

WPQ 45408 (2024)

Table 1: Proportion of criminal cases disposed within the timeliness thresholds in the District Court 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	75%	76%	76%	77%	77%	78%	79%
	Category 2	79%	79%	80%	81%	82%	82%	83%
	Category 3 JAT	43%	43%	44%	45%	46%	47%	47%
	Category 3 Jury	45%	45%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%
	Total	62%	62%	63%	64%	66%	66%	66%
Bay of Plenty	Category 1	94%	92%	94%	93%	94%	94%	93%
	Category 2	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%	96%
	Category 3 JAT	87%	87%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%
	Category 3 Jury	62%	62%	63%	65%	64%	66%	67%
	Total	92%	92%	92%	91%	91%	91%	91%
Canterbury	Category 1	91%	91%	91%	90%	91%	90%	90%
	Category 2	94%	94%	93%	94%	93%	93%	93%
	Category 3 JAT	79%	79%	79%	78%	78%	78%	78%
	Category 3 Jury	60%	61%	60%	60%	60%	61%	60%
	Total	86%	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%	85%
East Coast	Category 1	82%	84%	83%	83%	82%	82%	83%
	Category 2	94%	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%
	Category 3 JAT	76%	75%	75%	74%	74%	74%	74%
	Category 3 Jury	58%	59%	56%	54%	55%	55%	55%
	Total	84%	84%	84%	83%	83%	83%	83%
Manawatū/Wairarapa	Category 1	88%	87%	87%	90%	89%	89%	89%
	Category 2	92%	92%	92%	92%	91%	91%	91%
	Category 3 JAT	74%	74%	74%	73%	73%	74%	73%
	Category 3 Jury	69%	68%	65%	64%	66%	65%	67%
	Total	84%	84%	83%	83%	83%	83%	83%

Justice service area	Case Category	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	Category 1	85%	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%	85%
	Category 2	93%	94%	93%	93%	93%	92%	92%
	Category 3 JAT	80%	80%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%
	Category 3 Jury	55%	53%	51%	51%	53%	54%	55%
	Total	85%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%	85%
Northern Wellington	Category 1	82%	83%	84%	85%	84%	85%	84%
	Category 2	85%	85%	86%	85%	85%	85%	84%
	Category 3 JAT	72%	72%	71%	70%	70%	70%	70%
	Category 3 Jury	85%	84%	84%	84%	82%	84%	87%
	Total	80%	80%	80%	79%	79%	79%	79%
Otago	Category 1	92%	93%	93%	91%	92%	92%	91%
	Category 2	95%	95%	94%	94%	93%	93%	93%
	Category 3 JAT	76%	76%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%
	Category 3 Jury	66%	66%	66%	65%	64%	63%	63%
	Total	86%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85%	85%
South Auckland	Category 1	76%	77%	78%	78%	78%	79%	80%
	Category 2	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%	88%
	Category 3 JAT	50%	50%	51%	52%	53%	55%	55%
	Category 3 Jury	51%	52%	52%	52%	53%	54%	53%
	Total	72%	72%	72%	73%	73%	74%	74%
Southland	Category 1	92%	91%	89%	89%	89%	87%	87%
	Category 2	94%	94%	94%	94%	94%	93%	93%
	Category 3 JAT	84%	84%	83%	83%	82%	81%	82%
	Category 3 Jury	78%	81%	81%	78%	79%	78%	77%
	Total	89%	90%	89%	89%	88%	87%	88%

Justice service area	Case Category	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Taitokerau	Category 1	82%	82%	82%	83%	85%	84%	83%
	Category 2	94%	94%	94%	93%	93%	93%	93%
	Category 3 JAT	81%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
	Category 3 Jury	55%	55%	55%	55%	56%	55%	55%
	Total	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Taranaki/Wanganui	Category 1	92%	92%	93%	93%	94%	94%	93%
	Category 2	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	96%
	Category 3 JAT	85%	85%	85%	86%	85%	84%	83%
	Category 3 Jury	58%	58%	59%	58%	56%	58%	58%
	Total	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	89%
Waiariki	Category 1	94%	93%	94%	93%	94%	93%	93%
	Category 2	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%
	Category 3 JAT	84%	83%	83%	83%	82%	83%	82%
	Category 3 Jury	47%	49%	49%	51%	51%	54%	54%
	Total	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%	89%
Waikato	Category 1	87%	88%	87%	87%	89%	88%	88%
	Category 2	92%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%
	Category 3 JAT	67%	67%	67%	67%	67%	67%	68%
	Category 3 Jury	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%	47%
	Total	80%	80%	79%	79%	79%	79%	80%
Waitematā	Category 1	91%	92%	91%	91%	91%	89%	88%
	Category 2	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%	87%	87%
	Category 3 JAT	53%	53%	54%	54%	55%	55%	56%
	Category 3 Jury	72%	72%	71%	74%	73%	74%	74%
	Total	76%	77%	77%	77%	77%	77%	78%

Justice service area	Case Category	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Wellington	Category 1	73%	70%	72%	73%	73%	72%	71%
	Category 2	83%	83%	83%	83%	84%	84%	85%
	Category 3 JAT	66%	67%	66%	65%	65%	66%	65%
	Category 3 Jury	48%	48%	49%	50%	52%	53%	52%
	Total	72%	72%	72%	72%	72%	73%	73%
National Total	Category 1	85%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%	86%
	Category 2	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%	91%
	Category 3 JAT	71%	70%	70%	70%	71%	71%	71%
	Category 3 Jury	54%	54%	54%	54%	54%	55%	54%
	Total	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%

Notes for Table 1:

- This data counts criminal cases disposed 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 measure provided is a rolling 12-month measure. A rolling 12-month measure takes the year ending with each month.
- The age at disposal is used for determining if a case meets the timeframe. This is measured as the inclusive number of calendar days from the first charge filing date to the last charge final outcome date, excluding any days the case may have spent on hold due to a warrant to arrest being active resulting from a defendant absconding.
- Different timeliness thresholds apply by case category as follows, with these thresholds used to report on timeliness of disposals by individual category:
 - Category One = 6 months
 - Category Two = 9 months
 - Category Three JAT = 9 months
 - Category Three Jury = 15 months
- The timeliness protocol was introduced by the Chief District Court Judge in June 2024, and therefore any reporting prior to this date is retrospective.
- 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.
- Justice service areas are geographical groupings of individual court locations for administrative purposes.
- Statistics were extracted from the Court's Case Management System on 16 July 2024. Since this is an operational system, data for earlier months may have been updated since any previous publications.