

Te Ao Māori Wellbeing Project

1st Survey, Interim results at 21 October 2019













The following is a summary of interim results of the Te Ao Māori wellbeing survey undertaken during October 2019 using the Tūhono Online Research platform.

If you want to have your say before this survey closes at the end of November, join the Tūhono Research platform, by accessing the following link, <https://horizonpoll.co.nz/research/jointuhono.asp?>

1. Of the 11 key areas of wellbeing below, tick which, if any, are the most important to you...

Please tick all that apply

Results for 374 people who answered this question (format: Multichoice Multiselect)

A. Maoritanga/Te Reo/Culture		72%	
B. Whanau wellbeing		84.3%	
C. Health		91.5%	
D. Employment		71.5%	
E. The future for young people		75.3%	
F. The environment		81%	
G. Housing		73.5%	
H. Personal and household income growth		50.9%	
I. Law and order		51.8%	
J. Economic growth		40.8%	
K. Education		21.5%	<i>(57.9%)</i>
L. None of these are important to me		0.4%	

(Adjusted because "(K) Education" was included after the first 234 responses)

2. How strongly do you agree or disagree that promoting and enhancing all aspects of wellbeing is of critical importance to Maori ?

Results for 368 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		75.7%	
B. Agree		19.2%	<i>(94.9%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		4.7%	
D. Disagree		0%	
E. Strongly disagree		0.4%	<i>(0.4%)</i>

Treaty of Waitangi

3. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the Treaty of Waitangi being used as the basis for developing Te Ao Maori Wellbeing indicators?






Results for 363 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		24.3%	
B. Agree		25.4%	<i>(49.7%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		33%	
D. Disagree		12.7%	
E. Strongly disagree		4.7%	<i>(17.4%)</i>

Te Ao Maori values

4. How strongly do you agree or disagree that Te Ao Maori values should be central to designing and measuring wellbeing for Maori ?






Results for 356 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		50.3%	
B. Agree		33%	<i>(83.3%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		12.6%	
D. Disagree		3.6%	
E. Strongly disagree		0.5%	<i>(4.1%)</i>

Whanau-centred

5. How strongly do you agree or disagree that whanau are important in delivering sustainable wellbeing and intergenerational change for Maori individuals and collectives?

Results for 357 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		65.1%	
B. Agree		28.3%	<i>(93.4%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		5.8%	
D. Disagree		0.6%	
E. Strongly disagree		0.2%	<i>(0.8%)</i>

6. How strongly do you agree or disagree to taking a holistic approach for enhancing whanau wellbeing?

Results for 352 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		55.4%	
B. Agree		29.7%	<i>(85.1%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		13.6%	
D. Disagree		0.7%	
E. Strongly disagree		0.7%	<i>(1.4%)</i>

Te Ao Maori perspective

7. Overall, how strongly do you agree or disagree to the development and use of Wellbeing indicators from a Te Ao Maori perspective ?

Results for 353 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		44.6%	
B. Agree		38.1%	<i>(82.7%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		15.5%	
D. Disagree		1.6%	
E. Strongly disagree		0.2%	<i>(1.8%)</i>

Partnership relationships

8. How strongly do you agree or disagree that enhancing Treaty partnership relationships between the Government and Maori are critical to achieving improved wellbeing for Maori ?


Results for 352 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		40.1%	
B. Agree		31.4%	<i>(71.5%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		18.2%	
D. Disagree		8.3%	
E. Strongly disagree		1.9%	<i>(10.2%)</i>

Te Ao Maori collaborative forum

9. Would you agree or disagree with the establishment of a Te Ao Maori Collaborative Forum to provide advice and guidance on the development of wellbeing indicators?

Results for 351 total responses (format: Multichoice)

A. Strongly agree		34.6%	
B. Agree		42%	<i>(76.6%)</i>
C. Neither agree nor disagree		16%	
D. Disagree		4.5%	
E. Strongly disagree		2.9%	<i>(7.4%)</i>

Thanks!

Those are all our questions for now. We hope to seek your views again on how we should approach measuring and improving Maori wellbeing.

20. Are there any comments you would like to make on this survey and the issues raised in it?

Qualitative Responses

- 1) A progressive survey, well done!
- 2) A question of importance to which I don't have an answer is how can we get Maori highly represented in the negative stats out of what is almost a victim mindset?
- 3) A survey of value
- 4) A timeframe for change would have been great
- 5) All the best to us
- 6) Arohamai, didn't mean to come across sarky, hope you understand my frustration. Just the term indicators give me flashes of another way to measure how not-well Maori are doing. The struggle is real.
- 7) Do I find out the results after everyone has filled in this survey?
Do I become part of the solution and have the opportunity to get involved if I can and suggest things regarding the outcomes?
- 8) Don't feel these questions that were posed were very well thought of.
- 9) Education is also important and needs to be included, participation can be measured simply through attendance statistics. There is a clear link between truancy and at risk indicators. A pattern of non engagement in education can be identified very early, is often inter-generational and receives next to no intervention by government. Left to continue, further societal disengagement occurs and leads to many more wellbeing issues.
- 10) Enjoyed your survey Tuhono
- 11) Good Luck!

- 12) Good survey. One point I want to make is that you need to define what you mean by Maori wellbeing. For me, a working class Maori on a benefit struggling with a history of that (neglect, abuse in our whanau) - I'm different to a Maori with a \$200k a year job, a flash house and a flash car. If you are going to take wellbeing seriously - you must look at social class between Maori.
- 13) How about asking what, actually is my well-being.. I.e shit, no job for years, no State assistance or benefit, isolated, no community, family scattered, tribal connections geocentric (so useless for those outside of Hapu areas) depressed.. no real purpose in life, just waiting for the Grim Reaper etc etc ,
- 14) i am always happy to help, but must admit i am not always aware what is going on around me, information is a key,
- 15) I am in hope and bewilderment to seeing what happens, next.
- 16) I applaud the desire to have Maori measures and these are essential to our future. They must be positive outcome focused.
- 17) I can't wait to see where it all goes
- 18) I do wish whanau was everything, but it isn't today, and I wish our people would stop using that catch-cry and focus on raising our face nationally.
If I'm to be tolerant, let no other Maori be guilty of providing meth to another. Where is their dignity? Surely Te Ao cannot tolerate the disregard these people have for the life of others including whanau.
- 19) I don't see this as a question. The basis of analysing Māori should be through a kaupapa Māori techniques. Anything less is an insult
- 20) I hope that this survey is also distributed to non-Māori and their responses are measured and compared to those from a Māori perspective.
- 21) I hope this survey eventuates and materialises. Too much hui and no doey
- 22) I personally believe every indigenous NZers should be granted one acre of land as a positive affirmation to redistribute wealth. Those seeking to take advantage could apply for a ballot within a certain chosen area and do with as ever they please.
- 23) I strongly believe in Maori and Non-Maori wellbeing and supporting organisations that facilitate this rather than form separate new organisations. We should work collaboratively, like what we do when we weave harekeke together.
- 24) I think we need address the disparity in health care for Maori in our existing health system.
I would like to see much more screening made available for Tamariki and adult Maori, especially in areas such as Northland east coast etc.
Womens health, cervical and breast cancer and all other cancers. Screening for cancer diabetes strep throat etc.
Firstly to improve health we must address housing, good warm dry affordable housing. This is causing the biggest health risk.
Mental health and physical health can then be addressed with the use of social workers , mental health workers working closely with Maori communities in need.
We must create safe spaces , for young maori people , where they can go to and stay if needed that addresses mental health issues, causing suicide . We need to create a culture of hope surrounding employment, access to higher education and remedial education and apprenticeships for our young people.A climate of hope and money put into these things would help our people
- 25) I think it is very good to have survey from different organisations as Mental Wellbeing is a very IMPORTANT part of taking care of our own wellbeing at times in whatever form you wish to reconnect within yourself.
- 26) I would like to know what findings, conclusions and recommendations come out of this survey please.
- 27) I'd be interested in working for a Te Ao Maori ethics board ā~%o. Holla if you need a registered social worker
- 28) If this project becomes political, it is doomed. Like so many other things in NZ, we need to be for New Zealand and its people, not as per a political viewpoint. This kills any initiative.
- 29) I'm not sure what Te Ao Maori is.
- 30) Indicators would differ for male and female
- 31) It is important to note that as I live in a developing nation working for a non-profit, my grasp of day-to-day issues in the NZ context is limited. My understanding of Te Ao Maori in particular is limited. In future, I would want to read and understand more before responding.
- 32) It is time Maori were leading and defining their own outcomes and measurements that are located within The Reo, Maturang Maori, Tikanga and The Tiriti o Waitangi. The current system is dominated by organisational and institutional racism. We are need to lead and be the disruptors so please do not let this project be high jacked and Maori find their aspirations and dreams diluted, to fit mainstream ideas of what well being should look like for us. We are articulate,

- intelligent and visionary. You just need to look at our history to appreciate our resilience.
- 33) It is time that not just māori, but the impact on all long term impact of living the life of a dis-connected individual, living on low income has on the inner and outer of a person.
 - 34) It's a tough job, developing the indicators is a start - implementation will be a long but fulfilling journey.
 - 35) Just that on the "work with government question, I put agree not strongly agree because I believe we can't wait or be 100% reliant on Govt
 - 36) KAUPAPA MAORIBY MAORI FOR MAORI
 - 37) Keep up the good mahi Tuhono
 - 38) Kia Kaha Whanau
 - 39) kia maia
 - 40) liked survey
 - 41) Long time coming.
 - 42) Looking forward to a proactive solution focussed outcome.
Nga mihi
 - 43) Mā wai te pai o ngā mahi nei? Mā u, mā te Kāwanangata? Mā ku rā nei mā Te Ao Māori? He pāheha koe e mā hio ai? He pāheha hoki au e mā hio ai?
 - 44) Māori are disproportionately affected by suicide. In the latest provisional suicide statistics, the Māori suicide rate was 23.72 per 100,000, compared to 13.76 per 100,000 for the whole population. If we are serious about improving the experience of our whanau who are affected by mental health issues, we need different approaches to what we are currently doing. We also need more treatment facilities for detox and rehab for our whanau with addiction issues as there is not a lot of treatment options available that whanau can afford.
 - 45) Maori are sensitive to the earth and sky naturally
 - 46) Māori wellbeing is a very important topic fit the survival of Māori as a people
 - 47) Maori wellbeing seems to be strongly communistic and removed from the real world.
 - 48) Maori wellbeing will never work under pakeha frameworks or policy as we must remember the tikanga of pakeha is keeping jobs and money not about humanity
 - 49) my answers will probably be in the minority because I was raised by the German side of my family and I'm physically disabled and being refused medical care. I'm sure that people more in touch with their Māori roots that still have hope for wellbeing would answer very differently
 - 50) My concern is and has always been that we reflect apartheid ideals in some ways.
 - 51) My concern is that we alienate non-Maori and any initiative should be overtly inclusive, not exclusive. As we have seen through recent events, Maori need to take racism seriously and simply saying that the Treaty guarantees 'such and such' does little to reduce the racism so strongly felt by many pakeha.
 - 52) No
 - 53) Overall surveys are great. But time is even greater. Hence the need to produce quickly whatever the survey/s results indicate.
 - 54) Personally, this particular Wellbeing measure it is important to ensure the on-going continuation to keep it to the forefront of our people.
 - 55) please don't use the question styling Do you agree or disagree....it adds to the cognitive load and made it harder to complete.
 - 56) Please include all Maori in this, especially those living overseas.
 - 57) Please keep me informed, thanks.
 - 58) Please start the mahi NOW. It is so long overdue and whanau Maori are in such a state of despair, loss and giving up. To address our WELL BEING, firstly we have to address the Drug and Alcohol problems for whanau that so many of them are trapped in! The Govt. throwing money at Well Being is not going to change anything for Maori until we as Whanau Maori address and change our generational whanau culture of Drugs and Alcohol. GOOD EMPLOYMENT with GOOD INCOME (create employment for the unemployed with DOC & local IWI - pay them the 1year Tertiary fee to train our people and get them back to the Ngahere or Tangaroa - the healing will begin). Pay our people a GOOD INCOME - \$30.00 per hour! (\$50.00 a week into Maori Affairs Housing scheme) will provide GOOD HOUSING - Good housing brings GOOD HEALTH - Mum & Dad will be happier and our kids will have good warm housing and kai on the table. When our kids have slept well and had good kai- we get GOOD EDUCATION! GOOD EDUCATION brings good beginnings for our younger generation! So goes the FULL CYCLE. GOOD EMPLOYMENT BRINGS GOOD WELL BEING!
 - 59) Sadly, I see what Tuhono are trying to achieve, how-ever the govt's of today are only 5 minute managers, and there agendas and budget restraints are all self-

- serving. The whole Westminster system is actually quite racist in its design and execution.
- 60) Should be very interesting to see the overall plan for this venture.
 - 61) So far the Government has given us lots of nice words and promises, but very little in the way of practical application that benefits us directly as individual people.
 - 62) Something similar was done here earlier this year in the Kapiti basin, and country-wide and the survey was posted back to the University concerned, which was mainly on the well-being of the elderly. The KCDC (City council) holds a monthly forum for its older residents.
 - 63) Step outside the box. Maori have been researched, measured, developed, you name it, it's been done to Maori. What needs to be understood is that there is no one size fits all answer.
 - 64) Te reo tikanga are still not supported by policy makers lots of general Kāhoro but inequality still persists. We need more Maori at strategic policy level and the government needs to increase funding and opportunity for Maori to do things in ways which is self-determining and works! Nga mihi
 - 65) Thank you
 - 66) Thank you for researching this important issue
 - 67) Thank you for the opportunity to hear my voice I am sure there is much work to do :)
 - 68) Thank you for the opportunity. Will you do a similar consultation on our tamariki and rangatahi health. Will there be discussion documents published.
 - 69) Thank you for the work you are doing
 - 70) Thank you.
 - 71) Thanks for prioritizing this important issue!
 - 72) The first section where it lists all the things relative to wellbeing, it would be nice to be able to rank the factors from most to least important. Personally, I felt all were quite important, but some invariably more than others. For the current scheme of the survey that is not possible to gauge.
 - 73) The language used in the survey assumed we all speak Te Reo, and this excluded me from answering a few questions. Also, you should explain what a Treaty partnership relationship means because obviously not everyone knows what that means.
 - 74) The negatives I have found recently is that those who are learning holistic medicine seem to not want Maori input of rongoa some not all though
 - 75) The treaty has provided the basis for correction of injustices of the past. Some iwi have prospered, some have squandered. My opinion is that it is on the iwi to provide the support to whanau, but the whanau have to get up and go to the marae, become part of the community
 - 76) this is not a 5-minute survey
 - 77) To help us as a race, My first priority would be to ABOLISH ALL RACIST LEGISLATION.
 - 78) We as Maori need to be open and reflective of our past actions and interactions with the Government. The only way success can be achieved is to look forward and upwards while working collaboratively and respectfully with all those involved and without recrimination.
 - 79) We as Māori need to be trained to run our own families, land, marae te reo maori, environment, to work with government
 - 80) We need to own our stuff. External remedies is not the answer
 - 81) We see a lot of our families have broken down due to outside influences ie drugs, alcohol and poverty to name but a few. Unless those are dealt with we will see more of our whanau in the same position. I do not want that for any whanau!!
 - 82) we should focus on looking and moving forward. we spend too much time living and blaming the past. we need to look inwards are WE doing all we can for ourselves or are we just waiting for a hand out and not a hand up .
 - 83) Welfare dependence is the worst thing that ever happened in this country, heaps of jobs available but life is too cosy on a benefit and detrimental for health. Think about it !!
 - 84) What is being done for Moriori well-being? I would say nothing.
The true indigenous people are always ignored.
History is written by the victors, no wonder the peace loving Moriori have no justice.
 - 85) Would like to be further involved in this kaupapa
 - 86) Yes, I'd like fly buy rewards like the other surveys introduced.
 - 87) Your real challenge is to get the views of Maori who will never be in a position to read this let alone answer the questions. Ironically the very people who are slipping through the net.