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Thank you for your email of 27 January 2021, requesting information about people committing offences while subject to a community-based sentence or order. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please note that prisoners do not serve community-based sentences. We have therefore interpreted your request to mean people serving community-based sentences and orders.

The information provided in this response has been captured using a different methodology than that used for the reoffending and recidivism rates in our Annual Report. Corrections also reports this information by financial year, being 30 June to 1 July, rather than by calendar year.

You have requested:

- 1 *How many prisoners serving a community-based sentence have committed a crime while serving a community-based sentence and how many prisoners were being electronically monitored while they committed an offence, broken down by year from October 2017 to December 2020?*

The following table contains the number of people who have reoffended and been convicted of a new offence whilst serving a community-based sentence or order. The financial year is the year in which the community-based sentence or order started. The table also contains the number of people who were subject to electronic monitoring conditions when they reoffended.

Financial year sentence or order started	Number of people who reoffended	Number of people who reoffended on electronic monitoring	Total number of people on a sentence or order	Total number of sentences or orders
2017/18	7,117	481	27,182	36,819
2018/19	8,495	654	34,218	48,199
2019/20	7,333	642	31,260	43,574

- 2 *How many prisoners serving a community-based sentence have committed a crime while serving a community-based sentence and what was the average day on which the offence occurred after beginning their sentence, broken down by year from October 2017 to December 2020?*

The following table contains the number of people who have reoffended and been convicted of a new offence while serving a community-based sentence or order, and the average number of days from the sentence or order start date that the offence occurred.

Financial year sentence or order started	Number of people who reoffended	Average day number on which person reoffended
2017/18	7,117	117
2018/19	8,495	112
2019/20	7,333	98

- 3 *How many prisoners who have been released from prison have gone onto re-offend after they have been released from prison, listed by prison and broken down by year from October 2017 to December 2020?*

The following table contains the number of people who have reoffended and been convicted of a new offence after leaving prison.

These numbers are not comparable to our published 12-month recidivism rates as the reoffending period is open ended, in order to answer the question as you have asked it. This also means the year by year data is not comparable, as less time has elapsed for those released in more recent years to reoffend.

Note that sites have variable prison capacities, variable prisoner throughput volumes and can hold people of different categories, such as remand, sentenced, or of different security classifications. As a result, the re-offending statistics are not comparable across sites.

Site Name	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Arohata Prison	103	90	48
Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility	248	270	174
Auckland South Corrections Facility	287	284	200
Auckland Prison	123	104	55
Christchurch Prison	364	391	293
Christchurch Women's Prison	73	60	42
Hawkes Bay Regional Prison	348	387	243
Invercargill Prison	96	104	70
Manawatu Prison	174	186	149
Mt Eden Corrections Facility	372	495	317
Northland Regional Corrections Facility	290	352	212
Otago Corrections Facility	180	165	115
Rimutaka Prison	313	340	259
Rolleston Prison	90	89	35
Spring Hill Corrections Facility	505	564	339
Tongariro Prison	40	51	31
Waikeria Prison	524	573	425
Whanganui Prison	223	210	170
Total	4,353	4,715	3,177

4 *What is the average age of prisoners who re-offended after they have been released from prison broken down by year from October 2017 to December 2020?*

The following table contains the number of people who have reoffended and have been convicted of a new offence after leaving prison.

Again, this average is subject to change as the reoffending period is open ended.

Financial year	Average age when person reoffended
2017/18	33
2018/19	33
2019/20	33

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 trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi nui



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