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Tēnā koe Jess

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request dated 10 June 2024. You wrote:

Could I please request statistics on how many ram raids and aggravated robberies on retail premises have been committed over the past five years, broken down by the age and gender of the offender/s?

You then added:

Is it possible to amend this though to be both ram raids and aggravated robberies on retail premises?

In the Official Police Statistics, information about offenders is collated in Recorded Crime Offenders Statistics (RCOS). Police proactively releases RCOS statistics. These are updated monthly and can be viewed and downloaded from policedata.nz¹.

The 'Proceedings (offender demographics)' report has information on offender demographics. Please note that the public report updates on the last working day of every month two months in arrears.

You have asked for specific information about proceedings related to ram raids and aggravated robberies at retail locations that are a subset of the published RCOS information.

As 'ram raid' does not have its own offence code, Police usually categorises a ram raid as a burglary offence under New Zealand legislation and in ANZSOC² division 07 Unlawful entry and related offences. Aggravated robbery is in ANZSOC division 06 robbery and related offences.

Table 1 below shows proceedings against offenders for robbery or burglary in occurrences identified as a ram raid³ at retail locations, January 2019 to April 2024.

¹ <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications-statistics/data-and-statistics/policedatanz>

² <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-and-new-zealand-standard-offence-classification-anzsoc/2011/01>

³ <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/retail-crime-and-ram-raids>

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Note, offenders in these occurrences may be proceeded against for other offences, for example receiving stolen property or vehicle theft, but these are not included in these counts.

Table 1. Proceedings against offenders for robbery or burglary in ram raid occurrences at retail locations by offender age group and gender, January 2019 to April 2024.

Age group	Gender	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	January to April 2024
10 - 13 years old	Male	0	8	33	67	55	12
	Female	0	0	4	9	3	0
14 - 17 years	Male	93	69	229	402	404	75
	Female	7	2	6	36	25	4
18 years and above	Male	29	16	44	111	86	17
	Female	2	0	3	5	9	0
Total		131	95	319	630	582	108

Table 2 below shows proceedings against offenders for aggravated robberies at retail locations by offender age group and gender, January 2019 to April 2024.

Table 2. Proceedings against offenders for aggravated robberies at retail locations by offender age group and gender, January 2019 to April 2024.

Age group	Gender	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	January to April 2024
Under 10 years old	Male	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 - 13 years old	Male	10	19	28	26	65	17
	Female	3	2	3	1	10	1
14 - 17 years	Male	169	119	142	203	281	117
	Female	35	21	15	28	26	5
18 years and above	Male	223	117	222	187	176	72
	Female	19	19	38	30	17	6
Total		459	297	448	475	576	218

Figures provided in these tables are counts of proceedings against offenders for at least one robbery or burglary offence. Therefore, please note that these figures may differ to figures published elsewhere for proceedings where official statistics are classified according to the most serious offence that the offender is dealt with on that occasion.

Please note that as part of its commitment to openness and transparency, Police proactively releases some information and documents that may be of interest to the public. An anonymised version of this response may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

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