

Table 1

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Sex
Number of Māori language speakers at each proficiency level
 For Māori aged 15 years and over
 Number of people

Age and Sex	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Male						
15-24 years	**	**	3,975	10,890	26,861	43,147
25-34 years	**	**	* 2,538	9,441	22,248	35,419
35-44 years	**	**	* 2,880	4,944	22,832	32,563
45-54 years	* 2,125	**	* 2,194	4,144	11,900	21,135
55+ years	4,986	* 1,092	1,942	2,524	9,185	19,729
Total	8,988	4,507	13,530	31,943	93,026	151,993
Female						
15-24 years	* 1,599	* 2,366	7,316	10,596	24,276	46,153
25-34 years	**	* 1,072	4,819	10,633	25,304	42,343
35-44 years	**	**	3,417	10,441	21,847	37,452
45-54 years	* 1,317	* 1,176	* 2,894	5,069	12,298	22,754
55+ years	5,145	* 1,250	2,642	3,614	9,592	22,242
Total	9,504	6,682	21,088	40,353	93,316	170,944
Total						
15-24 years	* 2,079	3,307	11,291	21,486	51,137	89,300
25-34 years	**	* 1,840	7,358	20,074	47,552	77,762
35-44 years	* 1,903	* 1,750	6,297	15,386	44,678	70,015
45-54 years	3,442	* 1,949	5,088	9,213	24,198	43,889
55+ years	10,131	2,342	4,584	6,137	18,777	41,971
Total	18,492	11,189	34,618	72,296	186,342	322,937

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Table 1a

Absolute Sample Errors for Table 1
Speaking Proficiency by Age and Sex

Number of Māori language speakers at each proficiency level
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 Sample error

Age and Sex	Speaking Proficiency			
	Well/Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases
Male				
15-24 years	587	925	1685	1,747
25-34 years	551	873	1449	1,502
35-44 years	625	749	1213	1,425
45-54 years	911	813	1001	1,221
55+ years	833	467	594	944
Total	1,474	1,986	3377	3,611
Female				
15-24 years	1,194	1,553	1950	2,518
25-34 years	623	1,082	1958	2,106
35-44 years	720	1,007	1852	1,974
45-54 years	1,048	862	1173	1,476
55+ years	754	516	697	1,006
Total	2,042	2,501	4687	5,349
Total				
15-24 years	1,344	1,825	2668	3,279
25-34 years	849	1,417	2581	2,744
35-44 years	1,013	1,317	2414	2,605
45-54 years	1,364	1,160	1527	1,842
55+ years	1,222	754	939	1,609
Total	2,598	3,390	6,493	7,232

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Table 1b

**Relative Sample Errors for Table 1
Speaking Proficiency by Age and Sex**

Number of Māori language speakers at each proficiency level
For Māori aged 15 years and over
Sample error %

Age and Sex	Speaking Proficiency			
	Well/Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases
Male				
15-24 years	41%	23%	16%	6%
25-34 years	46%	34%	15%	7%
35-44 years	33%	26%	24%	6%
45-54 years	31%	37%	24%	10%
55+ years	14%	24%	24%	10%
Total	11%	15%	11%	4%
Female				
15-24 years	30%	21%	18%	10%
25-34 years	39%	22%	18%	8%
35-44 years	41%	30%	18%	9%
45-54 years	42%	30%	23%	12%
55+ years	12%	20%	19%	10%
Total	13%	12%	12%	6%
Total				
15-24 years	25%	16%	12%	6%
25-34 years	31%	19%	13%	6%
35-44 years	28%	21%	16%	6%
45-54 years	25%	23%	17%	8%
55+ years	10%	16%	15%	9%
Total	9%	10%	9%	4%

Table 3

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Exposure to the Māori Language as a Child
Impact of childhood exposure to Māori on speaking proficiency

For Māori aged 15 years and over

Number of people

Exposure as a Child and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Exposed to the Māori Language as a Child						
15-24 years	* 1,676	* 1,694	5,373	6,774	10,453	25,971
25-34 years	**	* 1,059	3,752	7,213	10,545	23,299
35-44 years	* 1,560	* 1,257	4,377	7,566	11,239	25,999
45-54 years	* 2,989	* 1,747	* 2,859	5,549	7,369	20,513
55+ years	9,522	2,007	3,645	3,576	4,857	23,606
Total	16,477	7,764	20,006	30,678	44,463	119,388
Not Exposed to the Māori Language as a Child						
15-24 years	**	* 1,613	5,759	14,712	40,684	63,170
25-34 years	**	**	3,606	12,861	36,792	54,247
35-44 years	**	**	* 1,920	7,800	33,350	43,797
45-54 years	**	**	* 2,229	3,664	16,829	23,299
55+ years	* 561	**	* 911	2,540	13,920	18,245
Total	* 1,892	3,291	14,425	41,577	141,574	202,759
Not Specified						
	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total						
15-24 years	* 2,079	3,307	11,291	21,486	51,137	89,300
25-34 years	**	* 1,840	7,358	20,074	47,552	77,762
35-44 years	* 1,903	* 1,750	6,297	15,386	44,678	70,015
45-54 years	3,442	* 1,949	5,088	9,213	24,198	43,889
55+ years	10,131	2,342	4,584	6,137	18,777	41,971
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Table 4a

Speaking Proficiency by Sources of Māori Language Input (up to primary school age)*Impact of childhood exposure to Māori on speaking proficiency*

For Māori aged 15 years and over exposed to Māori language input during childhood

Number of people

Sources of Māori Language Input (up to primary school age)	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Parents	18,295	10,905	34,214	71,717	184,770	319,902
Grandparents	18,428	11,189	34,271	71,994	185,880	321,762
Adults' Siblings	18,067	10,659	34,291	70,687	184,632	318,336
Multiple Immediate Family Members	15,240	6,333	14,404	19,701	23,999	79,678
Other Adult Relatives	17,930	11,002	34,235	71,597	184,788	319,551
Other Adults	18,118	11,009	34,499	72,029	185,852	321,505
Multiple Adults	12,105	6,316	14,454	20,301	25,224	78,399
Total Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	16,346	7,457	19,183	28,703	40,041	111,730
Total Not Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	* 1,957	3,291	14,425	41,642	141,607	202,922

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Table 4b

Speaking Proficiency by Sources of Māori Language Input (from primary school age to school leaving age)

Impact of childhood exposure to Māori on speaking proficiency
For Māori aged 15 years and over exposed to Māori language input during childhood
Number of people

Sources of Māori Language Input (from primary school age to school leaving age)	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Parents	17,932	10,710	34,195	71,022	184,490	318,349
Grandparents	18,202	11,117	33,925	71,888	185,114	320,246
Adults' Siblings	18,075	10,734	34,083	71,711	185,952	320,555
Multiple Immediate Family Members	15,240	6,333	14,404	19,701	23,999	79,678
Other Adult Relatives	18,198	10,720	33,970	71,434	185,164	319,487
Other Adults	18,252	11,079	34,300	72,157	186,100	321,888
Multiple Adults	12,105	6,316	14,454	20,301	25,224	78,399
Total Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	15,824	7,274	19,180	27,476	37,301	107,055
Total Not Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	* 1,983	3,291	14,475	41,577	141,574	202,900

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Table 5a

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Main Childhood Language (up to primary school age)
Impact of active Māori language use during childhood on adult speaking proficiency

For Māori aged 15 years and over

Number of people

Language and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Māori						
15-34 years	**	**	**	**	**	* 2,874
35-54 years	* 1,998	**	**	**	* 1,030	4,810
55+ years	6,669	* 832	* 844	**	**	9,249
Total	9,389	* 1,570	* 2,099	* 1,490	* 2,385	16,933
English						
15-34 years	* 1,689	4,086	15,067	38,944	95,456	155,242
35-54 years	* 1,854	* 2,553	8,379	22,230	65,584	100,601
55+ years	* 1,182	* 1,115	2,632	4,934	17,909	27,771
Total	4,724	7,754	26,078	66,108	178,949	283,613
Both						
15-34 years	**	**	* 2,790	* 2,452	* 1,178	7,808
35-54 years	* 1,493	**	* 2,509	* 1,543	* 2,261	8,494
55+ years	2,261	**	* 1,056	* 703	**	4,828
Total	4,360	* 1,865	6,355	4,697	3,852	21,130
Other						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	**	**
35-54 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
55+ years	**	0	**	0	0	**
Total	**	0	**	0	**	**
Not Specified						
	0	0	**	0	* 1,019	* 1,083
Total						
15-34 years	3,017	5,148	18,649	41,560	98,689	167,062
35-54 years	5,345	3,699	11,386	24,598	68,876	113,904
55+ years	10,131	2,342	4,584	6,137	18,777	41,971
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Table 5b

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Main Childhood Language (from primary school age to school leaving age)

Impact of active Māori language use during childhood on adult speaking proficiency

For Māori aged 15 years and over

Number of people

Language and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Māori						
15-34 years	**	**	**	**	**	* 1,447
35-54 years	* 1,851	**	**	**	**	3,038
55+ years	5,511	**	**	**	**	6,533
Total	8,166	**	**	**	**	11,019
English						
15-34 years	* 1,693	4,144	14,549	39,213	97,349	156,948
35-54 years	* 1,935	* 2,545	8,562	23,303	67,081	103,426
55+ years	1,606	* 1,377	2,753	5,398	18,262	29,396
Total	5,233	8,066	25,864	67,915	182,693	289,771
Both						
15-34 years	**	**	3,641	* 1,922	**	7,640
35-54 years	* 1,559	**	* 2,603	**	* 1,551	7,212
55+ years	2,793	* 589	* 1,339	* 618	**	5,642
Total	4,873	* 1,997	7,583	3,468	* 2,574	20,494
Other						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-54 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
55+ years	**	0	**	0	0	**
Total	**	0	**	0	0	**
Not Specified						
	**	**	**	**	**	* 1,613
Total						
15-34 years	3,017	5,148	18,649	41,560	98,689	167,062
35-54 years	5,345	3,699	11,386	24,598	68,876	113,904
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Table 6a

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Main Language Used by Adults
(up to primary school)
Impact of passive Māori language use during childhood on adult speaking proficiency
 For Māori aged 15 years and over
 Number of people

Language and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Māori						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,983	* 1,964	3,708	9,046
35-54 years	* 2,622	* 1,834	3,346	4,955	6,947	19,704
55 plus years	7,935	* 1,477	2,176	2,133	2,327	16,048
Total	11,327	3,933	7,505	9,051	12,981	44,798
English						
15-34 years	* 1,554	3,670	13,122	35,403	88,498	142,246
35-54 years	* 1,019	* 1,109	4,651	15,515	53,690	75,984
55 plus years	**	**	* 1,140	2,497	13,968	18,454
Total	3,065	5,136	18,913	53,414	156,156	236,684
Both						
15-34 years	**	**	3,511	4,194	6,122	15,375
35-54 years	* 1,704	**	3,388	4,129	8,170	18,102
55+ years	1,666	* 508	* 1,216	* 1,470	2,436	7,296
Total	4,062	* 2,074	8,115	9,793	16,729	40,773
Other						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	**	**
35-54 years	0	**	0	0	**	**
55+ years	**	0	**	**	**	**
Total	**	**	**	**	**	**
Not Specified						
	**	0	**	0	**	**
Total						
15-34 years	3,017	5,148	18,649	41,560	98,689	167,062
35-54 years	5,345	3,699	11,386	24,598	68,876	113,904
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Table 6b

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Main Language Used by Adults
(primary school age to school leaving age)
Impact of passive Māori language use during childhood on adult speaking proficiency
 For Māori aged 15 years and over
 Number of people

Language and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
Māori						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,489	* 1,121	* 1,744	5,643
35-54 years	* 2,471	* 1,714	* 2,251	3,158	4,276	13,869
55 plus years	7,371	* 1,269	1,619	* 1,309	1,814	13,381
Total	10,635	3,477	5,359	5,588	7,834	32,893
English						
15-34 years	* 1,544	3,668	13,537	36,170	91,190	146,109
35-54 years	**	* 1,038	5,688	16,845	57,369	81,934
55 plus years	* 786	* 527	* 1,296	3,122	15,305	21,035
Total	3,324	5,234	20,521	56,137	163,863	249,079
Both						
15-34 years	**	**	3,589	4,269	5,348	14,870
35-54 years	* 1,881	**	3,446	4,536	6,871	17,636
55+ years	1,955	* 546	1,617	1,707	1,579	7,403
Total	4,514	* 2,432	8,653	10,512	13,798	39,909
Other						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	**	**
35-54 years	0	**	0	0	**	**
55+ years	**	0	**	0	**	**
Total	**	**	**	0	**	**
Not Specified						
	0	0	**	**	**	**
Total						
15-34 years	3,017	5,148	18,649	41,560	98,689	167,062
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Table 7

Speaking Proficiency by Age and Method of Acquisition
Most common method of acquisition of Māori language speaking proficiency
 For Māori aged 15 years and over
 Number of people

Method and Age	Speaking Proficiency			
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well
Parents/Others at Home				
15-34 years	* 2,154	* 2,888	9,055	16,053
35-54 years	4,332	* 2,461	7,243	11,873
55+ years	9,522	2,070	3,624	3,896
Total	16,009	7,419	19,922	31,822
Relatives and Friends				
15-34 years	* 1,686	3,202	9,350	18,122
35-54 years	3,965	* 2,213	7,184	11,779
55+ years	8,194	1,690	2,823	3,369
Total	13,845	7,105	19,357	33,269
Hui				
15-34 years	* 1,508	* 2,584	8,756	11,098
35-54 years	3,557	* 2,071	5,791	9,000
55+ years	6,821	* 1,365	2,092	2,511
Total	11,886	6,020	16,639	22,609
Self-taught				
15-34 years	**	* 1,218	* 2,617	4,897
35-54 years	* 1,231	**	3,852	4,226
55 plus years	2,467	**	* 1,217	* 1,384
Total	4,187	* 2,561	7,687	10,508
Primary/Secondary School				
15-34 years	* 1,612	3,637	10,225	22,630
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,817	5,364
55+ years	**	**	* 515	* 507
Total	* 2,653	4,198	12,557	28,500
Tertiary				
15-34 years	* 1,058	* 1,632	3,876	3,918
35-54 years	**	* 1,020	* 2,217	3,876
55+ years	**	**	**	**
Total	* 2,192	* 2,807	6,442	8,153
Community-based programme				
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,616	* 2,147
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,866	3,200
55+ years	**	**	**	* 542
Total	* 1,045	**	3,822	5,889
Other(1)				
15-34 years	* 1,916	* 2,277	8,668	12,124
35-54 years	3,386	* 1,999	5,711	10,492
55+ years	5,731	* 937	1,817	1,887
Total	11,033	5,213	16,195	24,503
Not Specified	**	**	**	3,606

(1) Other includes 'going home to Iwi/Hapū' and 'kōhanga reo'

Note: Respondents whose speaking proficiency was 'No more than a few words or phrases' were not asked about method of acquisition. These figures are provisional.