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### **OIA request 24/25 0356 Request for Citizenship Application data**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on 8 October 2024.

On 11 October 2024 the portion of your request relating to citizenship was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) pursuant to section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. This section provides that a request or part of a request can be transferred where the information, or some of the information, is believed by the person dealing with the request to be more closely connected with the functions of another department.

You requested –

- *I want to know how many no of people currently holding New Zealand Permanent residency visa who applied for citizenship as up to today.*

On 23 October 2024 we contacted you via email to clarify your request. It was explained that every applicant who applies for New Zealand citizenship by grant (under the standard requirements) must have Permanent Residency (PR) as a prerequisite. This means, that everyone applying for citizenship by grant (through the normal channels) will have PR when applying. We also asked you to specify a date range for your request. To date we have not received a response.

In response to your request, I can provide you with the following information.

#### **Table One**

**Number of People Granted New Zealand Citizenship in 2023 and 2024**

<b>Date Granted (Year)</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
2024	January - October	31,401
2023	January - December	36,373

## Caveats

- The data was collated on 4 November 2024 and is accurate at this date.
- As the data is held in dynamic systems there may be differences in prior or future datasets.

If this response has not answered your query, you are able to make a new request for information, please consider clarifying your request as well as providing a timeframe for the period in which you need the information for.

In case it may be of interest, additional statistics for countries of birth for people granted New Zealand citizenship from 1949 can be found here:

<https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/country-of-birth-for-people-granted-new-zealand-citizenship>.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on the DIA website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: [www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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