

4 December 2019

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REF: OIA-6135

Dear Abbey

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*How many children have been struck by vehicles outside Wellington Schools this year?  
How many children have been struck by vehicles outside New Zealand Schools this year?*

The information requested is detailed in the tables below:

Children injured outside schools by year, by Wellington region and New Zealand total		
Year	Wellington region	New Zealand total
2014	5	30
2015	4	26
2016	2	34
2017	5	36
2018	0	27
2019*	6	30

\*2019 data for the year to date is not yet complete

It is important to note the following in relation to the data provided:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version [1.3.3] and was current as at 26 November 2019.
- The NZ Transport Agency maintains the Crash Analysis System (CAS) which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- To be recorded in CAS a crash has to have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not (eg a public car park).
- Not all crashes are reported to the NZ Police and the level of reporting increases with the severity of the crash. Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported.

- Data is limited to:
  - Fatal, serious or minor injuries only
  - Age of injured person being 17 or younger
  - Pedestrians and cyclists only
- School locations were provided by the Ministry of Education in May 2018.
- School locations have not been validated by the Transport Agency.
- School locations were represented as points on a map near to the main entrance.
- Crashes within 100m of the school point are included.
- Schools may have more than one entrance.
- Crashes around the school or near other entrances are not included if the location is greater than 100 metres from the school point.
- Data is for all days and times and it has not been determined if the school was open when the crash occurred (e.g. evenings, weekends, school holidays & public holidays).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Media Manager, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely,



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