

## National Top 10 Allegations

The most common allegations overall, as the 'Top 10' (calculated by the number of times that allegation is used nationally). This is shown month-by-month, along with a YTD top 10 for each month. Also shown are the totals of completed investigations, and how many of the allegations have been upheld\*. It should be noted that in some cases, although the investigation has been completed, the final outcome has not yet been recorded. This will mainly be due to administrative requirements and workloads. The figures shown for completed and upheld relate to allegations received in that year/month that were completed in that year/month, and those completed in that year/month with a finding of upheld\*.

Allegations may originate externally (reported by a member of the public, either an individual or organisation), internally (reported from within Police, either by an employee or through standard reporting channels. These relate primarily to operational reviews initiated internally, but may also include internal complaints about conduct in the workplace) or from off duty behaviour (indicating the Police employee was not acting in their capacity as a member of Police).

It is important to understand that this **does not equate to the number of reported incidents**. An allegation may be used multiple times (that is against a number of involved employees) in one incident.

**Nor does it equate to the number of staff**, as each involved employee may be facing several allegations.

A full list of all allegations grouped into their allegation type can be viewed [here](#).

### January 2018

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld*
Attitude/language (External)	54	1	
Failure - Investigation	49	9	1
Inadequate service	49	1	
Use of force on duty (Manual)	19		
Inappropriate pursuit	12		
Failure to notify/inform	10		
Service failure (Other)	10	1	
Excessive speed	9		
Unlawful search	9	1	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	8	1	



\* Where significant event allegations such as a suicide, a Police pursuit resulting in injury or death, or a Police discharge of firearm resulting in injury or death have been upheld, it is important to be aware that this does not necessarily imply that Police were culpable of that injury or death. In most cases there has been a breach of policy or process which is not directly linked to the death.

**February 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Use of force on duty (Manual)	47	5	
Failure - Investigation	45	22	2
Attitude/language (External)	44	19	2
Inadequate service	43	19	
Failure - Prosecution	11	9	
Conflict of interest	10	6	1
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	9	3	
Performance/attendance matter (External)	8		
Service failure (Other)	8	9	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	7	3	

**March 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	50	25	
Inadequate service	46	26	7
Attitude/language (External)	44	34	7
Use of force on duty (Manual)	23	11	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	19	2	1
Breach of Rights	16	1	
Failure - Prosecution	13	4	
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	12	4	
Failure to return property	10		
Police pursuit resulting in injury or death	10	2	

**February 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	98	20	2
Failure - Investigation	94	31	3
Inadequate service	92	20	
Use of force on duty (Manual)	66	5	
Service failure (Other)	18	10	2
Failure - Prosecution	17	12	
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	17	7	
Conflict of interest	17	7	1
Failure to notify/inform	15	1	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	15	4	

**March 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	144	56	3
Attitude/language (External)	142	54	9
Inadequate service	138	46	7
Use of force on duty (Manual)	89	16	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	34	6	1
Failure - Prosecution	30	16	
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	29	11	
Breach of Rights	25	3	
Service failure (Other)	21	13	4
Conflict of interest	20	7	1

**April 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	38	67	4
Use of force on duty (Manual)	35	51	1
Inadequate service	32	78	5
Attitude/language (External)	29	53	8
Failure - Prosecution	14	15	
Breach of Rights	11	19	
Unlawful Arrest	11	13	
Conflict of interest	9	3	
Inadequate victim management	9	3	2
Police pursuit resulting in injury or death	9	6	

**May 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	60	49	5
Attitude/language (External)	53	44	5
Inadequate service	49	39	9
Use of force on duty (Manual)	38	36	
Breach of Rights	15	11	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	13	16	4
Attempted suicide (custodial)	12	1	
Failure - Prosecution	11	13	
Police pursuit resulting in injury or death	9	7	
Breach of policy (Internal)	8	1	

**April 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	182	123	7
Attitude/language (External)	171	107	17
Inadequate service	170	124	12
Use of force on duty (Manual)	124	67	3
Failure - Prosecution	44	31	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	42	18	4
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	37	27	
Breach of Rights	36	22	
Conflict of interest	29	10	1
Property (Custodial)	28	16	

**May 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	242	172	12
Attitude/language (External)	224	151	22
Inadequate service	219	163	21
Use of force on duty (Manual)	162	103	3
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	55	34	8
Failure - Prosecution	55	44	
Breach of Rights	51	33	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	45	37	
Property (Custodial)	35	22	
Unlawful Arrest	34	26	

**June 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	48	72	10
Failure - Investigation	41	62	9
Use of force on duty (Manual)	29	36	
Inadequate service	27	41	8
Unlawful Arrest	13	7	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	11	8	2
Failure - Prosecution	9	9	
Breach of Rights	8	11	
Attempted suicide (custodial)	5	3	
Conflict of interest	5	6	3

**July 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	48	32	2
Attitude/language (External)	31	17	3
Inadequate service	31	25	4
Use of force on duty (Manual)	22	18	1
Attempted suicide (custodial)	14	5	
Failure - Prosecution	12	8	1
Breach of Rights	10	7	
Disgraceful behaviour (Off duty)	9		
Inadequate victim management	9	2	
Conflict of interest	8	7	2

**June 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	283	234	21
Attitude/language (External)	272	223	32
Inadequate service	246	204	29
Use of force on duty (Manual)	191	139	3
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	66	42	10
Failure - Prosecution	64	53	
Breach of Rights	59	44	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	47	41	1
Unlawful Arrest	47	33	
Conflict of interest	37	23	6

**July 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	331	266	23
Attitude/language (External)	303	240	35
Inadequate service	277	229	33
Use of force on duty (Manual)	213	157	4
Failure - Prosecution	76	61	1
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	74	53	12
Breach of Rights	69	51	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	55	47	2
Unlawful Arrest	50	36	
Conflict of interest	45	30	8

**August 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	40	36	2
Inadequate service	28	29	4
Failure - Investigation	23	33	
Use of force on duty (Manual)	18	14	1
Failure - Prosecution	11	9	1
Unlawful search	11	5	2
Conflict of interest	10	3	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	9	12	4
Failure to notify/inform	9	4	
Breach of Rights	7	11	

**September 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	41	24	4
Use of force on duty (Manual)	31	5	
Failure - Investigation	27	30	4
Inadequate service	27	36	8
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	10	12	4
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (Internal)	8		
Suicide (non-custodial)	8	5	
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	7	5	
Breach of policy (Internal)	6	2	2
Breach of policy (External)	6	2	1

**August 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	354	299	23
Attitude/language (External)	343	276	37
Inadequate service	305	258	37
Use of force on duty (Manual)	231	171	5
Failure - Prosecution	87	70	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	83	65	16
Breach of Rights	76	62	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	61	54	2
Unlawful Arrest	55	41	
Conflict of interest	55	33	8

**September 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	384	300	41
Failure - Investigation	381	329	27
Inadequate service	332	294	45
Use of force on duty (Manual)	262	176	5
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	93	77	20
Failure - Prosecution	92	77	2
Breach of Rights	81	67	3
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	68	59	2
Unlawful Arrest	61	48	1
Conflict of interest	60	39	11

**October 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	40	41	5
Failure - Investigation	38	30	4
Inadequate service	31	30	6
Use of force on duty (Manual)	25	18	
Breach of Rights	17	6	
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	14	8	
Unlawful Arrest	11	6	3
Unlawful search	8	2	1
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	7	3	
Disgraceful behaviour (Off duty)	7	3	2

**November 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	41	30	3
Inadequate service	39	22	4
Attitude/language (External)	32	30	4
Use of force on duty (Manual)	30	19	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	22	7	1
Unauthorised use of database	15	2	2
Police pursuit resulting in injury or death	14	3	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	12	10	
Failure - Prosecution	10	10	
Attempted suicide (custodial)	8	4	2

**October 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Attitude/language (External)	424	341	46
Failure - Investigation	419	359	31
Inadequate service	363	324	51
Use of force on duty (Manual)	287	194	5
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	100	80	20
Failure - Prosecution	96	81	2
Breach of Rights	98	73	3
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	82	67	2
Unlawful Arrest	72	54	4
Conflict of interest	63	46	13

**November 2018 YTD**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	460	389	34
Attitude/language (External)	456	371	50
Inadequate service	402	346	55
Use of force on duty (Manual)	317	213	5
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	122	87	21
Failure - Prosecution	106	91	2
Breach of Rights	102	75	3
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	94	77	2
Unlawful Arrest	75	59	5
Conflict of interest	69	51	13

**December 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	41	33	3
Failure - Investigation	28	28	
Attitude/language (External)	22	33	
Use of force on duty (Manual)	15	16	
Police pursuit resulting in injury or death	12	3	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	10	5	
Breach of Rights	9	8	
Failure - Prosecution	8	4	
Conflict of interest	5	4	
Failure to notify/inform	4	4	

**EOY 2018**

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Failure - Investigation	488	417	38
Attitude/language (External)	478	404	56
Inadequate service	443	379	58
Use of force on duty (Manual)	332	229	5
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	132	92	21
Failure - Prosecution	114	95	3
Breach of Rights	111	83	3
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	96	85	2
Unlawful Arrest	78	67	8
Conflict of interest	74	55	13

## Use of force on duty

Use of force on duty (Firearm – non-discharge)  
Use of force on duty (Baton)  
Use of force on duty (Taser)  
Use of force on duty (OC Spray)  
Use of force on duty (Dogbite)  
Use of force on duty (Restraints)  
Use of force on duty (Other object)  
Use of force on duty (Manual)

## Arrest/Custodial

Unlawful Arrest  
Breach of Rights  
Improper search whilst in custody  
Property (Custodial)  
Exhibits (Custodial)  
Escapes custody  
Suicide (custodial)  
Attempted suicide (custodial)  
Custodial injury  
Custodial death  
Arrest/Custodial (Other)

## Searches

Unlawful search  
Damage during search  
Property (Searches)  
Exhibits (Searches)  
Searches (Other)

## Significant Event

Police pursuit resulting in injury or death  
Discharge of firearm resulting in injury or death  
Discharge of firearm (no injury)  
Unintentional discharge of firearm  
Suicide (non-custodial)  
Attempted suicide (non-custodial)  
Non-custodial injury  
Non-custodial death

## Traffic Offences

EBA - Over 400 Mgms/Litre (on duty)  
Use of vehicle  
Excessive speed  
Driving behaviour  
Inappropriate pursuit  
EBA - 251-400 Mgms/Litre (on duty)  
Driving under influence of drugs (on duty)  
Traffic Offences (Other)

## Service Failure

Inadequate service  
Failure - Investigation  
Failure - Prosecution  
Failure to attend  
Failure to notify/inform  
Inadequate victim management  
Inadequate bail management  
Failure to return property  
Service failure - Other

## Unprofessional Behaviour

Attitude/language (External)  
Attitude/language (Internal)  
Attitude/language (Off duty)  
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)  
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (Internal)

## Breach of Official Conduct

Dishonesty  
Unlawful act  
Treatment of CYP  
Falsification of document  
Perjury  
Corruption  
Conflict of interest  
Failure - Other  
Breach of privacy/confidentiality  
Inappropriate/unlawful disclosure  
Cause damage to property  
Breach of policy (External)  
Negligence or carelessness (External)  
Performance/attendance matter (External)  
Sexual misconduct (External)  
Disgraceful behaviour (External)  
Breach of Official Conduct (Other)

## Workplace Behaviour

Disgraceful behaviour (Internal)  
Sexual misconduct (Internal)  
Drugs/alcohol  
Violence  
Performance/attendance matter (Internal)  
Negligence or carelessness (Internal)  
Failure to follow lawful instruction  
Breach of policy (Internal)  
Workplace Behaviour (Other)

## Use of Police Resources

Misuse of email or internet  
Unauthorised use of database  
Misuse of vehicle  
Misuse of property  
Damage to property  
Use of Police Resources (Other)

## Off Duty Behaviour

Disgraceful behaviour (Off duty)  
Drugs/alcohol (Off duty)  
Violence (Off duty)  
EBA - Over 400 Mgms/Litre (Off duty)  
EBA - 251-400 Mgms/Litre (Off duty)  
Excessive speed (Off duty)  
Driving behaviour (Off duty)  
Driving under influence of drugs (Off duty)  
Off Duty Behaviour (Other)



# Disclaimer

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The information contained in this document is based on data extracted from an operational database that contains over 50,000 records, the majority of which date from prior to the introduction of the current database application on 1 July 2009, and improved data structures gradually and continuously introduced from December 2010 onwards. Therefore not all the data is reliable and may result in omissions and/or errors, especially prior to 2011. The data is dynamic and subject to change as new information is received. While quality assurance has been undertaken on some low-volume critical incident types (e.g. Police use of firearms resulting in injury or death), and reviews are undertaken of database records as and when anomalies are identified, quality assurance of all the data would require the manual checking of many thousands of hard copy and electronic files, which is beyond the resources available to NZ Police.



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