

Insights into the Youth Justice system

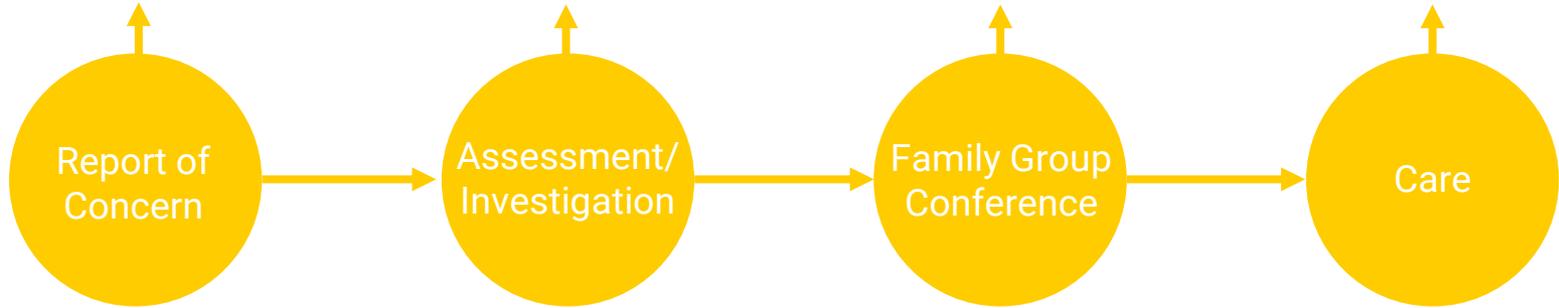
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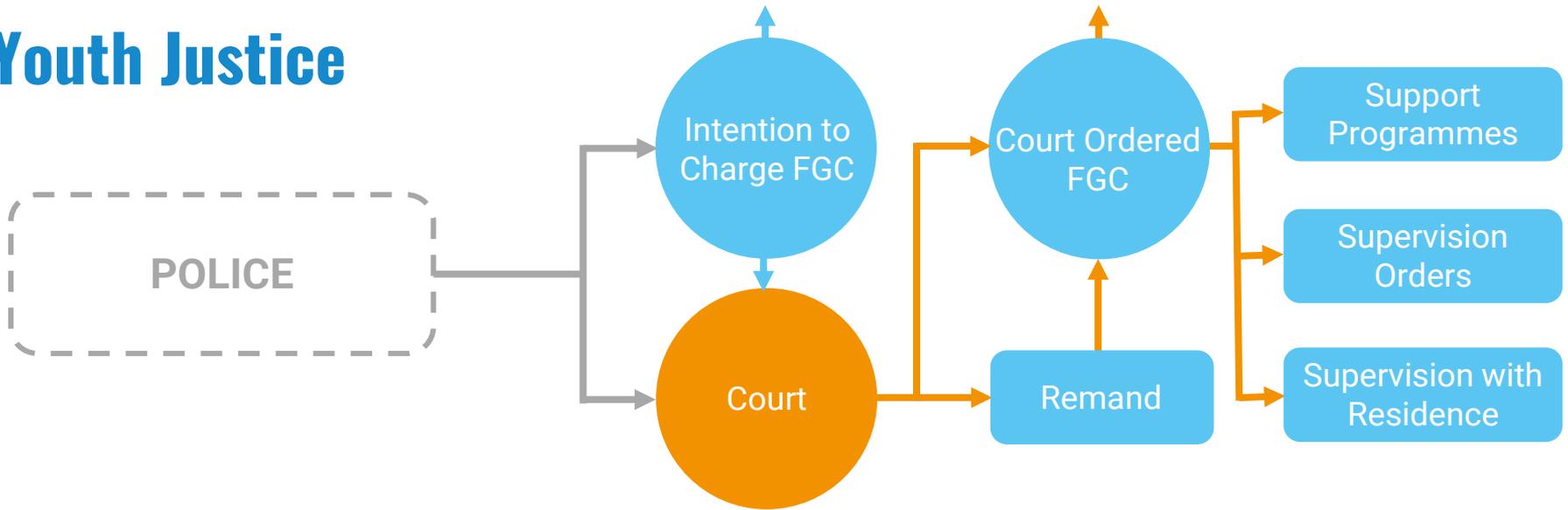
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Care and Protection



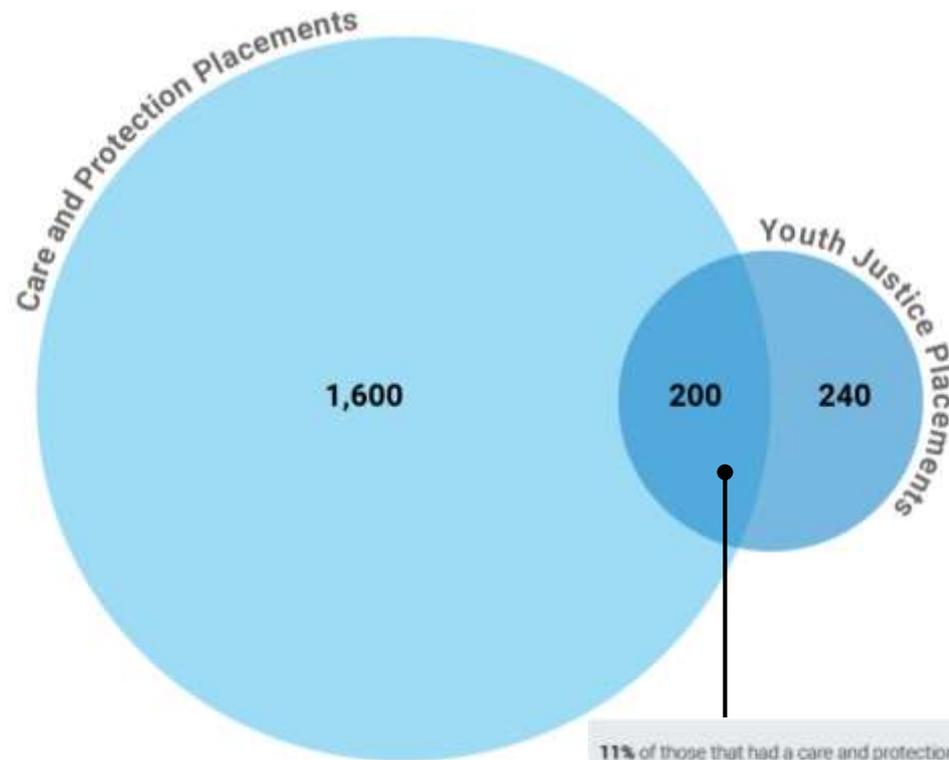
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Do care-experienced young people move into the youth justice system?

Overlap between Care & Protection Placements and Youth Justice Placements

For all 18 year olds as at 30 June 2018. Source: Oranga Tamariki operational data.



11% of those that had a care and protection placement also had a youth justice placement.

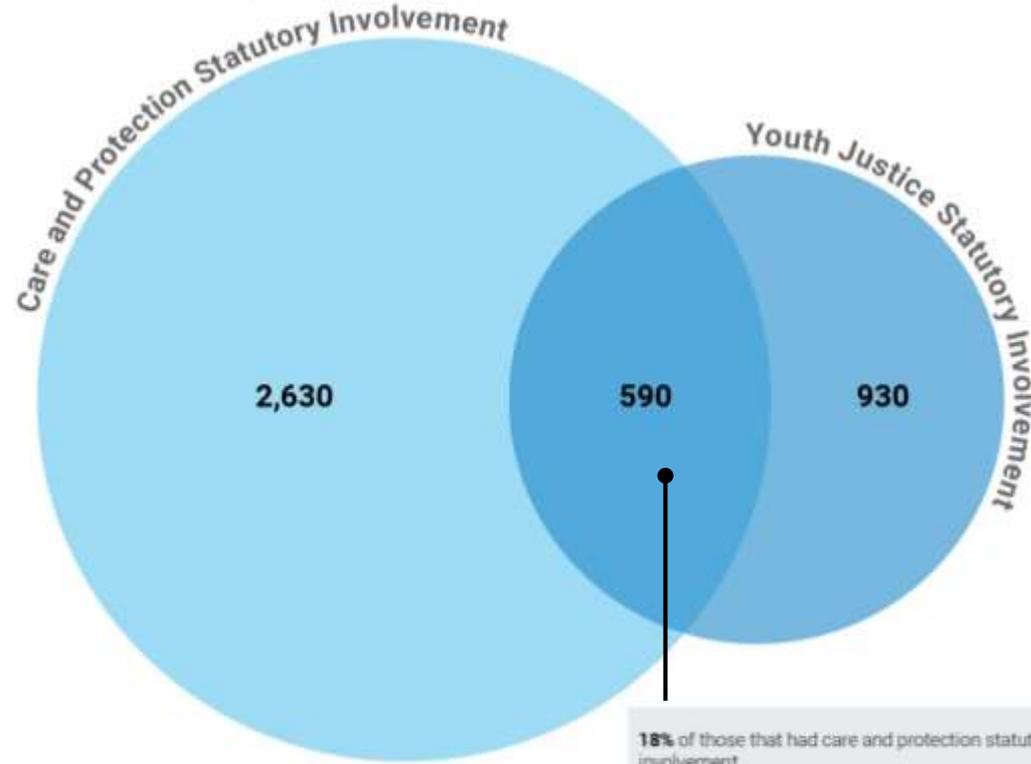
45% of those that had a youth justice placement also had a care and protection placement.



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Overlap between Care & Protection and Youth Justice Statutory Involvement

For all 18 year olds as at 30 June 2018. Source: Oranga Tamariki operational data.



18% of those that had care and protection statutory involvement also had youth justice statutory involvement.

39% of those that had youth justice statutory involvement also had care and protection statutory involvement.

'Statutory Involvement' includes all those who have had a Family Group Conference or been in a placement.

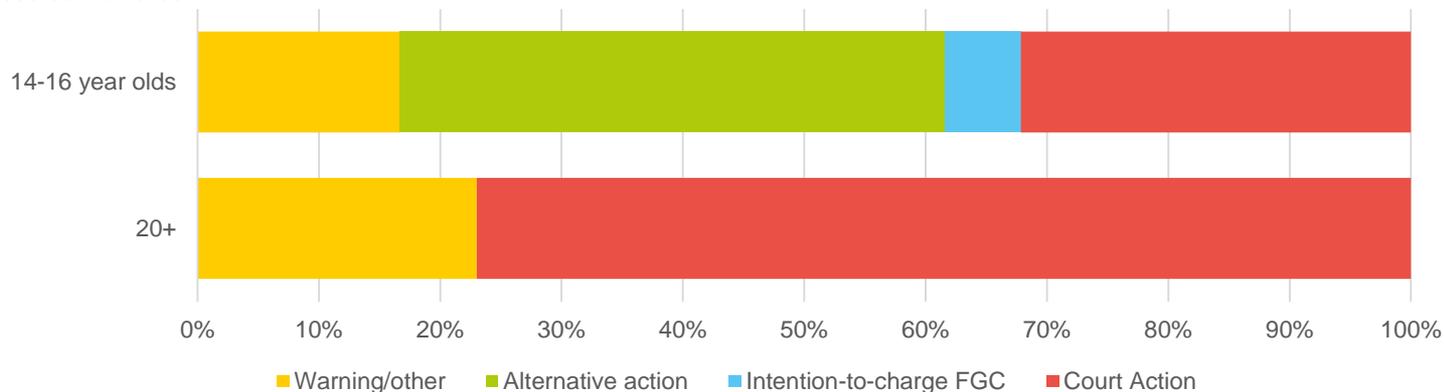


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Are reoffending rates worse for young people compared with adults?

Breakdown of Police proceedings by method of proceeding and age group, 2017/18

Source: NZ Police



Number of people appearing in court by average and median seriousness score for their most serious charge, 2018/19

Court	Number of people	Average seriousness score	Median seriousness score
District Court	72,000	113**	19
Youth Court	1,300	474*	243

Arson has a score of 474.69, ** Benefit fraud has a score of 113.44. Source: Ministry of Justice

Do a large proportion of young people involved in Youth Justice go on to reoffend?

45% of 14-16 year olds reoffend within 12 months (2016/17 – Youth Justice Indicators)

Supervision

81% reoffended within 12 months

Supervision
with Activity

82% reoffended within 12 months

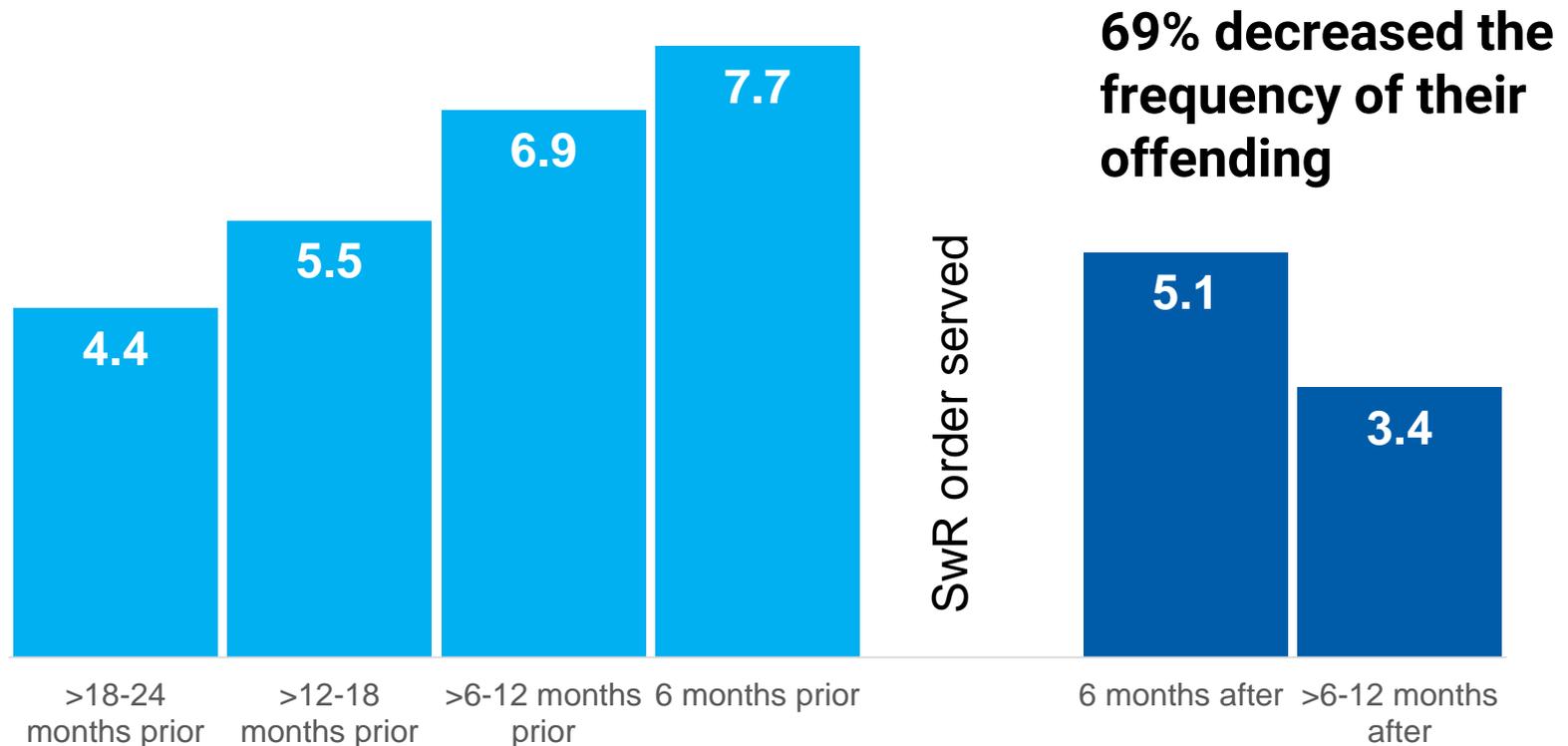
Supervision
with
Residence

88% reoffended within 12 months



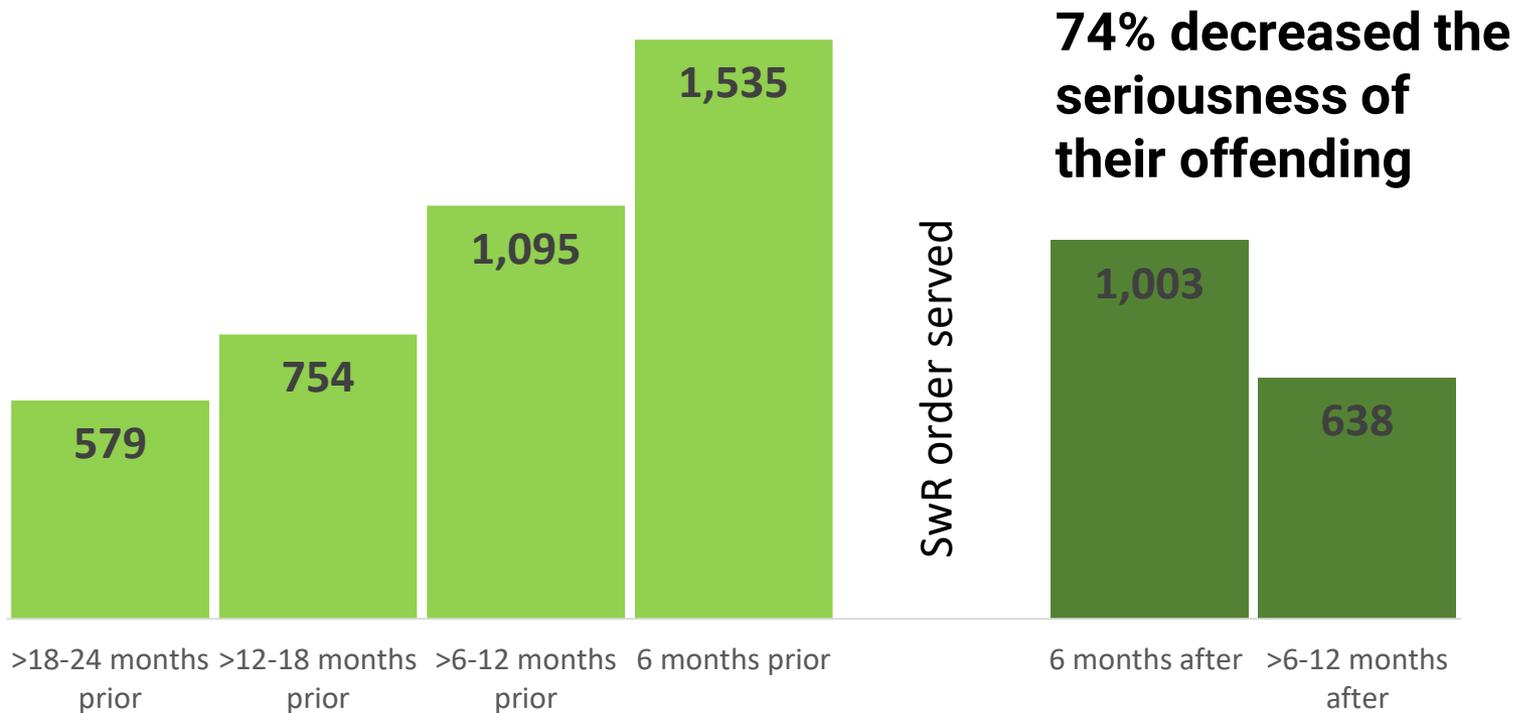
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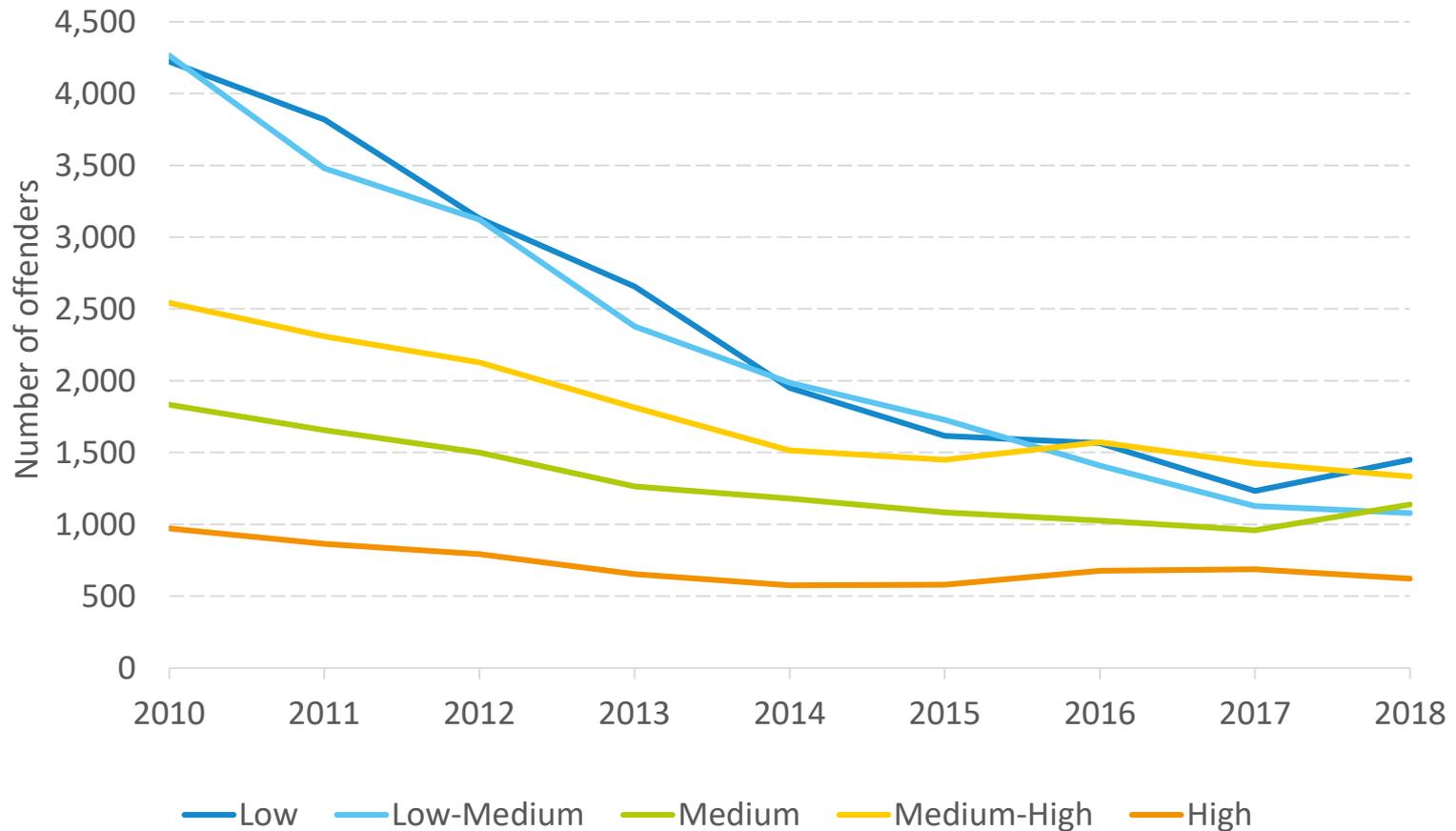
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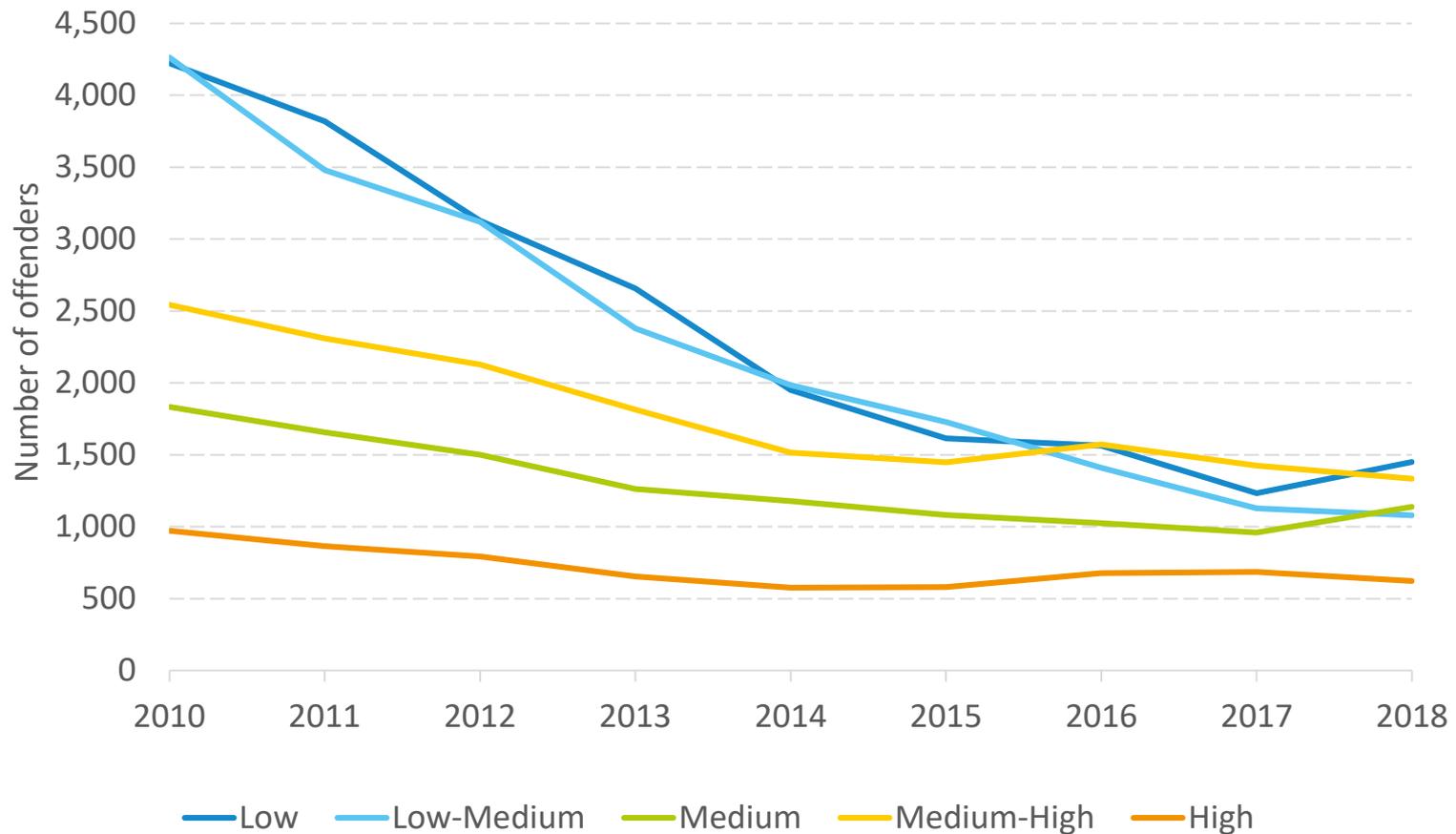
Has youth crime become more serious?

Number of 14-16-year olds proceeded against by Police by seriousness of offences, 2010-2018



Is the decrease in youth offending due to Police behaviour or actual reductions in offending?

Number of 14-16-year olds proceeded against by Police by seriousness of offences, 2010-2018



Summary

- The vast majority of those with care and protection statutory involvement are never involved in the Youth Justice system
- Comparison of reoffending statistics between the youth and adult systems is not straightforward as the systems are fundamentally different
- Stopping young people reoffending entirely is unlikely due to the serious nature of the cases/offending history dealt with. However, Oranga Tamariki interventions coincide with a reduction in the frequency and seriousness of reoffending
- Youth crime has reduced across all levels of seriousness – more so for low level offending leaving a higher proportion of more serious crime in the youth system
- Youth crime has reduced in other countries indicating the reduction is likely not solely due to Police behaviour

