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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 25 May 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), statistics about burglary charges and convictions. Specifically, you requested:

- *How many people in the Waikato have been charged with burglary in each of the last five years (2023 so far, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)?*
- *How many people in the Waikato have been convicted for burglary in each of the last five years (2023 so far, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)?*
- *How many people in the Bay of Plenty have been charged with burglary in each of the last five years (2023 so far, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)?*
- *How many people in the Bay of Plenty have been convicted for burglary in each of the last five years (2023 so far, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019)?*

In response to your request, please refer to Tables 1 and 2 which show the number of people charged with, and number of people convicted of, burglary in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions in calendar years from 2019 to 2022.

The data you have requested for 2023 is subject to the Tier 1 Official Statistics Protocol. Tier 1 statistics are the key official statistics by which New Zealand's performance as a country is measured. Tier 1 statistics are published twice a year in March and September. There are principles and protocols that govern their production and release. More information about Tier 1 statistics is available at www.data.govt.nz/use-data/showcase/official-statistics/

This data will be included in the 2023 Financial year release and will be available in September 2023. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act on the basis that the information is not held by the Ministry of Justice (until it is produced for the next Tier 1 publication - September 2023).

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry's website at: justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses. If you require any further information, please contact the Media & Social Media Manager, Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on 0800 802 602 or by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Williams'.

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Table 1: Number of people in Waikato and Bay of Plenty Justice Service Areas charged with burglary between 2019 and 2022

Justice Service Area	2019	2020	2021	2022
Waikato	352	327	259	347
Bay of Plenty	229	259	191	203

Table 2: Number of people in Waikato and Bay of Plenty Justice Service Areas convicted of burglary between 2019 and 2022

Justice Service Area	2019	2020	2021	2022
Waikato	217	197	164	201
Bay of Plenty	128	155	118	116

Notes for Tables 1 and 2:

1. The data is based on the Australia and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) division "07: Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter. ANZSOC is used to categorise offences into 16 divisions, within which subdivisions and groups exist. More information on ANZSOC can be obtained from: abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@nsf/mf/1234.0
2. Justice Service Areas are based on the charge outcome courts. Justice Service Areas are geographical groupings of individual court locations for administrative purposes.
3. The year is based on the charge outcome date. A person is counted once per calendar year for their most serious burglary charge each year.
4. Data contains people charged and convicted in the High and District Courts.

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