

Reduced violent crime

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

LEAD MINISTER

Hon Paul Goldsmith, Minister of Justice

LEAD AGENCY

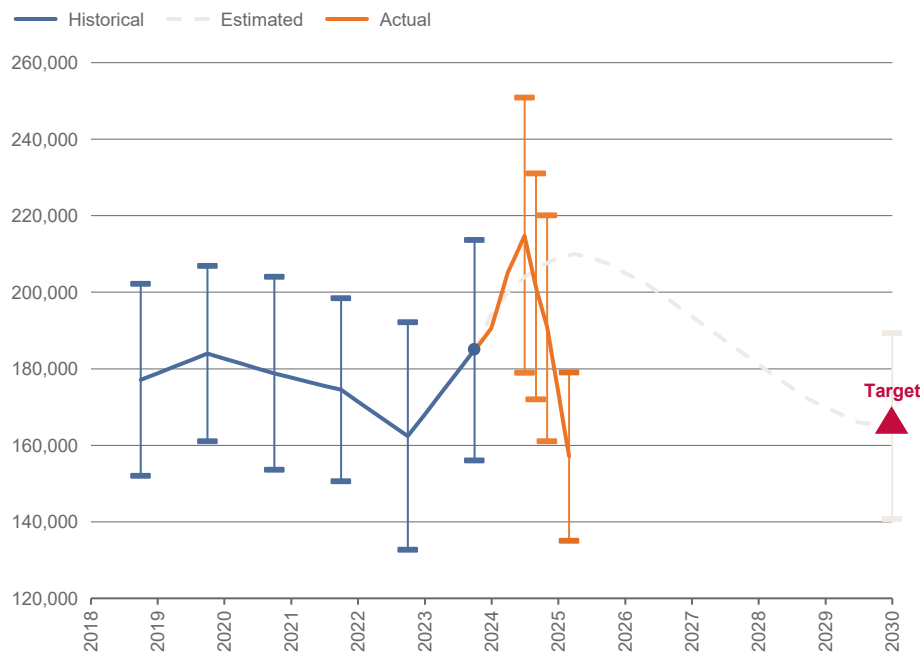
Ministry of Justice, Secretary for Justice,
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2025

Target	Baseline (October 2023)	Current (February 2025)	Status
20k reduction (165k people)	185,000	157,144	On Track

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 Target has been met. The New Zealand Crime and Victims' Survey (NZCVS) results for this quarter show ~28,000 fewer adults experienced violent crime than at the baseline (Oct 2023).

The NZCVS asks respondents of their experience of reported and unreported crime over the past 12 months. While NZCVS produces reliable and robust trends, quarterly data is potentially more volatile and may fluctuate.

The Government's focus will remain on continuing to reduce the number of victims of violent crime by:

- **Increasing the chance of violent offenders being caught and held to account.** The Government is focused on providing the Police and courts with the extra tools they need to tackle serious crime, including through the Three Strikes, Sentencing Reform, and Gang Harm legislation. Work is also underway to get the Stalking and Harassment and Responding to Serious Youth Offending bills enacted. Gang Disruption Units are in place and delivering (including 415 insignia charges laid). **Budget 2025 provides \$480 million over four years to support the police.**
- **Targeting resources to where they are needed.** 1,033 stores that had a ram raid and/or aggravated robbery have had security installations completed since September 2022. Recommendations from the Retail Crime Ministerial Advisory Group on defence of property and detention are being progressed.
- **Breaking the cycle of violence.** 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. The Prime Minister has established a Methamphetamine Ministerial Group to consider new options to address a doubling of methamphetamine in wastewater over 2024.

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