

5 July 2021

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Oscar

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Dear Oscar

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 6 June 2021 for information relating to keeping left offences.

You requested:

1. *I request statistics for the past 5 years on how many people have been given warnings or infringements for breaching part 2, 2.1 of the Land Transport Act.*
2. *Specifically breaches of the following:*
 - (1) *A driver, when driving, must at all times drive as near as practicable to the left side of the roadway unless this rule otherwise provides.*
 - (2) *If a driver's speed, when driving, is such as to impede the normal and reasonable flow of traffic, that driver must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, move the vehicle as far as practicable to the left side of the roadway when this is necessary to allow following traffic to pass.*
[https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2004/0427/latest/DLM30304_1.html#:~:text=2.1%20Keeping%20left,\(1\)&text=If%20a%20driver's%20speed%2C%20when,allow%20following%20traffic%20to%20pass.](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2004/0427/latest/DLM30304_1.html#:~:text=2.1%20Keeping%20left,(1)&text=If%20a%20driver's%20speed%2C%20when,allow%20following%20traffic%20to%20pass.)

The section of legislation requested relates to the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004. There are two applicable offences in Part 2, 2.1 of this legislation. The number of applicable offences is provided in Table 1 attached.

I trust that this information is satisfactory in answering your request.

Yours sincerely



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Table 1: Infringement offences (including Warnings) relating to Part 2, 2.1 of the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 by calendar year, 2016-2020

Infringement offences not Warned	Calendar Year				
Offence Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(1) Failed to keep to the left	1,941	1,816	1,549	1,391	787
(2) Slow vehicle or inconsiderate driving impeded traffic	495	393	382	346	275
Total	2,436	2,209	1,931	1,737	1,062

Warned Infringement offences	Calendar Year				
Offence Description	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(1) Failed to keep to the left	342	413	478	416	308
(2) Slow vehicle or inconsiderate driving impeded traffic	390	379	506	494	352
Total	732	792	984	910	660

Grand Total	3,168	3,001	2,915	2,647	1,722
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