

This information must be read in conjunction with the caveats at the bottom of the tables

WPQ-4454 & 4457 (2024): Serious injuries from crashes during the Easter Holiday period	
Year	Serious injuries
2014	16
2015	27
2016	39
2017	39
2018	46
2019	42
2020	14
2021	31
2022	38
2023	26
2024*	22
Total	340

WPQ-4455 & 4458 (2024): Deaths from crashes during the Easter Holiday period	
Year	Deaths
2014	5
2015	1
2016	4
2017	2
2018	7
2019	4
2020	
2021	9
2022	5
2023	1
2024*	7
Total	45

* 2024 data is not yet complete in CAS but these are the current figures from CAS as at 4/04/2024.

CAS currently reports 5 fatalities as at 4/04/2024, however based on NZ Police crash report data, 2 additional fatalities that are not yet recorded in CAS are also included.

Fatal crash notifications are received within 24 hours of a death by NZ Police. Therefore, a recent crash may not be included in these numbers. Any subsequent deaths, within thirty days of a crash, will be recorded when received.

It can take 2-3 weeks for all the hospitalisation data to come through, so the figure on serious injuries for the recent Easter holiday period may still change and shouldn't be directly compared with those of previous years.

WPQ-4456 & 4459 (2024): Crashes in New Zealand during the Easter Holiday					
Year	Fatal crashes	Serious crashes	Minor crashes	Non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2014	5	9	87	253	354
2015	1	21	77	248	347
2016	4	24	78	283	389
2017	2	34	99	324	459
2018	5	37	104	317	463
2019	4	34	112	304	454
2020		12	19	79	110
2021	9	28	111	310	458
2022	5	31	105	250	391
2023**	1	24	94	246	365
2024**	4	17	57	1	79
Total	40	271	943	2,615	3,869

** 2023 and 2024 data are not yet complete in CAS but these are the current figures from CAS as at 4/04/2024.

CAS currently reports 3 fatal crashes as at 4/04/2024, however based on NZ Police crash report data, 1 additional fatal crash that is not yet recorded in CAS is also included.

Fatal crash notifications are received within 24 hours by NZ Police. Therefore, a recent crash may not be included in these numbers. Any subsequent fatal crashes, will be recorded when received.

Caveats

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 2.8.0.
- NZTA maintains CAS which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- "How many vehicle accidents" has been interpreted as the number of crashes recorded in CAS as at 4/04/2024.
- Data is limited to crashes that occurred during the Easter holiday period of the years 2014 to 2024 as recorded in CAS to date - 4/04/2024.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS must have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach, or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not e.g. a public car park.

- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing, there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- Fatal crash report data is usually recorded in CAS within one working day of Waka Kotahi receiving it from NZ Police. Therefore, a recent crash may not be included. Any subsequent death, within thirty days of the crash, will be recorded when received. Serious Injury and Minor injury crash report data is usually recorded in CAS within 4 weeks. Data relating to non-injury crashes may take up to 7 months before it appears in CAS.
- It can take 2-3 weeks for all the hospitalisation data to come through, so the figure on serious injuries for the recent Easter holiday period may still change and shouldn't be directly compared with those of previous years.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes, it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the increasing severity of the crash.
- Crash severity is the severity of the worst injury in the crash. There may be more than one injury in a crash, so the crash and injury tables may have different numbers.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, NZ had a 4-level Alert system in place from 21 March 2020 until this changed to a Traffic Light system from 3 December 2021 to 12 September 2022. The amount of traffic on the roads during level 4 lockdowns was greatly reduced, which consequently reduced the number of road crashes. Road movements under the Orange and Red levels of the Traffic Light system would also be reduced due to the restrictions in place, so data from these periods will not align with previous trends.
- 2023 and 2024 data are not yet complete in CAS but these are the current figures from CAS as at 4/04/2024.