


# Reduced child and youth offending

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

**LEAD MINISTER**  
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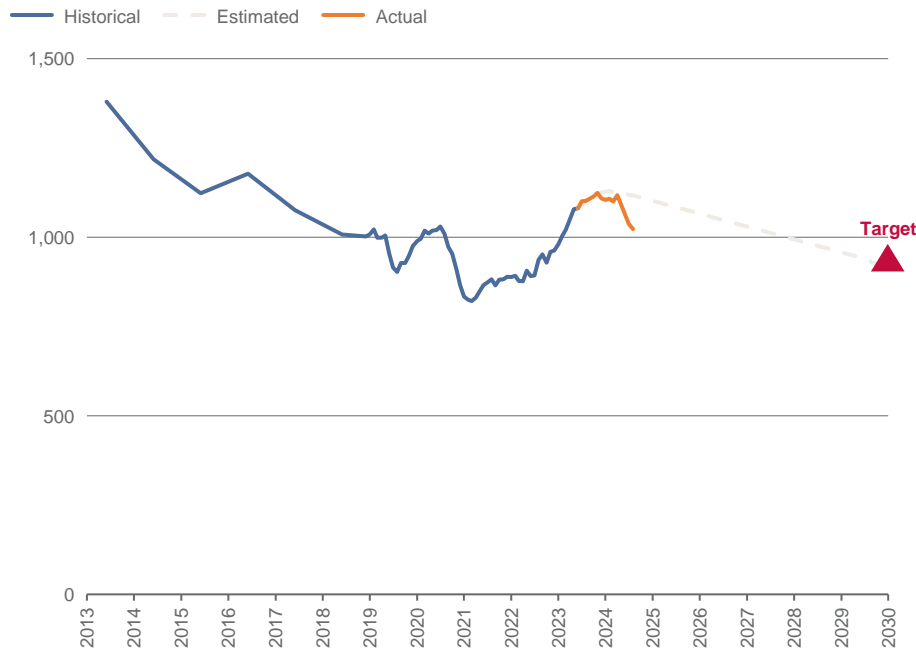
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (June 2023)	Current (August 2024)	Status
15% reduction (<900)	1,100	1,023	 Probable

## 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.

There has been a reduction of 95 children and young people with serious and persistent offending behavior since the last quarterly report. The main drivers of this change are initiatives already underway within regions, specifically the more immediate responses to offending between Oranga Tamariki and Police.

The Government is focused on:

- **Strengthening the response to serious and persistent child and youth offenders** including the pilot of a Military-Style Academy, with the residential phase completed and young people transitioning into communities with strong social service supports; 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 (operational by end of 2024) and expanding the rapid response (Fast Track) by Police and Oranga Tamariki for 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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