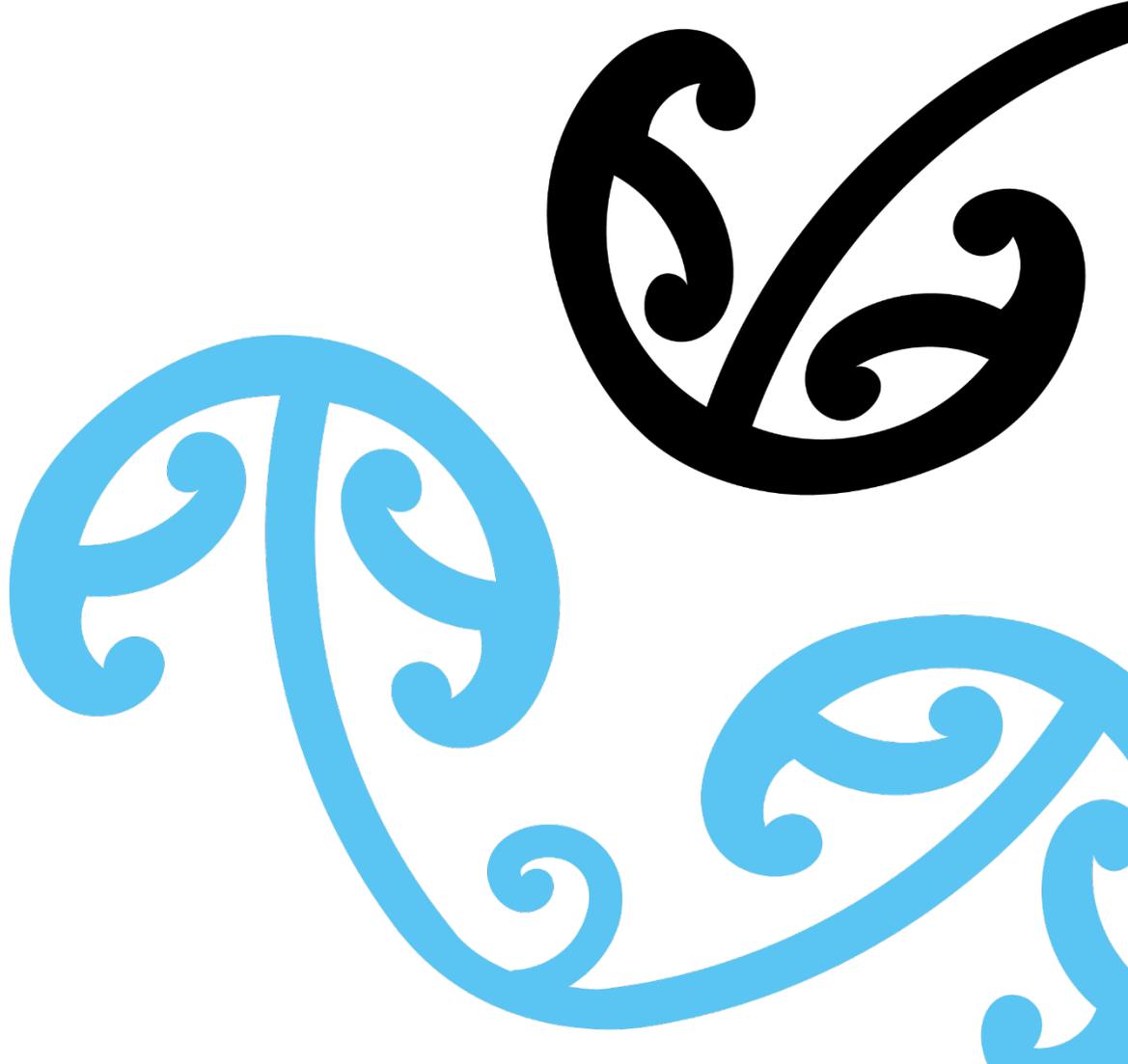




Annual Review

2019/20



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	F2016/17	F2019/20	Calendar year 2020
Individual children entering into care	2,315	1,283	1,112
Children in care and protection custody	5,708	5,964	5,613
Young people in youth justice custody	187	96*	110

Notes

The age for care was raised on the 1 April 2017

*The age for youth justice was raised on 1 July 2019 and therefore 17 years olds are counted in 2019/20 and Calendar year 2020 but where not in F2106/7. Raising the age for youth justice resulted in a 26% increase in volume. Calendar year 2020 75 young people 16 and under.

Disparity for tamariki and rangatahi has reduced significantly since 2017

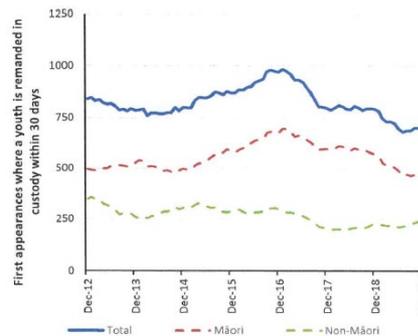
**Distinct Entries to Care
(Per 1,000 Tamariki in New Zealand)**



Entries to care for Māori have reduced at a greater rate than non-Māori

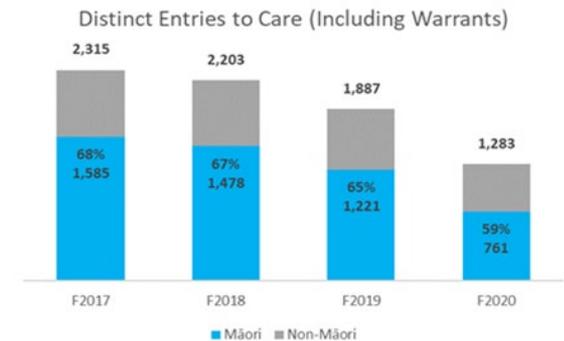
Youth (12-17) remanded in custody

Change over past year (Total) -10%
Change over past year (Māori) -17%



The number of Māori in the youth justice system has also reduced at a greater rate than non-Māori

Total number of Entries into State Care

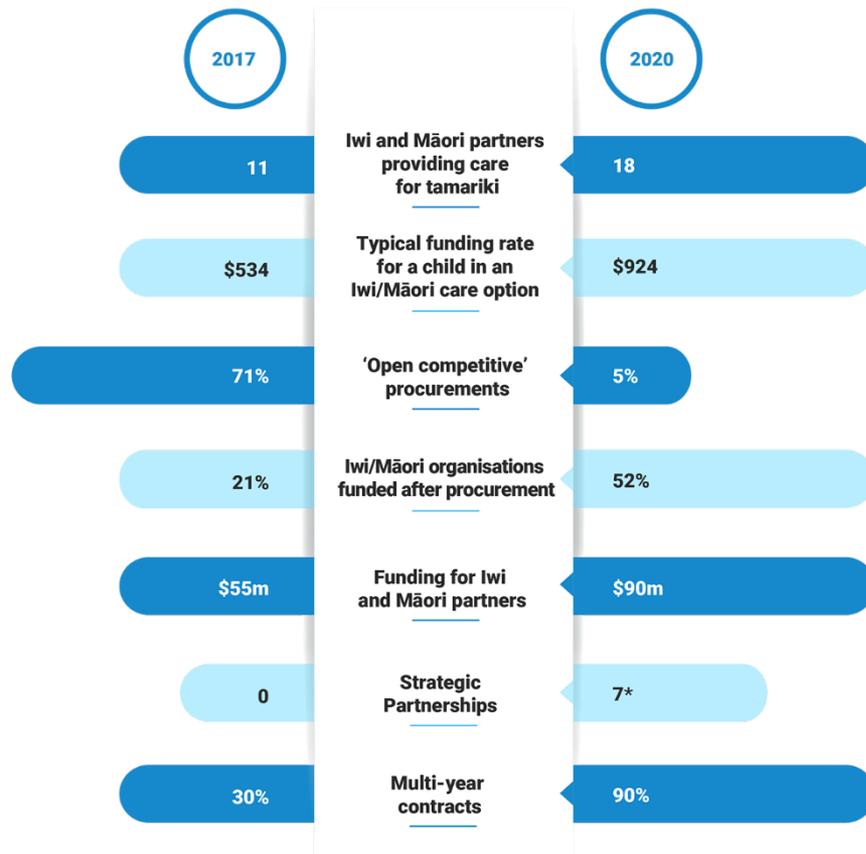


Entries for Māori made up 68% in 2017, which reduced to 59% in 2020

Reduction of children entering care and lessening of disparities is due to earlier support, new services and partnerships delivering higher quality services



Significant shifts have been made in how we commission services, and we are working differently with iwi / Māori to support children and families



* strategic partnerships now cover more than 75% of children in care and an 8th partnership was signed on 26th Feb.

Within the Ministry there have been shifts which have improved staff engagement, cultural capability and support to children, families and partners



* As at Feb 2021 the rate is 1:19