

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	
<b>Male</b>						
15-24 years	**	**	3,869	10,862	27,083	43,373
25-34 years	**	**	* 2,668	9,394	22,572	35,552
35-44 years	**	**	* 2,720	4,982	23,008	32,633
45-54 years	* 2,164	**	* 2,137	4,001	12,134	21,161
55+ years	4,952	* 1,115	1,928	2,621	9,142	19,757
Total	9,045	4,309	13,322	31,860	93,939	152,476
<b>Female</b>						
15-24 years	* 1,516	* 2,386	7,441	10,618	24,247	46,209
25-34 years	**	* 1,172	4,881	10,572	25,232	42,378
35-44 years	**	**	3,465	10,481	21,731	37,478
45-54 years	* 1,299	* 1,191	* 2,894	5,138	12,251	22,773
55+ years	5,184	* 1,258	2,691	3,629	9,507	22,269
Total	9,449	6,880	21,372	40,437	92,969	171,107
<b>Total</b>						
15-24 years	* 2,145	3,317	11,310	21,480	51,330	89,582
25-34 years	**	* 1,773	7,549	19,966	47,804	77,930
35-44 years	* 1,912	* 1,812	6,185	15,463	44,739	70,111
45-54 years	3,463	* 1,915	5,031	9,139	24,385	43,934
55+ years	10,136	2,373	4,619	6,249	18,649	42,026
Total	18,494	11,190	34,694	72,297	186,908	323,583

Table 1a

**Sample Errors for Table 1**  
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	Well/Very Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases
<b>Absolute sample error</b>				
<b>Male</b>				
15-24 years	604	916	1,646	1,730
25-34 years	506	906	1,464	1,526
35-44 years	627	747	1,236	1,477
45-54 years	892	796	982	1,158
55+ years	847	472	603	953
Total	1,423	2,005	3,442	3,677
<b>Female</b>				
15-24 years	1,172	1,535	1,906	2,480
25-34 years	635	1,098	1,831	2,011
35-44 years	753	1,014	1,846	1,977
45-54 years	833	808	1,091	1,239
55+ years	751	516	682	999
Total	1,939	2,466	4,524	5,200
<b>Total</b>				
15-24 years	1,347	1,801	2,650	3,257
25-34 years	831	1,449	2,575	2,757
35-44 years	1,030	1,327	2,414	2,612
45-54 years	1,279	1,101	1,487	1,768
55+ years	1,216	763	942	1,599
Total	2,560	3,377	6,487	7,209
<b>Relative sample error (percent)</b>				
<b>Male</b>				
15-24 years	39	24	15	6
25-34 years	55	34	16	7
35-44 years	33	28	25	6
45-54 years	31	37	24	10
55+ years	14	25	23	10
Total	11	15	11	4
<b>Female</b>				
15-24 years	30	21	18	10
25-34 years	38	22	17	8
35-44 years	42	29	18	9
45-54 years	33	28	21	10
55+ years	12	19	19	11
Total	12	12	11	6
<b>Total</b>				
15-24 years	25	16	12	6
25-34 years	32	19	13	6
35-44 years	28	22	16	6
45-54 years	24	22	16	7
55+ years	10	17	15	9
Total	9	10	9	4

Table 2

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

Region and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
<b>Northland</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,624	3,204	5,035	10,588
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,309	* 2,610	3,374	8,089
55+ years	2,005	**	**	* 507	* 955	4,312
Total	* 2,519	* 1,404	3,378	6,322	9,365	22,989
<b>Auckland</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	3,945	7,401	31,668	44,239
35-54 years	* 1,133	**	* 2,166	5,203	19,515	28,390
55+ years	1,778	**	* 1,146	* 1,129	4,219	8,622
Total	3,743	* 1,116	7,257	13,732	55,402	81,251
<b>Waikato</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	3,080	5,913	12,893	22,665
35-54 years	* 1,009	**	* 1,135	3,598	9,715	16,118
55+ years	1,723	**	* 555	* 740	3,287	6,667
Total	* 2,956	* 1,579	4,770	10,251	25,895	45,451
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,787	3,811	12,346	19,455
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,569	* 2,009	8,938	13,873
55+ years	1,551	**	**	**	2,149	5,034
Total	3,414	* 1,406	3,816	6,292	23,433	38,361
<b>Gisborne/Hawke's Bay</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	3,109	4,829	7,240	16,010
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,466	* 2,781	5,317	11,185
55+ years	* 1,273	**	* 804	* 875	1,520	4,849
Total	* 2,434	* 1,669	5,379	8,486	14,076	32,044
<b>Taranaki/Wanganui-Manawatu</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,343	4,678	8,986	15,816
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,068	* 2,710	7,416	11,584
55+ years	* 817	**	* 544	* 1,159	1,675	4,439
Total	* 1,187	* 1,072	* 2,956	8,546	18,078	31,839
<b>Wellington/Nelson-Marlborough</b>						
15-34 years	**	* 1,382	* 2,468	6,727	11,151	22,162
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,231	3,179	7,651	13,273
55+ years	* 527	**	**	* 589	2,448	4,082
Total	* 1,529	* 2,132	4,111	10,495	21,249	39,516
<b>Rest of South Island</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,501	4,882	9,815	16,577
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,273	* 2,511	7,199	11,533
55+ years	**	**	**	* 779	2,396	4,021
Total	**	**	3,027	8,172	19,410	32,132
<b>Total</b>						
15-34 years	* 2,983	5,090	18,859	41,446	99,135	167,512
35-54 years	5,375	3,727	11,217	24,602	69,124	114,045
55+ years	10,136	2,373	4,619	6,249	18,649	42,026
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Table 2a

**Sample Errors for Table 2**  
**Speaking Proficiency by Region**

*Number of Māori language speakers at each proficiency level*

For Māori aged 15 years and over

Sample Error

Region	Speaking Proficiency			
	Very Well/Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases
<b>Absolute sample error</b>				
Northland	646	779	952	1,251
Auckland	1,416	1,751	4,496	4,729
Waikato	1,293	1,100	1,944	2,225
Bay of Plenty	803	959	1,455	1,907
Gisborne/Hawke's Bay	779	996	1,265	1,471
Taranaki/Wanganui-Manawatu	523	1,054	2,811	3,060
Wellington/Nelson-Marlborough	906	1,554	1,774	2,131
Rest of South Island	460	982	1,123	1,377
Total	2,560	3,377	6,487	7,209
<b>Relative sample error (percent)</b>				
Northland	16	23	15	13
Auckland	29	24	33	9
Waikato	29	23	19	9
Bay of Plenty	17	25	23	8
Gisborne/Hawke's Bay	19	19	15	10
Taranaki/Wanganui-Manawatu	23	36	33	17
Wellington/Nelson-Marlborough	25	38	17	10
Rest of South Island	30	32	14	7
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 language 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	
<b>Exposed to the Māori Language as a Child</b>						
15-24 years	* 1,741	* 1,698	5,315	6,505	10,355	25,614
25-34 years	**	* 1,075	3,870	7,231	10,540	23,343
35-44 years	* 1,563	* 1,252	4,282	7,650	11,310	26,056
45-54 years	3,005	* 1,719	* 2,825	5,485	7,178	20,212
55+ years	9,472	2,036	3,677	3,653	4,803	23,641
Total	16,407	7,780	19,969	30,524	44,186	118,866
<b>Not Exposed to the Māori Language as a Child</b>						
15-24 years	**	* 1,618	5,834	14,974	40,976	63,806
25-34 years	**	**	3,678	12,735	37,049	54,372
35-44 years	**	**	* 1,903	7,813	33,339	43,855
45-54 years	**	**	* 2,207	3,654	17,207	23,647
55+ years	* 618	**	* 913	2,577	13,846	18,267
Total	* 1,965	3,276	14,535	41,754	142,417	203,946
<b>Not Specified</b>						
	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Total</b>						
15-24 years	* 2,145	3,317	11,310	21,480	51,330	89,582
25-34 years	**	* 1,773	7,549	19,966	47,804	77,930
35-44 years	* 1,912	* 1,812	6,185	15,463	44,739	70,111
45-54 years	3,463	* 1,915	5,031	9,139	24,385	43,934
55+ years	10,136	2,373	4,619	6,249	18,649	42,026
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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 language 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	18,298	10,904	34,291	71,703	185,348	320,545
Grandparents	18,431	11,190	34,355	71,994	186,447	322,416
Adults' Siblings	18,072	10,651	34,371	70,683	185,196	318,973
Multiple Immediate Family Members	15,245	6,347	14,424	19,653	24,072	79,741
Other Adult Relatives	17,935	11,004	34,307	71,606	185,378	320,229
Other Adults	18,120	11,010	34,574	72,030	186,415	322,148
Multiple Adults	12,122	6,330	14,503	20,259	25,283	78,497
Total Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	16,333	7,475	19,239	28,666	40,109	111,822
Total Not Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	* 2,028	3,276	14,535	41,820	142,450	204,109

Table 4b

**Speaking Proficiency by Sources of Māori Language Input  
(from primary school age to school leaving age)**  
*Impact of childhood exposure to Māori language 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	17,927	10,697	34,268	71,008	185,065	318,964
Grandparents	18,208	11,119	34,003	71,889	185,665	320,885
Adults' Siblings	18,079	10,731	34,157	71,707	186,514	321,189
Multiple Immediate Family Members	15,245	6,347	14,424	19,653	24,072	79,741
Other Adult Relatives	18,203	10,711	34,039	71,442	185,725	320,120
Other Adults	18,258	11,080	34,371	72,156	186,668	322,533
Multiple Adults	12,122	6,330	14,503	20,259	25,283	78,497
Total Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	15,801	7,279	19,240	27,458	37,324	107,102
Total Not Exposed to Māori Language During Childhood	* 2,055	3,276	14,585	41,754	142,417	204,087

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	
<b>Māori</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	**	**	**	* 2,858
35-54 years	* 2,000	**	**	**	* 1,032	4,737
55+ years	6,646	* 863	* 844	* 578	**	9,343
Total	9,394	* 1,557	* 2,089	* 1,488	* 2,412	16,939
<b>English</b>						
15-34 years	* 1,691	4,017	15,287	38,954	95,883	155,832
35-54 years	* 1,880	* 2,626	8,194	22,251	65,814	100,765
55+ years	* 1,178	* 1,114	2,668	4,970	17,768	27,698
Total	4,750	7,758	26,148	66,174	179,465	284,295
<b>Both</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 2,787	* 2,378	* 1,186	7,690
35-54 years	* 1,495	**	* 2,530	* 1,555	* 2,278	8,543
55+ years	2,293	**	* 1,055	* 702	**	4,862
Total	4,332	* 1,876	6,372	4,635	3,880	21,095
<b>Other</b>						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	**	**
35-54 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
55+ years	**	0	**	0	0	**
Total	**	0	**	0	**	**
<b>Not Specified</b>						
	0	0	**	0	* 1,015	* 1,079
<b>Total</b>						
15-34 years	* 2,983	5,090	18,859	41,446	99,135	167,512
35-54 years	5,375	3,727	11,217	24,602	69,124	114,045
55+ years	10,136	2,373	4,619	6,249	18,649	42,026
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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	
<b>Māori</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	**	**	**	* 1,467
35-54 years	* 1,856	**	**	**	**	* 2,999
55+ years	5,494	**	**	**	**	6,552
Total	8,178	**	**	**	**	11,017
<b>English</b>						
15-34 years	* 1,641	4,076	14,744	39,083	97,798	157,341
35-54 years	* 1,959	* 2,617	8,386	23,302	67,327	103,592
55+ years	1,642	* 1,377	2,786	5,512	18,127	29,444
Total	5,242	8,071	25,916	67,897	183,251	290,377
<b>Both</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	3,662	* 1,932	**	7,682
35-54 years	* 1,560	**	* 2,610	**	* 1,553	7,227
55+ years	2,778	* 589	* 1,340	* 618	**	5,631
Total	4,853	* 2,004	7,612	3,487	* 2,584	20,540
<b>Other</b>						
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	**
<b>Not Specified</b>						
	**	**	**	**	**	* 1,609
<b>Total</b>						
15-34 years	* 2,983	5,090	18,859	41,446	99,135	167,512
35-54 years	5,375	3,727	11,217	24,602	69,124	114,045
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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	
<b>Māori</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 2,087	* 1,848	3,714	8,998
35-54 years	* 2,632	* 1,798	3,235	4,939	6,944	19,547
55 plus years	7,954	1,506	2,181	2,231	2,340	16,211
Total	11,304	3,933	7,503	9,018	12,998	44,756
<b>English</b>						
15-34 years	* 1,553	3,610	13,210	35,473	88,912	142,758
35-54 years	* 1,036	* 1,175	4,633	15,517	53,784	76,145
55 plus years	**	**	* 1,133	2,510	13,913	18,405
Total	3,078	5,144	18,976	53,501	156,609	237,308
<b>Both</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	3,529	4,124	6,147	15,361
35-54 years	* 1,708	**	3,349	4,146	8,328	18,238
55+ years	1,655	* 507	* 1,253	* 1,471	2,351	7,238
Total	4,074	* 2,065	8,131	9,741	16,826	40,837
<b>Other</b>						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	**	**
35-54 years	0	**	0	0	**	**
55+ years	**	0	**	**	**	**
Total	**	**	**	**	**	**
<b>Not Specified</b>						
	**	0	**	0	**	**
<b>Total</b>						
15-34 years	* 2,983	5,090	18,859	41,446	99,135	167,512
35-54 years	5,375	3,727	11,217	24,602	69,124	114,045
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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	
<b>Māori</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,594	* 1,075	* 1,758	5,664
35-54 years	* 2,477	* 1,668	* 2,141	3,151	4,257	13,695
55 plus years	7,390	* 1,299	1,626	* 1,370	1,828	13,513
Total	10,609	3,461	5,361	5,597	7,843	32,871
<b>English</b>						
15-34 years	* 1,544	3,611	13,605	36,135	91,607	146,503
35-54 years	* 1,011	* 1,104	5,661	16,879	57,508	82,163
55 plus years	* 779	* 529	* 1,288	3,159	15,255	21,010
Total	3,335	5,244	20,554	56,173	164,370	249,676
<b>Both</b>						
15-34 years	**	**	3,626	4,235	5,371	14,913
35-54 years	* 1,887	**	3,414	4,513	7,002	17,724
55+ years	1,949	* 545	1,653	1,720	* 1,484	7,352
Total	4,531	* 2,439	8,694	10,468	13,857	39,989
<b>Other</b>						
15-34 years	0	0	0	0	**	**
35-54 years	0	**	0	0	**	**
55+ years	**	0	**	0	**	**
Total	**	**	**	0	**	**
<b>Not Specified</b>						
	0	0	**	**	**	**
<b>Total</b>						
15-34 years	* 2,983	5,090	18,859	41,446	99,135	167,512
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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
<b>Parents/Others at Home</b>				
15-34 years	* 2,113	* 2,909	9,192	15,895
35-54 years	4,354	* 2,435	7,147	11,880
55+ years	9,530	2,101	3,626	3,998
Total	15,997	7,444	19,966	31,773
<b>Relatives and Friends</b>				
15-34 years	* 1,652	3,238	9,485	18,121
35-54 years	3,991	* 2,173	7,059	11,734
55+ years	8,199	1,719	2,825	3,469
Total	13,841	7,131	19,369	33,324
<b>Hui</b>				
15-34 years	* 1,471	* 2,546	8,916	10,965
35-54 years	3,575	* 2,128	5,685	9,066
55+ years	6,835	* 1,363	2,092	2,600
Total	11,880	6,038	16,693	22,630
<b>Self-taught</b>				
15-34 years	**	* 1,236	* 2,649	4,896
35-54 years	* 1,239	**	3,863	4,211
55 plus years	2,458	**	* 1,209	* 1,408
Total	4,204	* 2,593	7,721	10,514
<b>Primary/Secondary School</b>				
15-34 years	* 1,615	3,648	10,345	22,695
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,715	5,354
55+ years	**	**	* 517	* 509
Total	* 2,669	4,213	12,578	28,558
<b>Tertiary</b>				
15-34 years	* 1,080	* 1,576	4,001	3,932
35-54 years	**	* 1,093	* 2,112	3,865
55+ years	**	**	**	**
Total	* 2,214	* 2,826	6,462	8,162
<b>Community-based programme</b>				
15-34 years	**	**	* 1,639	* 2,157
35-54 years	**	**	* 1,857	3,210
55+ years	**	**	**	* 546
Total	* 1,062	**	3,838	5,914
<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
15-34 years	* 1,877	* 2,226	8,859	11,944
35-54 years	3,410	* 2,052	5,595	10,471
55+ years	5,758	* 938	1,825	1,970
Total	11,045	5,217	16,279	24,384
<b>Not Specified</b>	**	**	**	3,614

(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.

Table 8a

## Speaking Proficiency by Age and Response to Census Question

### Comparison between MLS and Census

For Māori aged 15 years and over

Number of people

Ability to Converse (Census) and Age	Speaking Proficiency					Total
	Very Well	Well	Fairly Well	Not Very Well	No More than a Few Words or Phrases	
<b>Able to Converse in Māori</b>						
15-24 years	* 1,880	* 2,417	6,266	4,549	6,059	21,172
25-34 years	**	* 1,306	4,754	4,711	4,804	16,179
35-44 years	* 1,677	* 1,408	4,027	3,704	5,607	16,423
45-54 years	* 2,737	* 1,520	3,032	* 2,970	* 2,512	12,771
55 plus years	8,840	1,774	3,369	2,741	2,609	19,332
Total	15,737	8,425	21,449	18,675	21,591	85,877
<b>Not Able to Converse in Māori</b>						
15-24 years	**	**	4,620	16,336	43,684	65,716
25-34 years	**	**	* 2,500	14,843	41,630	59,477
35-44 years	**	**	* 2,044	11,423	37,855	51,694
45-54 years	**	**	* 1,608	5,681	21,471	29,705
55 plus years	* 571	**	* 1,056	3,201	15,188	20,510
Total	* 1,594	* 2,366	11,828	51,485	159,829	227,102
<b>Not Specified</b>	* 1,163	**	* 1,418	* 2,137	5,488	10,604
<b>Total</b>						
15-24 years	* 2,145	3,317	11,310	21,480	51,330	89,582
25-34 years	**	* 1,773	7,549	19,966	47,804	77,930
35-44 years	* 1,912	* 1,812	6,185	15,463	44,739	70,111
45-54 years	3,463	* 1,915	5,031	9,139	24,385	43,934
55 plus years	10,136	2,373	4,619	6,249	18,649	42,026
Total	18,494	11,190	34,694	72,297	186,908	323,583

Table 8b

**Response to Census Question in the Māori Language Survey by Age,  
Against the Response to Census Language Question**  
*Comparison between MLS and Census*  
For Māori aged 15 years and over  
Number of people

Ability to Converse (Māori Language Survey) and Age	Ability to Converse (Census)			Total
	Able to Converse in Māori	Not able to Converse in Māori	Not Specified	
<b>Able to Converse in Māori</b>				
15-24 years	9,624	4,589	**	14,428
25-34 years	6,947	3,739	**	11,098
35-44 years	7,620	* 2,636	**	10,747
45-54 years	7,206	* 2,352	**	9,980
55 plus years	14,197	1,731	* 1,176	17,104
Total	45,594	15,046	* 2,716	63,356
<b>Not Able to Converse in Māori</b>				
15-24 years	11,446	60,792	* 2,479	74,717
25-34 years	9,232	55,563	* 1,862	66,657
35-44 years	8,803	48,901	* 1,503	59,207
45-54 years	5,566	27,214	* 1,035	33,815
55 plus years	5,094	18,722	* 936	24,753
Total	40,140	211,192	7,816	259,148
<b>Not Specified</b>	**	**	**	* 1,079
<b>Total</b>				
15-24 years	21,172	65,716	* 2,694	89,582
25-34 years	16,179	59,477	* 2,273	77,930
35-44 years	16,423	51,694	* 1,995	70,111
45-54 years	12,771	29,705	* 1,458	43,934
55 plus years	19,332	20,510	2,184	42,026
Total	85,877	227,102	10,604	323,583