

Data Summary: Violence Against Women

This data summary is one of six produced by the NZFVC in 2017. The other five data summaries are concerned with Family Violence Deaths, Children and Youth affected by Family Violence, Child Sexual Abuse, Adult Sexual Violence, and Child Sexual Abuse and Adult Sexual Violence – Perpetration by Gender. The data on Violence Against Women were obtained from the following sources:

1. Family Violence Investigations by New Zealand Police¹

2. Male Assaults Female

Data sources:

- New Zealand Police: Recorded Crime Victims Dataset (victimisations)², Male Assaults Female offences³ and proceedings⁴
- District Courts: Male Assaults Female convictions and sentence outcomes⁵

3. Sexual Assault

Data sources:

- New Zealand Police: Recorded Crime Victims Dataset (victimisations),² Sexual Assault apprehension statistics⁶, and proceedings⁴
- District Court – Convictions and sentence outcomes for sexual violence⁵

4. Protection Orders

Data sources:

- Family Court – Types of Protection Orders applied for; application outcomes; gender of applicants; and demographic information about respondents⁷
- New Zealand Police – Breach of Protection Order apprehensions and resolutions³, offences against the Domestic Violence Act 1995 and proceedings.⁴
- District Court – Convictions and sentence outcomes for Breach of Protection order offences⁵

5. Hospitalisations as a result of Family Violence

Data source:

- Ministry of Health National Minimum Data Set of hospital discharges – frequency of women hospitalised due to assault, provided by the Injury Prevention Research Unit, University of Otago⁸



6. Service Use

Data source:

- National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges Service use⁹

An important note on interpreting the data

The majority of the data in this summary are drawn from administrative and service data. As such, they are dependent on reporting and recording practices and cannot be used as indicators of the incidence of family violence or violence against women in the population. In addition, they cannot be used to comment on trends in the occurrence of family violence over time. For a detailed discussion of the process for collecting data, changes over time and the uses of government agency data for understanding community experiences of family violence, see *Family Violence Indicators* (2013).¹⁰

In general we have allowed the tables to speak for themselves, providing minimal commentary.

All numbers in the tables are rounded to the nearest whole number unless otherwise stated. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

A link to the definitions for all of the terms used, and caveats for all of the data can be accessed by clicking on the title of each table.



Family Violence Investigations by Police

Responding to family violence accounts for 41% of a frontline Police Officer's time.¹¹

Family Violence Investigations¹

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILY VIOLENCE INVESTIGATIONS	69,729	73,280	79,257	86,764	89,884	87,639	95,061	101,955	110,126	118,910
Investigations with at least one offence recorded	31,107	34,785	42,516	45,497	44,489	40,683	37,903	37,452	38,332	41,079
<i>% of family investigations</i>	45%	47%	54%	52%	49%	46%	40%	37%	35%	35%
Investigations with no offence recorded	38,622	38,495	36,741	41,267	45,396	46,956	57,158	64,503	71,794	77,831
<i>% of family investigations</i>	55%	53%	46%	48%	51%	54%	60%	63%	65%	65%
Number of children linked to FV investigations^a	-	-	73,121	87,368	94,442	101,293	-	-	-	-
Investigations where at least one child aged 0-16 was linked to the investigation	16,200	24,828	35,957	42,581	46,254	50,000	59,223	62,923	-	-
TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFENDERS LINKED TO FV INVESTIGATIONS^b	-	-	36,575	37,958	35,516	31,423	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	26,821 73%	27,363 72%	25,237 71%	22,666 72%	-	-	-	-
Female	-	-	6,960 19%	7,645 20%	7,089 20%	6,407 20%	-	-	-	-
Other / Unknown	-	-	2,794 8%	2,950 8%	3,190 9%	2,350 7%	-	-	-	-
TOTAL POLICE SAFETY ORDERS (PSOs) ISSUED^c	-	-	-	2,261	7,133	10,064	12,490	13,315	13,997	15,994
Number of PSOs with recorded breaches	-	-	-	158	463	634	832	1,117	1,166	1,278
<i>% of PSOs issued</i>	-	-	-	7%	6%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%

^a Since the release of the 2013 Data Summary, the Police have not updated the data for the number of children linked to family violence investigations

^b Similarly, the Police have not updated the data for the number of offenders linked to family violence investigations

^c PSOs were introduced in July 2010



Police Recorded Crime Victims dataset²

Recorded assault victimisations – relationship between victim and perpetrator, females only

	2014 (Jul-Dec)	2015	2016
TOTAL	10,730	22,062	24,086
No offender identified	4,873	10,694	13,066
<i>% of total</i>	45%	48%	54%
Not stated / inadequately defined	789	1,434	1,383
<i>% of total</i>	7%	6%	6%
Not applicable	0	1	0
<i>% of total</i>	0%	<1%	0%
OFFENDERS IDENTIFIED	5,068	9,933	9,637
Partner or ex-partner	1,648	2,989	2,810
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	33%	30%	29%
Boy/girlfriend or ex-boy/girlfriend	1,112	2,469	2,539
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	22%	25%	26%
Parent	396	794	737
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	8%	8%	8%
Child	306	577	539
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	6%	6%	6%
Sibling	224	414	412
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	4%	4%	4%
Other family	201	397	343
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	4%	4%	4%
TOTAL FAMILY*	3,887	7,640	7,380
<i>% OF IDENTIFIED OFFENDERS</i>	77%	77%	77%
Not family**	799	1,529	1,492
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	16%	15%	15%
Stranger	382	764	765
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	8%	7%	8%

* Family includes the following relationships between the victim and perpetrator (as recorded in the Police Victimisation Data Set): Partner/ex-partner, boy/girlfriend or ex boy/girlfriend, parent, child, sibling, parent or child undetermined, other relative, and family member not further defined. Parent or child undetermined, other relative, and family member not further defined are included in Other family in this table.

** Not family** includes non family member not further defined and the victim and perpetrator are known to each other.

The high proportion of unidentified relationships between the victim and perpetrator (up to 54% in 2016) leads to the possibility that the actual distribution of relationships between victims and perpetrators differs from that presented in the table.



Male Assaults Female and Breach of Protection Order Offences

New Zealand Police

Male Assaults Female and Breaches of Protection Order Offences³

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL RECORDED MALE ASSAULTS FEMALE OFFENCES	8,326	9,593	9,630	9,583	8,925	7,896	7,651	6,749	7,163
Number of resolved Male Assaults Female	7,655	8,862	8,962	8,865	8,185	7,242	6,749	5,754	5,869
<i>% of recorded offences</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>82%</i>
TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES FOR BREACHING A PROTECTION ORDER	4,290	4,874	4,914	5,278	5,327	5,217	4,816	5,025	6,103
Number of resolved breaches of Protection Order offences	3,858	4,380	4,413	4,759	4,689	4,744	4,185	4,278	5,047
<i>% of recorded offences</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>91%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>83%</i>

Outcomes of investigations at 180 days: Male assaults female offences²

	Jul-Dec 2014	Jan-Jun 2015	Jul-Dec 2015	Jan-Jun 2016
TOTAL RECORDED VICTIMISATIONS	3,483	3,451	3,872	3,836
Investigation finalised – No offender proceeded against	153	146	108	89
Investigation finalised – Offender proceeded against	2,586	2,571	2,738	2,658
Investigation not finalised	740	729	1,020	1,086
No outcome at this time	4	5	6	3

Please note that the recorded number of victimisations (above) and offences (immediately preceding the above table) are not directly comparable. For further information, please see the [Special Note Regarding Police Data](#) at the end of each of the 2017 Data Summaries.



Male Assaults Female Proceedings⁴

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL RECORDED PROCEEDINGS FOR MALE ASSAULTS FEMALE	5,775	6,261	6,377
Court action	5,310	5,904	6,059
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	92%	94%	95%
Non-court action	416	303	290
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	7%	5%	5%
Not proceeded with	49	54	28
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	1%	1%	<1%

Please note: There are substantive differences between counts of “proceedings”, as presented above, and “offences” as previously presented. For further information on these differences, please refer to the [Special Note Regarding Police Data](#) at the end of each of the 2017 Data Summaries.

Breaches of Protection Order Proceedings⁴

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL RECORDED PROCEEDINGS FOR BREACHING A PROTECTION ORDER	4,420	4,655	4,852
Court action	3,766	4,110	4,291
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	85%	88%	88%
Non-court action	627	509	533
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	14%	11%	11%
Not proceeded with	27	36	28
<i>% of total proceedings</i>	1%	1%	1%

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*District Court Data*⁵**Number of charges for Male Assaults Female offences, by charge outcome**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	7,106	7,809	8,004	7,273	6,518	6,370	5,705	5,048	5,564	6,086
Number of convicted charges	4,084	4,852	4,866	4,602	4,306	4,153	3,782	3,418	3,651	4,011
% of charges	57%	62%	61%	63%	66%	65%	66%	68%	66%	66%
Number of Other proved	420	492	470	453	356	344	345	387	322	354
% of charges	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Number of Not proved	2,591	2,448	2,653	2,207	1,835	1,856	1,559	1,325	1,578	1,696
% of charges	36%	31%	33%	30%	28%	29%	27%	26%	28%	28%
Number of charges with other outcomes	11	17	14	11	21	17	19	18	13	25
% of charges	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%



Number of convicted charges for Male Assaults Female, by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	4,084	4,852	4,867	4,602	4,306	4,153	3,782	3,418	3,651	4,011
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - Imprisonment	987	1,144	1,084	1,185	1,145	1,192	1,069	1,046	1,224	1,361
% of convicted charges	24%	24%	22%	26%	27%	29%	28%	31%	34%	34%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	2,190	2,788	2,911	2,694	2,489	2,377	2,267	2,063	2,109	2,351
% of convicted charges	54%	57%	60%	58%	58%	57%	60%	60%	58%	59%
<i>Home Detention</i>	29	137	144	202	181	200	199	168	228	293
% of convicted charges	1%	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%
<i>Community Detention</i>	21	126	190	239	235	271	237	256	276	284
% of convicted charges	1%	3%	4%	5%	5%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	57	256	290	302	297	214	247	223	262	292
% of convicted charges	1%	5%	6%	7%	7%	5%	7%	7%	7%	7%
<i>Community Work</i>	1,410	1,457	1,503	1,327	1,215	1,168	1,109	1,019	927	1,035
% of convicted charges	35%	30%	31%	29%	28%	28%	29%	30%	25%	26%
<i>Supervision</i>	673	812	784	624	561	524	475	397	416	447
% of convicted charges	16%	17%	16%	14%	13%	13%	13%	12%	11%	11%
Number of convicted charges with other sentences	740	769	679	575	549	496	385	264	277	264
% of convicted charges	18%	16%	14%	12%	13%	12%	10%	8%	8%	7%
<i>Monetary</i>	282	286	235	192	157	127	108	94	92	83
% of convicted charges	7%	6%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
<i>Deferment</i>	439	470	434	364	379	323	238	136	152	143
% of convicted charges	11%	10%	9%	8%	9%	8%	6%	4%	4%	4%
<i>Other</i>	19	13	10	19	13	46	39	34	33	38
% of convicted charges	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	167	151	193	148	123	88	61	45	41	35
% of convicted charges	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%



Sexual Assault

Police Recorded Crime Victims dataset²

Recorded sexual assault victimisations – relationship between victim and perpetrator, females aged over 16 years only

	2014 (Jul-Dec)	2015	2016
TOTAL	1,139	2,343	2,430
No offender identified	827	1,726	1,993
<i>% of total</i>	73%	74%	82%
Not stated / inadequately defined	85	110	74
<i>% of total</i>	7%	5%	3%
OFFENDERS IDENTIFIED	227	507	363
Partner or ex-partner	15	32	33
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	7%	6%	9%
Boy/girlfriend or ex-boy/girlfriend	18	67	43
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	8%	13%	12%
Parent	11	27	11
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	5%	5%	3%
Child	0	1	0
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	0%	<1%	0%
Sibling	3	7	8
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	1%	1%	2%
Other family	20	37	23
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	9%	7%	6%
TOTAL FAMILY*	67	171	118
<i>% OF IDENTIFIED OFFENDERS</i>	30%	34%	33%
Not Family/Known to each other	100	202	149
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	44%	40%	41%
Stranger	60	134	96
<i>% of identified offenders</i>	26%	26%	26%

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New Zealand Police

Apprehensions for sexual offences against adult women (aged over 16 years)⁶

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL APPREHENSIONS	703	689	754	770	674	728	698	651	581
Apprehensions that were prosecuted	562	537	594	623	528	591	543	536	485
% of total apprehensions	80%	78%	79%	81%	78%	81%	78%	82%	83%
Apprehensions that were warned/cautioned	64	72	55	41	57	50	54	70	63
% of total apprehensions	9%	10%	7%	5%	8%	7%	8%	11%	11%
Apprehensions resulting in other outcome	77	80	105	106	89	87	101	45	33
% of total apprehensions	11%	12%	14%	14%	13%	12%	14%	7%	6%

Proceedings for sexual violence offences against adult women⁴

	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL RECORDED SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROCEEDINGS	636	697	671
Court action	505	557	549
% of total proceedings	79%	80%	82%
Non-court action	102	106	95
% of total proceedings	16%	15%	14%
Not proceeded with	29	34	27
% of total proceedings	5%	5%	4%

Please note: These counts of “proceedings”, as presented above, and “apprehensions” are not directly comparable. For further information on these differences, please refer to the [Special Note Regarding Police Data](#) at the end of each of the 2017 Data Summaries.



*District Court*⁵**Number of charges for Sexual Offences (women aged 16 years and over), by charge outcome**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	1,053	1,017	1,234	1,119	1,055	1,198	1,224	1,207	1,220	1,147
Number of convicted charges	350	326	428	397	384	388	496	470	515	455
<i>% of charges</i>	33%	32%	35%	35%	37%	32%	41%	39%	42%	40%
Number of Other proved	18	12	30	14	24	19	26	19	12	18
<i>% of charges</i>	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Number of Not proved	669	664	763	681	629	763	677	703	655	639
<i>% of charges</i>	64%	65%	62%	61%	60%	64%	55%	58%	54%	56%
Number of charges with other outcomes	16	15	13	27	14	28	25	15	38	35
<i>% of charges</i>	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%



Number of convicted charges for Sexual Offences (women aged 16 years and over), by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	350	326	428	397	388	388	496	470	515	455
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - Imprisonment	257	199	306	290	290	272	370	359	345	312
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	73%	61%	71%	73%	75%	70%	75%	76%	67%	69%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	61	107	93	90	69	92	106	106	147	127
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	17%	32%	22%	23%	18%	24%	21%	23%	29%	28%
<i>Home Detention</i>	3	37	25	36	24	32	48	37	53	57
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	1%	11%	6%	9%	6%	8%	10%	8%	10%	13%
<i>Community Detention</i>	0	5	13	18	12	13	17	26	25	23
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	0%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	6%	5%	5%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	1	22	15	7	12	13	12	15	19	12
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	<1%	7%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%
<i>Community Work</i>	46	37	36	27	20	31	25	25	44	29
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	13%	11%	8%	7%	5%	8%	5%	5%	9%	6%
<i>Supervision</i>	11	6	4	2	1	3	4	3	6	6
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	3%	2%	1%	1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Number of convicted charges with other sentences	32	16	22	16	26	21	18	5	13	16
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	9%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	1%	3%	4%
<i>Monetary</i>	23	13	15	7	17	18	9	4	7	9
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	7%	4%	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	1%	1%	2%
<i>Deferment</i>	2	2	4	4	4	3	1	0	1	0
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	0%	<1%	0%
<i>Other</i>	7	1	3	5	5	0	8	1	5	7
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	2%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	<1%	1%	2%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	0	4	7	1	3	3	2	0	10	0
<i>% of convicted charges</i>	0%	1%	2%	<1%	1%	1%	<1%	0%	2%	0%



Protection Orders

*Family Court Data*⁷

A Protection Order is granted by a Family Court judge to protect an applicant from domestic violence.¹² The data below is provided from a customised extract provided by the Ministry of Justice.

Number and percent of [Protection Order](#) applications by application type

Application Type	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTECTION ORDER APPLICATIONS	4,512	4,422	4,642	4,771	4,463	4,298	4,635	5,124	5,265	5,461
On notice	548	494	557	621	521	453	432	298	149	168
% of total applications	12%	11%	12%	13%	12%	11%	9%	6%	3%	3%
Without notice	3,964	3,928	4,085	4,063	3,543	3,159	3,375	3,877	4,141	4,163
% of total applications	88%	89%	88%	85%	79%	74%	73%	76%	79%	76%
Sentencing Act	-	-	-	73	362	630	768	870	896	1,025
% of total applications	-	-	-	2%	8%	15%	17%	17%	17%	19%
Breach of Police Safety Order	-	-	-	14	37	56	60	79	79	105
% of total applications	-	-	-	<1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%

Sentencing Act Protection Orders and those resulting from a Breach of Police Safety Order came into effect 1 July 2010.



Number and percent of Protection Order applications by application outcome

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS	4,512	4,422	4,642	4,771	4,463	4,298	4,635	5,124	5,265	5,461
Application granted % of total applications	2,632 58%	2,506 57%	2,641 57%	2,751 58%	2,737 61%	2,745 64%	3,013 65%	3,353 65%	3,432 65%	3,430 63%
Application dismissed or struck out % of total applications	540 12%	610 14%	559 12%	576 12%	487 11%	472 11%	447 10%	447 9%	460 9%	339 6%
Application lapsed, withdrawn, discontinued where Temporary Protection Order granted % of total applications	598 13%	589 13%	621 13%	621 13%	564 13%	542 13%	611 13%	756 15%	809 15%	588 11%
Application lapsed, withdrawn, discontinued where Temporary Protection Order not granted % of total applications	742 16%	717 16%	821 18%	823 17%	675 15%	539 13%	562 12%	559 11%	512 10%	441 8%
Application still active % of total applications	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	2 <1%	9 <1%	52 1%	663 12%

The number and percentage of applications granted for 2016 is lower than in previous years because some cases filed that year were still before the court at the time of data extraction 1 May 2017.



Number of Applicants/Other protected adults of [Protection Order](#) applications by sex, ethnicity, and age

Description		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS/OTHER PROTECTED ADULTS		4,726	4,635	4,877	5,029	4,624	4,417	4,864	5,350	5,474	5,731
Sex of applicants/ Other protected adults	Female	4,136	4,059	4,299	4,439	4,122	3,988	4,351	4,770	4,864	5,072
	% of total	88%	88%	88%	88%	89%	90%	89%	89%	89%	89%
	Male	523	500	486	516	434	372	422	495	512	550
	% of total	11%	11%	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%	9%	9%	10%
Unknown		67	76	92	74	68	57	91	85	98	109
	% of total	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Ethnicity of applicants/ Other protected adults	European	2,441	2,312	2,381	2,385	1,984	1,783	1,899	2,114	2,128	2,113
	% of total	52%	50%	49%	47%	43%	40%	39%	40%	39%	37%
	Māori	963	913	1,040	1,074	979	790	798	857	922	814
	% of total	20%	20%	21%	21%	21%	18%	16%	16%	17%	14%
	Pacific	221	258	258	231	201	168	186	197	193	192
	% of total	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%
	Asian	246	285	275	263	218	232	280	296	278	328
	% of total	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%
	Other	43	49	49	31	28	34	34	44	61	51
	% of total	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Unknown	812	818	874	1,045	1,214	1,410	1,667	1,842	1,892	2,233	
% of total	17%	18%	18%	21%	26%	32%	34%	34%	35%	39%	
Age of applicants/ Other protected adults	16-19	314	338	380	384	328	287	294	330	342	280
	% of total	7%	7%	8%	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%
	20-29	1,404	1,381	1,407	1,554	1,507	1,453	1,642	1,807	1,848	1,860
	% of total	30%	30%	29%	31%	33%	33%	34%	34%	34%	32%
	30-39	1,339	1,307	1,407	1,340	1,137	1,100	1,252	1,285	1,384	1,477
	% of total	28%	28%	29%	27%	25%	25%	26%	24%	25%	26%
	40-49	781	802	882	892	757	761	779	872	837	899
	% of total	17%	17%	18%	18%	16%	17%	16%	16%	15%	16%
50+	334	318	352	374	375	342	376	452	460	541	
% of total	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	
Unknown	554	489	449	485	520	474	521	604	603	674	
% of total	12%	11%	9%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12%	



Number of Respondents/Associated respondents of Protection Order applications by sex, ethnicity and age

Description		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS		4,583	4,498	4,728	4,878	4,507	4,334	4,688	5,198	5,347	5,523
Sex of respondents /associated respondents named in Protection Order applications	Female	534	554	509	566	501	402	430	526	544	560
	% of total	12%	12%	11%	12%	11%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%
	Male	3,979	3,883	4,132	4,239	3,950	3,863	4,202	4,609	4,776	4,940
	% of total	87%	86%	87%	87%	88%	89%	90%	89%	89%	89%
	Unknown	70	61	87	73	56	69	56	63	27	23
	% of total	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	<1%
Ethnicity of respondents /associated respondents named in Protection Order applications	European	2,022	2,044	2,045	2,092	1,669	1,556	1,643	1,815	1,783	1,761
	% of total	44%	45%	43%	43%	37%	36%	35%	35%	33%	32%
	Māori	1,144	1,032	1,111	1,180	1,061	864	891	938	984	911
	% of total	25%	23%	23%	24%	24%	20%	19%	18%	18%	16%
	Pacific	334	303	375	309	275	233	257	256	278	278
	% of total	7%	7%	8%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	Asian	220	272	259	257	243	218	256	284	290	297
	% of total	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
	Other	59	63	57	45	35	44	48	44	63	64
	% of total	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Unknown	804	784	881	995	1,224	1,419	1,593	1,861	1,949	2,212	
% of total	18%	17%	19%	20%	27%	33%	34%	36%	36%	40%	
Age of respondents /associated respondents named in Protection Order applications	16-19	161	144	170	162	167	151	157	171	200	154
	% of total	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
	20-29	1,095	1,106	1,118	1,316	1,263	1,264	1,395	1,615	1,634	1,685
	% of total	24%	25%	24%	27%	28%	29%	30%	31%	31%	31%
	30-39	1,334	1,297	1,337	1,296	1,225	1,195	1,322	1,459	1,544	1,620
	% of total	29%	29%	28%	27%	27%	28%	28%	28%	29%	29%
	40-49	881	894	1,013	1,024	924	902	966	1,025	1,052	1,142
	% of total	19%	20%	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%	20%	20%	21%
50+	330	365	413	404	394	422	456	519	509	571	
% of total	7%	8%	9%	8%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	
Unknown	782	692	677	676	534	400	392	409	408	351	
% of total	17%	15%	14%	14%	12%	9%	8%	8%	8%	6%	



District Court Data⁵**Number of charges for Breach of Protection Order (BPO) offences, by charge outcome**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES PROSECUTED	3,730	4,083	4,227	4,123	4,168	3,976	3,682	4,179	4,857	5,437
Number of convicted charges	2,332	2,620	2,816	2,884	2,956	2,871	2,716	3,163	3,671	4,104
<i>% of charges</i>	63%	64%	67%	70%	71%	72%	74%	76%	76%	75%
Number of Other proved	43	38	59	40	35	34	32	38	48	55
<i>% of charges</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Number of Not proved	1,355	1,425	1,351	1,185	1,172	1,071	927	971	1,132	1,268
<i>% of charges</i>	36%	35%	32%	29%	28%	27%	25%	24%	23%	23%
Number of charges with other outcomes	0	1	1	14	5	0	7	7	6	10
<i>% of charges</i>	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%



Number of convicted charges for Breach of Protection Order (BPO), by most serious sentence

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
TOTAL CONVICTED CHARGES	2,332	2,620	2,816	2,884	2,956	2,871	2,716	3,163	3,671	4,104
Number of convicted charges with custodial sentences - Imprisonment	751	855	945	1,005	1,034	1,068	970	1,248	1,544	1,773
% of convicted charges	32%	33%	34%	35%	35%	37%	36%	39%	42%	43%
Number of convicted charges with community sentences	973	1,163	1,236	1,240	1,289	1,252	1,247	1,454	1,654	1,824
% of convicted charges	42%	44%	44%	43%	44%	44%	46%	46%	45%	44%
<i>Home Detention</i>	12	80	87	152	113	110	105	149	222	270
% of convicted charges	1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%
<i>Community Detention</i>	6	73	78	130	152	151	170	196	229	225
% of convicted charges	<1%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%
<i>Intensive Supervision</i>	34	138	201	173	168	140	132	148	225	268
% of convicted charges	1%	5%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%
<i>Community Work</i>	684	602	646	594	674	683	643	753	747	749
% of convicted charges	29%	23%	23%	21%	23%	24%	24%	24%	20%	18%
<i>Supervision</i>	237	270	224	191	182	188	197	208	231	312
% of convicted charges	10%	10%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%
Number of convicted charges with other sentences	449	473	505	474	525	448	420	384	407	439
% of convicted charges	19%	18%	18%	16%	18%	16%	15%	12%	11%	11%
<i>Monetary</i>	143	93	130	99	84	74	88	94	86	82
% of convicted charges	6%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%
<i>Deferment</i>	300	374	367	375	440	368	331	282	311	347
% of convicted charges	13%	14%	13%	13%	15%	13%	12%	9%	8%	8%
<i>Other</i>	6	6	8	0	1	6	1	8	10	10
% of convicted charges	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
<i>No sentence recorded</i>	159	129	130	165	108	83	79	77	66	68
% of convicted charges	7%	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%



5. Hospitalisations

Number of hospitalisations for [assault](#) on women aged between 15 and 50 years⁸

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL HOSPITALISATIONS FOR ASSAULTS ON WOMEN AGED 15-50	416	417	411	455	489	461	451	397	457	451
Assault hospitalisation – perpetrator family member	244	238	236	239	305	273	260	219	246	250
<i>% total assault hospitalisations</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>53%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>59%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>55%</i>	<i>54%</i>	<i>55%</i>
Assault hospitalisation – perpetrator non-family member	68	66	67	92	102	94	91	91	98	101
<i>% total assault hospitalisations</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>22%</i>
Assault hospitalisation – relationship with perpetrator unknown	104	113	108	124	82	94	100	87	113	100
<i>% total assault hospitalisations</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>26%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>22%</i>

6. NGO (Service Use) Data: National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges⁹

The table below provides an overview of the type of data that may be available from Non-Governmental Organisations. In previous data summaries it has been possible to provide a summary of NCIWR data over time, drawn from annual reports.

However, in 2016, service use data collection for NCIWR was centralised, resulting in a break in the time series. Because of the substantial change in the process of recording data, only the 2015/2016 financial year has been presented below.

Readers are cautioned against comparing this set of data with that presented in data summaries from 2016 and years prior to this as changes to recording systems impact on the comparability of data.



Service Use: National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges

Description	15/16
Number of women and children accessing safe house services	2,446
Average length of stay in the safe house	25 days
Numbers of women and children accessing advocacy services in the community	11,062
Number of crisis calls received	about 73,000

Women and children using services: National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges

Description	15/16	
Ethnicity of women using refuge services	Pākehā	41%
	Māori	29%
	Pacific	4%
	Asian	2%
	Other	24%
Ages of children using refuge services	Under 5	7%
	5-9	25%
	10-16	33%
	Over 16	35%
Ages of women using refuge services	Under 20	21%
	21-30	30%
	31-40	26%
	41-50	15%
	Over 50	8%



Special Note Regarding Police Data

Background

In November 2014 and May 2015 respectively, the New Zealand Police launched the Recorded Crime Victims and Offenders Statistics. The release of this information represents a fundamental shift in counting methods used to produce crime statistics. Whilst in the past information regarding the impact of crime in our society has been largely measured by the number of offences recorded and apprehensions made, this information provided little information about the people affected, or the relationship between the victim and the offender.

Changes over time in Police systems and recording practices have enabled alterations to counting practices employed by the police (for complete details, please refer to [“The transformation of NZ Police crime statistics: New measures and trends”](#)). For example, where “assault against a child” was previously defined using the assault offence code, it is now possible to define such offences by the age of the victim as recorded in the victimisations statistics. As such, a wider range of the types of assault on children can be identified. Where we are interested in assaults against a woman (for example, page 4 of Data Summary 2), we can establish the percent for which an offender was identified (40% in 2016); the percent of assaults perpetrated by family members (77% where the offender was identified in 2016); and the percent perpetrated by either non-family members (15%) or strangers (8%). **Please note that the significant percentage of cases in which no identified offender was recorded in the datasets leads to the possibility that the actual distribution of relationships between victims and perpetrators differs from those presented in the tables.**

There have also been changes in the way apprehensions and resolutions are recorded. The police now provide information on the number of offenders proceeded against (similar to apprehensions). The “method of proceeding” describes the first type of legal action (court or non-court) initiated by the police against a person as a result of an investigation into an offence.



What does this mean for the data presented in the Data Summaries?

The changed counting rules have resulted in a break in the time series of information available from the Police. As a result, tables that detail recorded and resolved offences finish at 2014. New tables describing victimisations begin in July 2014, and tables describing proceedings against offenders begin in January 2014.

In the 2017 Data Summaries we have chosen to provide both tables where this information is available to allow the reader to understand the level of overlap between the measures and how they differ. Because of the significant differences in counting techniques employed by the police, readers should be careful not to make direct comparisons between data in the old and new tables.

Please refer to the Police Definitions for additional information concerning the definitions of the new terms used. Further information concerning the Recorded Victims and Offender Statistics, as well as the Transformation of NZ Police Crime Statistics can be used following the relevant links (see below).

[Recorded Crime Victims Statistics](#)

[Recorded Crime Offender Statistics](#)

[Transformation of the NZ Police Crime Statistics](#)



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