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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-038511

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2025, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The number of wound-related claims in the years between and including 2020-2024 (by age group).*
- *The cost of wound-related claims in the years between and including 2020-2024 (by age group).*

Information on wound-related injuries is attached

For this request we have included claims where the primary diagnosis is recorded as ‘laceration, puncture, or sting’. Please refer to the ‘Notes and Caveats’ section of the appendix for more details about the data used for this request.

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

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

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

Ngā mihi

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Notes and Caveats:

- This report counts the number of new claims, active claims, active costs (excluding GST) between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2024 where primary diagnosis is laceration, puncture, or sting.
- Claims managed by an accredited employer have been excluded.
- A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
- New claims have been counted by the date that a claim was lodged with ACC. This can be immediately after the injury occurred or at any later stage.
- Active claims are counted where the claim received at least one payment between the specified period. A claim was not necessarily lodged or had the accident occur within this time period.
- Active Costs are the GST exclusive cost of payments made for claims that were active in the specified period.
- Costs do not include Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments. These costs are for treatment in a public hospital during the acute phase of an injury and are covered by bulk payments made by ACC to the Crown. As such, these payments cannot be attributed to individual claims.
- The calendar year in which the service was paid may differ to the year in which the service was provided.
- 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.

Table 1: Number of new claims for laceration related injuries between 01 January 2020 and 31 December 2024, broken down by age group.

Age Group	Lodgement Calendar Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
00-04 Years	31,321	27,865	23,553	24,845	26,068
05-09 Years	28,056	25,873	21,614	23,176	23,624
10-14 Years	21,884	20,935	19,190	20,867	22,073
15-19 Years	19,568	19,686	18,836	19,868	20,280
20-24 Years	21,399	21,249	19,167	18,988	18,546
25-29 Years	21,038	20,285	18,283	18,273	17,687
30-34 Years	18,426	18,947	17,785	18,583	18,252
35-39 Years	15,563	15,893	14,578	15,965	16,641
40-44 Years	14,450	14,380	13,112	13,777	14,186
45-49 Years	15,033	14,271	12,849	12,977	12,913
50-54 Years	15,313	15,152	14,149	14,307	14,322
55-59 Years	15,881	15,299	13,964	14,364	14,346
60-64 Years	15,234	14,847	13,938	14,827	15,059
65-69 Years	14,546	14,326	13,399	14,075	14,852
70-74 Years	15,365	15,430	13,873	14,571	15,405
75-79 Years	15,224	15,100	14,704	16,139	17,840
80-84 Years	14,693	15,018	15,014	15,823	17,445
85 Years and over	22,094	22,342	21,386	22,468	25,353
Unknown	1	4	2	3	7
Grand Total	337,109	328,923	301,418	315,919	326,923

Table 2: Number of active claims for laceration related injuries between 01 January 2020 and 31 December 2024, broken down by age group.

Age Group	Payment Calendar Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
00-04 Years	27,187	23,670	20,101	21,200	21,716
05-09 Years	25,553	23,124	19,428	20,793	20,932
10-14 Years	20,406	19,467	17,616	19,124	20,043
15-19 Years	17,452	17,404	16,960	17,700	18,112
20-24 Years	18,808	18,574	17,090	16,962	16,421
25-29 Years	18,756	18,137	16,587	16,423	15,917
30-34 Years	16,682	17,073	16,277	16,844	16,644
35-39 Years	14,636	14,752	13,704	14,828	15,351
40-44 Years	13,873	13,721	12,573	13,263	13,567
45-49 Years	14,643	13,832	12,593	12,789	12,684
50-54 Years	15,086	14,859	14,011	14,234	14,250
55-59 Years	15,685	15,153	14,006	14,358	14,365
60-64 Years	15,138	14,803	13,998	14,863	15,077

65-69 Years	14,467	14,429	13,578	14,270	14,899
70-74 Years	15,527	15,675	14,209	14,784	15,543
75-79 Years	15,618	15,487	15,034	16,254	18,131
80-84 Years	14,988	15,338	15,330	16,127	17,580
85 Years and over	22,372	22,510	21,492	22,157	25,097
Grand Total	316,877	308,008	284,587	296,973	306,329

Table 3: Total costs (excluding GST) for laceration related injuries between 01 January 2020 and 31 December 2024, broken down by age group.

Age Group	Payment Calendar Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
00-04 Years	\$4,284,298	\$3,909,584	\$3,774,475	\$4,154,245	\$4,670,449
05-09 Years	\$4,900,736	\$4,534,014	\$4,094,035	\$4,607,179	\$5,080,397
10-14 Years	\$4,540,765	\$4,652,458	\$4,298,582	\$5,301,683	\$5,668,825
15-19 Years	\$9,881,457	\$10,134,857	\$11,283,394	\$14,678,705	\$15,640,039
20-24 Years	\$13,843,400	\$13,650,272	\$14,607,707	\$16,399,914	\$17,623,108
25-29 Years	\$14,734,989	\$15,715,689	\$16,185,045	\$16,863,114	\$18,958,617
30-34 Years	\$15,213,070	\$17,598,338	\$18,441,087	\$21,353,502	\$25,817,503
35-39 Years	\$12,452,543	\$14,396,429	\$14,322,257	\$18,007,781	\$23,769,838
40-44 Years	\$15,314,815	\$15,869,878	\$16,278,294	\$19,812,036	\$22,492,433
45-49 Years	\$16,059,514	\$16,970,594	\$18,414,969	\$22,335,409	\$25,304,336
50-54 Years	\$15,691,709	\$17,468,660	\$18,016,611	\$21,304,904	\$24,744,094
55-59 Years	\$16,293,315	\$17,361,129	\$18,728,525	\$21,377,816	\$22,838,576
60-64 Years	\$13,152,476	\$12,858,144	\$15,222,356	\$17,192,464	\$19,912,817
65-69 Years	\$8,891,499	\$9,416,521	\$9,866,273	\$12,913,386	\$14,664,928
70-74 Years	\$7,626,032	\$7,767,820	\$7,910,115	\$9,016,387	\$11,991,342
75-79 Years	\$8,784,615	\$8,798,859	\$8,905,704	\$10,564,094	\$14,164,565
80-84 Years	\$7,822,808	\$8,436,634	\$9,484,996	\$9,637,751	\$13,370,368
85 Years and over	\$14,410,140	\$15,013,159	\$18,155,813	\$17,851,686	\$22,927,186
Grand Total	\$203,898,182	\$214,553,038	\$227,990,239	\$263,372,056	\$309,639,419