

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

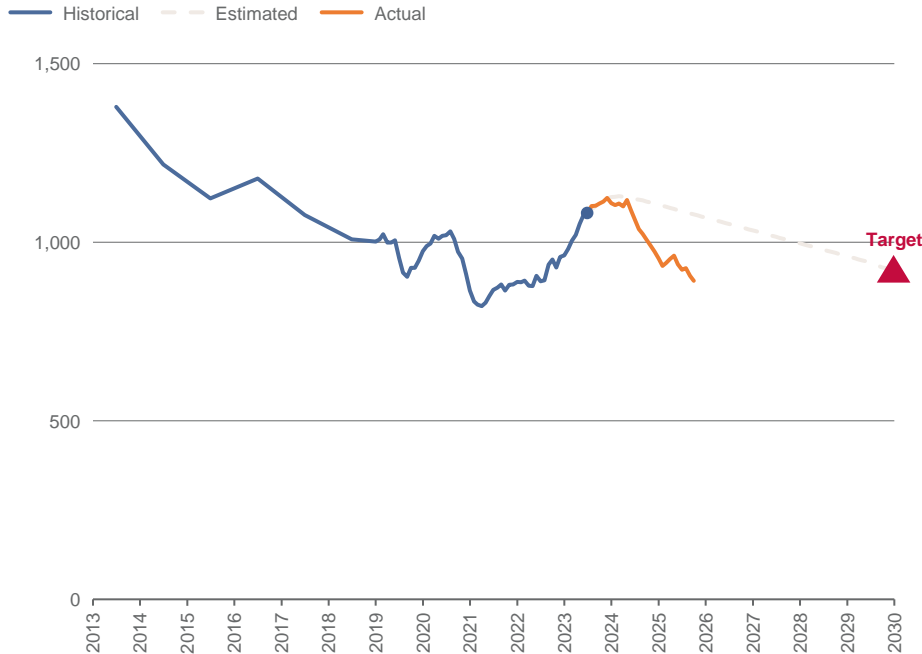
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2025

| Target | Baseline (June 2023) | Current (September 2025) | Status |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 15% reduction (<900) | 1,100 | 892 | 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 publishing the final evaluation for the Military-Style Academy Pilot 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. Intensive Case Management Teams are continuing to work with our identified serious and persistent cohort, providing intensive case management and coordination of cross-agency supports to help reduce offending 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), with new providers actively delivering the extended service in Counties Manukau, West Auckland, Central Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua and Christchurch.
- **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