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Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 27 September 2023. You requested the following:

Please could you advise how many trusts are registered in New Zealand? As of 30 June 2023 or a more recent date if possible.

The number of trusts, including estates, recorded on Inland Revenue systems as of 28 September 2023 is shown in the table below.

Please note that Inland Revenue is not a registrar of trusts and collects this information for tax purposes only. If a trust has no taxable earnings, it does not need to register with Inland Revenue. Furthermore, being registered on Inland Revenue's systems, whether flagged as active or not in the below table, does not necessarily mean that the trust is active in a more general sense, nor does it mean that they are required to regularly interact with Inland Revenue.

Trust registrations with Inland Revenue as of 28 September 2023			
	Active	Non-active	All
Trusts	284,790	106,080	390,870
Estates	30,230	5,650	35,880
Total	315,020	111,730	426,750

If you are interested in the number of trusts actively filing income tax returns, with or without any taxable income, this information is available on Inland Revenue's website: Income of trusts and estates - IR6 returns (ird.govt.nz). The data includes the 2020-21 tax year. 2021-22 data will be published by December 2023.

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Please note that Inland Revenue regularly publishes responses to requests that may be of interest to the wider public on its website. We consider this response is of public interest so will publish this response in due course. Your personal details or any information that would identify you will be removed prior to it being published.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely



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