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Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 28 March 2022, asking questions following a previous response you received about family harm (reference IR-01-22-2691). You asked:

Do you have a breakdown of the number of domestic violence incidents per year that involve the use of firearms? Is it possible to get this percentage?

Police considers firearms-related offences to be any offences in the Arms Act 1983 or any other offences that specify a firearm was involved (eg, homicide with a firearm).

When an event takes place (known as an occurrence), it may have multiple offences attributed to it (eg, assault and theft), some of these may be firearms-related, while others may not be. However, the family harm flag is attributed to the whole event. Therefore, if you are considering percentages, it is better to compare occurrences.

As at 4 April 2022, Police has recorded 4,212 occurrences that happened in the 2021 calendar year and that had firearms-related offences. Of these 4,212 occurrences, 496 (11.8%) were also family harm.

You may be interested in firearms-related data that Police publishes quarterly
<https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/firearms-data>

Police has a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website
<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/firearms-and-safety/firearms-information-responses>

Yours sincerely



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