# When life gets too tough



**Every suicide is a** tragedy and impacts are wide reaching and devastating for family and whanau, friends and communities

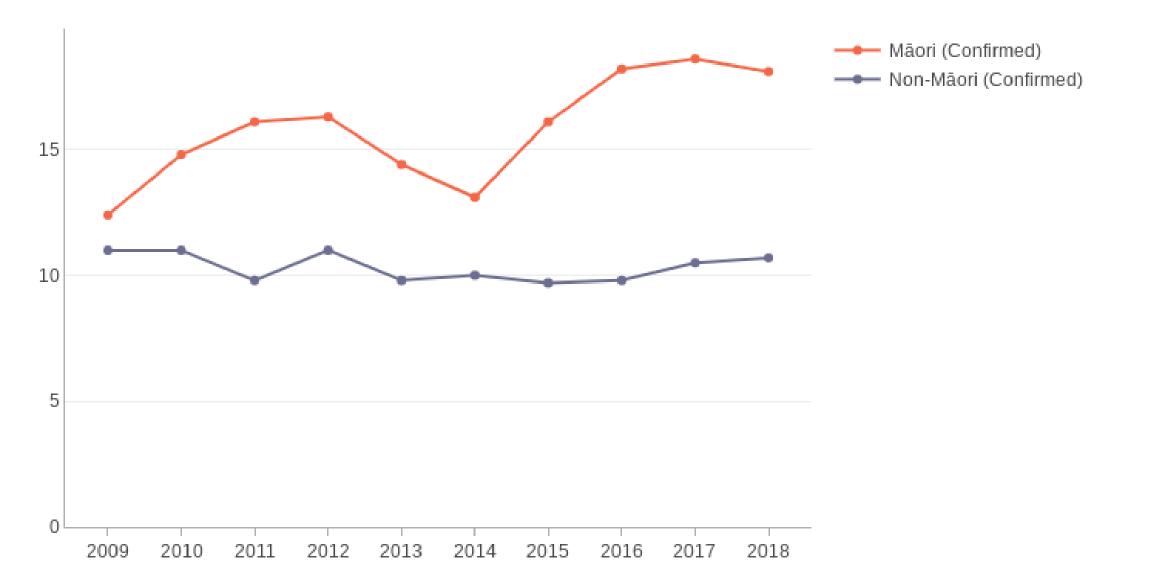


Suicide rates among Maori and Pacific peoples decrease with age, whereas suicide rates among European and other people do not.

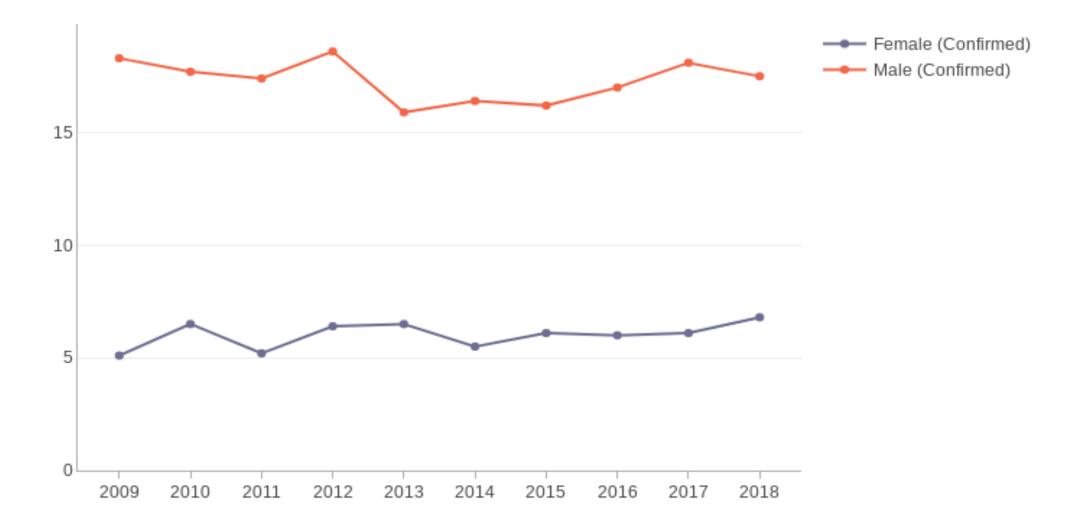
Maori youth have higher suicide rates than youth from other ethnic groups.

Suicide rates were coming down slowly until last year?? Suspected: 2019/20 = 6282020/21 = 6072021/22 = 5382022/23 = 564

#### Maori – non Maori



Rate of suicide deaths for all ethnic groups and all ages, by sex, 2009–2021



Source: New Zealand Mortality Collection (confirmed suicides); Ministry of Justice's case management system (suspected suicides). Rates are per 100,000 and age-standardised to the World Health Organization's standard world population.

# Who's at risk?

## **Rikki Solomon**



### Signs to look for:

Most people thinking about taking their own life will try to let someone know, but they often won't say so directly. Remember to take care of yourself when you are caring for others

#### **References:**

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#### **Resources:** Health Ed Mental Health Foundation Contact Phone numbers

## In memory of my brother Lost to suicide 2/11/55 - 22/10/22