

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

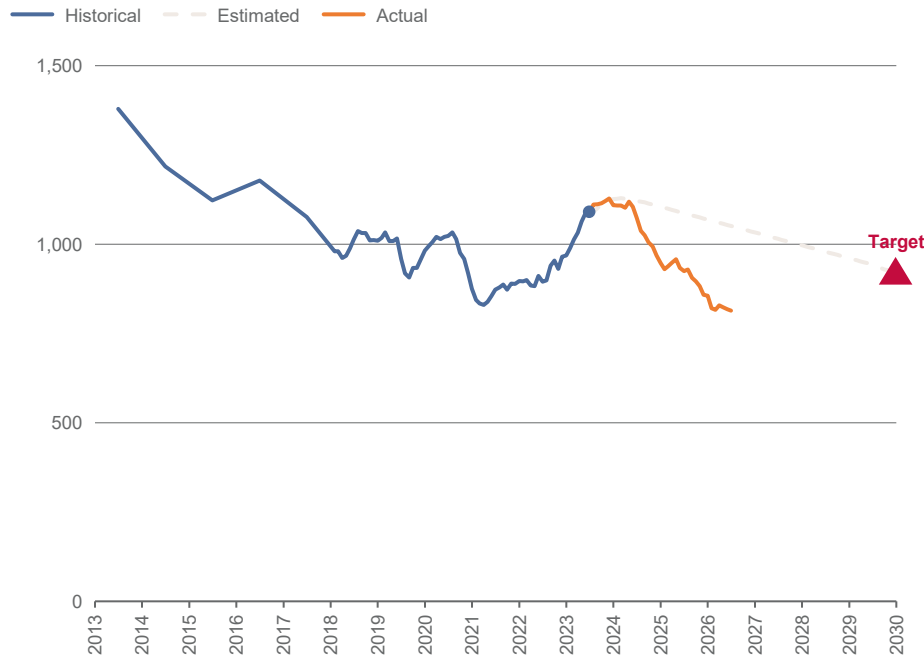
Oranga Tamariki, Secretary for Children,
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TARGET DELIVERY PERFORMANCE - QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2026

Target	Baseline (June 2023)	Current (June 2026)	Status
15% reduction (<900)	1,100	814	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.

Target continues to be met, with a 26% reduction from baseline in the number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour. Regional operational responses led by Oranga Tamariki and Police continue to deliver positive outcomes.

The Government is focused on:

- Strengthening the response to serious and persistent child and youth offenders** - the residential phase of the second Military-style Academy programme concluded on 9 July 2026. Participants are now being supported in the community phase for up to 12 months.
- Improving operational responses and youth justice processes** to better target those who are offending. Intensive Case Management Teams are continuing to work with the identified serious and persistent cohort, providing intensive case management and coordination of cross-agency supports to help reduce offending in Christchurch, Rotorua and Hamilton.
- Rapid response (Fast Track)** continues to drive integrated timely operational response across six expansion sites in Counties Manukau, West Auckland, Central Auckland, Hamilton, Rotorua and Christchurch. Analysis of Fast Track re-offending completed by Oranga Tamariki in December shows positive progress in preventing escalation through the youth justice system.
- 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