

# Reduced child and youth offending

15% reduction in the total number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour.

**LEAD MINISTER**  
**Hon Karen Chhour**, Minister for Children

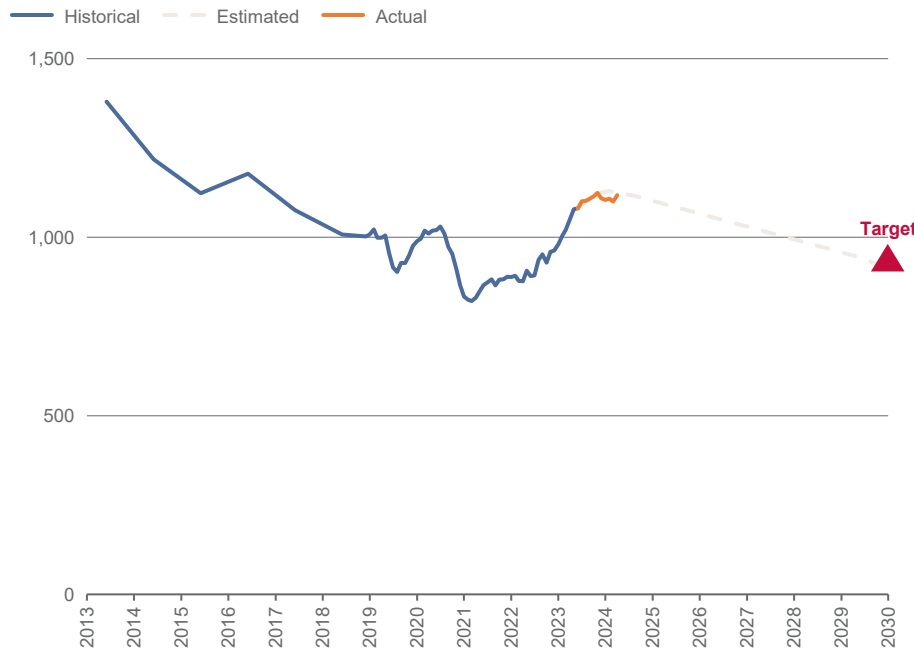
**LEAD AGENCY**  
**Oranga Tamariki**, Secretary for Children,  
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2024

Target	Baseline	Current (April 2024)	Status
15% reduction (<900)	1,100	1,118	Feasible

## PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

Total number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour



## TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

The Government is focused on restoring law and order, to ensure all New Zealanders feel safe in their communities.

The Government is focused on:

- **Strengthening the response to serious and persistent child and youth offenders** including the pilot of a Military-Style Academy and development of the Young Serious Offender declaration that strengthens the Government’s response to this small number of young offenders.
- **Improving operational responses and youth justice processes** to better target those who are offending, including establishing intensive response teams and expanding the rapid response by Police and Oranga Tamariki to child offenders (10 to 13-year-olds), to youth offenders (14 to 17-year-olds).
- **Preventing offending and reoffending** through locally-led initiatives to deliver community-based, cross-agency responses with intensive case management for the child, young person and family.
- **Getting children and youth attending school regularly** (see Target 6).

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For more information on youth crime rates, please go to New Zealand Police’s website: <https://www.police.govt.nz>

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