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Security Situation Report

Q4 2020

A quarterly snapshot of New Zealanders' security



Violent Crime



Other Crime



Cyber Attack



Incivility



Violent Crime

For Q4, on a per capita basis, the region with the lowest rate of these crimes was Tasman, followed by Southland. The highest rates were found in Gisborne, then Hawkes Bay. There is a degree of correlation between these rankings and deprivation data.

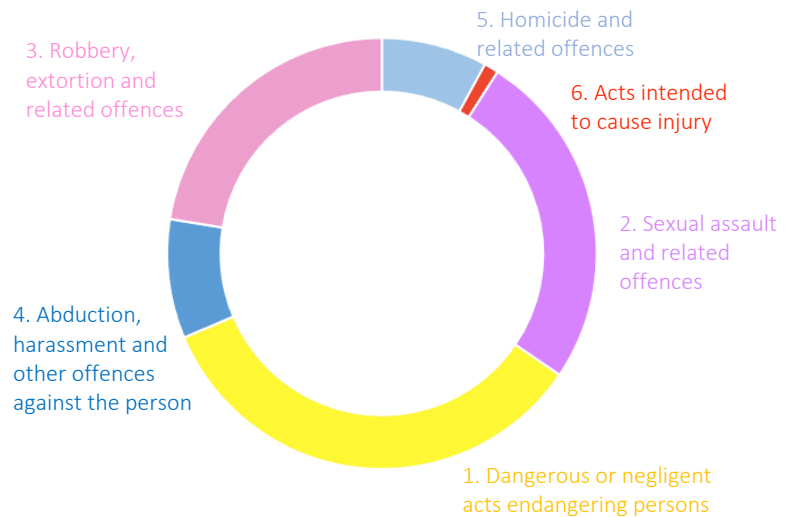
Overall, there was a 14% surge in the incidence of these violent crimes in Q4 compared to the previous quarter (Q3 2020).

Most violent crime types – except homicide, attempted murder and deprivation of liberty and false imprisonment – experienced a decrease in 2020 when compared to 2019.

Note: NZ Police provides publicly accessible time and place 'violent crime' data in relation to selected crimes only (homicides and most crimes occurring inside dwellings are excluded).

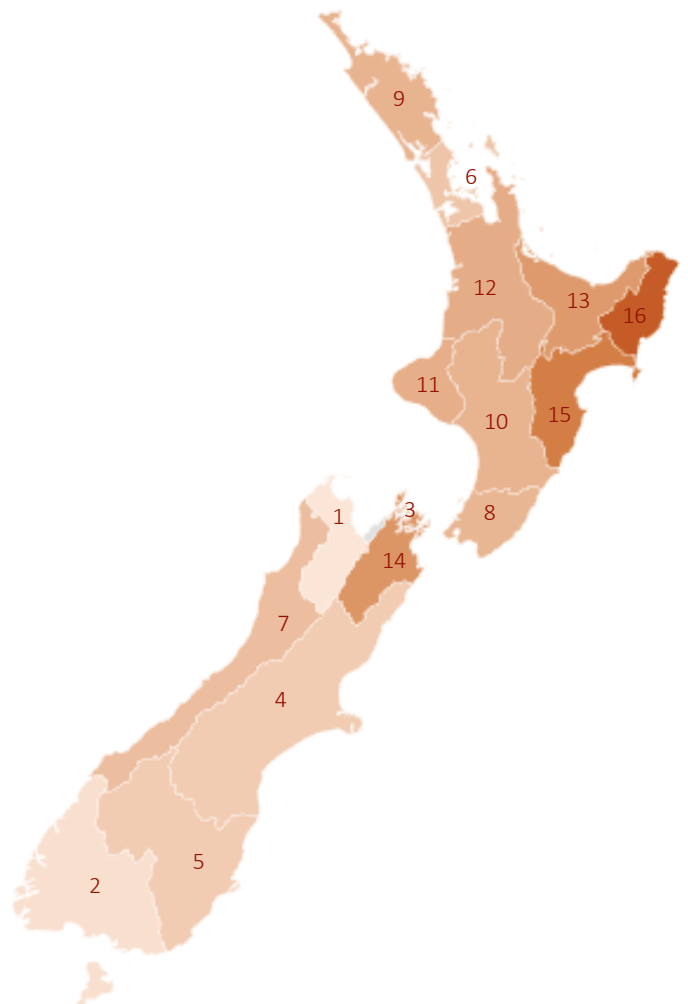
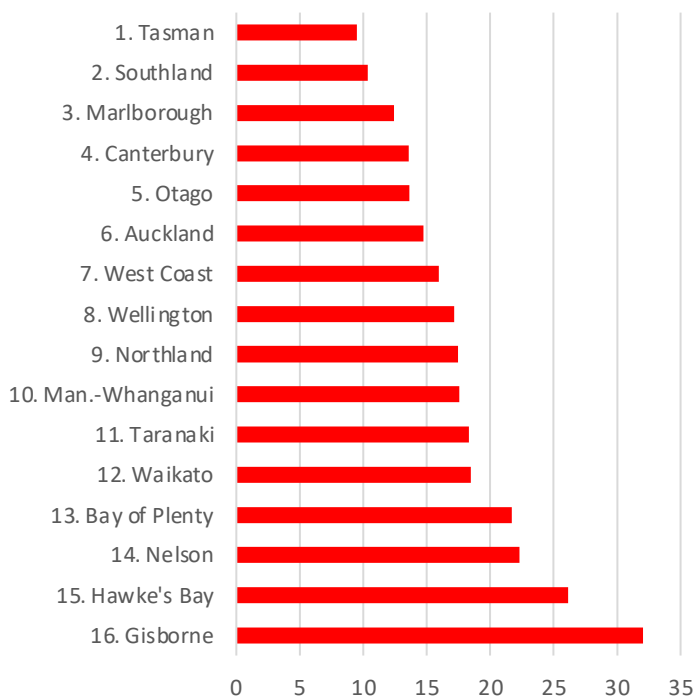
Crime by Category (2020)

[2020 annual data: NZ Police]



Region Rankings

[Q4 Crime rate per 10,000 population ranked smallest to largest].





Other Crime

For Q4, on a per capita basis the region with the lowest rate of these crimes was Otago, followed closely by Southland. The highest rates were found in Gisborne, then Bay of Plenty.

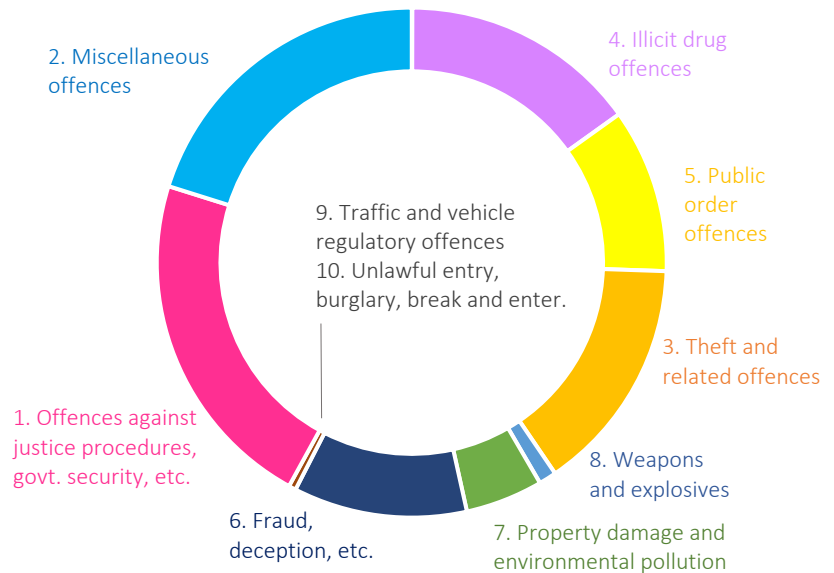
There is strong correlation between the Q4 rankings and deprivation data, and they are broadly consistent with the 2020 annual picture.

Overall, there was a 11% surge in the incidence of these 'other crimes' in Q4 compared to the previous quarter (Q3 2020).

Note: NZ Police dataset provides publicly accessible time and place 'non-violent crime' data in relation to only 'theft' and 'unlawful entry' crime types (excluding most crimes occurring inside dwellings).

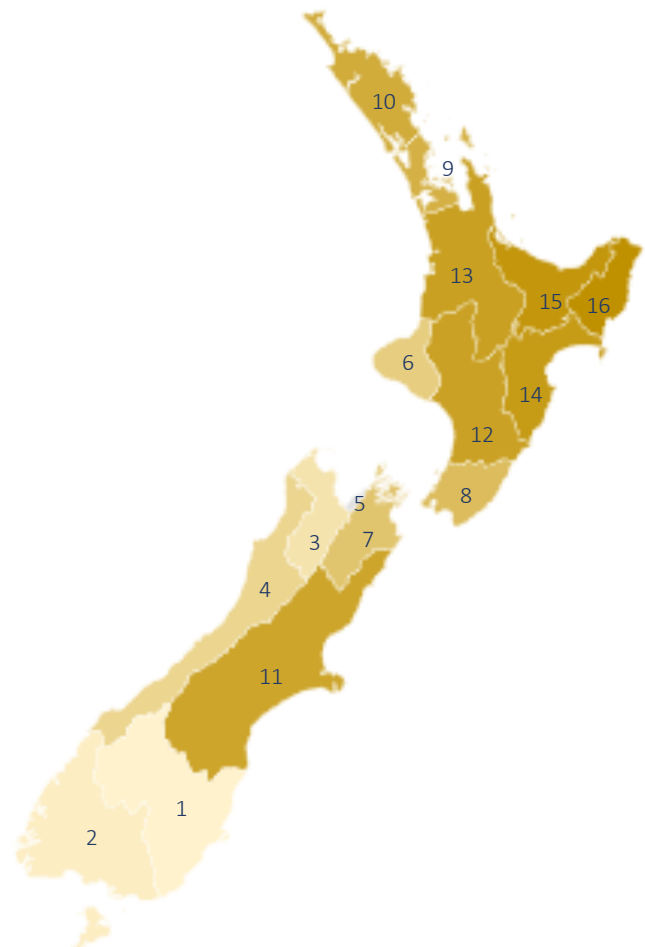
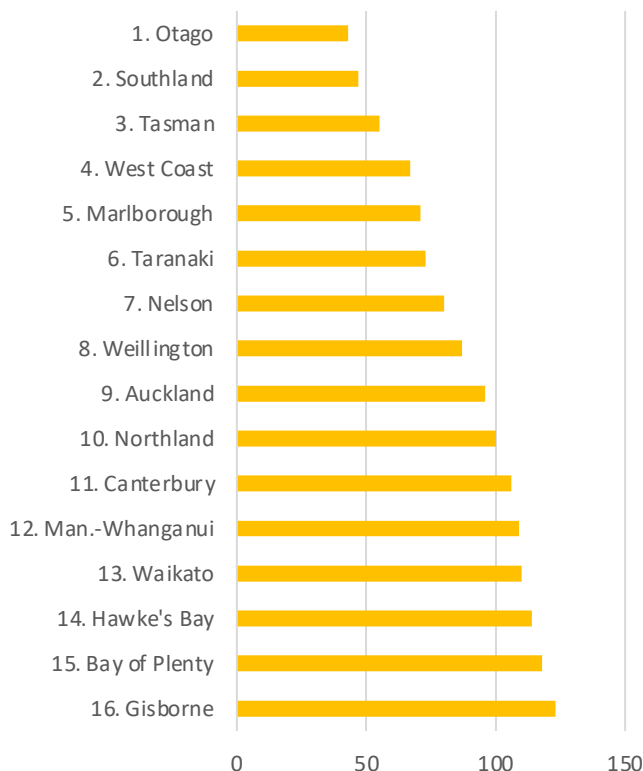
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Region Rankings

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Cyber Attack

According to the CERT NZ Q4 2020 Quarterly Report, although Q4 shows a decrease in cyber security incidents from Q3, the numbers of incidents reported in Q4 2020 are significantly higher than the same time period of the previous year.

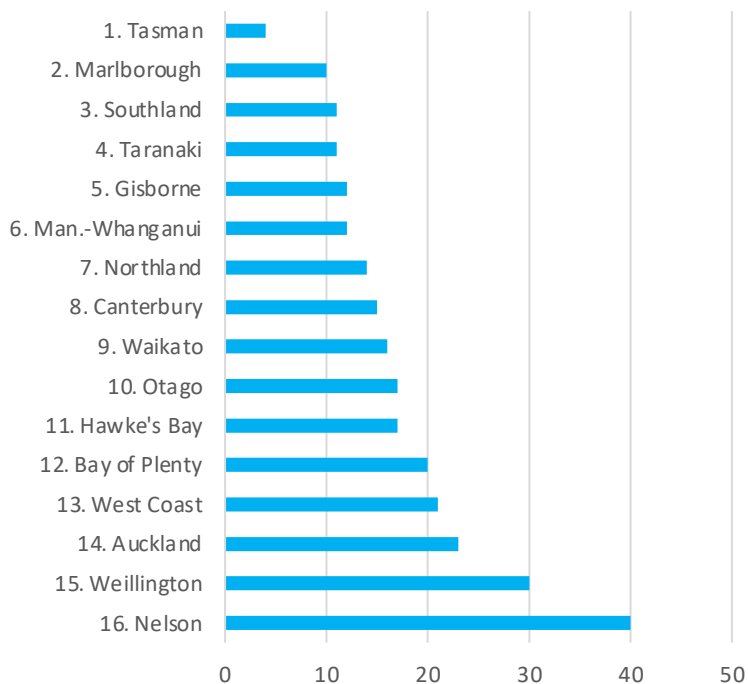
From a total of 1,137 incidents in Q1 2020, Q2 and Q3 had seen big increases to 1,965 and 2,610. These rises are consistent with widespread reporting of increases in cyber attacks following the COVID-19 outbreak and during associated lockdowns.

Direct financial losses totaled \$2,756,622 during Q4, making it the fourth lowest quarter since 2018 Q1 (behind Q1 2019, Q2 2020, and Q2 2018). Reports from the finance and insurance sector accounted for 50% of the 232 reports about incidents affecting organisations, making this sector the highest reported sector – by a long way.

Most regions saw little variation in Q4 from Q3 except for Bay of Plenty, which saw a 52% increase from 42 in Q3 to 63 in Q4.

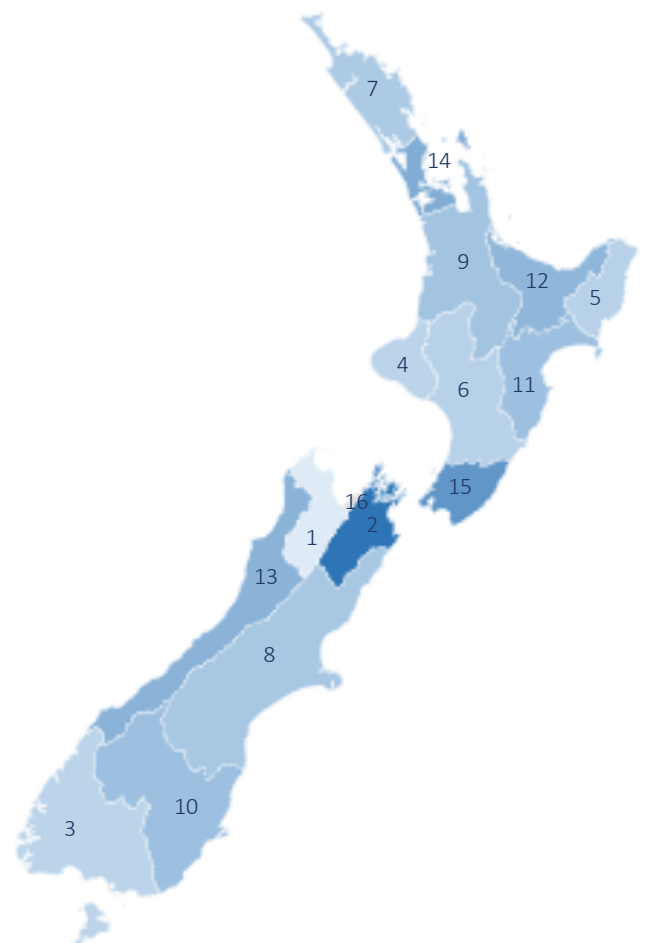
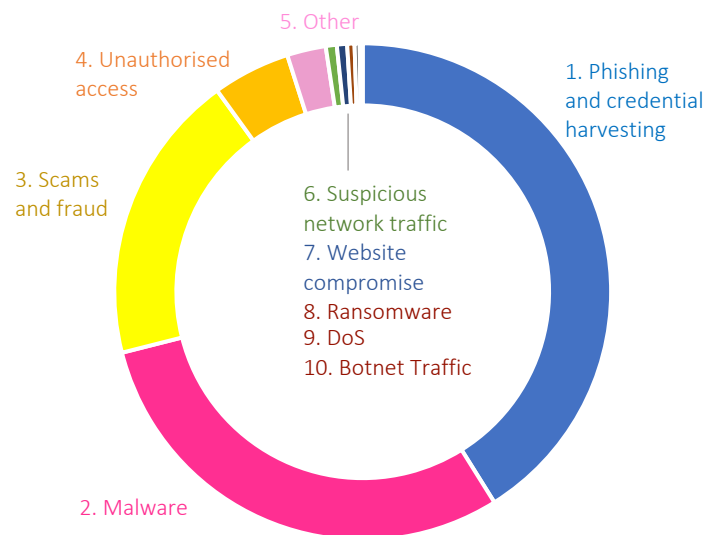
Region Rankings

[Q4 Reported incidents per 100,000 population ranked smallest to largest].



Attack by Category

[Q4 Breakdown by incident category, CERT NZ Quarterly Report].





Incivility

Our Incivility Barometer

Incivility includes a wide range of behaviours that (i) promote hatred towards particular groups, (ii) use violence to effect political or ideological ends, or (iii) demonstrate intolerance towards diverse identities, opinions or beliefs. There are well-established links between the state of incivility in a society and the potential for ideologically motivated mass violence, such as acts of terrorism.

Our Incivility Barometer is a record of acts of incivility, including (i) verbal or physical assault motivated by intolerance towards a victim's group identity, and (ii) acts of violent protest; as reported by New Zealand's media.

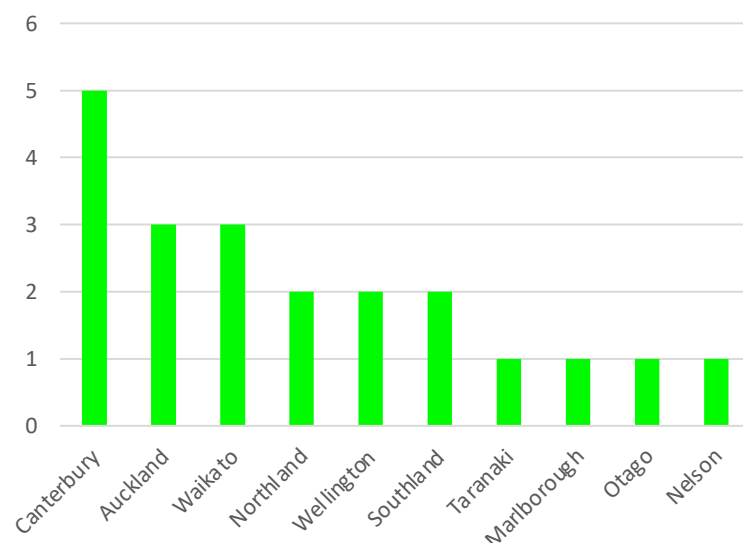
A note on statistics

Authorities in New Zealand do not maintain a register of hate crimes (a type of incivility), and nor does the legal system recognise hate crime as a separate offence. The report of the Royal Commission into the Christchurch attacks recommended that this change.

In its 2019 Highly Victimised People survey, the Ministry of Justice found that a quarter of all incidents, and 35 percent of all personal offences, were seen by the victim as being driven by discrimination.

Regional hotspots

[Q4 incidents of incivility (as defined above) reported by NZ media outlets].



Incivility in Q4

2020 has been widely acknowledged as a year of incivility, and also as a year of calling it out. Internationally, the COVID-19 pandemic gave rise to often violent anti-lockdown and anti-vax protests, racist attacks against Chinese, and increased harmful activity online. Far-right extremism saw an upsurge, as did anti-racism activism off the back of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement.

New Zealand was not immune, and Q4 saw incivility play out in the context of COVID-19, a national election, white nationalism, racist violence and animal activism.

The election campaign period saw a high tempo of far-right extremist political activity, and the airing of intolerant views from the fringes of politics. Abuse targeting Muslims continued throughout the quarter – particularly in Christchurch – continuing a pattern of violence in the wake of the 2019 Christchurch mosque attacks.





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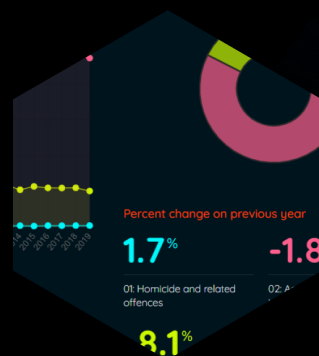
Get the picture

By visualising crime and security incident location data, SecIntel can make complex information readily understood.



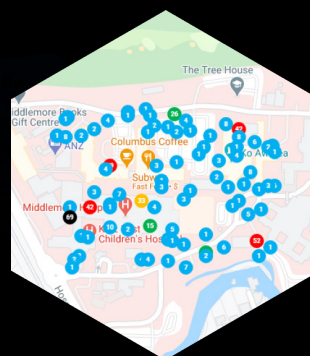
See the trends

SecIntel's historical data and analytics give you the power to understand the underlying drivers shaping your security risk picture.



Your premises

Analyse the security and safety picture within your perimeter with incident data entered into SecIntel by your onsite security team.



Your neighbourhood

Look through your perimeter into the next street, the next suburb, and gain a picture of your surrounding risk.



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