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Tēnā koe

### **Transfer of your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 23 June 2023. You requested:

*“For the period of time in which records are available, I am seeking the following information regarding age of death within New Zealand, per year:*

- \* the average (mean) age of death*
- \* the median age of death*
- \* the mathematical mode of age of death*
- \* the mean absolute deviation of age of death*
- \* the standard deviation of age of death*
- \* the age ranges or percentile ranges that divide the data into ten equal groups based on the frequency of death, so that each group accounts for 10% of the total deaths”*

The requested information is held by Tatauranga Aotearoa – Statistics New Zealand. For this reason, I have decided to transfer your request to their agency under section 14(b)(i) of the Act. You can expect a response from Statistics New Zealand in due course.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, na



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## **COPY OF OIA REQUEST**

**From:** ASE <[fyi-request-23240-8bbe57e5@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-23240-8bbe57e5@requests.fyi.org.nz)>

**Sent:** Friday, 23 June 2023 14:45

**To:** OIA Requests <[oiagr@health.govt.nz](mailto:oiagr@health.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Official Information request - Death statistics

Attn Ministry of Health,

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If this information is not held by The Ministry of Health, I would appreciate a dataset from which this information can be calculated.

Regarding any recent information/data which may not yet have been compiled into yearly data, I am seeking interim information/data.

Thank you,  
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