

16 February 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 January 2026 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting information about people on community-based sentences. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Corrections does not decide who is in prison and who is in the community – this is a matter for the Courts and the New Zealand Parole Board. Corrections actively manages the compliance of all offenders with conditions imposed on them by the Courts and the New Zealand Parole Board and holds them to account if they breach these conditions.

You requested:

1. *The total number of offenders serving community based orders from 1 January 2025 to 1 January 2026.*
2. *A year-by-year comparison of this number from 1 January 2020 - 1 January 2026.*

The requested information for the period between 2020 and 2024 is publicly available on Stats NZ's website. To be helpful, we have created a filtered dataset which you can access at the following link:

[https://explore.data.stats.govt.nz/vis?fs\[0\]=Society%2C1%7CCrime%20and%20justice%23CAT\\_CRIME\\_AND\\_JUSTICE%23%7CCorrections%23CAT\\_CORRECTIONS%23&pg=0&fc=Society&bp=true&snb=10&df\[ds\]=ds-nsiws-disseminate&df\[id\]=CORR\\_CAL\\_001&df\[ag\]=STATSNZ&df\[vs\]=1.0&dq=..X.X.X.X&to\[TIME\]=false](https://explore.data.stats.govt.nz/vis?fs[0]=Society%2C1%7CCrime%20and%20justice%23CAT_CRIME_AND_JUSTICE%23%7CCorrections%23CAT_CORRECTIONS%23&pg=0&fc=Society&bp=true&snb=10&df[ds]=ds-nsiws-disseminate&df[id]=CORR_CAL_001&df[ag]=STATSNZ&df[vs]=1.0&dq=..X.X.X.X&to[TIME]=false)

We have been advised by Stats NZ that information for 2025 will be published in April 2026. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information will soon be made publicly available.

3. *The total number of offenders the department took to court for breaching community-based orders across New Zealand between 1 January 2025 and 1 January 2026.*
4. *A year-by-year comparison of this number from 1 January 2020 - 1 January 2026.*

5. *The total number of offenders convicted in court of breach of community-based orders in New Zealand from 1 January 2025 to 1 January 2026.*
6. *A year-by-year comparison of this number from 1 January 2020 - 1 January 2026.*

The requested information for the period between 2020 and 2024 is publicly available on Stats NZ's website. To be helpful, we have created a filtered dataset which you can access at the following link:

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We have been advised by Stats NZ that information for 2025 will be published in March 2026. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information will soon be made publicly available.

7. *Where an increase is identified between these periods, any high-level commentary, summaries, or analysis already held by the Department that discusses factors contributing to the increase.*

Following extensive consultation across multiple business units, we have not identified any commentary, summaries, or analysis relating to factors resulting in potential increases in community-based sentences or breaches of community-based sentences. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Corrections and we have no reason for believing it is held by another department or agency.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I hope this information is helpful. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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