

Haumaru: Te tautoko i te haumaru o Kāpiti

Safety:

Supporting a safer Kāpiti Coast

Kāpiti is a great place to live, and a generally safe one too.

Council's quarterly Residents' Opinion Survey showed that throughout 2021/22, 90 percent of residents agreed that their community was resilient and safe.

While this is great to see, we know there are areas of growing concern. Council has an important role to play in making Kāpiti a safer place to live.

What is safety?

To us, safety is more than just preventing crime. It includes:

- Safety in public spaces
- Safety in the home
- Safety at work & school
- Safety in emergency events
- Safety on the road.

Council's role in keeping the community safe

Council plays an important role in improving community safety. It does this in a number of ways, from investment in infrastructure (eg, lighting in public spaces, road safety), building relationships with safety providers (eg, New Zealand Police) and key stakeholders (eg, schools and retirement villages).

What we're hearing

We are working closely with safety providers, iwi, community organisations and other key stakeholders to understand how we can improve community safety.

In September, we hosted a safety symposium for the Ōtaki community. We heard that many things are important to supporting community safety, such as the availability of mental health services, education and employment opportunities, safe housing, community connections and support, including iwi-led options. Available transport to access these services was also seen as critical.

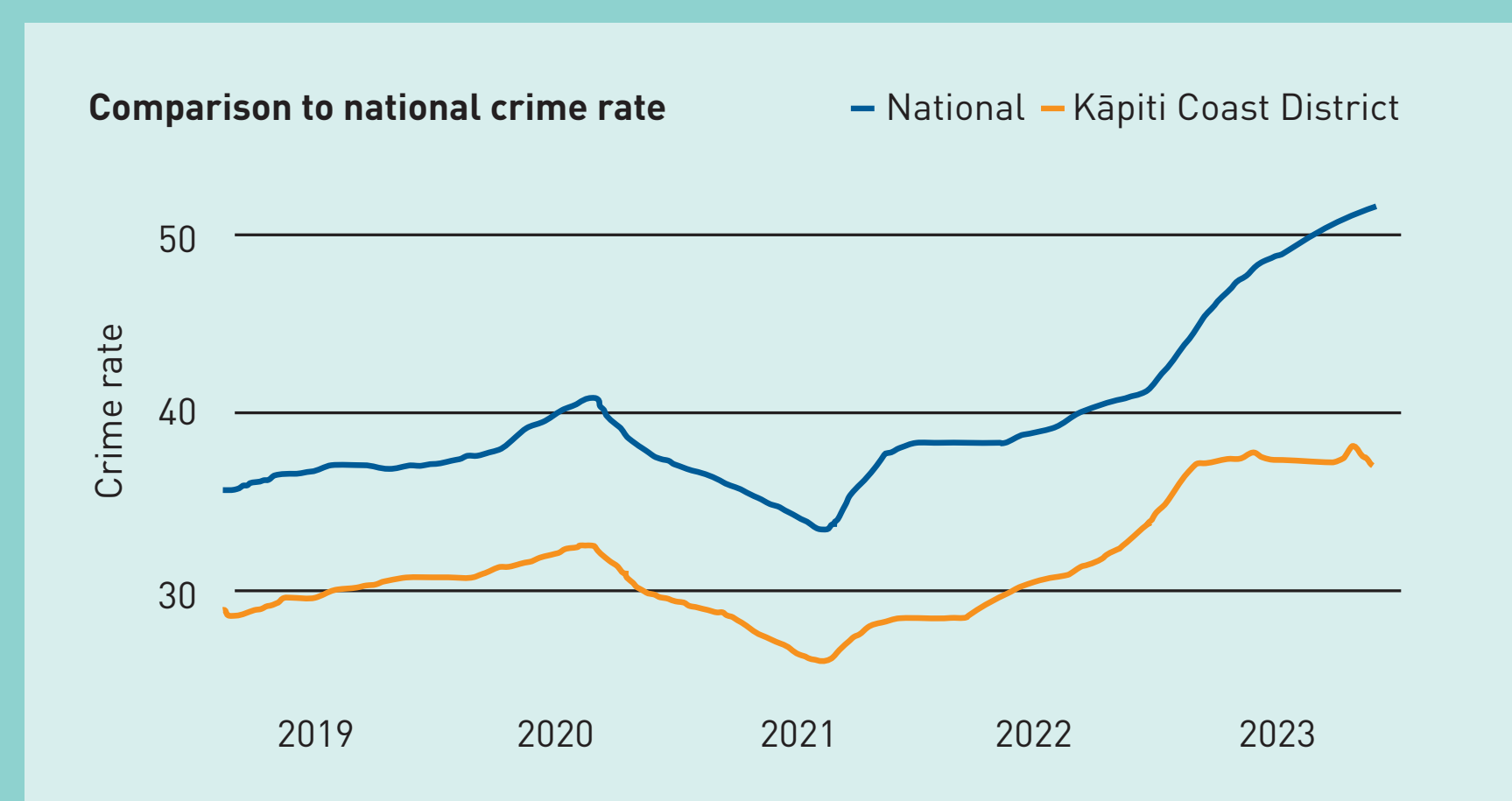
We've heard that some crime goes unreported, and that some people find it hard to access the help they need.



Crime in Kāpiti

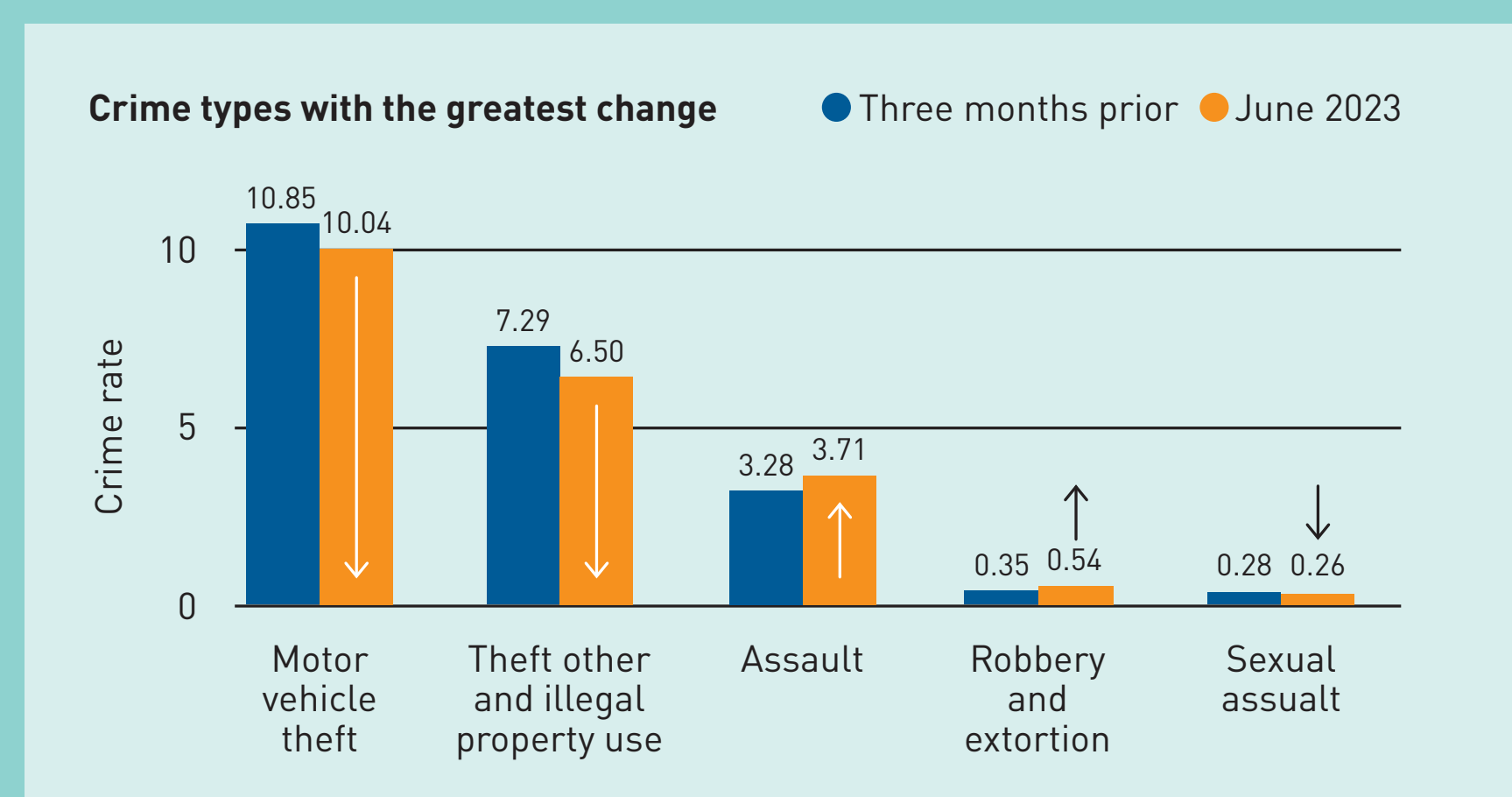
There has been an increase in reported crime rates, but our reported rates are better than the national level.

Crime statistics show an increase in reported crime in Kāpiti over the past few years, which has stabilised in 2023. A trend being seen nationally. Our reported crime rate is 28.2 percent below the national rate (37 victimisations per 10,000 people, compared to 51.5).



Source: Dot loves data Community Compass Quarterly Report for Kāpiti Coast District Q2 2023

The most prevalent type of crime reported in Kāpiti Coast in June 2023 was 'motor vehicle theft and related offences'. The type of reported crime that had the greatest change in the previous 3 months was 'robbery, extortion and related offences', with an increase of 54.2 percent.



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What matters most?

