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Tēnā koe Matthew

Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00046494

Thank you for your email on 6 May 2024, asking Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please supply the most up to date data on cancers, and maternal & neonatal morbidity and mortality statistics, beyond the publicly posted data that seems to be only up to 2019.

Response

The following links to the Health NZ website (www.tewhatauora.govt.nz) will provide you with the web tools and data for the information you have specifically requested:

Mortality statistics

[Mortality web tool – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

This web tool presents mortality and demographic data for deaths registered in New Zealand from 1948–2021.

Maternity statistics

[Report on maternity web tool – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

A web tool for you to explore numbers and rates discussed in the New Zealand Maternity Clinical Indicators series. You can filter results and customise graphs. The figures and tables presented are downloadable.

Fetal and infant mortality statistics

[Fetal and infant deaths web tool – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

This web tool presents a summary of fetal and infant deaths, with a focus on deaths and stillbirths registered in 2021.

We are unable to provide data for 2022/23 as this data is not yet complete enough to release.

After the close of a calendar year, there is a 12 to 18 month process to assign cause of death codes to the majority of deaths in that year. The Health NZ 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 determined. 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 determine cause of death.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at h.nzOIA@tewhatuora.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, Health NZ 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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