

# Numbers and the Real Stories they Tell

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# The Salvation Army



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# Bridge

Reducing Harm from Alcohol and Other Drugs

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## Other Services

- Social Housing
- ECE Centres
- Emergency Services
- Tracing

## Corps/Churches

- Youth Services
- Children's Service
- Booth College
- Overseas



# Oasis

Reducing Gambling Harm

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# Salvation Army HOUSING

## Community Ministries

- Welfare (food banks)
- Financial Mentoring
- Community Finance
- Counselling
- Lifeskills Programme



# Education & Employment

Lives Transformed



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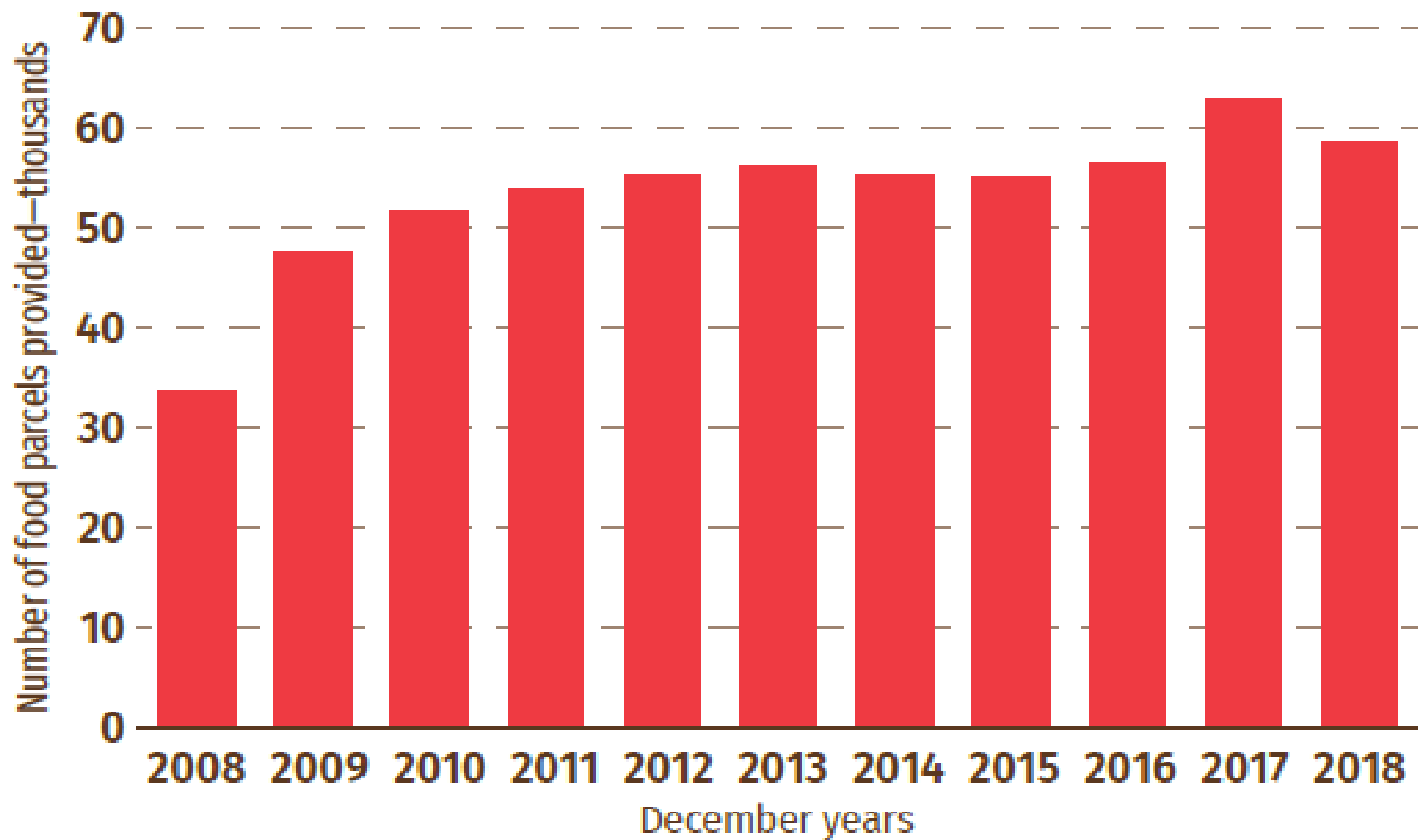
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# What's The Salvation Army reality?

- **120,000**
- **60,000....30,000**

**Figure 22: Food parcels distributed by The Salvation Army—  
2008–2018<sup>54</sup>**



# STATE OF THE NATION REPORT



OUR CHILDREN



WORK & INCOMES



CRIME & PUNISHMENT



SOCIAL HAZARDS




HOUSING





# Child Poverty

Table 1: Estimates of the number of children living in benefit-dependent households—2013–2018<sup>5</sup>

As at December	Working-age benefits paid	Number of children living in benefit-dependent households	Children in benefit-dependent households as % of all children
2013	321,869	209,100	19.1%
2014	309,145	194,500	17.7%
2015	301,349	185,700	16.8%
2016	297,010	181,600	16.3%
2017	289,788	178,300	15.9%
2018	299,345	180,700	16.0% 

# Children at Risk

Table 3: Oranga Tamariki's substantiations of child abuse and neglect—2013–2018<sup>9</sup>

Year ending 30 June	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Emotional abuse	12,777	10,406	8,318	8,490	7,231	6,810
Physical abuse	3,343	3,305	3,235	3,073	3,136	3,490
Sexual abuse	1,459	1,329	1,275	1,167	1,038	1,010
Neglect	5,405	4,583	3,644	3,664	3,397	2,953
Total substantiations	22,984	19,623	16,472	16,394	14,802	14,263 
Number of individual children as victims	18,595	16,289	13,833	13,598	12,117	13,464 

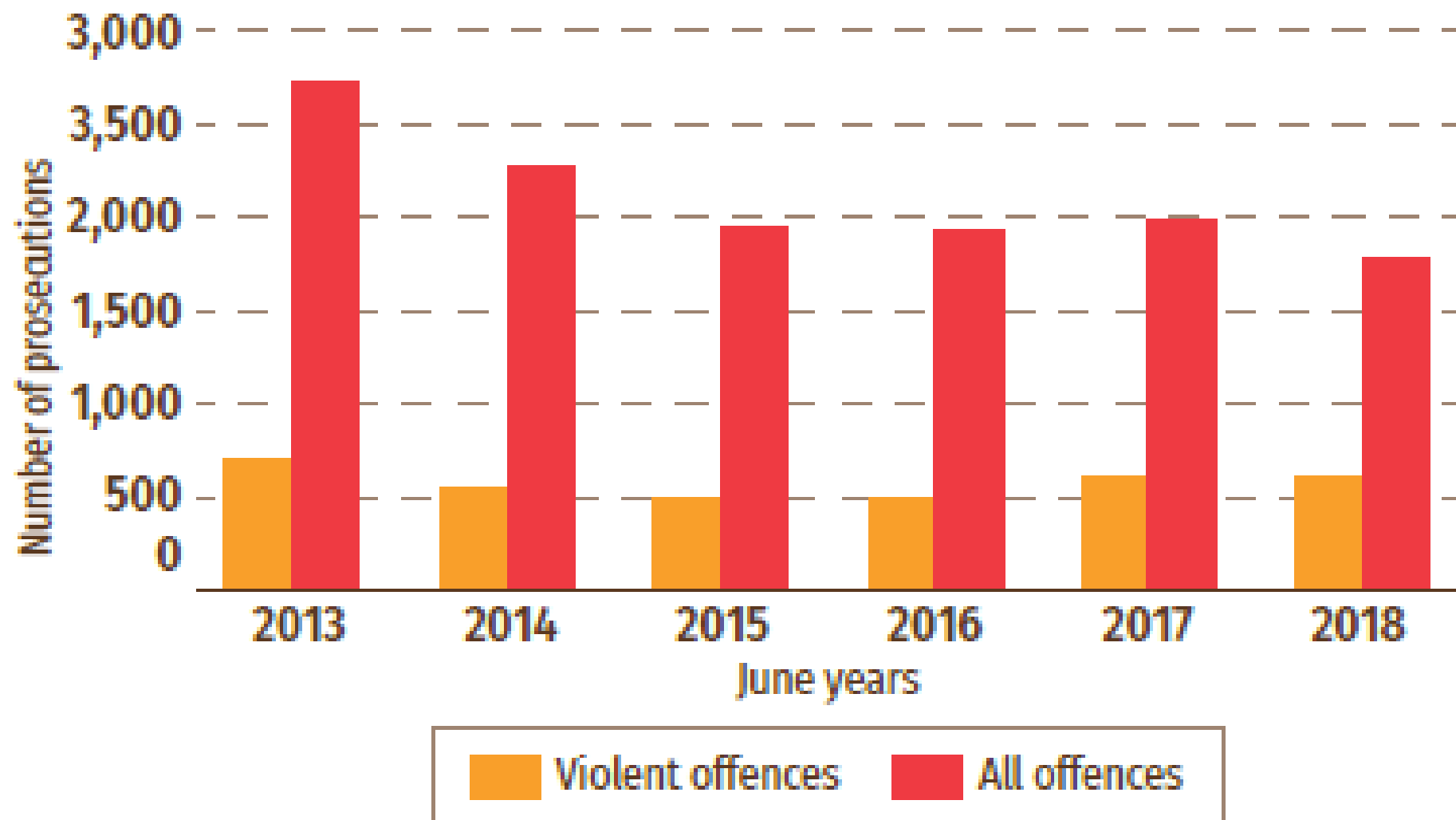
# Children and Violence

Table 4A: Recorded violent offences against children aged under 15  
–2015–2018<sup>10</sup>

June years	2015	2016	2017	2018
Common assault	1190	1244	1127	1191
Serious assault without injury	2117	2487	2894	2656
Serious assault resulting in injury	1239	1270	1369	1646 ★
Aggravated sexual assault	1578	1459	1545	1451 ★

# Children and Crime

Figure 2: Number of people under 16 years charged with criminal offences—2013–2018<sup>15</sup>



# Education

Figure 3: ECE enrolment rates for Māori and non-Māori under 5-year-olds—2008–2018<sup>19</sup>

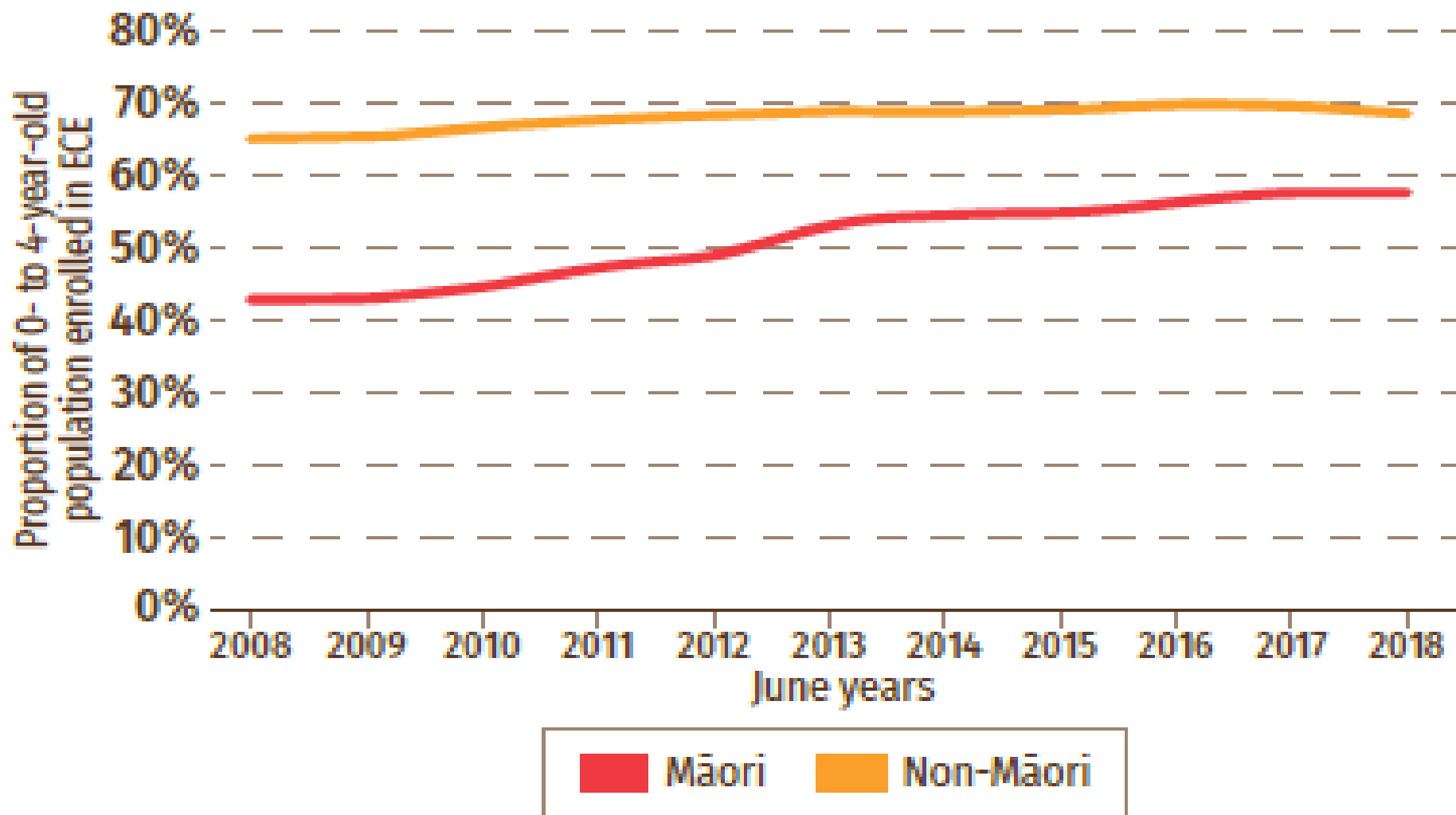
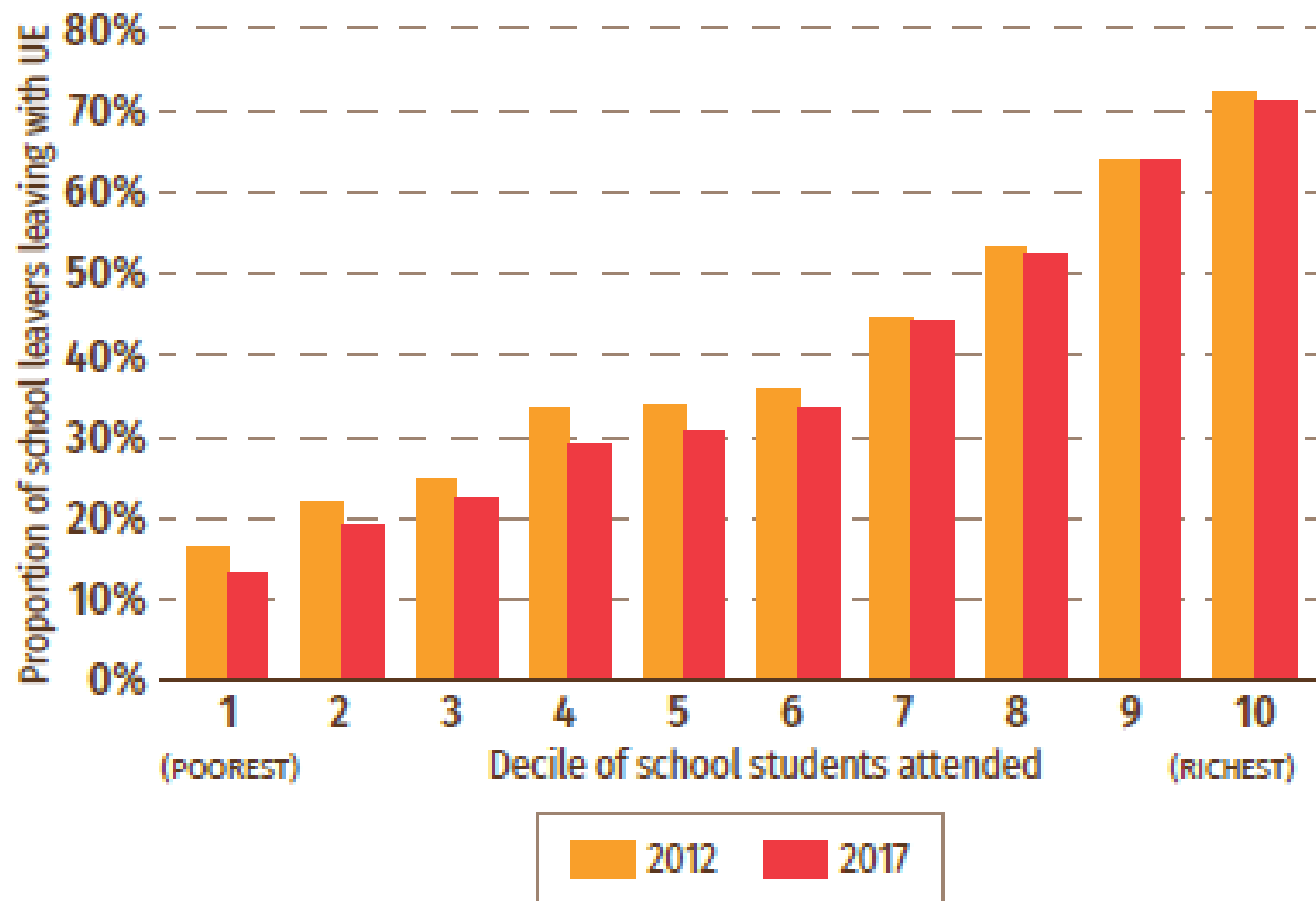


Figure 4: Proportion of students leaving school with UE by decile of their schools—2012 and 2017<sup>22</sup>





# Teenage pregnancies and abortions

Table 7A: Pregnancies and abortions to 11- to 14-year-olds—  
2011–2017<sup>25</sup>


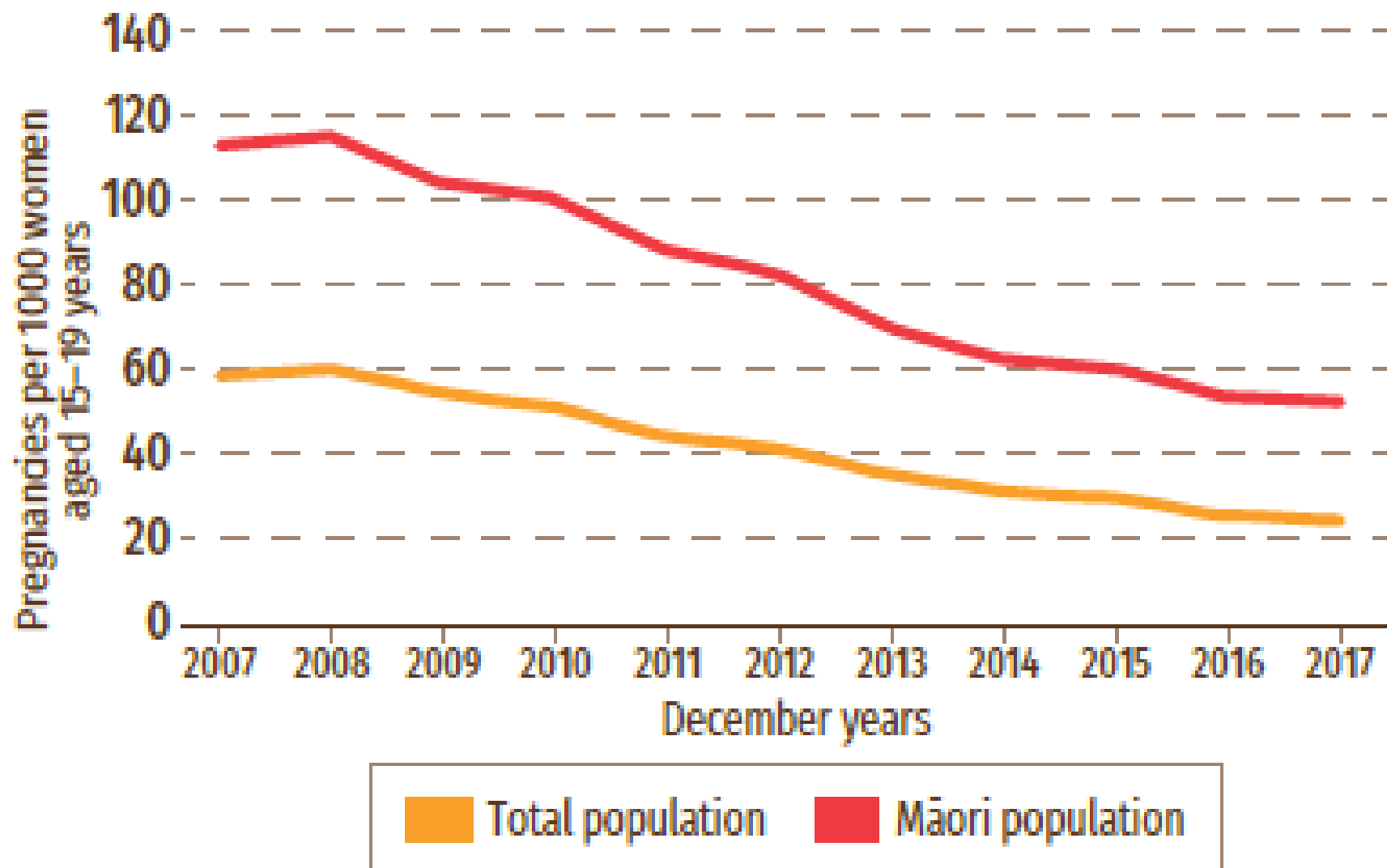
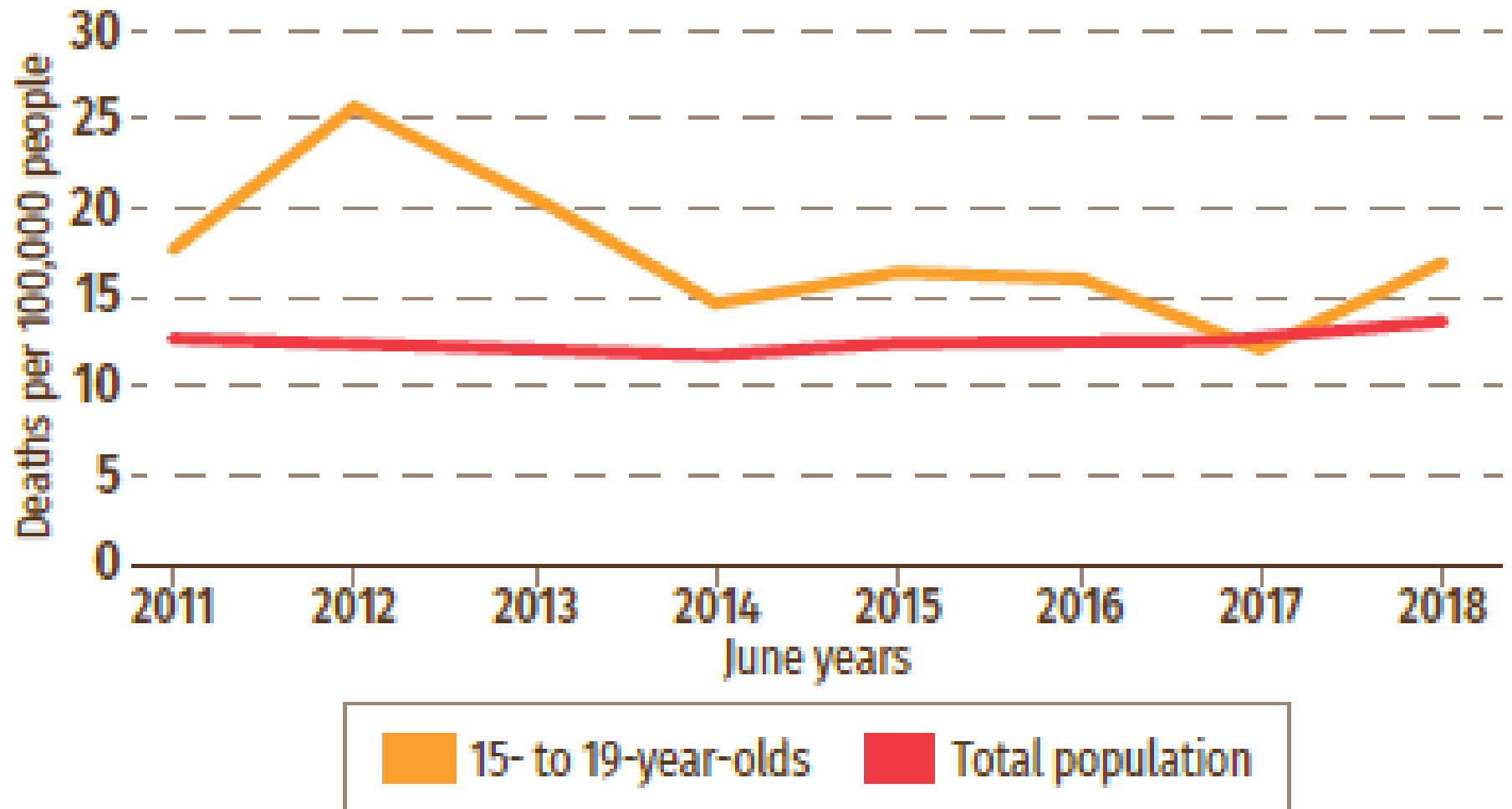
Year ending December	Live births	Abortions	Pregnancy rate per 1000	% of Pregnancies aborted
2011	25	68	0.8	73%
2012	18	51	0.6	74%
2013	20	48	0.6	71%
2014	27	57	0.7	68%
2015	24	32	0.5	57%
2016	15	32	0.4	64%
2017	18	30	0.4	63% 

Figure 5: Pregnancy rates for 15- to 19-year-olds—2007–2017  
(December years)<sup>27</sup>



# Suicide

Figure 6: Suicide rates for 15- to 19-year-olds and total population—2011–2018<sup>29</sup>



# Youth (Un)Employment

Figure 11: Employment of 15- to 19-year-olds and those over 65-year-olds—2008–2018<sup>37</sup>

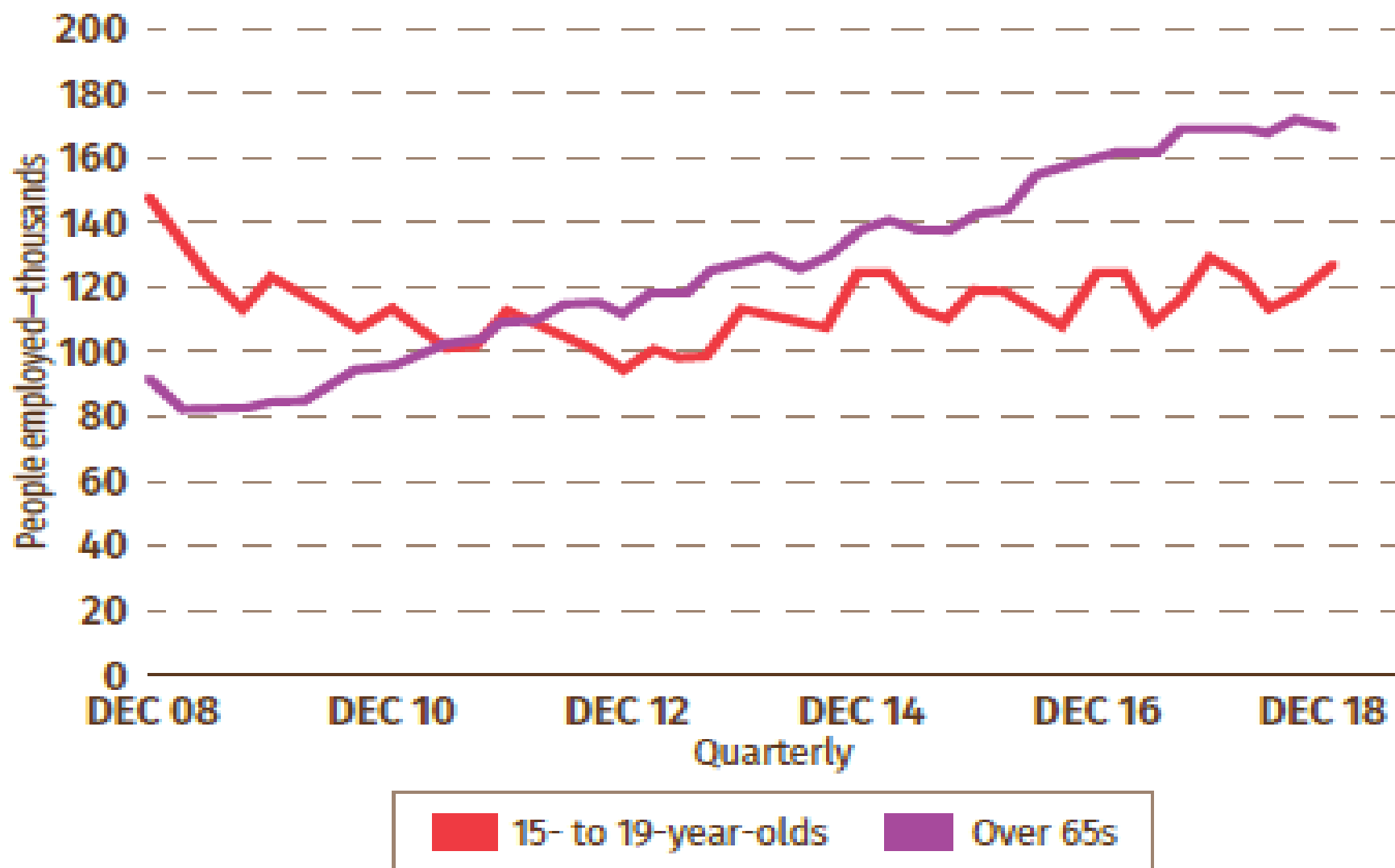
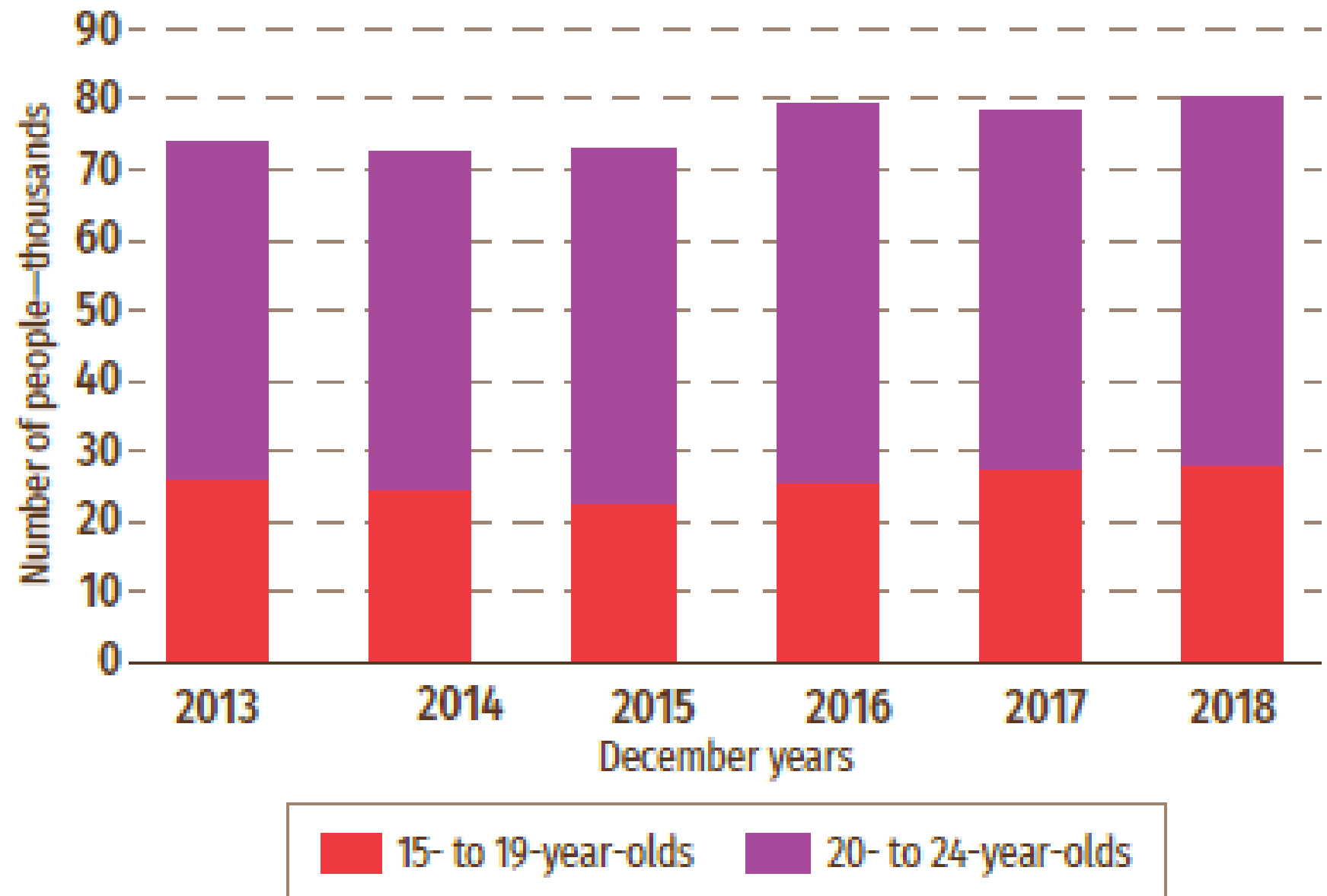


Figure 12: Young adults not in employment education or training—  
2013–2018<sup>38</sup>



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- **How do you use these numbers?**
  - Help inform your programmes and interventions
  - Identify gaps
  - Prove what you know already
  - Lead to innovation and disruption



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