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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-030093

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2024, asking for statistics about injuries in schools under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

The requested data is attached

When interpreting the data provided, please refer to the 'Notes' tab.

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GOV-030093 Data

Description:

Number of new claims, active claims, and total costs (excluding GST) for school accidents between 01 January 2019 and 31 December 2023.

Response:

- The data have been extracted based on the following criteria:
- The lodgement / payment date is between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2023.
- The claim has an accepted cover decision.
- The accident scene is equal to 'School'.
- **Student injuries** are identified where the scene is equal to 'school'; and age is equal or less than 18 years old at the time of the accident.
- **Work related injuries** are identified where the scene is equal to 'school' and fund is equal to work or work indicator is equal to 'Yes'.
- **Other injuries** includes claims that do not fit the definitions for student and work. For example, this may include parents, caregivers or other people injured while on school property outside of school hours.

Caveats:

- A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
- Accredited Employer claims have been excluded.
- **New Claims** are claims that have been counted by the date that ACC Lodged the claim. The lodgement date may be immediately after the injury occurred or at any later stage.
- **Active claims** are claims that have been counted by the date ACC made a payment in the relevant calendar years. These claims were not necessarily lodged, or had the accident occur, in the same calendar year.
- A claim may be active in multiple periods, and will be counted once in each period it is active.
For example, a claim which lasted from 2017 to 2019 would be counted a total of three times, once for each calendar year.
- Costs provided are exclusive of GST.
- The payment date for a service may differ to the date that the service was provided.
- Costs do not include Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments. Treatment for covered claims in public hospitals is provided by an annual service agreement between ACC and the Ministry of Health and is funded by bulk payments from ACC to the Crown.
- Age is based on the client's age at claim lodgement and may differ to their age at the time of an accident.
- The injury diagnosis is based on the client's primary injury. Claims may have multiple injuries; however, these secondary injuries will not show within this data extract.
- The data was extracted on 31 January 2023 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Table 1. Number of new claims, active claims, and total costs (excluding GST) for school accidents between 01 January 2019 and 31 December 2023.

Calendar Year	Student			Work			Other		
	New Claims	Active Claims	Total Costs	New Claims	Active Claims	Total Costs	New Claims	Active Claims	Total Costs
2019	96,585	97,124	\$ 32,772,285	3,401	4,383	\$ 6,926,211	4,487	5,380	\$ 5,208,686
2020	78,363	81,817	\$ 29,696,363	3,017	4,003	\$ 6,907,750	3,469	4,530	\$ 4,794,098
2021	72,604	75,553	\$ 28,845,513	2,968	4,044	\$ 7,600,340	3,458	4,473	\$ 5,329,236
2022	74,695	75,304	\$ 31,316,781	3,308	4,223	\$ 8,773,326	3,273	4,178	\$ 5,680,909
2023	81,903	82,689	\$ 35,695,811	3,563	4,613	\$ 10,903,536	3,790	4,796	\$ 7,559,611

Table 2. Number of new claims for school accidents between 01 January 2019 and 31 December 2023, broken down by activity prior.

Activity Prior	2019			2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other
Recreation/Sporting Activity	26,960	307	1,038	25,406	268	863	23,603	275	931	24,015	311	859	27,278	302	904
Walking, Running	14,455	558	755	11,198	530	571	10,126	487	542	10,476	596	503	11,121	554	596
Children Playing	14,454	98	100	10,785	85	104	9,861	74	111	10,622	93	98	11,008	117	103
Ascending / Descending	2,247	161	242	1,695	147	169	1,549	141	144	1,723	124	169	1,784	162	201
Getting On/Off or In/Out of	2,065	132	148	1,581	124	108	1,513	124	115	1,496	121	106	1,603	130	126
Liftin/Lowering/Loading/Unloading	554	534	449	417	465	349	363	443	305	391	472	292	415	492	340
Using, Operating (not Machine)	853	74	104	560	53	70	546	74	76	595	67	47	685	74	63
Employment Tasks	319	285	134	248	307	109	225	314	125	219	353	102	254	400	133
Fighting	618	32	21	521	22	22	452	15	17	518	24	17	597	30	25
Driving, Riding	515	4	43	424	4	34	357	7	28	327	3	30	409	9	41
Eating, Drinking	300	14	25	278	17	14	290	6	14	289	9	14	284	10	16
Preparing Food or Drink	99	8	10	101	13	10	89	4	9	120	8	12	108	20	11
Receiving Medical Treatment	112	11	22	89	5	14	65	7	17	62	6	14	115	7	11
Operating Machine	20	8	7	15	5	5	14	5	4	8	8	6	12	8	7
Travelling as Passenger	7	2	5	5	-	5	6	1	3	11	-	7	9	2	5
Adjusting Machine or Work	8	6	-	5	2	-	7	3	2	8	3	2	9	1	-
Supervising/Testing/Inspection	5	3	1	3	7	2	2	3	-	4	7	1	4	5	2
Carrying	6	-	1	2	1	-	-	4	-	2	1	1	1	5	1
Clearing Jam or Blockage	2	-	1	3	-	-	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	1
Other/Not Obtainable	32,986	1,164	1,381	25,027	962	1,020	23,533	980	1,015	23,807	1,102	993	26,204	1,235	1,204
Grand Total	96,585	3,401	4,487	78,363	3,017	3,469	72,604	2,968	3,458	74,695	3,308	3,273	81,903	3,563	3,790

Table 3. Number of new claims for school accidents between 01 January 2019 and 31 December 2023, broken down by cause.

Accident Cause	2019			2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other
Loss Balance/Personal Control	40,888	829	1,198	31,011	637	915	29,084	635	857	30,500	713	810	32,581	746	982
Collision/Knocked Over by Obj	12,315	248	361	9,784	192	250	9,364	220	267	9,414	228	273	10,505	268	272
Twisting Movement	7,482	302	545	6,690	267	406	5,637	264	406	5,879	305	367	6,223	336	448
Tripping or Stumbling	7,357	288	326	5,903	253	268	5,428	235	237	5,759	313	215	6,338	304	267
Struck by Person/Animal	6,301	99	169	5,500	121	128	5,056	102	140	4,939	114	147	5,840	144	136
Puncture	4,969	180	222	4,195	135	146	3,970	145	165	4,035	176	146	4,563	152	153
Slipping, Skidding on Foot	4,344	209	325	3,078	211	210	2,929	190	228	3,033	193	206	3,442	218	245
Pushed or Pulled	3,509	162	220	3,339	156	191	2,821	156	200	2,779	183	188	3,077	209	222
Lifting/Carrying/Strain	3,024	777	787	3,124	743	682	2,724	704	647	2,579	787	645	2,773	820	709
Object Coming Loose/Shifting	2,002	72	69	2,599	126	70	2,444	130	78	2,475	103	71	2,780	109	101
Struck by Held Tool/Implement	1,203	25	48	898	27	31	815	23	33	793	19	22	864	36	37
Loss of Hold	304	28	16	214	16	15	226	13	15	188	18	14	247	10	19
Folding/Collapse	229	16	11	199	13	9	224	20	15	223	14	22	266	21	20
Boiling/Violent & Inadvertent	245	9	19	185	8	8	173	7	10	194	6	9	192	11	6
Loss of Consciousness/Sleep	223	4	13	165	6	10	165	1	18	215	7	9	220	15	16
Explosion/Blasting/Implosion	224	10	11	171	6	5	139	6	11	178	5	9	153	5	6
Medical Treatment	138	12	22	103	2	11	75	5	15	78	6	16	132	6	11
Swerving/Evasive Action	94	2	8	99	4	8	88	4	7	76	6	5	84	5	7
Work Property or Characteristics	113	89	40	83	71	27	76	74	38	71	76	25	66	101	51
Oral Ingestion of Fungi	67	3	4	49	2	2	48	1	4	64	1	5	46	1	2
Skid	40	-	2	37	1	2	29	2	-	43	2	5	59	3	-
Something Giving way Underfoot	45	5	5	45	3	9	27	9	8	32	9	8	40	18	8
Flooding/Overflow of Liquid	51	5	2	11	4	2	10	-	1	10	2	-	6	3	-

Fire	20	-	1	6	2	-	5	2	1	8	1	2	6	-	3
Electrical Shock/Short Circuit	8	4	2	11	-	2	6	2	1	3	3	2	15	-	3
Bursting/Breakage/Distortion	13	-	1	6	-	1	7	-	1	4	-	-	12	-	1
Recoil/Ejection	12	1	1	8	-	1	7	-	1	3	-	-	10	1	-
Loss of Control of Vehicle	9	1	5	8	-	5	11	-	2	4	-	4	6	-	6
Exposure to Elements	5	1	-	6	-	2	5	-	-	10	1	1	2	2	-
Lurching/Jerks in Vehicles etc	3	1	5	4	1	5	2	1	-	3	-	1	2	1	4
Inadvertent Machine/Veh Mov't	4	1	1	3	-	2	2	1	-	2	-	-	2	2	1
Driving into Hole/Object etc	4	1	1	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
Misjudgement of Support	2	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Shooting	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Collapse of Stack/Bulk Goods	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other/Not Obtainable	1,335	17	47	823	10	43	999	16	51	1,098	17	44	1,346	16	54
Grand Total	96,585	3,401	4,487	78,363	3,017	3,469	72,604	2,968	3,458	74,695	3,308	3,273	81,903	3,563	3,790

Table 4. Number of new claims for school accidents between 01 January 2019 and 31 December 2023, broken down by primary diagnosis.

Primary Injury diagnosis	2019			2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other	Student	Work	Other
Soft Tissue Injury	53,668	2,599	3,365	44,877	2,347	2,632	40,585	2,281	2,577	41,189	2,551	2,435	44,430	2,705	2,864
Laceration,puncture,sting	16,866	334	453	12,459	279	335	11,271	304	333	11,599	291	292	13,427	298	332
Fracture/dislocation	12,988	149	223	10,863	132	163	10,413	121	167	11,133	150	162	11,960	169	229
Dental Injury	5,279	54	199	3,958	50	158	4,087	41	172	4,208	65	175	4,712	61	143
Concussion	1,688	51	27	1,328	34	34	1,285	49	32	1,373	61	47	1,530	67	45
Foreign Body In Orifice/eye	993	25	26	667	26	15	677	16	24	623	25	14	644	18	12
Burns	587	27	43	424	27	21	391	20	23	449	13	25	400	29	20
Inhalation/ingestion	62	4	3	70	3	2	78	4	4	84	4	5	82	5	5
Pain Syndromes	67	18	12	47	6	5	64	15	9	50	18	12	59	18	9
Trauma Induced Hearing Loss	39	-	-	23	1	-	21	1	2	18	1	2	19	1	-
Gradual Process - Local Inflamm.	17	7	1	19	-	2	18	2	1	11	2	-	17	6	4
Amputation	14	4	-	11	-	-	14	-	1	12	-	-	20	-	-
Occupational Disease	13	-	2	14	-	1	20	1	-	6	1	-	6	-	-
Contusion(intact Skin)inc Crushing	8	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	6	-	-	1	1	1
Mental/nervous Shock	-	-	1	3	-	4	3	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	1
Hernia	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2
Industrial Deafness	-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Gradual Process - Compress Syndrome	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other	4,296	128	131	3,595	108	97	3,672	111	110	3,933	123	103	4,595	182	123
Grand Total	96,585	3,401	4,487	78,363	3,017	3,469	72,604	2,968	3,458	74,695	3,308	3,273	81,903	3,563	3,790