



# Pacific Economy Report on unpaid work and volunteering in Aotearoa

26.6% of total sample

The research was guided by five research questions:

- What constitutes volunteering and unpaid work from currently available literature and data?
- What constitutes volunteering and unpaid work from the perspectives of Pacific peoples?
- How do volunteering and unpaid work contribute to the wellbeing of Pacific peoples and the creation and development of their wealth?
- How do Pacific volunteering and unpaid work contribute to the Aotearoa economy?
- What are the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic during the past on Pacific volunteering and unpaid work?

Qualitative focus groups and individual talanoa

**27** Diverse participants

Online survey

**555** Participants stratified by age, gender and region

## Pacific Youth

Pacific youth involvement is values-based, culturally driven, and connected to faith and vā.



Contributed a total of over **\$12.3 million** to the Aotearoa economy annually

"We call it volun-told. I volun-told her to do it. But we do it because we love the person volun-telling us. It's not a bad phrase, because as we get older, we see the value in it. It's sowing into people. It's building each generation up."

"Legacy" - I am named after my grandfather, so I carry his name and when I go somewhere that is the first thing I'm asked, what is your name, where are you from. From there connections are formed and I feel like I belong. It (unpaid work) has never felt like a burden, but I know there is a legacy to continue of service and leadership. It drives me to serve to the best of my ability, to strengthen the vā.



**75%** NZ born

**25%** Born outside NZ

**50%**

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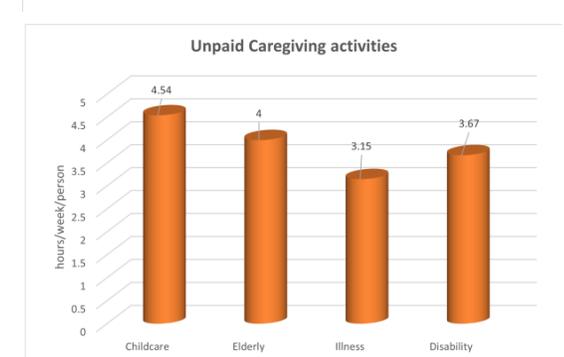
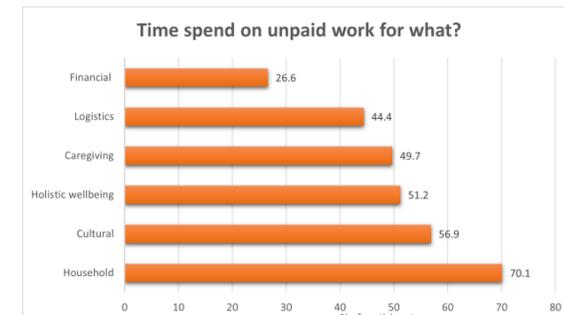
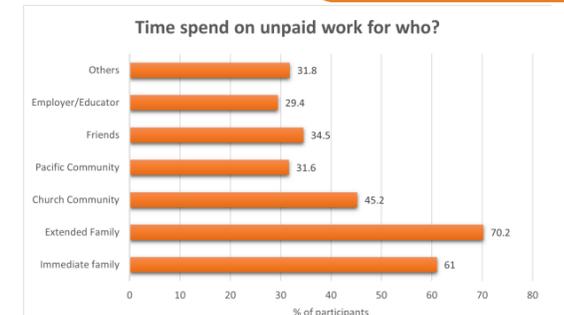
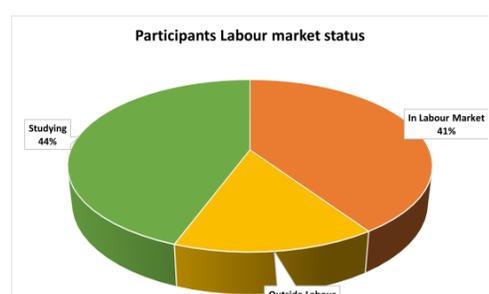
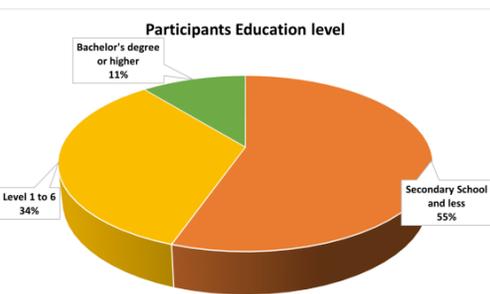
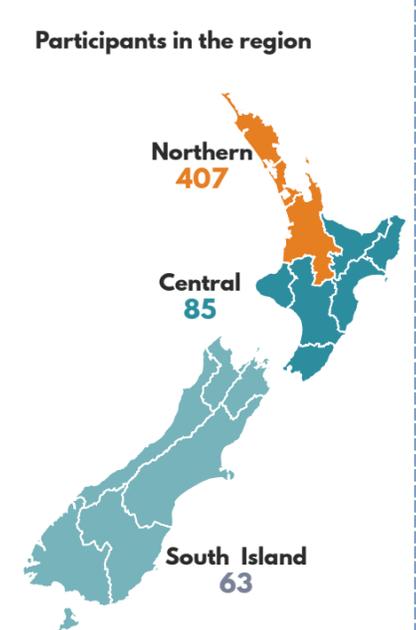
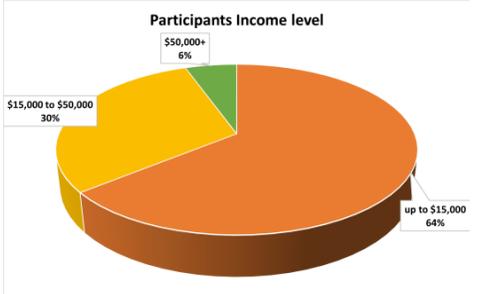
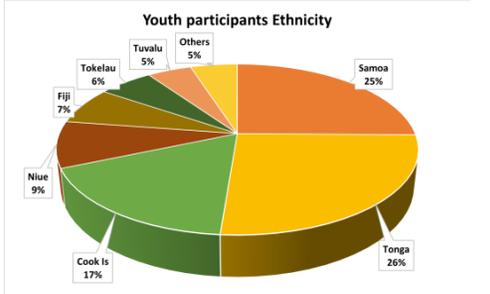
Years in NZ

10 years or less **52.5%**

11+ years **47.5%**

Participants were more likely to participate in unpaid work if they were:

- Over the age of 25
- Identified with having a religion
- Were not receiving government benefits
- Had achieved a Bachelors degree or higher in education



**95.7%** Took part in at least an hour of unpaid work or volunteering during the 4 months

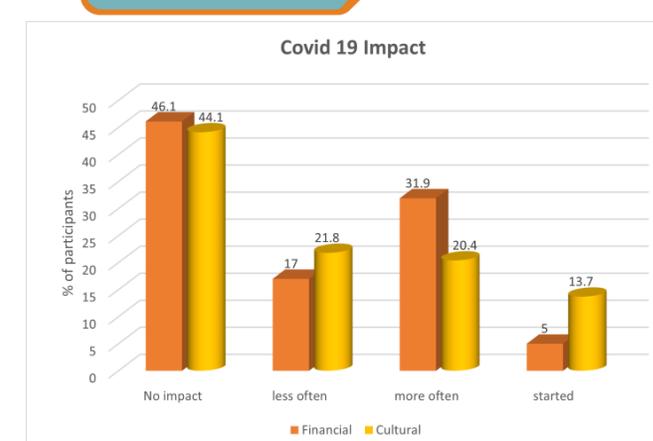
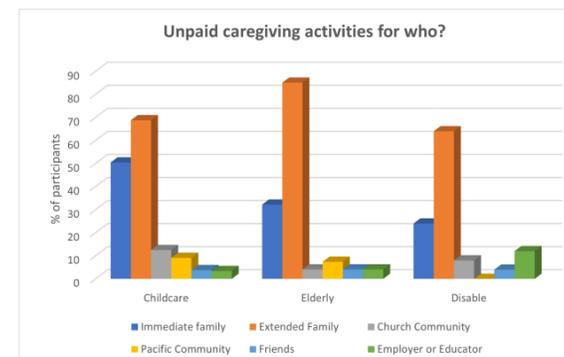
**207,048** Total hours spent on unpaid work over the 4 months

**11,841** hours Spent per week on unpaid work and volunteering **21.3 hours** /person/week

**26.6%** Pacific youth reported giving cash or funds to others

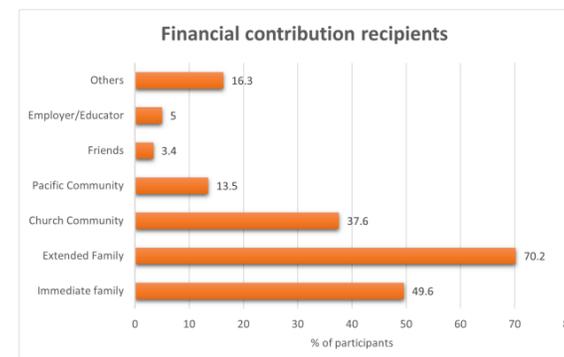
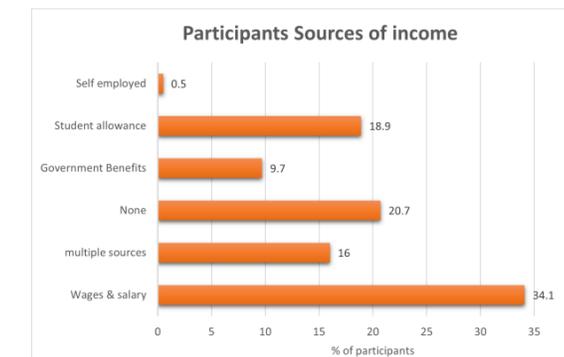
**\$17,643** Given to others a week

Contributed a total of over **\$308,509** Over a period of 4 months **\$125** /person/week

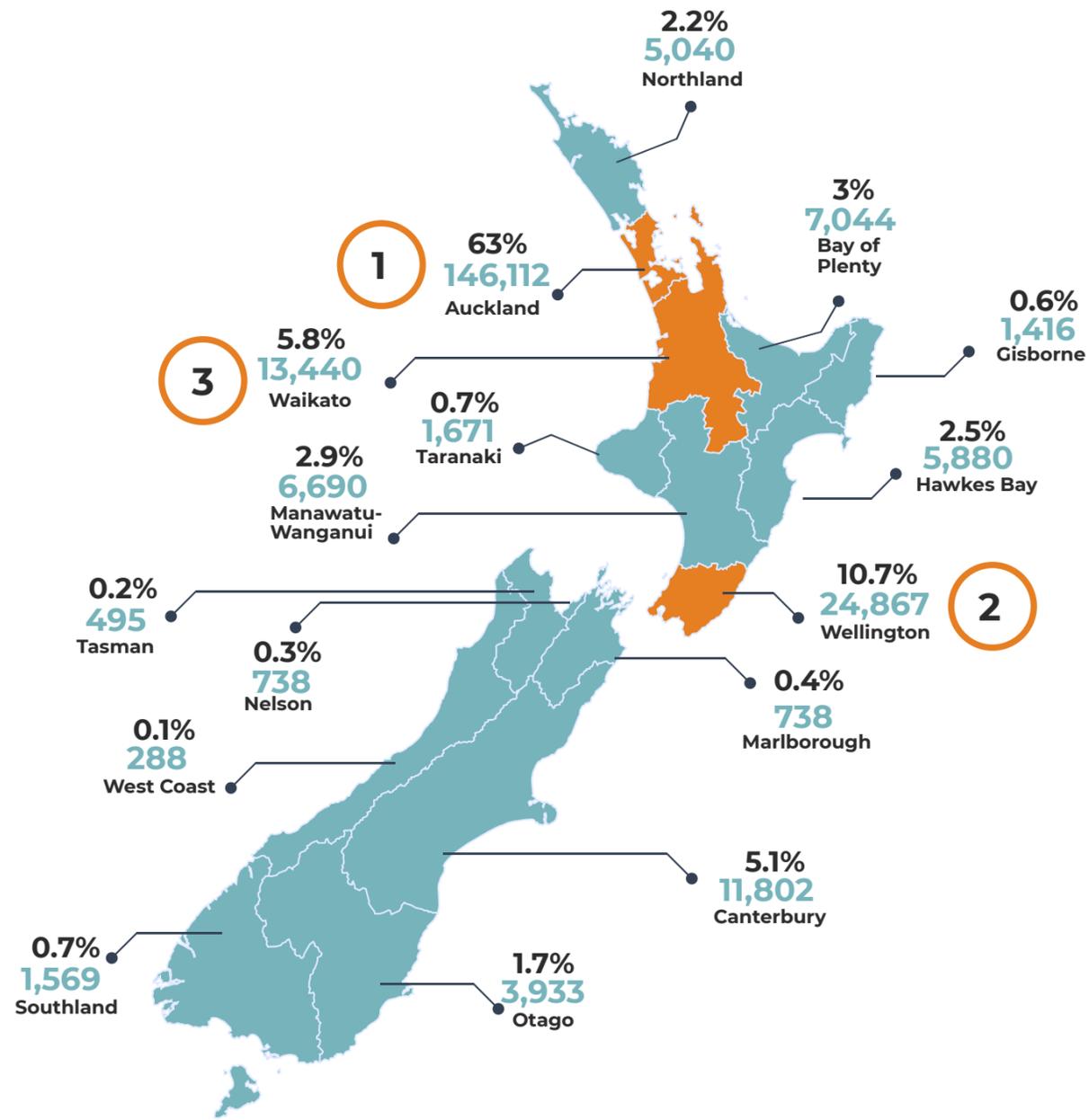


During the lockdowns, there was a lot of adjusting, like studying online and everyone was at home so there was a lot more work to do... Helping our parents with our siblings also meant that even though we were students we had to double as a teacher for our younger siblings.

Through church, we all learnt how to volunteer in some shape or form. I went from setting out chairs and watching our leaders to eventually becoming a youth leader and the skills I gained through getting up and talking to our youth gave me the confidence to do the same in my professional roles so unpaid work environments are for me, a breeding ground for professional development.



# Pacific Youth



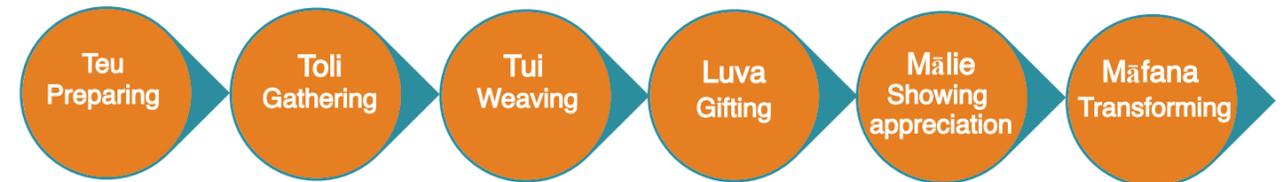
“There is an emotion attached to service so it is done out of love. Its somewhat offensive to say that my love is voluntary love. I do what I do because I love my family, I love my community. I resonate better with it being a calling, our way of life.”

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## Summary of key findings

# Pacific Youth

### Kakala framework



“It is that giving and not expecting anything in return. It's the part of us that wants to serve out of the goodness of our hearts. It is a relational thing. When we are asked to do something or volunteer our time if it's from someone we love or respect saying no is hard.”