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Notes and caveats

- Claims are included where the claim is funded by the road account.
- New claims are counted where a claim is lodged with ACC within the specified period. A claim may be lodged immediately following an accident or at any later stage.
- Active claims are counted where the claim received at least one payment within the specified period. A claim was not necessarily lodged or had the accident occur within this period.
- A claim may be active in more than one calendar year and will be counted once in each relevant year in which at least one payment was made.
- Active costs are the GST exclusive cost of payments made for claims that were active in the specified period.
- The cost of public hospital services during the acute stage of an injury is covered under the Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) regulations.
- These services are bulk-funded and not attributed to individual claims, so cannot be included in these data.
- The calendar year in which the service was paid may differ to the calendar year in which the service was provided.
- If the road agency is recorded as 'Driving / Passenger - Other Vehicle', 'Driving / Passenger - Truck', 'ATV' or is not specified, then the road agency has been listed as 'Other / Unknown'.
- Region is the location of the accident and may not be where the claimant resided or sought treatment.
- Age band is based on client's age at the time of claim lodgement.
- All included claims are accepted for cover
- Data are displayed in calendar years. i.e. 1 January to 31 December
- Claims managed by an accredited employer have been excluded.
- In the interest of client privacy claim counts of less than four claims have been replaced with '<4'. If the presence of totals could allow a suppressed number to be derived further suppression is displayed as '..'.
- Results are based on data available at the time of extraction and may vary if rerun later.

Table 1: Number of new claims, active claims, and active claim costs (excluding GST) for road injuries between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026

	Calendar Year									
Measure	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
New claims	37,988	38,816	38,010	31,139	32,679	33,700	35,189	35,651	34,683	25,648
Active claims	51,229	52,627	53,371	47,127	48,357	48,670	51,341	53,247	52,325	43,197
Active costs	$464,950,354	$502,961,181	$541,754,463	$551,427,450	$569,820,272	$609,844,737	$695,936,858	$752,039,768	$766,243,853	$557,737,492

Table 2: Number of new claims for road injuries lodged between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026, broken down by road agency

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Road Agency	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Car	25,994	26,377	23,052	17,804	18,289	18,290	19,032	18,578	17,981	12,816
Motorcycle	4,116	4,314	4,416	3,867	3,947	4,192	4,484	4,740	4,562	3,298
Pedestrian	1,973	2,110	2,570	2,290	2,373	2,363	2,486	2,435	2,380	1,788
Cycling	1,496	1,471	1,641	1,577	1,638	1,600	1,777	1,841	1,737	1,447
Bus	730	794	1,039	819	795	862	967	1,089	1,024	787
Other / Unknown	3,679	3,750	5,292	4,782	5,637	6,393	6,443	6,968	6,999	5,512

Table 3: Number of new claims for road injuries lodged between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026, broken down by accident region

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Accident Region	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Northland Region	1,666	1,875	1,759	1,609	1,592	1,715	1,819	1,958	1,775	1,256
Auckland Region	12,906	13,129	12,318	9,447	9,653	10,946	11,196	11,449	11,127	8,624
Waikato Region	3,918	4,226	4,388	3,639	3,716	4,132	4,166	4,197	4,088	2,849
Bay of Plenty Region	2,416	2,540	2,611	2,398	2,540	2,362	2,348	2,568	2,486	1,697
Gisborne Region	375	415	449	476	492	504	445	484	442	290
Hawke's Bay Region	1,290	1,351	1,418	1,181	1,338	1,171	1,213	1,212	1,212	792
Taranaki Region	822	907	894	780	868	853	937	858	830	515
Manawatū-Whanganui Region	1,902	2,005	1,992	1,685	1,955	1,873	1,887	1,690	1,457	1,080
Wellington Region	2,894	2,876	2,935	2,377	2,701	2,509	2,576	2,482	2,437	1,789
Tasman Region	345	280	304	358	313	299	348	344	381	239
Nelson Region	468	460	452	406	418	325	338	330	348	280
Marlborough Region	402	400	380	366	309	263	306	277	297	210
Canterbury Region	5,009	4,899	4,598	3,766	3,966	3,983	4,363	4,540	4,497	3,383
West Coast Region	345	369	361	310	314	285	327	323	312	249
Otago Region	1,943	1,794	1,766	1,452	1,561	1,577	1,783	1,778	1,668	1,445
Southland Region	786	814	835	699	754	655	722	662	758	499
Other / Unknown	501	476	550	190	189	248	415	499	568	451

Table 4: Number of new claims for road injuries lodged between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026, broken down by client age

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Client age	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
00-04 Years	503	468	547	464	511	500	507	539	525	341
05-09 Years	729	765	859	708	642	719	720	841	759	579
10-14 Years	1,118	1,153	1,297	1,060	1,157	1,259	1,281	1,391	1,407	1,118
15-19 Years	4,293	4,425	4,071	3,512	3,802	3,968	4,079	4,011	3,960	2,930
20-24 Years	5,293	5,231	4,835	3,809	3,877	3,984	3,899	3,826	3,729	2,554
25-29 Years	4,170	4,448	4,230	3,407	3,609	3,549	3,462	3,238	3,086	2,194
30-34 Years	3,056	3,152	3,354	2,847	2,959	3,088	3,358	3,390	3,169	2,208
35-39 Years	2,581	2,695	2,707	2,181	2,321	2,406	2,643	2,760	2,776	2,101
40-44 Years	2,556	2,584	2,392	1,952	2,001	2,095	2,291	2,396	2,325	1,752
45-49 Years	2,863	2,809	2,640	2,076	2,146	2,109	2,177	2,081	2,074	1,549
50-54 Years	2,682	2,658	2,642	2,188	2,242	2,326	2,377	2,321	2,220	1,609
55-59 Years	2,386	2,468	2,405	2,021	2,029	2,123	2,192	2,208	2,090	1,633
60-64 Years	1,804	1,870	1,876	1,566	1,710	1,721	1,930	1,965	1,921	1,486
65-69 Years	1,366	1,390	1,404	1,164	1,180	1,325	1,376	1,549	1,550	1,186
70-74 Years	961	1,076	1,035	831	992	954	1,066	1,171	1,181	916
75-79 Years	733	727	795	617	644	700	802	888	891	707
80-84 Years	476	493	506	397	464	474	583	585	559	432
85 Years and over	417	404	415	339	393	400	446	491	461	352
Unknown	1									1

Table 5: Number of new claims for road injuries lodged between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026, broken down by client gender

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Client age	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Female	19,271	19,713	18,727	..	15,364	15,679	16,322	16,523	15,921	11,837
Male	18,708	19,095	19,271	16,550	17,306	18,009	18,845	19,095	18,733	13,792
Another Gender	8	8	11	<4	5	11	13	19	16	10
Unknown	1		1		4	1	9	14	13	9