



Statewide (2018 to 2021)

The Annual Youth Justice Census contains information on young people under active supervision in the community (supervised order and/or conditional bail program) and in custody in youth detention centres and/or watchhouse (remand/sentence only). It includes young people who participated in a restorative justice conference, and/or in the T2S program, and/or were in adult custody as at census date (for adult matters) while still under an active community-based youth justice order. Information is provided by case managers/workers, restorative justice convenors and T2S program staff.

| Census year | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of surveys | 1,788 | 1,846 | 1,578 | 1,642 |
| Profile | | | | |
| Male | 78% | 75% | 78% | 77% |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander | 58% | 59% | 58% | 57% |
| Active Child Protection Order | 13% | 14% | 15% | 18% |
| Living in unstable and/or unsuitable accommodation | 19% | 21% | 29% | 32% |
| Totally disengaged from education, training or employment | 52% | 53% | 55% | 52% |
| Fetal Alcohol Spectrum disorders (diagnosed or suspected) | Not avail. | 7% | 8% | 8% |
| Is a current or expectant parent | 5% | 7% | 10% | 8% |
| Parents have been held in Adult Custody | 31% | 33% | 30% | 31% |
| Experienced or been impacted by domestic and family violence | Not avail. | 63% | 60% | 51% |
| Known to use a Substance | | | | |
| Used at least one of the below substances | 80% | 80% | 80% | 78% |
| Marijuana | 59% | 61% | 63% | 64% |
| Tobacco | 57% | 55% | 53% | 52% |
| Alcohol | 52% | 53% | 48% | 44% |
| Ice and other methamphetamines | 17% | 20% | 21% | 19% |
| Solvent inhalation | 9% | 9% | 8% | 9% |
| Other substances | 2% | 2% | 6% | 4% |
| Disability (diagnosed or suspected) | | | | |
| Have at least one of the listed disabilities | 17% | 16% | 12% | 15% |
| Cognitive/Intellectual | 15% | 15% | 11% | 14% |
| Physical | 3% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Sensory | 2% | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Mental Health & Behavioural Disorders (diagnosed or suspected) | | | | |
| Have at least one of the listed Mental Health disorders | 41% | 42% | 32% | 29% |
| Anxiety | 25% | 30% | 23% | 20% |
| Depression | 22% | 21% | 18% | 16% |
| Post-traumatic stress disorder | 17% | 16% | 13% | 12% |
| Personality disorder | 6% | 5% | 4% | 3% |
| Psychosis | 3% | 3% | 3% | 2% |
| Bipolar disorder | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Eating disorder | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Obsessive-Compulsive disorder | 1% | 1% | 0.4% | 0.2% |
| Have at least one of the listed Behavioural disorders | 42% | 38% | 30% | 31% |
| Attention deficit disorder or Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder | 18% | 20% | 20% | 22% |
| Conduct disorder | 19% | 13% | 9% | 9% |
| Opposition defiance | 17% | 14% | 9% | 9% |
| Autism spectrum disorder | 4% | 5% | 6% | 6% |
| Attachment disorder | 22% | 20% | 12% | 10% |
| Have at least one of the listed Mental Health &/or Behavioural disorders | 58% | 56% | 46% | 45% |