

21 April 2021



Tēnā koe



Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 29 March 2021, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

I am wanting to know how many students achieved NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3 in 2019 nationally.

I want this broken down into Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit and Excellence for every NCEA level. It can be percentages.

I am also wanting the same information, broken down the same way for 2020.

The reasons for this application are covered by section 4 a (i) and (ii) of Part 1 of the Act.

The requested statistics for the 2019 academic year are shown in the tables below. Note that these statistics are based on:

- Typical Year Level - which indicates whether the given qualification/requirement is of a level that the given year level students would typically be attempting to attain.
- Cumulative counts - students who attained this qualification/requirement by the end of the given academic year.

Table 1. Number of students who attained NCEA in 2019, broken down by Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit and Excellence.

Year Level	Qualification	Academic Year	Counts				Total Student Count
			Not Achieved	Achieved (Not Endorsed)	Endorsed with Merit	Endorsed with Excellence	
11	NCEA Level 1	2019	17917	19886	14604	8575	60982
12	NCEA Level 2	2019	12424	24828	10715	7134	55101
13	NCEA Level 3	2019	15139	18391	8161	4613	46304

Table 2. Percentage of students who attained NCEA in 2019, broken down by Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit and Excellence.

Year Level	Qualification	Academic Year	Percentages			
			Not Achieved	Achieved (Not Endorsed)	Endorsed with Merit	Endorsed with Excellence
11	NCEA Level 1	2019	29.4%	32.6%	23.9%	14.1%
12	NCEA Level 2	2019	22.5%	45.1%	19.4%	12.9%
13	NCEA Level 3	2019	32.7%	39.7%	17.6%	10.0%

These and other statistics, including prior years dating back to the 2010, are available in the following link: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/studying-in-new-zealand/secondary-school-and-ncea/find-information-about-a-school/secondary-school-statistics/data-files-for-3/>. Breakdowns are available by gender, ethnicity and school decile band. For information on the format and description of the content of the statistics files, please refer to the following document:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/Studying-in-NZ/Secondary-school-and-NCEA/stats-reports-enrolment-based/Secondary-Statistics-Consolidated-Files-Summary.pdf>.

We also publish an Annual Report on NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics which is available in the following link: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/About-us/Publications/stats-reports/ncea-annual-report-2019.pdf>.

Please note that under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982, 2020 NCEA statistics have been withheld; we will be publishing them on our website in early May 2021.

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Nāku nā



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