

Table 1: The average number of days to dispose of Category 1 and 2 cases, broken down by calendar year and court type, 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023

Court Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
District Court	81	97	105	117	106
Youth Court	82	98	105	93	109

Notes for Table 1:

- The age at disposal represents the active days between case 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 1 and Category 2 cases. This is because Category 1 cases and Category 2 cases are both punishable by a term of imprisonment of less than 2 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
- Category 1 and 2 cases rarely occur in the High Court. It would not provide meaningful data reporting on the average time to dispose of a Category 1 and 2 case in the High Court.
- 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.