Awareness of places to get help for anxiety and depression

Results from the 2018 New Zealand Mental Health Monitor





When asked what places are you aware of to get help for anxiety or depression, the top 5 mentioned places were:



Doctor



Family, friend or whānau member



48%



Other health professional



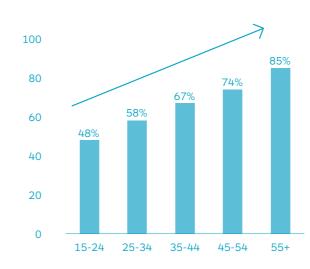
Helpline



Depression/ lowdown or other website

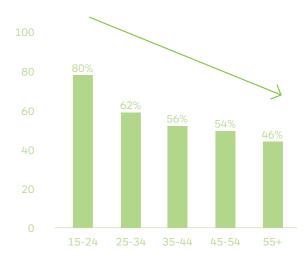


See a doctor



Those 35+ were more likely² than 15 to 24-year-olds to mention seeing a doctor as a place to get help for anxiety or depression after controlling for gender and ethnicity.





15 to 24-year-olds were **more likely**³ than all other age groups to mention talking to a friend, or family/whānau member as a place to get help for anxiety or depression after controlling for gender and ethnicity.

Less than 1/2

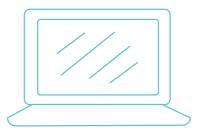
of **Pasifika** mentioned seeing a doctor as a place to get help for anxiety or depression and only 36% mentioned some other type of health professional, both significantly less than that of non-Pasifika.





Pasifika were less likely¹

to cite thelowdown.co.nz, depression.org.nz or another specific website as a place to get help than non-Pasifika.





15 to 24-year-olds were **more likely**⁴ to be aware of telephone helplines, than any other age group, as a place to get help with anxiety or depression after controlling for gender and ethnicity.

^{4.} RR(25-34) = 0.63, t=-2.44, p=.016; RR(35-44) = 0.67, t=-2.31, p=.022; RR(45-54) = 0.59, t=-2.83, p=.005; RR(55+) = 0.39, t=-5.53, p<.001





^{1.} RR(Pasifika) = 0.71, t=-3.68, p < .001.

^{2.} RR(35-44) = 1.36, t=2.17, p=.031; RR(45-54) = 1.46, t=2.92, p=.004; RR(55+) = 1.61, t=3.89, p=<.001

^{3.} RR(25-34) = 0.77, t=-3.52, p=.001; RR(35-44) = 0.70, t=-4.10, p<.001; RR(45-54) = 0.66, t=-4.61, p=<.001; RR(55+) = 0.57, t=-7.74, p<.001