Most offending by children and young people is dealt with outside the court system

Number of children and young people with charges finalised in court in 2018: 1,620

- Decreased by 14% since 2017
- Decreased by 35% since 2013
- Accounts for only 2% of all people charged in court in 2018

Number and rate of children and young people charged in court, 1992 - 2018

Children and young people in court in 2018

- 78% are male
- 2% are female
- 23% are 10-13 years
- 33% are 14 years
- 40% are 15 years
- 4% are 16 years

The largest percentage are 16 years old, however this percentage continues to decrease

The number with charges has fallen for all ethnicities over the past 10 years

But the percentage who are Māori grew from 48% in 2009 to 64% in 2016 and has been stable since

The number charged with theft, burglary or assault is falling, but robbery is increasing

In 2018, theft became the most common offence for the first time in the past 15 years

Most children and young people in court had charges proved (78%)

The majority followed plans agreed at Family Group Conferences and were discharged

However around 1 in 4 received orders or sentences for their offending, of these:

- 16% Discharge, admonish
- 16% Monetary, disqualification, confiscation
- 24% Supervision with residence
- 36% Supervision with activity, supervision, or community work
- 7% Adult sentences
- 1% Other

More detailed statistics are available on the StatsNZ website (http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/ under “Justice”. A full summary of this data is available at https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/justice-statistics/children-and-young-people-in-court/ Percentages may not add up to 100 as they have been rounded to the nearest whole number. All data has been randomly rounded for privacy reasons.