

4 April 2023

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Our ref: OIA 103353

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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you requested:

Statistics of children and young people, 17 years of age and under, charged with murder, manslaughter, or attempted murder under the Crimes Act 1961, between the years of 2023 and 2013?

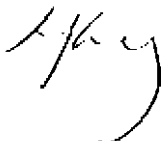
Please break down the statistics for the above charges into age groups, by individual ages.

For example, of those 17 years of age and under charged with murder in the year 2014, 2 of those were 17, 1 was 15 etc.

In response to your request, please find attached Table 1 that shows the number of young people that were convicted of murder, manslaughter, and attempted murder charges between 2013 and 2022.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

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Table 1: Number of of young people convicted of murder, manslaughter, and attempted murder charges between 2013 and 2022.

| Age | Convicted charge | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-----|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 13 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Murder | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 16 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Murder | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Notes for Table 1:

- Data is extracted from the Case Management System on 21 March 2023.
- This table counts charges that resulted in a conviction, year is based on the charge outcome date of each charge.
- Age of the defendant is at their offence date.
- Young people are persons whose ages are at 17 years of age or under.
- This data counts the most serious convicted charge for each defendant, each charge outcome year.
- Seriousness of charges are in ranking order 1. Murder, 2. Manslaughter and 3. Attempted Murder.
- Date range used is based off the most recent Tier 1 Statistics (up to December 2022), data for 2023 is not yet available.

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Official Information Act request

On 4 April 2023, we provided you a response to your request of 17 March 2023, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). You requested statistics broken down into individual age groups of children and young people (aged 17 years and younger) charged with murder, manslaughter, or attempted murder under the Crimes Act 1961, between 2013 and 2023.

In response to your request, as is standard practice for OIA responses, a table was provided showing the number of young people convicted of murder, manslaughter, and attempted murder charges between 2013 and 2022.

On 5 April 2023, you responded that you need data relating to the number of charges, not convictions as had been provided. We confirmed data for the number of charges could be provided. Accordingly, please find attached Table 1 which shows the number of young people who were charged with murder, manslaughter, and attempted murder charges between 2013 and 2023 (1 January - 30 April).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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Table 1: Number of young people charged for murder, manslaughter and attempted murder offences between 2013 and 2023.

| Age | Charge | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 12 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 | Murder | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 14 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 | Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 | Murder | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | Manslaughter | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | Attempted murder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Murder | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | Manslaughter | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Attempted murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | | 7 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 4 |

Notes for Table 1:

- Data is extracted from the Case Management System on 1 May 2023.
- 2023 is a partial year covering 1 January - 30 April.
- This data counts the most serious charge laid for each defendant, per calendar year. A defendant may have multiple charges in the same case, across different calendar years. Seriousness of charges are in ranking order 1. Murder, 2. Manslaughter and 3. Attempted Murder.
- Age of the defendant is from the offence date.
- Young people are persons whose ages were 17 years or under at the date of the offence.