

Rural Travel Fund 2021 Snapshot

JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

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. This Fund has been in place since 2003 and provided financial assistance to applicants totalling \$7,878,524.

Applications

430 approved applications

229 Club Applications

201 School Applications

Investment

***\$547,535** approved funding

\$293,782 to clubs

\$253,753 to schools

In 2020-21 applicants requested \$1,057,458 compared to the \$547,535 that was available which reflects the fund being oversubscribed each year.

*Due to COVID-19, an underspend of \$135,535 from 2019-20 was added to the distribution in 2020-21

Bringing the total available funding to \$547,535 for 2020-21.

Investment levels into top 10 sports

Combined Sports* where funding is sought for more than one sport	\$194,437
Rugby	\$72,090
Football	\$68,801
Netball	\$42,230
Hockey	\$35,739
Swim Aquatics	\$21,943
Cricket	\$19,030
Winter Sports	\$10,359
Softball	\$9,990
League	\$8,700



Funding by sport

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Individual Sports and Combined Sports (funding used for more than one sport)

\$72,090 Rugby

\$68,801 Football

\$42,230 Netball



Participation by sport

29%

of participants said they were specifically participating in rugby, football or netball compared with 34% in 2020

3,710 Rugby

3,393 Football

1,501 Netball

Key Findings



29,885

children benefitted from travel assistance

229 Clubs

15,032 tamariki and rangatahi assisted

\$21.22 per participant

201 Schools

14,853 tamariki and rangatahi assisted

\$15.82 per participant



Demographics

Involvement via clubs

8859 primary school aged

6173 secondary school aged

Involvement via schools

4988 primary school aged

9865 secondary school aged



Gender Data

(reported against 20,317 participants)

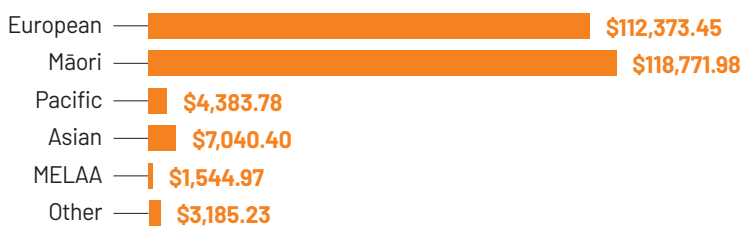
8,774 female participants

11,543 male participants

Participation by Ethnicity (School Only)



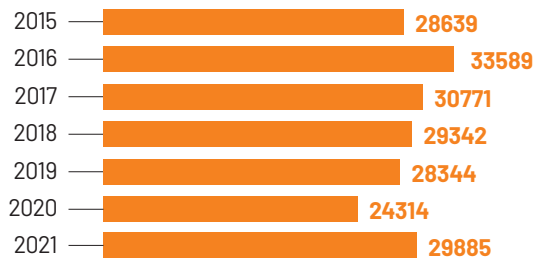
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Participation Data

The Rural Travel Fund **impacted 5571** more tamariki and rangatahi in 2020-21 than in the previous year. This increase has been attributed to a return to more normalised sporting activities for the winter and summer seasons following the lockdown in March-May 2020 and reflects similar data in previous years (*note 2020 results reflect impact of COVID 19).

Total Tamariki and Rangatahi Impacted by RTF (School + Club Combined) 2015-2021



Trends

The latest Active NZ spotlight on tamariki [September 2021] and rangatahi [June 2021] research shows that the sports and activities that young people would like to try and do more of by age and gender differ generally from the activities that the rural travel fund is currently funding.

A summary of these differences is detailed below and supports that a discussion around widening the current Rural Travel Fund criteria to include activities outside of traditional sport is required.

A change of criteria would also better enable our role to support play, active recreation, and sport system to lift the physical activity levels of all those living within Aotearoa New Zealand.

RTF reporting ²		Tamariki ³		Rangatahi ⁴	
No gender split for data		Female	Male	Female	Male
Sport	Total #	Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport
Rugby	3710	Swimming 44%	Cycling 36%	Running 12%	Running 11%
Football	3393	Dance 38%	Football 33%	Workout 8%	Cycling 9%
Netball	1501	Gymnastics 36%	Swimming 32%	Netball 7%	MBiking 6%
Hockey	1369	Cycling 34%	Scootering 29%	Dance 6%	Basketball 8%
Cricket	1212	Trampoline 32%	Trampoline 26%	Swimming 5%	Football 8%
Swim Aquatics	1070	Playground 30%	Playground 22%	Equestrian 4%	Workout 7%
Winter Sports	859	Playing 27%	Playing 21%	Surfing 4%	Rugby 5%
League	629	Netball 26%	Running 21%	Tramping 3%	Cricket 4%
Volleyball	486	Equestrian 24%	Games 20%	Cycling 3%	Tramping 3%
Basketball	374	Indoor climbing 23%	Touch 19%	Hockey 3%	Swimming 3%