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Tēnā koe Chris,

Your request for official information, reference: HN200025912

Thank you for your email on 2 August 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide the deaths in excel format for the above codes to include

*I49.9, R96.0 and R99
1990-2022
Numbers Per Month
Ages 0-9, 10-19, 20-29 etc*

Please find the excel sheet in **Appendix 1** with notes about this data below.

2018 is the latest year for which cause of death data is available. After the close of a calendar year, there is a 12-18 month process to assign cause of death codes to the majority of deaths in that year. Te Whatu Ora's clinical coding team reviews the death certificate and health history of the deceased, to assign cause of death codes. Approximately 10% of deaths are referred to the Coroner each year to determine cause. Deaths which require a coronial inquiry can take 2-3 or more years for cause of death to be assigned. We do not make mortality data available publicly until the majority of deaths have been assigned a cause of death, so that the data we release is complete and accurate. The Chief Coroner has noted delays in the time it is taking them to assign cause of death codes.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at hnzOIA@health.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Te Whatu Ora may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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