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Dear Ms Lim

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2018, requesting information about the percentage of prisoners in custody by age group for the years 2008 to 2018. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have requested the percentage of prisoners in custody by different age groups for the years from 2008 to 2018, aggregated by gender, ethnicity, and offence type.

Please find the requested information enclosed as Appendix One. Please note this data is a snapshot of each requested year at the date of your request, 23 November. Please also note that the earliest available data is from 2011. Accordingly, the part of your request pertaining to the years 2008 to 2010 is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the requested information does not exist.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with Corrections. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

Ben Clark
Acting National Commissioner

Appendix 1

Table 1: Percentage of prisoners in custody by age group for the years 2008 to 2018, aggregated by gender

Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Under 20								
Female	5.29%	6.63%	6.85%	7.92%	6.14%	8.20%	11.04%	12.37%
Male	94.71%	93.37%	93.15%	92.08%	93.86%	91.80%	88.96%	87.63%
20 - 24								
Female	4.21%	5.39%	4.96%	6.59%	6.72%	5.81%	7.26%	7.36%
Male	95.79%	94.61%	95.04%	93.41%	93.28%	94.19%	92.74%	92.64%
25 - 29								
Female	7.09%	6.67%	6.47%	6.24%	6.38%	7.57%	7.67%	7.46%
Male	92.91%	93.33%	93.53%	93.76%	93.62%	92.43%	92.33%	92.54%
30 - 39								
Female	5.66%	6.94%	6.56%	6.74%	7.28%	7.79%	8.61%	8.15%
Male	94.34%	93.06%	93.44%	93.26%	92.72%	92.21%	91.39%	91.85%
40 - 49								
Female	7.11%	5.20%	7.21%	6.68%	6.62%	6.86%	6.48%	5.85%
Male	92.89%	94.80%	92.79%	93.32%	93.38%	93.14%	93.52%	94.15%
50 - 59								
Female	6.90%	6.17%	5.11%	5.98%	5.89%	6.10%	5.83%	6.64%
Male	93.10%	93.83%	94.89%	94.02%	94.11%	93.90%	94.17%	93.36%
60 and over								
Female	3.01%	2.83%	3.94%	2.62%	3.15%	3.56%	3.58%	3.57%
Male	96.99%	97.17%	96.06%	97.38%	96.85%	96.44%	96.42%	96.43%

Table 2: Percentage of prisoners in custody by age group for the years 2008 to 2018, aggregated by ethnicity

Ethnicity	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Under 20								
European	22.47%	24.32%	20.54%	17.76%	21.05%	19.40%	17.35%	18.02%
Maori	61.23%	61.92%	60.71%	63.66%	61.40%	57.92%	61.83%	59.72%
Other (incl. Asian)	2.20%	0.74%	0.89%	3.28%	1.46%	1.09%	0.95%	1.41%
Pacific	13.22%	12.53%	17.56%	13.11%	12.57%	18.85%	11.36%	11.31%
Unknown	0.88%	0.49%	0.30%	2.19%	3.51%	2.73%	8.52%	9.54%
20 - 24								
European	27.27%	26.03%	26.05%	25.02%	24.16%	25.17%	23.48%	19.89%
Maori	55.18%	56.03%	56.70%	58.11%	56.68%	56.02%	55.92%	59.00%
Other (incl. Asian)	2.87%	2.69%	2.58%	2.89%	4.07%	3.90%	3.39%	4.34%
Pacific	14.39%	15.00%	14.25%	13.47%	13.94%	13.61%	14.88%	13.91%
Unknown	0.29%	0.24%	0.42%	0.52%	1.14%	1.30%	2.33%	2.86%
25 - 29								
European	26.54%	27.71%	27.64%	27.79%	28.57%	28.93%	26.56%	24.94%
Maori	55.77%	56.36%	54.46%	53.48%	53.25%	53.92%	55.02%	57.18%
Other (incl. Asian)	5.26%	5.17%	5.58%	5.19%	4.43%	4.05%	4.99%	4.23%
Pacific	11.92%	10.07%	11.84%	13.01%	13.22%	12.41%	12.30%	11.75%
Unknown	0.51%	0.68%	0.48%	0.53%	0.53%	0.68%	1.13%	1.89%
30 - 39								
European	30.12%	28.91%	30.24%	28.72%	27.91%	28.16%	28.81%	28.30%
Maori	52.44%	53.87%	52.35%	54.48%	54.38%	53.98%	53.30%	52.40%
Other (incl. Asian)	4.61%	4.67%	4.62%	4.53%	5.97%	5.91%	5.62%	5.65%
Pacific	12.51%	12.28%	12.37%	11.62%	11.33%	11.50%	10.88%	11.93%
Unknown	0.32%	0.27%	0.42%	0.65%	0.41%	0.43%	1.40%	1.72%
40 - 49								
European	37.24%	37.68%	38.48%	38.38%	38.34%	35.64%	35.25%	34.12%
Maori	48.38%	49.06%	48.78%	47.71%	47.69%	49.05%	47.87%	48.39%
Other (incl. Asian)	4.32%	3.83%	3.34%	4.03%	4.84%	4.97%	4.93%	4.44%
Pacific	9.78%	8.86%	8.76%	9.33%	8.35%	9.63%	10.49%	10.58%
Unknown	0.28%	0.57%	0.66%	0.55%	0.78%	0.72%	1.45%	2.47%

50 - 59									
European	49.93%	48.20%	47.74%	46.14%	43.41%	45.02%	45.16%	42.53%	
Maori	38.21%	38.69%	39.79%	41.35%	41.91%	40.55%	40.55%	43.17%	
Other (incl. Asian)	3.45%	3.60%	3.09%	3.05%	3.86%	3.76%	3.48%	4.06%	
Pacific	7.72%	9.13%	9.14%	8.49%	9.65%	9.45%	8.75%	7.93%	
Unknown	0.69%	0.39%	0.24%	0.98%	1.18%	1.22%	2.07%	2.31%	
60 and over									
European	71.24%	68.84%	68.50%	66.67%	63.66%	62.18%	59.25%	57.05%	
Maori	19.73%	21.25%	21.52%	21.90%	23.53%	23.96%	24.53%	26.83%	
Other (incl. Asian)	1.34%	2.83%	2.36%	3.10%	3.36%	3.17%	3.58%	3.23%	
Pacific	7.69%	7.08%	6.56%	7.62%	7.77%	7.92%	8.11%	6.96%	
Unknown	0.00%	0.00%	1.05%	0.71%	1.68%	2.77%	4.53%	5.94%	

Table 3: Percentage of prisoners in custody by age group for the years 2008 to 2018, aggregated by offence type

Offence Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Under 20								
Breaches	5.95%	6.63%	2.68%	3.28%	5.26%	3.28%	2.84%	1.77%
Burglary	11.89%	14.74%	14.29%	16.12%	15.79%	23.22%	19.87%	16.96%
Dishonesty	11.23%	10.32%	10.71%	8.47%	11.40%	8.74%	5.36%	6.71%
Drugs	4.41%	3.19%	3.87%	3.55%	1.17%	1.91%	0.63%	1.06%
Other	10.79%	9.34%	8.93%	7.92%	7.02%	3.83%	1.89%	0.71%
Property	2.64%	1.23%	0.89%	0.82%	1.46%	1.09%	1.26%	2.12%
Sexual	5.29%	6.63%	8.33%	7.92%	6.43%	7.38%	10.09%	8.83%
Traffic	7.93%	5.65%	3.57%	4.37%	3.22%	2.46%	0.32%	1.06%
Violence	36.56%	40.29%	46.13%	45.36%	45.61%	47.54%	57.41%	60.42%
Weapons	3.30%	1.97%	0.60%	2.19%	2.63%	0.55%	0.32%	0.35%
20 - 24								
Breaches	5.21%	5.51%	4.47%	4.81%	3.79%	3.63%	2.82%	1.47%
Burglary	12.11%	12.37%	10.68%	12.73%	13.08%	15.18%	17.07%	14.40%
Dishonesty	6.79%	7.35%	8.24%	8.44%	8.58%	8.48%	8.11%	7.20%
Drugs	4.97%	5.08%	5.03%	5.77%	7.79%	7.18%	6.98%	5.97%
Other	11.06%	9.74%	8.87%	8.73%	7.22%	6.09%	4.16%	2.95%
Property	1.81%	1.53%	1.47%	1.85%	2.00%	1.57%	1.06%	1.23%
Sexual	7.02%	7.29%	9.08%	7.62%	8.93%	9.17%	9.66%	10.56%
Traffic	9.01%	8.21%	6.08%	4.37%	3.79%	3.21%	2.61%	1.55%
Violence	39.50%	40.54%	43.85%	43.52%	42.67%	44.12%	45.91%	53.11%
Weapons	2.52%	2.39%	2.23%	2.15%	2.14%	1.37%	1.62%	1.55%

25 - 29									
Breaches	3.73%	3.88%	3.06%	2.96%	3.54%	3.31%	2.62%	1.61%	
Burglary	11.33%	10.28%	12.59%	10.84%	12.51%	13.57%	14.87%	12.97%	
Dishonesty	9.50%	8.51%	7.69%	7.62%	7.20%	6.79%	6.43%	7.96%	
Drugs	8.26%	9.73%	8.71%	10.45%	9.74%	10.31%	10.04%	10.13%	
Other	9.65%	10.35%	8.37%	7.29%	7.62%	6.94%	6.28%	5.29%	
Property	1.17%	1.09%	1.63%	1.38%	1.24%	1.47%	1.18%	1.17%	
Sexual	8.55%	9.05%	12.12%	13.27%	10.74%	9.73%	10.29%	10.02%	
Traffic	8.41%	8.85%	6.60%	4.66%	5.31%	4.37%	2.83%	2.28%	
Violence	36.40%	35.67%	37.37%	39.62%	40.55%	41.14%	43.34%	46.77%	
Weapons	3.00%	2.59%	1.84%	1.91%	1.53%	2.37%	2.11%	1.78%	
30 - 39									
Breaches	3.10%	3.20%	2.72%	2.48%	2.86%	2.78%	1.66%	1.52%	
Burglary	9.54%	10.05%	10.71%	10.66%	11.17%	11.90%	13.28%	12.68%	
Dishonesty	6.57%	6.18%	6.09%	6.83%	7.53%	8.29%	6.85%	6.93%	
Drugs	13.24%	12.94%	13.34%	14.06%	13.63%	13.27%	14.49%	14.27%	
Other	8.90%	9.79%	7.53%	7.79%	7.86%	6.64%	6.33%	4.46%	
Property	1.37%	1.29%	1.62%	1.52%	1.10%	1.08%	1.10%	1.25%	
Sexual	12.64%	12.72%	14.17%	13.75%	13.67%	13.42%	13.54%	13.76%	
Traffic	8.63%	7.65%	7.02%	5.96%	5.61%	4.65%	3.31%	2.67%	
Violence	34.60%	34.43%	34.67%	35.12%	34.70%	35.74%	37.35%	40.70%	
Weapons	1.41%	1.73%	2.12%	1.83%	1.88%	2.24%	2.08%	1.76%	
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Breaches	1.71%	1.66%	1.85%	2.04%	1.84%	1.54%	1.11%	0.86%	
Burglary	6.37%	7.55%	6.61%	6.52%	6.23%	7.99%	8.80%	9.93%	
Dishonesty	5.69%	4.86%	5.78%	5.80%	5.40%	5.68%	5.32%	3.98%	
Drugs	14.38%	14.47%	14.71%	14.80%	14.80%	15.46%	15.96%	16.18%	
Other	8.75%	6.69%	6.79%	5.91%	6.57%	6.50%	5.61%	5.29%	
Property	1.02%	0.97%	1.49%	1.10%	1.39%	1.13%	1.21%	1.46%	
Sexual	23.37%	24.36%	25.37%	26.12%	26.10%	24.63%	24.56%	25.40%	
Traffic	8.36%	8.00%	7.21%	7.07%	5.68%	4.15%	3.05%	2.12%	
Violence	28.77%	29.45%	28.95%	29.43%	31.05%	31.95%	32.93%	33.67%	
Weapons	1.59%	2.00%	1.25%	1.21%	0.95%	0.97%	1.45%	1.11%	

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Dishonesty	7.03%	6.94%	5.23%	5.77%	5.57%	4.47%	4.80%	4.34%	
Drugs	13.93%	12.72%	13.18%	14.15%	14.26%	15.45%	14.30%	14.67%	
Other	7.31%	5.78%	6.18%	5.77%	5.14%	5.59%	5.55%	3.78%	
Property	0.83%	0.51%	0.83%	0.98%	1.18%	1.12%	1.22%	1.11%	
Sexual	35.86%	37.92%	38.12%	37.21%	36.33%	36.08%	36.78%	35.33%	
Traffic	5.93%	6.94%	5.34%	5.22%	4.29%	3.96%	3.39%	3.14%	
Violence	23.03%	23.01%	25.06%	25.46%	28.30%	26.83%	27.38%	30.63%	
Weapons	0.83%	1.29%	1.19%	0.87%	1.07%	1.52%	0.56%	1.11%	
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Dishonesty	4.35%	6.23%	4.99%	6.19%	4.62%	4.55%	3.21%	3.74%	
Drugs	8.70%	6.80%	6.82%	4.52%	6.09%	6.53%	7.36%	6.96%	
Other	4.35%	1.98%	1.57%	2.14%	2.73%	2.18%	1.70%	2.89%	
Property	0.33%	0.57%	0.26%	0.71%	0.63%	0.40%	0.19%	0.34%	
Sexual	69.57%	68.84%	69.29%	70.48%	69.75%	68.91%	68.30%	65.53%	
Traffic	1.34%	2.55%	2.89%	2.62%	1.68%	2.77%	2.45%	1.53%	
Violence	10.03%	10.20%	11.02%	10.95%	11.76%	13.47%	15.28%	17.49%	
Weapons	0.33%	0.57%	0.00%	0.24%	0.00%	0.40%	0.00%	0.17%	