

WPQ 7669 (2026): Number of children and young people in the custody of the Chief Executive as at 28 February 2026

Care and Protection	
Region	Number of children and young people
Te Tai Tokerau	273
Auckland North, West, Central	522
Auckland South	478
Waikato and Bay of Plenty	715
East Coast	381
Taranaki and Manawatu	451
Wellington and Upper South	422
Canterbury and Lower South	849
Adoptions Services	2
Total	4,093

Youth Justice	
Region	Number of children and young people
North Youth Justice	114
South Youth Justice	38
Total	152