

16 January 2020

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REF: OIA-6269

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your request to the NZ Police on 19 December 2019, part of which was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 9 January 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Against all drivers, how many and what percentage of 16-24 year olds drivers have:*  
*Had a minor injury crash in past year*  
*Had a serious injury crash in past year*  
*Had a fatality crash in past year*

You further clarified your request on 13 January 2020:

*If you're able to provide the below information where the driver was at fault, that'd be wonderful.*

The data you requested is as follows:

Table 1: Crashes involving 16-24 year old drivers with primary or partial contribution to the crash

year	fatal crashes	serious crashes	minor crashes	Total crashes
2018	84	534	2,624	<b>3,242</b>

The following table lists the number of 16-24 year old drivers with primary or partial contribution involved in the above crashes as there may be more than one such driver in those crashes:

Table 2: 16-24 year old drivers with primary or partial contribution involved in the above crashes

year	drivers in fatal crashes	drivers in serious crashes	drivers in minor crashes	Total drivers
2018	85	539	2,651	<b>3,275</b>

There were 465,879 16-24 year old drivers with current licences as at 31 December 2018.

Using this as the denominator, we get these percentages:

Table 3: Approximate percentage of 16-24 year old drivers who crash and have primary or partial contribution to the crash

year	drivers in fatal crashes	drivers in serious crashes	drivers in minor crashes
2018	0.02%	0.12%	0.57%

It is important to note the following in relation to the information provided.

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 1.3.4.
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains the Crash Analysis System which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is limited to fatal and injury crashes for the year 2018 as recorded in CAS to date – 13 January 2020.
- Data is limited to crashes involving 16-24 year old at fault drivers.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS 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 e.g. a public car park.
- 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.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the severity of the crash.
- Crashes where a driver was at fault is defined here as crashes where the driver had primary or partial contribution.
- The behaviour of several drivers may contribute to a crash, but usually only one driver is assigned the primary contribution. The determination of primary contribution is based on crash movements and crash cause factors assigned in the Crash Analysis System. It is not based on legal liability or court conviction.
- A driver may be involved in more than one crash.
- The percentages are approximate because the licence count of 16-24 year old drivers was taken at the end of the year and the count will change during the year as people age and obtain licences.
- The count of licences includes all licence classes.

In accordance with the Transport Agency policy, this response will be published proactively on our website shortly. Private details, such as your name and contact details, will be redacted.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to [kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,



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