

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

Custody data<sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup>

Youth Justice case management supervision <sup>a</sup>	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Average daily number of young people in custody <sup>b</sup> (YDCs and other custodial locations)	186		181		207		252		208	
Average daily number in custody by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	129	70%	129	71%	150	73%	179	71%	146	70%
Other <sup>c</sup>	57	30%	52	29%	57	27%	73	29%	62	30%
Average daily number in custody by sex <sup>d</sup>										
Male	153	82%	155	86%	178	86%	218	86%	185	89%
Female	33	18%	26	14%	30	14%	34	14%	24	11%
Average daily number in custody by age group										
10-13 years	18	10%	16	9%	23	11%	22	9%	18	9%
14 years	31	17%	30	17%	31	15%	28	11%	25	12%
15 years	47	25%	54	30%	51	25%	45	18%	37	18%
16 years	69	37%	61	34%	65	31%	65	26%	46	22%
17 years	20	11%	18	10%	35	17%	76	30%	60	29%
18+ years	2	0.9%	1	0.7%	2	0.8%	16	6.5%	21	10%
Average daily number in custody by most serious offence group										
Drug	2	1.1%	0	0.2%	1	0.5%	2	1.0%	1	0.6%
Fraud	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	1	0.5%	1	0.5%	1	0.2%
Property (incl. illegal use motor vehicle)	74	40%	71	39%	80	38%	82	33%	64	31%
Public order	1	0.5%	3	2%	7	3%	1	0.4%	0	0.1%
Sexual	10	5%	9	5%	8	4%	11	4%	11	5%
Traffic and motor vehicle	9	5%	10	6%	11	5%	17	7%	14	7%
Violent	84	45%	77	42%	93	45%	125	50%	107	52%
Other/not recorded	6	3%	8	5%	7	3%	13	5%	9	5%
Average daily number on remand (incl. remand in YDCs and in other custodial locations and pre-court custody in YDCs only)										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	101	68%	102	69%	123	71%	150	71%	125	70%
Other <sup>c</sup>	46	32%	45	31%	49	29%	63	29%	53	30%
Average daily number on sentence (incl. sentenced in YDCs and other custodial locations)										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	29	74%	28	82%	27	78%	29	74%	21	69%
Other <sup>c</sup>	10	26%	6	18%	8	22%	10	26%	9	31%
Average daily number in a YDC										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	128	70%	127	71%	146	73%	154	72%	140	70%
Other <sup>c</sup>	56	30%	51	29%	55	27%	60	28%	60	30%
Legal status										
Remand (incl. PCC)	146	79%	144	81%	166	83%	176	82%	170	85%
Sentenced	39	21%	34	19%	35	17%	38	18%	30	15%
Average daily number in other custodial locations										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	1.5	74%	2.1	73%	4.2	67%	25.3	66%	5.6	68%
Other <sup>c</sup>	0.5	26%	0.8	27%	2.1	33%	13.0	34%	2.6	32%
Legal status										
Remand (excl. PCC)	1.8	90%	2.6	93%	6.2	98%	37.0	97%	8.1	99%
Sentenced	0.2	10%	0.2	7%	0.1	2%	1.3	3%	0.1	0.9%
Rate (per 10,000) average daily number in custody <sup>e</sup>										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	37.1		36.3		41.5		42.7		34.3	
Other <sup>c</sup>	1.4		1.3		1.4		1.5		1.3	
Rate (per 10,000) average daily number by sex <sup>d</sup>										
Male	7.0		6.9		7.7		8.1		6.7	
Female	1.6		1.2		1.4		1.3		0.9	
Average (median) days spent on remand in custody <sup>fg</sup>										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	31 (18)		27 (10)		26 (8)		27 (7)		30 (8)	
Other <sup>c</sup>	52 (40)		52 (38)		69 (46)		60 (46)		56 (39)	

Police case management supervision <sup>i</sup>	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>Average daily number of young people on pre-court custody in other custodial locations</b> (watchhouses, Brisbane Children's Court cells or police transit)	3	3	4	6	4

**Notes:**

1. The 2019-20 custody daily number dataset is the count of young offenders in Queensland custody (YDCs and watchhouses) at 11.59pm on each day during the financial year.
2. 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.
3. Due to differences in counting rules and definitions, this data should not be directly compared with other youth justice data contained in published reports prepared by external agencies (e.g. AIHW, ROGS).
4. COVID-19 restrictions began in March 2020, and any effects of this on Youth Justice data are yet to be determined.
5. Values may not sum to total due to rounding.
- a. Youth Justice case management supervision are defined as those young people in Youth Justice custody, which includes: young people on pre-court custody, custody-bail, remand or sentence legal status held in a YDC; and young people held in other custodial locations (i.e. watchhouses, police transit, Brisbane Children's Court cells, mental health ward) on custody-bail, remand or sentence legal status. It excludes young people with an 'unknown' legal status and young people held on pre-court custody in other custodial locations.
- b. The average daily number in custody is calculated as the total number of resident days (the number of days spent in custody by all residents) in a YDC and in other custodial locations in the reference period, divided by the number of days in the period.
- c. "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.
- d. 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. However, for the period 2015-16 to 2019-20, there are none.
- e. Calculated as the average daily number of young people in custody divided by the Queensland population estimates and projections (Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office). Population data up to and including 2017-18 are based on young people aged 10-16 years; and population data starting from 2018-19 are based on young people aged 10-17 years.
- f. Average (i.e. the mean is the sum of values divided by the count of values) and median (mid-point of numerically sorted values) time excludes any time where the period spent in custody was less than one day. Length of time in custody is based on the consecutive days in custody for a young person, where the end date of that stay is in the reference period, regardless of when that custody stay commenced.
- g. The average/median days spent on remand includes: custody-bail, and remand legal status. It excludes all pre-court custody (in detention and other custodial locations).
- h. The average/median days spent on sentence includes: remand and sentence, and sentence legal status.
- i. Police case management supervision, is defined as those young people held on pre-court custody ('fresh arrests') in other custodial locations.