

# Reduced violent crime

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

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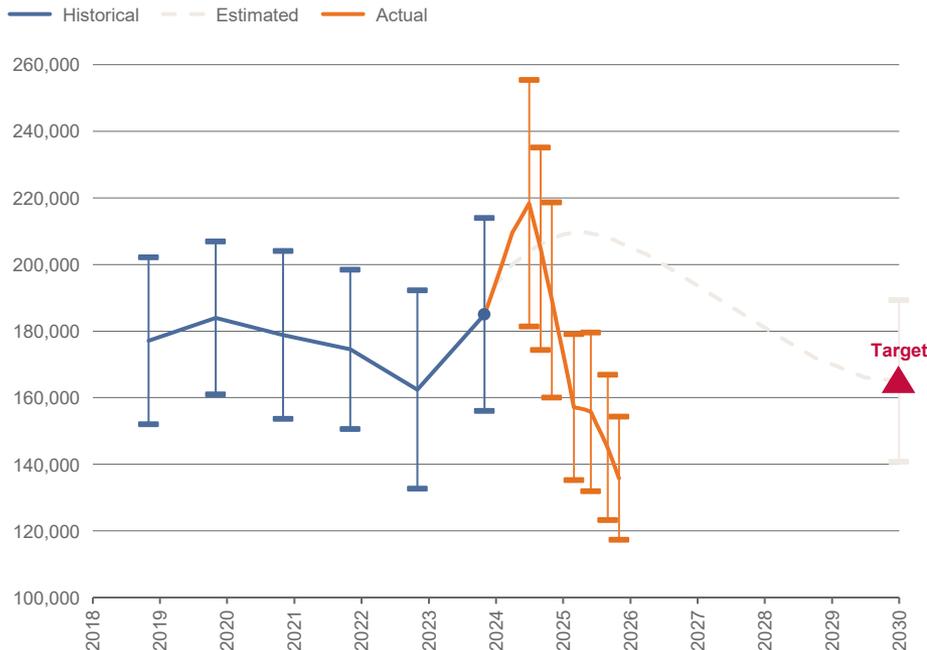
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## TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 2025

| Target                         | Baseline<br>(October 2023) | Current<br>(October 2025) | Status   |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 20k reduction<br>(165k people) | 185,000                    | 135,797                   | 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. Note that the results since baseline have been revised in this iteration, to align with the latest Stats NZ population estimates (Census 2023 projections).

## TARGET DELIVERY ACTIONS

**The Government is focused on restoring law and order, to ensure all New Zealanders feel safe in their communities.**

The Target continues to be met. The New Zealand Crime and Victims' Survey (NZCVS) results for this quarter show ~49,000 fewer adults experienced violent crime than at the baseline (October 2023).

The NZCVS asks respondents of their experience of reported and unreported crime over the past 12 months. The latest figures (October 2025) represent the survey's annual results, which provide the most robust estimates in the reporting cycle. While NZCVS produces reliable and robust trends, quarterly data is potentially more volatile and may fluctuate.

**The Government's focus remains 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 drive timelier justice and to tackle serious crime, including through the Three Strikes Sentencing Reform, and Gang Harm legislation. Since November 2024, Police have seized 189 patches and 192 firearms, and have laid 883 insignia charges.
- **Targeting resources to where they are needed.** 1,156 stores that had a ram raid and/or aggravated robbery had security installations completed between September 2022 and December 2025. A total of 4,565 security measures have been installed.
- **Breaking the cycle of violence.** NZCVS results show that all ethnic groups and age groups (except 65+) have seen reductions since the baseline in the number of victims of violent offending. The largest reduction from baseline is in alcohol involved crime (-31%) and non-family members (-33%), which is greater than non-alcohol involved (-21%) and family members (-22%).

## 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/)

For information on the Government Targets go to [www.dpmc.govt.nz](http://www.dpmc.govt.nz)