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Offences by family members and victimisation of young adults: Findings from the New Zealand Crime and Victims Survey

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- What is the NZCVS?
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Why do we need a victims survey?

Survey data enriches our understanding of victimisation in Aotearoa

- About 75% of crime incidents are not reported to the Police
- Admin data is focused mostly on offenders
- Admin data depends on recording policy
- Survey data captures rich information about victims (and non-victims) and their experiences and perceptions

NZCVS overview



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- The **NZCVS** is a national survey
 - ~8,000 adults each year (15+)
 - Households randomly selected across the country
 - 80% response rate
 - Face-to-face (CAPI/CASI) interviews
 - 3 years of data collected starting in 2018



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- Covers victimisation in 12 months prior to the interview (with one exception)
- Screens for scenarios that could be offences
- Descriptions of what happened coded as offences
- Includes both reported and not reported to Police offences





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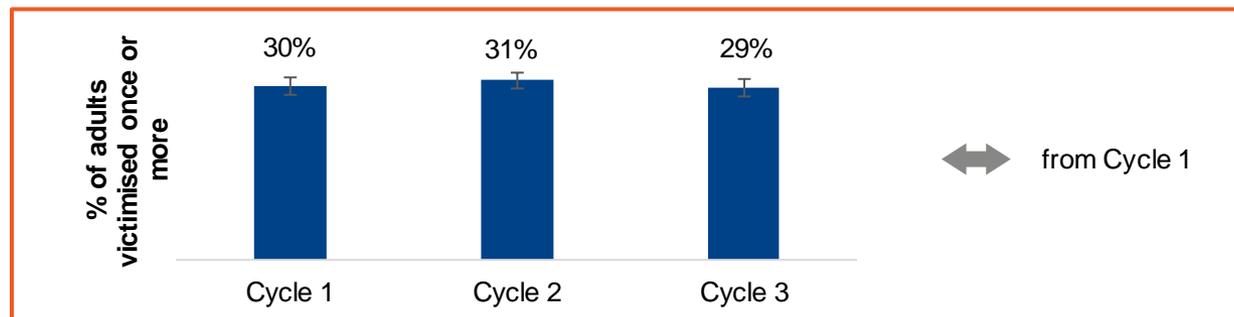
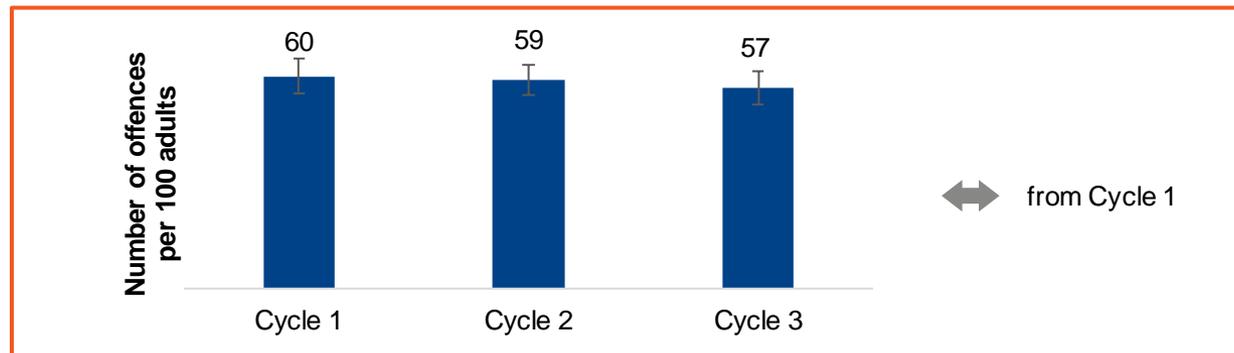
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Survey design features

- A Māori booster sample
- Respondents can bundle similar incidents into a series and report on these together
- In-depth modules which vary from year to year
- Coding supported by NZ Police



High level victimisation measures (incidence and prevalence) are very stable over time



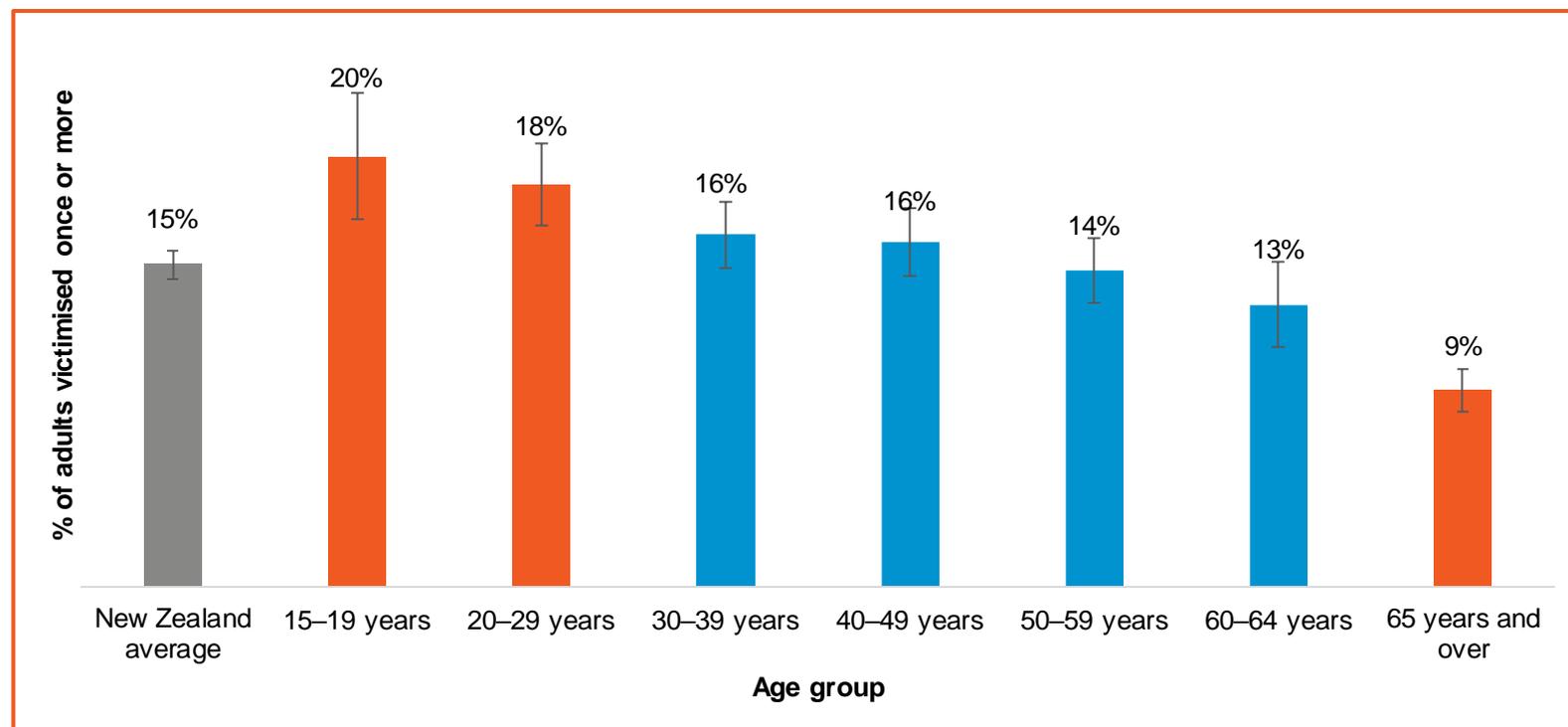
Offences against young adults (15–19 years old and 20–29 years old)

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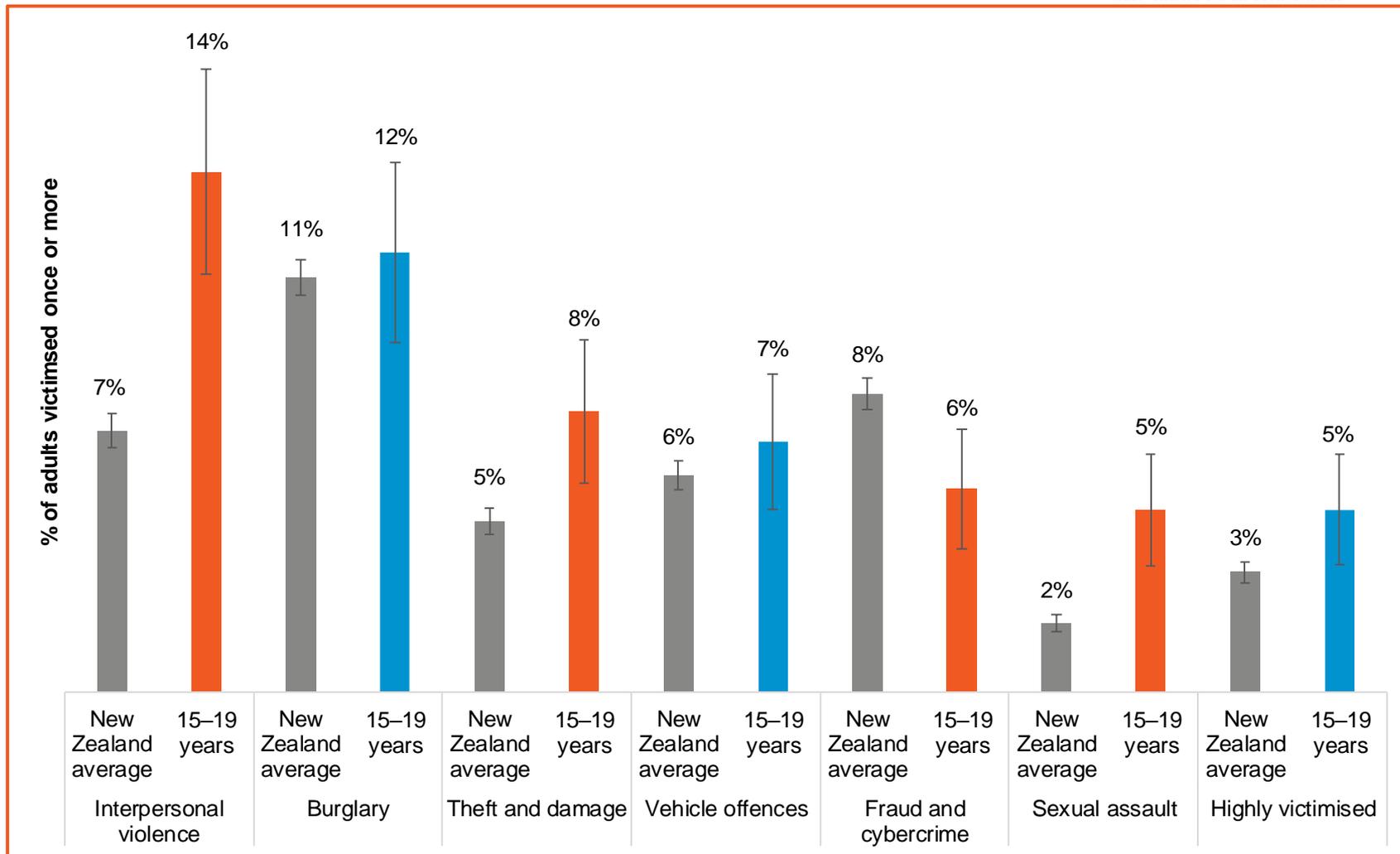
Offences against young adults at a glance

Younger people (aged 15–29) are significantly more likely to be victimised, especially with regard to personal offences and interpersonal violence offences





Breakdown by offence types

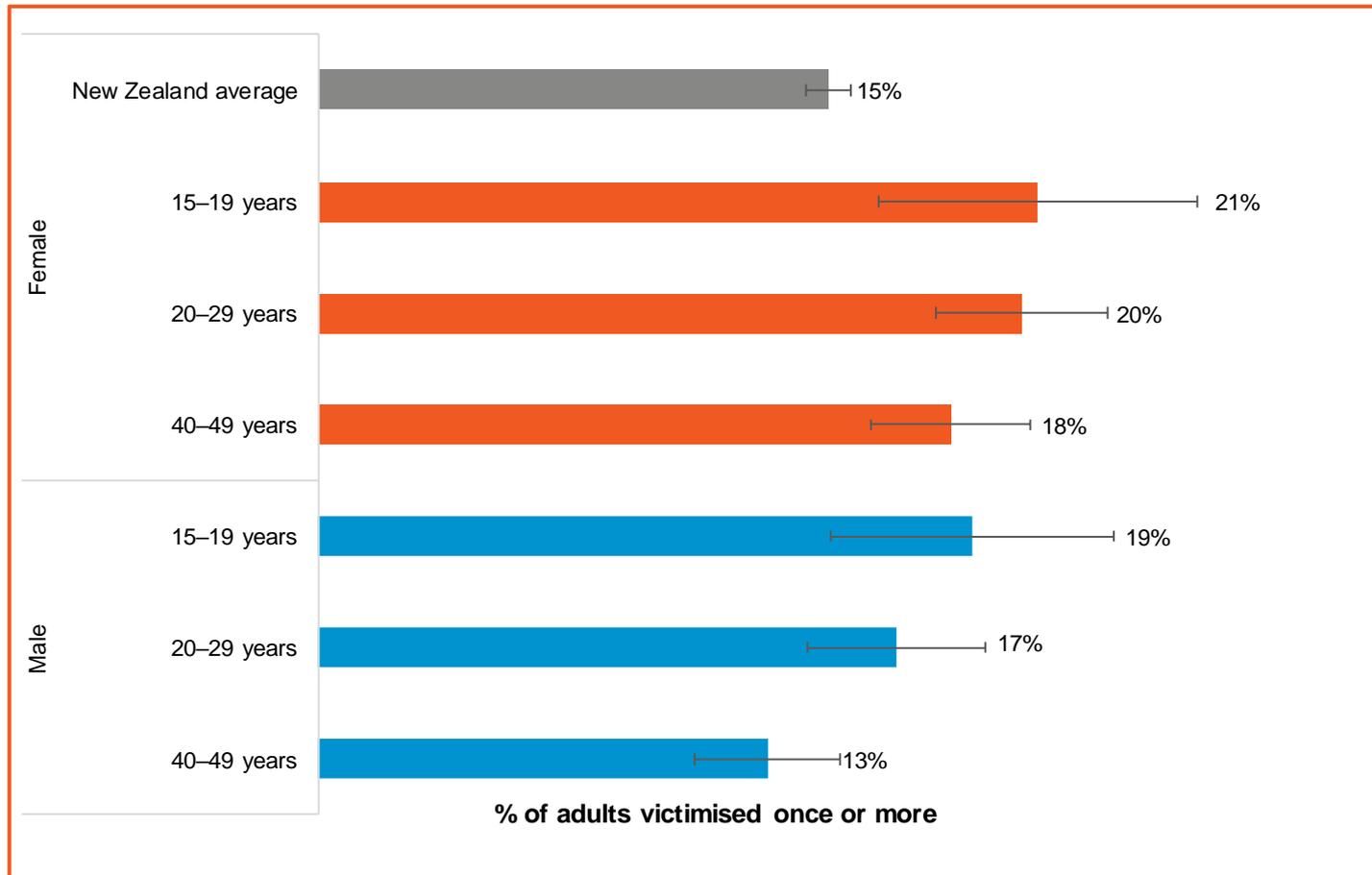


Young females are at higher risk of personal offences than young males

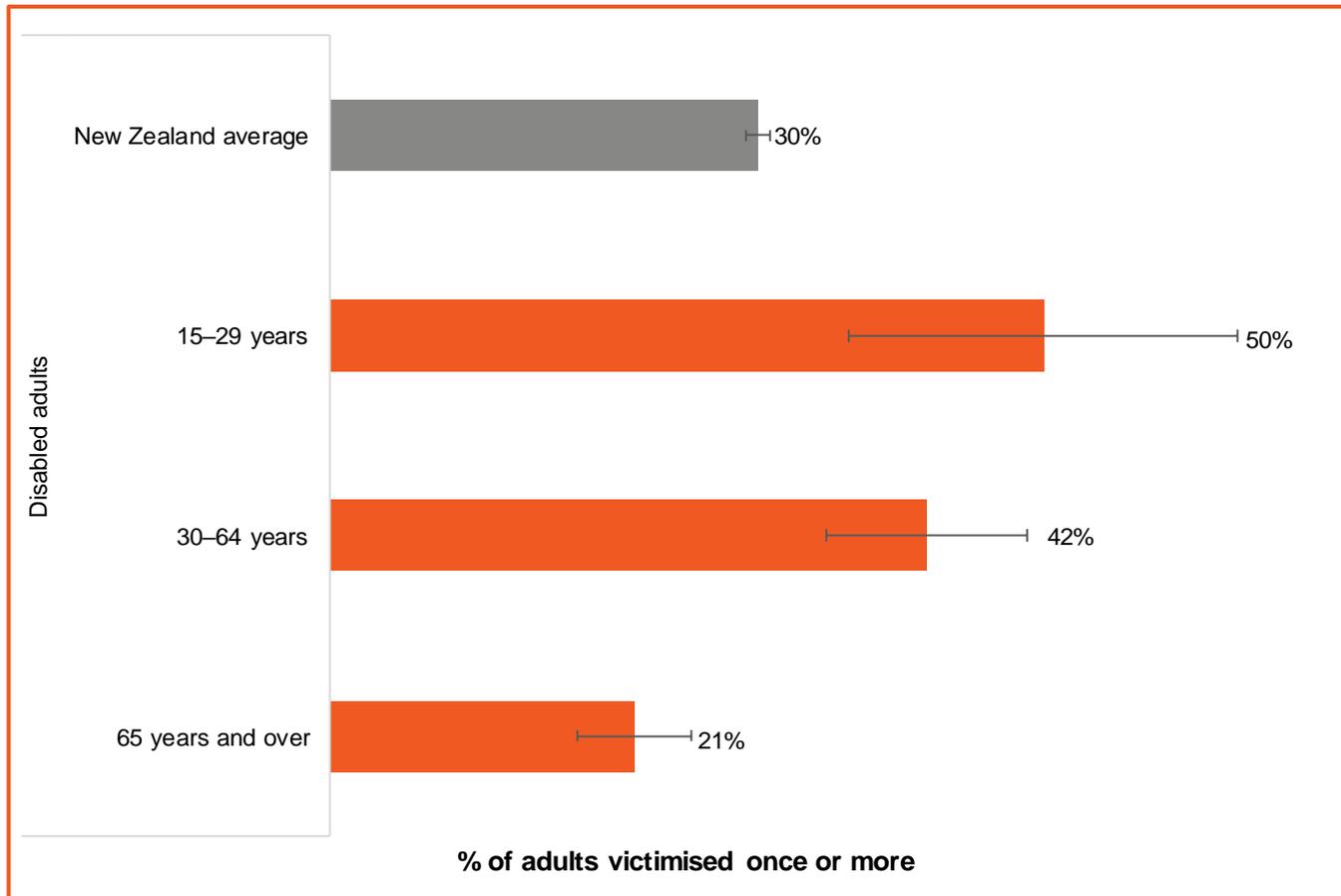


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Young adults with disabilities are at higher risk of victimisation

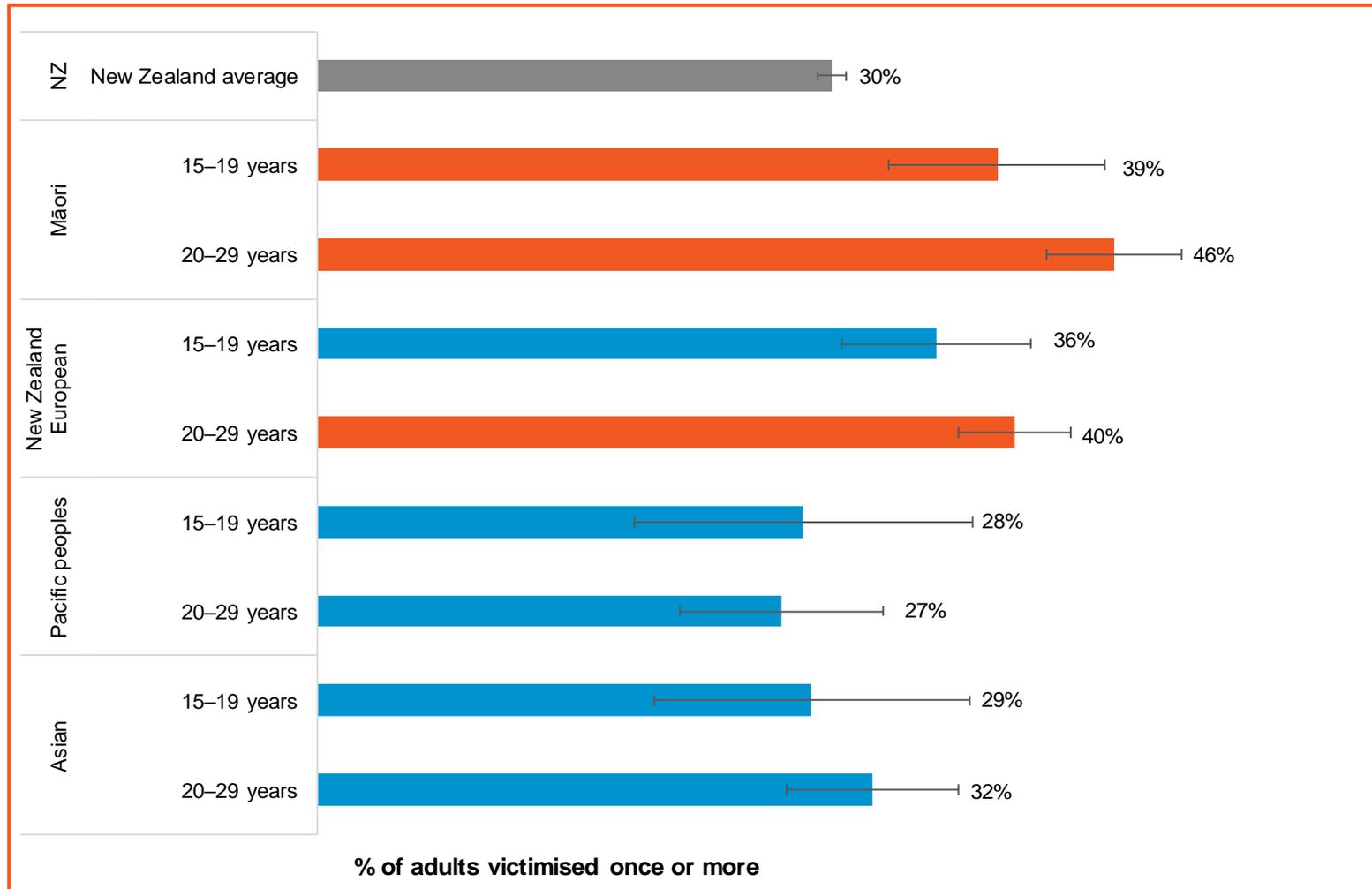


Young Māori and NZ European are at higher risk



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Young adults are at higher risk of sexual assault



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Almost 2 in 10 adults aged 15–19 (18%) had been subject to sexual assault in their lifetime.

One in four females aged 15–19 (27%) and 1 in 9 males of the same age (12%) had been affected.



aged 15–19

had been sexually assaulted in their lifetime

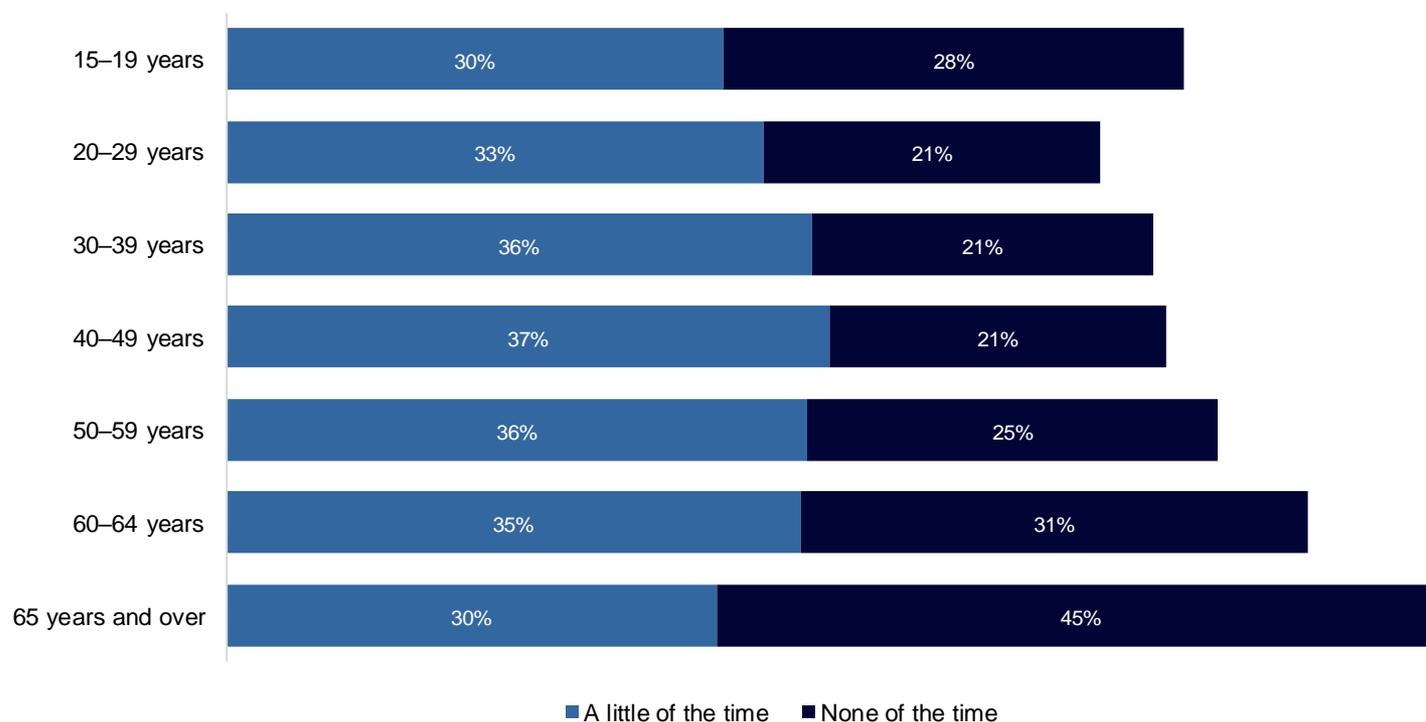
Despite higher victimisation 15–19 year olds are reasonably trusting of others



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In general, how often do you expect most people to take advantage?

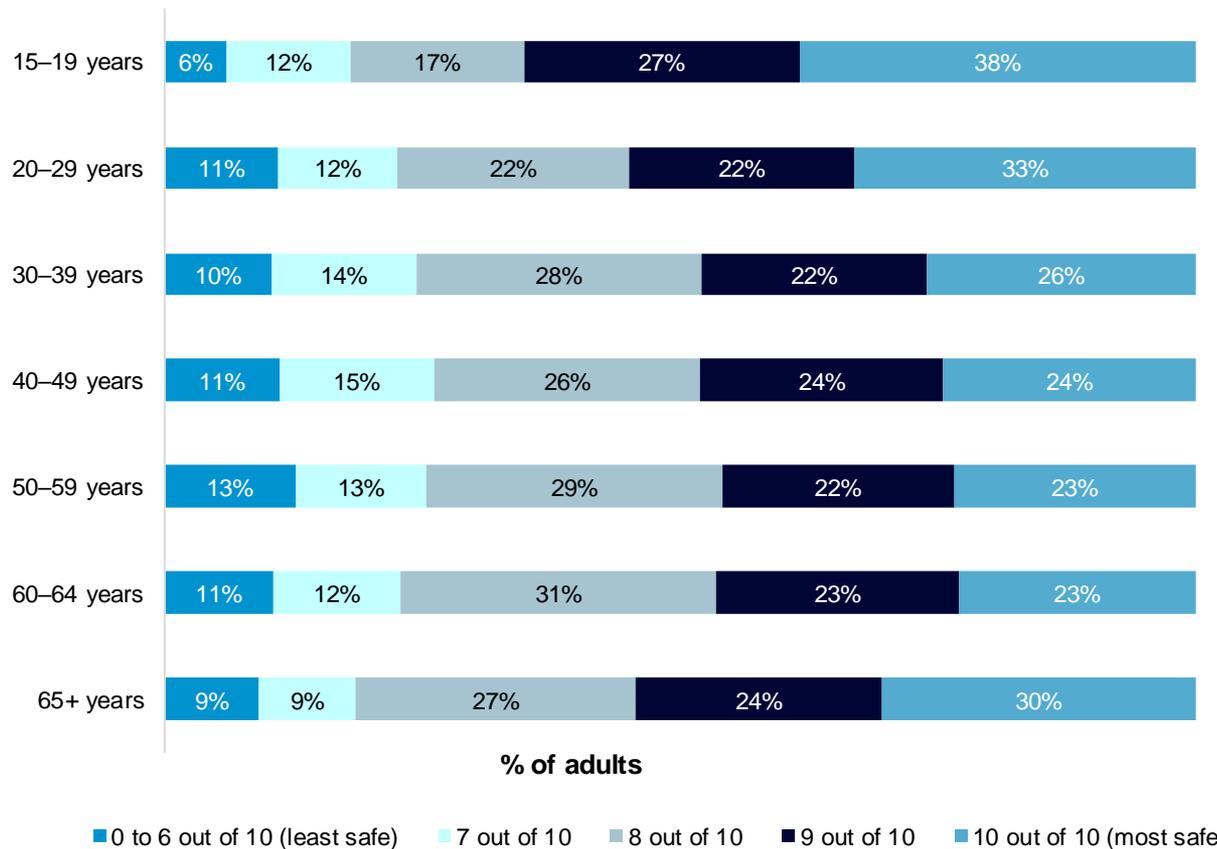


15–19 year olds also feel safer than other age groups



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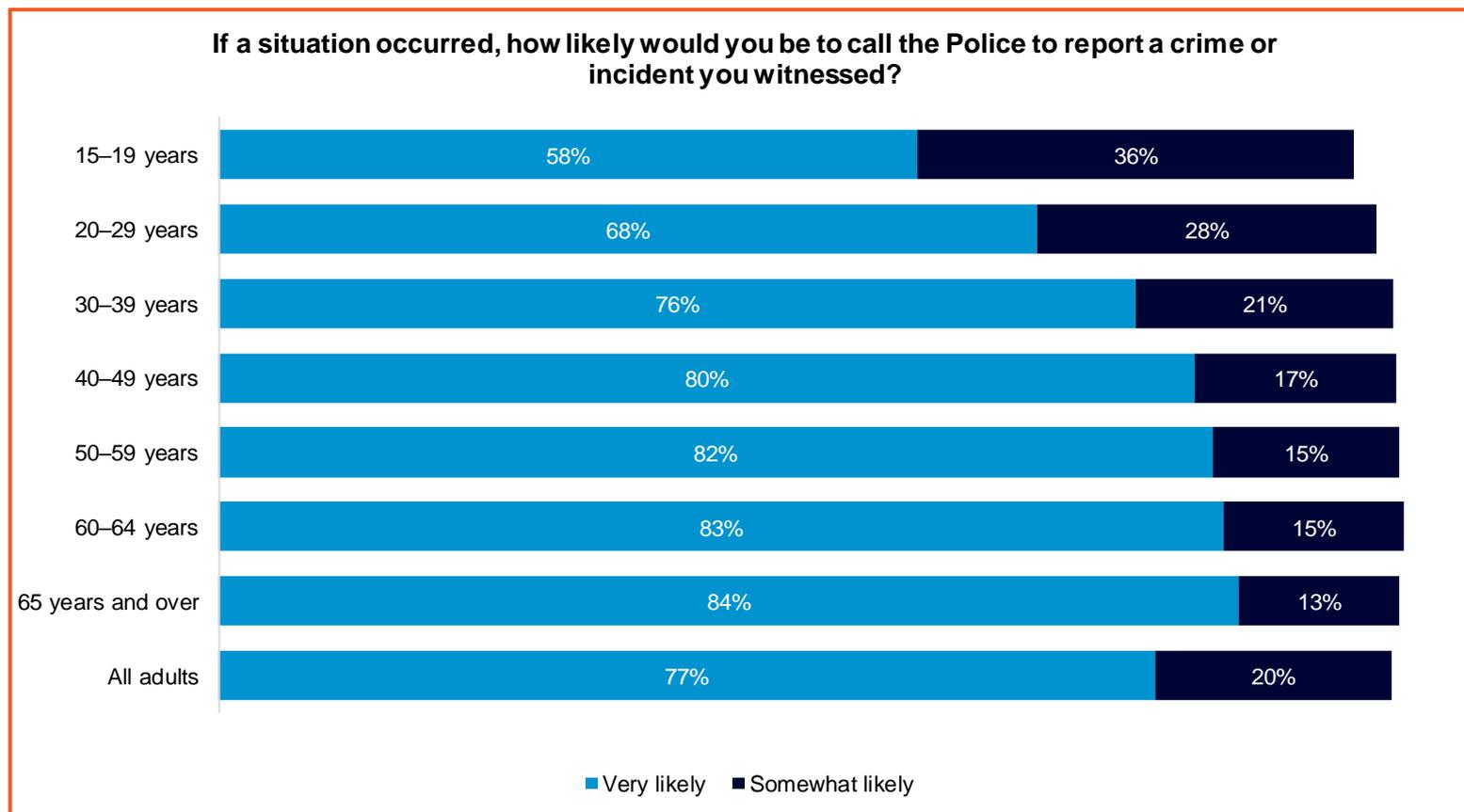
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15–19 year olds are the least likely to say they'd report a crime

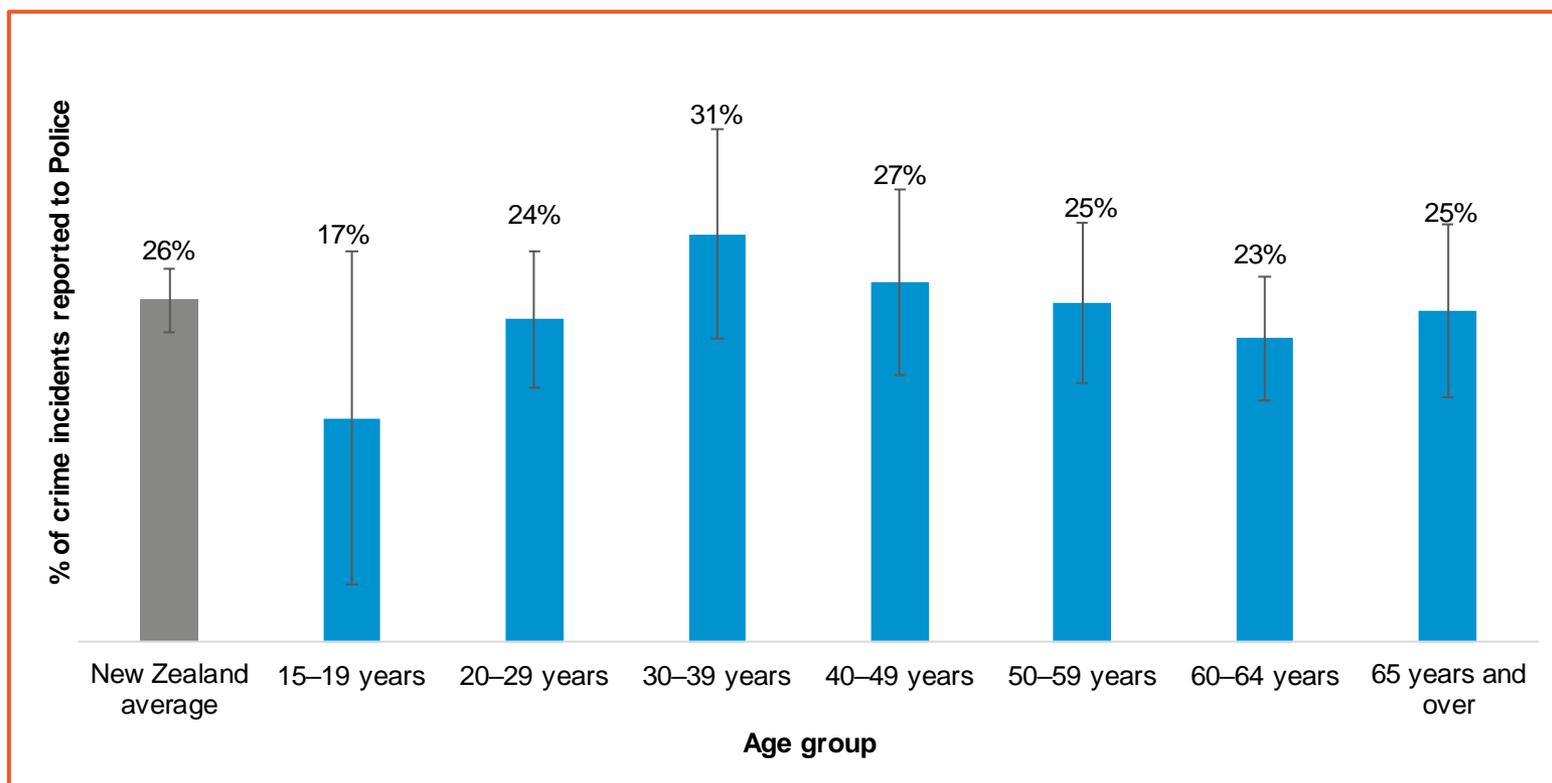




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And in line with what they say they will do, they report less than other age groups



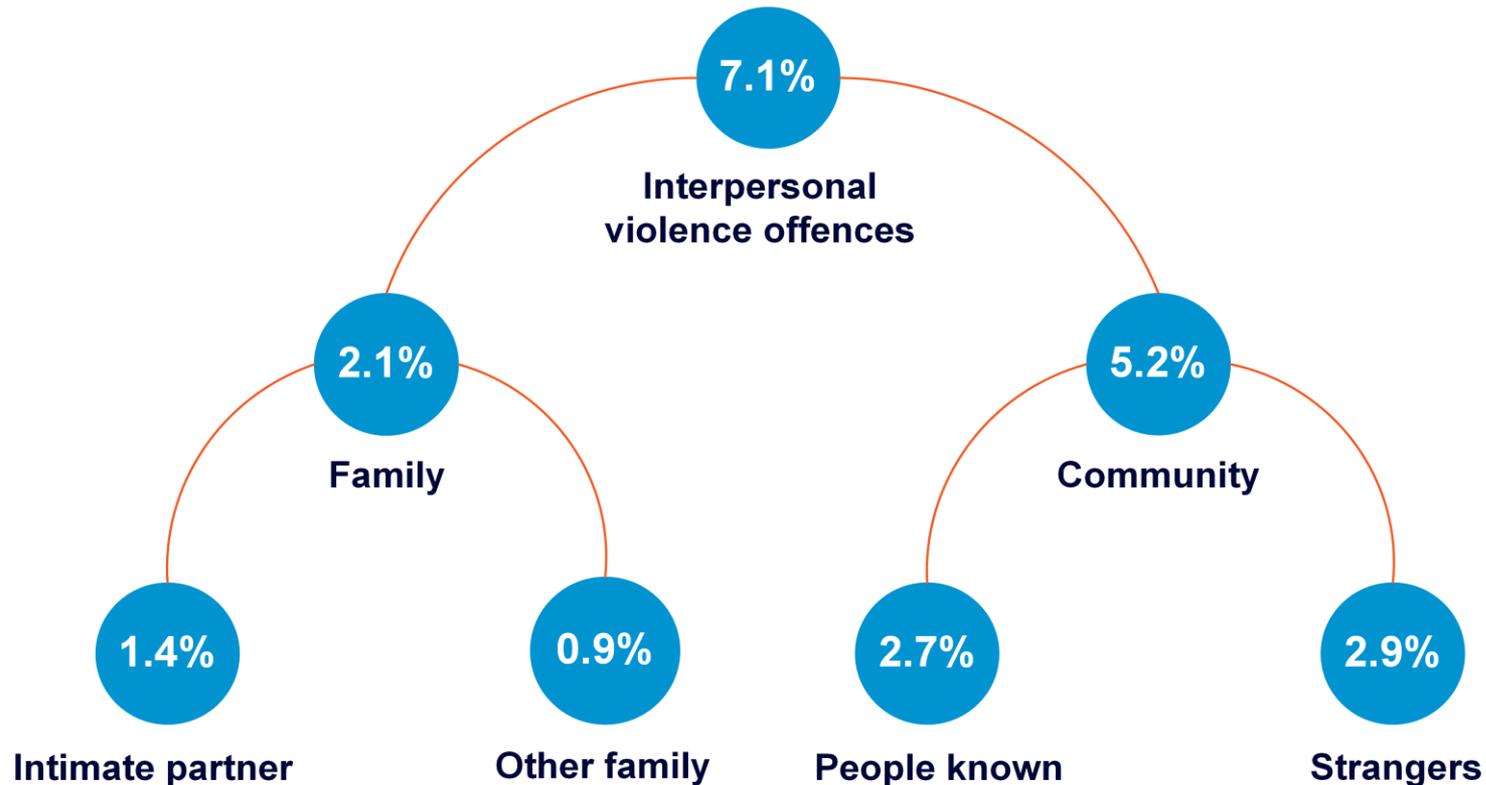
Offences by family members

Figures shown are from pooled data
(2018–2019/20)



More than a quarter of interpersonal violence offences were by family members

Percentage of adults victimised once or more – pooled data (Cycle 1–3)



Offences by family members

includes episodes in the last 12 months of:

- **physical violence**
- **sexual assault**
- **threats and harassment**
- **property damage**

where the perpetrator was a **partner, ex-partner** or other **family or whānau member**.

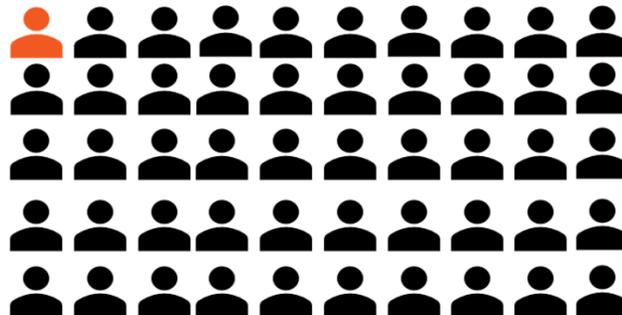


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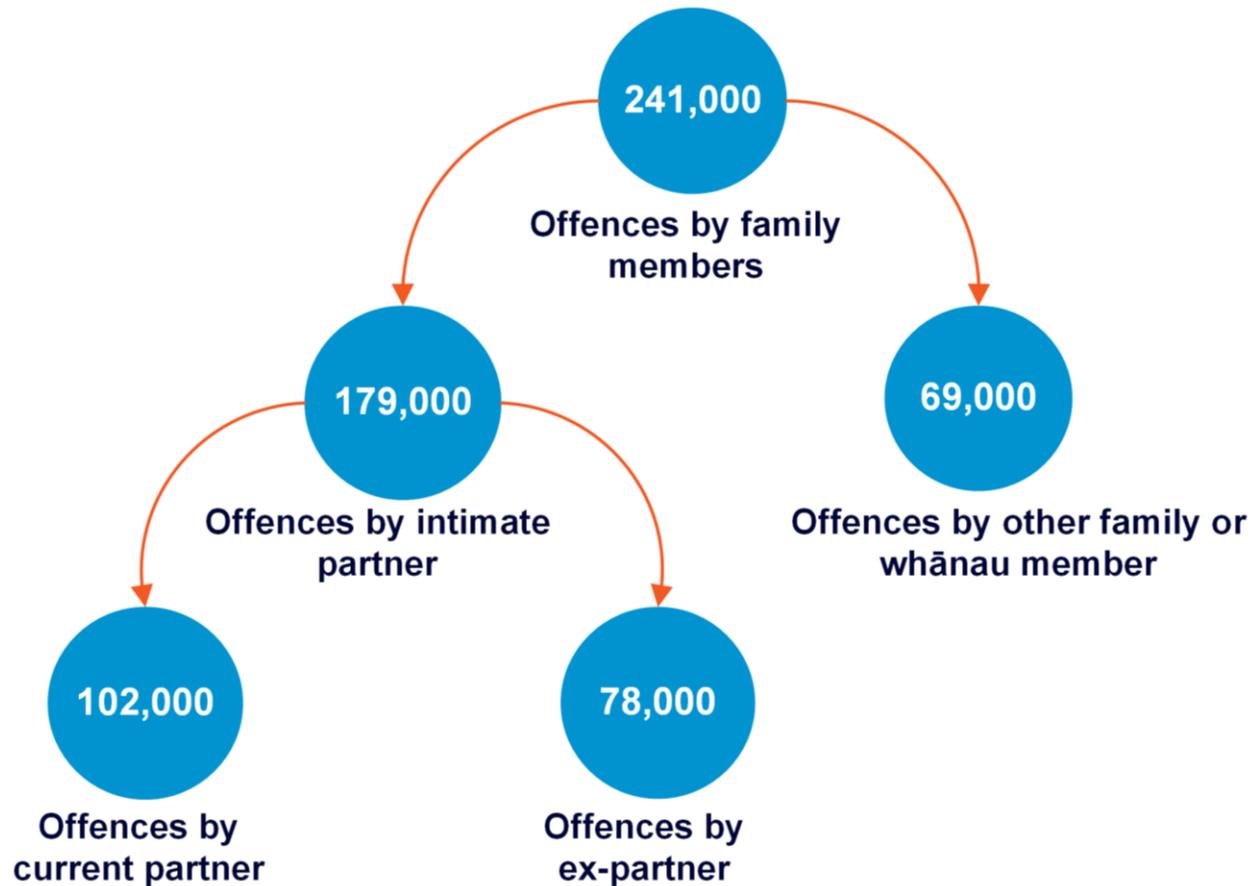
About 1 in 50 adults had been victimised in the last 12 months

Almost **90,000** adults experienced about **240,000** offences by family members.

These made up about **14%** of victimisations in the NZCVS.



About three-quarters of offences are by intimate partners



For every 10 offences by family members against adults

- about 4 were physical violence
- 3 were threats and harassment
- 2 were sexual assaults
- 1 was property damage

Around 1 in 4 sexual assaults were perpetrated by a family member.

Nearly 2 in 10 offences by family members were sexual assaults.



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Around three-quarters of offences by family members were against women



experienced one or more offences by family members in the last 12 months

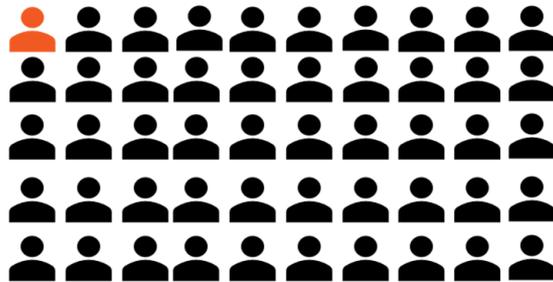


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All population groups at risk, but some disproportionately

- 11% of separated adults (at time of interview)
- 9% of adults in single-parent households
- 7% of adults in households with 4+ children
- 6% of adults living in government rental accommodation



After accounting for age differences

3x

adults with disabilities were three times as likely as other adults to have been a victim of **offending by family members** in the previous 12 months.

Offences by family members include physical violence, sexual assault, threats and harassment, and property damage, where the perpetrator was a family or whānau member.

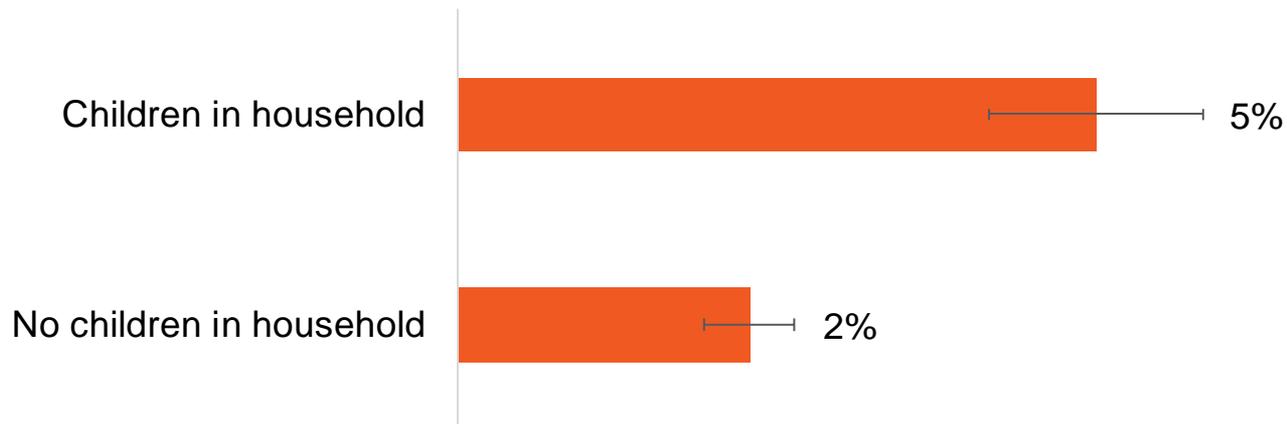


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Just over half of adult victims lived in households with children

- Women in households with children were **twice** as likely to be victims than those living without children
- No significant difference for men living with or without children



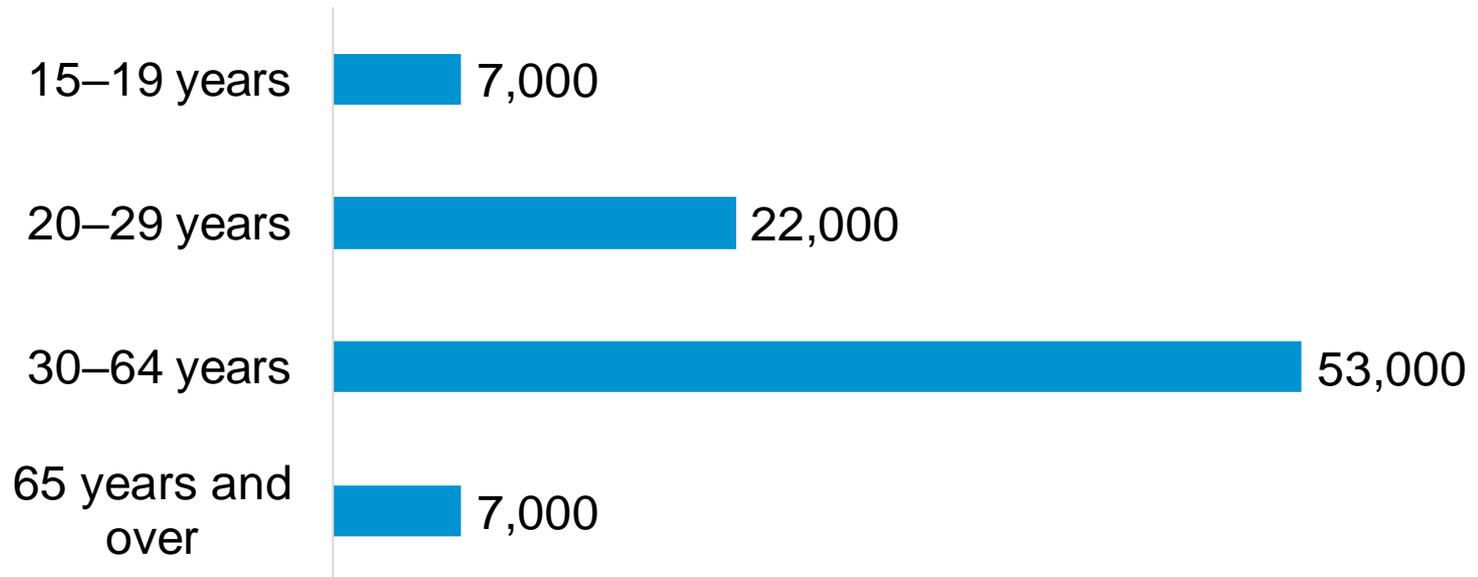
Percentage of women who experienced one or more offences by family members in the previous 12 months



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About 3% of 15–19 year olds were affected, making up 8% of adult victims



Number of adults who experienced one or more offences by a family member in the previous 12 months

Lifetime intimate partner violence

1 in 5 females



1 in 13 males



who ever had a partner, experienced **force or violence** by a partner or **ex-partner** in their lifetime

1 in 5 females



1 in 18 males



who ever had a partner, experienced **threats of force or violence** by a **partner or ex-partner** in their lifetime

About one-third of offences by family members are reported to Police

- No difference by whether the perpetrator was a partner or other family or whānau member
- Common reasons for not reporting were that it was a private matter or not worth reporting





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1 in 6 adults knew of someone else who had experienced a family or whānau incident in the last 12 months



Information on victims' experiences



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- Alcohol/drugs
- Factors related to offence
- Emotional reactions
- Injury
- Medical treatment
- Perceptions of incident



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Current and future work

- Cycle 3 report – published June 2021
- Topical reports on Māori victimisation and on victim perceptions of the criminal justice system released earlier in 2021
- Cycle 4 – in the field
- New questions on controlling behaviours
- New Police public perceptions module
- Encouraging and supporting researchers to use our data in IDI



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The NZCVS is available to researchers through the IDI

Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI)

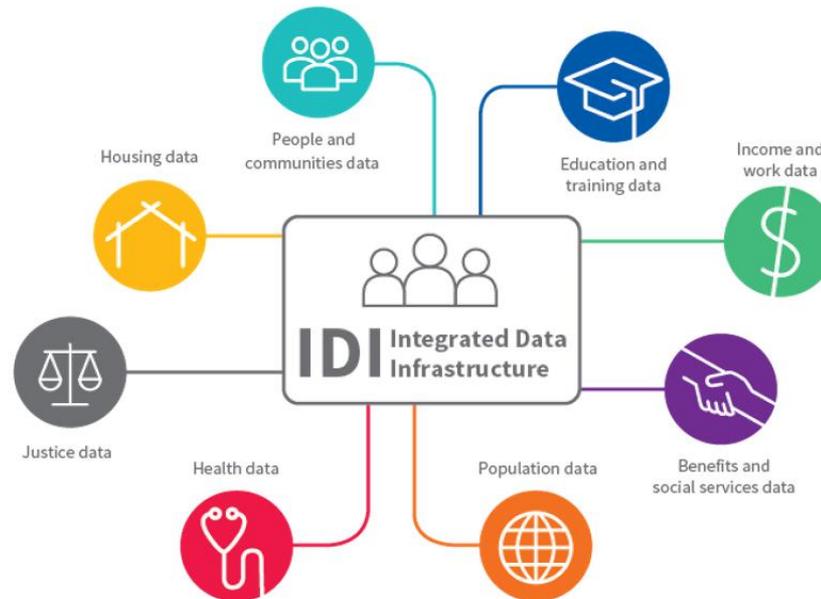


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Where to find NZCVS results?



- On the Ministry of Justice website

www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/nzcvs/resources-and-results/

- By requesting information from NZCVS@justice.govt.nz