

Reduced child and youth offending

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

LEAD MINISTER

Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for Children

LEAD AGENCY

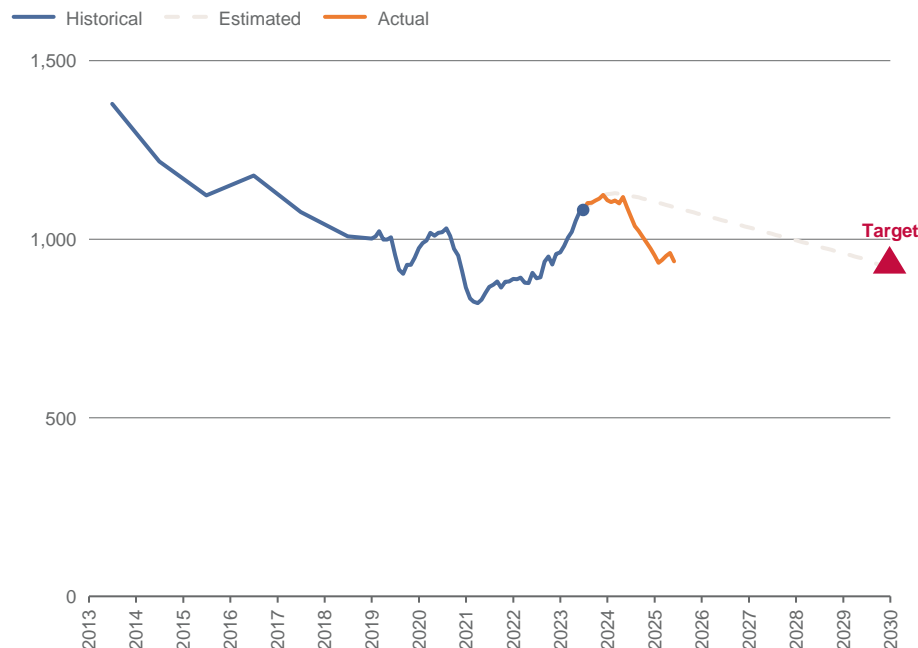
Oranga Tamariki, Acting Secretary for Children,
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2025

Target	Baseline (June 2023)	Current (May 2025)	Status
15% reduction (<900)	1,100	938	On Track

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. The last year has seen a reduction in the number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour.

The Government is focused on:

- **Strengthening the response to serious and persistent child and youth offenders** including a second evaluation of the transition to community phase for the Military-Style Academy Pilot (June 2025) and awaiting the Second Reading of the Oranga Tamariki (Responding to Serious Youth Offending) Amendment Bill, 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 Case Management Teams which are operational in Christchurch, Rotorua and Hamilton. The rapid response (Fast Track) expansion has been completed across six sites for youth offenders (14 to 17-year-olds). Emerging delivery insights indicate that timely, integrated and coordinated Government agency services, supported by community delivery through the Intensive Case Management Teams and Fast Track are having a positive impact.
- **Preventing offending and reoffending** through locally-led initiatives to deliver community-based, cross-agency responses with improved identification of and support for health, mental health, disability and education needs.
- **Getting children and youth attending school regularly** (see Target 6, Increased Student Attendance).

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>

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