

18 March 2024

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Thank you for your email of 22 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

'Please may I request the following information and broken down into District and ethnicity. Please provide this info for each of the last 10 years.

1. Number of Youth aged 12-24 that reside in a Kainga Ora Property'

Kāinga Ora has considered your request under the OIA. Kāinga Ora reports housing statistics by Territorial Local Authority (TLA). I attach ten tables, which provide a breakdown of Kāinga Ora tenancies by TLA for each financial year from 30 June 2014 to 30 June 2023. For comparative purposes these tables include the numbers of all Kāinga Ora tenancies, numbers of household members, numbers of tenancies that include people aged 12–24, and the numbers of household members aged 12–24.

Please note that Kāinga Ora only records the ethnicity of main tenants, and not of other household members. Therefore, I am declining this part of your request under section 18(g) as *'the information is not held'*. Instead, the tables provide a breakdown of the ethnicities of the main tenant only in households that include people aged 12–24.

When interpreting the data on ethnicity, please also note the following.

- This is total response data where people have been asked to identify their own ethnicity. Those who identified with more than one ethnicity were counted once in each group they identified with. Therefore, the sum of the responses for all ethnic groups will be greater than the number of people responding.
- When calculating percentages, the number of total respondents should be used as the denominator.
- When interpreting this data it would be incorrect to say that a certain number or percentage of people are, for example, 'Māori', because some Māori may also identify with another ethnic group. Instead, the more correct way to word this data is to say that a certain number or percentage of people 'identified themselves as having Māori ethnicity, either as their only ethnicity or as one of several ethnicities'.
- 'MELAA' is Middle Eastern/Latin American/African.
- The 'Residual' category contains mostly people who did not state an ethnicity.

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

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases its responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/>, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Kelly
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