

## Summary Information on Family Group Conferences

A Family Group Conference (FGC) is held when a child or young person is believed to be in need of care and protection or to decide how young people who offend can be supported to address their offending and take responsibility for their behaviour.

There are three categories of Family Group Conferences:

- A new FGC relating to a new incident or concern.
- A reconvened FGC when participants attend another meeting due to a breakdown of the previous FGC plan or for Youth Justice, further offending.
- A review FGC when participants agree to formally reconvene to review and evaluate the progress of the current FGC plan.

### Volume

The following tables show the volume of Care and Protection and Youth Justice Family Group Conferences held from 2006 to 2011.

#### Care and Protection:

FGC Category	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
New	4,447	4,425	4,866	5,481	5,885	5,667
Review	1,099	1,110	1,552	1,333	1,479	1,580
Reconvened	721	702	824	853	796	623
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,267</b>	<b>6,237</b>	<b>7,242</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>8,160</b>	<b>7,870</b>

#### Youth Justice:

FGC Category	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
New	7,870	7,803	7,964	7,439	7,139	6,620
Review	1,243	1,242	1,113	1,172	1,037	708
Reconvened	94	114	119	118	113	95
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,207</b>	<b>9,159</b>	<b>9,196</b>	<b>8,729</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>7,423</b>

There has been a 27% increase in 'new' and a 44% increase in 'review' Care and Protection FGCs during the time period.

Since 2006, the annual number 'reconvened' Care and Protection FGCs has decreased by 14%.

The total number of Youth Justice FGCs held has decreased by 19% during the time period.

The general NZ population has experienced a reduction in the number of ten to sixteen year olds over the past few years. This may have contributed to the reduction in Youth Justice referrals.

Forecasts for the next fiscal year suggest the number of Care and Protection FGCs held are likely to further increase and

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### Gender

The gender distribution for both Care and Protection and Youth Justice FGC clients has remained stable over the six year period with approximately: 51% males and 47% females for Care and Protection and 78% males and 21% females for Youth Justice FGC clients.

### Ethnicity

The following tables show the ethnic distribution of Care and Protection and Youth Justice Family Group Conferences held from 2006 to 2011.

#### Care and Protection:

Ethnic Group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Māori	49%	48%	50%	52%	54%	53%
NZ Pākehā	40%	40%	37%	35%	33%	34%
Pacific	7%	8%	9%	9%	10%	10%
Asian	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
European	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Unknown	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%

#### Youth Justice:

Ethnic Group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Māori	45%	47%	48%	50%	52%	53%
NZ Pākehā	33%	33%	34%	34%	33%	33%
Pacific	8%	9%	10%	9%	9%	9%
Asian	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
European	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Unknown	9%	7%	4%	3%	3%	0%

The distribution of Māori and Pacific Care and Protection FGC clients has increased since 2006. The number of Youth Justice FGC clients has also increased since 2006.

The distribution of New Zealand Pākehā Care and Protection FGC clients has decreased since 2006.

Overall, the age distribution of Care and Protection FGC clients has remained stable since 2006, with a slight increase in the under five years old group.

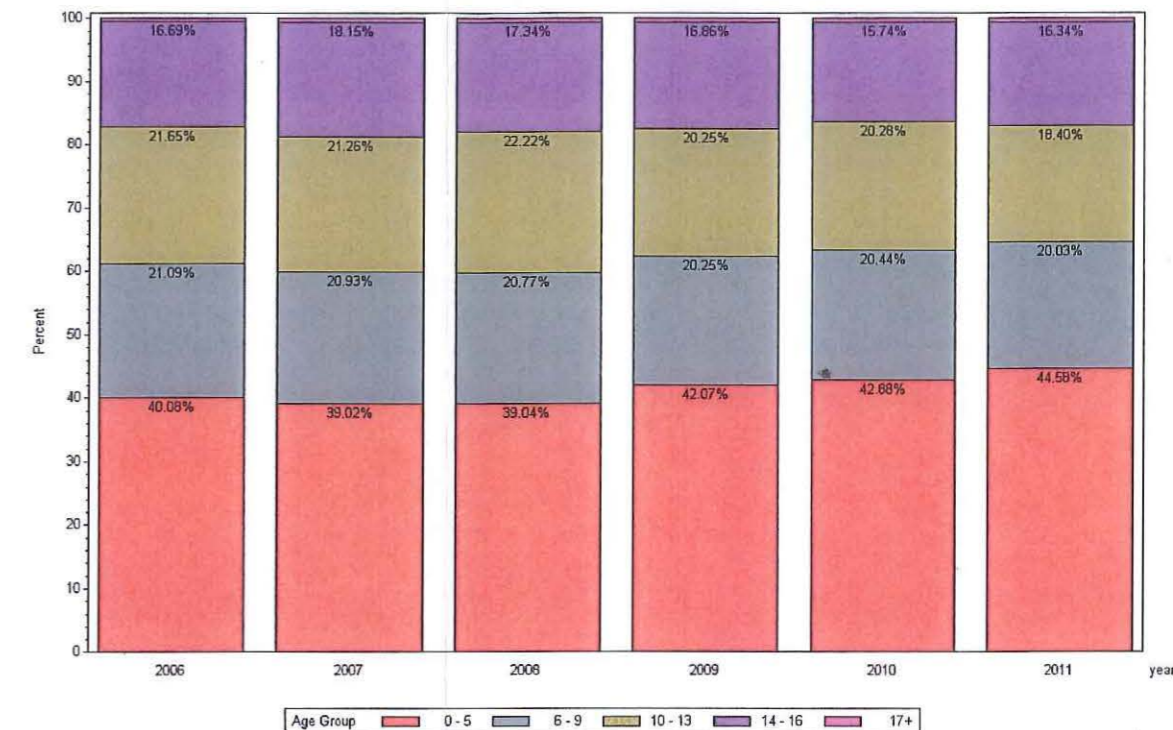
The number of Youth Justice FGC clients has also remained relatively stable, showing a slight increase in the ten to thirteen years old. Fresh Start legislative changes may have contributed to the rise in the ten to thirteen year old group with the ability to take older children, twelve and thirteen year olds, to Youth Court and ITC (s274(b)).

### Age

The following graphs show the age distribution of Care and Protection and Youth Justice Family Group Conferences held from 2006 to 2011.

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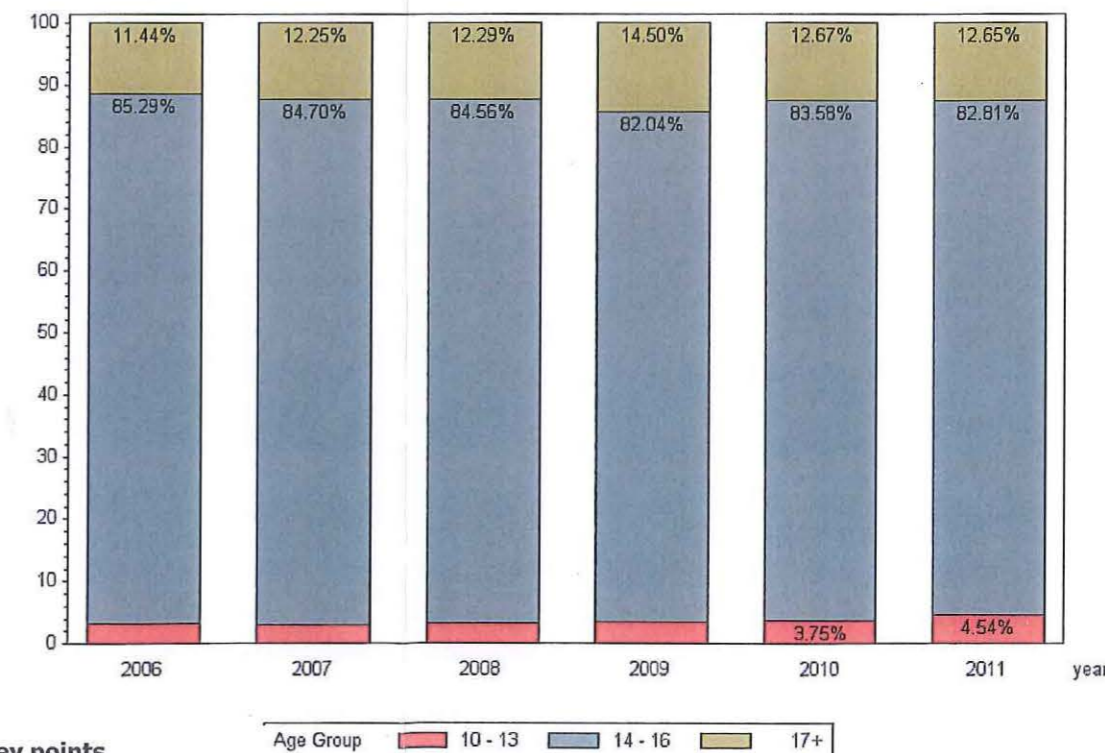
#### Age of Care and Protection FGC Clients



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#### Youth Justice:

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