



19 September 2023



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Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-027636

Thank you for your email of 7 September 2023, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I was hoping to request a data set for mental injury cover. Specifically, I am looking at the different mental health diagnoses covered (i.e. all the different mental injury read codes) and the relevant associated stats (i.e. claims accepted v denied, money spent, and outcomes). Thank you for your time.

The requested information is attached

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

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

ACC has decided 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.

Ngā mihi

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Caveats and Notes:

- Claims managed by an accredited employer are not included.
- Claims are included where the claim lodgement date is between 01 January 2018 and 31 August 2023.
- Mental injury claims are identified where it meets criteria of ACC's definition on mental injury.
- New claims is the count of claims that were lodged within the specified period. 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 in table 1.
- Costs are exclusive of GST.
- Costs do not include Public Health Acute Services (PHAS) payments. These costs are for treatment in a public hospital during the acute phase of an injury and are covered by bulk payments made by ACC to the Crown. As such, these payments cannot be attributed to individual claims.
- Costs do not only relate to the mental injury. Instead, they are for all injuries on a claim where a mental injury is accepted, as we are unable to separate costs by injury.
- For one claim there can be multiple injuries with multiple injury decisions and diagnosis, meaning one claim can be counted more than once in table 2 and 3.
- The data was extracted on 18 September 2023 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Table 1: Total number of new claims, accepted new claims, active claims and active costs (excl GST) for mental injuries between 01 January 2018 and 31 August 2023.

Claim Lodgement Calendar Year	All Claims Lodged	Accepted New Claims	Active Claims	Active Costs
2018	12,292	6,119	28,402	\$357,749,041
2019	14,526	6,803	32,284	\$404,594,814
2020	13,592	6,275	34,750	\$439,832,676
2021	14,371	6,214	37,616	\$484,941,303
2022	13,730	5,408	39,680	\$532,249,205
2023 YTD	10,002	1,579	35,922	\$365,143,344

Table 2: Total number of new claims for mental injuries lodged between 01 January 2018 and 31 August 2023, broken down by injury decision.

Injury Decision	Claim Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Accept	6,119	6,803	6,275	6,214	5,408	1,579
Decline	6,263	7,912	7,863	8,953	8,974	5,757
Investigating	117	137	91	131	130	2,784

Table 3: Total number of accepted new claims for mental injuries lodged between 01 January 2018 and 31 August 2023, broken down by injury diagnosis.

Injury Diagnosis	Claim Lodgement Calendar Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Sexual abuse	2,584	2,893	3,076	3,172	2,955	485
[X]Post - traumatic stress disorder	1,392	2,952	3,205	3,340	3,018	473
Post-concussion syndrome	2,028	2,057	1,569	1,513	1,237	892
Other post-traumatic stress disorder	1,067	539	481	358	334	45
Post traumatic stress disorder	722	324	192	174	75	12
[X]Other reactions to severe stress	75	243	296	309	288	44
Recurrent depression	120	302	289	220	200	33
Depressive disorder NEC	214	165	206	245	195	23
[X]Dysthymia	97	198	201	209	197	24
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	211	81	83	106	59	8
[X]Depressive episode, unspecified	68	101	104	87	50	3
[X]Generalized anxiety disorder	53	62	64	51	55	8
[X]Adjustment disorders	80	82	48	39	35	6
[X]Social phobias	19	37	59	40	47	4
Anxiety states	33	42	48	36	31	3
Alcohol dependence syndrome NOS	34	45	43	40	26	3
[X]Postconcussional syndrome	51	73	34	4	6	1
Anxiety with depression	40	37	25	31	28	2
Borderline personality disorder	33	38	35	33	21	1
Panic disorder	27	36	44	34	17	1
Other / Unknown	846	774	720	635	470	70