

WPQ 12959 (2024)

Table 1: Number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour

Year	Number of children and young people
2012/2013	1380
2013/2014	1213
2014/2015	1124
2015/2016	1175
2016/2017	1080
2017/2018	1011
2018/2019	955
2019/2020	1020
2020/2021	866
2021/2022	891
2022/2023	1081

Notes for Table 1:

- This table counts the number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour as at 30 June each year from 2012/2013 to 2022/2023, as appears on the graph of the government's factsheet for target 3 – "Fifteen per cent reduction in the total number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour".
- Serious and persistent youth offenders are defined as children and young people who have been proceeded against by Police for at least 3 distinct offending events within 12 months, at least one of which was for a serious offence (an offence that carries a maximum penalty of 7+ years imprisonment)