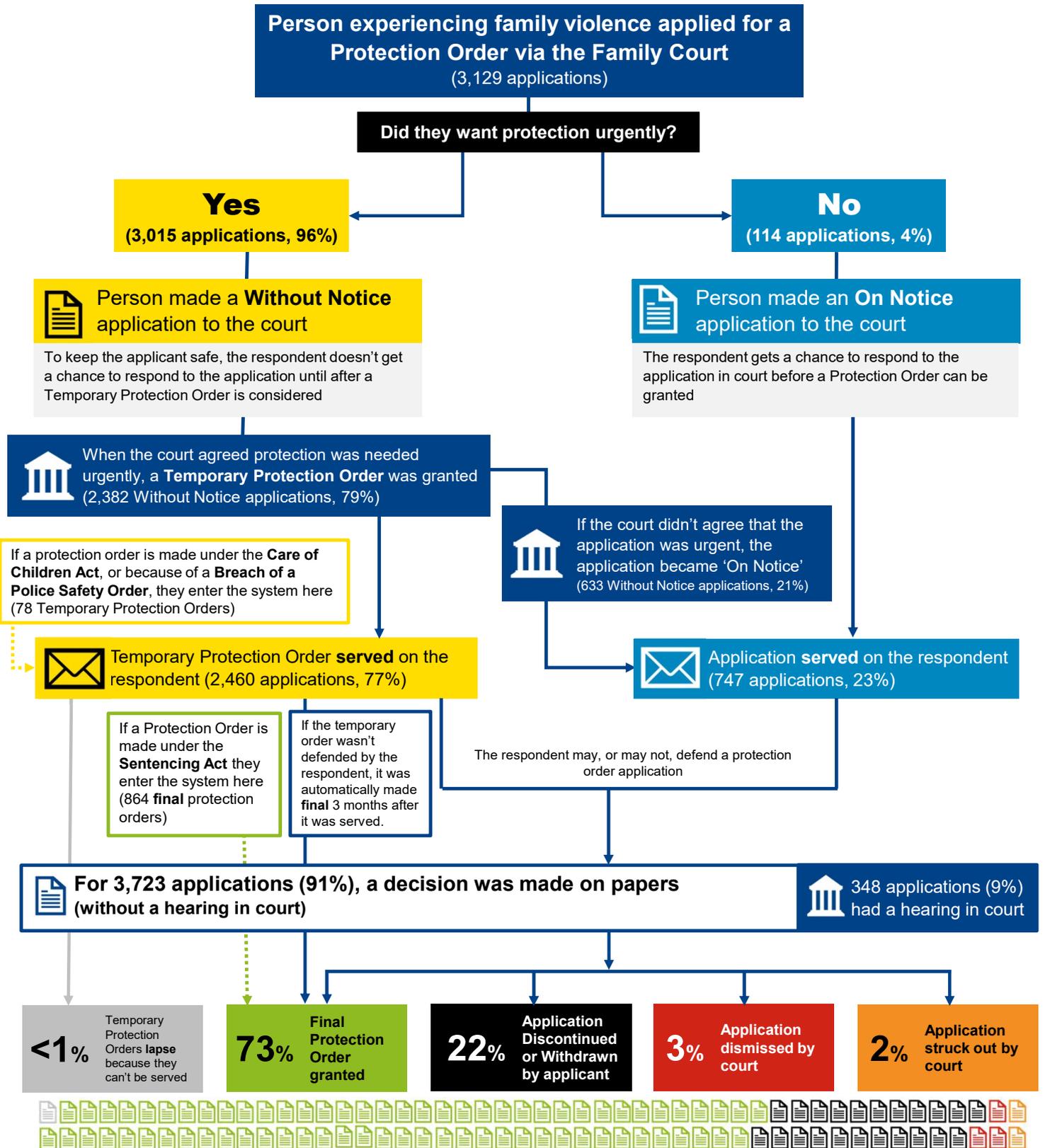


# Most Protection Order applications are granted

This flowchart shows how Protection Order applications made and resolved in 2021 moved through the protection order process.



# Definitions and further information

## Total applications made between 1 January and 31 December 2021

There was a total of 5,518 protection order applications made between 1 January and 31 December. Only the resolved applications are shown in the flowchart on the previous page.

Status	Application type	Number of applications	
Resolved	On Notice	114	Included in flowchart
	Without Notice	3,015	
	Sentencing Act	864	
	Breach of Police Safety Order	74	
	Care of Children Act protection order	4	
Still active		1,447	Not included in flowchart
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,518</b>	

## Cases still active

There were 1,447 applications applied for in 2021 that were still active on 31 December. Of these, most were Without Notice applications that had been applied for after 30 September – meaning they were still within the 3 month temporary protection order window and could not yet be made final.



## Why don't all cases have a hearing?

Only On Notice and defended Without Notice applications generally proceed to a hearing. In other cases, the case is dealt with “on papers”, meaning that the applicant(s) and respondent(s) don't need to be present and the court or judicial officer (such as a judge or registrar) rules on the case based on the information provided.

## Application Discontinued or Withdrawn by the applicant

Within the Family Court, there is no difference between an applicant discontinuing or withdrawing their application (although there is a difference between these outcomes in civil cases). This is why these have been combined in this flowchart. Applicants can choose to discontinue/withdraw their application for any reason.

## Application Dismissed by court

When an application is Dismissed by the court, it means that a judge has heard the application and decided it does not meet the statutory threshold for it to be granted.

## Application Struck Out by court

When an application is Struck Out, it means that a judge has set a requirement for the applicant that they have not met – for example, an applicant failed to attend a hearing or failed to file documents.

## Further information:

- Find out more [information about Family Violence](#)
- Learn how to [apply for a protection order](#)
- Check out the [Family Court data tables](#) on the Ministry of Justice website
- Find more research on family and sexual violence at the [New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse](#)
- If you're experiencing family or sexual violence, you can get help via a [family violence and sexual violence helpline](#)