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Notes and caveats

- Claims are included where the 'at work indicator' is equal to 'Y' or the claim is funded by the work 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.
- Industry is the classification unit of the employer the claim is attributed to. Note that this is the business activity of the employer.
- Some industries have higher proportions of accredited employer claims than other. Caution should be taken comparing between industries when accredited employer claims are excluded.
- If the employer ID is unknown, then the industry has been listed as 'Unknown.
- Region is the location of the accident and may not be where the claimant resided or sought treatment.
- Age is based on the client's age at claim lodgement and may differ to their age at the time of an accident.
- Clients listed as under 10 years old may have had their age listed incorrectly, however verifying this would require a manual review of claims.
- 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 have been displayed as '<4'. Where a total may allow numbers 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, number of active claims, and active claim costs (excluding GST) for work related injuries between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026.

Calendar Year	New Claims	Active Claims	Active Costs
2017	204,901	286,604	$722,819,359
2018	211,390	296,336	$780,017,193
2019	209,967	300,306	$821,764,394
2020	190,108	280,936	$866,172,758
2021	196,775	287,906	$915,382,359
2022	194,465	283,301	$961,595,550
2023	195,474	292,405	$1,116,269,368
2024	180,083	284,228	$1,260,284,604
2025	169,400	271,144	$1,254,075,345
2026 YTD	125,114	212,015	$866,141,034

Table 2: Number of new claims for work related injuries lodged between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026, broken down by industry.

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Industry	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Construction	33,230	33,514	32,354	30,963	33,818	33,390	32,373	28,867	27,173	20,774
Manufacturing	26,327	27,084	25,990	23,862	26,607	25,501	22,881	19,985	19,169	13,782
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	24,008	23,370	22,336	21,788	22,513	19,882	19,152	17,765	17,310	13,191
Retail Trade	12,045	12,031	11,268	10,552	11,434	10,600	10,319	9,641	9,455	6,997
Education and Training	9,335	9,162	9,409	8,008	8,214	7,969	8,268	8,475	8,809	6,616
Health Care and Social Assistance	9,315	9,543	8,943	8,511	9,108	8,146	8,321	7,950	7,990	5,825
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	9,301	9,716	8,984	7,863	8,165	7,677	7,526	7,190	6,897	5,152
Accommodation and Food Services	9,162	8,879	8,430	6,836	7,368	6,996	7,092	6,403	6,220	4,715
Administrative and Support Services	7,743	8,133	7,859	7,095	7,771	7,885	7,519	6,689	6,194	4,853
Wholesale Trade	7,437	7,749	7,407	6,638	7,016	6,336	6,002	5,788	5,634	4,289
Other Services	6,893	6,938	6,582	5,902	6,319	6,121	6,082	5,705	5,655	4,257

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Table 2 CONTINUED : Number of new claims for work related injuries lodged between 1 January 2017 and 30 September 2026, broken down by industry.

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Industry	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4,822	4,911	4,835	4,498	4,785	4,380	4,384	4,167	4,061	3,292
Arts and Recreation Services	5,118	4,511	4,389	3,622	3,818	3,557	3,770	3,865	4,280	3,472
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	3,379	3,542	3,506	3,236	3,253	3,126	3,125	2,984	2,771	2,084
Public Administration and Safety	2,258	2,273	2,282	2,055	1,929	1,910	1,959	1,945	1,823	1,318
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1,510	1,487	1,481	1,299	1,402	1,285	1,419	1,294	1,283	974
Information Media and Telecommunications	854	810	977	733	760	654	693	602	556	443
Financial and Insurance Services	580	594	674	556	509	446	460	451	470	351
Mining	468	469	500	436	453	432	457	414	422	364

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

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Region	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Northland Region	8,327	8,995	8,867	8,083	8,314	8,151	8,002	7,644	7,479	5,324
Auckland Region	63,189	65,010	64,765	56,066	55,326	58,801	59,026	53,192	49,235	35,883
Waikato Region	21,108	21,907	21,731	19,476	20,153	19,734	19,407	18,211	17,841	13,463
Bay of Plenty Region	14,092	14,741	14,993	13,990	14,777	13,963	13,543	12,025	11,609	8,615
Gisborne Region	2,773	2,691	2,860	2,833	3,099	2,741	2,798	2,426	2,353	1,560
Hawke's Bay Region	9,263	9,582	9,852	9,206	10,035	9,380	9,095	8,752	7,941	5,737
Taranaki Region	5,344	5,489	5,503	4,932	4,899	4,722	4,927	4,484	4,269	3,079
Manawatū-Whanganui Region	9,568	10,029	9,513	9,146	9,617	9,020	8,930	8,462	8,245	6,001
Wellington Region	15,243	15,679	15,562	14,393	15,418	14,282	14,364	12,959	12,261	8,878
Tasman Region	2,102	2,246	2,236	1,982	1,887	1,842	1,809	1,630	1,635	1,352
Nelson Region	2,702	2,763	2,605	2,519	2,632	2,564	2,728	2,430	2,059	1,573
Marlborough Region	2,840	2,886	3,064	3,082	3,335	3,110	2,987	2,769	2,077	1,710
Canterbury Region	28,344	28,583	27,538	25,409	26,946	26,363	26,636	25,117	22,510	17,313
West Coast Region	1,642	1,617	1,652	1,487	1,542	1,275	1,371	1,165	1,177	865
Otago Region	12,110	12,644	12,903	11,755	12,748	12,309	12,949	12,249	12,022	8,910
Southland Region	5,365	5,628	5,454	5,205	5,619	5,475	5,737	5,499	5,478	4,030
Other / Unknown	889	900	869	544	428	733	1,165	1,069	1,209	821

Table 4: Number of new claims for work related 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	..	15	33	36	35	..	27	16	12	22
05-09 Years	<4	4	6	4	4	<4	4	5	5	5
10-14 Years	48	47	46	47	45	75	81	45	31	28
15-19 Years	10,103	10,416	10,530	9,011	10,388	11,238	10,663	8,173	7,458	5,621
20-24 Years	24,779	24,571	23,994	21,277	23,084	21,827	21,104	18,588	17,265	13,235
25-29 Years	24,985	26,110	25,906	23,722	24,391	23,038	21,810	19,840	18,280	13,440
30-34 Years	19,623	21,431	22,180	20,735	23,001	22,692	22,523	20,934	19,816	14,539
35-39 Years	17,113	18,129	18,197	17,457	18,212	18,700	19,661	19,089	18,773	14,088
40-44 Years	17,625	17,808	17,382	15,751	16,688	16,405	17,471	16,630	15,873	12,136
45-49 Years	20,472	20,904	20,181	17,757	17,184	16,657	16,486	15,411	14,430	10,742
50-54 Years	20,546	20,766	20,266	18,066	18,260	18,146	17,990	16,463	15,127	10,913
55-59 Years	19,915	20,540	20,116	17,980	17,565	17,019	17,009	15,717	14,649	10,944
60-64 Years	15,461	15,943	16,199	14,868	14,888	15,117	15,728	14,828	13,825	9,866
65-69 Years	8,180	8,464	8,353	7,681	7,381	7,653	8,435	8,095	7,856	5,580
70-74 Years	3,583	3,784	4,014	3,549	3,522	3,573	3,893	3,701	3,632	2,583
75-79 Years	1,575	1,653	1,649	1,374	1,360	1,505	1,714	1,699	1,599	997
80-84 Years	598	575	619	559	551	590	627	605	558	282
85 Years and over	289	226	295	234	215	200	245	241	210	93

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

	Lodgement Calendar Year									
Client gender	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026 YTD**
Female	57,343	60,878	61,174	55,166	57,030	56,424	57,886	54,201	50,940	37,563
Male	147,529	150,479	148,754	134,903	139,708	137,982	137,515	125,802	118,346	87,461
Another Gender	23	29	28	33	33	43	33	31	57	39
Unknown	6	4	11	6	4	16	40	49	57	51