


16 December 2020



Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your email of 8 November 2020 to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki), requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *I was wanting to request the number of 'at risk' babies less than one month old taken into OT care in the past five years, broken down into DHB region of birth and by year*

On 16 November 2020, we contacted you to confirm that Oranga Tamariki records data according to sites and regions and offered to provide you the number of babies under one month old that have entered Oranga Tamariki care as per our Services for Children and Families regions used for reporting. On 18 November 2020, you confirmed you would like to proceed with the request as clarified.

Please refer to the table below for the distinct number of entries to Care and Protection Custody for the financial years 2016 to 2020, pre-birth to 30 days, broken down by age and region. Where the number of young people is low or can be calculated and demographic information provided may result in identification, this has been withheld – represented in the table with an 'S' – in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Act, in order to protect the privacy of the baby.

**Distinct entries into the care for babies under one month, by age and region, for the 2016 to 2020 Financial Years.**

Financial Year	Region	Age Group			
		Pre-birth	0-7 days	8-30 days	Total
<b>2016</b>	Te Tai Tokerau	S	S	S	9
	North and West Auckland	8	S	S	13
	Central Auckland	8	S	S	17
	South Auckland	7	11	-	18
	Waikato	12	S	S	20
	Bay of Plenty	S	10	S	17
	Taranaki-Manawatu	S	11	S	24
	East Coast	S	S	S	9
	Wellington	S	14	S	20
	Upper South	S	S	-	6
	Canterbury	7	S	S	15
	Lower South	7	S	S	13
	YJ and Other	S	7	S	8
	<b>2016 Total</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>2017</b>	Te Tai Tokerau	10	S	S	20
	North and West Auckland	12	S	S	20
	Central Auckland	13	S	S	22
	South Auckland	13	S	S	26
	Waikato	12	10	6	28
	Bay of Plenty	S	14	S	26
	Taranaki-Manawatu	S	8	S	18
	East Coast	12	S	S	21
	Wellington	8	S	S	17
	Upper South	S	S	S	7
	Canterbury	15	S	S	22
	Lower South	10	S	S	19
	YJ and Other	S	8	S	10
	<b>2017 Total</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>33</b>

<b>2018</b>	Te Tai Tokerau	12	S	S	20
	North and West Auckland	13	S	S	22
	Central Auckland	8	S	S	17
	South Auckland	S	S	S	12
	Waikato	10	8	9	27
	Bay of Plenty	S	9	S	17
	Taranaki-Manawatu	S	6	S	17
	East Coast	14	S	S	22
	Wellington	14	S	S	26
	Upper South	6	S	S	11
	Canterbury	8	8	7	23
	Lower South	12	S	S	19
	YJ and Other	S	7	S	9
<b>2018 Total</b>		<b>112</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>2019</b>	Te Tai Tokerau	9	S	S	14
	North and West Auckland	S	8	S	16
	Central Auckland	S	11	S	20
	South Auckland	8	S	S	16
	Waikato	S	S	S	12
	Bay of Plenty	S	10	S	24
	Taranaki-Manawatu	7	S	S	15
	East Coast	S	9	S	17
	Wellington	S	8	S	12
	Upper South	9	S	S	14
	Canterbury	S	13	S	24
	Lower South	S	S	S	7
	YJ and Other	-	S	-	S
<b>2019 Total</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>196</b>

<b>2020</b>	Te Tai Tokerau	S	S	-	S
	North and West Auckland	S	S	S	10
	Central Auckland	9	S	S	19
	South Auckland	S	S	S	9
	Waikato	S	S	S	S
	Bay of Plenty	-	S	-	S
	Taranaki-Manawatu	-	S	-	S
	East Coast	S	S	S	6
	Wellington	S	7	S	12
	Upper South	S	S	-	S
	Canterbury	S	13	S	23
	Lower South	S	S	S	10
	YJ and Other	-	11	-	11
<b>2020 Total</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>119</b>

Given the significant public interest in the processes around pēpi or tamariki entering into the care or custody of Oranga Tamariki, we have compiled information and data on this subject and made it available on the Oranga Tamariki website. If you are interested in some more information on this topic, please find a link to this information below.

<https://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/About-us/Report-and-releases/data-about-how-we-work-with-children/Babies-and-children-entering-Oranga-Tamariki-care.pdf>

Oranga Tamariki intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public shortly. We will do this by publishing this on our website. Your personal details will be deleted and we will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@ot.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@ot.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. Information about this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Groom', written in a cursive style.

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