

Data Summary: Children and Youth affected by Family Violence

This data summary is one of six produced by the NZFVC in 2017. The other five data summaries are concerned with Family Violence Deaths, Violence Against Women, Child Sexual Abuse, Adult Sexual Violence, and Child Sexual Abuse and Adult Sexual Violence – Perpetration by Gender. This data summary is a collation of information about the effect of family violence on children and youth.

The contents cover two main areas: fatalities and non-fatal violence. The data is sourced from national administrative data sets.

1. Fatalities

Information sources:

- New Zealand Police homicide reports^{1,2,3,4,5}
- Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee data⁶

2. Non-fatal Violence

Information sources:

- Child, Youth and Family (CYF) data regarding notifications, investigations and care placements^{7,8,9,10,11,12}
- New Zealand Police recorded and resolved offences for Assault on a Child and Sexual Assault offences on a child¹³ and victimisations for an Assault on a Child and Sexual Assault on a child with outcomes of investigations.¹⁴
- New Zealand Police apprehensions for Assault on a Child and Sexual Assault offences on a child¹⁵ and proceedings for Assault on a Child and Sexual Assault on a child offences.¹⁶
- District Court data detailing the number of prosecutions, convictions and sentences for Assault on a Child and for sexual violence on a child¹⁷
- Family Court data regarding proceedings involving children¹⁸

- Ministry of Health data on assault related hospitalisations, provided by the Injury Prevention Research Unit, University of Otago¹⁹

An important note on interpreting the data

The majority of the data in the summaries has been drawn from administrative and service data. As such, they are dependent on reporting and recording practices and cannot be used as indicators of the number of children and youth affected by family violence in the population. In addition, they cannot be used to comment on trends in the occurrence of family violence over time. Sexual and family violence are often not reported to authorities and so can be very hard to measure from administrative data. Further, the data provided is often provisional (subject to change if new information is gathered) and drawn from dynamic operational databases. For a detailed discussion of the process for collecting data, changes over time and the uses of government agency data for understanding community experiences of family violence, see *Family Violence Indicators (2013)*.²⁰

In general, we have allowed the tables to speak for themselves, providing the minimal commentary.

All numbers in the tables are rounded to the nearest whole number unless otherwise stated. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

A link to the definitions for all of the terms used, and caveats for all of the data can be accessed by clicking on the title of each table.

Some of the figures in this data summary vary from those provided in the 2015 Children and Youth affected by Family Violence data summary. Small changes are the result of the data being drawn from a dynamic data base. Where the figures deviate substantially from those provided in the 2015 data summary, please use the link on the title of each table for further explanation.



Fatalities

New Zealand Police^{1,2,3,4,5}

Victims of [homicide](#) aged under 20 years

	Age	Gender	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
TOTAL	All age groups	TOTAL	15	14	29	13	20	13	11	17	20	
		Male	4	9	19	6	10	5	11	10	13	
		Female	11	5	10	6	10	8	0	7	7	
		Unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Children	Under 5	TOTAL	10	4	12	6	10	9	4	5	14	
		Male	2	3	6	2	6	2	4	3	8	
		Female	8	1	6	3	4	7	0	2	6	
		Unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	5-9	TOTAL	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1
		Male	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
		Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
		TOTAL	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	3
		Male	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
		Female	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
	10-14	TOTAL	4	7	15	6	6	4	6	6	8	2
		Male	2	4	11	4	3	3	6	5	1	
Female		2	3	4	2	3	1	0	3	1		

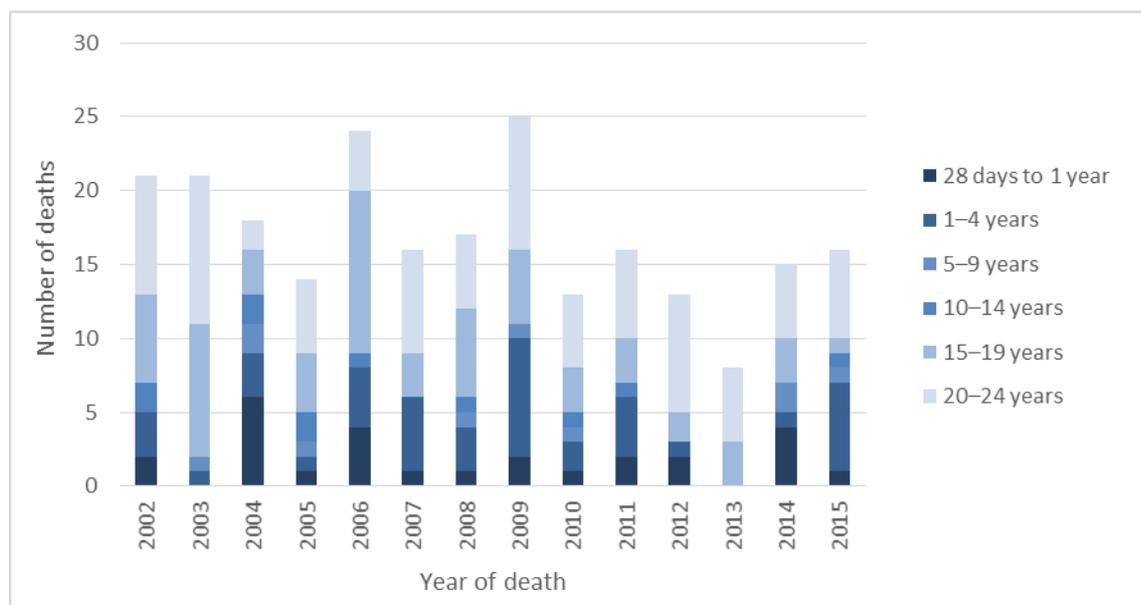


Gender of victim and [relationship](#) to offender

	Gender	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Child was victim (parent offender)	TOTAL	6	5	14	5	8	8	1	7	10
	Male	0	3	8	1	6	2	1	3	7
	Female	6	2	6	3	2	6	0	4	3
	Unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Parent was victim (child offender)	TOTAL	2	1	1	3	1	1	4	2	7
	Male	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2
	Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	5
Other family	TOTAL	6	4	8	6	4	1	3	1	4
	Male	2	3	7	6	2	1	2	1	4
	Female	4	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Not recorded / unclear relationship	TOTAL	4	3	1	1	9	12	15	11	12
	Male	4	1	1	0	7	7	13	9	8
	Female	0	2	0	1	2	5	2	2	4

[Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee \(CYMRC\)](#)⁶

Mortality in children and young people as a result of assault



The data in this table refer to all deaths due to assault, and they are not only those related to family violence.



Non-fatal Violence

Child, Youth and Family^{7,8,9,10,11,12}

Care and Protection [notifications](#) and children in out of home care placements

	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
TOTAL notifications^a (including family violence referrals) received^b	71,927	89,461	110,797	124,921	151,109	153,407	148,659	146,657	150,905	142,249
Reports of concern requiring further action ^b	43,845	40,739	49,224	55,494	57,783	60,330	61,877	54,065	45,463	44,689
Total distinct children in out of home care placements ^b as at 30 June each year	5,044	4,522	4,408	4,238	3,885	3,884	3,844	4,129	4,163	4,394
Total children involved in Care and Protection Family Group Conferences ^b	6,237	7,242	7,667	8,160	8,087	8,809	8,583	8,772	7,507	7,757

^a Notifications comprise "Reports of Concern" (which may require action by Child, Youth and Family) and "Police family violence referrals" (which do not require action by Child, Youth and Family). In previous versions of the data summaries, these have been grouped as Reports of Concern as per Child, Youth and Family Reporting.

^b Some children and young people may have more than one notification in the period shown.

Care and protection notifications [requiring further action](#)^a

	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16
TOTAL NOTIFICATIONS REQUIRING FURTHER ACTION	43,845	40,739	49,224	55,494	57,783	60,330	61,877	54,065	45,463	44,689
Total substantiated abuse and neglect findings	16,210	16,290	19,596	21,025	22,291	21,172	22,984	19,623	16,472	16,394
Emotional abuse	8,256	8,664	10,938	12,535	12,711	12,454	12,777	10,406	8,318	8,490
% of Total substantiated findings	51%	53%	56%	60%	57%	59%	56%	53%	50%	52%
Physical abuse	2,274	2,321	2,855	2,886	3,253	3,330	3,343	3,305	3,235	3,073
% of Total substantiated findings	14%	14%	15%	14%	15%	16%	15%	17%	20%	19%
Sexual abuse	1,194	1,003	1,126	1,201	1,514	1,418	1,459	1,329	1,275	1,167
% of Total substantiated findings	7%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%
Neglect	4,486	4,302	4,677	4,403	4,813	4,970	5,405	4,583	3,644	3,664
% of Total substantiated findings	28%	26%	24%	21%	22%	23%	24%	23%	22%	22%

^a Some children and young people may have more than one notification in the period shown.

New Zealand Police^{13, 14, 15, 16}

Recorded and resolved [offences](#) for assaults on a child

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES RESULTING IN INJURY	463	626	649	799	881	1,130	1,183	1,036	1,165
Offences that were resolved	362	472	489	637	596	770	722	654	725
<i>% of offences resolved</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>68%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>62%</i>
TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES NOT RESULTING IN INJURY	382	597	780	1,006	1,084	1,433	1,597	1,665	1,720
Offences that were resolved	278	473	574	747	780	1,038	1,018	1,015	1,024
<i>% of offences resolved</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>79%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>72%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>60%</i>

Outcomes of investigations at 180 days: [Assault on a child](#) (aged under 16 years) offence

	Jul-Dec 2014	Jan-Jun 2015	Jul-Dec 2015	Jan-Jun 2016
TOTAL RECORDED VICTIMISATIONS	1,456	1,435	1,658	1,905
Investigation finalised – No offender proceeded against	286	236	198	256
Investigation finalised – Offender proceeded against	492	522	547	602
Investigation not finalised	676	676	912	1,047
No outcome at this time	2	1	1	0

Please note that “assaults on a child” as captured using new counting methods, capture more offences than the standard “Assault on a child” offence as presented in the table immediately preceding that above. For further information on this, please refer to the [Special Note Regarding Police Data](#) at the end of each of the 2017 Data Summaries.



Apprehensions for assaults on a child

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL ASSAULTS ON CHILD	643	947	1,056	1,366	1,351	1,770	1,690	1,617	1,719
Result in physical injury	362	480	484	636	586	744	706	633	718
<i>% of total assaults</i>	56%	51%	46%	47%	43%	42%	42%	39%	42%
Prosecuted	407	643	646	828	798	958	895	793	875
<i>% of total assaults</i>	63%	68%	61%	61%	59%	54%	53%	49%	51%
Warned or cautioned	161	194	283	400	420	606	675	779	824
<i>% of total assaults</i>	25%	20%	27%	29%	31%	34%	40%	48%	48%
Assaults by male	480	678	719	921	875	1,145	1,062	959	1,006
Result in physical injury	263	349	343	440	401	480	452	380	427
<i>% of assaults by male</i>	55%	51%	48%	48%	46%	42%	43%	40%	42%
Prosecuted	328	501	476	599	572	697	628	531	586
<i>% of assaults by male</i>	68%	74%	66%	65%	65%	61%	59%	55%	58%
Warned or cautioned	97	106	160	233	227	332	354	403	411
<i>% of assaults by male</i>	20%	16%	22%	25%	26%	29%	33%	42%	41%
Assaults by female	163	269	337	445	476	624	627	658	713
Result in physical injury	99	131	141	196	185	264	254	253	291
<i>% of assaults by female</i>	61%	49%	42%	44%	39%	42%	41%	38%	41%
Prosecuted	79	142	170	229	226	261	266	262	289
<i>% of assaults by female</i>	48%	53%	50%	51%	47%	42%	42%	40%	41%
Warned or cautioned	64	88	123	167	193	273	321	376	413
<i>% of assaults by female</i>	39%	33%	36%	38%	41%	44%	51%	57%	58%



Proceedings against offenders for assaults on a child victimisations

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL ASSAULTS ON CHILD PROCEEDINGS	4,210	3,834	4,285
Result in physical injury	1,025	954	1,009
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>24%</i>
Court Action	1,812	1,842	1,862
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>43%</i>
Non-Court Action	2,366	1,975	2,408
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>56%</i>
Not Proceeded With	32	17	15
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i><1%</i>
Assaults by male	2,664	2,500	2,664
Result in physical injury	684	649	666
<i>% of proceedings against male</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>25%</i>
Court Action	1,287	1,349	1,359
<i>% of proceedings against male</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>51%</i>
Non-Court Action	1,358	1,137	1,296
<i>% of proceedings against male</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>49%</i>
Not Proceeded With	19	14	9
<i>% of proceedings against male</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i><1%</i>
Assaults by female	1,546	1,333	1,618
Result in physical injury	341	305	343
<i>% of proceedings against female</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>21%</i>
Court Action	525	492	502
<i>% of proceedings against female</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>31%</i>
Non-Court Action	1,008	838	1,110
<i>% of proceedings against female</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>69%</i>
Not Proceeded With	13	3	6
<i>% of proceedings against female</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i><1%</i>
Assaults by gender unknown	0	1	3
Result in physical injury	0	0	1
<i>% of proceedings against gender unknown</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>33%</i>
Court Action	0	1	1
<i>% of proceedings against gender unknown</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>33%</i>
Non-Court Action	0	0	2
<i>% of proceedings against gender unknown</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>67%</i>

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Recorded and resolved sexual assault offences on a child

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL RECORDED SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENCES	1,507	1,510	1,422	1,443	1,535	1,930	1,895	2,071	2,064
Offences resolved	928	973	899	927	857	1,112	1,032	1,164	1,076
<i>% of offences resolved</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>52%</i>

Outcomes of investigations at 180 days: Sexual assault on a child (aged under 16 years)

	Jul-Dec 2014	Jan-Jun 2015	Jul-Dec 2015	Jan-Jun 2016
TOTAL RECORDED VICTIMISATIONS	1,321	1,126	1,162	1,211
Investigation finalised – No offender proceeded against	44	34	31	33
Investigation finalised – Offender proceeded against	349	328	305	298
Investigation not finalised	927	764	824	878
No outcome at this time	1	0	2	2

Please note that the recorded number of victimisations (above) and offences (immediately preceding the above table) are not directly comparable. For further information, please see the [Special Note Regarding Police Data](#) at the end of each of the 2017 Data Summaries.

Apprehensions for sexual assault on a child (aged 16 years and under)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL SEXUAL ASSAULT APPREHENSIONS	949	971	888	902	815	1,081	999	1,111	1,029
Assaults on child under 12 years	390	377	318	330	343	470	406	457	475
Assaults on girls under 12	326	295	254	223	251	390	284	368	386
Assaults on boys under 12	48	65	56	100	78	69	109	82	77
Gender not defined	16	17	8	7	14	11	13	7	12
Assaults on child 12-16 years	559	594	570	572	472	611	593	654	554
Assaults on girls 12-16 years	402	431	394	378	322	409	353	402	331
Assaults on boys 12-16 years	28	42	63	45	35	56	84	91	67
Gender not defined	129	121	113	149	115	146	156	161	156

Proceedings against offenders for sexual assault on a child (aged 16 years and under)

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL SEXUAL ASSAULT PROCEEDINGS	1,045	1,017	1,063
Assaults on child under 12 years	408	368	407
Assaults on girls under 12	317	295	322
Assaults on boys under 12	90	71	85
Gender not defined	1	2	0
Assaults on child 12-16 years	637	649	656
Assaults on girls 12-16 years	555	560	585
Assaults on boys 12-16 years	82	88	71
Gender not defined	0	1	0

Please note: There counts of “proceedings”, as presented above, and “apprehensions” are not directly comparable. For further information on these differences, please refer to the [Special Note Regarding Police Data](#) at the end of each of the 2017 Data Summaries.

Outcomes of apprehensions for sexual assault on a child (aged 16 years and under)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL APPREHENSIONS	949	971	888	902	815	1,081	999	1,111	1,029
Apprehensions that were prosecuted	675	736	666	663	580	798	702	907	789
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	71%	76%	75%	74%	71%	74%	70%	82%	77%
Apprehensions that were warned / cautioned	94	94	77	108	101	114	143	122	133
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	10%	10%	9%	12%	12%	11%	14%	11%	13%
Apprehensions resulting in other outcome	180	141	145	131	134	169	154	82	107
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	19%	15%	16%	15%	16%	16%	15%	7%	10%



Proceedings against offenders for sexual assault on a child (aged 16 years and under)

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL PROCEEDINGS	1,045	1,017	1,063
Court Action	746	758	750
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>75%</i>	<i>71%</i>
Non-Court Action	263	230	293
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>28%</i>
Not Proceeded with	36	29	20
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>2%</i>

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*District Court*¹⁷

Number of charges for Assault on child offences, by charge outcome

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	747	877	1,219	1,277	1,386	1,515	1,364	1,354	1,458	1,378
Number of convicted charges	393	428	634	652	705	785	744	700	758	728
<i>% of charges</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>49%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>52%</i>	<i>53%</i>
Number of Other proved	38	77	100	92	74	94	90	88	99	121
<i>% of charges</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>9%</i>
Number of Not proved	316	371	479	522	603	629	522	563	592	523
<i>% of charges</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>44%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>41%</i>	<i>38%</i>
Number of charges with other outcomes	0	1	6	11	4	7	8	3	9	6
<i>% of charges</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i><1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i><1%</i>



Number of convicted charges for Assault on child, by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	393	428	634	652	705	785	744	700	758	728
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - Imprisonment	113	80	181	123	165	197	162	178	193	161
% of convicted charges	29%	19%	29%	19%	23%	25%	22%	25%	25%	22%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	204	262	352	424	415	485	496	459	476	509
% of convicted charges	52%	61%	56%	65%	59%	62%	67%	66%	63%	70%
<i>Home Detention</i>	9	27	30	72	60	61	61	66	56	90
% of convicted charges	2%	6%	5%	11%	9%	8%	8%	9%	7%	12%
<i>Community Detention</i>	9	3	24	25	33	67	48	58	78	86
% of convicted charges	2%	1%	4%	4%	5%	9%	6%	8%	10%	12%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	6	33	54	61	50	46	83	75	64	75
% of convicted charges	2%	8%	9%	9%	7%	6%	11%	11%	8%	10%
<i>Community Work</i>	108	117	150	148	173	176	170	144	147	140
% of convicted charges	27%	27%	24%	23%	25%	22%	23%	21%	19%	19%
<i>Supervision</i>	72	82	94	118	99	135	134	116	131	118
% of convicted charges	18%	19%	15%	18%	14%	17%	18%	17%	17%	16%
Number of convicted charges with other sentences	62	69	79	86	90	89	68	49	56	44
% of convicted charges	16%	16%	12%	13%	13%	11%	9%	7%	7%	6%
<i>Monetary</i>	18	15	14	16	15	9	6	8	9	13
% of convicted charges	5%	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Deferment</i>	41	52	61	65	74	78	62	38	45	30
% of convicted charges	10%	12%	10%	10%	10%	10%	8%	5%	6%	4%
<i>Other</i>	3	2	4	5	1	2	0	3	2	1
% of convicted charges	1%	<1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	14	17	22	19	35	14	18	14	33	14
% of convicted charges	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%



Number of charges for sexual offences (children aged under 16 years), by charge outcome

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	3,177	3,276	3,119	3,870	3,673	3,991	4,146	3,400	3,393	3,405
Number of convicted charges	1,318	1,413	1,285	1,681	1,578	1,598	1,934	1,793	1,577	1,556
<i>% of charges</i>	41%	43%	41%	43%	43%	40%	47%	53%	46%	46%
Number of Other proved	58	45	69	58	62	81	80	80	56	87
<i>% of charges</i>	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Number of Not proved	1,743	1,731	1,702	2,015	1,983	2,259	2,039	1,474	1,641	1,667
<i>% of charges</i>	55%	53%	55%	52%	54%	57%	49%	43%	48%	49%
Number of charges with other outcomes	58	87	63	116	50	53	93	53	119	95
<i>% of charges</i>	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	3%



Number of convicted charges for sexual offences (children aged under 16 years), by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	1,318	1,413	1,285	1,681	1,578	1,598	1,934	1,793	1,577	1,556
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - Imprisonment	1,158	1,091	1,051	1,396	1,308	1,275	1,635	1,484	1,272	1,293
% of convicted charges	88%	77%	82%	83%	83%	80%	85%	83%	81%	83%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	84	299	221	279	253	319	276	302	277	245
% of convicted charges	6%	21%	17%	17%	16%	20%	14%	17%	18%	16%
<i>Home Detention</i>	4	203	119	163	145	187	156	232	201	177
% of convicted charges	<1%	14%	9%	10%	9%	12%	8%	13%	13%	11%
<i>Community Detention</i>	7	22	38	47	27	40	34	41	46	34
% of convicted charges	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	8	43	36	45	45	60	50	20	12	27
% of convicted charges	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Community Work</i>	56	26	26	22	22	27	30	7	14	5
% of convicted charges	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	<1%	1%	<1%
<i>Supervision</i>	9	5	2	2	14	5	6	2	4	2
% of convicted charges	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Number of convicted charges with other sentences	59	13	9	1	7	2	11	6	1	6
% of convicted charges	4%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Monetary</i>	4	6	5	0	4	0	2	2	1	2
% of convicted charges	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>Deferment</i>	5	3	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	3
% of convicted charges	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%	0%	0%	<1%
<i>Other</i>	50	4	2	0	3	0	8	4	0	1
% of convicted charges	3%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	17	10	4	5	10	2	12	1	27	12
% of convicted charges	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	2%	1%



Family Court¹⁸**Number of children involved in Domestic Violence Act and Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act cases**

Description	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total number of children involved in cases initiated under the Domestic Violence Act (1995)	6,026	6,109	6,391	6,440	5,578	5,388	6,086	6,421	6,817	6,868
Total number of children involved in cases initiated under the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act (1989)	2,061	1,706	1,999	1,763	1,835	1,925	1,966	1,802	1,679	1,746

Number of children included in Protection Order applications, by gender

Demographics	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total number of children involved Protection Order applications	6,171	6,213	6,690	6,655	5,813	5,673	6,362	6,767	7,140	7,262
Male	2,815	2,795	3,036	3,055	2,733	2,638	3,016	3,229	3,380	3,464
<i>% of total</i>	47%	45%	45%	46%	47%	47%	47%	48%	47%	48%
Female	2,671	2,731	2,994	2,977	2,638	2,621	2,809	3,067	3,356	3,387
<i>% of total</i>	43%	44%	45%	45%	45%	46%	44%	45%	47%	47%
Gender unknown	685	687	660	623	442	414	537	471	404	411
<i>% of total</i>	11%	11%	10%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	6%	6%

Please note: The number of children included in Protection Order applications each year will not equal the number of children in Domestic Violence Act cases, as a case may include more than one application and so is counted in the year of the first application filed in the case.



Hospitalisations¹⁹

Family violence related **assault** hospitalisations (children aged under 16 years) by perpetrator

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL PATIENTS UNDER 16 DISCHARGED FOLLOWING AN ASSAULT	170	187	182	192	179	146	131	127	129	115
Perpetrator of assault was family member	59	78	63	68	67	62	56	57	64	63
<i>% of total</i>	35%	42%	35%	35%	37%	42%	43%	45%	50%	55%
Perpetrator of assault was non-family member	37	38	46	52	57	45	37	30	33	24
<i>% of total</i>	22%	20%	25%	27%	32%	31%	28%	24%	26%	21%
Perpetrator of assault was an unspecified person	74	71	73	72	55	39	38	40	32	28
<i>% of total</i>	43%	38%	40%	38%	31%	27%	29%	31%	25%	24%

Exposure to family violence

The Health and Wellbeing of Secondary School Students in New Zealand reports: Youth 2000, Youth '07 and Youth '12

Witnessed adults at home hitting or physically hurting other adults and other children – once or more often in the last 12 months^{21,22}

	2001	2007	2012
TOTAL witnessed adults at home hitting or physically hurting each other	6%	10%	7%
Males	5%	10%	7%
Females	6%	11%	8%
TOTAL witnessed adults at home hitting or physically hurting children	16%	17%	14%
Males	-	16%	13%
Females	-	17%	15%

Special Note Regarding Police Data

Background

In November 2014 and May 2015 respectively, the New Zealand Police launched the Recorded Crime Victims and Offenders Statistics. The release of this information represents a fundamental shift in counting methods used to produce crime statistics. Whilst in the past information regarding the impact of crime in our society has been largely measured by the number of offences recorded and apprehensions made, this information provided little information about the people affected, or the relationship between the victim and the offender.

Changes over time in Police systems and recording practices have enabled alterations to counting practices employed by the police (for complete details, please refer to [“The transformation of NZ Police crime statistics: New measures and trends”](#)). For example, where “assault against a child” was previously defined using the assault offence code, it is now possible to define such offences by the age of the victim as recorded in the victimisations statistics. As such, a wider range of the types of assault on children can be identified. Where we are interested in assaults against a woman (for example, page 4 of Data Summary 2), we can establish the percent for which an offender was identified (40% in 2016); the percent of assaults perpetrated by family members (77% where the offender was identified in 2016); and the percent perpetrated by either non-family members (15%) or strangers (8%). **Please note that the significant percentage of cases in which no identified offender was recorded in the datasets leads to the possibility that the actual distribution of relationships between victims and perpetrators differs from those presented in the tables.**

There have also been changes in the way apprehensions and resolutions are recorded. The police now provide information on the number of offenders proceeded against (similar to apprehensions). The “method of proceeding” describes the first type of legal action (court or non-court) initiated by the police against a person as a result of an investigation into an offence.



What does this mean for the data presented in the Data Summaries?

The changed counting rules have resulted in a break in the time series of information available from the Police. As a result, tables that detail recorded and resolved offences finish at 2014. New tables describing victimisations begin in July 2014, and tables describing proceedings against offenders begin in January 2014.

In the 2017 Data Summaries we have chosen to provide both tables where this information is available to allow the reader to understand the level of overlap between the measures and how they differ. Because of the significant differences in counting techniques employed by the police, readers should be careful not to make direct comparisons between data in the old and new tables.

Please refer to the Police Definitions for additional information concerning the definitions of the new terms used. Further information concerning the Recorded Victims and Offender Statistics, as well as the Transformation of NZ Police Crime Statistics can be used following the relevant links (see below).

[Recorded Crime Victims Statistics](#)

[Recorded Crime Offender Statistics](#)

[Transformation of the NZ Police Crime Statistics](#)



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