

2 March 2022

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 25 January 2022, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

Breakdown of the Achievement standards, (not achieved, achieved, merit and excellence) as a percentage received by each ethnicity group for the past five years. ie 2020 NZ European, 10 percent not achieved, 65 percent achieved etc.

We note your request was submitted through the FYI request website on 25 January 2022. Due to an administrative error, we did not pick up this request until 25 February 2022. We apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

Response:

The information you have requested can be found on the NZQA website at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/understanding-nzqf/secondary-school-and-ncea/secondary-school-statistics/data-files-for-4/#heading2-3>.

Scroll down to the heading "Standard Attainment Statistics File", then select file "National by Ethnicity" file for your requested data.

To filter the spreadsheet to obtain the information you require, follow the steps below:

- Filter column H, Standard type, and select Achievement standard. This will give you a list of students only sitting Achievement Standards.
- Filter column K for student ethnicity.
- Filter column L, to 2016 for data for the last 5 years. We note your request was for data going back to 2016. If you want further information, it is available in this file dating back to 2011.

Please note:

- Columns M through P provide the percentage breakdown of grades through Excellence, Merit, Achieved and Not Achieved.
- Columns Q through T is the count of standards obtained by Excellence, Merit, Achieved and Not Achieved grades and Column U provides the total number of assessed results.
- In Column W is a cohort warning column which advises where the figures are based on a small cohort (i.e less than 30 students). Figures based on a small cohort are more likely to be variable over time.

For additional information on how to use the spreadsheets we provide on the NZQA website, please refer to the Secondary Statistics Consolidated Files Summary which can be found at:

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

The 2021 statistics data files will be available in May.

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If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact ministerials@nzqa.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Nāku nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bidois', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Bidois
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