

15 November 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-021381

Thank you for your request of 20 October 2022, asking for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Fatal and serious work related injuries in the Utilities sector compared to Construction, Agriculture and Forestry sectors showing mechanism of injury.

Number of new work-related claims registered with ACC between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2022 by industry, year and claim type

| Industry | Claim type | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing | Fatal | 9 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 5 |
| | Serious | 5 | 7 | <4 | <4 | <4 |
| | Other claims | 27663 | 24439 | 25823 | 28701 | 23463 |
| Construction | Fatal | 7 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 4 |
| | Serious | 5 | 4 | <4 | <4 | <4 |
| | Other claims | 37942 | 34975 | 34552 | 40246 | 36014 |
| Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply | Fatal | | <4 | | | |
| | Serious | | | | | |
| | Other claims | 656 | 622 | 577 | 683 | 612 |

Notes about the data provided

The following points should be considered when interpreting the data provided:

- Claims can be registered immediately after an injury or at a later date.
- Only claims with an accepted cover decision have been included.
- Claims are included where the employer classification unit is within one of the following industry groupings: 'Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing', 'Electricity, Gas, and Water Supply', or 'Construction'.
- The data includes claims where the industry has been selected but the employer has not been identified or specified. This means there may be some claims incorrectly included.
- Direct comparison of claim volumes across industries shouldn't be made without information about the comparative number of people employed in these industries. ACC does not hold this information.
- Claims managed by an accredited employer are not included as ACC holds little data about these claims.
- The data was extracted on 26 October 2022 and may differ if extracted again at a later date.

Claim counts fewer than four

Some of the values in the table only indicate that the claims count is fewer than 4 (denoted as <4). This limits the potential for particular individuals, or matters specific to certain individuals, from being identified.

Withholding in this way is necessary to protect the privacy of our clients. This decision has been made under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. In doing so, we have considered the public interest in making the information available and have determined that it does not outweigh the need to protect our clients' privacy.

Fatal Injury claims

ACC is unable to provide comprehensive fatality statistics as data is collected on the basis of claims made. Our data may not represent the total number of fatalities related to accidents for the following reasons:

1. Many people are unaware they can make a claim related to an accidental death of a family member. Therefore, ACC only ever receives claims for a subset of accidental deaths.
2. If a person who has an open claim with ACC dies of their injuries, or other causes, ACC is not necessarily notified of this.

For more accurate fatal work related injury data, you can go to WorkSafe's website, data.worksafe.govt.nz/ or contact WorkSafe here: www.worksafe.govt.nz/contact-us/.

If you have any questions about this response, please get in touch

You can email me at GovernmentServices@acc.co.nz. If you are not happy with this response, you can also contact the Ombudsman via info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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