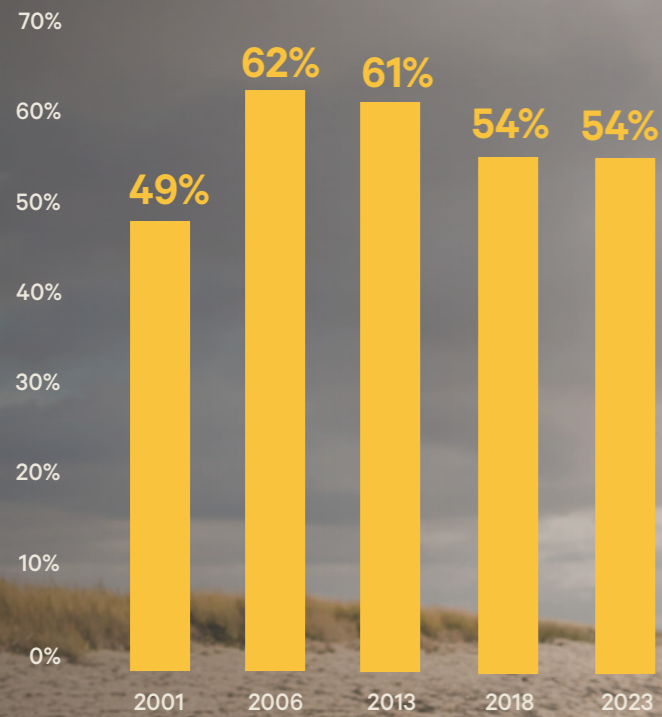


The proportion of te taetae ni Kiribati speakers across the i-Kiribati population* has fluctuated over time.



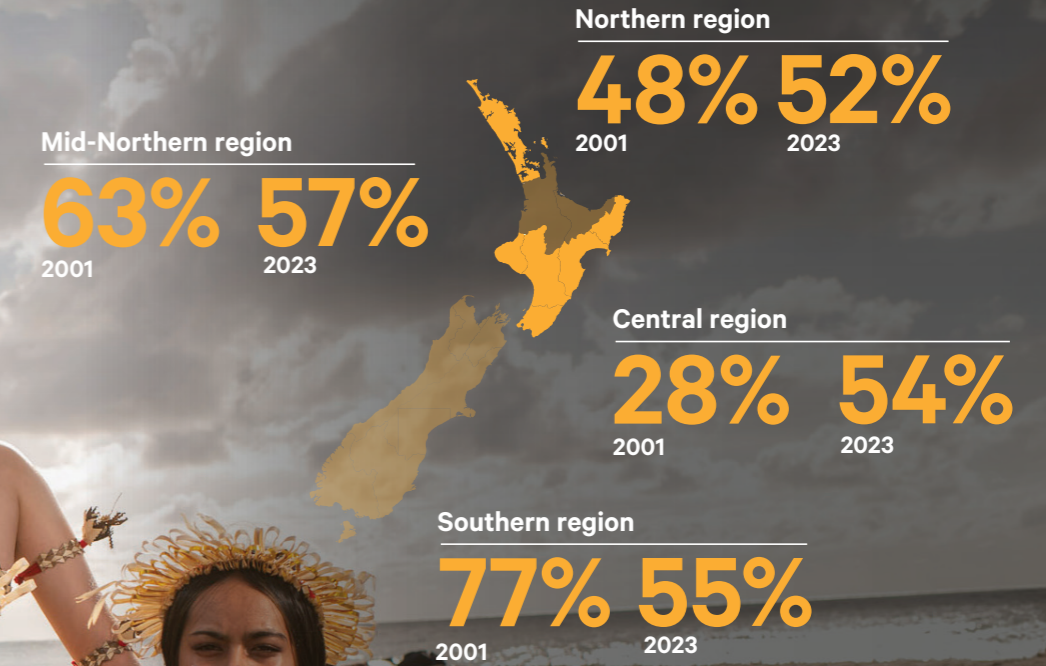
*excluding those who do not speak any language e.g. too young to talk.

The proportion of i-Kiribati who speak te taetae ni Kiribati has increased across most age groups, but the rate for older speakers has more than doubled.

60+ year olds



The proportion of i-Kiribati who speak te taetae ni Kiribati by region has fluctuated over time but as the numbers are very small this may not indicate a trend.



The language is being maintained at higher rates among i-Kiribati born overseas than those born in New Zealand but the increase in the proportion of New Zealand-born speakers was much higher than the increase in proportion of overseas-born speakers.

Proportion of speakers among those born in New Zealand



Proportion of speakers among those born overseas



There are very few options for learning te taetae ni Kiribati in the education system in New Zealand...



In 2025, the only opportunity to learn te taetae ni Kiribati in education was through one bilingual unit catering to 32 students.

Education data sourced from: www.educationcounts.govt.nz/statistics/

What does the data tell us about

TE TAETAE NI KIRIBATI

in New Zealand?