

New Zealand crash statistics

Following on from the successful 'Legend' media campaign, the Ministry of Transport commissioned a study of drivers from the age groups that have the highest risk of crashing and the lowest risk of crashing.

In 2011, there were 1409 serious or minor crashes where alcohol or drugs were recorded as a factor. A random sample was taken from these drivers and they were interviewed in person by researchers.

Variable	Description
Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male• Female
Age	Age in years at time of crash
Risk group	Highest risk age group 15-24 years (H) Lowest risk age group 50-59 years (L)
Licence type	Type of licence held at time of crash <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners (L)• Restricted (R)• Full (F)
Crash severity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor injury crash (M)• Serious injury crash (S)
Blood alcohol level	Recorded blood alcohol level recorded at time of crash (<i>in milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood – breath test results have been converted to a blood equivalent</i>)
Distance driven	Estimated distance driven in the last week (<i>in kilometres</i>)
Distance from home	Estimated distance away from home when crash occurred (<i>in kilometres</i>)
Vehicle age	Age of vehicle involved in crash
Insurance payout	Value of insurance claim
Medical expenses	Estimated medical costs as a result of the crash (<i>total costs to date</i>)
Time off work	Estimated number of days off work as a result of the crash (if applicable)