

Rural Travel Fund 2023 Snapshot



JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

Sport NZ's Rural Travel Fund (RTF) helps lower travel barriers for rural sport clubs and school teams where players aged between 5 and 19 years require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions. 35 Territorial Authorities receive support through this fund.

Investment into the Rural Travel Fund for the period 2003-2024 totals \$8,182,634. This includes an additional one-off payment* paid out over two years in 2022-23 / 2023-24 of \$304,110 to assist with cost of living and fuel cost increases.

*Provided through COVID recovery funding

Applications

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Approved applications	357	385
Sports Club Applications	197	212
School Applications	160	173

Investment

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Approved funding	\$506,496	\$654,389
To Sports Clubs	\$284,021	\$346,774
To Schools	\$222,475	\$307,614

Requests for funding in 2022-23 totalled \$1,149,277

Approved funding in 2022-23 totalled \$654,389

Investment levels into top 10 sports

Sport	Investment	No. of participants
Combined Sports*	\$226,863	15702
Rugby	\$91,672	3804
Football	\$74,315	3501
Netball	\$65,784	2563
Hockey	\$55,705	1386
Swimming/Aquatics	\$21,110	983
Cricket	\$15,028	787
Rugby League	\$9,143	581
Athletics	\$10,213	457
Volleyball	\$4,268	456

*Where funding is sought by a club or school for more than one sport



Funding by sport

27

Individual Sports and Combined Sports* compared with **29** in 2022

*Where funding is used for more than one sport

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Rugby	\$64,132	\$91,672
Football	\$69,265	\$74,315
Netball	\$41,401	\$65,784



Participation by sport

31%

of approved applications identified funding directly into rugby, football or netball compared with **27%** in 2022, **29%** in 2021, and **34%** in 2020.

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Rugby	2,680	3,804
Football	2,750	3,501
Netball	1,882	2,563

Key Findings



32,261

children participating through sport clubs and schools, compared with **26,921** in 2022

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Sports Clubs	197	212
Tamariki & Rangatahi assisted	12,831	14,383
Per participant	\$22.14	\$24.11

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Schools	160	173
Tamariki & Rangatahi assisted	14,090	17,878
Per participant	\$15.79	\$17.21



Demographics

Involvement via sport clubs

9008 primary school aged
5375 secondary school aged

Involvement via schools

4807 primary school aged
13071 secondary school aged



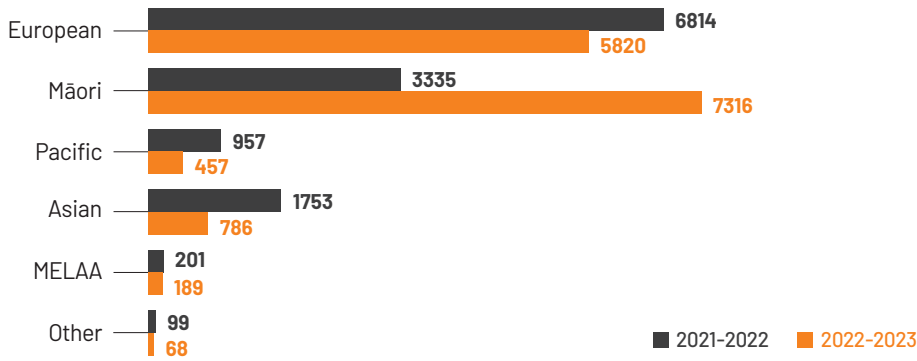
Gender Data

13,147
female
participants

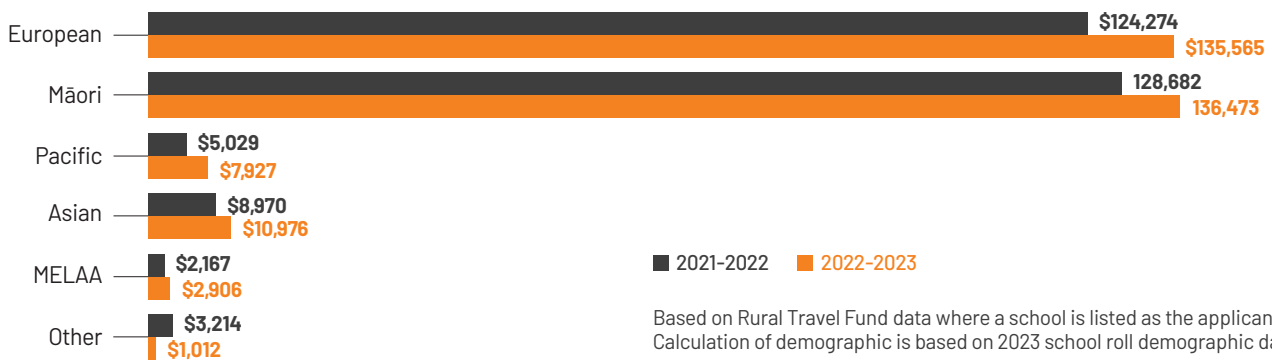
16,218
male
participants

130
disabled individuals identified as
receiving support from this fund.

Participation by Ethnicity (School Only)



Investment by Ethnicity (School Only)



Participation Data

The Rural Travel Fund **impacted 5,340 more** tamariki and rangatahi in 2022-23 than in the previous year. While the reasons for this are unclear, additional one-off funding provided through the Rural Travel Fund to support those living in rural areas, affected by fuel and cost of living pressures, will likely have contributed to this increase.

Participation by Ethnicity

	2021	2022	2023
European	7879	6814	5820
Māori	6175	3335	7316

Investment by Ethnicity

	2021	2022	2023
European	\$112,373	\$124,274	\$135,565
Māori	\$118,772	\$128,682	\$136,473

Tamariki and Rangatahi Impacted by RTF 2015-2022

