

04 February 2025

Mark

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REF: OIA-17236

Dear Mark

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to enquire on the following (in greater wellington):

what the length of roads are

what is the length of dedicated Cycle ways, what is the length of shared Cycle ways what is the Length of pedestrian walkways

Then what is number of registered Cars drivers in wellington (based on registered vehicles)

what are the numbers of cyclists (based on cycle counters)

On 20 December 2024 the following parts of your request was transferred through to Wellington City Council.

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On 17 December 2024 we asked for a clarification on the remainder of your request, and on 22 January 2025 this was clarified as:

I am trying to get a proxy for the number of active drivers in Wellington, either by vehicles registered or by licenses.

or as an alternative are there vehicle volumes available? i assume that would be close to impossible to get a measure of vehicle densities and I assume this would be difficult to normalize over the wellington region as this is a granular measure of volume and not a total volume?

The following driver licence and motor vehicle data should be read in conjunction with the caveats listed at the bottom of this letter.

There were 404,510 class 1 driver licence holders with an address in the Wellington Region as at 30 January 2025. Please note that addresses can be up to ten years old and may not reflect where the holder currently resides.

The following table shows the number of vehicles registered in the Wellington Region as at 30 January 2025. Vehicles have been categorised by their Gross vehicle mass (GVM):

- Light – less than or equal to 3500kg
- Heavy – over 3500kg
- No GVM – GVM recorded as zero

Current Wellington Region registered vehicles	
Vehicle	Total
Heavy	13,452
Light	370,832
No GVM	28,028
Grand Total	412,312

The location of the registered owner's address is not necessarily the area in which the vehicle is operated.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Caveats – Wellington Region fleet and class 1 driver licence holders

Report date: 31 January 2025

Data extract date: 30 January 2025

Questions:

- *The number of class one DL with a Wellington address (in greater wellington).*
- *The number of vehicles with a Wellington address separated by light and heavy vehicles (in greater wellington).*

Source database: Driver Licence Register and Motor Vehicle Register

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Driver Licence Register:

- The information was extracted from the Driver Licence Register and is current as at 30 January 2025.
- The data is limited to current licence holders as at 30 January 2025 with:
 - Class 1 (MOTOR CARS AND LIGHT MOTOR VEHICLES) licence - learner, restricted or full
- Licence holders may hold other classes not reported in this dataset.
- Data is limited to licence holders with a standard or diplomatic licence type as at 30 January 2025.
- Data is limited to licence holders with a recorded address that is within the Wellington Region as at 30 January 2025.
- Region is determined by the physical town or suburb recorded against the licence holder as at 30 January 2025 and may not reflect the licence holder's current address.
- Address fields are free text and may contain errors which leads to the incorrect region being determined.
- Address fields are updated when we receive notification of a change of address from the licence holder. Notifications for a change of address may come directly from the licence holder, for example,
 - the licence holder calling the contact centre and updating their address,
 - as an outcome of a transaction against the licence holder on the Driver Licence Register, including the processing of an application at a driver licensing outlet with an address update.

Motor Vehicle Register:

- The information was extracted from the Motor Vehicle Register and is current as at 30 January 2025.
- Data can only be reported on vehicles that have ever been entered in the Motor Vehicle Register. Imports for private, off-road use would not be recorded.
- Data is limited to registered vehicles with the following attributes:
 - Vehicle type is "GOODS VAN/TRUCK/UTILITY" or "PASSENGER CAR/VAN" or "MOTOR CARAVAN".
- Gross vehicle mass (GVM) categories:
 - Light vehicle has a GVM of 3,500 kg or less.
 - Heavy vehicle has a GVM of greater than 3,500 kg.
 - No GVM has a Zero recorded in MVR for GVM.
- Data is limited to vehicles that have an active registration status within the Wellington Region as at 30 January 2025:

- 'Registered' - in relation to a vehicle, means registered under Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998, and consequently a vehicle will have plates issued to it.
- 'Active' - the vehicle has not been deregistered and the registration has not lapsed.
- 'Lapsed' - the vehicle has not had a valid vehicle licence for 12 months or more.
- 'Cancelled' - the vehicle has been deregistered.
- The data includes vehicles that may or may not be currently licensed for road use.
 - 'Licence' - in relation to a vehicle, means a vehicle has paid its current annual licensing fee to be allowed to travel on New Zealand roads. Commonly referred to as 'Rego'.
- The location of the registered owner's address is not necessarily the area in which they operate the vehicle.
- Vehicle attributes and address data are free text or user-selection. Mistakes may occur with these types of entries (e.g. misspellings, wrong selection type, blank values).

For further information, please contact StatisticalAnalysis@nzta.govt.nz