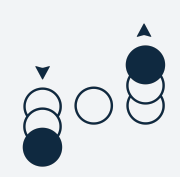


Quarterly Report

Waikato District

Summary

Below we've presented a summary of Waikato District's key metrics this quarter:



New Business Registrations this month

▲ **76.0**

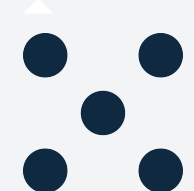
As of June 2025, Waikato District saw 76.0 new business registrations, an increase of 2.7% compared with March 2025.



Rental affordability (% of income spent on rent)

▼ **24.9%**

As of June 2025, residents of Waikato District spent 24.9% of their household income on rent, a decrease of 0.14% compared with March 2025.



Gambling spend per capita

▲ **\$38**

As of September 2024, an average of \$38.0 was spent by individuals over 18 years in Waikato District through electronic gaming machines, an increase of 1.05% compared with June 2024.



Crime rate

▼ **362.4**

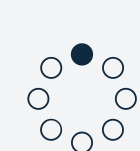
In May 2025, Waikato District had a crime rate of 362.4 incidents per 10,000 people, a decrease of 0.18% compared with February 2025.



Deprivation Index

— **4.0**

As of March 2025, the deprivation within Waikato District is 4.0 and this is unchanged since February 2025.

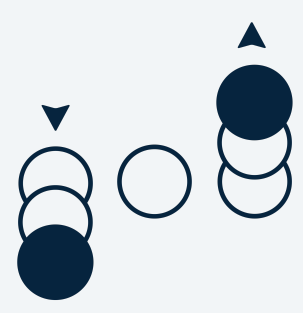


Job seeker support rate

▲ **7.0%**

In March 2025, 7.0% of the working population (15-64 years) in Waikato District claimed Job Seeker Support, an increase of 12.18% compared with March 2024.

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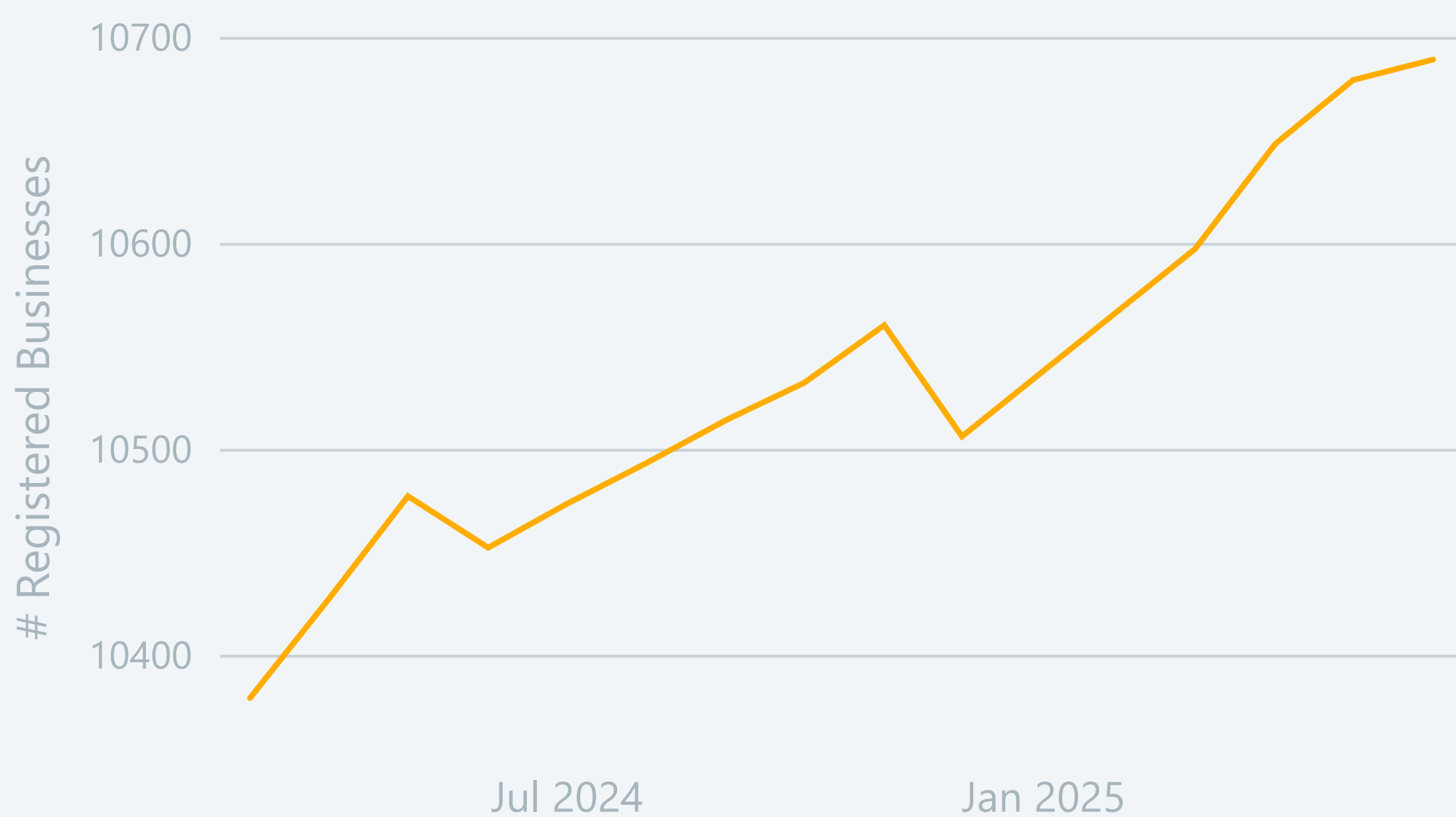
Key Pillar Changes

New Business Registrations this month Jun 2025 **76.0** ▲ 2.7% % change is from March 2025

Business Deregistrations this month Jun 2025 **66.0** ▲ 312.5% % change is from March 2025

Total tourism spend this quarter May 2025 **\$30.6M** ▼ 16.52% % change is from February 2025

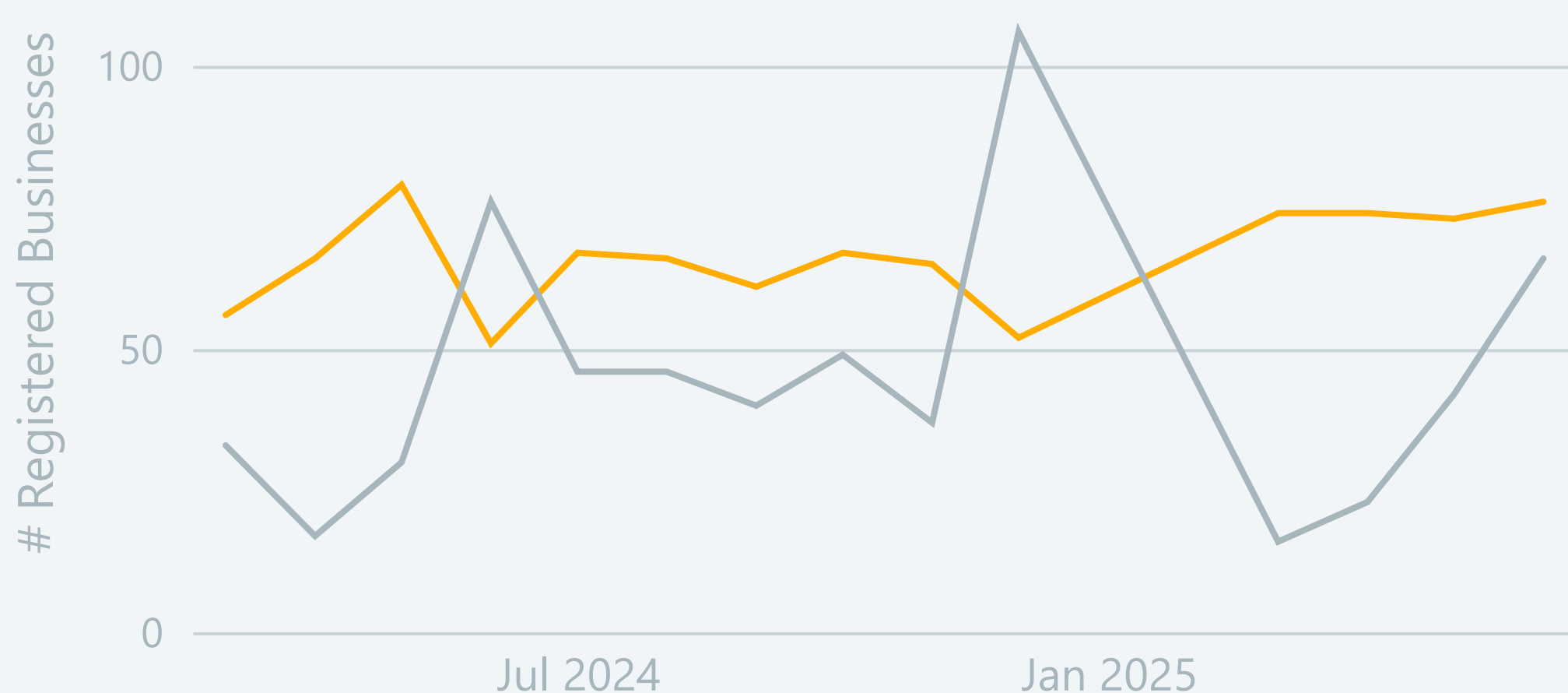
Total number of businesses registered to date



As of June 2025 there were 10689 registered businesses in Waikato District. Over the last 12 months the number of registered businesses has increased by 237. Nationally, the number of registered businesses has increased by 0.14%.

Business openings and closings in the last year

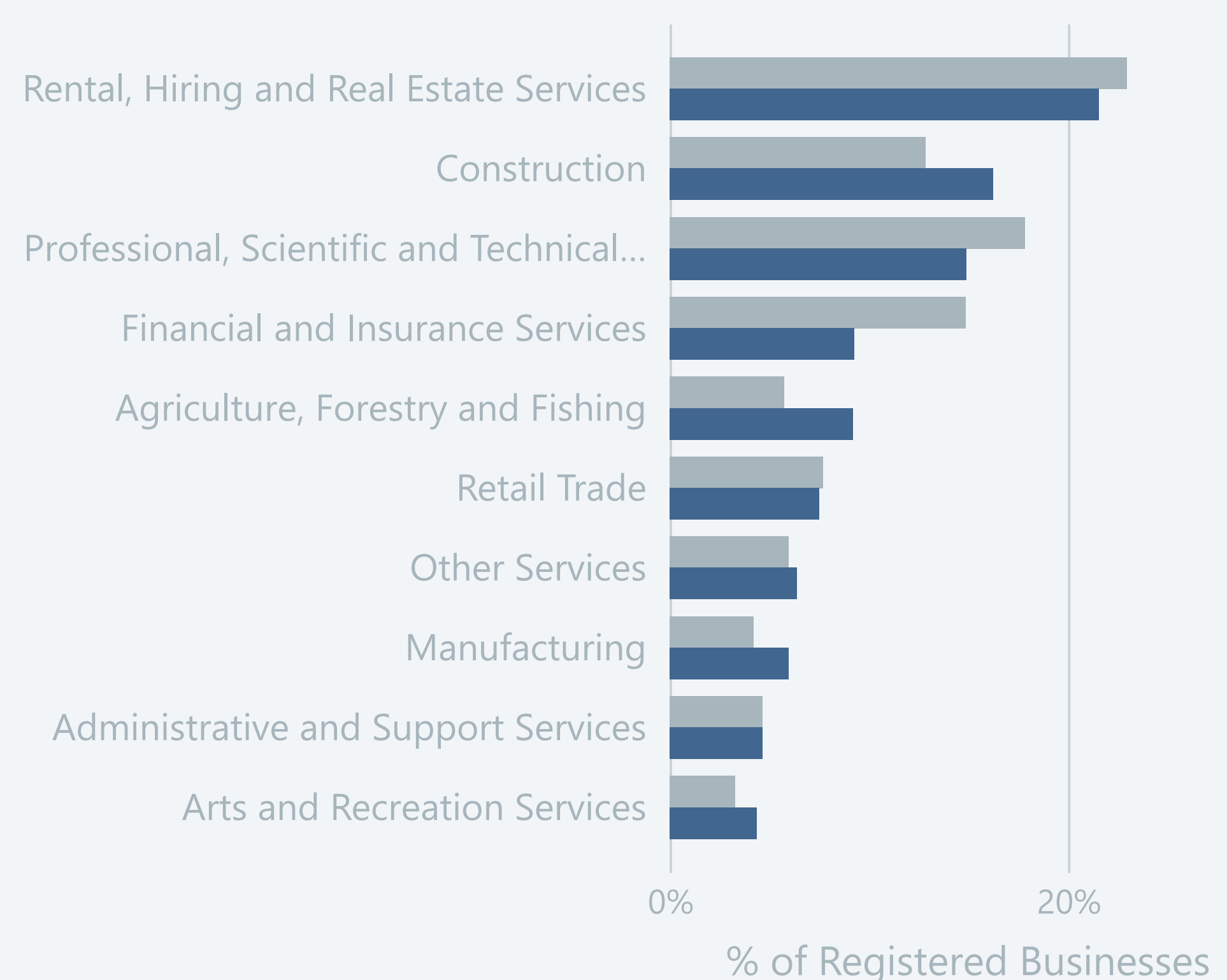
● New business registrations ● Business deregistrations



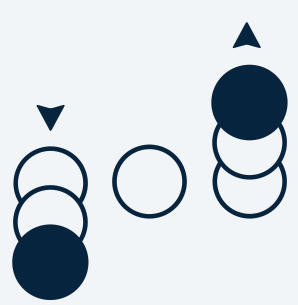
Comparing June 2025 with June 2024 Waikato District has seen an increase in the number of new business registrations of 49% and a decrease in the number of business deregistrations of 13.2%.

Distribution of registered businesses by industry

● National ● Waikato District



Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services is the largest industry operating in Waikato District and makes up 18% of all currently registered businesses.



Tourism spend this quarter



In May 2025, \$8.6M was spent in Waikato District from domestic and international visitors to the district. Domestic tourism made up 88.3% of total tourism spend, and has decreased by 6.66% since the same time last year, whereas international tourism has increased by 20.29% in the same time period.

Visiting regions with the greatest spend

Visiting region	\$ Change	Spend
Auckland	▼ \$1.2M	\$12.7M
Bay of Plenty	▲ \$188K	\$2.9M
Waikato	▼ \$165K	\$5.8M
Wellington	▼ \$54K	\$805K
Northland	▲ \$22K	\$977K

This quarter, the largest spend from domestic tourists visiting Waikato District came from the Auckland region, with tourists spending \$12.7M. This represents a decrease of \$1.2M since the same quarter last year.

Visiting regions with the greatest % change

Visiting region	\$ Change	Spend
Nelson	▲ \$13K	\$51K
Otago	▼ \$141K	\$245K
Tasman	▲ \$25K	\$62K

This quarter, Waikato District saw the greatest % change in domestic tourism spend from those visiting from the Tasman region since the same quarter last year, with a \$25K increase in spend.

Visiting countries with the greatest spend

Visiting country	\$ Change	Spend
Australia	▼ \$23K	\$916K
Rest of Asia	▲ \$68K	\$302K
Rest of Europe	▲ \$50K	\$445K
United Kingdom	▲ \$51K	\$549K
United States of America	▲ \$352K	\$1.6M

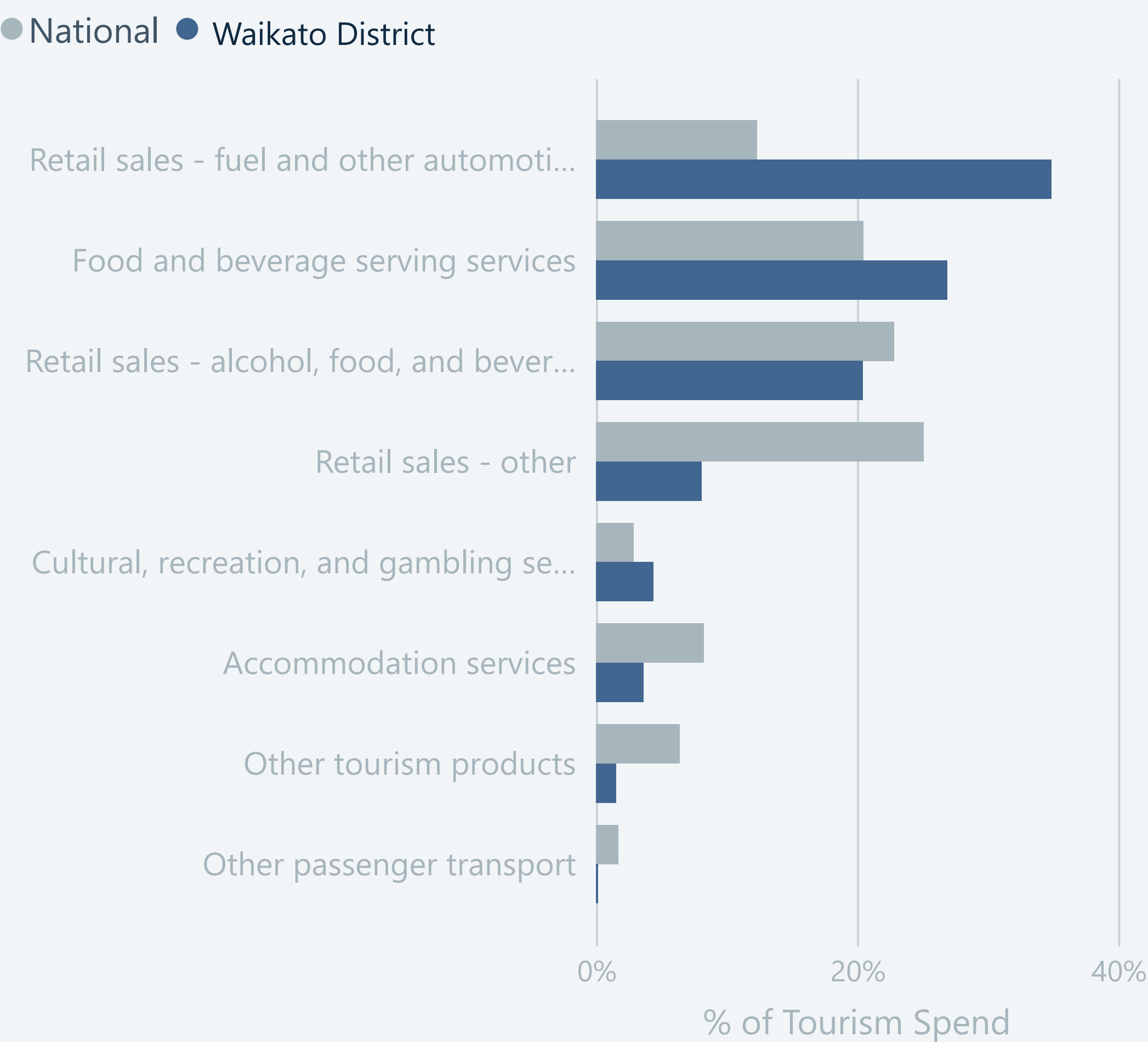
This quarter, the largest spend from international tourists visiting Waikato District came from United States of America, with tourists spending \$1.6M. This represents an increase of \$352K since the same quarter last year.

Visiting countries with the greatest % change

Visiting country	\$ Change	Spend
Rest of Americas	▲ \$30K	\$98K
Rest of Oceania	▲ \$5K	\$14K
Africa and Middle East	▲ \$47K	\$127K

This quarter, Waikato District saw the greatest % change in international tourism spend from those visiting from Rest of Oceania since the same quarter last year, with a \$5K increase in spend.

Tourism spend by industry



In Waikato District tourists spent the most on Retail sales - fuel and other automotive products this quarter, which was 34.9% of all tourism spend. This is 183.7% larger than the national proportion.



Domestic tourism spend is calculated using the monthly spend of in-person electronic card transactions in the district, which come from individuals living outside of the district and whose own home district's largest urban centre is at least 40km away.

Note that our source of tourism spend data has been deprecated and no longer updating. DOT are seeking an alternative replacement.

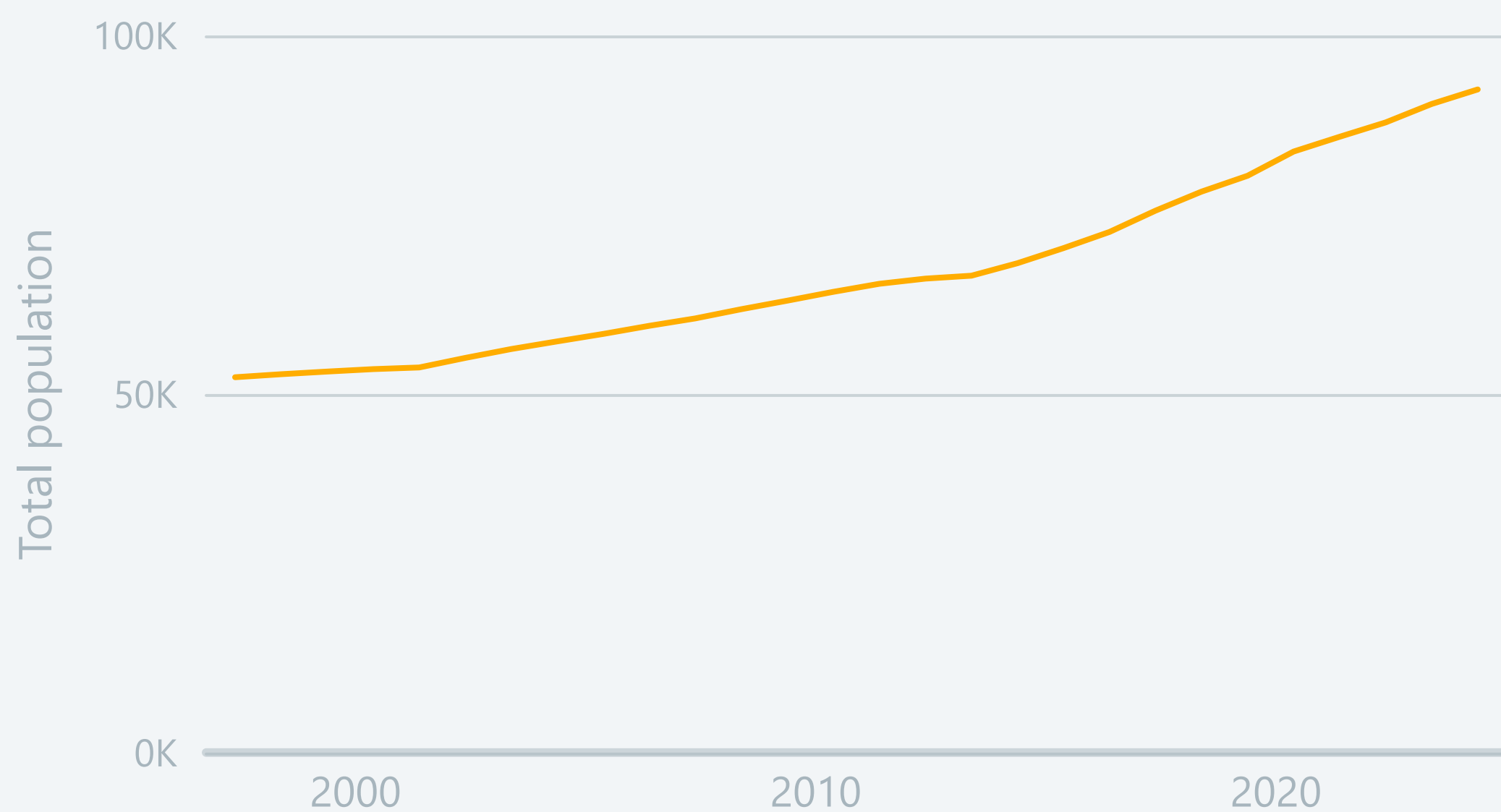


Demographics

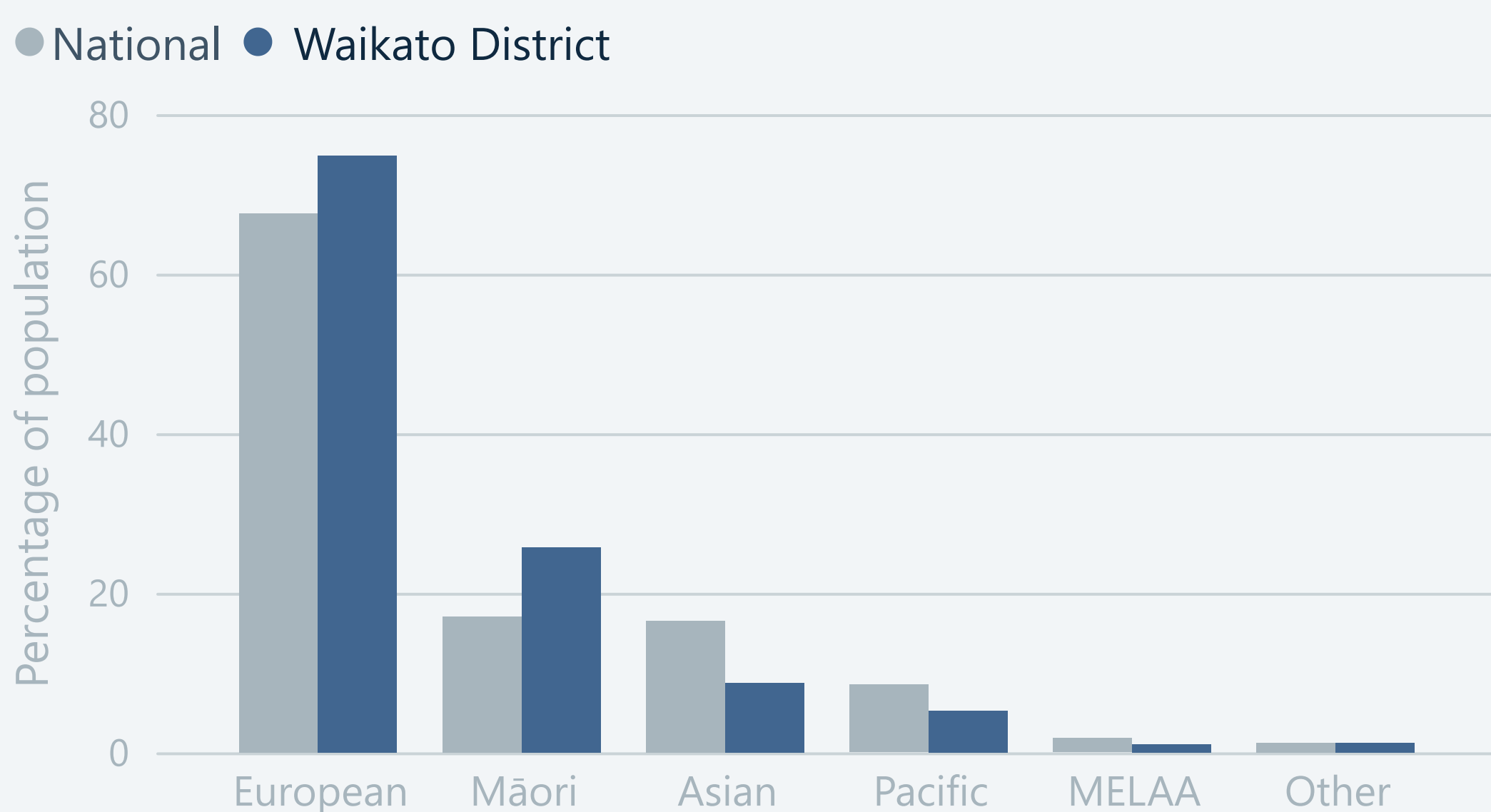
Estimated population

92.47K

Is the estimated total population in Waikato District in 2024. The population in the area has increased by 2.24% or 2029 people since 2023.

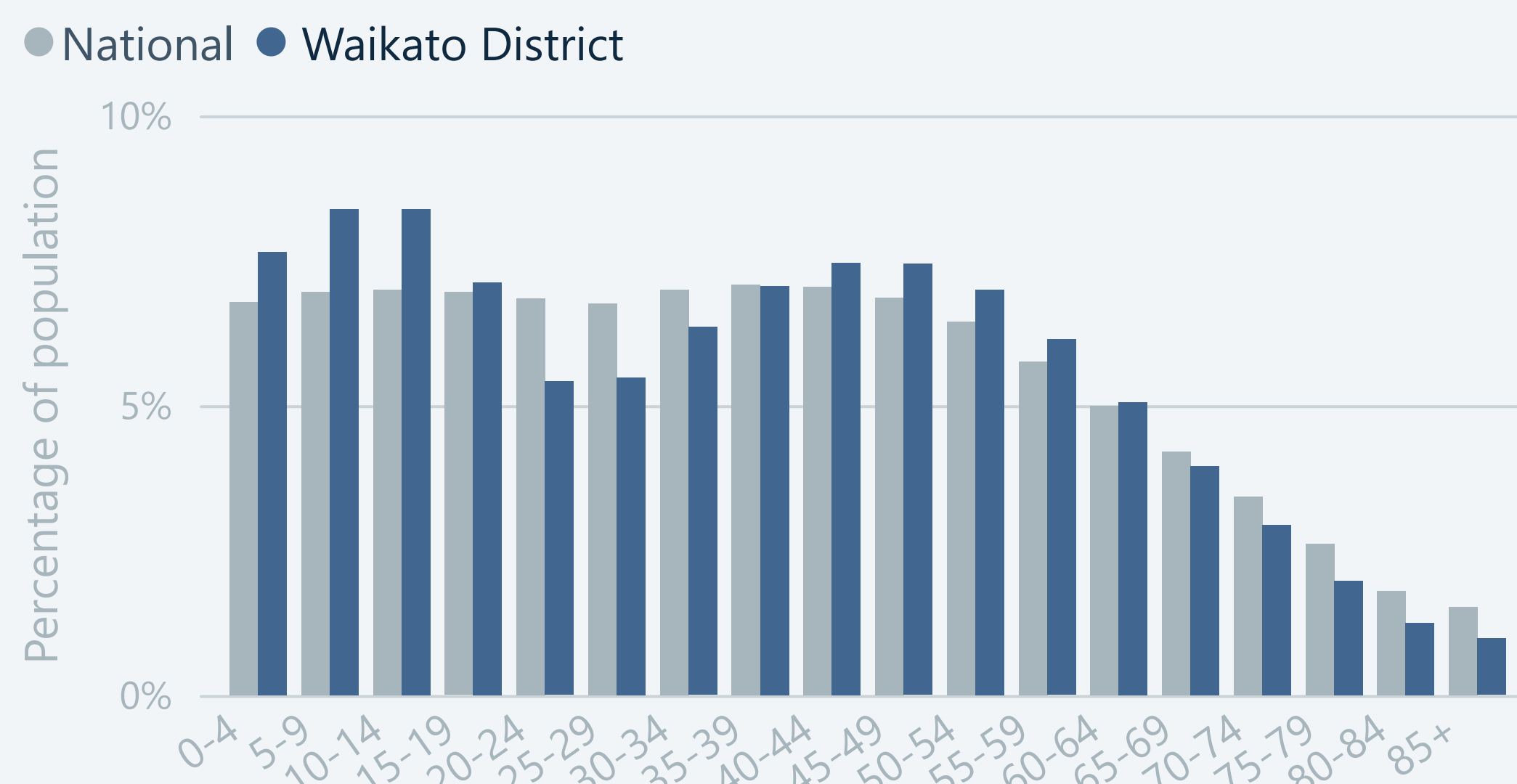


Ethnic distribution



As of March 2023 the largest ethnic group in Waikato District is European (70.4%), 8.5% larger than the national percentage. The ethnicity that has had the greatest change since March 2018 is MELAA, increasing by 87.5%.

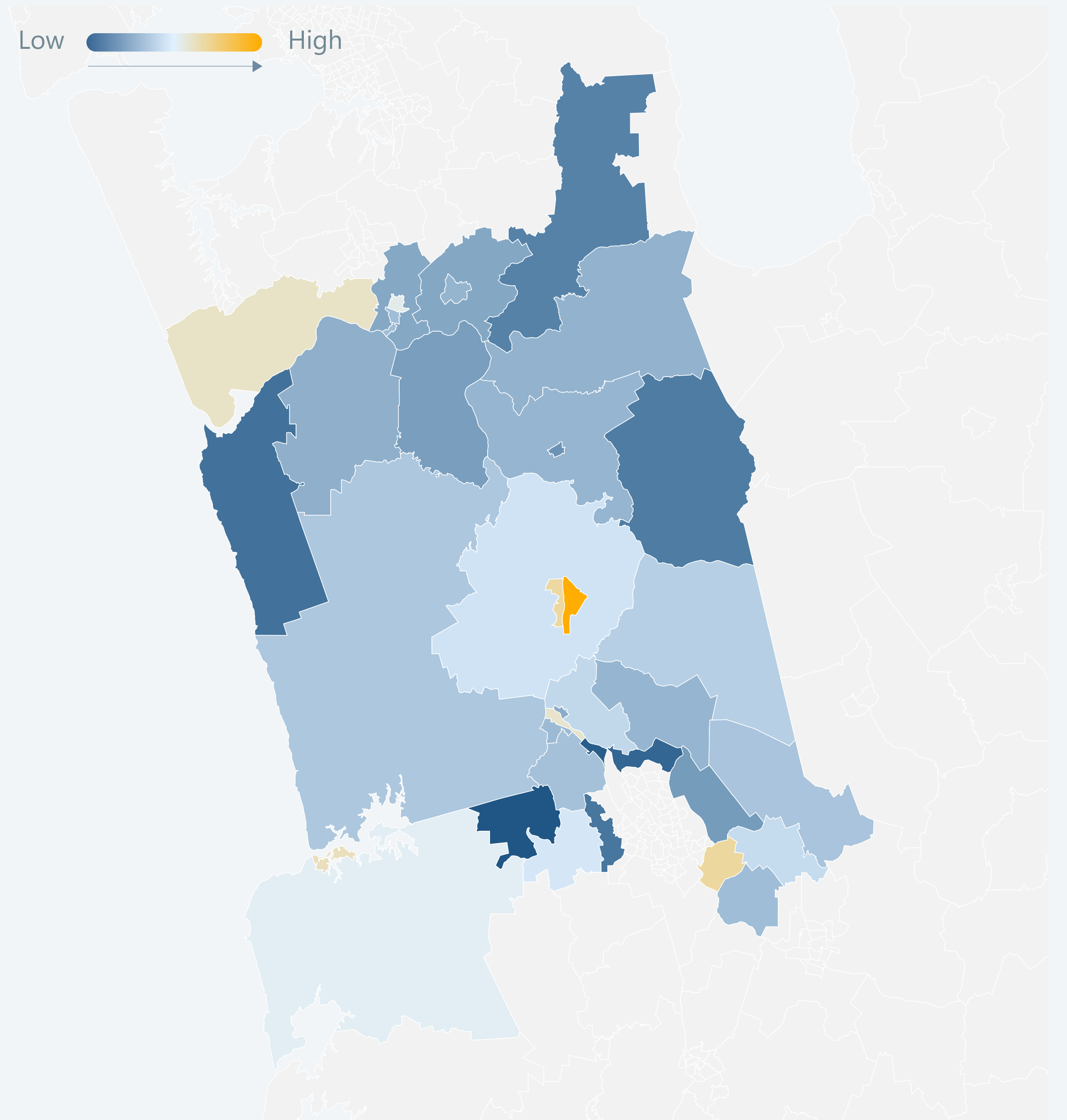
Age distribution



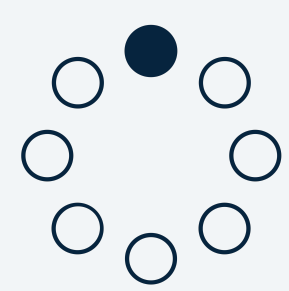
As of June 2024 the largest age band in Waikato District is 10-14 (7.5%), 15.5% larger than the national distribution. The age band that has had the greatest change since June 2023 is 85+, increasing by 8.62%.

Population distribution

Low High



In June 2024, Pōkeno saw the greatest change in population, with an increase of 13.3% since June 2023.



Employment

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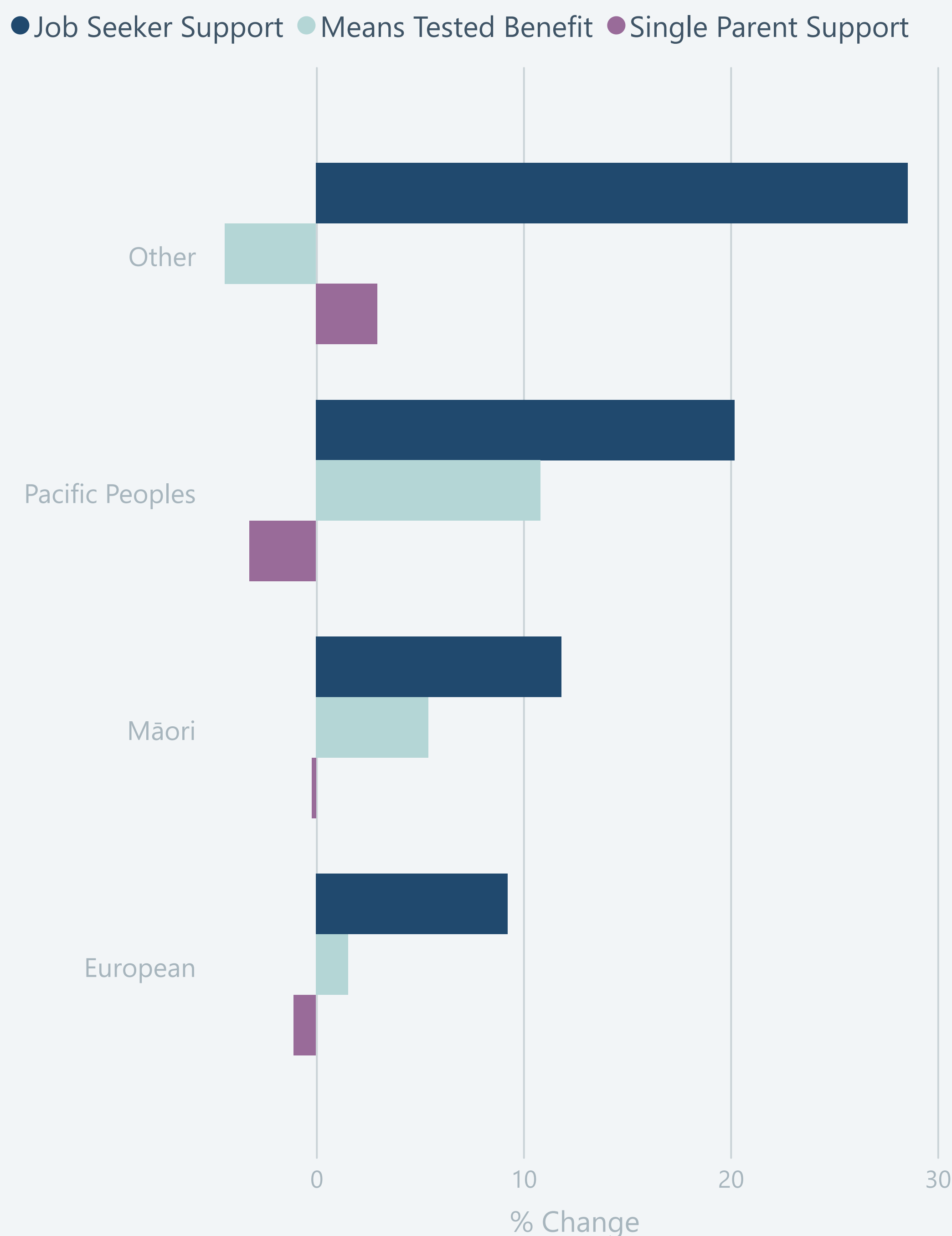
Key Pillar Changes

Job seeker support rate Mar 2025 **7.0%** ▲ **12.18%** % change is from March 2024

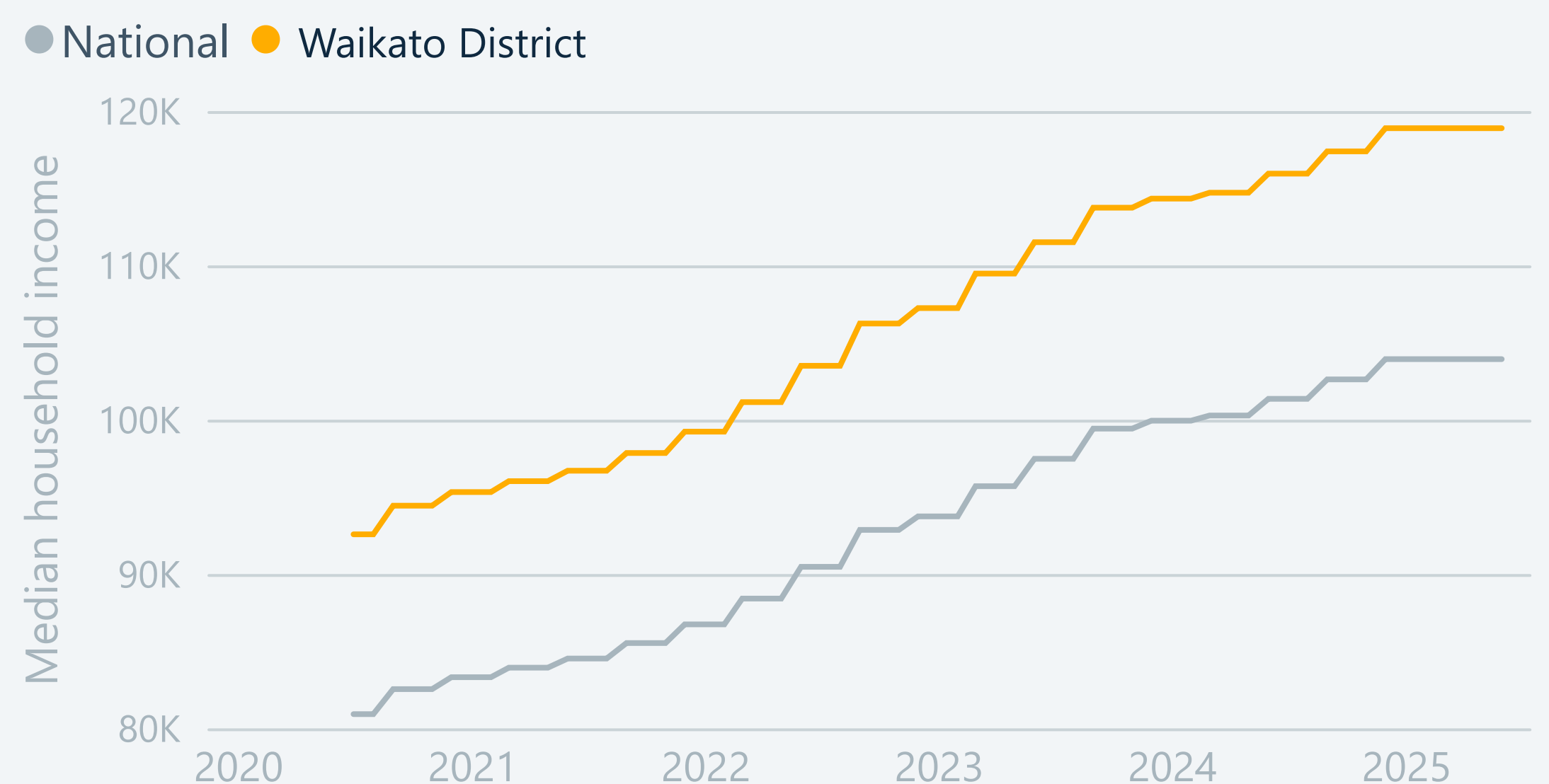
Means tested benefit rate Mar 2025 **2.9%** ▲ **3.01%** % change is from March 2024

Sole parent support rate Mar 2025 **2.9%** ▼ **1.26%** % change is from March 2024

Change in benefit rates by Ethnicity



Median Household Income over time



As of June 2025, the median household income (adjusted for inflation) in Waikato District was \$118,891. This is 14.4% greater than the national median.

Within Waikato District, the benefit rate by ethnicity with the greatest increase in the last 12 months was Job Seeker Support for Other ethnicities (Asian, MELAA and other), up 28.57% to a value of 3.52 claimants per 100 working adults (15-64yrs). Comparatively, Means Tested Benefit for Other ethnicities (Asian, MELAA and other) saw the greatest decrease over the last 12 months, down 4.39% to 0.83 claimants per 100 working adults.

Key Pillar Changes

Secondary school retention

Jan 2023

55.0%


1.58%

% change is from January 2022

Secondary school with highest proportion of students leaving with NCEA level 3

Jan 2023

Onewhero Area School

Ethnicity with greatest change in secondary school retention

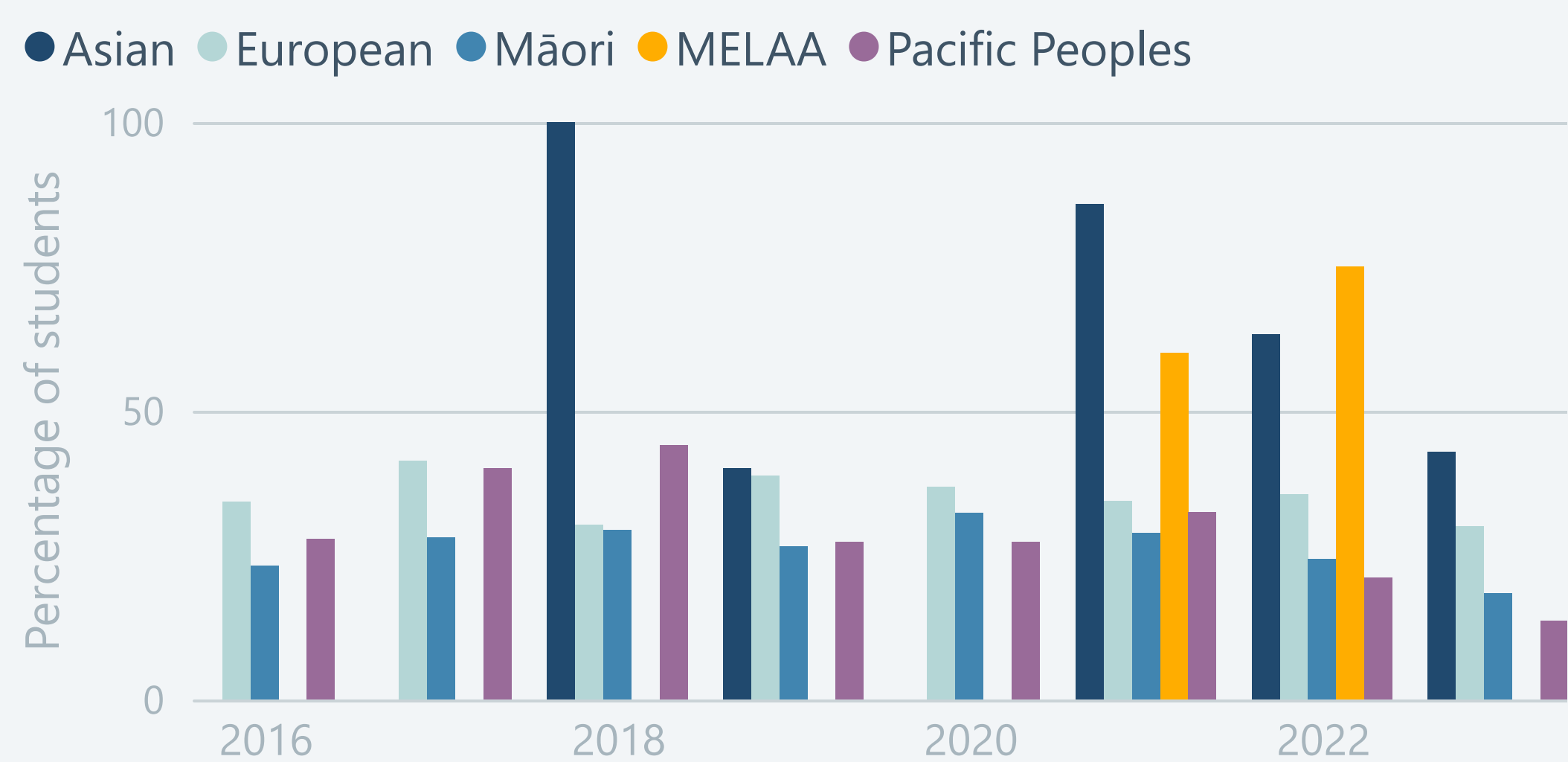
Jan 2023

MELAA


100%

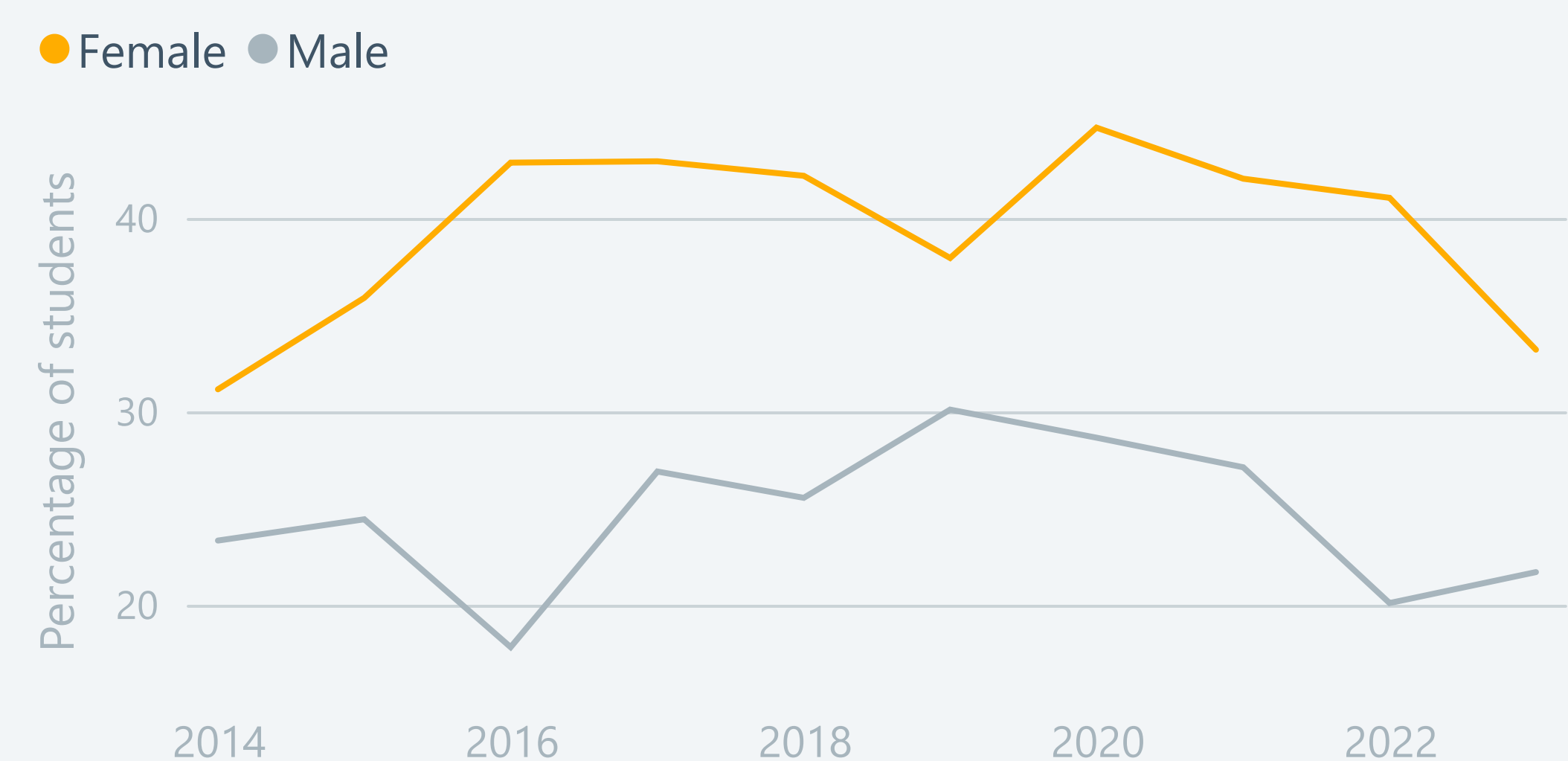
% change is from January 2022

School leavers with NCEA3 level by ethnicity



In 2023, Asian students in Waikato District had the greatest proportion of students leaving with NCEA3. This is 3.14 times larger than Pacific Peoples students, who have the lowest proportion of students leaving with NCEA Level 3. MELAA students have seen the greatest change in NCEA Level 3 pass rates, with an increase of 25%. Māori NCEA Level 3 pass rates in Waikato District are 51% of National Māori rates.

School leavers with NCEA3 level by gender



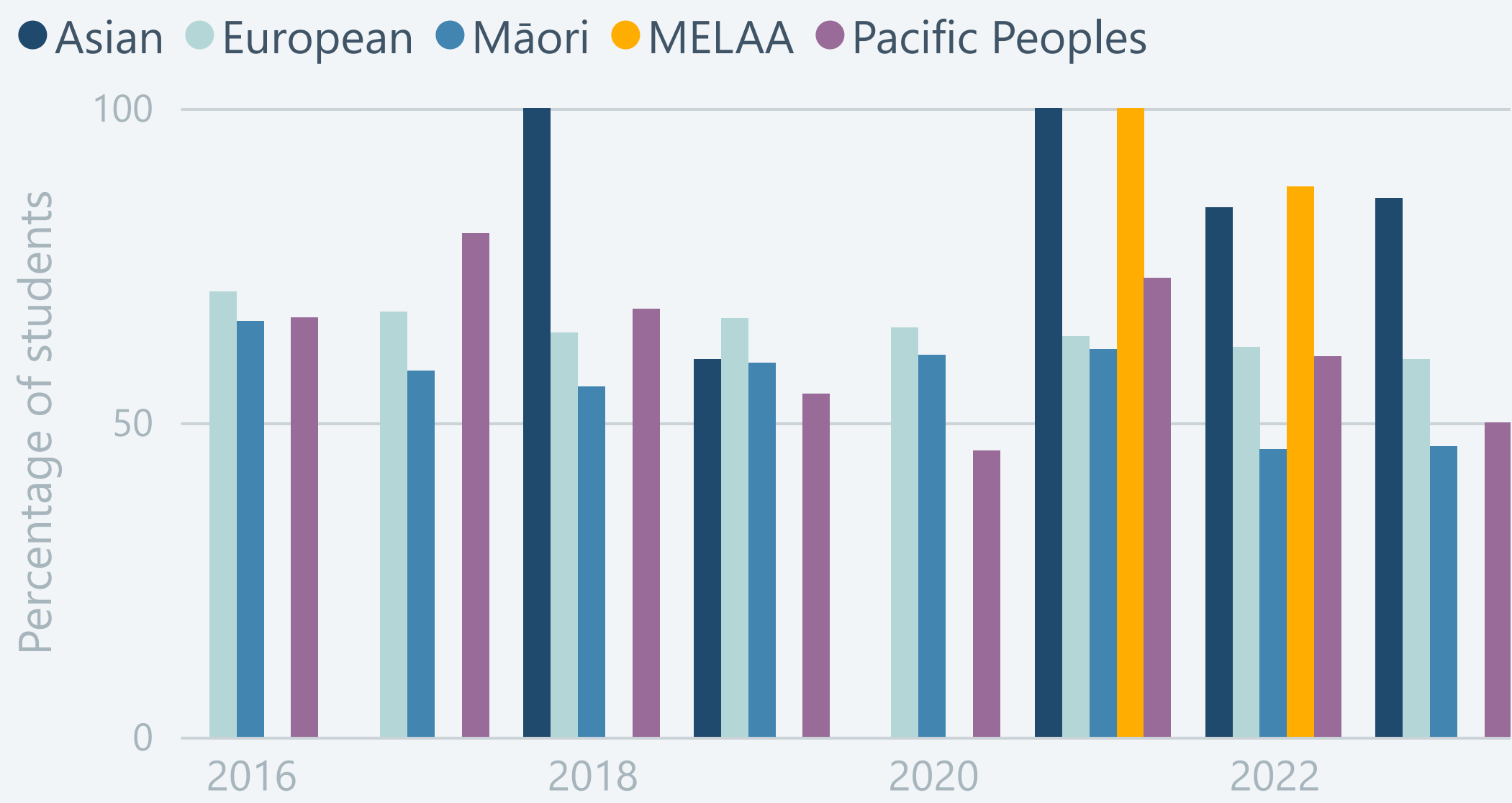
Since 2014, on average the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 in Waikato District for female students has been 1.6 times larger than male students. In 2023, the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 for female students compared with male students was less than average Compared to national figures, in 2023 the pass rate in Waikato District were lower for both females and males.

Schools with greatest change in NCEA3 pass rate

In 2023, the school with the greatest change in the percentage of students leaving with NCEA Level 3 (pass rate) since 2022 was Raglan Area School, with a 13.43% decrease. Note that the table includes only those schools with more than 50 students.

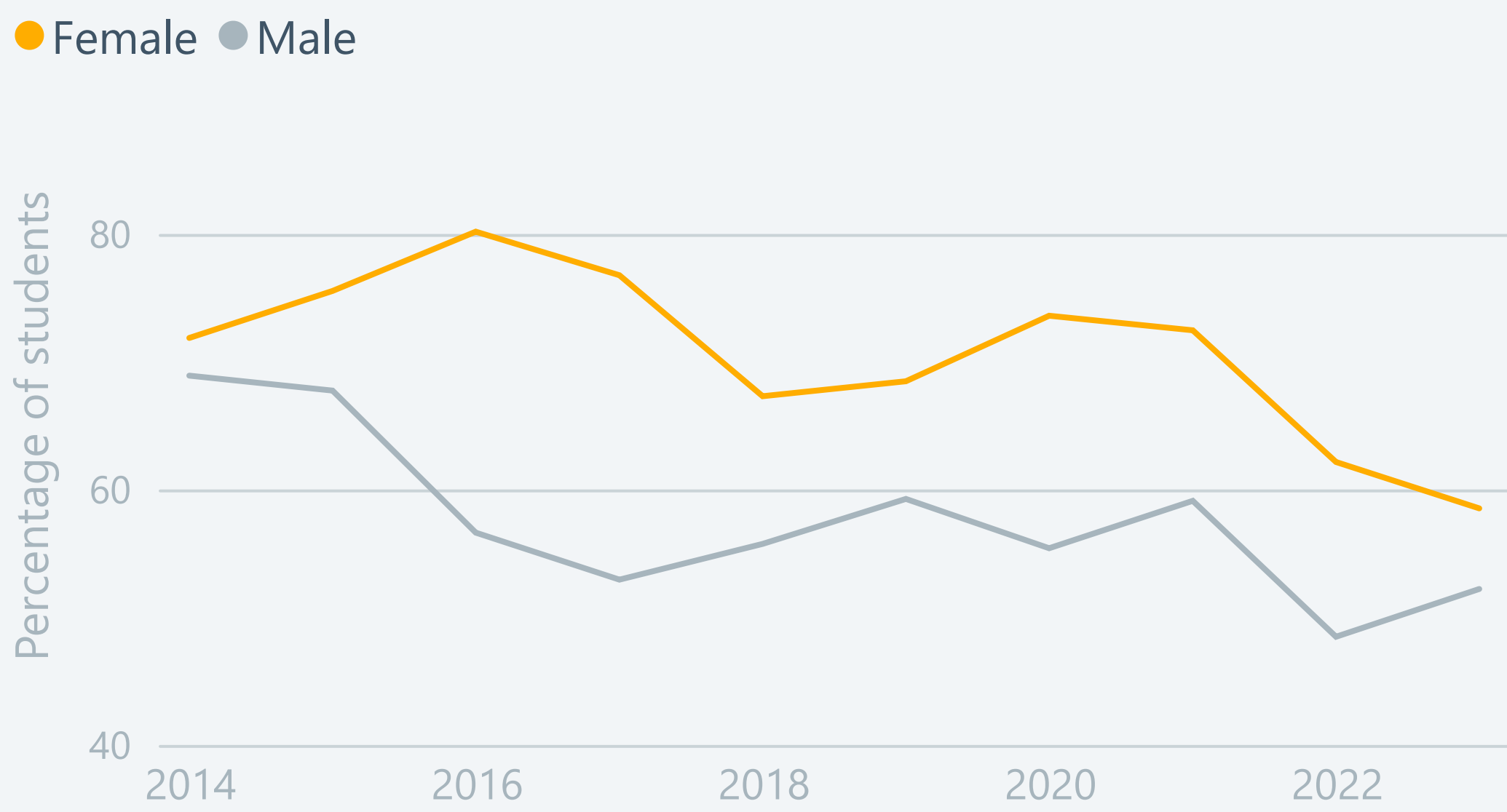
School		% Change	Pass Rate
Raglan Area School		13.43	35.59
Huntly College		9.59	2.00
Te Kauwhata College		7.08	16.67
Tuakau College		2.94	31.25
Ngaruawahia High School		1.45	19.54

Secondary school retention by ethnicity



In 2023, Asian students in Waikato District had the greatest retention rate. This is 1.86 times larger than Māori students, who have the lowest retention rate. European students have seen the greatest change in retention, with a decrease of 2.6%. Māori retention rates in Waikato District are 72% of National Māori rates.

Secondary school retention by gender



On average, since 2014, the retention rate in Waikato District of female students has been 1.23 times larger than male students. In 2023, the retention rates of female students compared with male students was less than average. Compared to national figures, in 2023 the retention rates in Waikato District were lower for both females and males.

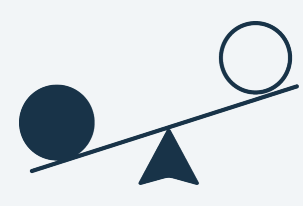
Schools with greatest change in retention

In 2023, the school with the greatest change in retention rate since 2022 was Huntly College, with a 4.58% decrease. Note that the table includes only those schools with more than 50 students.

Community		% Change	Retention rate
Huntly College	▼	4.58	36
Raglan Area School	▼	4.22	64
Tuakau College	▲	1.82	63
Ngaruawahia High School	▼	0.85	45
Te Kauwhata College	▲	0.56	46

! Education data is released by Education Counts at the end of each year, and pertain to the year prior to release.

i Secondary school retention is defined as the percentage of secondary school leavers who are at least 17 years of age.



Deprivation

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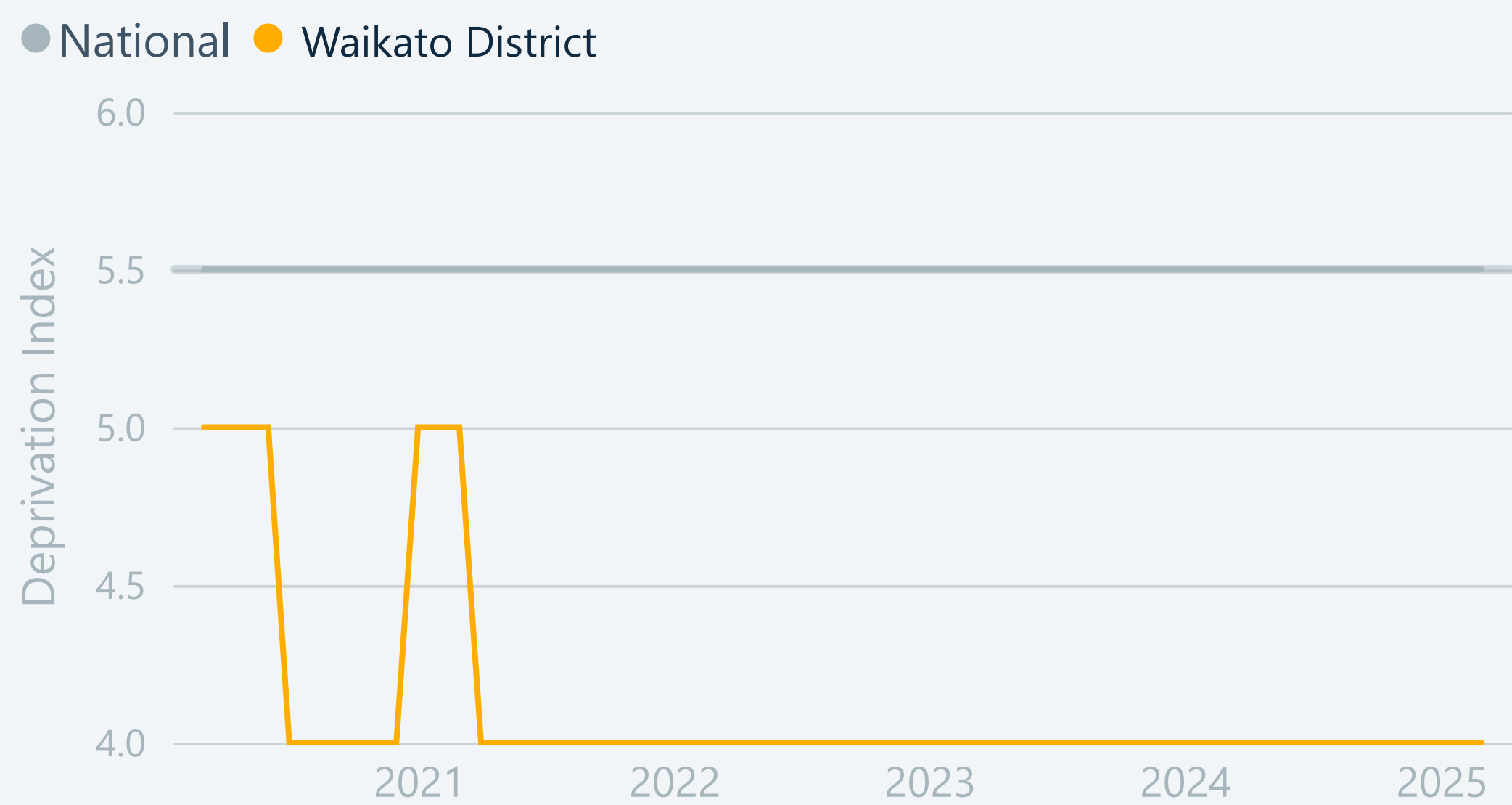
Key Pillar Changes

Deprivation Index Mar 2025 **4.0** — 0% % change is from February 2025

Community with greatest decrease in deprivation score Mar 2025 **Hamilton Park** ▽ 0.84% % change is from March 2024

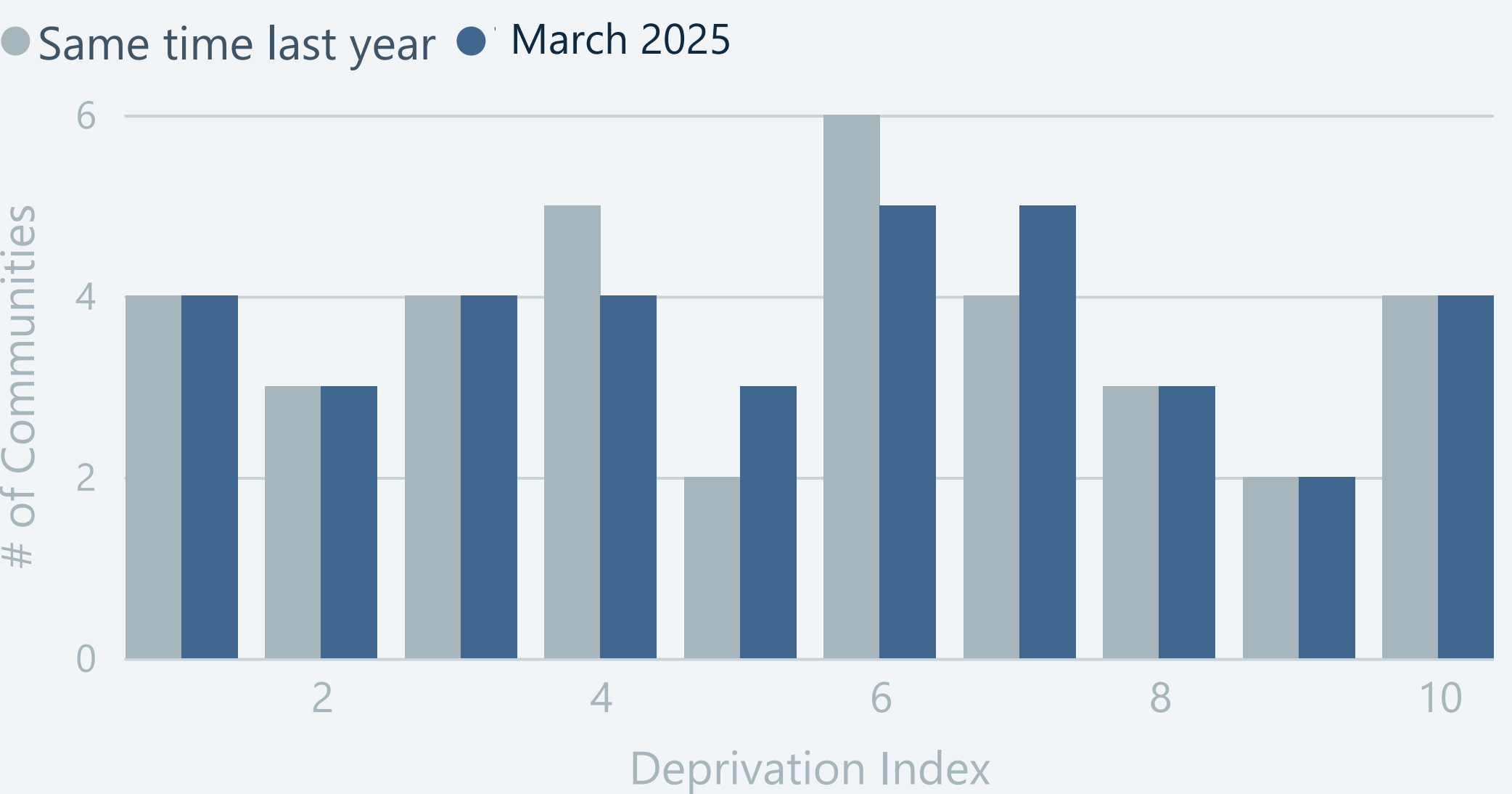
Community with greatest increase in deprivation score Mar 2025 **Tuakau Rural** ▲ 1.05% % change is from March 2024

Comparison to National Deprivation Index



Compared to the same time last year, the deprivation index of Waikato District has seen no change, and is 4 as of March 2025. The deprivation index is 27.3% below the national median index of 5.5.

Distribution of Deprivation Index



In Waikato District, 24.3% of the population live in highly deprived communities (deprivation index 8-10), whereas 29.7% live in high socio-economic performing communities (deprivation index 1-3).

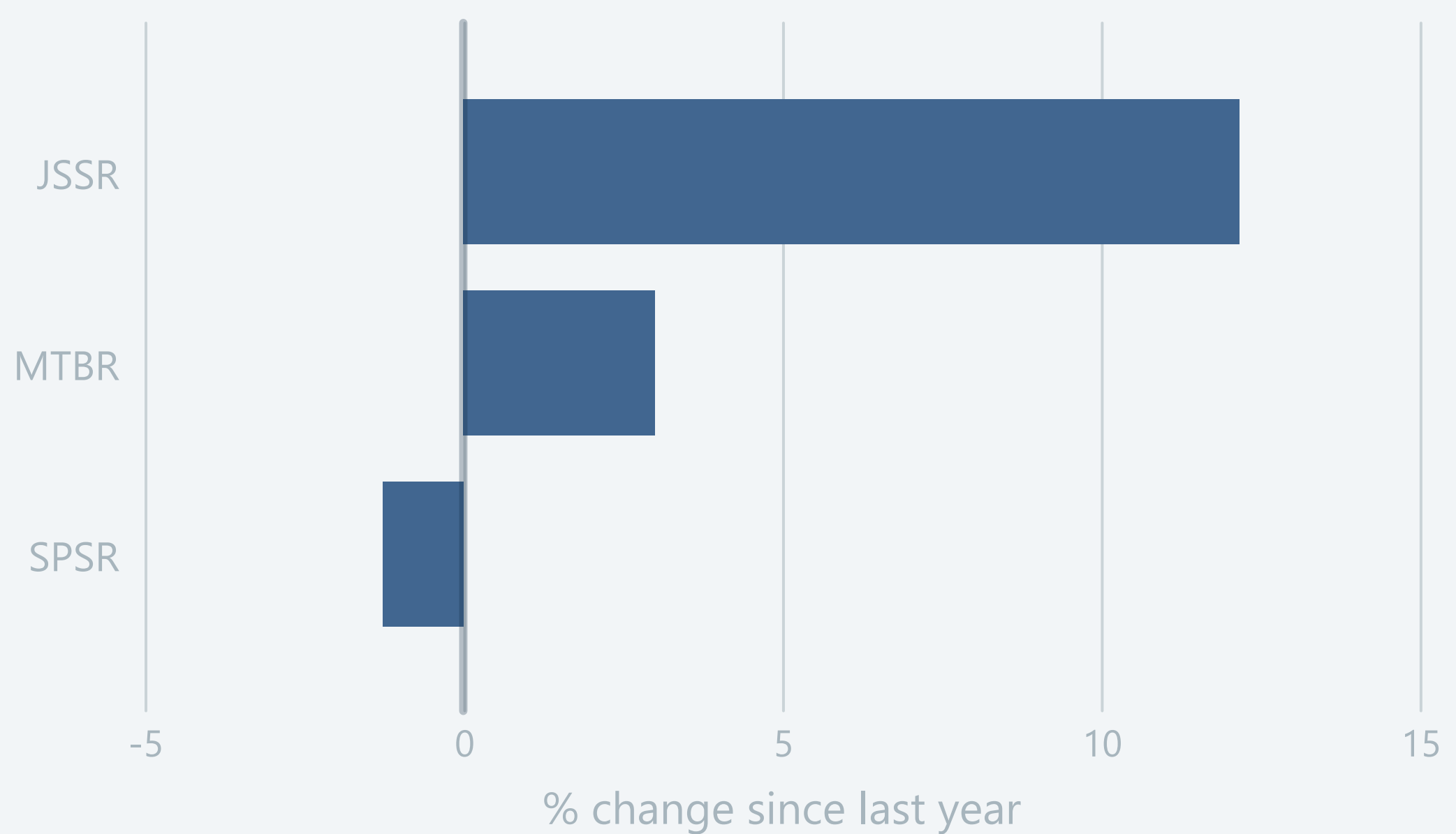
i Each month, small geographical areas are assigned a deprivation score. These areas are then assigned a deprivation index through deciles. A deprivation index of 1 represents the least deprived areas and a deprivation of 10 the most deprived.

Communities with the Greatest Change

Community	% Change	Depr. score
Tuakau Rural	▲ 1.05	952.41
Raglan	▲ 0.99	979.14
Taupiri-Lake Kainui	▲ 0.98	1,027.17
Te Ākau	▲ 0.86	1,040.29
Maramarua	▲ 0.85	1,008.41

The community with the greatest change in deprivation score since the same time last year was Tuakau Rural, with a 1.1% increase.

Benefit Deprivation Indicators



The benefit deprivation indicator that has changed the most in the last year is Job Seeker Support Rate (JSSR) which saw a 12.18% increase. The bars above represent Single Parent Support rate (SPSR), Means Tested Benefit rate (MTBR) and Job Seeker Support rate (JSSR).

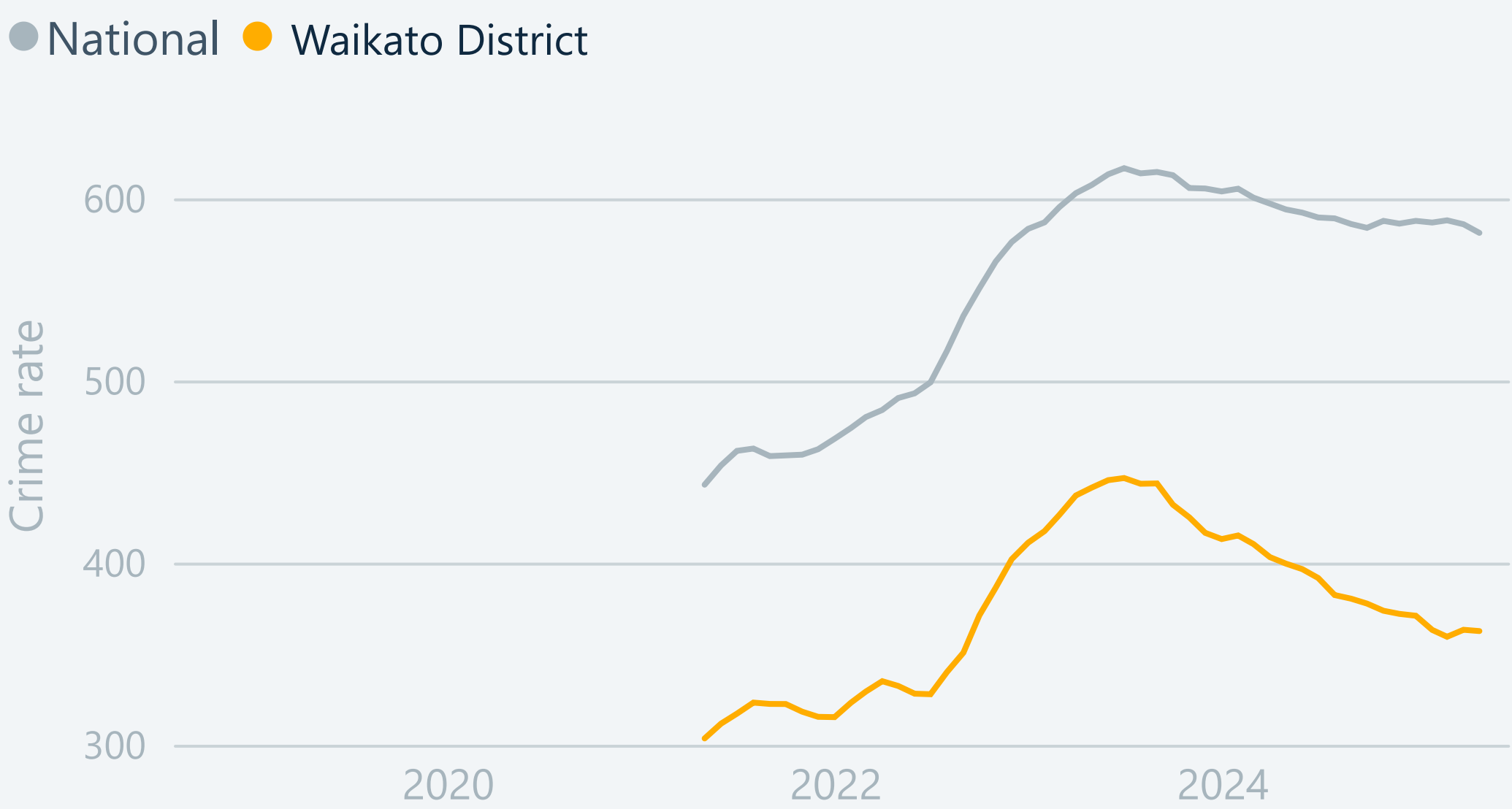
Key Pillar Changes

Crime rate May 2025 **362.4** ▽ 0.18% % change is from February 2025

Crime type with the greatest change in crime rate May 2025 **Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences** ▲ 25.25% % change is from February 2025

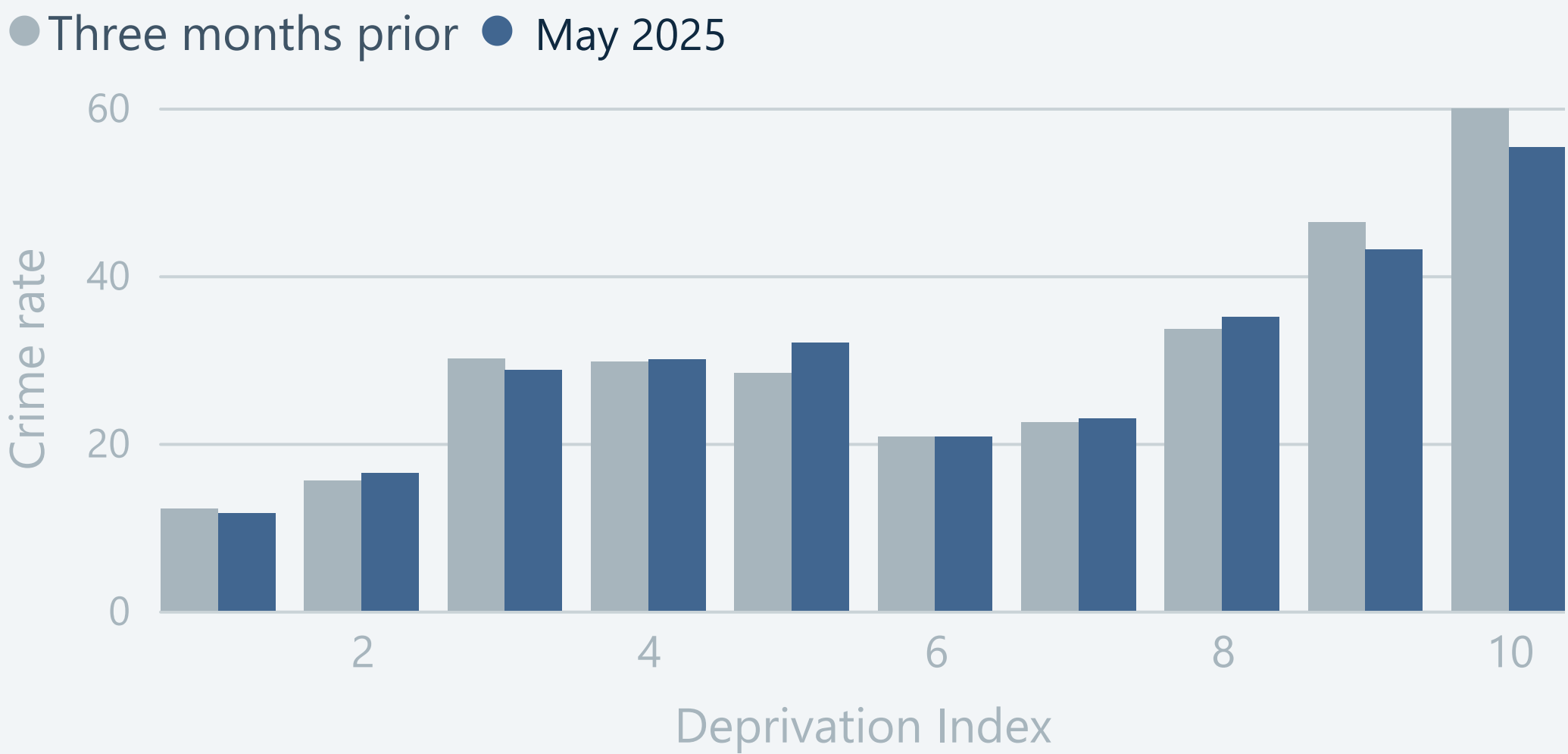
Community with greatest change in crime rate May 2025 **Port Waikato-Waikaretu** ▲ 99.66% % change is from February 2025

Comparison to National Crime Rate



Compared with the same time last year the crime rate in Waikato District has decreased by -9.3%, and is 362.4 as at May 2025. The crime rate is 37.6% below the national rate of 581.1.

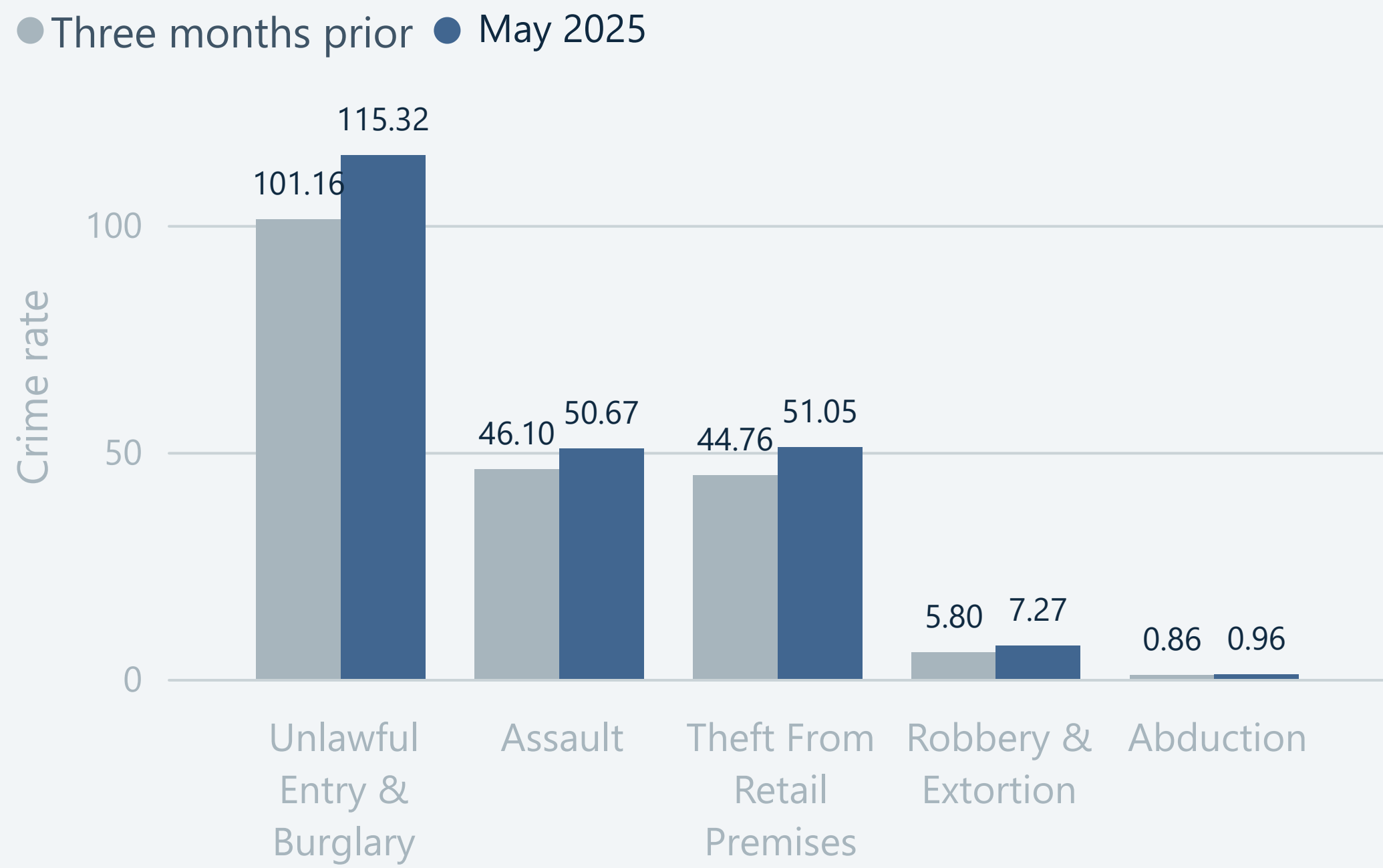
Crime Rate by Deprivation Index



In Waikato District, communities with a deprivation index of 10 have the highest crime rate. The crime rate in these communities is 4.8 times higher than those with a deprivation index of 1, the group with the lowest crime rate. Communities with a deprivation index of 5 have seen the greatest change in their crime rate over the last 3 months, with an increase of 12.7%.

i Crime rate is defined as the the number of victimisations over the last 12 months per 10,000 people

Crime Types with the Greatest Change



Within Waikato District, the most prevalent type of crime in May 2025 was 'Unlawful Entry/Burglary/Breaking & Entering'. The type of crime that had the greatest change in the last 3 months was 'Robbery, Extortion and Related Offences', with an increase of 25.2%.

Communities with Greatest Change

Community	% Change	Crime rate
Port Waikato-Waikaretu	▲ 99.66	136.0
Whatawhata West	▽ 40.15	50.0
Eureka-Tauwhare	▲ 32.11	225.3
Onewhero	▲ 26.03	78.2
Aka Aka	▽ 25.08	132.5

Port Waikato-Waikaretu saw the greatest change in crime rate over the last 3 months in Waikato District, with an increase of 99.7%.

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