

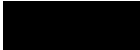


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Kia ora



Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-043715

Thank you for your email of 14 October 2025, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am seeking access to data related to injuries sustained on outdoor walking and hiking trails in New Zealand. This information would be extremely valuable in shaping the scope and direction of my study.

Could you please advise whether ACC holds any datasets or reports specifically focused on injuries occurring on trails specifically?

Our response

We are able to provide information on the number and cost of accident claims related to 'tramping', by accident year and territorial authority. Please find this information in the attached Excel file. Please refer to the notes about the data in the attachment.

This is the closest information we can provide, as we do not record accident location to the level of tracks or walks. Noting this, we are therefore refusing your request for accidents on walking trails as we do not hold it. This decision is made under section 18(g) of the Act.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public

ACC may publish a copy of this response on ACC's website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available www.acc.co.nz/resources/#/category/12. Please also view this page about making requests and our published responses <https://www.acc.co.nz/contact/official-information-act-requests>.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz. If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Ngā mihi

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Notes and Caveats:

- Data is displayed in calendar years.
- Accredited employer claims have been excluded.
- Claims are included where the cover decision is equal to 'Accept'.
- Tramping claims have been identified where the accident sport name is 'Tramping'.
- New claims are counted where the claim lodged between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2025. A claim was not necessarily lodged or had the accident occur within this time period.
- Data were extracted on 22 October 2025 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Table 1: Number of new claims, active claims and active claim costs (excluding GST) for tramping related injuries between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2025

Calendar Year	New Claims	Active Claims	Active Costs
2020	6,121	6,946	\$5,460,804
2021	7,829	9,130	\$6,927,442
2022	7,799	9,218	\$8,224,322
2023	7,919	9,559	\$9,248,668
2024	8,866	10,603	\$11,779,763
2025 YTD	7,140	9,082	\$9,479,265

- Active claims are counted where the claim received at least one payment between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2025. A claim was not necessarily lodged or had the accident occur within this time period.
- A claim may be active in more than one calendar year and will be counted, under active claims, once in each relevant year in which at least one payment was made.
- Active Costs are the GST exclusive.
- Please note that Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments are not included. These costs are for treatment of ACC claims in a public hospital in the acute phase for a covered injury.
- The calendar year in which the service was paid may differ to the calendar year in which the service was provided.

Table 2: Number of new claims for tramping related injuries lodged between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2025, broken down by accident region

Accident Region	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Northland Region	188	202	230	229	259	187
Auckland Region	987	1,217	1,349	1,269	1,464	1,231
Waikato Region	660	748	785	696	825	621
Bay of Plenty Region	359	404	396	397	476	363
Gisborne Region	50	53	59	47	42	33
Hawke's Bay Region	171	228	194	124	188	151
Taranaki Region	216	229	223	216	234	177
Manawatu-Whanganui Region	356	384	411	382	373	340
Wellington Region	582	682	629	703	701	528
Tasman-Nelson Region	457	584	507	523	673	549
Marlborough Region	182	239	176	225	188	163
Canterbury Region	832	1,092	1,087	1,134	1,261	1,026
West Coast Region	171	224	234	241	322	219

Otago Region	629	998	989	1,148	1,214	1,050
Southland Region	246	515	456	434	450	347
Other / Unknown	35	30	74	151	196	155
Grand Total	6,121	7,829	7,799	7,919	8,866	7,140

- The accident region is not necessarily where the client resides or sought treatment.
- If the region is equal to Tasman or Nelson, the region has been listed as 'Tasman-Nelson'.

Table 3: Number of new claims for tramping related injuries lodged between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2025, broken down by territorial authority

Territorial Authority	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Ashburton District	45	63	61	65	84	57
Auckland	987	1,217	1,349	1,269	1,464	1,231
Buller District	40	67	53	42	68	49
Carterton District	16	9	13	15	13	6
Central Hawke's Bay District	33	35	27	24	33	22
Central Otago District	100	183	204	225	203	200
Chatham Islands Territory	3	1	2	2	1	1
Christchurch City	466	641	660	687	758	622
Clutha District	14	10	15	18	21	16
Dunedin City	118	159	145	157	155	141
Far North District	61	78	90	90	98	68
Gisborne District	50	53	59	47	42	33
Gore District	5	13	19	18	20	23
Grey District	39	43	38	44	68	39
Hamilton City	122	100	121	111	139	103
Hastings District	67	91	101	53	89	75
Hauraki District	27	22	25	26	29	23
Horowhenua District	25	26	22	19	21	11
Hurunui District	37	76	58	79	79	64
Invercargill City	32	37	43	31	35	25
Kaikōura District	23	20	20	24	16	18
Kaipara District	12	20	23	14	23	21
Kāpiti Coast District	66	60	50	79	61	62
Kawerau District	3	4	5	1	7	
Lower Hutt City	97	82	84	71	89	81
Mackenzie District	59	72	62	80	79	59
Manawatū District	46	43	52	45	55	51
Marlborough District	182	239	176	225	188	163
Masterton District	35	49	43	50	44	34
Matamata-Piako District	32	43	34	34	51	32
Napier City	51	72	55	41	49	44
Nelson City	183	244	227	226	295	226
New Plymouth District	155	177	169	177	182	135
No Location Selected	10	15	16	23	32	28
Ōpōtiki District	7	3	11	9	3	4
Ōtorohanga District	6	3	7	5	5	5
Palmerston North City	82	87	84	78	67	72
Porirua City	35	27	33	33	44	26
Queenstown-Lakes District	388	627	606	727	815	678
Rangitikei District	8	6	7	6	9	9
Rotorua District	80	100	75	78	100	89
Ruapehu District	86	128	159	142	133	120
Selwyn District	86	93	100	94	113	109

South Taranaki District	48	40	39	32	43	34
South Waikato District	10	10	20	13	18	8
South Wairarapa District	38	55	52	54	52	43
Southland District	209	465	394	385	395	299
Stratford District	13	12	15	7	9	8
Taranua District	50	42	50	50	50	42
Tasman District	274	340	280	297	378	323
Taupō District	136	139	163	143	158	117
Tauranga City	179	208	223	219	236	185
Thames-Coromandel District	133	170	144	122	182	120
Timaru District	48	46	47	38	49	34
Upper Hutt City	33	44	35	31	45	28
Waikato District	146	199	211	182	190	170
Waimakariri District	65	77	72	63	83	62
Waimate District	3	4	7	4		1
Waipā District	39	53	47	50	42	32
Wairoa District	20	30	11	6	17	10
Waitaki District	9	19	19	21	20	15
Waitomo District	9	9	13	10	11	11
Wellington City	262	356	319	370	353	248
Western Bay of Plenty District	52	55	51	60	81	53
Westland District	92	114	143	155	186	131
Whakatāne District	38	34	31	30	49	32
Whanganui District	59	52	37	42	38	35
Whangārei District	115	104	117	125	138	98
Area Outside Territorial Authority	22	14	56	126	163	126
Grand Total	6,121	7,829	7,799	7,919	8,866	7,140

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