

## **Changes in Published Homicide Statistics 2006 - 2008**

*NZ Police have revised previously published statistics for Homicides for the past three years, to reflect more accurate information in Police IT systems.*

*The reasons for revising these statistics include:*

- Police have recently implemented greater clarity regarding definitions and rules for recording culpable deaths (a sub-set of Homicide),*
- Police have enhanced the quality assurance processes employed in publishing these statistics, and*
- In order to ensure comparability across recent years, Homicide statistics for each of the latest three calendar and fiscal years have been revised.*

*The Homicide offence category is particularly broad in New Zealand. It includes murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, infanticide, illegal abortion, and aiding suicide.*

*There were 92 Homicides in the last year; down from 111 the previous year, with 91 resolved; a resolution rate of 98.9 percent.*

*The following tables summarise the net impact of these revisions on previously published official statistics:*

District	Calendar year			Fiscal year	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-07	2007-08
Northland	1	-1	0	0	0
Waitemata	0	0	0	0	0
Auckland City	0	0	0	0	0
Counties/Manukau	0	0	0	0	-1
Waikato	0	0	0	0	0
Bay of Plenty	0	0	0	1	0
Eastern	0	0	1	1	0
Central	1	2	0	2	0
Wellington	0	0	1	0	0
Tasman	0	0	0	0	0
Canterbury	1	3	1	5	0
Southern	0	0	-1	0	0
TOTAL	3	4	2	9	-1

**Table 1: Net impact to Official Statistics**

District	Calendar year			Fiscal year	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-07	2007-08
Northland	4	0	0	3	0
Waitemata	0	0	0	0	0
Auckland City	0	1	0	2	0
Counties/Manukau	3	0	1	1	0
Waikato	1	1	0	0	1
Bay of Plenty	0	1	0	1	0
Eastern	0	0	1	0	0
Central	1	1	1	1	0
Wellington	0	0	0	1	-1
Tasman	2	0	0	1	0
Canterbury	1	3	1	4	0
Southern	1	0	1	1	1
TOTAL	13	7	5	15	1

Table 2: Net impact to Family Violence statistics