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Tēnā koe Mr Coley

Official Information Act 1982 request

I am replying to your email of 24 March 2014 in which you have requested information about drink driving offences in the Southland and Central Otago region from 2011 to 2013.

Please note a person may have more than one drink driving conviction in a year, which will not be shown in this data. Only a person's most serious charge will be included.

The Southland and Central Otago region includes courts in Alexandra, Gore, Invercargill and Queenstown.

Table 1: Number of people convicted of a drink driving offence in the Southland and Central Otago region from 2011 to 2013, by gender

Gender	2011	2012	2013
Female	228	178	169
Male	731	685	574
Unknown	2	0	1
Total	961	863	744

Table 2: Number of people convicted of a drink driving offence in the Southland and Central Otago region from 2011 to 2013, by age group

Age group	2011	2012	2013
15-19	254	174	112
20-24	247	211	194
25-29	145	116	135
30-34	85	104	84
35-39	63	61	53
40-44	55	64	53
45-49	49	44	33
50-54	29	37	38
55-59	13	19	18
60-64	14	18	12
65-69	4	7	4
70-74	1	5	6
75-79	1	0	1
80-84	1	0	0
Unknown	0	3	1
Total	961	863	744

Table 3: Number of people convicted of a third or subsequent drink driving offence in the Southland and Central Otago region from 2011 to 2013

	2011	2012	2013
Number of people	156	171	148

Table 4: Number of previous convicted drink driving charges (since 1980) for people who received an indefinite disqualification in the Southland and Central Otago region from 2011 to 2013

Number of previous convicted drink driving charges	Number of people who received an indefinite disqualification
0	3
1	20
2	84
3	25
4	14
5	9
6	4
7	1
8	1
Total	161

Note: Each person is counted once during 2011 to 2013. If they had more than one charge with an indefinite disqualification sentence during this time the date of the first sentence is used to calculate the number of previous convictions.

Table 5: Five highest breath alcohol amounts recorded for a drink driving offence convicted in the Southland and Central Otago region in 2013

Breath alcohol (mcg/litre)	Age group	Gender
1570	40-44	Female
1564	40-44	Male
1499	30-34	Female
1496	45-49	Male
1404	35-39	Female

Please note we are unable to provide you with the highest blood alcohol reading for people convicted for a drink driving offence due to the way alcohol readings are recorded in our system.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response to your Official Information Act request, please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at antony.paltridge@justice.govt.nz or call (04) 918 8980 or 027 689 0667.

Heoi anō, nā



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