

Reduced violent crime

20,000 fewer people are victims of an assault, robbery or sexual assault.

LEAD MINISTER
Hon Paul Goldsmith, Minister of Justice

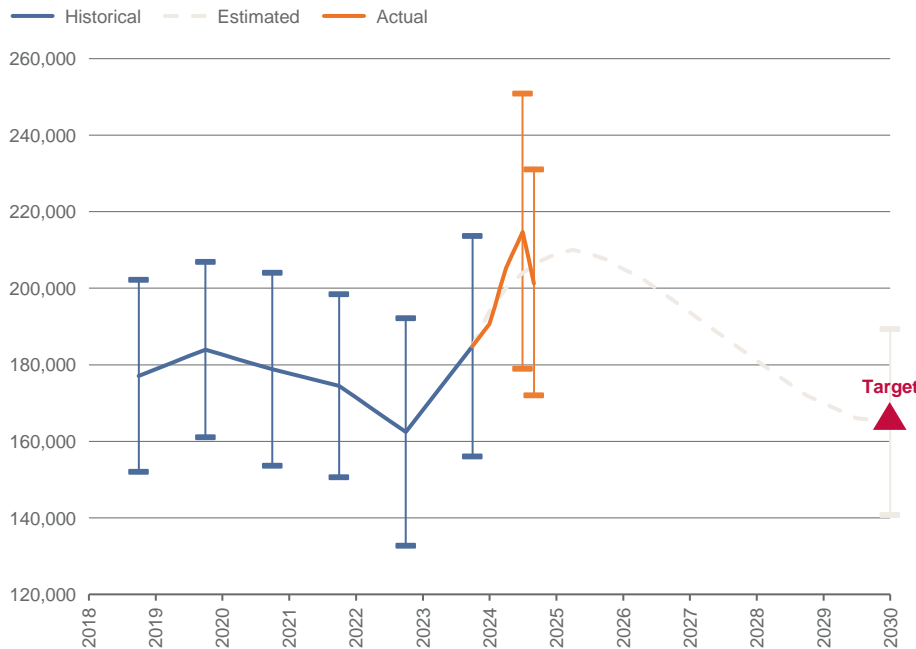
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (October 2023)	Current (August 2024)	Status
20k reduction (165k people)	185,000	201,230	■ Feasible

PROGRESS TOWARDS TARGET

People in New Zealand who were the victim of an assault, robbery, or sexual assault offence



The margins of error for the NZCVS are high, meaning the range of results will be highly variable.

TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

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

The New Zealand Crime and Victims' Survey (NZCVS) shows ~14,000 fewer adults experienced violent crime since the last quarterly report.

The NZCVS asks respondents of their experience of reported and unreported crime over the past 12 months. Due to the way that the information is captured and reported, any violent crime reported in the latest result could have been experienced between August 2022 and August 2024, up to two years ago.

The Government is focused on:

- Increasing the chance of violent offenders being caught and held to account.**
 The Government is moving at pace on a package of measures that includes limiting sentencing discounts and establishing new aggravating factors that respond to retail crime and victimisation of sole charge workers through the **Sentencing Reform Amendment Bill**. This builds on the Government's Three Strikes, and Gang Harm legislation.
- Targeting resources to where they are needed** such as 160 Police officers deployed to Community Beat Teams, and 77 additional Police officers dedicated to disrupting gangs from July to September.
- Breaking the cycle of violence.** The actions developed for the next National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence (Te Aorerekura Action Plan 2025 – 2030) to be released in December and Social Investment focus on the first 2000 days will be important contributors to achieving the target and sustainable reductions in violent crime.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

The latest results from the NZCVS can be found on www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/nzcvcs/

For information on the Government Targets go to www.dPMC.govt.nz