

# Trends in Child and Youth Prosecutions

## Court statistics for 10-16 year olds in 2014

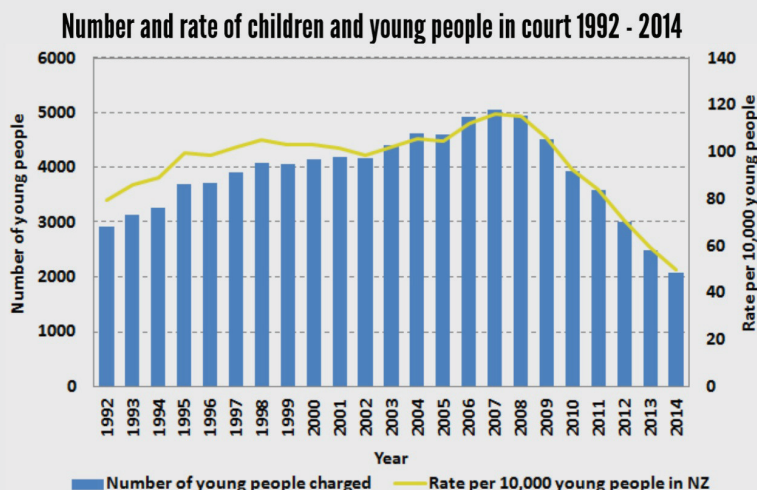
The number of children (10-13) and young people (14-16) charged in court is the lowest in over 20 years

The number of children and young people in court:

↓ Decreased by 16% since 2013

↓ Decreased by 59% since 2007 peak

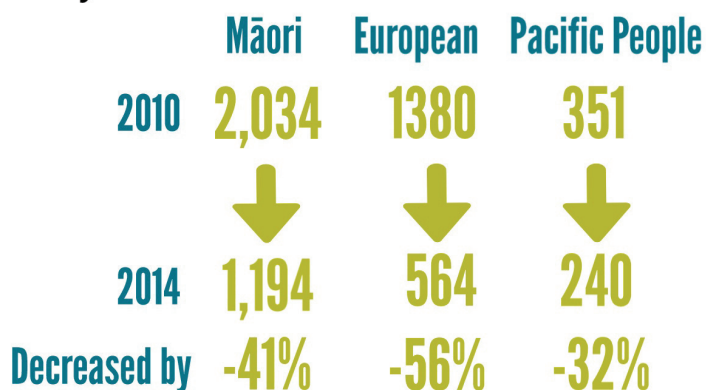
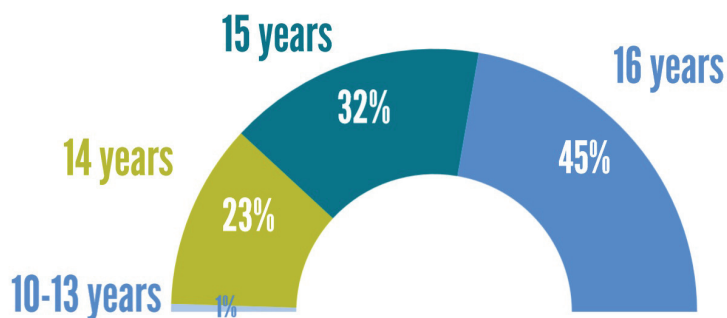
◀ Account for less than 3% of all people charged in court



Decline seen across all age groups, gender and ethnicity



The bulk of young people in court are aged 15 or 16



Proportion of youth in court who are Māori has increased in the last 10 years



Most charges are proved, and plans formulated at Family Group Conferences are followed

Instead of undertaking a Family Group Conference plan, 20% of children and young people with proved charges received one of these as their most serious order:

- 9% community work order or supervision order
- 5% compulsory community programme which may be followed by supervision
- 6% custodial detention which must be followed by supervision

The number receiving adult sentences has dropped by over two-thirds over the last 10 years



Murder and manslaughter, jury trials and minor traffic offences are dealt with in the District or High Courts.