

Youth Justice annual summary statistics: 2015-16 to 2019-20

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	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Total finalised charges^a	27,272		29,618		36,906		42,756		36,112	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	14,629	54%	16,897	57%	21,204	57%	23,341	55%	20,954	58%
Other ^b	12,643	46%	12,721	43%	15,702	43%	19,415	45%	15,158	42%
Sex^c										
Male	21,026	77%	22,791	77%	28,712	78%	32,813	77%	27,724	77%
Female	6,246	23%	6,823	23%	8,182	22%	9,942	23%	8,382	23%
Age										
10-13 years	4,333	16%	4,954	17%	6,130	17%	6,288	15%	5,194	14%
14 years	4,703	17%	5,651	19%	6,152	17%	5,859	14%	5,165	14%
15 years	6,736	25%	7,893	27%	8,293	22%	7,932	19%	7,076	20%
16 years	7,731	28%	8,081	27%	8,647	23%	8,810	21%	7,820	22%
17 years	3,199	12%	2,728	9%	6,483	18%	10,289	24%	7,491	21%
18+ years	570	2%	311	1%	1,201	3%	3,578	8%	3,366	9%
Finalised charges by offence category										
Drug	1,385	5%	1,529	5%	1,901	5%	2,746	6%	2,253	6%
Fraud	1,076	4%	1,492	5%	1,680	5%	2,001	5%	1,425	4%
Other	2,866	11%	2,642	9%	3,505	9%	4,177	10%	3,403	9%
Property	16,866	62%	18,756	63%	23,495	64%	25,706	60%	22,427	62%
Public order	1,383	5%	1,253	4%	1,526	4%	1,744	4%	1,238	3%
Sexual offences	299	1%	307	1%	273	1%	329	1%	234	1%
Driving, licence and registration offences	1,625	6%	1,694	6%	1,932	5%	2,775	6%	2,145	6%
Violent	1,772	6%	1,945	7%	2,594	7%	3,278	8%	2,987	8%
Total proven charges (offences)^d	23,736		25,151		31,074		36,500		30,516	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	12,898	54%	14,615	58%	18,368	59%	20,283	56%	17,862	59%
Other ^b	10,838	46%	10,536	42%	12,706	41%	16,217	44%	12,654	41%
Sex^c										
Male	18,224	77%	19,170	76%	23,929	77%	27,959	77%	23,355	77%
Female	5,512	23%	5,977	24%	7,138	23%	8,540	23%	7,155	23%
Age										
10-13 years	3,864	16%	4,244	17%	5,260	17%	5,414	15%	4,471	15%
14 years	4,201	18%	4,906	20%	5,478	18%	5,092	14%	4,512	15%
15 years	5,801	24%	6,636	26%	7,132	23%	6,891	19%	6,028	20%
16 years	6,835	29%	6,957	28%	7,347	24%	7,481	20%	6,577	22%
17 years	2,562	11%	2,228	9%	4,902	16%	8,654	24%	6,277	21%
18+ years	473	2%	180	1%	955	3%	2,968	8%	2,651	9%
Proven offences by offence category										
Drug	1,218	5%	1,320	5%	1,609	5%	2,416	7%	1,920	6%
Fraud	869	4%	1,164	5%	1,328	4%	1,468	4%	1,150	4%
Other	2,566	11%	2,347	9%	3,091	10%	3,701	10%	3,036	10%
Public order	1,272	5%	1,110	4%	1,403	5%	1,570	4%	1,122	4%
Sexual offences	152	1%	117	0.5%	148	0.5%	112	0.3%	109	0.4%
Driving, licence and registration offences	1,546	7%	1,548	6%	1,784	6%	2,489	7%	1,876	6%
Violent	1,397	6%	1,522	6%	1,983	6%	2,527	7%	2,331	8%
Property	14,716	62%	16,023	64%	19,728	63%	22,217	61%	18,972	62%
Property damage ^e	2,427	10%	2,260	9%	2,858	9%	3,229	9%	1,942	6%
Trespass, nec ^e	1,430	6%	1,493	6%	1,817	6%	1,796	5%	1,375	5%
Unlawful entry/burglary ^e	4,010	17%	4,470	18%	5,700	18%	6,039	17%	5,443	18%
Theft and related offences ^e	6,849	29%	7,800	31%	9,353	30%	11,153	31%	10,212	33%
Illegal use of a motor vehicle ^e	1,704	7%	2,094	8%	2,534	8%	3,039	8%	3,134	10%

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Distinct young people with a proven offence^f	3,487		3,405		3,995		4,646		3,395	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,638	47%	1,683	49%	1,928	48%	2,118	46%	1,620	48%
Other^b	1,849	53%	1,722	51%	2,067	52%	2,528	54%	1,775	52%
Sex^c										
Male	2,554	73%	2,455	72%	2,869	72%	3,379	73%	2,454	72%
Female	933	27%	949	28%	1,124	28%	1,266	27%	939	28%
Age										
10-13 years	536	15%	502	15%	567	14%	525	11%	345	10%
14 years	603	17%	611	18%	583	15%	564	12%	378	11%
15 years	834	24%	839	25%	856	21%	794	17%	563	17%
16 years	1,076	31%	1,046	31%	1,022	26%	991	21%	717	21%
17 years	392	11%	371	11%	804	20%	1,306	28%	990	29%
18+ years	46	1%	36	1%	163	4%	466	10%	402	12%
Region^g										
Central Queensland	498		506		526		569		407	
Moreton	778		850		1,032		1,314		908	
Northern Queensland	969		918		1,021		1,131		888	
South East	627		587		680		759		594	
South West	605		606		753		889		592	
Number of proven offences per distinct young people										
1 offence	839	24%	811	24%	947	24%	1,142	25%	801	24%
2 to 3 offences	957	27%	890	26%	1,039	26%	1,146	25%	799	24%
4 to 11 offences	1,085	31%	1,062	31%	1,208	30%	1,412	30%	1,045	31%
12 or more offences	606	17%	642	19%	801	20%	946	20%	750	22%
Proportion of distinct young people who accounted for:										
25% of proven offences	151	4%	138	4%	165	4%	186	4%	121	4%
50% of proven offences	468	13%	438	13%	503	13%	578	12%	372	11%
75% of proven offences	1,103	32%	1,039	31%	1,180	30%	1,361	29%	917	27%
100% of proven offences	3,487	100%	3,405	100%	3,995	100%	4,646	100%	3,395	100%
Total finalised court appearances^h	7,155		7,215		8,456		9,699		7,147	
Average number of charges finalised per court appearance	3.8		4.1		4.4		4.4		5.1	

Notes:

- Counts all court appearances where one or more charges were finalised. A finalised court appearance means that the charges have been dealt with in a manner available under the legislation, for example the charge may not be proven and dismissed, or the young person may be found guilty and sentenced to an order. Excludes offence-related matters such as breaches, variations and appeals.
- Due to differences in counting rules and definitions, this data should not be directly compared with other youth justice data contained in other published reports prepared by external agencies (e.g. AIHW, ROGS).
- Data up to 12 February 2018 includes young people aged 10-16 years at time of offence, then from 12 February 2018 due to legislative changes, includes young people aged 10-17 years at time of offence.
- COVID-19 restrictions began in March 2020, and any effects of this on Youth Justice data are yet to be determined.
- Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
 - Data are a count of charges finalised, not young people. Data relates to all charges finalised in the reporting period irrespective of whether the outcome was proven or not proven.
 - "Other" refers to young people who do not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or whose Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status was unknown or not specified.
 - For data disaggregated by sex, those young people who are recorded as being 'intersex' or 'indeterminate sex' or 'not reported' are not displayed due to low counts, but are included in totals.
 - Data are a count of charges (not young people) that were proven in the reporting period.
 - The percentage figures for these offences are based on the total count of all proven offences.
 - Data are a count of distinct young people with a charge finalised that resulted in a proven outcome. If a young person had more than one proven charge in the reference period, they are counted only once in that reference period.
 - Data is distinct young person within each region, therefore regional counts will not sum to total distinct person count as a young person can be across more than one region within the same reference period.
 - Data are a count of all finalised court appearances (not young people) regardless of whether the charge/s were proven or unproven.