

Report of Crash Data Quality January 2026

1. Introduction

This report will be issued monthly. Some measures will be reported every month whereas others will be reported every six months.

2. Routine Measures

This report contains some of the measures outlined in the document [out of scope](#) [out of scope](#). Those measures not included in this report will eventually be contained in future reports.

Integrity

Measure 1c. The percentage of drivers in crashes against whom alcohol above the limit or blood refused was coded, who had an alcohol reading above the limit or who refused to give a blood sample.

Result: 60% of all crashes.

Tolerance: 100% of drivers who had an alcohol reading above the limit or who refused to give a blood sample.

This measure is outside tolerance.

Currency

Measure 3a. For fatal crashes, the average time, in working days, between the first occurrence of a death (the death being one that is included in the official road death statistics) from a crash to the distribution of a fatal crash notification from the NZ Transport Agency for that crash during the last month (1 January to 31 January 2026). This is reported monthly.

Result: 1.04 working days (all but one crash was notified within 1 working day). There were 23 fatal crashes in January 2026.

Tolerance: 90% of fatal crashes in the last month were notified within 1 working day of a death being reported.

This measure is within tolerance.

3. Data Quality Issues

Here is a link to a list of known crash data quality issues:

[out of scope](#).

Changes made since October 2024 are highlighted in yellow.

4. Efforts Made to Improve Data Quality

NZ Transport Agency staff members have begun working on an easily understood algorithm used to determine a contribution (if any) of a driver to a crash. This work will not be finished for some months.

Appendix 1 – Derivation of Measures

Measure 1c is reported from an [out of scope](#) run against the Data Access Layer.

Measure 3a is derived from a spreadsheet of fatal crashes.

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