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Tēnā koe Chris

### **OIA request 24/25 0584 Request for citizenship by grant statistics**

Thank you for your Official Information Act (Act) request received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 12 December 2024, by way of transfer from the Office of Hon Erica Stanford under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act. This section provides that the information, or some of the information, to which the request relates is believed by the person dealing with the request to be more closely connected with the functions of another department.

You requested –

- *Please provide the total number of people born in New Zealand who have been granted citizenship since the inception of birthright citizenship without a mother of father who is a citizen of New Zealand.*

In response to your request, a person is considered a New Zealand citizen by birth if, at the time of their birth, at least one parent is a New Zealand citizen or holds a visa that allows them to reside in New Zealand indefinitely. If they are born in New Zealand and do not meet this requirement they can apply for citizenship by grant.

I can advise that 4,764 people received citizenship by grant between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2024 where their country of birth was 'New Zealand'.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Department has decided to proactively release a copy of this response on its website. All requestor data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release. The released response will be made available here: [www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Official-Information-Act-Requests-2).

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