

SECTION 9: ETHNICITY



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TABLE 58: DRIVERS INVOLVED IN CRASHES BY ETHNIC GROUP AND CRASH SEVERITY
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

Ethnic group	CRASH SEVERITY						Total	
	Fatal		Serious injury		Minor injury			
	Number	% of known	Number	% of known	Number	% of known	Number	% of known
Asian	19	4	129	5	1108	8	1256	8
European	292	68	1940	72	9346	69	11578	70
Maori	104	24	459	17	1824	14	2387	14
Pacific	12	3	120	4	873	6	1005	6
Other	4	1	59	2	344	3	407	2
SUBTOTAL (known ethnicity)	431	100	2707	100	13495	100	16633	100
Unknown	45	-	326	-	1588	-	1959	-
TOTAL	476	-	3033	-	15083	-	18592	-

NOTE: The Traffic Crash Report form was modified during 2001 to allow the Police to record ethnicity data for those involved in road crashes. The new form was introduced progressively during the year so the first full year of ethnicity data is 2002. The percentages in the table show each ethnic group as a percentage of drivers of known ethnicity.

TABLE 59: CASUALTIES FROM CRASHES BY ETHNIC GROUP AND CRASH SEVERITY
YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

Ethnic group	INJURY SEVERITY						Total	
	Fatal		Serious injury		Minor injury			
	Number	% of known	Number	% of known	Number	% of known	Number	% of known
Asian	22	6	109	5	849	7	980	7
European	212	62	1606	70	7838	68	9656	69
Maori	94	28	437	19	1850	16	2381	17
Pacific	9	3	91	4	659	6	759	5
Other	3	1	56	2	254	2	313	2
SUBTOTAL (known ethnicity)	340	100	2299	100	11450	100	14089	100
Unknown	26	-	232	-	1193	-	1451	-
TOTAL	366	-	2531	-	12643	-	15540	-

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