

He Waka Eke Noa Survey

Brief report of data on State Violence

He Waka Eke Noa: Māori cultural frameworks for violence prevention and intervention.

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Introduction

The following provides a brief snapshot of a selection of data collected in the *He Waka Eke Noa* Survey 2021.

The survey aimed to gather perspectives from those who identify as Māori (either sole, or as one of their ethnic identities), and had Māori ancestry, were aged 18 or over and lived in Aotearoa at the time of the survey. The survey was administered online during 2021.

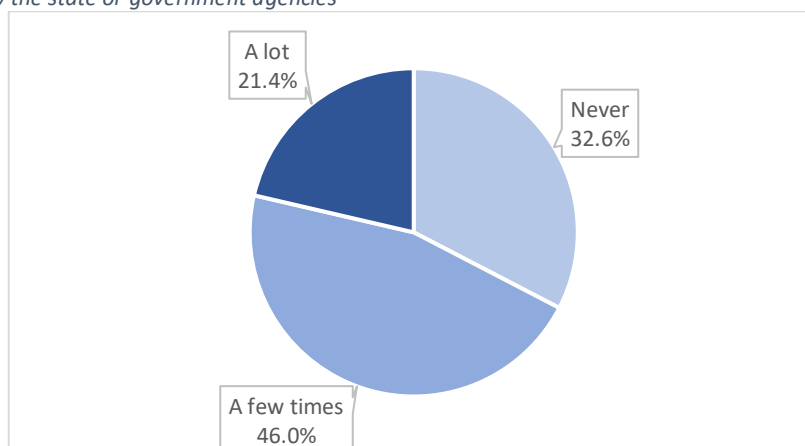
This section focused on lifetime experience of state neglect, failure to protect, abuse and abuse of power, racism, breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, police violence, overall impact of state violence on wellbeing of Māori, and strategies to manage impact on wellbeing. The agencies/sectors most identified were: Health services; WINZ; Education institutions' Police and Justice.

State neglect

Question B01a: In your lifetime, have you or your whānau experienced neglect (e.g. denial of access to social services) from the state or government agencies?

Of the 1,591 survey respondents who answered this question, over one fifth (21.4%, or 340 individuals) stated they or their whānau had experienced neglect from the state or government agencies ‘a lot’, almost half of the respondents (46.0%, 732 individuals) stated they had experienced neglect ‘a few times’, and approximately one third of respondents (32.6%, 519 individuals) stated they had ‘never’ experienced neglect from the state or government agencies (*Figure 1*).

Figure 1: Neglect by the state or government agencies



Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Question B01b: If you have experienced neglect, by which of the following?

Respondents who indicated they had experienced neglect either ‘a lot’ or ‘a few times’ were further asked to indicate the services or systems involved. Multiple answers could be selected, giving a total of 4,384 responses to this question, from 1,072 respondents. Table 1 below provides a list of services or systems, ordered from the greatest number of experiences of neglect as indicated by survey respondents, to the least.

Table 1: Experiences of neglect from state agencies

	No. of responses	% of 1,072 respondents
Health Service such as Hospital, Health Provider, Doctors Surgery	736	68.7
WINZ	630	58.8
Education such as Early Childhood, School, University, Polytechnic	586	54.7
Police	474	44.2
Justice system (e.g. Corrections, Family Court)	453	42.3
Housing	403	37.6
District or Regional Council	321	29.9
Oranga Tamariki	278	25.9
IRD	203	18.9
Department of Conservation	138	12.9
Other (please describe below)	86	8.0
Customs and Immigration	76	7.1
Total	4,384	

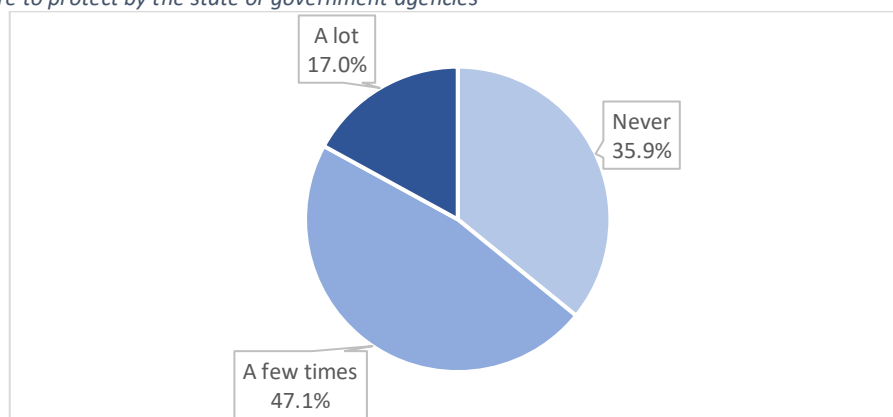
Note: respondents may select more than one answer. Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Failure to protect

Question B02a: in your lifetime, have you or your whānau experienced a failure to protect (e.g. children/women/youth/elderly) by the state or government agencies?

Of the 1,550 respondents who answered this question in the survey, 17% (556 individuals) stated they, or their whānau, had experienced a failure to protect 'a lot', almost half (47%, 730 individuals) stated they had experienced a failure to protect 'a few times', and over a third (35.9%, 556 individuals) stated they had 'never' experienced a failure to protect by the state or government agencies (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Failure to protect by the state or government agencies



Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Question B02b: If you have experienced a failure to protect, by which of the following?

Respondents who indicated they had experienced failure to protect either 'a lot' or 'a few times' were further asked to indicate the services or systems involved. Multiple answers could be selected, giving a total of 3,711 responses to this question, from 984 respondents. Table 2 below provides a list of services or systems, ordered from the greatest number of experiences of neglect as indicated by survey respondents, to the least.

Table 2: Experiences of a failure to protect by state agencies

	No. of responses	% of 984 respondents
Police	575	57.8
Health Service such as Hospital, Health Provider, Doctors Surgery	563	56.6
Justice system (e.g. Corrections, Family Court)	497	50.0
Education such as Early Childhood, School, University, Polytechnic	439	44.2
WINZ	398	40.0
Oranga Tamariki	392	39.4
Housing	281	28.3
District or Regional Council	211	21.2
Department of Conservation	118	11.9
IRD	117	11.8
Other (please describe below)	70	7.0
Customs and Immigration	50	5.0
Total	3,711	

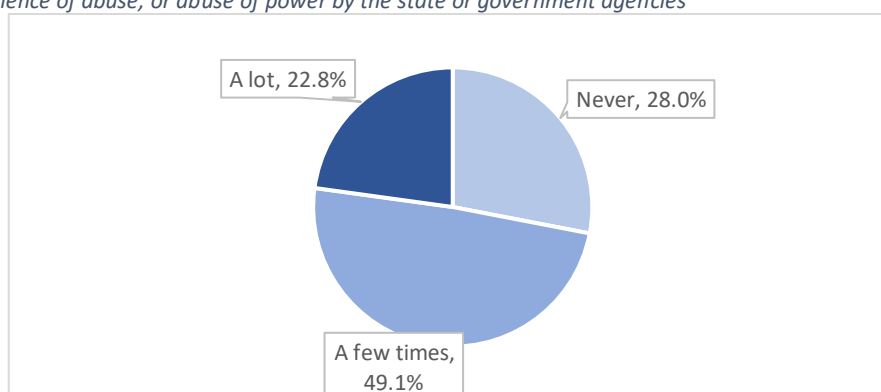
Note: respondents may select more than one answer. Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Abuse and abuse of power

Question B03a: In your lifetime, have you or your whānau experienced abuse, or abuse of power (e.g. WINZ, Ministry of Justice, Oranga Tamariki) from the state or government agencies?

Of the 1,516 respondents who answered this question in the survey, over one fifth (22.8%, 346 individuals) stated they, or their whānau, had experienced abuse or abuse of power from the state or government agencies ‘a lot’ in their lifetime, approximately half (49.1%, 745 individuals) stated they had experienced abuse or abuse of power ‘a few times’, and 28.0% (425 individuals) stated they had ‘never’ experienced abuse or abuse of power from the state or government agencies in their lifetime (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Experience of abuse, or abuse of power by the state or government agencies



Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Question B03b: If you have experienced abuse or abuse of power, by which of the following?

Respondents who indicated they had experienced abuse, or abuse of power either ‘a lot’ or ‘a few times’ were further asked to indicate the services or systems involved. Multiple answers could be selected, giving a total of 4,470 responses to this question, from 1,094 respondents. Table 3 below provides a list of services or systems, ordered from the greatest number of experiences of neglect as indicated by survey respondents, to the least.

Table 3: Experiences of abuse or abuse of power by state agencies

	No. of responses	% of 1,094 respondents
WINZ	671	61.5
Police	632	57.9
Health Service such as Hospital, Health Provider, Doctors Surgery	625	57.3
Justice system (e.g. Corrections, Family Court)	531	48.7
Education such as Early Childhood, School, University, Polytechnic	515	47.2
Oranga Tamariki	376	34.5
Housing	320	29.3
District or Regional Council	305	28.0
IRD	198	18.1
Department of Conservation	131	12.0
Customs and Immigration	91	8.3
Other	75	6.9
Total	4,470	

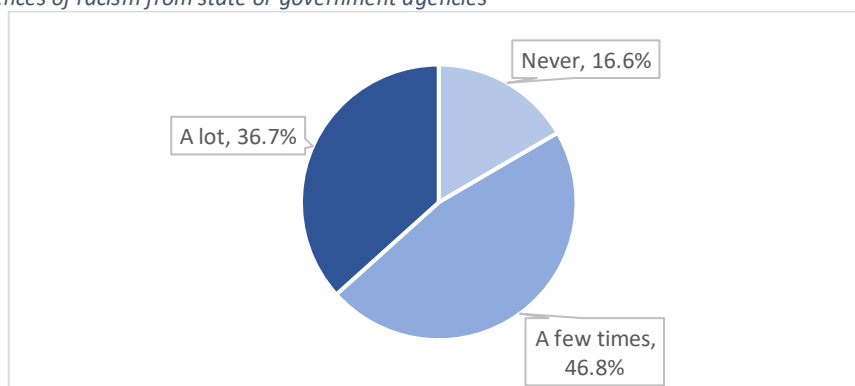
Note: respondents may select more than one answer. Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Racism

Question B04a: In your lifetime, have you or your whānau experienced racism from the state, or government agencies?

Of the 1,495 respondents who answered this question in the survey, an estimated 36.7% (548 individuals) stated they, or their whānau, had experienced racism ‘a lot’ from the state, or government agencies, almost half (46.8%, 699 individuals) stated they had experienced racism ‘a few times’, and 16.6% (248 individuals) stated they had ‘never’ experienced racism from the state, or government agencies in their lifetime (*Figure 4*).

Figure 4: Experiences of racism from state or government agencies



Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Question B04b: if you have experienced racism, by which of the following?

Respondents who indicated they had experienced racism either ‘a lot’ or ‘a few times’ were further asked to indicate the services or systems involved. Multiple answers could be selected, giving a total of 5,712 responses to this question, from 1,247 respondents. Table 4 below provides a list of services or systems, ordered from the greatest number of experiences of neglect as indicated by survey respondents, to the least.

Table 4: Experiences of racism by state agencies

	No. of responses	% of 1,247 respondents
Education such as Early Childhood, School, University, Polytechnic	845	67.8
Health Service such as Hospital, Health Provider, Doctors Surgery	840	67.4
Police	764	61.3
WINZ	693	55.6
Justice system (e.g. Corrections, Family Court)	598	48.0
District or Regional Council	470	37.7
Housing	461	37.0
Oranga Tamariki	370	29.7
IRD	209	16.8
Customs and Immigration	193	15.5
Department of Conservation	175	14.0
Other	94	7.5
Total	5,712	

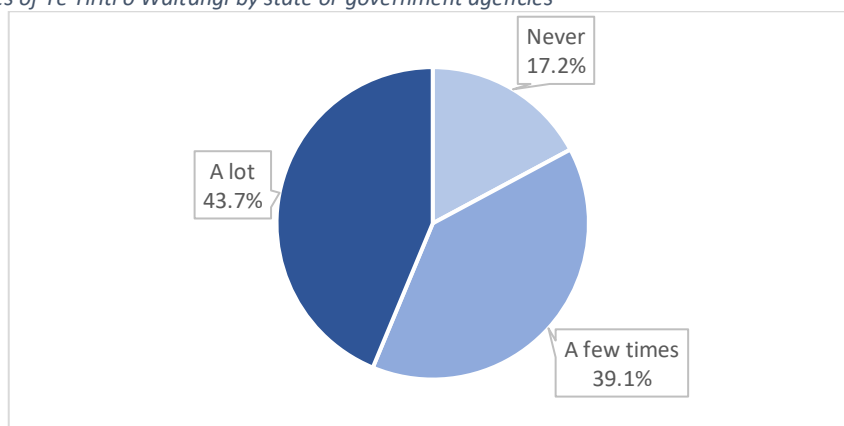
Note: respondents may select more than one answer. Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Question B05a: In your lifetime, have you or your whānau experienced breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi from the state or government agencies?

Of the 1,468 respondents who answered this question in the survey, 43.7% (642 individuals) stated that in their lifetime, they or their whānau had experienced breaches of Te Tiriti by state or government agencies ‘a lot’, a further 39.1% (574 individuals) stated they had experienced breaches of Te Tiriti ‘a few times’, and an estimated 17.2% (252 individuals) stated that they or their whānau had ‘never’ experienced breaches of Te Tiriti by state or government agencies (*Figure 5*).

Figure 5: Breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by state or government agencies



Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Question B05b: If you have experienced breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, by which of the following?

Respondents who indicated they had experienced breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi either ‘a lot’ or ‘a few times’ were further asked to indicate the services or systems involved. Multiple answers could be selected, giving a total of 6,177 responses to this question, from 1,216 respondents. Table 5 below provides a list of services or systems, ordered from the greatest number of experiences of neglect as indicated by survey respondents, to the least.

Table 5: Experiences of breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by state agencies

	No. of responses	% of 1,216 respondents
Health Service such as Hospital, Health Provider, Doctors Surgery	795	65.4
Education such as Early Childhood, School, University, Polytechnic	818	67.3
Police	703	57.8
District or Regional Council	655	53.9
WINZ	646	53.1
Justice system (e.g. Corrections, Family Court)	633	52.1
Oranga Tamariki	467	38.4
Housing	465	38.2
Department of Conservation	395	32.5
IRD	273	22.5
Customs and Immigration	197	16.2
Other (please describe below)	130	10.7
Total	6,177	

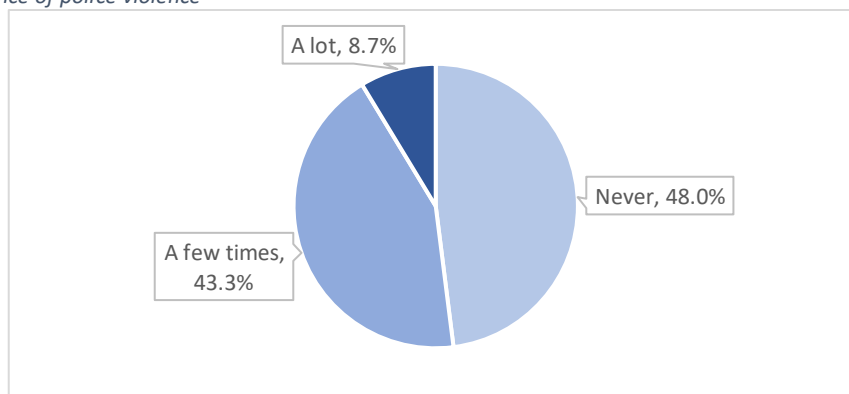
Note: respondents may select more than one answer. Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Police Violence

Question B06: In your lifetime, have you or your whānau experienced police violence?

Of the 1,452 respondents who answered this question in the survey, 8.7% (126 individuals) stated that they or their whānau had experienced police violence 'a lot' in their lifetime, a further 43.3% (629 individuals) stated they had experienced police violence 'a few times', and almost half (48.0%, 697 individuals) stated that they had 'never' experienced police violence in their lifetime (*Figure 6*).

Figure 6: Experience of police violence



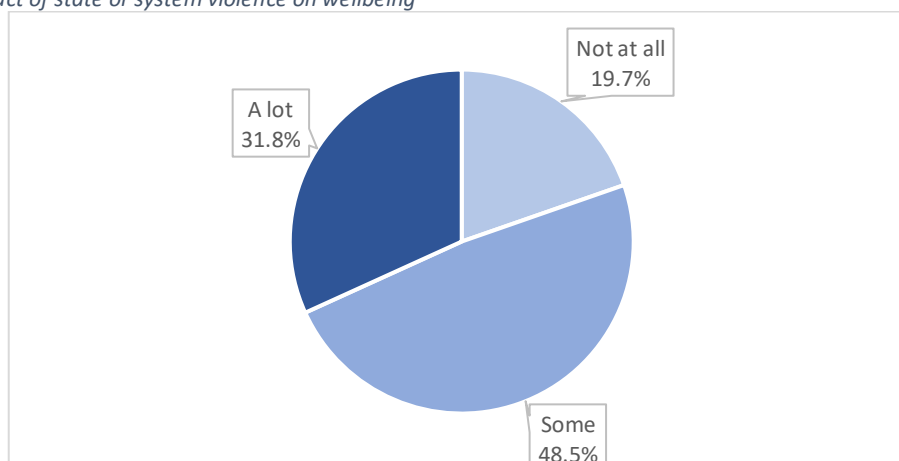
Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Impact of state violence on wellbeing

Question B07: In general, how much does the state or system violence impact on your wellbeing?

Of the 1,444 respondents who answered this question, almost a third (31.8%, 459 individuals) stated that state or system violence impacted on their wellbeing 'a lot', a further almost half (48.9%, 701 individuals) stated that state or system violence had 'some' impact on their wellbeing, and just under a fifth (19.7%, 284 individuals) stated 'not at all' to the question of how much does state or system violence impact on their wellbeing (*Figure 7*).

Figure 7: Impact of state or system violence on wellbeing



Source: He Waka Eke Noa Survey 2021

Question B08: Are there things you do to try to minimise the impact of state or system violence on your wellbeing?

Answer options: Yes (please describe below)
 No (please explain below)

A total of 1,348 respondents answered this question. An estimated 80.0% (1,079 individuals) stated that yes, there were things they did to try and minimise the impact of state or system violence on their wellbeing. The remaining 20% (269 individuals) stated no.

All those who responded to this question, either negative or positive, were asked to provide further detail. The following is a list of raw data gathered from responses to this part of the question. It is intended at this stage to give an insight, or overall impression before a deeper analysis can be undertaken.