



## Young people in youth justice custody (2018 to 2021)

This summary contains information on young people who were in custody in a youth detention centre (pre-court custody, remand, or sentence) or watchhouse (post- court remand or sentence only). The below information is provided by case managers/workers.

Census year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of surveys	216	236	218	282
<b>Profile</b>				
Male	84%	86%	89%	91%
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	69%	76%	67%	64%
Active Child Protection Order	14%	21%	26%	27%
Living in unstable and/or unsuitable accommodation	27%	27%	44%	42%
Totally disengaged from education, training or employment	56%	62%	61%	63%
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorders (diagnosed or suspected)	Not avail.	15%	14%	14%
Is a current or expectant parent	3%	4%	6%	6%
Parents have been held in Adult Custody	37%	39%	34%	40%
Experienced or been impacted by domestic and family violence	Not avail.	69%	57%	60%
<b>Known to use a Substance</b>				
<b>Used at least one of the below substances</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>84%</b>
Marijuana	73%	75%	70%	76%
Tobacco	59%	57%	55%	57%
Alcohol	58%	57%	44%	47%
Ice and other methamphetamines	33%	39%	38%	41%
Solvent inhalation	17%	14%	14%	15%
Other substances	2%	0.4%	9%	4%
<b>Disability (diagnosed or suspected)</b>				
<b>Have at least one of the listed disabilities</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Cognitive/Intellectual	27%	25%	18%	24%
Physical	6%	1%	1%	1%
Sensory	1%	4%	1%	3%
<b>Mental Health &amp; Behavioural Disorders (diagnosed or suspected)</b>				
<b>Have at least one of the listed Mental Health disorders</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Anxiety	20%	23%	16%	15%
Depression	19%	16%	14%	11%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	23%	16%	17%	14%
Personality disorder	8%	3%	4%	4%
Psychosis	6%	5%	4%	2%
Bipolar disorder	1%	0%	2%	0.4%
Eating disorder	1%	0%	0.5%	1%
Obsessive-Compulsive disorder	0.5%	0.4%	1%	0%
<b>Have at least one of the listed Behavioural disorders</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Attention deficit disorder or Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	19%	24%	28%	31%
Conduct disorder	26%	18%	17%	14%
Opposition defiance	24%	18%	17%	15%
Autism spectrum disorder	1%	4%	5%	6%
Attachment disorder	28%	23%	17%	13%
<b>Have at least one of the listed Mental Health &amp;/or Behavioural disorders</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>45%</b>