

Table 1: The average number of days to dispose of Category 3 and 4 cases, broken down by calendar year and court type, 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023

Court Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
High Court	507	500	627	676	684
District Court	209	235	239	278	281
Youth Court	179	200	199	193	201

Notes for Table 1:

- The age at disposal represents the active days between the case prior to activation and disposal; this excludes any time that a case is "on hold" due to the issuing of a warrant to arrest for the defendant.
- The court type is based on where the case is disposed (for example, where the case is sentenced).
- The year is based on the disposal date of the case.
- This data is limited to Category 3 and Category 4 cases. This is because Category 3 cases and Category 4 cases are both punishable by a term of imprisonment of 2 or more years.
- The case category of a case is based on the length of prison sentence that can be imposed to the most serious charge.
 - Category 1 - Not punishable by imprisonment
 - Category 2 - Punishable by a term of imprisonment of less than 2 years
 - Category 3 - Punishable by a term of imprisonment of 2 years or more
 - Category 4 - Specified offences: The list of offences can be found here: http://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2011/0081/latest/DLM3360716.html?search=sw_096be8ed818ad414_category+type_25_se&p=1#DLM3360716
- Statistics are based on the Ministry of Justice's Courts Case Management System as at 4 July 2024. Since this is an operational system, data for earlier months may have been updated since any previous publications.
- This figure includes cases where people may have plead guilty at the beginning, judge alone trials and those that have had charges withdrawn therefore bringing the average number of days to disposal down.