

26 March 2021



Tēnā koe

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-009286

Thank you for your email of 19 February 2021, asking for the following information which we are responding to under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Can I have the injury sets for Early Childhood Teachers, for each of the last 12 years please.*
2. *And for the same 12 year period injuries in the general population.*

In a telephone discussion between you and one of my advisors, we agreed to the following clarification of scope:

ACC will provide

- Data for injury types: lower spine, upper spine, hip, ankle, knee, foot, elbow for workers at early preschool education workplaces.
- The same data set for all workers.
- Both accepted and refused claims
- Data for 2010, 2015 and 2020.

I understand the advisor also explained that ACC covers only injuries from accidents, not degenerative conditions nor most gradual process injuries.

Data provided

Attached is the data for preschool education workplace injuries and all workplace injuries for the period, 2010-2020. It includes data for all injury sites, including those you specifically requested.

Notes on the data

- New claims are counted by the date they are lodged with ACC. A claim can be lodged immediately after an injury or at a later date.
- Active claims are ones that generated a payment in the period. A claim can be active over many years and appear more than once in the data. The count of Active claims includes new claims for which a payment has been made in the period.
- The costs are GST exclusive, and do not include the cost of acute services at public hospitals. These costs are bulk funded and not attributed to individual claims.
- The data is shown by calendar year.
- The data was extracted on 22 March 2021 and may differ if re-run at a later date

ACC takes privacy seriously

ACC does not routinely disclose low value numbers related to claims. Accordingly, some of the values in the tables only indicate that the number is less than 4 (denoted as <4). In other instances, values are suppressed and notated as (..). This limits the potential for particular individuals, or matters specific to certain individuals, from being identified.

Withholding in this way is necessary to protect the privacy of these individuals 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 the privacy of these persons.

Who to contact

If you have any questions, you can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision, by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

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Sasha Wood
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Reference Number: AR-986

Purpose: Official Information Act (OIA) Request

Period: 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2020

Basis for tracking: Accident Date, Payment Date

Analysis tool: SAS

DWH load date: 01/03/2021

Sheet:
[Data](#)

Description:

Number of annual work-related claims for those in CU 84100 preschool education industry between 2010 and 2020 by cover decision and injury site.

Caveats and Notes:

- Work-related claims are identified where the funding account is work or the at work indicator is 'Y'.
- Pre-school education is identified where the industry code is 84100 - preschool education.
- Please note that this is the industry of the employer.
- Injury Site is based on the primary injury of the client. A claim may include multiple injuries but these secondary injuries are not included here.
- New claims are counted when the accident date is within the specified time period, where this is between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2020.
- Active claims are counted where at least one payment is made to the claim between 1 January 2015 and 30 December 2020. The accident may or may not have occurred within this same period. A claim is included once for each year a payment is made so can occur across multiple calendar years. New claims with a payment are included in Active claims.
- Years are presented in calendar years i.e. 1 January to 31 December.
- Costs are exclusive of GST.
- Costs are provided by payment date, this is not necessarily in the same year as a service was provided.
- Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments are not included. These are costs associated with treatment at a public hospital during the acute phase of an injury and are covered by bulk funding made by ACC to the Crown. The costs are not attributed to individual claims.
- Data was extracted 22 March 2021 and may differ if re-run later.

Table 1: New work-related pre-school education claims between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2020 broken down by cover decision and calendar year

Work-related Industry	Cover Decision	Accident Calendar Year										
		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Pre-school Education	Accept	1,274	1,364	1,642	1,565	1,806	1,766	1,924	2,005	1,974	2,019	1,779
	Decline	40	44	39	20	40	38	26	39	45	24	16
All Work-related	Accept	221,995	214,145	208,713	212,968	221,858	225,324	229,328	233,444	240,178	239,991	215,006
	Decline	17,612	17,092	16,606	15,511	15,395	16,354	16,947	18,828	19,279	17,822	13,677

Table 2: Active work-related pre-school education claims and active costs paid between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2020 broken down by calendar year

Payment Year	Pre-school Education		All Work-related	
	Active Claims	Active Costs	Active Claims	Active Costs
2010	1,506	\$1,278,221	307,879	\$683,071,299
2011	1,597	\$1,477,580	290,423	\$601,069,489
2012	1,832	\$1,686,637	290,378	\$586,945,643
2013	1,864	\$1,732,327	288,153	\$608,036,067
2014	2,068	\$2,008,041	300,081	\$672,333,086
2015	2,102	\$2,676,542	307,455	\$738,355,282
2016	2,215	\$3,169,686	312,503	\$758,719,826
2017	2,333	\$3,369,659	317,836	\$781,456,212
2018	2,357	\$3,477,136	328,428	\$847,856,687
2019	2,438	\$3,418,080	335,435	\$908,500,800
2020	2,239	\$3,655,899	312,845	\$965,705,412

Table 1 includes accepted and declined claims.

Tables 2, 3 and 4 include only accepted claims.

Table 3: New accepted work-related pre-school education claims between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2020 broken down by primary injury site and calendar year

Injury Site	Accident Year										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Lower Back/spine	340	371	434	431	451	440	473	488	451	511	469
Knee	110	109	162	123	147	140	155	170	151	143	146
Shoulder (incl Clavicle/blade)	85	94	116	95	145	131	119	150	170	180	140
Neck, Back Of Head Vertebrae	110	95	119	114	141	125	122	133	149	146	120
Ankle	88	96	108	99	101	125	139	142	110	135	131
Finger/thumb	70	81	94	98	116	104	124	125	115	136	105
Hand/wrist	59	69	92	83	116	98	127	119	124	105	110
Upper Back/spine	54	58	75	64	59	58	78	74	70	71	86
Foot	44	41	44	54	64	67	75	67	74	73	51
Upper And Lower Arm	35	36	49	61	51	54	75	73	68	65	51
Face	45	40	38	34	54	54	42	60	68	46	29
Hip, Upper Leg, Thigh	33	29	29	36	30	35	48	45	70	48	38
Toes	26	34	27	32	32	34	40	41	45	55	42
Abdomen/pelvis	28	32	32	45	37	42	44	45	33	25	32
Chest	22	24	31	26	37	25	36	41	39	41	38
Lower Leg	24	24	25	20	44	29	42	41	35	39	28
Eye	17	29	32	26	34	32	34	33	32	34	29
Head (except Face)	14	20	23	28	25	42	42	28	35	28	30
Elbow	15	21	15	9	18	16	17	21	22	28	23
Nose	..	8	<4	7	6	5	8	9	11	10	9
Multiple Locations	<4	0	6	9	..	<4	<4	6	5	6	5
Internal Organ	7	<4	5	<4	<4	10	5	4	4	<4	<4
Other Internal Organ	0	<4	<4	<4	5	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
Ear	5	<4	4	<4	0	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4
Unobtainable	37	49	77	66	87	94	72	87	90	86	63

Table 4: New accepted work-related claims between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2020 broken down by primary injury site and calendar year

Injury Site	Accident Year										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Lower Back/spine	35846	35634	34349	34688	35670	37295	38138	38832	39432	39547	36922
Finger/thumb	25,521	24,862	24,560	24,936	26,104	25,877	25,975	26,350	26,938	26,485	23,272
Hand/wrist	17,363	17,236	16,827	16,807	17,587	17,986	18,395	18,545	18,942	19,174	17,299
Shoulder (incl Clavicle/blade)	15,372	15,458	15,268	16,034	17,188	17,742	18,233	18,707	19,765	20,169	18,618
Knee	14260	14177	14245	14456	14678	15246	15563	15896	16588	17038	15556
Eye	13,166	12,513	12,569	12,415	12,308	12,063	11,914	11,808	11,567	11,638	10,192
Upper And Lower Arm	9,912	9,706	9,848	11,180	11,785	11,677	11,871	12,275	12,648	12,371	10,957
Ankle	10287	10118	10091	9872	10061	10556	10747	10896	11273	11346	10441
Neck, Back Of Head Vertebrae	11,081	10,472	9,895	9,985	10,083	10,245	10,197	10,295	10,967	10,686	9,711
Lower Leg	6,905	6,808	6,571	6,368	6,129	6,260	6,265	6,197	6,313	6,177	5,402
Upper Back/spine	6330	5966	5591	5688	5717	5757	5686	5832	6550	6562	6338
Foot	5023	4864	4927	5590	5626	5717	5916	5887	6028	6099	5494
Face	5,602	5,410	5,333	5,190	5,440	5,089	5,285	5,400	5,505	5,459	4,967
Hip, Upper Leg, Thigh	5097	5204	5067	5080	5187	5096	5370	5294	5375	5449	4864
Chest	4,942	4,936	4,695	4,620	5,004	4,957	4,934	5,191	5,300	5,327	4,754
Head (except Face)	4,206	4,204	4,247	4,195	4,637	4,580	4,712	4,852	5,061	4,966	4,601
Ear	6,276	2,651	2,675	2,635	3,598	4,395	5,096	5,239	4,848	4,562	3,142
Elbow	3975	3956	3625	3521	3804	3643	3690	3717	3855	3961	3467
Abdomen/pelvis	2,570	2,448	2,572	2,640	2,739	2,710	2,609	2,479	2,400	2,406	2,120
Back Except Head Vertebrae	1,732	1,559	1,747	1,726	1,751	1,664	1,636	2,299	2,934	2,711	1,655
Toes	1,753	1,689	1,641	1,790	1,789	1,857	1,938	1,863	1,953	1,976	1,609
Multiple Locations	652	531	522	851	765	720	691	773	769	905	759
Internal Organ	747	847	632	624	661	765	878	711	740	758	564
Nose	512	556	511	480	572	585	560	549	574	578	531
Other Internal Organ	351	366	346	375	412	394	461	514	503	520	401
Lung	69	82	79	84	99	96	74	94	95	89	89
Kidney	..	6	9	..	11	10	<4	..	4	..	<4
Heart	<4	0	0	<4	0	0	..	<4	0	<4	<4
Unobtainable	12,436	11,886	10,271	11,131	12,453	12,342	12,492	12,942	13,251	13,021	11,277