

11 October 2022

Andrew Li  
[fyi-request-19696-94acccaa@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-19696-94acccaa@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Tēnā koe Andrew

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 8 September 2022 regarding the National Gang List (NGL). You requested:

*I assume that the information held by the Gang Intelligence Centre includes a field for ethnicity/racial origin/race/whatever, containing values such as 'Maori', 'NZ European', 'Asian' etc, or links to an ID table for same. As such, one assumes it should be trivial to produce the results of a query against this, either from an existing report or through a query against the database...*

The table below provides ethnicity data for the NGL at as August 2022.

<b>Ethnicity as at August 2022</b>	
<b>NGL Total: 8019</b>	
Māori	77%
European	12%
Pacific Islander	9%
Aboriginal/Latin American-Hispanic/South African/African; Indian; Mid-Eastern	1%
Not Recorded	1%

The National Recording Standard (NRS) is the overarching recording policy for Police. The NRS describes ethnicity as an attribute of a person, instructing staff to select ethnicity by recording the option which an individual identifies with most strongly. The NRS states that ethnicity is used for statistical reporting and intelligence trends for victims and offenders. However, there are some limitations to ethnicity recording such as only one ethnicity can be recorded, and if someone identifies as something other than Asian, European, Indian, Latin American/Hispanic, Māori, Middle Eastern, Native African, or Pacific Island, the ethnicity is recorded as 'other'.

**Police National Headquarters**

180 Molesworth Street. PO Box 3017, Wellington 6140, New Zealand.  
Telephone: 04 474 9499. Fax: 04 498 7400. [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz)

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



**Julia Smith**  
Manager - Intelligence Fusion Teams  
New Zealand Police



# Request

**From:** [Andrew Li](#)  
**To:** [Ministerial Services](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Official Information request - National Gang List- breakdown by ethnicity  
**Date:** Thursday, 8 September 2022 10:11:36 AM

---

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear New Zealand Police,

In light of the recent threats by the Ardern government to seize assets from people who are related to or allegedly friends with gang members, there has been a great deal of public interest in the impact that this will have on different ethnic groups.

I assume that the information held by the Gang Intelligence Centre includes a field for ethnicity/racial origin/race/whatever, containing values such as 'Maori', 'NZ European', 'Asian' etc, or links to an ID table for same. As such, one assumes it should be trivial to produce the results of a query against this, either from an existing report or through a query against the database like

```
SELECT ethnicity,count(1) AS count_individuals FROM gang_members  
GROUP BY ethnicity;
```

obviously modifying the table name and ethnicity field to suit. If ethnicity/racial origin/whatever is recorded as an ID value linked to another table, please provide the contents of said related table so the results can be interpreted.

If this sounds impractical or impossible to produce for some reason, please produce documentation of the schema of the database that holds Gang Intelligence Centre records regarding gang members.

Regards,  
Andrew Li

-----  
This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx

Is xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xxx.xx the wrong address for Official Information requests to New Zealand Police? If so, please contact us using this form:

[https://fyi.org.nz/change\\_request/new?body=new\\_zealand\\_police](https://fyi.org.nz/change_request/new?body=new_zealand_police)

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://fyi.org.nz/help/officers>

If you find this service useful as an Official Information officer, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's OIA or LGOIMA page.

-----