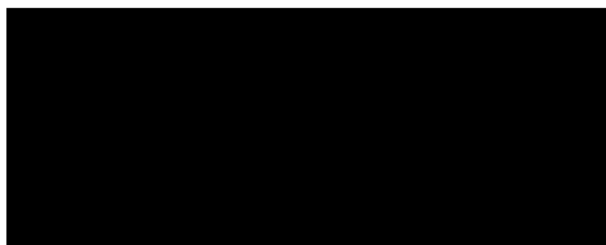




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Thank you for your email of 17 July 2018 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

<i>Data</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Time period</i>
<i>Number of people each year that have been excluded from New Zealand schools</i>	<i>Total Ethnicity</i>	<i>2008 - 2017</i>
<i>Number of people each year that have been excluded from New Zealand schools because of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Alcohol</i> <i>Tobacco</i> <i>Drugs</i> <i>Alcohol and/or drugs</i> <i>Tobacco and/or alcohol and/or drugs</i> 	<i>Total Ethnicity</i>	<i>2008 - 2017</i>
<i>Number of people each year that have been expelled from New Zealand schools</i>	<i>Total Ethnicity</i>	<i>2008 - 2017</i>
<i>Number of people each year that have been expelled from New Zealand schools because of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Alcohol</i> <i>Tobacco</i> <i>Drugs</i> <i>Alcohol and/or drugs</i> <i>Tobacco and/or alcohol and/or drugs</i> 	<i>Total Ethnicity</i>	<i>2008 - 2017</i>

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

It is important to note that exclusions and expulsions do not necessarily reflect trends in student behaviour because they also capture a school's reaction to such behaviour. What one school may choose to exclude a student for, another may not. The number of these events should not be used as a proxy measure for total student behaviour.

I am providing you with four tables, attached as **Appendix A**, that detail the number of exclusions by ethnicity (2008 - 2017), expulsions by ethnicity (2008 - 2017), exclusions by behavioural types alcohol, drugs (including substance abuse) and smoking (by ethnicity), and expulsions by behavioural types alcohol, drugs (including substance abuse) and smoking (by ethnicity).

When the Ministry is notified of an individual incident of exclusion and/or expulsion, only one behavioural type is reported. As such, we are unable to advise the number of students who have been excluded or expelled for more than one behaviour.

We recognise that schools face real challenges supporting children and young people with challenging behaviour.

The Ministry provides a range of supports to assist schools to manage challenging behaviour, including training workshops. For example, Understanding Behaviour, Responding Safely, which is available to all schools, focuses on prevention and de-escalation strategies and is run by experienced behaviour management specialists (who also offer ongoing support).

We also know that early intervention improves long term outcomes for children so the Ministry is investing around \$35 million to expand the Behaviour Service to reach an additional 1,000 children each year aged 0 to 8. An additional 56 specialist staff, including psychologists, service managers, early intervention teachers, learning support special education advisors and kaitakawaenga, will be recruited.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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Evidence, Data and Knowledge

Exclusions and Expulsions for all reasons (by ethnicity)

Exclusions by ethnicity (2008-2017)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Asian	16	19	19	7	12	20	7	20	8	11
European	478	469	482	465	364	391	313	299	299	386
Māori	656	761	701	669	598	536	467	445	485	509
Other	58	64	39	34	22	14	23	15	14	11
Pacific	172	196	178	137	120	104	105	106	107	127
Total	1380	1509	1419	1312	1116	1065	915	885	913	1044

Expulsions by ethnicity (2008-2017)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Asian	14	12	9	16	4	3	7	15	6	7
European	42	74	79	52	50	53	34	46	28	51
Māori	39	42	65	51	54	46	49	57	39	46
Other	12	20	13	10	5	9	9	6	3	6
Pacific	42	39	35	34	23	26	18	32	38	30
Total	149	187	201	163	136	137	117	156	114	140

Notes:

Where more than one ethnicity group has been identified, ethnicity is prioritised in the order Māori, Pasifika, Asian, other groups except European/Pākehā, and European/Pākehā.

Exclusion means the formal removal of a student aged under 16 from the school and the requirement that the student enrol elsewhere.

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Private Schools are excluded. Private school data is unreliable as it is not mandatory for private schools to report their stand-downs and suspension.

Exclusions by Behavioural Types Alcohol, Drugs (Including Substance Abuse) and Smoking (by ethnicity)

		Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alcohol	All Ethnicities	15	17	13	12	10	7	5	8	8	6
	Asian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	European	6	5	5	6	4	1	2	2	3	3
	Māori	7	10	4	4	5	2	3	2	5	3
	Other	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pacific	1	0	3	2	1	4	0	4	0	0
Drugs (Including Substance Abuse)	All Ethnicities	169	213	291	201	194	184	146	123	103	119
	Asian	3	2	1	1	1	7	3	9	0	0
	European	69	68	107	78	72	72	56	39	34	44
	Māori	77	108	152	104	101	90	73	71	60	66
	Other	10	11	10	5	2	3	4	1	0	1
	Pacific	10	24	21	13	18	12	10	3	9	8
Smoking	All Ethnicities	3	6	5	2	0	3	0	1	4	2
	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	European	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
	Māori	1	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
	Other	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pacific	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Grand Total		187	236	309	215	204	194	151	132	115	127

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Expulsions by Behavioural Types Alcohol, Drugs (Including Substance Abuse) and Smoking (by ethnicity)

		Year									
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Alcohol	All Ethnicities	1	5	2	3	2	4	2	4	4	6
	Asian	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
	European	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4
	Māori	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pacific	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	1	1
Drugs (Including Substance Abuse)	All Ethnicities	29	49	69	42	35	47	32	51	16	28
	Asian	4	2	2	4	1	1	6	5	0	2
	European	12	24	34	22	17	24	12	20	9	14
	Māori	9	12	21	10	15	12	11	20	7	7
	Other	3	7	6	2	0	5	2	3	0	2
	Pacific	1	4	6	4	2	5	1	3	0	3
Smoking	All Ethnicities	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	European	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Māori	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		31	54	72	45	37	51	34	56	20	34

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