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Question:

- How many driver licenses were issued nationally in 2023 to date?
- Of those, how many people nationally selected 'donor' on the r license?
- How many driver licenses were issued in Otago in 2023 to date?
- Of those, how many people nationally selected 'donor' on the r license?
- How many driver licenses were issued in Southland in 2023 to date?
- Of those, how many people nationally selected 'donor' on the r license?
- How many NZ driver license holders are there currently?
- How many of these have selected the donor option?
- ...

Requestor:

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Comments:

Table 1:

- The data was extracted from the Driver License Register (DLR) and is current as at 16 November 2023.
- Donor status is determined by the organ donor flag recorded on DLR. Where the organ donor flag selected is 'Y', the license holder has indicated that they wish to have the word 'DONOR' printed on their photo driver licence. Where the organ donor flag selected is 'N' or no selection is made, the license holder has indicated that they do not wish to be recorded as a donor on DLR.
- If a license holder changes their mind about being an organ donor, they can call the contact centre at Waka Kotahi to have the organ donor status changed on DLR. It is not mandatory to have a new photo driver licence issued showing the updated donor status, however if the license holder wishes to have a new photo driver licence issued with the updated donor status, a replacement card can be applied for and the applicant is required to pay the replacement card fee.
- Further information can be found here: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/licenses/getting-a-license/organ-and-issue-donation/>

Table 2 and Table 3:

- The data is limited to new driver licence applications (applications for a new class/stage of licence as part of the G-Adapted Driver Licensing System) granted between 1 January 2023 - 31 October 2023 (inclusive).
- Grant dates are as recorded on DLR as at 16 November 2023. Therefore, the data does not take into consideration the original grant date recorded. If dates were amended or backdated, or if changes were made to a granted application causing the grant date to update. For example, the status of an application is changed from 'Granted' to 'Incomplete'. If an amendment needs to be made to the application, once the amendment is made, the application status is changed back to 'Granted' from 'Incomplete' causing the grant date to amend. This could result in a granted application being counted multiple times within the reporting period.
- The data includes applications for any class of licence including cars, mopeds and heavy vehicles.
- Donor selection is determined by the donor status recorded on DLR at application grant date. An applicant may change their donor status recorded on DLR more than once after the application is granted.
- The data is a count of applications, not the number of applicants.
- Otago and Southland regions are determined by the physical town or suburb recorded against the license holder as at application grant date and may not reflect the license holder's current address.
- Address fields are free text and may contain errors which leads to the incorrect region being determined.
- Address fields are updated when we receive notification of a change of address from the license holder. Notifications for a change of address may come directly from the license holder (for example, the license holder calling the contact centre and updating their address), or as an outcome of a transaction against the license holder on the DLR (including the processing of an application at a driver licensing outlet with an address update).

Table 4:

- The data is a distinct count of current license holders with a current Class 1 (Car) and/or Class 6 (Motorcycle) licence held, as at 31 October 2023.
- Donor selection is determined by the donor status recorded on DLR as at 31 October 2023.
- Data is limited to license holders with a standard or diplomat license type as at 16 November 2023.

For further information, please contact StatisticalAnalysis@nzta.govt.nz

This information must be read in conjunction with the caveats in the "Caveats" sheet of this document.
Data extracted from Driver Licence Register (DLR) on 17 November 2023 for the 17 November 2023 report.

Table 1. Total number of new driver licence applications granted on DLR between 1 January 2023 - 31 October 2023 by donor status in New Zealand

Month granted	Donor status		Grand Total
	No	Yes	
January	9,235	11,992	21,227
February	9,282	11,285	20,567
March	12,142	12,949	25,091
April	9,855	10,735	20,590
May	12,011	12,474	24,485
June	11,248	11,461	22,709
July	10,849	11,166	22,015
August	11,805	12,225	24,030
September	11,050	10,978	22,028
October	11,437	11,551	22,988
National Total	108,914	116,816	225,730

Table 2. Total number of new driver licence applications granted on DLR between 1 January 2023 - 31 October 2023 by donor status in Otago region

Month granted	Donor status		Grand Total
	No	Yes	
January	327	708	1,035
February	335	698	1,033
March	402	716	1,118
April	281	578	859
May	347	752	1,099
June	357	693	1,050
July	332	653	985
August	386	654	1,040
September	333	625	958
October	392	737	1,129
Otago Total	3,492	6,814	10,306

Table 3. Total number of new driver licence applications granted on DLR between 1 January 2023 - 31 October 2023 by donor status in Southland

Month granted	Donor status		Grand Total
	No	Yes	
January	160	321	481
February	207	299	506
March	223	319	542
April	166	260	426
May	214	357	571
June	187	278	465
July	212	277	489
August	216	362	578
September	231	260	491
October	264	337	601
Southland Total	2,080	3,070	5,150

Table 4. Total number of current licence holders in New Zealand by donor status recorded on DLR

<i>as at 31 October 2023</i>			
As at	Donor status		Grand Total
	No	Yes	
31 October 2023	1,676,418	2,207,035	3,883,453