



10 May 2023

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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-024671**

Thank you for your email of 26 April 2023, asking for alcohol related claims and cost data under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

**The alcohol related claims and cost data is attached to this letter as Appendix 1**

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

*Claim counts fewer than four*

Some values in the appendix only indicate that the claim count is fewer than four (denoted as <4) or claim costs are less than \$100 (denoted as <\$100) to protect our clients' privacy. This decision has been made 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 our clients' privacy.

**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](http://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](mailto:GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz). If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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**Response:**

- This report counts the number of claims for alcohol related injuries that have received payment from ACC in the calendar years 2018 and 2019. These claims may have been lodged in the year they received payment, or any previous year.
- Claims lodged in this period that didn't receive any payment from ACC, including those claims that received only acute treatment in a public hospital emergency room, have been excluded from these counts.
- Tables 1 and 2 count claims that received any payment from ACC, which may include treatment, rehabilitation, or entitlements such as weekly compensation. Tables 3 and 4 count claims that received payment for weekly compensation, and the cost of these weekly compensation (WC) payments. This means that tables 3 and 4 are subsets of tables 1 and 2.

**- We have identified alcohol related claims where the accident description mentions any of the following keywords: 'drunk', 'alcohol', 'intoxicate', 'beer', 'wine', 'champagne' and 'under the influence'. Note that the accident description is a non-mandatory free-text field on the ACC45 claim lodgement form, and clients might not provide enough information for us to identify that alcohol was involved in their injury. As such, these figures should be considered indicative only.**

**Caveats and Notes:**

- Accredited employer claims have been excluded as we hold limited data about these.
- A calendar year is 1 January to 31 December.
- The cause of injury is selected from a list of options, based on what the client writes on the claim lodgement form, either by a staff member in a registration team or by automated systems.
- Age is based on the client's age when the claim was lodged with ACC and may differ to their age at the time of an accident.
- Ethnicity data are prioritised for reporting purposes. A client may identify with any number of ethnicities, and can select more than one when lodging a claim. For reporting purposes, ACC selects one ethnicity for each client based on the following priority order: Māori, Pacific peoples, Asian, other ethnicities, European. Residual Categories are those whose ethnicity was not stated.
- '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.
- Costs are GST exclusive.
- 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.
- The data was extracted on 08 May 2023 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Table 1: The total number of active claims and active claims costs for alcohol related injuries in 2016 broken down by accident cause, gender and ethnicity

Table 2: The total number of active claims and active claim costs for alcohol related injuries in 2019 broken down by accident cause, gender and ethnicity



Table 4: Number of alcohol related claims receiving payment for weekly compensation in 2019 and cost of weekly compensation payments made broken down by accident cause, gender and ethnicity

| Accident Cause                     | Gender | Ethnicity | Age Group     |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              |               |              | Total         |              |              |                |              |             |   |            |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---|------------|
|                                    |        |           | 18-19         |              | 20-24         |              | 25-29         |              | 30-34         |              | 35-39         |              | 40-44         |              | 45-49         |              | 50-54         |              | 55-59         |              | 60-64         |              | 65-69         |              | Total        |                |              |             |   |            |
|                                    |        |           | Active Claims | Active Costs |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Burding / Breakage / Distortion    | Female | Other     | <4            | \$3,203.72   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$3,203.72   |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Burding / Breakage / Distortion    | Male   | Other     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$374.36     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$374.36     |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Collapse / Overturning / Imundied  | Male   | Other     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$41,194.32  | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$41,194.32  |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Collision / Knocked Over by Object | Female | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$192.12     | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$27,853.32  | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$28,047.44  |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Collision / Knocked Over by Object | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$2,593.64   | -             | -            | <4            | \$2,803.15   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | \$5,396.79    |              |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Collision / Knocked Over by Object | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$31,930.49  | -             | <4           | \$228.69      | -            | -             | <4           | \$58,073.53   | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | 60,932.23    |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Collision / Knocked Over by Object | Male   | Other     | <4            | \$20,793.25  | -             | 4            | \$7,614.57    | -            | <4            | \$14,186.67  | -             | -            | <4            | \$10,000.28  | -             | <4           | \$110,087.24  | -            | -             | <4           | \$26,477.44   | -            | -             | 13           | \$209,060.95 |                |              |             |   |            |
| Criminal Act                       | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$980.57     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$980.57     |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Driving into Hole / Object         | Female | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$796.32     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$796.32     |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Electrical Shock / Short           | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$1,207.36   |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Flooding / Overflow of Liquid      | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$20,386.80  | -             | <4           | \$33,501.93   | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$53,889.73  |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Jumping / Climbing / Strain        | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$12,207.36  | -             | <4           | \$1,201.90    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$1,201.90   |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Jumping / Climbing / Strain        | Male   | Other     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$14,029.28  | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | \$14,029.28  |              |                |              |             |   |            |
| Loss Balance / Personal Control    | Female | Asian     | <4            | \$3,089.89   | -             | <4           | \$19,444.74   | -            | <4            | \$17,642.25  | -             | <4           | \$5,113.11    | -            | <4            | \$3,616.73   | -             | <4           | \$28,256.87   | -            | <4            | \$1,962.88   | <4            | \$3,282.12   | <4           | \$3,785.27     |              |             |   |            |
| Loss Balance / Personal Control    | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$4,609.62   | -             | <4           | \$174.60      | -            | <4            | \$2,757.98   | -             | <4           | \$3,177.52    | -            | <4            | \$7,397.01   | -             | <4           | \$10,210.08   | -            | <4            | \$1,000.97   | <4            | \$3,282.12   | <4           | \$5,317.86     |              |             |   |            |
| Loss of Consciousness / Sleep      | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$17,751.09  | -             | <4           | \$4,128.96    | -            | <4            | \$8,371.09   | -             | <4           | \$2,429.32    | -            | <4            | \$5,315.36   | 4             | <4           | \$8,374.62    | -            | <4            | \$1,773.85   | <4            | \$24,271.17  | <4           | \$46,386.96    |              |             |   |            |
| Loss of Control of Vehicle         | Female | Asian     | <4            | \$1,040.40   | -             | <4           | \$33,040.86   | -            | <4            | \$14,126.03  | -             | <4           | \$3,645.04    | -            | <4            | \$14,375.50  | -             | <4           | \$10,207.05   | -            | <4            | \$1,040.40   | <4            | \$11,029.89  | <4           | \$6,922.91     |              |             |   |            |
| Loss of Control of Vehicle         | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$38,245.59  | 5             | \$10,270.92  | 5             | <4           | \$6,008.11    | -            | <4            | \$14,183.74  | -             | <4           | \$44,237.81   | -            | <4            | \$22,324.88  | 11            | <4           | \$24,440.20   | 27           | 5             | \$17,615.11  | 9            | \$78,327.13    | 44           | \$57,799.67 |   |            |
| Loss of Hold                       | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$2,678.09   | -             | <4           | \$37,465.17   | -            | <4            | \$24,249.09  | -             | <4           | \$10,028.72   | -            | <4            | \$2,550.00   | -             | <4           | \$20,876.73   | -            | <4            | \$1,040.40   | <4            | \$11,029.89  | <4           | \$17,797.20    |              |             |   |            |
| Medical Treatment                  | Female | Asian     | <4            | \$3,654.16   | -             | <4           | \$17,132.92   | -            | <4            | \$20,020.82  | -             | <4           | \$5,370.02    | -            | <4            | \$2,048.33   | -             | <4           | \$1,040.40    | -            | <4            | \$1,040.40   | <4            | \$1,040.40   | <4           | \$1,040.40     |              |             |   |            |
| Medical Treatment                  | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$526.00     | -             | <4           | \$5,387.60    | -            | <4            | \$20,020.82  | -             | <4           | \$5,370.02    | -            | <4            | \$2,048.33   | -             | <4           | \$1,040.40    | -            | <4            | \$1,040.40   | <4            | \$1,040.40   | <4           | \$1,040.40     |              |             |   |            |
| Misjudgement of Support            | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$1,661.15   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$9,625.01    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | 4            | \$1,286.22   |                |              |             |   |            |
| Misjudgement of Support            | Male   | Pacific   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$2,058.80   | -             | <4           | \$10,623.87   | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | 4            | \$1,495.33     |              |             |   |            |
| Object Coming Loose / Shifting     | Female | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$1,073.09   | -             | <4           | \$761.04      | -            | <4            | \$2,445.39   | -             | <4           | \$15,757.27   | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$49,473.51  |             |   |            |
| Object Coming Loose / Shifting     | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$7,337.95   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$4,620.00    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | 7            | \$35,347.77  |                |              |             |   |            |
| Puncture                           | Female | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$13,797.57  | -             | <4           | \$11,185.03   | -            | <4            | \$10,824.60  | -             | <4           | \$4,096.91    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$57,070.83  |             |   |            |
| Puncture                           | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$194.35     | -             | <4           | \$1,194.35    | -            | <4            | \$950.40     | -             | <4           | \$4,406.79    | -            | <4            | \$8,020.29   | -             | -            | -            | -              | -            | -           | 4 | \$8,222.64 |
| Pushed or Pulled                   | Female | Asian     | <4            | \$2,485.62   | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$2,920.06   | -             | <4           | \$2,922.02    | -            | <4            | \$2,226.77   | -             | <4           | \$2,072.67    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$2,485.62   |             |   |            |
| Slipping, Skidding on Foot         | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$235.90     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$6,016.76    | -            | <4            | \$25,106.43  | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | -              | 4            | \$235.90    |   |            |
| Struck by Held Tool / Implement    | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$8,94.35    | -             | <4           | \$25,360.59   | -            | <4            | \$15,154.44  | -             | <4           | \$21,875.10   | -            | <4            | \$53,417.38  | -             | <4           | \$33,089.31   | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$37,810.70  |             |   |            |
| Struck by Person / Animal          | Female | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$11,717.70  | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$1,779.79    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$57,779.79  |             |   |            |
| Struck by Person / Animal          | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$257,031.01 | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$163.24      | -            | -             | <4           | \$22,328.81   | -            | -             | <4           | \$1,024.32    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 6              | \$340,548.30 |             |   |            |
| Swerving / Evasive Action          | Male   | Asian     | <4            | \$4,160.05   | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$7,754.53    | -            | <4            | \$2,726.87   | -             | <4           | \$5,679.64    | -            | <4            | \$13,059.34  | -             | <4           | \$3,953.91    | <4           | \$15,735.65   | <4           | \$3,587.20   |                |              |             |   |            |
| Swerving / Evasive Action          | Male   | Pacific   | <4            | \$497.41     | 7             | \$10,541.33  | 10            | <4           | \$47,156.38   | -            | <4            | \$52,331.51  | -             | <4           | \$49,994.84   | -            | <4            | \$40,644.34  | 4             | <4           | \$7,652.66    | <4           | \$29,518.57   | <4           | \$4,693.03   |                |              |             |   |            |
| Tripping or Stumbling              | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$4,658.48   | -             | <4           | \$2,998.28    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | 5            | \$7,244.17     |              |             |   |            |
| Twisting Movement                  | Female | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$11,917.61  | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$9,686.13    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$11,944.38  |             |   |            |
| Wk Property or Characteristics     | Male   | Asian     | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$1,516.92   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$16,051.89   | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$17,077.12  |             |   |            |
| Wk Property or Characteristics     | Male   | Pacific   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | <4            | \$1,006.58   | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | <4           | \$3,605.06    | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -             | -            | -            | 4              | \$4,178.58   |             |   |            |
| Total                              |        |           | 39            | \$452,357.48 | 94            | \$517,009.65 | 46            | \$261,426.44 | 44            | \$550,242.20 | 39            | \$425,084.30 | 24            | \$406,714.04 | 43            | \$755,964.91 | 25            | \$355,466.72 | 22            | \$284,720.88 | 13            | \$217,869.96 | 44            | \$3,687.20   | 392          | \$4,291,302.11 |              |             |   |            |