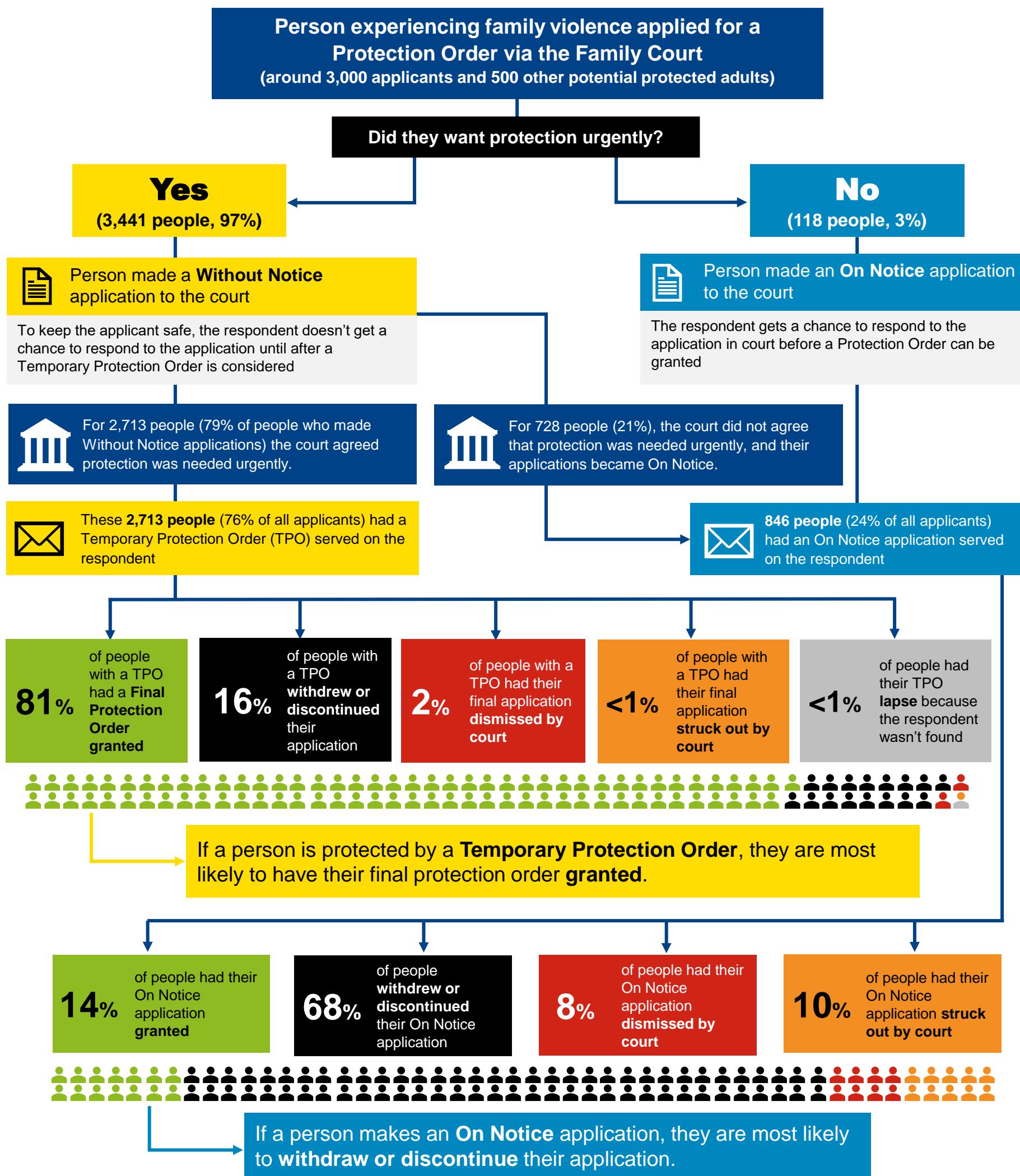


Most people have their Protection Orders granted

Each year, over 3,000 people apply for an On Notice or Without Notice Protection Order.* This flowchart shows how these people whose applications that were made and resolved in 2021 moved through the Protection Order process.



* Protection Orders issued under the Sentencing Act, the Care of Children Act or as a result of a breach of a Police Safety Order are not included in this flowchart as they are issued by courts, rather than applied for by individuals.

Definitions and further information

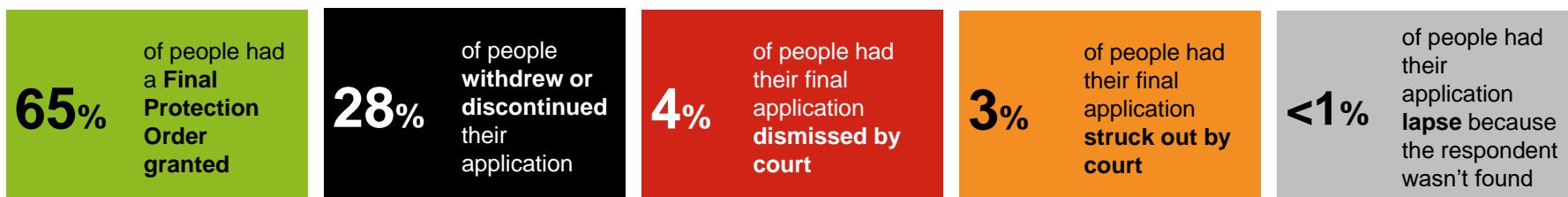
Total outcomes

There was a total of 5,121 people who applied for or were listed as an other potential protected adult an On Notice or Without Notice Protection Order in 2021.

3,559 of these had their case resolved by 31 December 2021, and were summarised on the flowchart on the previous page.

Cases resolved

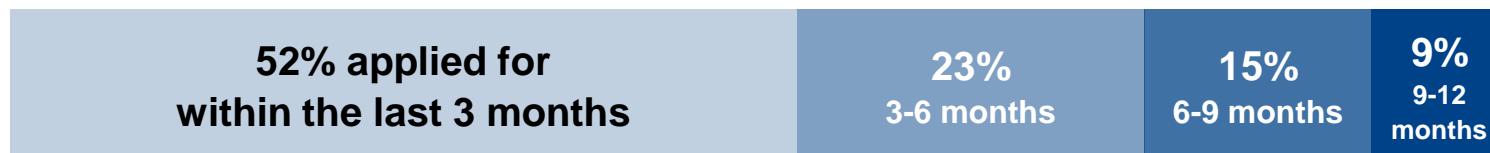
Of the 3,559 applicants and other potential protected adults who applied for and had their protection order application resolved in 2021, 65% had a final order granted.



Cases still active

There were 1,562 people who applied for protection orders in 2021 that were still active on 31 December. *These people are not included in the flowchart on the previous page as their applications are ongoing.*

Most of these people had 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.



Applicants

Applicants are the people who apply for the protection order.

Other potential protected adults

Another person who is to be protected by the protection order, due to their relationship to the applicant – such as a flatmate, new partner, or family member.

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 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](#)