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FAMILY CONFERENCES

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TABLE 3.1 Case referrals finalised by the Family Conference Team: sex by most serious outcome

Outcome	Males		Females		Unknown		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
'Successful' conference								
Undertaking	1,059	78.9	284	79.6	0	0	1,343	79.0
Formal caution	115	8.6	32	9.0	0	0	147	8.6
No action*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Sub-total	1,174	87.4	316	88.5	0	0	1,490	87.6
Conference held, not 'successful'								
Youth disagrees/police disagrees	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Youth elects court	13	1.0	3	0.8	0	0	16	0.9
No admission	23	1.7	4	1.1	0	0	27	1.6
Sub-total	39	2.9	10	2.8	0	0	49	2.9
Conference held, case not proceeded with								
	3	0.2	3	0.8	0	0	6	0.4
Conference not held								
Case not proceeded with	15	1.1	1	0.3	0	0	16	0.9
No admission/elects court	4	0.3	0	0.0	0	0	4	0.2
Non-appearance of youth	67	5.0	13	3.6	0	0	80	4.7
Unable to locate youth	44	3.3	17	4.8	0	0	61	3.6
Sub-total	130	9.7	31	8.7	0	0	161	9.5
Total	1,343	100.0	357	100.0	0	0	1,700	100.0

Case referrals relate only to those referrals which were finalised during the calendar year. Cases which were still being processed have not been included. There were two cases in which the initial outcome had been 'police/youth disagrees'. However, in both cases, the young person had subsequently had the matter finalised by a conference run in the Youth Court in the year 2002, and only this final outcome is presented in the above table. Prior to 1997, *Crime and Justice* reports did not include cases where the conference was held but either there was no admission or the case was not proceeded with. Nor did they report on cases where a conference was not actually held. (See Appendix for more details.)

* Prior to 2000, some outcomes now recorded as a 'formal caution' were listed under 'no action'. As well, there was a different recording practice for those cases where the matter was re-referred to a conference after having been initially referred back to the police because the young person could not be located. For further information, see the Appendix.

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TABLE 3.2 Case referrals finalised by the Family Conference Team: racial identity and sex by most serious outcome

Outcome	Aboriginal				Non-Aboriginal				Unknown				Total
	Male	Female	Unknown	Total	Male	Female	Unknown	Total	Male	Female	Unknown	Total	
'Successful' conference													
Undertaking	146	54	0	200	913	229	0	1,142	0	1	0	1	1,343
Formal caution	29	13	0	42	86	19	0	105	0	0	0	0	147
No action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	175	67	0	242	999	248	0	1,247	0	1	0	1	1,490
Conference held, not 'successful'													
Youth disagrees/police disagrees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth elects court	0	0	0	0	13	3	0	16	0	0	0	0	16
No admission	0	1	0	1	23	3	0	26	0	0	0	0	27
Sub-total	1	4	0	5	38	6	0	44	0	0	0	0	49
Conference held, case not proceeded with	1	3	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
Conference not held													
Case not proceeded with	1	0	0	1	14	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	16
No admission/elects court	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Non-appearance of youth	24	6	0	30	43	7	0	50	0	0	0	0	80
Unable to locate youth	18	6	0	24	26	11	0	37	0	0	0	0	61
Sub-total	43	12	0	55	87	19	0	106	0	0	0	0	161
Total	219	83	0	302	1,124	273	0	1,397	0	1	0	1	1,700

Racial identity is, in the first instance, derived from police apprehension reports which record the opinion of the apprehending police officer as to the appearance of the apprehended person. If "race" is missing from the police file sent to them, the Family Conference Team will add this information where possible. They may also amend police entries which they consider to be incorrect.

Prior to 1997, Crime and Justice reports did not include cases where the conference was held but either there was no admission or the case was not proceeded with. Nor did they report on cases where a conference was not actually held. (See Appendix for more details.) See footnote for Table 3.1 for details of changes to the practice of recording some outcomes.

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TABLE 3.3a Case referrals finalised by the Family Conference Team: most serious outcome by major offence alleged where a conference was held

Offence group	Completed conference			Not completed conference			Case not proceeded with[Total	
	Undertaking	Formal caution	No action	Youth disagrees	Youth elects court	No admission		No.	%
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)									
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	41	2	0	0	1	4	0	48	3.1
- Other assault *	92	20	0	0	2	6	0	120	7.8
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	0.8
Sexual offences	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1.2
Robbery and extortion									
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	0.7
Criminal trespass	258	10	0	0	2	6	0	276	17.9
Fraud and misappropriation	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	31	2.0
Larceny and receiving									
- Receiving/unlawful possession	41	9	0	0	1	0	0	51	3.3
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	111	9	0	0	2	1	0	123	8.0
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	19	2	0	0	0	1	0	22	1.4
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	29	1.9
- Larceny from shops	185	8	0	0	1	1	0	195	12.7
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	89	8	0	0	0	0	0	97	6.3
Damage property and environmental offences	198	4	0	0	2	4	4	212	13.8
Offences against good order									
- Hinder/resist police	18	5	0	0	0	2	1	26	1.7
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	14	5	0	0	0	1	0	20	1.3
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	29	10	0	0	0	0	0	39	2.5
- Indecent/offensive language	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.4
- Graffiti and related offences	22	4	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.7
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	72	34	0	0	4	0	1	111	7.2
Drug offences	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	35	2.3
Driving offences									
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.3
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	15	1.0
Other offences	10	2	0	0	0	1	0	12	0.8
Total	1,343	147	0	0	16	27	6	1,539	100.0

*For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. [Prior to 1997, *Crime and Justice* reports did not include these categories.

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TABLE 3.3b Case referrals finalised by the Family Conference Team: most serious outcome by major offence alleged where a conference was not held

Offence group	Case not proceeded with	No admission/ elects court	Non-appearance of youth	Unable to locate youth	Total	
					No.	%
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)						
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other assault *	2	1	3	1	7	4.3
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
Sexual offences	1	0	0	0	1	0.6
Robbery and extortion						
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal trespass	4	0	11	14	29	18.0
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	0	1	1	0.6
Larceny and receiving						
- Receiving/unlawful possession	2	0	5	1	8	5.0
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	0	0	10	5	15	9.3
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
- Larceny from ships	1	0	10	14	25	15.5
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	1	2	9	5	17	10.6
Damage property and environmental offences	4	1	12	10	27	16.8
Offences against good order						
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	0	3	1	4	2.5
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
- Indecent/offensive language	1	0	0	0	1	0.6
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	2	2	4	2.5
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	0	8	6	14	8.7
Drug offences	0	0	0	1	1	0.6
Driving offences						
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
Other offences	0	0	1	0	1	0.6
Total	16	4	80	61	161	100.0

*For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix.

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TABLE 3.3c Case referrals finalised by the Family Conference Team: most serious outcome by major offence alleged for all referrals

Offence group	Total	
	No.	%
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)		
- Homicide *	0	0
- Serious assault *	48	2.8
- Other assault *	127	7.5
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	13	0.8
Sexual offences	19	1.1
Robbery and extortion		
- Armed robbery*	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	11	0.6
Criminal trespass	305	17.9
Fraud and misappropriation	32	1.9
Larceny and receiving		
- Receiving/unlawful possession	59	3.5
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	138	8.1
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	23	1.4
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	30	1.8
- Larceny from shops	220	12.9
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	114	6.7
Damage property and environmental offences	239	14.1
Offences against good order		
- Hinder/resist police	27	1.6
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	24	1.4
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	40	2.4
- Indecent/offensive language	7	0.4
- Graffiti and related offences	30	1.8
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	125	7.4
Drug offences	36	2.1
Driving offences		
- Drink driving offences *	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	4	0.2
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	16	0.9
Other offences	13	0.8
Total	1,700	100.0

Case referrals relate only to those referrals which were finalised during the calendar year. Cases which were still being processed have not been included.

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix.

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TABLE 3.4a Cases dealt with at a family conference: age by major offence alleged against males

Offence group	Males									Total No.	Total %
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown		
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)											
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	2	1	2	6	12	9	8	0	40	3.3
- Other assault *	0	3	6	8	10	24	17	13	0	81	6.7
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	0	11	0.9
Sexual offences	0	3	4	1	5	1	2	2	0	18	1.5
Robbery and extortion											
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	6	0.5
Criminal trespass	11	11	17	32	53	47	34	29	0	234	19.3
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	12	0	18	1.5
Larceny and receiving											
- Receiving/unlawful possession	1	0	4	6	5	9	13	6	0	44	3.6
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	1	1	5	9	14	24	30	15	0	99	8.2
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	1	2	0	2	0	5	6	6	0	22	1.8
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	1	0	3	3	5	8	8	0	28	2.3
- Larceny from shops	3	4	16	16	17	24	14	20	0	114	9.4
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	1	4	2	8	12	20	15	11	0	73	6.0
Damage property and environmental offences	8	6	18	26	27	37	44	27	0	193	15.9
Offences against good order											
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	1	1	4	3	1	6	0	16	1.3
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	1	1	2	3	5	4	1	0	17	1.4
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	1	2	2	1	3	8	3	11	0	31	2.6
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0.4
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	1	1	2	5	10	5	0	24	2.0
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	6	2	12	15	20	14	15	0	84	6.9
Drug offences	0	2	0	2	5	5	6	6	0	26	2.1
Driving offences											
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.2
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	1	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	15	1.2
Other offences	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	5	0	12	1.0
Total	28	49	81	138	193	271	240	213	0	1,213	100.0

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 - 3.3. See Appendix for more details.
Age is at date of offence.

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TABLE 3.4b Cases dealt with at a family conference: age by major offence alleged against females

Offence group	Females								Unknown	Total	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		No.	%
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)											
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	8	2.5
- Other assault *	0	1	1	7	6	10	10	4	0	39	12.0
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery and extortion											
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	1.5
Criminal trespass	2	1	6	2	15	6	5	5	0	42	12.9
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	5	0	13	4.0
Larceny and receiving											
- Receiving/unlawful possession	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	7	2.1
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	0	0	2	2	5	5	8	2	0	24	7.4
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.3
- Larceny from shops	0	6	6	6	17	24	10	12	0	81	24.8
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	0	1	3	3	3	9	5	0	0	24	7.4
Damage property and environmental offences	1	0	1	3	5	4	0	5	0	19	5.8
Offences against good order											
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	1	0	10	3.1
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0.9
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	2	0	8	2.5
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.3
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.6
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	1	3	4	6	3	6	4	0	27	8.3
Drug offences	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	9	2.8
Driving offences											
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0.6
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	10	25	29	67	78	66	47	0	326	100.0

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 - 3.3. See Appendix for more details.
Age is at date of offence.

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TABLE 3.4c Cases dealt with at a family conference: age by major offence alleged against all persons

Offence group	Total									Total No.	Total %
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown		
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)											
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	2	1	3	6	14	12	10	0	48	3.1
- Other assault *	0	4	7	15	16	34	27	17	0	120	7.8
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	0	12	0.8
Sexual offences	0	3	4	1	5	1	2	2	0	18	1.2
Robbery and extortion											
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	0	11	0.7
Criminal trespass	13	12	23	34	68	53	39	34	0	276	17.9
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	1	1	1	0	11	17	0	31	2.0
Larceny and receiving											
- Receiving/unlawful possession	1	0	4	6	5	11	16	8	0	51	3.3
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	1	1	7	11	19	29	38	17	0	123	8.0
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	1	2	0	2	0	5	6	6	0	22	1.4
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	1	0	3	3	6	8	8	0	29	1.9
- Larceny from shops	3	10	22	22	34	48	24	32	0	195	12.7
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	1	5	5	11	15	29	20	11	0	97	6.3
Damage property and environmental offences	9	6	19	29	32	41	44	32	0	212	13.8
Offences against good order											
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	1	1	6	6	5	7	0	26	1.7
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	1	2	2	4	5	4	2	0	20	1.3
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	1	2	3	1	3	12	4	13	0	39	2.5
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0.4
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	1	1	4	5	10	5	0	26	1.7
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	7	5	16	21	23	20	19	0	111	7.2
Drug offences	0	2	0	2	6	10	8	7	0	35	2.3
Driving offences											
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	0.3
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	1	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	15	1.0
Other offences	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	5	0	12	0.8
Total	32	59	106	167	260	349	306	260	0	1,539	100.0

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 – 3.3. See Appendix for more details.
Age is at date of offence.

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TABLE 3.5a Cases dealt with at a family conference: age by major offence alleged against Aboriginal persons

Offence group	Aboriginal								Unknown	Total	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		No.	%
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)											
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.8
- Other assault *	0	1	2	2	2	2	4	2	0	15	6.1
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.4
Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	1.2
Robbery and extortion											
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1.2
Criminal trespass	7	6	3	6	11	7	4	4	0	48	19.4
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.8
Larceny and receiving											
- Receiving/unlawful possession	1	0	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	9	3.6
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	0	0	3	3	5	4	2	0	0	17	6.9
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	6	2.4
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	1.6
- Larceny from shops	2	5	2	7	5	6	2	2	0	31	12.6
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	1	1	3	2	0	4	3	0	0	14	5.7
Damage property and environmental offences	2	3	4	4	6	4	6	8	0	37	15.0
Offences against good order											
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	7	2.8
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1.2
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	3	0	14	5.7
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.4
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.8
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	3	4	6	4	3	1	3	0	24	9.7
Drug offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving offences											
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.8
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	25	27	35	44	38	33	29	0	247	100.0

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. Age is at date of offence. This table does not include cases in the category of "Conference not held" as detailed in Tables 3.1 - 3.3. Racial identity is, in the first instance, derived from police apprehension reports which record the opinion of the apprehending police officer as to the appearance of the apprehended person. If "race" is missing from the police file sent to them, the Family Conference Team will add this information where possible. They may also amend police entries which they consider to be incorrect.

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TABLE 3.5b Cases dealt with at a family conference: age by major offence alleged against non-Aboriginal persons

Offence group	Non-Aboriginal								Unknown	Total	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		No.	%
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)											
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	2	1	3	6	14	10	10	0	46	3.6
- Other assault *	0	3	5	13	14	32	23	15	0	105	8.1
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	1	0	11	0.9
Sexual offences	0	3	4	1	4	1	0	2	0	15	1.2
Robbery and extortion											
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	8	0.6
Criminal trespass	6	6	20	28	57	46	35	30	0	228	17.7
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	17	0	29	2.2
Larceny and receiving											
- Receiving/unlawful possession	0	0	3	3	4	9	15	8	0	42	3.3
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	1	1	4	8	14	25	36	17	0	106	8.2
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	1	0	0	1	0	4	4	6	0	16	1.2
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	0	0	3	2	5	8	7	0	25	1.9
- Larceny from shops	1	5	20	15	28	42	22	30	0	163	12.6
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	0	4	2	9	15	25	17	11	0	83	6.4
Damage property and environmental offences	7	3	15	25	26	37	38	24	0	175	13.6
Offences against good order											
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	1	1	4	5	3	5	0	19	1.5
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	1	1	2	3	5	4	1	0	17	1.3
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	0	0	1	1	1	10	2	10	0	25	1.9
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0.4
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	0	1	4	5	10	4	0	24	1.9
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	4	1	10	17	20	19	16	0	87	6.7
Drug offences	0	2	0	2	6	10	8	7	0	35	2.7
Driving offences											
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	0.3
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	0	0	0	0	5	8	0	0	0	13	1.0
Other offences	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	4	0	10	0.8
Total	16	34	79	132	215	311	273	231	0	1,291	100.0

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 - 3.3. See Appendix for more details. See definition of racial identity inserted under Table 3.5a. Age is at date of offence.

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TABLE 3.5c Cases dealt with at a family conference: age by major offence alleged against persons for whom racial identity was not recorded

Offence group	Racial identity not recorded							Unknown	Total
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)									
- Homicide *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Serious assault *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other assault *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery and extortion									
- Armed robbery*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud and misappropriation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny and receiving									
- Receiving/unlawful possession	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Larceny from shops	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Damage property and environmental offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offences against good order									
- Hinder/resist police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Graffiti and related offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving offences									
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 - 3.3. See appendix for more details. See definition of racial identity inserted under Table 3.5a. Age is at date of offence.

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TABLE 3.6 Cases dealt with at a family conference: sex and age by racial identity

Racial identity	Males									
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown	Total
Aboriginal	13	19	15	25	30	24	24	26	0	176
Non-Aboriginal	15	30	66	113	163	247	216	187	0	1,037
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	28	49	81	138	193	271	240	213	0	1,213

Racial identity	Females									
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown	Total
Aboriginal	3	6	12	10	14	14	9	3	0	71
Non-Aboriginal	1	4	13	19	52	64	57	44	0	254
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	10	25	29	67	78	66	47	0	326

Racial identity	Total									
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown	Total
Aboriginal	16	25	27	35	44	38	33	29	0	247
Non-Aboriginal	16	34	79	132	215	311	273	231	0	1,291
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	32	59	106	167	260	349	306	260	0	1,539

This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 – 3.3. See Appendix for more details.
Age is at date of offence. See definition of racial identity inserted under Table 3.5a.

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TABLE 3.7 Cases dealt with at a family conference: sex by number of offences alleged

Number of offences	Male	Female	Unknown	Total	
				No.	%
One	667	176	0	843	54.8
Two	336	88	0	424	27.6
Three	111	25	0	136	8.8
Four	41	20	0	61	4.0
Five	21	5	0	26	1.7
6 to 10	37	12	0	49	3.2
11 to 15	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1,213	326	0	1,539	100.0

This table does not include cases in the category of 'Conference not held' as detailed in Tables 3.1 – 3.3. See Appendix for more details.

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TABLE 3.8 Cases dealt with at a family conference: racial identity by number of offences alleged

Number of offences	Aboriginal		Non-Aboriginal		Unknown
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
One	148	59.9	694	53.7	1
Two	62	25.1	362	28.0	0
Three	22	8.9	114	8.8	0
Four	9	3.6	52	4.0	0
Five	2	0.8	24	1.8	0
6 to 10	4	1.6	45	3.5	0
11 to 15	0	0	0	0	0
Total	247	100.0	1,291	100.0	1

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TABLE 3.9 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to: sex by proportion involving an apology/compensation/community work/other condition

Undertaking condition	Male									
	Apology*		Compensation		Community Work		Other			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	470	44.4	268	25.3	243	22.9	830	78.4		
No	589	55.6	791	74.7	816	77.1	229	21.6		
Total	1,059	100.0	1,059	100.0	1,059	100.0	1,059	100.0		
Undertaking condition	Female									
	Apology*		Compensation		Community Work		Other			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	110	38.7	60	21.1	36	12.7	225	79.2		
No	174	61.4	224	78.9	248	87.3	59	20.8		
Total	284	100.0	284	100.0	284	100.0	284	100.0		
Undertaking condition	Total									
	Apology*		Compensation		Community Work		Other			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	580	43.2	328	24.4	279	20.8	1,055	78.6		
No	763	56.8	1,015	75.6	1,064	79.2	288	21.4		
Total	1,343	100.0	1,343	100.0	1,343	100.0	1,343	100.0		

See Appendix for an explanation of the counting rules used.

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TABLE 3.10 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to: racial identity by proportion involving an apology/compensation/community work/other condition

Undertaking condition	Aboriginal									
	Apology**		Compensation		Community Work		Other			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Yes	60	30.0	29	14.5	25	12.5	167	83.5		
No	140	70.0	171	85.5	175	87.5	33	16.5		
Total	200	100.0	200	100.0	200	100.0	200	100.0		

Undertaking condition	Non-Aboriginal									
	Apology**		Compensation		Community Work		Other			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Yes	519	45.4	299	26.2	254	22.2	887	77.7		
No	623	54.6	843	73.8	888	77.8	255	22.3		
Total	1,142	100.0	1,142	100.0	1,142	100.0	1,142	100.0		

Undertaking condition	Unknown									
	Apology**		Compensation		Community Work		Other			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Yes	1	*	0	*	0	*	1	*		
No	0	*	1	*	1	*	0	*		
Total	1	*	1	*	1	*	1	*		

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* Numbers too small to calculate percentages

** Prior to 2002, apologies included both verbal and written apologies. However, following a review of the Young Offenders Act, 1993 by the Chief Justice, this was changed. A 'letter of regret' was introduced, which was deemed the same as a written apology for processing purposes. Verbal apologies can still occur, but are now regarded as different from the 'letters of regret'. Because this change was not introduced until mid 2002, for the purposes of this report 'letters of regret' have been combined with verbal apologies. The two categories will be reported on separately in future reports.

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TABLE 3.11 Cases dealt with at a family conference where compensation was agreed to:
sex by amount of compensation per case

Amount	Female	Male	Unknown	No.	Total	%
\$1 - 25	16	63	0	79		24.1
\$26 - 50	10	40	0	50		15.2
\$51 - 100	9	50	0	59		18.0
\$101 - 150	5	24	0	29		8.8
\$151 - 200	5	14	0	19		5.8
\$201 - 400	9	40	0	49		14.9
\$401 - 600	2	19	0	21		6.4
\$601 - 800	1	8	0	9		2.7
\$801 - 1,000	1	2	0	3		0.9
\$1001-1,500	2	5	0	7		2.1
\$1,501-\$2,000	0	1	0	1		0.3
\$2,001-\$2500	0	0	0	0		0.0
\$2,501-\$3,000	0	1	0	1		0.3
Over \$3,000	0	1	0	1		0.3
Total	60	268	0	328		100.0

See Appendix for an explanation of the counting rules used.

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TABLE 3.12 Cases dealt with at a family conference where community work was agreed to:
sex by amount of community work per case

Number of hours	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	
				No.	%
1 - 10	6	63	0	69	24.7
11 - 20	12	72	0	84	30.1
21 - 30	7	41	0	48	17.2
31 - 50	6	36	0	42	15.1
51 - 100	2	26	0	28	10.0
101 - 200	3	5	0	8	2.9
over 200	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	36	243	0	279	100.0

See Appendix for an explanation of the counting rules used.

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TABLE 3.13 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to:
undertaking conditions by major offence admitted

Offence group	Apology**	Compensation (\$)				Community Work (hrs)				Other
		No.	Min	Av	Max	No.	Min	Av	Max	
Offences against the person (excl. sexual offences)										
- Homicide *	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
- Serious assault *	24	9	15	194	714	11	10	32	80	31
- Other assault *	38	3	50	97	126	5	5	30	40	78
- Offences against the person - miscellaneous *	7	3	170	195	207	4	25	34	40	8
Sexual offences	3	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	18
Robbery and extortion										
- Armed robbery*	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
- Unarmed robbery and extortion*	3	0	-	-	-	3	10	12	16	10
Criminal trespass	130	66	2	120	1,000	90	3	23	75	188
Fraud and misappropriation	16	20	2	785	4,200	11	5	59	130	14
Larceny and receiving										
- Receiving/unlawful possession	16	10	3	89	362	7	10	21	50	30
- Larceny/illegal use of vehicle (motor and other)	65	43	10	283	2,000	30	5	59	200	83
- Interfere with a motor vehicle	10	5	20	361	768	3	7	11	16	14
- Larceny from a motor vehicle	15	13	10	43	100	5	4	13	20	20
- Larceny from shops	88	40	1	72	750	29	2	14	40	155
- Larceny - miscellaneous*	45	26	3	161	1,500	11	8	28	70	63
Damage property, and environmental	74	68	20	247	1,300	45	5	34	150	153
Offences against good order										
- Hinder/resist police	5	0	-	-	-	3	2	31	75	15
- Unlawful possession and/or use of weapons*	4	1	300	300	300	3	16	19	20	11
- Disorderly/offensive behaviour	6	1	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	28
- Indecent/offensive language	0	0	-	-	-	1	20	20	20	5
- Graffiti and related offences	12	9	40	76	200	5	8	17	36	19
- Public order offences - miscellaneous *	10	3	20	47	100	7	7	40	156	66
Drug offences	6	2	25	88	150	4	5	31	80	27
Driving offences										
- Drink driving offences *	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
- Dangerous, reckless, or negligent driving	1	1	300	300	300	0	-	-	-	4
- Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	0	0	-	-	-	0	-	-	-	0
- Other driving/traffic offences	0	1	40	40	40	1	25	25	25	7
Other offences	2	4	20	35	80	1	36	36	36	8
Total	580	328	1	205	4,200	279	2	30	200	1,055

* For details of the offences contained in these categories refer to Appendix. See Appendix for an explanation of the counting rules used.

The offences listed in this table represent the major offence admitted for a particular case cross-tabulated with the conditions imposed for that whole case.

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TABLE 3.14 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to: sex by undertaking compliance status

Undertaking compliance status	Male		Female		Unknown		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Cases with only 1 undertaking								
Complied	850	89.4	232	88.5	0	0	1,082	89.2
Waived	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referred back to police	101	10.6	30	11.5	0	0	131	10.8
Cases with more than 1 undertaking								
All complied with	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All waived	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All referred back to police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combination of compliance status	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	951	100.0	262	100.0	0	0	1,213	100.0

At the time of preparation of this table, there were 130 cases for which undertaking compliance data were not available. See Appendix for more details.

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TABLE 3.15 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to: racial identity by undertaking compliance status

Undertaking compliance status	Aboriginal		Non-Aboriginal		Unknown		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Cases with only 1 undertaking								
Complied	156	83.9	926	90.3	0	*	1,082	89.2
Waived	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	*	0	0.0
Referred back to police	30	16.1	100	9.7	1	*	131	10.8
Cases with more than 1 undertaking								
All complied with	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0
All waived	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0
All referred back to police	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0
Combination of compliance status	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0
Total	186	100.0	1,026	100.0	1	*	1,213	100.0

At the time of preparation of this table, there were 130 cases for which undertaking compliance data were not available (14 Aboriginal and 116 non-Aboriginal cases). See Appendix for more details.
See definition of racial identity inserted under Table 3.5a.

* Numbers too small to calculate percentages

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TABLE 3.16 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to:
sex by condition compliance status

Condition compliance status	Male			
	Apology*	Compensation	Community work	Other
Complied by due date	398	224	155	1,102
Complied after due date	50	5	26	60
Not complied with	9	30	21	74
Total	457	259	202	1,236

	Female			
	Apology*	Compensation	Community work	Other
Complied by due date	85	46	22	302
Complied after due date	10	4	3	22
Not complied with	0	5	5	36
Total	95	55	30	360

	Total			
	Apology*	Compensation	Community work	Other
Complied by due date	483	270	177	1,404
Complied after due date	60	9	29	82
Not complied with	9	35	26	110
Total	552	314	232	1,596

The counting rule used in this table is different from that used in the earlier set of tables on conditions (Tables 3.9 –3.13). See Appendix for more details.
* Prior to 2002, apologies included both verbal and written apologies. However, following a review of the Young Offenders Act, 1993 by the Chief Justice, this was changed. A 'letter of regret' was introduced, which was deemed the same as a written apology for processing purposes. Verbal apologies can still occur, but are now regarded as different from the 'letters of regret'. Because this change was not introduced until mid 2002, for the purposes of this report 'letters of regret' have been combined with verbal apologies. The two categories will be reported on separately in future reports.

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TABLE 3.17 Cases dealt with at a family conference where an undertaking was agreed to:
racial identity by condition compliance status

Condition compliance status	Aboriginal			
	Apology*	Compensation	Community work	Other
Complied by due date	49	19	14	189
Complied after due date	4	0	2	11
Not complied with	3	8	4	26
Total	56	27	20	226

	Non-Aboriginal			
	Apology*	Compensation	Community work	Other
Complied by due date	433	251	163	1,215
Complied after due date	56	9	27	71
Not complied with	6	27	22	83
Total	495	287	212	1,369

	Unknown			
	Apology*	Compensation	Community work	Other
Complied by due date	1	0	0	0
Complied after due date	0	0	0	0
Not complied with	0	0	0	1
Total	1	0	0	1

The counting rule used in this table is different from that used in the earlier set of tables on conditions (Tables 3.9 -3.13). (See Appendix for more details.)

Racial identity is, in the first instance, derived from police apprehension reports which record the opinion of the apprehending police officer as to the appearance of the apprehended person. If "race" is missing from the police file sent to them, the Family Conference Team will add this information where possible. They may also amend police entries which they consider to be incorrect.

* Prior to 2002, apologies included both verbal and written apologies. However, following a review of the Young Offenders Act, 1993 by the Chief Justice, this was changed. A 'letter of regret' was introduced, which was deemed the same as a written apology for processing purposes. Verbal apologies can still occur, but are now regarded as different from the 'letters of regret'. Because this change was not introduced until mid 2002, for the purposes of this report 'letters of regret' have been combined with verbal apologies. The two categories will be reported on separately in future reports.

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TABLE 3.18 Family conferences: number of
conferences held per month

Month	Number
January	87
February	90
March	101
April	135
May	142
June	90
July	123
August	113
September	142
October	110
November	131
December	99
Total	1,363

This table refers to the actual number of conferences held, irrespective of the number of youths dealt with at the one conference.

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TABLE 3.19 Family conferences: number of participants per conference

Number	Offenders	Parents	Guardians	Victims	Victim Supporters	Victim Representatives	Youth Supporters	Other participant	Total	
									No.	%
0	0	246	1,258	877	1,233	1,309	1,078	1,302	0	0.0
1	1,226	813	93	423	88	52	209	51	66	4.8
2	103	243	12	50	34	2	62	5	456	33.5
3	27	36	0	8	8	0	9	2	400	29.3
4	7	16	0	3	0	0	4	3	217	15.9
5 - 9	0	9	0	2	0	0	1	0	213	15.6
10 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0.8
Total	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	1,363	100.0

This table refers to the actual number of conferences held. Youth Justice Coordinators and police representatives are not classified here as participants.

Prior to 2001, the data did not distinguish between victim representatives and victim supporters. Both groups were included under the category of 'victim supporters'. Nor did the data distinguish between parents and guardians. The category of 'parents' covered both these groups. In addition, in previous years, the total number of participants did not include participants classified under 'other'. This category covers participants such as the school principal in cases where the offence occurred at a school and the Metropolitan Fire Service where arson has been involved.

