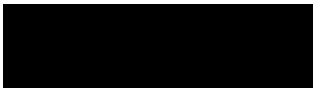




05 April 2024



Kia ora

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-031263

Thank you for your email of 19 March 2024, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to gather statistics around driveways and paths with vehicle injuries.

..If you could please provide me with statistics

- *injuries involving vehicles on driveways*
- *injuries involving vehicles on footpaths*

We have identified injuries occurring on driveways or footpaths related to motor vehicles

This data is attached. Please consider the notes and caveats provided in this letter and the 'Notes' tab when interpreting the data.

The data set available to ACC is reliant on the information provided on an ACC45 injury claim form

There is a free-text 'accident description' field on the form where a person can provide a brief description of how their accident occurred. This field is not mandatory to complete and not every client does so. There is also considerable variation in the way accidents are described.

Therefore, while largely representative of the claims received by ACC, the data should only be considered indicative of the injuries related to vehicles on driveways and footpaths that ACC received during the reporting period.

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

ACC may decide to proactively release 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:

The number of claims for pedestrians for motor vehicle related injuries in driveways or the road or street between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024.

Caveats and Notes:

- All claims included are accepted for cover.
- Claims by an accredited employer have been excluded.
- All claims from tables 1, 2 and 3 are identified where the client was a pedestrian, the accident scene is equal to 'Road or Street', the claim is in the motor vehicle fund and the accident description contains one of the following keywords, with some variation for spelling:
 - 'hit by' - 'collided' - 'run over'
 - 'hit me' - 'struck by' - 'knocked over'
 - 'collision' - 'knocked down' - 'ran over'
- All claims from tables 4, 5 and 6 have been identified where the accident description contains the keyword 'driveway', as well as either 'car', 'van', 'truck', 'vehicle' or 'motorbike' and any of the following keywords:
 - 'hit' - 'collided' - 'knock' - 'ran over'
 - 'collision' - 'struck' - 'run over'
- New claims is the count of claims that were lodged with ACC between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024. The lodgement date may be any date after the accident occurred
- Active claims is the count of claims for which ACC made a payment in the specified period. The claim may have been lodged in the specified period or any previous period.
- A claim may be active in multiple periods, and will be counted once in each period it is active.
- Costs are the GST exclusive cost of payments made for claims that were active in the specified period.
- Please note that Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments are not/cannot be provided/included. These costs are for treatment of ACC claims in a public hospital in the acute phase for a covered injury. The services are provided under an annual service agreement between the Minister of Health and the Minister of ACC and are funded through bulk payments.
- Injury type and injury site is based on the primary injury diagnosis. A claim may have more than one injury diagnosis, but only the primary one is included here
- Data were extracted on 03 April 2024 and may differ if re-run at a later date.

Table 1: The number of new claims, active claims and active costs (excluding GST) for motor vehicle claims by pedestrians where the accident scene is 'Road or Street' between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024.

Calendar Year	New Claims	Active Claims	Active Costs
2019	1,262	1,676	\$18,436,947
2020	1,242	1,724	\$17,926,956
2021	1,391	1,899	\$21,395,250
2022	1,398	1,973	\$21,649,537
2023	1,514	2,055	\$24,240,469
2024 (YTD)	368	1,003	\$6,750,658
Total	7,175	6,660	\$110,399,816

Table 2: The number of new claims for motor vehicle claims by pedestrians where the accident scene is 'Road or Street' between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024, broken down by the top 4 most prevalent type of injury.

Type of Injury	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)
Soft tissue injury (contusion, strain, sprain)	747	739	837	805	871	222
Laceration / puncture / sting	182	179	194	200	220	51
Fracture / dislocation	180	171	181	202	219	46
Concussion	65	63	58	87	90	28

Table 3: The number of new claims for motor vehicle claims by pedestrians where the accident scene is 'Road or Street' between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024, broken down by the top 10 most prevalent injury site.

Site of Injury	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)
Neck, back of head vertebrae	195	185	215	217	174	33
Head (except face)	165	143	134	159	171	40
Knee	95	94	114	106	134	26
Chest	81	90	79	87	105	21
Lower back / spine	58	72	90	93	97	17
Hip, upper leg, thigh	76	69	63	91	82	22
Lower leg	61	61	72	74	95	27
Shoulder (incl clavicle / blade)	55	57	75	78	83	31
Upper and lower arm	68	59	95	52	71	27
Face	45	60	53	56	75	17

Table 4: The number of new claims, active claims and active costs (excluding GST) for motor vehicle claims relating to driveways between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024.

Calendar Year	New Claims	Active Claims	Active Costs
2019	412	449	\$1,534,929
2020	367	432	\$1,324,037
2021	339	407	\$1,582,431
2022	332	392	\$1,978,760
2023	362	436	\$2,487,701
2024 (YTD)	97	181	\$629,416
Total	1,909	1,705	\$9,537,275

Table 5: The number of new claims for motor vehicle claims relating to driveways between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024, broken down by the top 4 most prevalent type of injury.

Type of Injury	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)
Soft tissue injury (contusion, strain, sprain)	236	203	198	193	217	50
Laceration / puncture / sting	71	59	61	50	49	19
Fracture / dislocation	39	44	40	35	46	11
Concussion	21	15	8	22	14	5

Table 6: The number of new claims for motor vehicle claims relating to driveways between 01 January 2019 and 02 April 2024, broken down by the top 10 most prevalent injury site.

Site of Injury	Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (YTD)
Neck, back of head vertebrae	53	49	54	44	46	8
Head (except face)	45	35	28	36	29	8
Face	42	29	26	36	34	14
Knee	39	38	20	25	26	9
Upper and lower arm	32	19	22	13	23	6
Shoulder (incl clavicle / blade)	20	19	18	16	25	5
Chest	24	13	18	21	22	2
Hip, upper leg, thigh	16	20	14	17	20	7
Lower back / spine	20	16	17	16	20	2
Lower leg	14	13	18	14	16	8