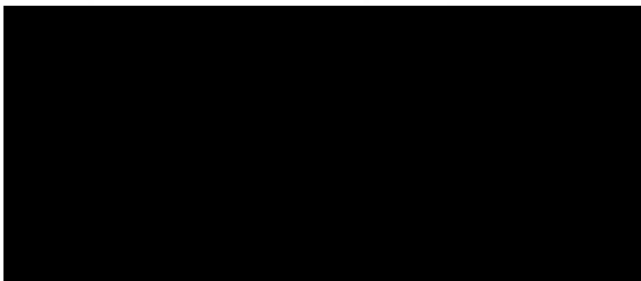


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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 6 June 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

*“Can you please provide me with statistics of the number of girls/women up to age 19 who have given birth in New Zealand for each year, and to this year ending June 6, for the past 5 years.
Can you please tell me for each birth what region the girls/women were from?”*

The information pertaining to your request is itemised in Appendix 1. Please note, the most recent data held by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) is from 2017. The live birth registration data is provided by Statistics New Zealand and the Ministry has not received the 2018 data yet.

I trust that this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please be aware that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry's website.

Yours sincerely



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Live birth registrations by DHB region; age of mother <20, 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Northland	225	188	194	151	193
Waitemata	292	237	231	192	193
Auckland	193	174	146	129	116
Counties Manukau	579	489	482	443	436
Waikato	343	351	327	317	340
Lakes	146	117	122	101	123
Bay of Plenty	204	169	195	149	179
Tairāwhiti	73	70	66	77	67
Hawkes Bay	207	181	159	149	160
Taranaki	79	100	87	59	52
Midcentral	163	131	139	110	101
Whanganui	80	68	66	59	72
Capital & Coast	103	104	92	83	83
Hutt Valley	112	89	124	103	112
Wairarapa	35	41	32	27	29
Nelson Marlborough	78	66	72	65	64
West Coast	32	23	21	17	11
Canterbury	262	238	238	191	203
South Canterbury	37	31	28	20	32
Otago	78	76	72	50	71
Southland	81	68	79	65	72
Overseas and undefined	7	6	5	2	6
TOTAL	3409	3017	2977	2559	2715

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