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Thank you for your email of 21 February 2025 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"How many New Zealand citizens are currently in prison/incarcerated abroad?
Please may I have this broken down by the charge or conviction they are in prison
for, and the date of imprisonment."*

Information relevant to your request (as of 12 March 2025) is listed in Annex 1. This is not a complete list of all citizens in detention overseas, as New Zealanders may choose not to advise the New Zealand Government of their detention, as is their right.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Annex 1 - New Zealand citizens incarcerated overseas

Date of detention	Charge/conviction
September 2001	Murder
January 2005	Sex crime
January 2005	Unknown
January 2005	Car-napping & drugs
March 2009	Drugs
February 2011	Sex crime
April 2011	Sex crime
November 2014	Drugs
December 2014	Drugs
December 2014	Drugs
January 2015	Sex crime
February 2015	Drugs
June 2016	Multiple charges
October 2016	Murder
December 2016	Unknown
June 2018	Murder
June 2018	Multiple charges
September 2018	Drugs
August 2019	Fraud
October 2019	Sex crime
March 2020	Drugs
April 2020	Fraud
August 2020	Fraud
October 2020	Sex crime
November 2020	Drugs
July 2021	Murder
December 2021	Drugs multiple charges
December 2021	Drugs multiple charges
December 2021	Drugs multiple charges

Date of detention	Charge/conviction
September 2022	Multiple charges
October 2022	Racketeering
November 2022	Drugs
November 2022	Accepting bribes
January 2023	Unknown
February 2023	Murder
February 2023	Unknown
April 2023	Drugs
April 2023	Sex crime
May 2023	Theft
May 2023	Fraud
October 2023	Subversion
November 2023	Sex crime
November 2023	Drugs
November 2023	Drugs
November 2023	Unknown
December 2023	Theft
February 2024	Drugs
March 2024	Unknown
March 2024	Theft
April 2024	Sex crime
April 2024	Sex crime
May 2024	Illegal business operations
July 2024	Kidnapping
October 2024	Drugs
October 2024	Murder
October 2024	Multiple charges
November 2024	Drugs
December 2024	Drugs
December 2024	Immigration detention
February 2025	Drugs

Date of detention	Charge/conviction
February 2025	Fraud
February 2025	Drugs
February 2025	Drugs
February 2025	Drugs
February 2025	Defamation
February 2025	Immigration detention
February 2025	Sex crime
month unknown 2022	Fraud
Unknown	Unknown
unknown	Sex crime
Unknown	Unknown
unknown	Assault
unknown	Theft
unknown	Drugs
unknown	Unknown
unknown	Assault
unknown	Drugs