



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

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Dear

On 26 July 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the number of 14 to 17 year olds currently in Youth Justice Residences, broken down by gender and residence.

A Youth Justice residence is a safe and secure place when young people have been placed into the care of Child, Youth and Family and can't live in the community for a period of time. Residences provide a safe place where young people can be supported to get their life on track and to become the best they can be.

A young person may be placed into a residence for the following reasons:

- A young person has been arrested by the police and put in the care of Child, Youth and Family until they go to Youth Court.
- A young person has been remanded by the court and needs to stay at a residence until the court deals with the case. This can take two or three weeks, and could be longer if the charges are denied.
- A young person has been sentenced by the Youth Court for a period between three to six months. If things go well for them in the residence, they may be able to leave the residence earlier. Once they leave the residence, they will be subject to six to twelve months supervision in the community.
- If a young person is sentenced to prison they may be admitted to a residence for some of this time.

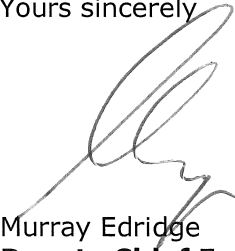
National and local level data regarding residences can be found on the Child, Youth and Family website at the following link: <http://www.cyf.govt.nz/about-us/key-statistics/kids-in-care.html>.

The tables enclosed provide the number of young people residing at Youth Justice Residences as at 31 March 2016, by age group and gender. As Child, Youth and Family reports information quarterly, the latest quarter available has been provided to you. Please note that the age of the young person is at the start of their placement at a Youth Justice Residence. Although you have asked for the number of young people at each Youth Justice Residence broken down by individual ages and gender, age groups and gender have been provided seperately to reduce the amount of suppression that would have been required to protect the privacy of the individuals concerned.

I hope you find this information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray Edridge', written over a horizontal line.

Murray Edridge
Deputy Chief Executive, Child, Youth and Family

Table One: The number of young people residing at Youth Justice Residences as at 31 March 2016, broken down by age group.

Youth Justice Residence	Age Group (years)		
	13 to 15	16 to 17	Total
Korowai Manaaki (YJ North)	18	19	37
Te Au rere a te Tonga	14	14	28
Te Maioha o Parekarangi	13	13	26
Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo (YJ South)	13	14	27
Total	58	60	118

Table Two: The number of young people residing at Youth Justice Residences as at 31 March 2016, broken down by gender.

Youth Justice Residence	Gender		
	Female	Male	Total
Korowai Manaaki (YJ North)	6	31	37
Te Au rere a te Tonga	9	19	28
Te Maioha o Parekarangi	0	26	26
Te Puna Wai o Tuhinapo (YJ South)	7	20	27
Total	22	96	118