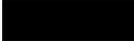




30 June 2025

Kia ora 

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-040858

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2025, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am writing to request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982, relating to injuries occurring in early childhood education (ECE) settings, including kindergartens and daycare centres.

Injury Data

1. Please provide data on the number of injuries reported to ACC from ECE settings from 2020 to the present, broken down by:
 - a. Calendar year
 - b. Type of injury (e.g. head injury, fracture, choking incident, etc.)
 - c. Whether the injured person was a child or an adult

Injury Cost Data

2. Please also provide data on the cost of these injuries over the same period, broken down by:
 - a. Calendar year
 - b. Type of injury
3. Total cost, average cost per injury, and highest single claim cost (if available)

The requested information is attached in the appendix.

Please refer to the 'Notes and Caveats' section when interpreting the data.

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. This decision is 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. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Johnston', written in a cursive style.

Christopher Johnston
Manager Official Information Act Services
Government Engagement



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'.
- New claims are counted where a claim is lodged with ACC between the specified period. A claim may be lodged immediately following an accident or at any later stage.
 - Child claims have been identified where the accident scene is equal to 'School' and the clients age is between 0 and 4
 - Adult claims have been identified where the 'at work indicator' is equal to 'Y', or the fund is in the work account and the classification unit is equal to 87100 - Childcare services or 84100 - Preschool education
- Age is based on the client's age at the time of the accident, which may differ to their age at the time of claim lodgement.
- Diagnosis is the primary injury of the client. A claim may include multiple injuries but any additional injuries will not be included in this dataset.
- Total costs in Table 2 are the total cost of claims to date for claims that were lodged in the specified period. These should not be compared yearly as claims in 2020 have had a longer time to accumulate than a claim in 2024.
- 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.
- 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 '...'.
- Data were extracted on 25 June 2025 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Table 1: Number of new child claims and new work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education lodged between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025

Client	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Child	7,081	6,777	6,696	7,882	8,970	4,454
Adult (work related)	3,052	3,252	2,936	2,840	2,774	1,333

Table 3: Average costs (excluding GST) of child claims and work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education with a payment made between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025

Client	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Child	\$157	\$151	\$165	\$168	\$187	\$158
Adult (work related)	\$2,186	\$2,263	\$2,466	\$2,809	\$2,634	\$1,038

Table 4: Number of new child claims and new work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education lodged between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025, broken down by client age

Client	Client age	Lodgement Calendar Year					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Child	0 Years	149	123	141	161	170	89
	1 Year	931	951	1,001	1,237	1,336	622
	2 Years	1,594	1,478	1,471	1,881	2,250	1,057
	3 Years	2,155	2,052	2,031	2,267	2,617	1,449
	4 Years	2,252	2,173	2,052	2,336	2,597	1,237
	15-19 Years	48	49	50	50	44	19
	20-24 Years	243	304	257	215	208	105
	25-29 Years	344	368	311	298	315	164
	30-34 Years	382	422	367	362	293	156
	35-39 Years	373	372	346	371	343	191
Adult	40-44 Years	330	374	312	339	331	139
	45-49 Years	357	360	345	319	306	127
	50-54 Years	350	344	349	320	328	156
	55-59 Years	326	314	295	264	255	120
	60-64 Years	195	237	197	189	215	104
	65-69 Years	76	69	80	75	95	37
	70-74 Years	23	32	20	31	30	..
	75 Years and over	5	7	7	7	11	<4

Table 6: Number of new child claims and new work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education lodged between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025, broken down by the most prevalent primary injury diagnoses

Client	Primary injury diagnosis	Lodgement Calendar Year					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
	Laceration / Puncture / Sting	2,544	2,191	2,114	2,599	2,925	1,450

Table 2: Total costs (excluding GST) of child claims and work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education with a payment made between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025

Client	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Child	\$1,111,582	\$1,024,886	\$1,102,487	\$1,325,063	\$1,681,408	\$702,900
Adult (work related)	\$6,672,885	\$7,359,815	\$7,241,246	\$7,978,833	\$7,305,595	\$1,383,777

Table 5: Total costs (excluding GST) of new child claims and new work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education lodged between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025, broken down by client age

Client	Client age	Lodgement Calendar Year					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Child	0 Years	\$17,864	\$16,495	\$14,410	\$16,696	\$27,242	\$11,744
	1 Year	\$105,741	\$113,349	\$126,844	\$164,137	\$201,230	\$67,960
	2 Years	\$237,934	\$199,202	\$247,689	\$307,052	\$395,949	\$195,134
	3 Years	\$352,967	\$328,550	\$338,253	\$388,300	\$543,830	\$223,166
	4 Years	\$397,076	\$367,290	\$375,292	\$448,877	\$513,157	\$204,896
	15-19 Years	\$18,708	\$77,304	\$48,841	\$19,328	\$42,430	\$5,707
	20-24 Years	\$262,504	\$442,583	\$432,270	\$277,218	\$223,068	\$86,746
	25-29 Years	\$539,955	\$947,261	\$351,017	\$499,314	\$499,762	\$81,782
	30-34 Years	\$356,323	\$961,229	\$642,770	\$1,138,296	\$592,833	\$142,032
	35-39 Years	\$1,281,530	\$594,650	\$702,367	\$865,946	\$1,011,043	\$257,579
Adult	40-44 Years	\$748,156	\$978,112	\$826,087	\$1,133,630	\$981,818	\$143,019
	45-49 Years	\$1,326,230	\$1,064,472	\$1,255,817	\$1,423,350	\$989,679	\$158,042
	50-54 Years	\$640,747	\$1,025,969	\$1,154,380	\$831,946	\$879,075	\$198,895
	55-59 Years	\$732,360	\$581,909	\$958,474	\$697,300	\$948,807	\$173,231
	60-64 Years	\$609,614	\$457,153	\$696,819	\$819,120	\$909,826	\$109,720
	65-69 Years	\$126,678	\$201,026	\$90,299	\$251,146	\$134,386	\$22,927
	70-74 Years	\$28,801	\$26,085	\$61,445	\$20,558	\$89,013	\$3,682
	75 Years and over	\$1,280	\$2,063	\$20,661	\$1,679	\$3,855	\$416

Table 7: Total costs (excluding GST) of new child claims and new work related adult claims for accidents in early childhood education lodged between 1 January 2020 and 24 June 2025, broken down by the most prevalent primary injury diagnoses

Client	Primary injury diagnosis	Lodgement Calendar Year					
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
	Soft Tissue Injury	\$313,968	\$286,881	\$329,676	\$376,994	\$457,300	\$199,444

	Soft Tissue Injury	2,328	2,227	2,182	2,457	2,715	1,327
	Dental Injury	558	665	752	860	1,067	500
	Fracture / Dislocation	595	598	570	713	791	410
Child	Foreign Body In Orifice / Eye	175	195	171	179	239	121
	Concussion	78	110	86	113	153	60
	Burns	42	25	25	27	31	15
	Inhalation / Ingestion Specific Occurrence	13	15	16	15	19	6
	Soft Tissue Injury	2,514	2,650	2,409	2,332	2,269	1,107
	Laceration / Puncture / Sting	216	252	199	160	164	80
	Fracture / Dislocation	113	114	113	105	110	46
Adult	Dental Injury	28	33	37	50	56	24
	Concussion	34	38	28	46	44	20
	Burns	22	28	18	13	11	<4
	Pain Syndromes	19	14	22	11	12	<4

	Fracture / Dislocation	\$293,177	\$293,426	\$280,083	\$334,831	\$494,414	\$192,520
	Laceration / Puncture / Sting	\$288,451	\$253,497	\$254,939	\$337,421	\$396,682	\$174,823
	Dental Injury	\$114,733	\$97,726	\$128,216	\$141,562	\$167,764	\$72,311
Child	Foreign Body In Orifice / Eye	\$13,882	\$17,179	\$16,661	\$29,554	\$32,503	\$9,891
	Concussion	\$3,059	\$10,475	\$8,971	\$15,808	\$7,873	\$2,969
	Burns	\$8,860	\$3,929	\$2,877	\$3,240	\$10,236	\$3,166
	Inhalation / Ingestion Specific Occurrence	\$1,071	\$1,644	\$349	\$893	\$458	\$121
	Soft Tissue Injury	\$5,288,133	\$5,893,764	\$5,716,717	\$6,247,206	\$5,251,592	\$1,085,426
	Fracture / Dislocation	\$845,348	\$725,267	\$822,062	\$848,096	\$1,124,151	\$190,450
	Concussion	\$255,275	\$137,600	\$287,338	\$462,409	\$294,413	\$33,272
	Laceration / Puncture / Sting	\$43,117	\$191,151	\$51,414	\$75,257	\$65,844	\$30,929
Adult	Dental Injury	\$11,627	\$26,775	\$19,656	\$25,360	\$19,564	\$5,694
	Pain Syndromes	\$44,049	\$31,548	\$7,222	\$18,552	\$4,235	\$362
	Burns	\$18,960	\$5,949	\$2,422	\$2,261	\$4,432	\$288