

There were

32,632

teaching staff (qualified and unqualified) at licensed early childhood services in June 2022.

As of June 2022,

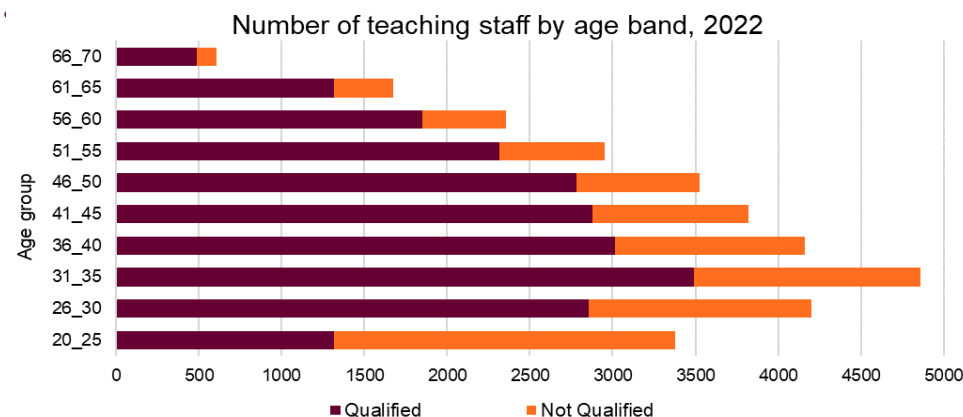
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of teaching staff were reported as European/Pākehā.

The **number** of qualified teachers decreased by 2% from 23,133 in 2021 to 22,655 in 2022.

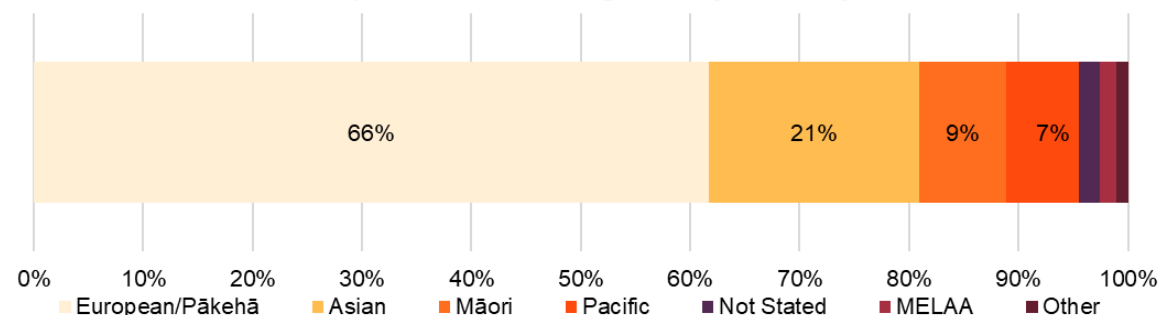
The **proportion** of qualified teachers decreased from 70% in 2021 to 69% in 2022.

- The number of teaching staff decreased by 1% from 32,985 in 2021 to 32,632 in 2022.
- Half of teaching staff working in early childhood services were in the age band of 31 to 51 years (16,363 teaching staff).
- Older teaching staff were more likely than younger teaching staff to be qualified.



- The proportion of teaching staff who were qualified teachers varied by ethnicity.
- In 2022, the proportion of teaching staff that were qualified teachers:
 - Decreased for **European/Pākehā** from 74% in 2021 to 73% in 2022
 - Remained at 67% for **Pacific**
 - Increased for **Asian** from 63% in 2021 to 66% in 2022
 - Decreased for **Māori** from 67% in 2021 to 65% in 2022.
- Over half of the workforce (66%) were reported as European/Pākehā.

Proportion of teaching staff by ethnicity¹



This data is from the Ministry of Education's annual Early Childhood Census. For further information, please contact Requests.EDK@education.govt.nz. The ECE Census week was 13-19 June 2022.

¹ Percentages exceed 100 percent as teaching staff can identify themselves as more than one ethnicity. The denominator for this calculation is the total number of teaching staff.

Teacher ethnicity was reintroduced as a Census question in 2019. Ethnicity is collected for teaching staff on a total ethnicity basis – that is, if a teacher is reported as both Māori and European/Pākehā, they will be counted once under each ethnicity and once under the total number of teachers.

To be a qualified teacher, teaching staff must hold a recognised ECE teaching qualification that leads to registration with the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Teaching staff are defined as those staff who have a teaching role – ECE teachers and home-based coordinators. Staff at Playcentre and home-based educators are not included in this definition. Data on kaiako at Kōhanga Reo is not provided to the Ministry.