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Dear Ms Abrams

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request transferred to the Ministry of Justice on 27 July 2017 regarding driving under the influence statistics. Specifically, your request was for the following:

"A full break down of people charged and sentenced to impaired driving related charges. I would like this for the last two years and broken down regionally across the country."

I have interpreted your request as being for the number of people convicted of a driving under the influence offence, by court, 2015-2016. Please refer to the attached table.

Offences for driving under the influence include those in the following Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) groups:

- **0132: Driving causing death (which relate to alcohol or drugs)**
The unlawful killing of another person without intent to kill, as a result of culpable, reckless, or negligent driving under the influence of alcohol or other substance.
- **0411: Driving under the influence of alcohol or other substance**
Offences in which the driver of a vehicle is under the influence of alcohol or other substance, their driving is impaired, and they actually do or potentially could cause an injury to themselves or another person
- **1431: Exceed the prescribed content of alcohol or other substance limit**
Offences where the driver of a vehicle exceeds the prescribed content of alcohol or other substance.

You can find more information on ANZSOC here: abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/1234.0

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at media@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8980.

Yours sincerely



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Table 1: Number of people convicted of driving under the influence offences, by court, 2015-2016

Region	Court	2015	2016
Northland	Dargaville	61	48
	Kaikohe	302	266
	Kaitaia	178	220
	Whangarei	469	496
	Region total	1,010	1,030
Auckland	Auckland	1,577	1,544
	North Shore	780	695
	Waitakere	762	766
	Region total	3,119	3,005
Manukau	Manukau	1,485	1,249
	Papakura	282	231
	Pukekohe	265	257
	Region total	2,032	1,737
Waikato	Hamilton	827	1,028
	Huntly	106	106
	Morrinsville	117	125
	Te Awamutu	48	81
	Te Kuiti	62	66
	Region total	1,160	1,406
Bay of Plenty/Coromandel	Opotiki	45	80
	Tauranga	776	792
	Thames	95	98
	Waihi	83	87
	Whakatane	232	236
	Region total	1,231	1,293
Central North Island	Rotorua	338	347
	Taumarunui	51	43
	Taupo	145	147
	Tokoroa	141	135
	Region total	675	672
East Coast/Hawke's Bay	Gisborne	348	282
	Hastings	277	300
	Napier	272	254
	Ruatoria	24	19
	Waipukurau	30	28
	Wairoa	65	44
	Region total	1,016	927
Taranaki/Whanganui	Hawera	108	94
	Marton	36	42
	New Plymouth	257	272
	Taihape	32	56
	Whanganui	239	240
Region total	672	704	

Table 1 (continued): Number of people convicted of driving under the influence offences, by court, 2015-2016

Region	Court	2015	2016
Manawatu/Wairarapa	Dannevirke	35	34
	Levin	149	143
	Masterton	122	136
	Palmerston North	353	362
	Region total	659	675
Wellington	Chatham Islands	14	19
	Hutt Valley	428	417
	Porirua	310	306
	Wellington	383	410
	Region total	1,135	1,152
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	Blenheim	147	154
	Greymouth	78	82
	Kaikoura	15	10
	Nelson	269	269
	Westport	41	17
Region total	550	532	
Canterbury	Ashburton	81	79
	Christchurch	1,734	1,562
	Region total	1,815	1,641
Otago/South Canterbury	Dunedin	307	348
	Oamaru	76	76
	Timaru	197	170
	Region total	580	594
Southland/Central Otago	Alexandra	40	49
	Gore	78	85
	Invercargill	319	304
	Queenstown	207	208
	Region total	644	646
New Zealand total		16,298	16,014

Please note:

- This data counts a person once per calendar year. The court of their most serious driving under the influence conviction is counted.
- This data is extracted based on the calendar year of the final charge outcome for each charge (i.e. the year that the person was sentenced).
- This data counts people charged in court; it does not include instances (since 1 December 2014) where a person received an infringement notice for driving under the influence of alcohol.