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Panel 4.3: Building Resilience in Families and Communities

Valuing Culture and Diversity in Building Resilient Communities

The objective of this presentation is to present findings as a result of various Pacific community engagements in a predominantly Western society, which highlights the importance of valuing culture and diversity in building resilient communities.

By the year 2026, Pacific people will make up 10% of New Zealand's population. Auckland City (the largest city in New Zealand) has the largest Polynesian population of any city in the world.

In order to support diverse communities build strong resilient communities, we must value their culture, diverse ways of thinking and perspectives.