

31 July 2018

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Re Official Information Request – Babies born June 2017 to June 2018 and mothers ages

I refer to your official information request dated 6 July 2018 for information about the number of babies born in Auckland DHB services and the ages of the mothers that gave birth to them.

You asked the following questions:

1. I'm writing to request figures for the number of babies born for the year June 2017 to June 2018, with a breakdown of mother's ages.
2. In conjunction, I'd also like to request a breakdown of numbers of births at Auckland City Hospital and community birthing centres. As well as a breakdown of vaginal and caesarean births. Both for June 2017 to June 2018.

The information you have requested is enclosed below.

From 1 June 2017 to 31 June 2018, 7,221 mothers gave birth to 7,348 babies at Auckland DHB. A breakdown of mothers by age is detailed in Table 1 below. A breakdown of modes of birth is detailed in Table 2 below.

Table 1: Mothers by age:

Age	Number
<=20	141
21-25	591
26-30	1620
31-35	2823
>=36	2046
Total	7221

Table 2: Babies by mode of birth:

Mode of birth	Number
Caesarean section	2904
Vaginal	4442
Total	7346

We do not hold data for community birthing centres.

Further maternity service information and data can also be accessed publicly via the [National Women's Health Annual Clinical Report](#) for 2016 available on our website.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive