

Historical Murder Offences in New Zealand, 1926 – 2022

Year	Recorded Offences	Population Estimates	Recorded Murders per 1,000,000 Population
1926	13	1,413,700	9
1927	13	1,439,000	9
1928	2	1,456,100	1
1929	6	1,473,400	4
1930	7	1,493,000	5
1931	13	1,514,200	9
1932	15	1,527,100	10
1933	22	1,539,600	14
1934	16	1,551,500	10
1935	11	1,562,200	7
1936	8	1,575,200	5
1937	4	1,590,000	3
1938	7	1,606,800	4
1939	4	1,628,500	2
1940	4	1,637,300	2
1941	9	1,630,900	6
1942	5	1,639,500	3
1943	10	1,635,600	6
1944	20	1,655,800	12
1945	20	1,694,700	12
1946	10	1,759,600	6
1947	12	1,798,300	7
1948	13	1,834,700	7
1949	12	1,871,700	6
1950	12	1,909,100	6
1951	5	1,947,600	3
1952	10	1,996,200	5
1953	11	2,048,800	5
1954	6	2,094,900	3
1955	8	2,139,000	4
1956	9	2,182,800	4
1957	13	2,232,500	6
1958	16	2,285,800	7
1959		2,334,600	0
1960	16	2,377,000	7
1961	14	2,426,700	6
1962	12	2,484,900	5
1963	10	2,536,900	4
1964	13	2,589,100	5
1965	17	2,635,300	6
1966	25	2,682,600	9
1967	14	2,727,700	5
1968	11	2,753,500	4
1969	18	2,780,100	6
1970	20	2,819,600	7
1971	16	2,864,200	6

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1972	17	2,915,600	6
1973	25	2,977,100	8
1974	32	3,041,800	11
1975	20	3,100,100	6
1976	40	3,131,800	13
1977	27	3,142,600	9
1978	41	3,143,500	13
1979	43	3,137,800	14
1980	37	3,144,000	12
1981	49	3,156,700	16
1982	35	3,180,800	11
1983	48	3,221,700	15
1984	40	3,252,800	12
1985	66	3,271,500	20
1986	79	3,277,000	24
1987	64	3,303,600	19
1988	72	3,317,000	22
1989	63	3,330,200	19
1990	78	3,362,500	23
1991	75	3,495,800	21
1992	79	3,533,000	22
1993	65	3,573,600	18
1994	62	3,621,600	17
1995	40	3,675,800	11
1996	55	3,732,060	15
1997	66	3,781,540	17
1998	53	3,814,670	14
1999	50	3,834,980	13
2000	56	3,857,410	15
2001	53	3,881,010	14
2002	66	3,948,830	17
2003	46	4,026,810	11
2004	47	4,087,350	11
2005	61	4,134,210	15
2006	49	4,184,380	12
2007	52	4,223,580	12
2008	51	4,259,910	12
2009	68	4,302,510	16
2010	41	4,350,660	9
2011	38	4,384,050	9
2012	44	4,407,890	10
2013	48	4,441,830	11
2014	47	4,533,470	10
2015	47	4,625,180	10
2016	51	4,716,920	11
2017	34	4,808,630	7
2018	55	4,900,270	11
2019	115	4,978,570	23

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2020	52	5,090,610	10
2021	59	5,111,370	12
2022*	75	5,117,410	15

**Provisional data*

Note that counting rules for murder statistics have changed over time (i.e. cases vs offences vs victimisations). Therefore, trend over a long period (especially before 2007) should be interpreted with caution.