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Rapid Health Profile Summary

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People

- Maori 21% (Taranaki 15.8%)
- Under 15 years 23% (Rest of Taranaki 20%)
- Over 75 years 6.5% (Rest of Taranaki 20%)
- Crude birth rate 89.9 per 1000 (Rest of Taranaki 76.9 per 1000)
- Population declining 26,589 in 2001, 25,245 in 2006 (5% reduction)

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Socio-economic determinants:

- Higher levels of deprivation than the rest of Taranaki – 27% Dep. 9 or 10 (compared to 10%)
- Dep. 10 areas:
 - Kaponga, Waitotara, Patea, Waverley,
- 7% do not have access to a car

Health risk and protective factors

- 25.1% over 15 years smoke cigarettes (Taranaki region 22.4%)
 - Waitotara 36.8%, Kaponga 36.3%, Rahotu 35%

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Health Service Utilisation:

- 94% of population enrolled with a GP
- Lower uptakes of immunisation and screening than Taranaki as a whole
- High utilisation of ED, particularly children
- Lower medical and surgical outpatient rates
- Crude access rates for acute and arranged admissions higher
- Crude access rates from waiting list lower