

# Reduced violent crime

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

**LEAD MINISTER**  
**Hon Paul Goldsmith**, Minister of Justice

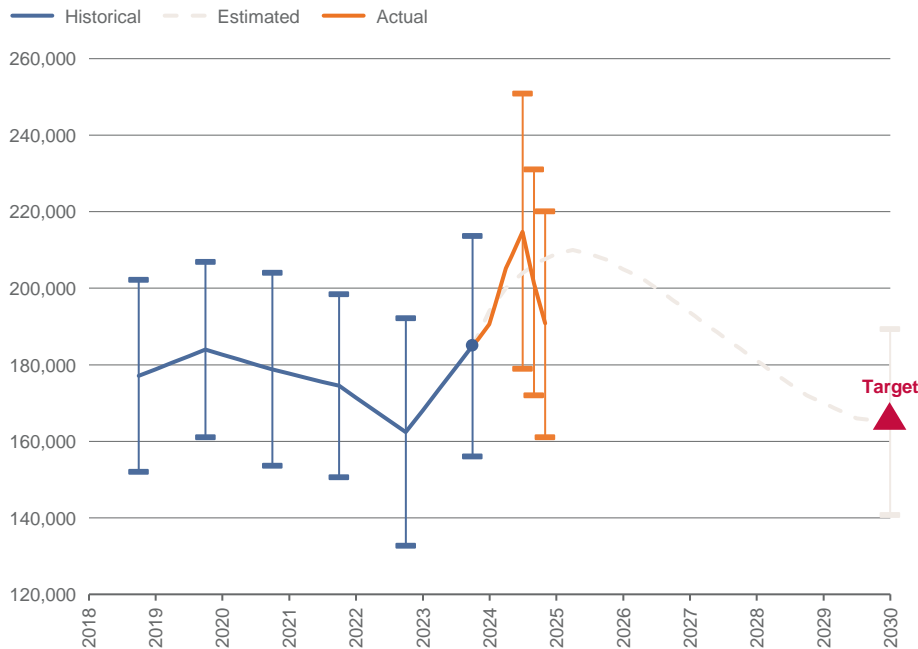
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2024

Target	Baseline (October 2023)	Current (October 2024)	Status
20k reduction (165k people)	185,000	190,806	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> 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 ~10,000 fewer adults experienced violent crime since the last quarterly report; a reduction of ~24,000 since the peak in June 2024.

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 October 2022 and October 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 continues to move 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. Gang Disruption Units are in place.
- **Targeting resources to where they are needed.** 994 stores that had a ram raid and/or aggravated robbery have had security installations completed between September 2022 and the end of 2024.
- **Breaking the cycle of violence.** The National Strategy to Eliminate Family Violence and Sexual Violence (Te Aorerekura Action Plan 2025 – 2030) was released in December 2024. Expanded alcohol and drug interventions for remand population are on track at three additional prison sites, and additional beds for Mental Health and Addiction Services as part of the Waikeria Corrections facility is on track.

## 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/](http://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/nzcvcs/)

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