

WPQ 45329 (2024)

Table 1: Proportion of criminal cases disposed in the administrative stage from 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024, by Justice service area, case category and month

Justice service area	Case Category	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Auckland	Category 1	57%	86%	74%	85%	65%	71%	72%
	Category 2	65%	63%	66%	74%	83%	64%	62%
	Category 3	12%	17%	18%	18%	28%	17%	22%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	39%	44%	46%	54%	64%	44%	43%
Bay of Plenty	Category 1	80%	80%	75%	83%	82%	96%	88%
	Category 2	86%	88%	91%	90%	83%	82%	88%
	Category 3	50%	58%	56%	63%	53%	55%	59%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	72%	77%	76%	78%	71%	72%	76%
Canterbury	Category 1	66%	78%	71%	81%	93%	64%	75%
	Category 2	88%	84%	83%	86%	80%	83%	83%
	Category 3	40%	47%	43%	50%	44%	51%	42%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	67%	68%	66%	70%	65%	68%	65%
East Coast	Category 1	55%	77%	72%	64%	72%	79%	85%
	Category 2	83%	86%	84%	87%	82%	88%	84%
	Category 3	47%	52%	42%	49%	51%	54%	51%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	100%	-	100%
	Total	63%	73%	67%	70%	68%	72%	71%

Manawatū/Wairarapa	Category 1	86%	84%	84%	77%	65%	66%	69%
	Category 2	82%	80%	79%	78%	86%	73%	87%
	Category 3	47%	54%	47%	51%	36%	43%	46%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	69%	70%	66%	66%	65%	58%	69%
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	Category 1	77%	89%	90%	79%	86%	71%	78%
	Category 2	86%	87%	85%	80%	86%	86%	84%
	Category 3	56%	59%	62%	64%	50%	53%	57%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	72%	79%	76%	75%	73%	73%	72%
Northern Wellington	Category 1	68%	76%	73%	74%	79%	71%	74%
	Category 2	73%	83%	70%	76%	76%	78%	80%
	Category 3	39%	48%	47%	49%	47%	40%	37%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	57%	70%	60%	66%	65%	61%	62%
Otago	Category 1	84%	92%	82%	88%	90%	75%	85%
	Category 2	83%	82%	89%	86%	82%	83%	78%
	Category 3	58%	50%	48%	53%	61%	60%	42%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	73%	66%	74%	75%	76%	73%	66%
South Auckland	Category 1	67%	72%	68%	58%	60%	68%	71%
	Category 2	70%	75%	73%	72%	80%	76%	76%
	Category 3	20%	29%	22%	27%	29%	26%	28%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-
	Total	50%	58%	54%	54%	62%	55%	58%
Southland	Category 1	100%	90%	75%	74%	71%	75%	83%
	Category 2	87%	84%	94%	81%	86%	80%	86%
	Category 3	69%	72%	63%	53%	55%	42%	67%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	81%	81%	80%	68%	70%	65%	77%

Taitokerau	Category 1	93%	79%	82%	77%	82%	89%	92%
	Category 2	82%	83%	89%	85%	77%	87%	87%
	Category 3	44%	54%	52%	44%	52%	53%	52%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	65%	71%	73%	65%	66%	73%	70%
Taranaki/Whanganui	Category 1	78%	73%	80%	76%	71%	94%	67%
	Category 2	91%	94%	90%	81%	84%	93%	85%
	Category 3	49%	65%	55%	51%	53%	50%	52%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	71%	80%	75%	64%	70%	72%	70%
Wairariki	Category 1	64%	83%	83%	61%	70%	79%	74%
	Category 2	79%	86%	83%	82%	86%	81%	83%
	Category 3	38%	53%	57%	46%	46%	46%	49%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	60%	71%	74%	66%	70%	66%	70%
Waikato	Category 1	83%	88%	84%	86%	86%	86%	77%
	Category 2	91%	87%	87%	90%	89%	86%	89%
	Category 3	40%	42%	38%	45%	47%	47%	50%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	67%	67%	65%	72%	72%	68%	72%
Waitematā	Category 1	60%	67%	54%	61%	65%	64%	53%
	Category 2	71%	79%	72%	67%	72%	64%	73%
	Category 3	25%	30%	30%	25%	30%	27%	27%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	52%	65%	56%	51%	57%	50%	55%

Wellington	Category 1	90%	77%	88%	77%	67%	53%	40%
	Category 2	68%	75%	70%	69%	71%	68%	75%
	Category 3	43%	34%	19%	19%	27%	30%	24%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	61%	60%	50%	48%	50%	49%	50%
National Total	Category 1	73%	77%	73%	73%	72%	73%	73%
	Category 2	79%	82%	80%	80%	81%	78%	80%
	Category 3	38%	45%	40%	42%	42%	41%	42%
	Category 4	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	100%
	Total	61%	67%	64%	64%	66%	62%	64%

Notes for Table 1:

- This data counts criminal cases that were disposed of in the administrative stage in the District Court (excluding Youth Court).
- A case is classified as disposed of once all case charges receive a final outcome (e.g., convicted and sentenced, withdrawn, discharged without conviction etc).
- The administrative stage includes first appearance and second appearance. Some defendants will plead guilty at their first appearance. The second appearance may require defendant(s) to enter a plea.
- The proportion is calculated by the number of cases disposed of in the administrative stage out of the number of cases disposed of.
- The month is based on when the case was disposed of.
- The Ministry of Justice collates data at the end of each month, not on the first.
- Dashes (-) indicate that no case disposals occurred in the month for the category and location.
- For the purposes of this request, cases requiring sentencing have been counted as disposed of in the administrative stage if guilty pleas were entered for any charges that were not withdrawn.
- Disposals for category 4 cases may occur in the District Court if charges are withdrawn at first appearance or a guilty plea is entered. The numbers of case review hearings for this category are low and therefore percentages vary widely.
- The Ministry of Justice collates data at the end of each month, not on the first.
- Justice service areas are geographical groupings of individual court locations for administrative purposes.
- Statistics were extracted from the Court's Case Management System on 4 July 2024. Since this is an operational system, data for earlier months may have been updated since any previous publications.