

Remand

The adult remand population has grown significantly since 2014

Both the number of people being remanded in custody and the average time spent on remand have increased since June 2014. As a result, the remand population has increased by 75% over the same period.

What is remand?

People awaiting trial and/or sentencing are held on remand if it is not possible to deal with their offending at their current appearance in court, and there are concerns about releasing them into the community.

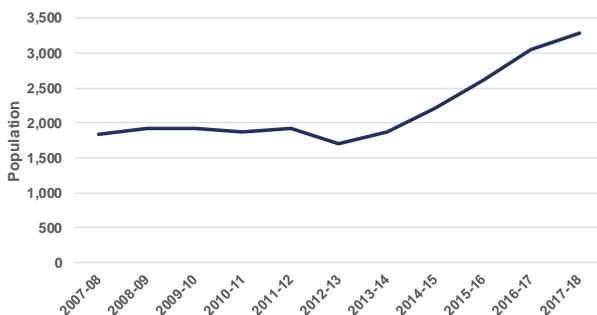
Governed by the Bail Act 2000, the most common reasons for remanding a person in custody are the risks that:

- The defendant may fail to appear in court on the date to which the defendant has been remanded;
- The defendant may interfere with witnesses or evidence; or
- The defendant may offend on bail.

The Bail Act 2000 also adds considerations, such as previous record on bail, for the court to apply when making the decision.

Trends in remand

Figure 1: Adult remand population



The adult remand population has grown from 1,861 in June 2014 to 3,283 in June 2018. Until 2012-13 remand numbers were similar between Māori and non-Māori. Since then, Māori have become the largest component of the remand population, with Māori forming 54% of the remand population in June 2018.

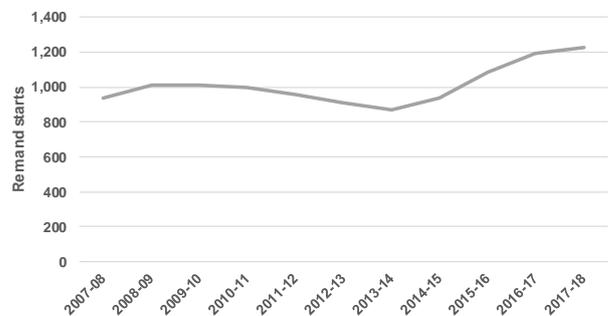
The remand population, is driven by two key factors: the **numbers** being remanded, and the **length** of time on remand. Both have been increasing in recent years.

Numbers being remanded

The number of people starting remand per month has been increasing steadily - from 900 people in 2013-14 to 1,200 people in 2017-18 (a 30% increase).

The numbers of Māori and non-Māori starting a period of remand were similar until 2008-09; however Māori now make up 55% of those starting remand.

Figure 2: Average numbers starting remand

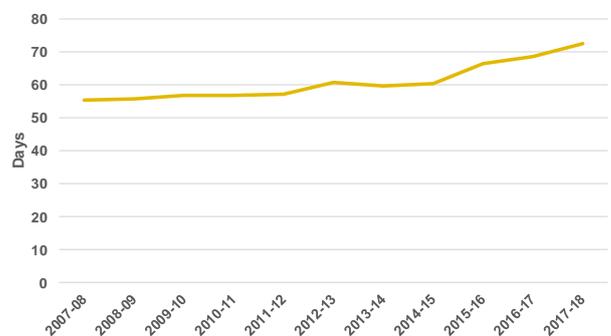


Length of time on remand

The average time people spend on remand has also increased - from around 60 days in 2008 to over 70 days today (a 20% increase).

Māori and non-Māori spend similar time on remand.

Figure 3: Length of time on remand



The impact of both has been compounded with the remand population now 75% higher than in 2014.

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