

**The number of young people arrested by Police
for committing criminal offences
(Breakdown by major types of offences and age at arrest¹)
(2018 - October 2022)**

Year	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022 (January to October)	
Type of offence / Age	10-15	16-20	10-15	16-20	10-15	16-20	10-15	16-20	10-15	16-20
Wounding and serious assault	158	264	156	204	221	300	174	198	164	155
Criminal damage	43	142	122	226	120	182	156	179	110	143
Serious drug offences	20	182	20	124	42	276	89	341	36	221
Deception	14	110	9	88	16	161	12	155	8	226
Miscellaneous thefts	178	189	120	123	89	167	84	136	74	66
Shop theft	179	182	128	159	184	163	99	108	51	63
Unlawful society offences	23	87	22	28	22	35	38	48	52	48
Indecent assault	66	56	62	54	36	37	65	56	43	51
Others	247	629	501	2 122	488	1 448	397	686	243	468
Total	928	1 841	1 140	3 128	1 218	2 769	1 114	1 907	781	1 441

¹ The Police maintains a breakdown on the number of juveniles (aged 10-15) and young persons (aged 16-20) who committed offences. According to section 3 of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 226), no child under the age of 10 years can be guilty of an offence. Thus, there is no information on the number of children under the age of 10 arrested for committing criminal offences.