

**5599 (2025): What is the rate of tooth decay incidence (or similar indicators) in Northland for Māori children and babies, compared with non-Māori children and babies?**

|                                                                                                                                                              | Maori | Pacific | Other ethnicities |
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| Percent of five-year-old children seen by community oral health service who were caries-free as at 31 December 2024                                          | 30%   | 27%     | 49%               |
| Mean decayed, missing, filled (dmft) primary (deciduous) teeth score of five-year-old children seen by community oral health service as at 31 December 2024. | 4.36  | 4.25    | 3.15              |
| Percent of in school Year 8 by community oral health service who were caries-free as at 31 December 2024                                                     | 47%   | 53%     | 53%               |
| Mean decayed, missing, filled (DMFT) permanent teeth score of children in school Year 8 seen by community oral health service as at 31 December 2024.        | 1.89  | 1.18    | 1.12              |

Data extracted 20 February 2025

Table note:

- Other ethnicities include: Asian, European, Middle Eastern Latin American and African, and unstated or other ethnicities excluding Māori and Pacific Peoples.
- Each percentage is the proportion of children within each ethnicity group who do not have tooth decay (i.e., caries-free). This is an international standard indicator for prevalence of tooth decay in the population.
- Please note dental Titanium is a live database, and due to some enrolled children moving to other areas, they are not counted in the report when a re-run occurs.