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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-036385

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am requesting information regarding claims related to karting (track asphalt & dirt / grass) activities in New Zealand.

I am specifically seeking data on:

The total number of karting-related claims filed within the past [specify time frame, e.g., 12 months].

Details on the types of injuries reported (e.g., fractures, sprains, etc.) and their severity, if available.

The geographical distribution of these claims, if available.

Any data on the age and gender demographics of claimants, if available.

Please provide this data in a format that includes any available monthly or yearly breakdowns.

Data on karting activities is attached

Please refer to the *notes* tab when interpreting the information provided.

Claim counts fewer than four

Some values in the tables only indicate that the claim count is fewer than four (denoted as <4) to protect our clients' privacy. In other instances, values are suppressed and denoted as two dots (..). This limits the potential for particular individuals or matters specific to certain individuals from being identified. This decision has been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect our clients' privacy.

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

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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Description:

Data regarding claims related to karting

Caveats and Notes:

- All included claims are accepted for cover.
- Claims managed by an accredited employer are not included.
- Claims are identified as related to karting where the accident description includes the keyword kart but is does not include martial arts in the sports field.
- The accident description is a non-mandatory, free text field on the ACC45 claim lodgement form. The field allows a client to add some additional details around how their accident came about. The quality and quantity of information provided in this section varies significantly and, as such data provided based on keywords in this field should be considered indicative only.
- Diagnosis and injury site are based on the primary injury of the client. A claim may have multiple injuries but any additional injuries will not be included here.
- Region is based on the location of the accident and is not necessarily where the client resides or sought treatment.
- Age is the clients age at the time of accident.
- ACC does not have a measure for severity of injury. However, the types of payments received for a claim can give an indication of the impact to a clients life and have been provided as follows:
 - The claim is fatal indicator has been set to 'Y'.
 - The serious injury indicator on the claim has been set to 'Y'.
 - Entitlement Claims: These claims received an entitlements such as weekly compensation, vocational or social rehabilitation.
 - Medical Fee Only Claims: These claims did not receive any of the payments listed under entitlement claims or other benefit claims above but did receive payments for medical treatment, dental treatment or conveyance for medical treatment.
 - No Payments Claims: These claims do not have any associated payments. These are usually claims that received only treatment at a public hospital during the acute phase of an injury.
- Please note that children and other groups with low levels of employment are less likely to have entitlement payments as many of these payments are linked to support related to an inability to work.
- New claims are counted where the accident occurred between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024. A claim may be lodged immediately following an accident or at any late stage. Some accidents, particularly those more recently may not have been lodged yet and therefore cannot be counted.
- Data are displayed in calendar years, i.e. 1 January to 31 December
- Data were extracted 12 November 2024 and may differ if re-run later.

Table 1: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by lodgement month and calendar year

Accident Month	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
January	63	73	76	71	62	72	
February	52	47	56	49	56	49	
March	53	32	52	47	50	62	
April	71	9	52	65	78	51	
May	41	23	60	46	47	37	
June	45	39	57	41	50	44	
July	45	54	69	47	54	38	
August	45	41	26	45	32	27	
September	45	56	29	54	45	45	
October	55	69	41	68	44	42	
November	61	69	55	68	50	11	
December	73	85	76	98	70		
Total	649	597	649	699	638	478	

Table 4: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by accident region and calendar year

Accident Region	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Northland Region	13	17	12	15	12	6	
Auckland Region	212	170	147	187	170	104	
Waikato Region	83	70	77	84	75	56	
Bay of Plenty Region	72	56	98	69	54	44	
Gisborne Region	9	<4	5	4	4	<4	
Hawke's Bay Region	16	24	22	34	16	13	
Taranaki Region	14	11	22	21	7	9	
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	30	42	40	42	49	32	
Wellington Region	67	56	66	81	66	60	
Marlborough Region	4	4	10	7	7	8	
Tasman Region	6	4	8	8	9	6	
Nelson Region	6	24	19	24	20	13	
Canterbury Region	62	65	63	74	88	75	
West Coast Region	<4	<4	<4	<4		<4	
Otago Region	43	41	48	42	44	37	
Southland Region	<4	7	8	<4	9	6	
Area Outside Region	7	<4		<4	9	4	
No Location Selected	<4		<4		<4		

Table 2: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by most prevalent primary diagnoses and calendar year

Primary Diagnosis	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Soft Tissue Injury	463	438	492	527	482	352	
Fracture / Dislocation	70	64	58	71	57	55	
Laceration / Puncture / Sting	70	59	57	49	48	30	
Burns	12	9	12	14	14	<4	
Concussion	9	8	8	11	9	17	
Dental Injury	<4	5	9	8	8	<4	
Other / Unknown	..	14	13	19	20	..	

Table 5: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by client age and calendar year

Client Age Band	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
00-04 Years	7	11	13	10	4	4	
05-09 Years	44	40	47	51	45	34	
10-14 Years	110	84	96	72	108	70	
15-19 Years	55	68	72	71	72	64	
20-24 Years	34	30	35	63	44	30	
25-29 Years	73	59	53	65	39	35	
30-34 Years	51	62	54	69	48	46	
35-39 Years	42	48	45	56	44	32	
40-44 Years	50	42	65	55	64	32	
45-49 Years	58	54	49	48	38	36	
50-54 Years	56	36	45	56	46	44	
55-59 Years	33	21	35	38	30	20	
60-64 Years	17	16	21	25	34	18	
65 Years or Older	19	26	19	20	22	13	

Table 3: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by top 10 most prevalent primary injury sites and calendar year

Primary Injury Site	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Chest	109	103	107	125	81	62	
Neck / Back of Head Vertebrae	103	87	84	104	111	78	
Lower Back / Spine	80	81	91	105	78	79	
Shoulder (incl. Clavicle / Blade)	45	46	39	55	56	31	
Hand / Wrist	53	36	40	29	50	31	
Upper / Lower Arm	32	41	41	48	38	30	
Upper Back / Spine	37	38	34	55	34	20	
Knee	30	19	32	20	20	22	
Finger / Thumb	22	28	30	20	23	16	
Lower Leg	14	13	18	20	18	9	
Other / Unknown	124	105	133	120	129	100	

Table 6: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by client gender and calendar year

Client Gender	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Female	193	169	208	204	202	151	
Male	456	428	441	495	436	327	

Table 7: New accepted karting related claims lodged between 1 January 2019 and 11 November 2024 broken down by estimated severity and calendar year

Estimated Severity	Accident Calendar Year						
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Fatal							
Serious							
Entitlement payment	44	49	39	60	58	44	
Medical treatment	536	498	555	570	532	365	
No Payment	69	50	55	69	48	69	