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Table 1: Number of children and young people convicted of 3 or more offences in one year where at least one of these offences has a maximum penalty of 7 years, between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2025

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of children and young people convicted	11	10	5	16	9	18	25	13	19

Notes for Table 1:

- This data counts each child or young person once per year. Children and young people are defined as those aged 10 to 16 years at the date of the offence up to 30 June 2019, and 10 to 17 years from 1 July 2019 onwards. This reflects amendments to the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, which extended the definition of a child to include 17-year-olds from 1 July 2019.
- This data includes children and young people who were convicted of three or more charges in a year, with at least one of those charges having a maximum penalty of exactly seven years. Charges with a maximum penalty above seven years have not been included.
- This data includes convicted charges for all children and young people in the High Court and the District Court.
- This data is based on Tier 1 statistics which are the key official statistics by which New Zealand's performance as a country is measured. Tier 1 statistics are published twice a year in March (calendar year) and September (financial year). Data has only been provided up to 31 December 2025, as this is the most recent data held by the Ministry.