

3 May 2023

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REF: OIA-12451

Dear ██████████

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

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*As ta 31 March 2023 how many unregistered vehicles were there in New Zealand?*

You further clarified that by “unregistered vehicles”, you meant vehicles where the responsible person has not paid the licensing fees (rego).

The information for your request has been provided in the following table:

LICENCE STATUS	TOTAL
Current licence	4,648,853
Exempt from registration	453,897
No current licence	604,206


It is important to read the information provided in conjunction with the following caveats:

- The information was extracted from the Motor Vehicle Register (MVR) and is current as at 28 April 2023.
- Data can only be reported on vehicles that have ever been entered in the Motor Vehicle Register (MVR). Imports for private use would not be recorded.
- The data is limited to registered vehicles, with an active registration status.
- Registered - in relation to a vehicle, means registered under the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1998. A vehicle will have plates issued to it.
- Active - the vehicle has not been deregistered and the registration has not lapsed.
- Lapsed - the vehicle has not had a valid vehicle licence for 12 months or more.
- Licence - in relation to a vehicle, a vehicle has paid its current annual licensing fee to be allowed to travel on New Zealand roads. Commonly referred to as 'Rego'.
- "LICENCE STATUS" values are as follows:
  - Exempt from registration - the vehicle is currently exempt from relicensing (Rego) and paying their 'rego' fee.
  - Current licence - Current licence (Rego) has not expired as at 31 March 2023.
  - No current licence - Current licence (Rego) has expired as at 31 March 2023.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kerry Grieg, Manager, Data Services, by email to [kerry.grieg@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:kerry.grieg@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the left and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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