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Information Request – Statistics of Operational Firefighters

We refer to your official information request dated 9 June 2023 asking for the following information:

A breakdown by number and percentage in an excel/CSV file that shows the number of operational firefighters by region, rank and ethnicity

We have interpreted your request to be for career firefighters currently in an operational role.

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), please find *enclosed* a document outlining the number of operational firefighters by region rank and ethnicity.

The percentages of career firefighters by ethnicity is provided in our annual report, available here [FENZ Annual Report 2022.pdf](#)

Ethnicity is counted based on information provided by firefighters. Some firefighters may identify with more than one ethnicity. For example, if a firefighter identifies as Māori and Asian they will be included in both the Māori and Asian count. Therefore, these values and percentages may total more than the number of current operational career fighters or more than 100% of the total.

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

Nāku noa nā



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Region	Operational Firefighters	%
Nga Tai ki te Puku	232	13%
Te Hiku	581	34%
Te Ihu	239	14%
Te Kei	158	9%
Te Upoko	500	29%
Grand Total	1,731	100%

Rank	Operational Firefighters	%
FIREFIGHTER	148	9%
QUALIFIED FIREFIGHTER	251	15%
SENIOR FIREFIGHTER	876	51%
SENIOR STATION OFFICER	137	8%
STATION OFFICER	298	17%
Grand Total	1,731	100%

Total Response Ethnicity *	Operational Firefighters
European	1,253
Māori	248
Pacific Peoples	96
Asian	13
Unknown	58
Other Ethnicity	148

* **Please note:** Total Response Ethnicity is where firefighters are counted once in each ethnic group they identify with. E.g. If a firefighter identifies as Māori and Asian then they'll be counted in both the Māori and Asian count. Therefore, these values cannot be summed together to get the total headcount as some firefighters will be counted more than once.