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12 October 2022

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 31 August 2022.
You asked:

- *How many people have been shot and killed by someone who holds a New Zealand firearms licence in the period between 01/01/2018 and 01/01/2019.*
- *How many people have been shot and killed by someone who holds a New Zealand firearms licence in the period between 01/01/2019 and 01/01/2020.*
- *How many people have been shot and killed by someone who holds a New Zealand firearms licence in the period between 01/01/2020 and 01/01/2021.*
- *How many people have been shot and killed by someone who holds a New Zealand firearms licence in the period between 01/01/2021 and 01/01/2022.*
- *How many people have been shot and killed by someone who holds a New Zealand firearms licence in the period between 01/01/2022 and 31/08/2022*

When a person is shot with a firearm and dies, Police can record this as several offence codes, such as murder, manslaughter, and infanticide, all under sections of the Crimes Act 1961. Additionally, s53(1) of the Arms Act 1983 provides for offences where accidental discharge of a firearm causes death or injury and homicide is not applicable.

The table below shows the number of victims who died because of the above-mentioned firearms offences between 1 January 2018 and 31 August 2022, and where the identified offender (as at 20 September) had held a firearms licence at the time of the offence.

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Table 1. People who died because of firearms-related homicide offences, and where the offender identified as at 21 September 2022 had held a firearms licence at the time of the offence, by year.

Calendar Year	Victims
2018	2
2019	52
2020	0
2021	1
2022 to 31 Aug	0

Police does not hold information about causes of death where there is no offence, such as suicide or accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound; however, Ministry of Health holds information on cause of death from coronial investigations¹, and publishes data on suicide deaths².

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Superintendent Dave Greig
Director Capability

¹ <https://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/national-collections-and-surveys/collections/mortality-collection>

² <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/suicide-facts-data-tables-19962016>