

Data Summary: Adult Sexual Violence

This data summary is one of six produced by the NZFVC 2017. The other five data summaries are concerned with Family Violence Deaths, Violence Against Women, Children and Youth Affected by Family Violence, Child Sexual Abuse, and Child Sexual Abuse and Adult Sexual Violence – Perpetration by Gender. This data summary is a collation of publicly available information about sexual assault and has been sourced from self-report surveys and administrative data sources.

Information sources:

- New Zealand Police^{1,2,3,4}
- District Court⁵
- New Zealand Violence Against Women Study^{6,7}
- Ministry of Women's Affairs⁸
- New Zealand Crime and Safety Survey⁹

Because they are sourced from different studies, using different groups of individuals and different methods to collect the data, we advise against comparing between tables. In general we have allowed the tables to speak for themselves, providing minimal commentary. All numbers in the tables are rounded to the nearest whole number unless otherwise stated.

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.

An important note on interpreting the administrative data

Some of the data in the summaries has been drawn from administrative and service data (police, courts). These data are dependent on reporting and recording practices and cannot be used as indicators of the incidence of sexual violence in the population. In addition, they cannot be used to comment on trends in the occurrence of sexual violence over time. Sexual violence is often not reported to authorities and so can be very hard to measure from administrative data. NZCASS shows that only about 9% of sexual offences against men and women were reported to the Police.¹⁰ 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).¹¹

Further, the data provided is often provisional (subject to change if new information is gathered) and drawn from dynamic operational databases.

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New Zealand Violence Against Women Study⁷

Physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence – prevalence, women aged 18-64 years

In 2003, a population-based survey was carried out of a nationally representative sample of New Zealand women (n=2,855).

Prevalence of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence by ethnicity (ever-partnered women)⁶

Ethnicity	n	Physical abuse		Sexual abuse		Physical and/or sexual	
		%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
Lifetime prevalence							
Māori	(n=353)	53.5	(47.3-59.6)	29.1	(23.1-34.3)	57.6	(51.6-63.7)
Pacific	(n=168)	31.5	(24.0-39.0)	14.9	(8.7-21.1)	32.4	(24.9-40.0)
Asian	(n=152)	10.1	(5.0-15.1)	3.8	(0.7-7.0)	11.5	(6.4-16.7)
European/Other	(n=1,994)	30.3	(28.1-32.5)	16.0	(14.3-17.7)	34.3	(31.9-36.3)
12-month prevalence							
Māori	(n=339)	12.5	(8.5-16.5)	5.7	(2.9-8.6)	14.1	(9.9-18.4)
Pacific	(n=163)	8.4	(3.7-13.0)	4.2	(0.4-8.0)	9.3	(4.4-14.2)
Asian	(n=151)	2.9	(0.2-5.6)	0.5	(0.0-1.4)	3.4	(0.6-6.2)
European/Other	(n=1,956)	3.7	(2.6-4.7)	1.1	(0.5-1.7)	3.9	(2.9-4.9)

Prevalence of physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence by location (ever-partnered women)⁷

Location	n	Physical abuse		Sexual abuse		Physical and/or sexual	
		%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
Lifetime prevalence							
Auckland	(n=1,309)	30.2	(27.3-33.1)	14.1	(11.9-16.3)	33.1	(30.1-36.2)
Waikato	(n=1,360)	34.4	(31.7-37.1)	19.9	(17.7-22.2)	38.8	(35.9-41.6)
12-month prevalence							
Auckland	(n=1,309)	5.3	(4.0-6.6)	2.1	(1.2-3.0)	5.7	(4.3-7.0)
Waikato	(n=1,360)	4.8	(3.3-6.2)	1.5	(0.7-2.4)	5.4	(3.8-6.9)



*New Zealand Crime and Safety Survey (2006, 2009, and 2014)*⁹

The NZCASS provides information about the extent and nature of crime and victimisation in New Zealand by asking people aged 15 or over directly about personal and household crimes they have experienced. Findings from NZCASS showed that the lifetime experience of sexual violence for New Zealand women was 28.3%, 24.8% and 23.8% in 2006, 2009, and 2014, respectively. For males these figures were 7.9%, 5.9% and 5.6%, respectively.

Characteristics of women who have ever experienced sexual violence

Characteristics of victim	Lifetime prevalence		
	2006	2009	2014
FEMALES			
	% of women who were victimised once or more		
Age			
15-19 years	24.0%	25.9%	10.4%
20-29 years	32.1%	24.7%	27.6%
30-39 years	35.1%	27.5%	24.6%
40-49 years	34.0%	28.4%	29.0%
50-59 years	29.2%	30.7%	28.5%
60-64 years	24.6%	24.5%	20.1%
65 years and over	12.8%	11.2%	17.9%
Ethnicity			
European	30.9%	26.6%	25.6%
Māori	35.4%	32.0%	28.9%
Pacific peoples	S	23.3%	13.0%
Asian	13.2%	12.6%	14.6%
Other Ethnicity	13.6%	S	S

S: Data which are unreliable or need to be used with caution are suppressed.



Characteristics of women who experienced one or more sexual offence by relationship to the offender

Characteristics of victim	Annual prevalence		
	2005	2008	2013
FEMALES			
Victim's relationship to offender	% of women who were victimised one or more		
Family	1.9%	2.4%	1.6%
Intimate partner*	1.6%	2.0%	1.6%
Family excluding intimate partner	0.6%	0.7%	0.3%
Not family	4.7%	3.5%	2.4%
People known excluding family	3.9%	2.7%	1.9%
Strangers	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%

* For women who have ever had a partner rather than all women.

Please note: Sub-categories may not add up to the total as victims may experience sexual violence by more than one perpetrators.



Characteristics of men who have ever experienced sexual violence

Characteristics of victim	Lifetime prevalence		
	2006	2009	2014
MALES			
% of men who were victimised once or more			
Age			
15-19 years	6.2%	3.1%	–
20-29 years	7.9%	5.5%	4.6%
30-39 years	10.0%	6.3%	6.9%
40-49 years	9.1%	7.0%	7.6%
50-59 years	9.5%	4.9%	7.7%
60-64 years	4.1%	10.0%	5.5%
65 years and over	4.6%	5.7%	4.5%
Ethnicity			
European	8.2%	6.2%	5.7%
Māori	9.7%	7.8%	6.1%
Pacific peoples	6.3%	3.8%	8.1%
Asian	6.1%	3.1%	3.4%
Other Ethnicity	–	11.2%	5.9%

– Data are not available due to no or low sample count.



Characteristics of men who experienced one or more sexual offence by relationship to the offender

Characteristics of victim	Annual prevalence		
	2005	2008	2013
MALES			
Victim's relationship to offender	% of men who were victimised one or more		
Family	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%
Intimate partner*	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%
Family exclude intimate partner	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Not family	2.1%	1.0%	0.9%
People known exclude family	1.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Strangers	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%

* For men who have ever had a partner rather than all men.

Please note: Sub-categories may not add up to the total as victims may experience sexual violence by more than one perpetrators.



Ministry of Women's Affairs⁸

The Attrition Study was conducted to assess the proportion and type of cases of sexual violence that dropped out at each stage of the criminal justice process in New Zealand, as recorded by police.

Attrition in the Criminal Justice System

	Number	Percent
TOTAL POLICE FILES CODED AS SEXUAL VIOLATION OF AN ADULT (1 JULY 2005 – 31 DECEMBER 2007)	1,955	100
False complaint	157	8
No offence	510	26
Valid offences	1,288	66
No suspect, case closed (% of valid offences)	138	11
No suspect, case open (% of valid offences)	82	6
Suspect identified (% of valid offences)	1,068	83
Case open (% of suspect identified offences)	108	10
No charges (% of suspect identified offences)	328	31
Suspect warned (% of suspect identified offences)	39	4
Charges laid (% of suspect identified offences)	601	56
Withdrawn/discharged/acquitted/quashed on appeal/other (% charges laid)	287	48
Withdrawn/discharged etc and convicted on related offence (% charges laid)	62	10
Guilty plea/found guilty (% charges laid)	251	42
<i>% of valid offences</i>		19



Demographic characteristics of victims and relationship between victim and offender

	Number	Percent
TOTAL POLICE FILES CODED AS SEXUAL VIOLATION OF AN ADULT (1 JULY 2005 – 31 DECEMBER 2007)	1,955	100
Gender		
Female	1,847	95
Male	97	5
Age		
16-19 years	337	24
20-24 years	304	21
25-29 years	161	11
30-39 years	278	20
40-59 years	174	12
60+ years	15	1
Ethnicity		
Māori	464	27
Pacific	103	6
European	1,049	61
Other	104	6
Relationship between victim and offender		
Family / whānau	114	6
Current / ex-partner	284	15
Boyfriend / girlfriend	99	5
Friend	142	7
Acquaintance	142	7
Just met (within 24 hours)	213	11
Other known	242	12
Stranger	227	12
Unrecorded	534	25



Demographic characteristics of perpetrators

	Number	Percent
TOTAL NUMBER OF PERPETRATORS IDENTIFIED	1,432	100
Gender		
Female	11	1
Male	1,420	99
Age		
<20 years	182	13
20-29 years	449	32
30-39 years	379	27
40-49 years	281	20
50+ years	129	9
Ethnicity		
Māori	360	30
Pacific	24	2
European	576	48
Other	108	9



New Zealand Police^{1,2,3,4}Reported and resolved sexual offences against adults (aged over 16 years)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST ALL ADULTS									
Reported	1,331	1,321	1,373	1,469	1,481	1,536	1,617	1,848	1,888
Resolved	772	821	892	901	819	851	857	866	772
<i>% Resolved</i>	58%	62%	65%	61%	55%	55%	53%	47%	41%
SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST ADULT WOMEN									
Reported	1,157	1,104	1,181	1,233	1,241	1,259	1,326	1,489	1,476
Resolved	697	694	768	770	673	707	705	683	565
<i>% Resolved</i>	60%	63%	65%	62%	54%	56%	53%	46%	38%

Outcomes of investigations at 180 days: Sexual assault on adults (aged 16 years and above) offence

	Jul-Dec 2014	Jan-Jun 2015	Jul-Dec 2015	Jan-Jun 2016
SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST ADULT WOMEN				
TOTAL RECORDED VICTIMISATIONS	821	872	993	1,017
Investigation finalised – No offender proceeded against	46	33	31	31
Investigation finalised – Offender proceeded against	232	265	287	267
Investigation not finalised	540	574	670	718
No outcome at this time	3	0	5	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST ADULT MEN				
TOTAL RECORDED VICTIMISATIONS	91	55	63	61
Investigation finalised – No offender proceeded against	4	2	0	3
Investigation finalised – Offender proceeded against	35	10	15	19
Investigation not finalised	52	43	47	39
No outcome at this time	0	0	1	0

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.

Those victims whose age or gender could not be identified have not been included in this table.



Apprehensions for sexual offences against adults (aged over 16 years)*

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total apprehensions sexual assault	778	818	882	900	820	871	845	837	785
Assaults on a woman	703	689	754	770	674	728	698	650	581
<i>Female perpetrator</i>	7	2	5	7	8	13	4	8	12
<i>Male perpetrator</i>	696	687	749	763	666	715	694	642	569
Assaults on a man	31	45	40	30	41	34	29	47	41
<i>Female perpetrator</i>	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	2	2
<i>Male perpetrator</i>	30	43	39	30	41	32	27	45	39
Assaults on undefined gender	44	84	88	100	104	109	118	139	163
<i>Female perpetrator</i>	1	5	5	2	2	1	5	3	3
<i>Male perpetrator</i>	43	79	83	98	102	108	113	136	160

* Where subcategories do not add up to total, the gender of the perpetrator is 'undefined'.

Proceedings for sexual offences against adults (aged over 16 years)

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL SEXUAL ASSAULT PROCEEDINGS	689	745	725
Assaults on a woman	636	697	671
<i>Female perpetrator</i>	9	7	7
<i>Male perpetrator</i>	625	690	664
<i>Gender unknown</i>	2	0	0
Assaults on a man	53	47	53
<i>Female perpetrator</i>	5	3	4
<i>Male perpetrator</i>	48	44	48
<i>Gender unknown</i>	0	0	1
Assaults on undefined gender	0	1	1
<i>Female perpetrator</i>	0	0	0
<i>Male perpetrator</i>	0	1	1

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 offences against adults

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST ALL ADULTS									
TOTAL APPREHENSIONS	778	818	882	900	820	871	845	837	785
Apprehensions that were prosecuted	616	623	667	716	638	697	660	687	656
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	79%	76%	76%	80%	78%	80%	78%	82%	84%
Apprehensions that were warned/ cautioned	79	90	76	60	84	73	72	95	90
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	10%	11%	9%	7%	10%	8%	9%	11%	11%
Apprehensions resulting in other outcome	83	105	139	124	98	101	113	55	39
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	11%	13%	16%	14%	12%	12%	13%	7%	5%
SEXUAL OFFENCES AGAINST ADULT WOMEN									
Total apprehensions	703	689	754	770	674	728	698	651	581
Apprehensions that were prosecuted	562	537	594	623	528	591	543	536	485
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	80%	78%	79%	81%	78%	81%	78%	82%	83%
Apprehensions that were warned/ cautioned	64	72	55	41	57	50	54	70	63
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	9%	10%	7%	5%	8%	7%	8%	11%	11%
Apprehensions resulting in other outcome	77	80	105	106	89	87	101	45	33
<i>% of total apprehensions</i>	11%	12%	14%	14%	13%	12%	14%	7%	6%



Proceedings for sexual violence offences against adults

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL PROCEEDINGS FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL ADULTS	689	745	725
Court action	548	591	592
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	80%	79%	82%
Non-court action	109	113	103
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	16%	15%	14%
Not proceeded with	32	41	30
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	5%	6%	4%
TOTAL PROCEEDINGS FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ADULT WOMEN	636	697	671
Court action	505	557	549
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	79%	80%	82%
Non-court action	102	106	95
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	16%	15%	14%
Not proceeded with	29	34	27
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	5%	5%	4%

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District Court⁵**Number of charges for sexual offences (adults aged 16 years and over), by charge outcome**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ADULT WOMEN										
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	1,053	1,017	1,234	1,119	1,055	1,198	1,224	1,207	1,220	1,147
Number of convicted charges	350	326	428	397	388	388	496	470	515	455
<i>% of charges</i>	33%	32%	35%	35%	37%	32%	41%	39%	42%	40%
Number of Other proved	18	12	30	14	24	19	26	19	12	18
<i>% of charges</i>	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Number of Not proved	669	664	763	681	629	763	677	703	655	639
<i>% of charges</i>	64%	65%	62%	61%	60%	64%	55%	58%	54%	56%
Number of charges with other outcomes	16	15	13	27	14	28	25	15	38	35
<i>% of charges</i>	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ADULT MEN										
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	65	103	107	89	80	66	96	88	93	110
Number of convicted charges	30	39	42	52	20	26	39	42	26	38
<i>% of charges</i>	46%	38%	39%	58%	25%	39%	40%	48%	28%	35%
Number of Other proved	3	2	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	1
<i>% of charges</i>	5%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%
Number of Not proved	29	62	60	34	58	34	42	40	34	65
<i>% of charges</i>	45%	60%	56%	38%	73%	52%	44%	45%	37%	59%
Number of charges with other outcomes	3	0	3	0	1	5	12	4	31	6
<i>% of charges</i>	5%	0%	3%	0%	1%	8%	13%	5%	33%	5%

In previous years, sexual offences against men have not been categorised, only offences against children, adult women and all other offences. As such, the total number of sexual violence offences against adults was calculated as sexual violence against adult women plus sexual violence not against children. Ministry of Justice has advised caution against this method of calculating the total. They have revised their categorisation and now include an adult men category. Therefore, now only sexual violence offences known to be against adult women or adult men have been included in this table.



Number of convicted charges for sexual offence (adult women aged 16 years and over), by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ADULT WOMEN										
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	350	326	428	397	388	388	496	470	515	455
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - <i>Imprisonment</i>	257	199	306	290	290	272	370	359	345	312
% of convicted charges	73%	61%	71%	73%	75%	70%	75%	76%	67%	69%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	61	107	93	90	69	92	106	106	147	127
% of convicted charges	17%	33%	22%	23%	18%	24%	21%	23%	29%	28%
<i>Home Detention</i>	3	37	25	36	24	32	48	37	53	57
% of convicted charges	1%	11%	6%	9%	6%	8%	10%	8%	10%	13%
<i>Community Detention</i>	0	5	13	18	12	13	17	26	25	23
% of convicted charges	0%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	6%	5%	5%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	1	22	15	7	12	13	12	15	19	12
% of convicted charges	<1%	7%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%
<i>Community Work</i>	46	37	36	27	20	31	25	25	44	29
% of convicted charges	13%	11%	8%	7%	5%	8%	5%	5%	9%	6%
<i>Supervision</i>	11	6	4	2	1	3	4	3	6	6
% of convicted charges	3%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Number of charges with other sentences	32	16	22	16	26	21	18	5	13	16
% of convicted charges	9%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	1%	3%	4%
<i>Monetary</i>	23	13	15	7	17	18	9	4	7	9
% of convicted charges	7%	4%	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Deferment</i>	2	2	4	4	4	3	1	0	1	0
% of convicted charges	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%
<i>Other</i>	7	1	3	5	5	0	8	1	5	7
% of convicted charges	2%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	<1%	1%	2%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	0	4	7	1	3	3	2	0	10	0
% of convicted charges	0%	1%	2%	<1%	1%	1%	<1%	0%	2%	0%



Number of convicted charges for sexual offence (adult men aged 16 years and over), by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST ADULT MEN										
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	30	39	42	52	20	26	39	42	26	38
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - Imprisonment	23	32	35	31	13	22	26	23	13	30
% of convicted charges	77%	82%	83%	60%	65%	85%	67%	55%	50%	79%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	6	7	7	17	4	4	13	19	13	8
% of convicted charges	20%	18%	17%	33%	20%	15%	33%	45%	50%	21%
<i>Home Detention</i>	1	2	2	4	1	2	6	16	7	5
% of convicted charges	3%	5%	5%	8%	5%	8%	15%	38%	27%	13%
<i>Community Detention</i>	0	0	4	3	1	2	5	0	1	1
% of convicted charges	0%	0%	10%	6%	5%	8%	13%	0%	4%	3%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	2
% of convicted charges	3%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	5%	2%	4%	5%
<i>Community Work</i>	3	4	0	3	2	0	0	1	3	0
% of convicted charges	10%	10%	0%	6%	10%	0%	0%	2%	12%	0%
<i>Supervision</i>	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
% of convicted charges	3%	3%	2%	8%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	0%
Number of charges with other sentences	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
% of convicted charges	3%	0%	0%	8%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Monetary</i>	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
% of convicted charges	0%	0%	0%	8%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Deferment</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% of convicted charges	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% of convicted charges	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
% of convicted charges	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



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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