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# Reduced violent crime

**LEAD MINISTER**

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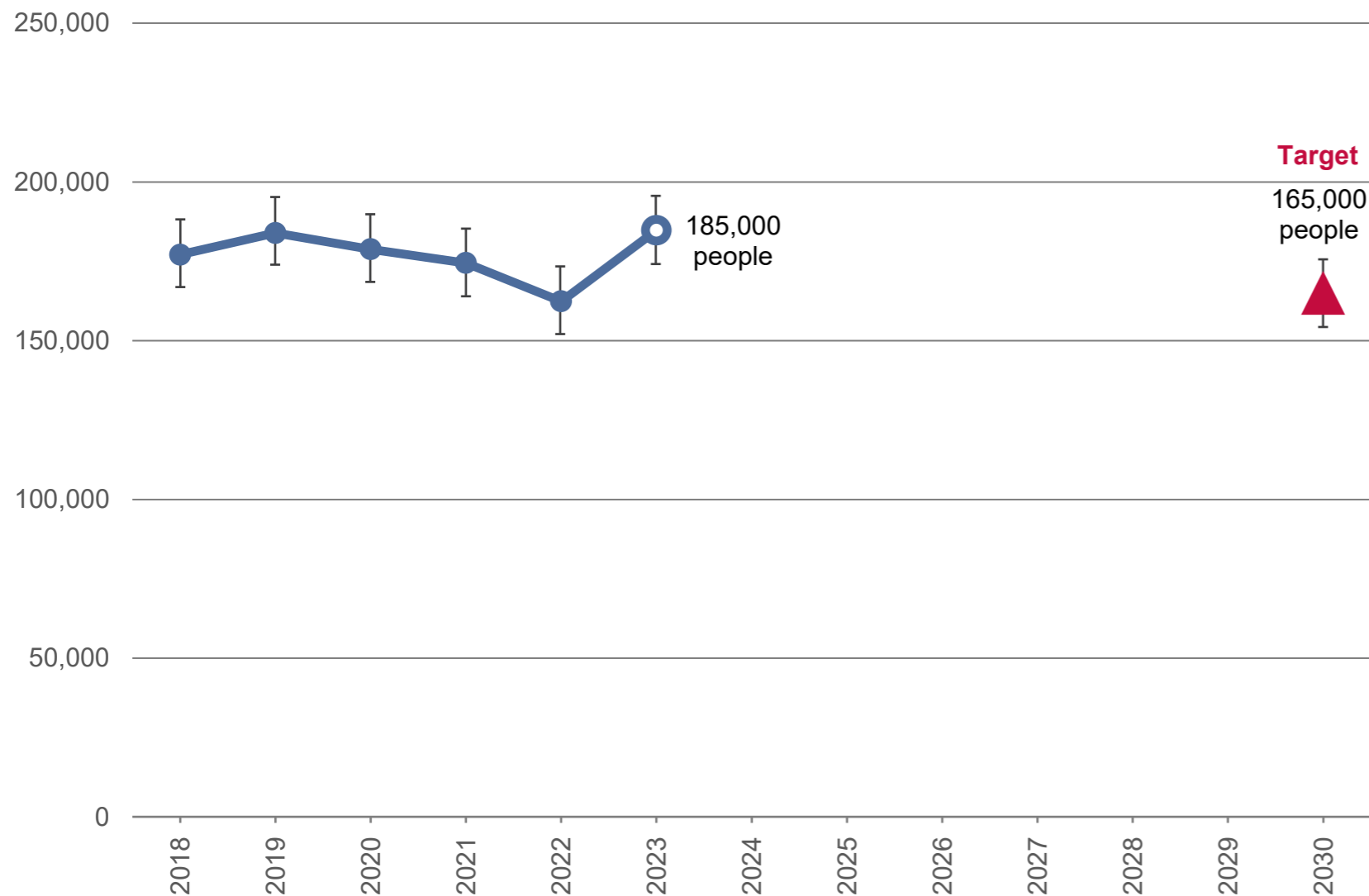
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## WHAT IS THE TARGET?

**Twenty thousand fewer people are victims of an assault, robbery or sexual assault.**

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



## WHY IS IT NEEDED AND WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

**In the next five years, we want less violent crime – with 20,000 fewer people the victims of assaults, robberies and sexual assaults by 2029.**

In 2023, 185,000 New Zealanders were victims of an assault, robbery or sexual assault offence.

Violent crime hurts our people and communities. It especially affects Māori and those already experiencing disadvantage, including across generations.

People should be safe in their homes and communities. We're determined to put public safety back at the heart of the criminal justice system.

Fewer of us will be victims of violent crime and our streets will be safer. Tougher sentencing and more Police on our streets will help keep us safe. Cracking down on gangs will stop them from intimidating and harming Kiwis and repeat offenders will be off the streets for longer.

## HOW WILL WE KEEP TRACK?

**We will keep track with the New Zealand Crime and Victims' Survey (NZCVS)** that examines people's experience of crime.

The advantage of this survey is that it **captures crimes that are often unreported** such as sexual assaults and family violence.

## HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

The latest results from the New Zealand Crime and Victims' Survey can be found on [www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/nzcvs/](http://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/nzcvs/)

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