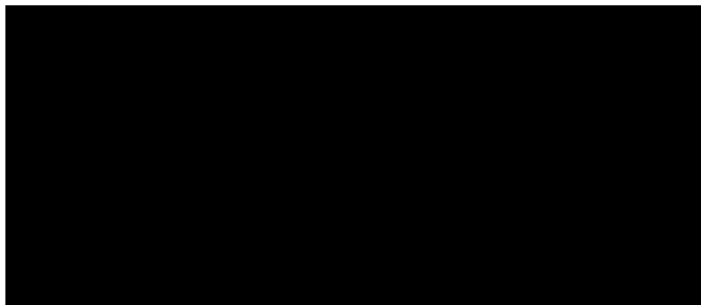


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### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 29 July 2019 for:

*"For a story I am writing, please supply the following information: Has the number of people aged 15-25 with skin cancer increased over the past 20 years in New Zealand, if so by how much?  
Also, how many people aged 15-25 in New Zealand currently have skin cancer?  
This request is made under the OIA and I ask that you don't release the information publicly in advance of my receiving."*

The Table below shows melanoma cancer registrations between 1996 and 2016 for people aged 15-24.

Year	Number	Age specific rate (per 100,000)
1996	45	8.3
1997	32	6.0
1998	38	7.2
1999	37	7.0
2000	33	6.2
2001	29	5.2
2002	42	7.3
2003	43	7.3
2004	22	3.7
2005	27	4.5
2006	29	4.7
2007	21	3.4
2008	30	4.8
2009	22	3.4
2010	30	4.7
2011	18	2.8
2012	23	3.6

2013	21	3.3
2014	19	2.9
2015	17	2.5
2016	8	1.2

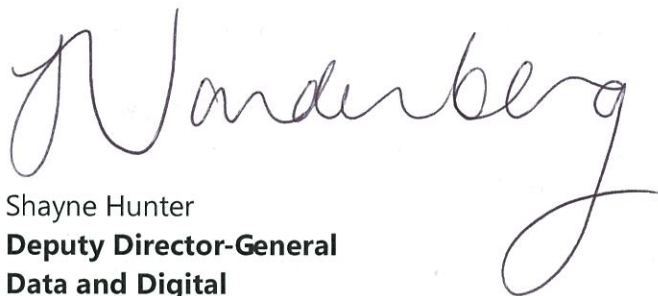
Please note that the New Zealand Cancer Registry (NZCR), does not register basal cell carcinomas (BCC) or squamous cell carcinomas (SCC) of the skin. BCCs and SCCs are the most common forms of skin cancer. Under the Cancer Registry Act 1993 they are not reportable to NZCR. Various estimates are that between 60,000 and 90,000 new BCC and SCC skin cancers are diagnosed each year in NZ.

The Australian Cancer Database and many other population-based cancer registries also do not register BCC and SCC of the skin.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note this response (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely

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