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 2018/2019: 1,497
- Decreased by 16% since 2017/2018
- Decreased by 65% since 2009/2010
- Accounts for only 2% of all people charged in court in 2018/2019

Children and young people in court in 2018/2019

- 78% are male
- The percentage of children and young people who are 15 years or under continues to increase

The percentage of children and young people in court with Māori as one of their ethnicities has fallen for the first time in the past ten years

Over the past ten years, the number of children and young people charged with theft, burglary or assault fell, while robbery increased

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 3 with proved charges received orders or sentences, of these:

- 37% Discharge, admonish
- 17% Supervision with activity, supervision, or community work
- 12% Disbursement, disqualification, confiscation
- 5% Adult sentences
- 26% Supervision with residence
- 1% Other

More detailed statistics are available on the Stats NZ 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. Ethnicity data uses multiple ethnicities, counting a person more than once. All data has been randomly rounded for privacy reasons.