

16 August 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-012473

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2021, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

In relation to your previous OIA request ref: GOV-012152

- *Is it possible to give us the same information, regarding the number of ACC Sensitive Claims lodged by Maori, for Tairāwhiti/Gisborne?*

Statistics on Māori clients

Please find the data you requested on Māori clients in the table below.

Please note that ACC does not have an accurate record of accident location for sensitive claims. Therefore, we have only reproduced table 2 of your original request [ref: GOV-012473] which provides the clients residential address at the time of claim lodgement.

Withheld information

ACC does not routinely disclose low value numbers related to sensitive claims. Accordingly, some of the values in the table only indicate that the number is less than 10 (denoted as <10). In other instances, values are suppressed and notated as (..). This limits the potential for 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.

Notes about the data

Please consider the following when interpreting the data:

- The data is provided in calendar years, where the claim lodgement date is between 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2021. The tables are based on the date that a claim was lodged with ACC. This can be immediately after the sexual violence occurred or at any later stage.
- ACC data is reliant on information provided on the ACC45 Injury Claim Form or Engagement Form. On this form up to six ethnicities can be chosen. However, in our reporting system, a person can only have one ethnicity attributed to it. While a maximum of six ethnicities can be chosen on the ACC45 form and engagement form, the system prioritises these as follows:
 - Māori, regardless of other ethnicities, are classified as Māori.
 - Pacific peoples, with any other responses other than Māori, are classified as Pacific.
 - Asian peoples, with any other response other than Māori or Pacific, are classified as Asian.
 - Other Ethnicity, regardless of any other response other than Māori, Pacific or Asian, are classified as Other.
 - European, without listing Māori, Pacific, Asian or Other, are classified as European.

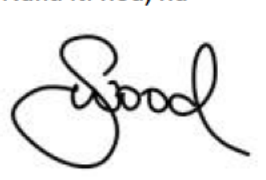
- Ethnicity 'not stated or unknown' are where the response entered was unidentifiable, outside the scope of available ethnicity options or was not stated.
- This also makes it consistent with the table that lists 'unknown'
- Accredited employer claims have been excluded.
- Location is based on where a client's residential location when the claim was lodged. This may differ from where the sexual violence occurred, and from where the client now resides.
- Data was extracted on 27 July 2021 and may differ if rerun at a later date.
- Tairāwhiti/East Coast counted as Gisborne in ACC data.

If you have any questions

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 make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Table: Count of Māori clients with sensitive claims lodged between 1 January 2016 and 30 June 2021, broken down by region of client residential address.

Region	Registration Calendar Year					
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (YTD)*
Northland	223	221	222	244	233	159
Auckland	434	484	530	615	587	428
Waikato	354	383	467	553	480	304
Bay of Plenty	280	268	293	302	284	188
Gisborne	75	103	110	114	69	32
Hawkes Bay	126	195	199	223	196	119
Taranaki	57	57	62	74	70	45
Manawatū-Whanganui	125	156	200	182	190	120
Wellington	177	200	210	264	239	150
Tasman	..	18	23	28	..	...
Nelson	22	30	25	33	29	19
Marlborough	13	31	25	30	30	21
Canterbury	176	189	274	301	263	157
West Coast	15	..	..	..	20	13
Otago	59	73	75	86	84	72
Southland	44	42	73	65	65	22
Unknown	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Total	2,198	2,464	2,807	3,131	2,861	1,866

*2021 year to date data is provided to 30 June 2021, to align with our previous response GOV-012473.