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Tēnā koe Dan

**Request for information**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request dated 27 July 2024. You wrote:

*I request the number of incidents per year since 2019 that NZ Police have been called to or are aware of on Wellington's Church Street.*

*A general breakdown of the types of incidents would also be appreciated.*

When Police communication centres receive a request for service, an event is entered in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) application.

There were 459 recorded CAD events that happened between 1 January 2019 and 31 July 2024 at Church Street in Central Wellington. This may include events that occurred inside or outside the buildings, but excludes events considered to be police-generated (such as traffic stops or bail checks). Not all of these events would have been attended by police. Policing by its very nature requires constant prioritisation of resources to respond to emergency demand. Police will always prioritise and attend the jobs where peoples' lives or safety are in danger. The table below shows these by the type of event at closure (when most information about an event is known).

*Table 1. CAD events at Church Street, Wellington, 1 January 2019 - 31 July 2024.*

| Closure Event Type \ Calendar Year | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 to 31 July | Total by Event Type |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Public Relations                   | 6    | 3    | 2    | 3    | 23   | 17              | 54                  |
| Family Harm                        | 1    | 2    | 5    | 3    | 16   | 22              | 49                  |
| Information                        | 3    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 11   | 24              | 42                  |
| Car/Person Acting Suspiciously     | 2    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 19   | 12              | 35                  |
| Breach of the Peace                | 1    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 14   | 14              | 33                  |
| Mental Health                      | 0    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 10   | 16              | 31                  |
| Bail Breach                        | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 5    | 20              | 25                  |
| Disorder                           | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 8    | 14              | 23                  |
| Burglary                           | 3    | 4    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 4               | 16                  |
| Intimidation/Threats               | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 3    | 6               | 11                  |

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|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Trespass                           | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| Assist Fire/Ambulance/Traffic      | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 9  |
| Other Service Request/Response     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 9  |
| Threatens/Attempts Suicide         | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9  |
| Other Incident                     | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 8  |
| Wilful Damage                      | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8  |
| General Theft                      | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7  |
| Serious Assaults                   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7  |
| EM Bail Breach                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6  |
| Lost Property                      | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 6  |
| Minor Assaults                     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6  |
| Missing Person                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4  |
| No Speech Emergency Call           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4  |
| Car Conversion                     | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3  |
| Sudden Death                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3  |
| Ambulance Request Police Assist    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Breach of Local Council Liquor Ban | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2  |
| Civil Dispute                      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Court Orders                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Drunk Custody/Detox Centre         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Escapes Custody                    | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2  |
| Firearms Offences                  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Found Property                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Interference With Cars             | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2  |
| Pandemic Mass Gathering            | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2  |
| Police Safety Orders               | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2  |
| Robbery                            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Theft Ex Car                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2  |
| Traffic Offending                  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2  |
| Vehicle Collision                  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2  |
| Advise Relatives                   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  |
| Alarm                              | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  |
| Arson                              | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1  |
| Blockage/Breakdown on Highway      | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  |
| Fraud                              | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1  |
| Harassment                         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  |

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|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Justice Offences         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| Rape                     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 1   |
| Receiving                | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 1   |
| Theft Ex Shop            | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 1   |
| Wilful Damage - Graffiti | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 1   | 1   |
| Total by Year            | 23 | 24 | 25 | 17 | 165 | 205 | 459 |

Data in this response is drawn from a dynamic operational database and is subject to change as new information is recorded or updated.

A change in the number of requests for service to an area can be driven by a change in local infrastructure or how an area is used. For example, new residential buildings would mean an increase in resident population, which may lead to more reports to Police. In this instance, I have not offered an explanation on any change in the requests for service data because this has not been requested and would require further analysis, which is outside of the OIA requirements.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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