Pacific Year 10 students in NZ have never smoked compared to almost 9 out of 10 non-Māori non-Pacific students.

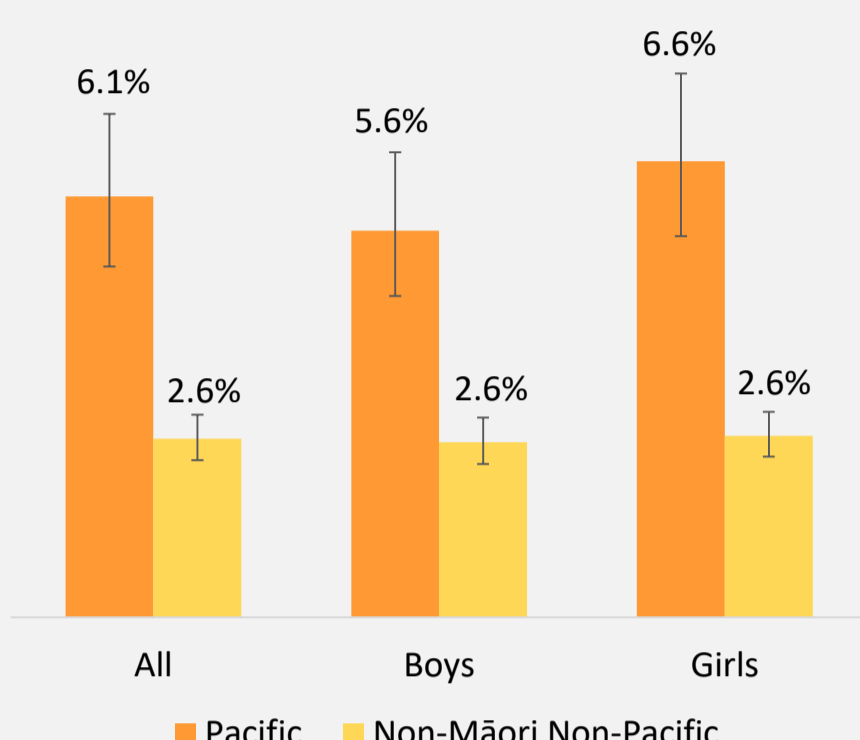
Pacific boys and girls showed relatively equal never smoking rates. Whereas Non-Māori non-Pacific boys show a never smoking rate that is 2.4% lower than that of non-Māori non-Pacific girls.

### REGULAR SMOKING (SMOKE DAILY, WEEKLY, OR MONTHLY)

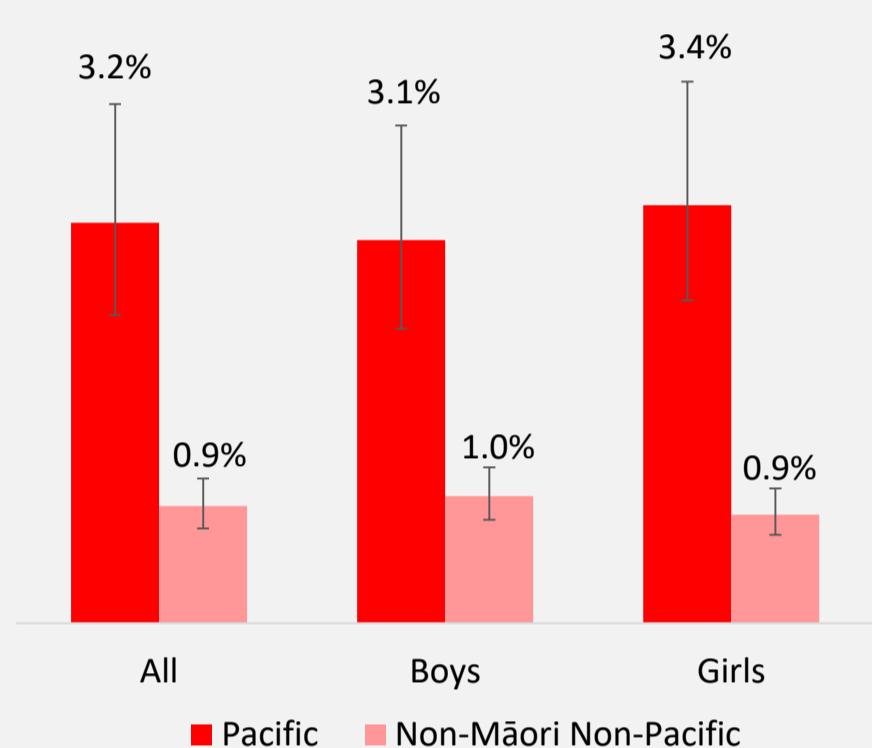
Regular smoking comprises students who report smoking daily, weekly, or monthly.

Pacific students were more than twice as likely to report regular smoking as non-Māori non-Pacific students.

Pacific girls were more than 2.5 times as likely to report regular smoking as non-Māori non-Pacific girls.



### DAILY SMOKING (SMOKE AT LEAST ONCE A DAY)

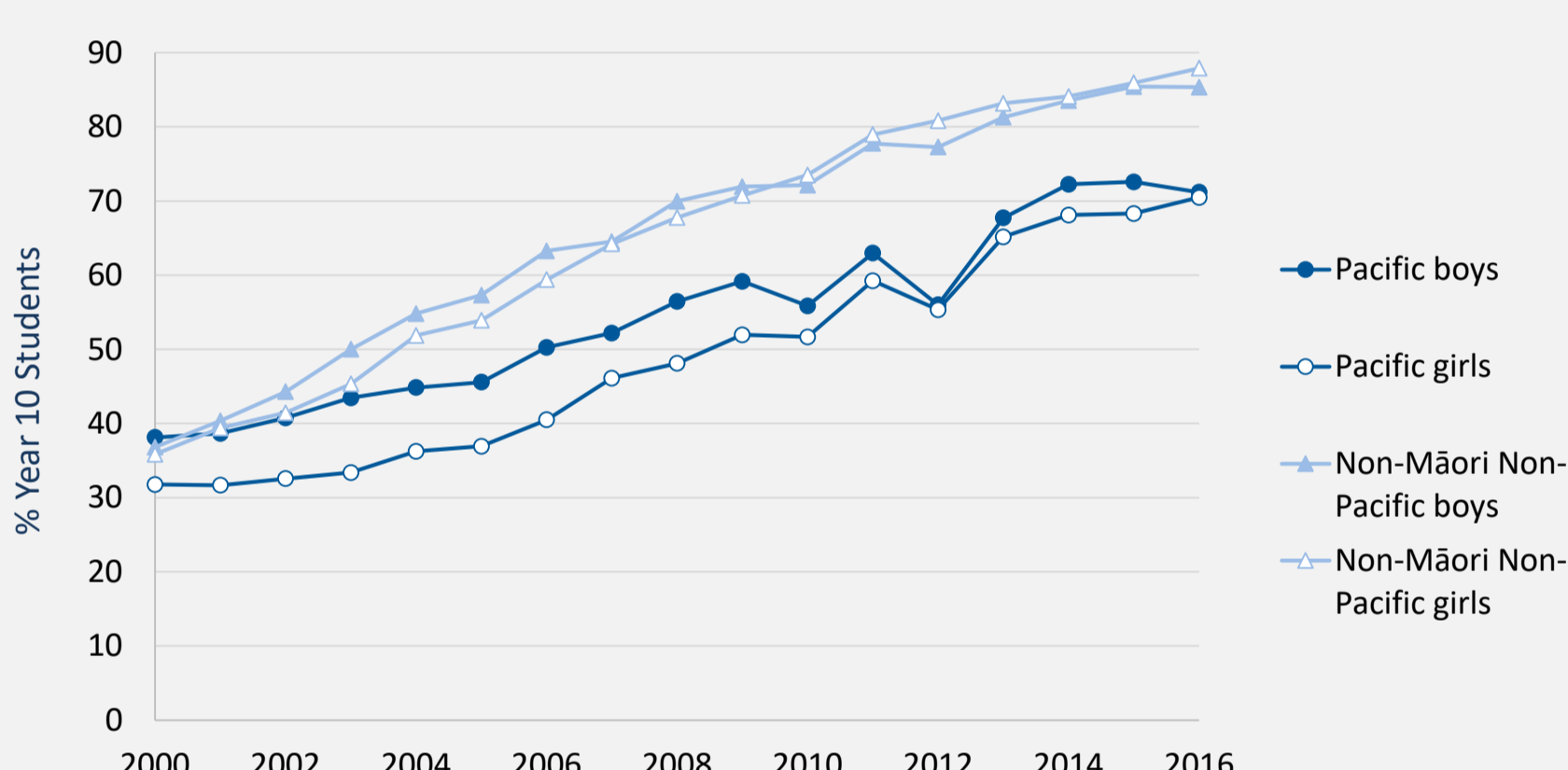


Daily smoking comprises students who report smoking at least once a day.

Just over 3 out of 100 Pacific students reported daily smoking compared to less than 1 out of 100 non-Māori non-Pacific students.

Pacific girls were almost 4 times as likely to report daily smoking as non-Māori non-Pacific girls. Pacific boys were around 3 times as likely to report daily smoking as non-Māori non-Pacific boys.

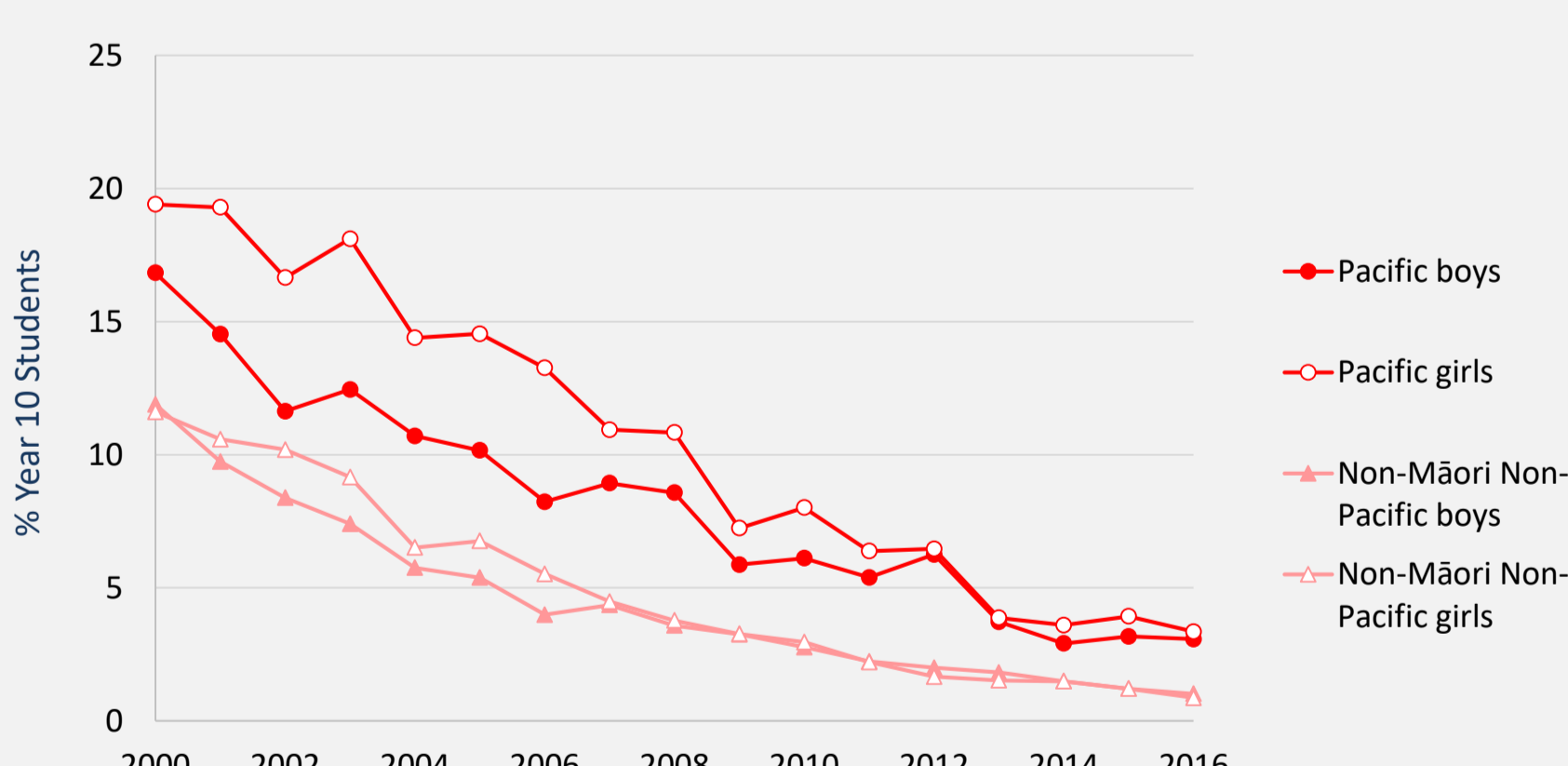
### NEVER SMOKING RATES 2000-2016



Never smoking appears to be increasing for both Pacific and non-Māori non-Pacific students, although the rate of increase may be slowing. This slowing is happening at a much lower percentage for Pacific students. Inequity is also increasing – the difference between never smoking rates for Pacific and non-Māori non-Pacific appears to be increasing.

Pacific girls have almost always had lower never smoking rates than Pacific boys, however this gap appears to be closing.

### DAILY SMOKING RATES 2000-2016



**Pacific smoking remains disproportionately high.** Daily smoking rates may be levelling for both Pacific and non-Māori non-Pacific students. While daily smoking for non-Māori non-Pacific students appears to be levelling as it approaches zero, it is happening at a much higher percentage for Pacific students.

### SMOKING STATUS — ASH YEAR 10 SNAPSHOT 2016

Students were categorised using prioritised ethnicity\* – all ethnicities other than Māori and Pacific were classified as non-Māori non-Pacific.

2016	n**	% Never Smoked	% Regular Smoking	% Daily Smoking
Pacific	2,500	70.8	6.1	3.2
- Boys	1,275	71.2	5.6	3.1
- Girls	1,225	70.5	6.6	3.4
Non-Māori non-Pacific	17,120	86.7	2.6	0.9
- Boys	7,995	85.3	2.6	1.0
- Girls	9,125	87.9	2.6	0.9
Samoan	1,578	71.0	6.3	3.5
Tongan	553	61.2	9.5	5.4
Cook Island	644	58.2	10.5	5.3
Niuean	110	60.9	4.8	4.8
Other Pacific	412	73.8	5.3	3.8

\*Ministry of Health, 2004. Ethnicity data protocols for the health and disability sector. Wellington, NZ: Author.  
 \*\*n is the number of participants.