

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, as the year-to-date (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 therefore relate to allegations that were recorded as completed YTD, and those recorded as completed YTD 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*
Failure - Investigation	68	10	
Inadequate service	51	7	1
Attitude/language (External)	49	4	
Use of force on duty (Manual)	43		
Failure to notify/inform	13	1	1
Breach of Rights	12	1	
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	12	1	
Failure - Prosecution	11	1	
Attempted suicide (custodial)	10	5	
Service failure (Other)	9	3	



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February 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	115	43	3
Failure - Investigation	111	34	3
Attitude/language (External)	92	30	2
Use of force on duty (Manual)	71	15	
Attempted suicide (custodial)	31	8	
Failure - Prosecution	31	8	
Failure to notify/inform	23	8	4
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	21	9	
Breach of Rights	17	8	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	16	3	

March 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	163	74	8
Failure - Investigation	156	77	5
Attitude/language (External)	136	54	4
Use of force on duty (Manual)	95	28	1
Attempted suicide (custodial)	40	10	1
Failure - Prosecution	35	15	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	32	6	1
Failure to notify/inform	27	12	4
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	26	16	
Unlawful search	25	13	5

April 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	196	114	12
Failure - Investigation	186	107	7
Attitude/language (External)	169	85	8
Use of force on duty (Manual)	111	38	2
Attempted suicide (custodial)	46	11	1
Failure - Prosecution	39	25	1
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	38	25	
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	37	12	2
Failure to notify/inform	31	14	5
Unlawful search	30	15	5

May 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	280	148	16
Attitude/language (External)	225	118	10
Failure - Investigation	224	129	10
Use of force on duty (Manual)	170	54	2
Failure - Prosecution	61	34	1
Attempted suicide (custodial)	55	19	1
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	51	18	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	46	28	
Unlawful search	39	16	5
Unlawful Arrest	38	13	

June 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	344	191	19
Failure - Investigation	274	144	10
Attitude/language (External)	270	143	14
Use of force on duty (Manual)	208	67	2
Failure - Prosecution	66	39	2
Attempted suicide (custodial)	61	21	1
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	61	23	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	61	34	
Breach of Rights	47	25	1
Unlawful Arrest	47	20	

July 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	427	207	27
Failure - Investigation	334	159	11
Attitude/language (External)	316	167	16
Use of force on duty (Manual)	236	76	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	84	40	1
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	76	26	4
Failure - Prosecution	74	45	2
Attempted suicide (custodial)	71	31	1
Breach of Rights	61	25	1
Unlawful search	61	25	9

August 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	513	282	40
Failure - Investigation	407	227	15
Attitude/language (External)	368	217	18
Use of force on duty (Manual)	266	125	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	99	45	1
Failure - Prosecution	95	53	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	93	38	5
Attempted suicide (custodial)	73	48	1
Breach of Rights	72	37	1
Performance/attendance matter (External)	65	38	13

September 2018 YTD

Allegation	Total	Completed	Upheld
Inadequate service	580	388	63
Failure - Investigation	456	326	30
Attitude/language (External)	410	274	27
Use of force on duty (Manual)	293	179	2
Failure - Prosecution	112	76	2
Harassment/Bullying/Discrimination (External)	111	78	2
Breach of privacy/confidentiality	105	52	10
Breach of Rights	79	59	4
Attempted suicide (custodial)	77	61	7
Unlawful search	73	47	11

October 2018 YTD

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November 2018 YTD

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December 2018 EOY

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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

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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