

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

Youth Justice orders data^{1, 2, 3, 4}

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Admissions to supervised youth justice orders^a	3,392		3,200		3,788		4,015		2,994	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	2,061	61%	1,947	61%	2,419	64%	2,565	64%	1,932	65%
Other ^b	1,331	39%	1,253	39%	1,369	36%	1,450	36%	1,062	35%
Sex^c										
Male	2,680	79%	2,442	76%	2,980	79%	3,091	77%	2,359	79%
Female	712	21%	758	24%	808	21%	924	23%	635	21%
Age										
10-13 years	506	15%	472	15%	481	13%	417	10%	364	12%
14 years	689	20%	607	19%	605	16%	537	13%	399	13%
15 years	866	26%	858	27%	853	23%	807	20%	560	19%
16 years	974	29%	927	29%	966	26%	973	24%	706	24%
17 years	331	10%	312	10%	803	21%	938	23%	651	22%
18+ years	26	0.8%	24	0.8%	80	2.1%	343	9%	314	10%
Order type										
Bootcamp	2	0.1%	not applicable		not applicable		not applicable		not applicable	
Bootcamp (vehicle offences)	10	0.3%	not applicable		not applicable		not applicable		not applicable	
Community service	925	27%	731	23%	871	23%	859	21%	466	16%
Conditional release	251	7%	226	7%	230	6%	317	8%	242	8%
Detention (incl. supervised release)	343	10%	272	9%	305	8%	359	9%	298	10%
Graffiti removal (court ordered)	198	6%	186	6%	214	6%	224	6%	140	5%
Intensive supervision	10	0.3%	2	0.1%	13	0.3%	6	0.1%	4	0.1%
Probation	1,653	49%	1,511	47%	1,954	52%	1,964	49%	1,400	47%
Restorative justice (court ordered)	not applicable		272	9%	201	5%	286	7%	444	15%
Distinct young people admitted to supervised youth justice orders^d	1,733		1,620		1,950		2,064		1,571	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	991	57%	921	57%	1,165	60%	1,243	60%	950	60%
Other ^b	742	43%	699	43%	785	40%	821	40%	621	40%
Sex^c										
Male	1,331	77%	1,236	76%	1,502	77%	1,549	75%	1,191	76%
Female	402	23%	384	24%	448	23%	515	25%	380	24%
Age										
10-13 years	259	15%	233	14%	241	12%	207	10%	151	10%
14 years	330	19%	277	17%	264	14%	251	12%	176	11%
15 years	433	25%	416	26%	426	22%	397	19%	286	18%
16 years	500	29%	488	30%	492	25%	482	23%	359	23%
17 years	196	11%	188	12%	481	25%	501	24%	389	25%
18+ years	15	0.9%	18	1.1%	46	2.4%	226	11%	210	13%
Region^e										
Central Queensland	274		263		293		274		175	
Moreton	315		353		445		487		335	
Northern Queensland	599		501		634		678		552	
South East	282		246		261		298		267	
South West	273		278		342		355		259	
Number of admissions to a supervised youth justice order per distinct young people										
1	854	49%	820	51%	1,017	52%	1,052	51%	840	53%
2 to 3	674	39%	609	38%	693	36%	769	37%	554	35%
4 to 5	166	10%	140	9%	192	10%	195	9%	135	9%
6 or more	39	2%	51	3%	48	2%	48	2%	42	3%

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Rate (per 10,000) of distinct people admitted to supervised youth justice orders ^f	40.3		36.9		43.4		39.5		29.5	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	283.7		258.2		321.4		296.9		223.4	
Other ^b	18.8		17.3		19.0		17.1		12.7	
Sex^c										
Male	60.4		54.7		65.1		57.7		43.5	
Female	19.2		18.0		20.5		20.3		14.6	
Average daily number of young people supervised in the community ^d	1,233		1,190		1,378		1,643		1,514	
Average daily number by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	659	53%	647	54%	760	55%	939	57%	864	57%
Other ^b	575	47%	543	46%	618	45%	704	43%	650	43%
Average daily number by sex										
Male	952	77%	896	75%	1,046	76%	1,241	75%	1,133	75%
Female	281	23%	294	25%	331	24%	403	25%	381	25%
Average daily number by age group										
10-13 years	112	9%	109	9%	101	7%	107	7%	87	6%
14 years	164	13%	162	14%	156	11%	150	9%	128	8%
15 years	254	21%	253	21%	264	19%	262	16%	221	15%
16 years	317	26%	317	27%	347	25%	349	21%	298	20%
17 years	258	21%	250	21%	362	26%	390	24%	341	23%
18+ years	127	10%	100	8%	148	11%	385	23%	440	29%
Completion of community-based supervised youth justice orders^h										
Total completed	3,245		3,060		3,010		3,680		3,235	
completed successfully	2,537	78%	2,429	79%	2,431	81%	2,964	81%	2,748	85%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander completed	1,939		1,833		1,831		2,288		2,018	
completed successfully	1,434	74%	1,431	78%	1,429	78%	1,821	80%	1,703	84%
Other ^b young people completed	1,306		1,227		1,179		1,392		1,217	
completed successfully	1,103	84%	998	81%	1,002	85%	1,143	82%	1,045	86%
Admissions to unsupervised youth justice orders ^a	3,989		3,707		4,198		4,628		3,008	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,873	47%	1,888	51%	2,083	50%	2,117	46%	1,503	50%
Other ^b	2,116	53%	1,819	49%	2,115	50%	2,511	54%	1,505	50%
Sex^c										
Male	2,853	72%	2,625	71%	2,927	70%	3,320	72%	2,165	72%
Female	1,136	28%	1,080	29%	1,270	30%	1,307	28%	842	28%
Age										
10-13 years	679	17%	558	15%	638	15%	552	12%	354	12%
14 years	692	17%	663	18%	657	16%	557	12%	343	11%
15 years	967	24%	932	25%	916	22%	797	17%	482	16%
16 years	1,214	30%	1,154	31%	1,058	25%	974	21%	632	21%
17 years	416	10%	381	10%	782	19%	1,289	28%	822	27%
18+ years	21	1%	19	1%	147	4%	459	10%	375	12%
Order type										
Fine	69	2%	62	2%	74	2%	153	3%	70	2%
Good behaviour	1,218	31%	1,107	30%	1,145	27%	1,381	30%	731	24%
Reprimand	2,702	68%	2,538	68%	2,979	71%	3,094	67%	2,207	73%

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Distinct young people admitted to unsupervised youth justice orders^d	2,762		2,485		2,791		3,295		2,187	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,233	45%	1,208	49%	1,326	48%	1,440	44%	1,058	48%
Other^b	1,529	55%	1,277	51%	1,465	52%	1,855	56%	1,129	52%
Sex^c										
Male	1,980	72%	1,761	71%	1,966	70%	2,366	72%	1,577	72%
Female	782	28%	723	29%	824	30%	928	28%	609	28%
Age										
10-13 years	444	16%	366	15%	396	14%	366	11%	218	10%
14 years	474	17%	438	18%	421	15%	363	11%	232	11%
15 years	677	25%	610	25%	578	21%	550	17%	342	16%
16 years	839	30%	773	31%	711	25%	696	21%	446	20%
17 years	309	11%	279	11%	563	20%	950	29%	638	29%
18+ years	19	0.7%	19	0.8%	122	4%	370	11%	311	14%
Region^e										
Central Queensland	342		325		340		376		235	
Moreton	649		667		759		932		579	
Northern Queensland	711		624		669		765		590	
South East	520		413		436		499		338	
South West	516		473		568		679		417	
Number of unsupervised youth justice orders per distinct young people										
1	1,937	70%	1,696	68%	1,895	68%	2,399	73%	1,633	75%
2 to 3	733	27%	698	28%	782	28%	798	24%	490	22%
4 to 5	84	3%	73	3%	97	3%	86	3%	60	3%
6 or more	8	0.3%	18	0.7%	17	0.6%	12	0.4%	4	0.2%
Rate (per 10,000) of distinct young people admitted to unsupervised youth justice orders^f	64.3		56.5		62.1		63.0		41.0	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	352.9		338.7		365.8		344.0		248.8	
Other^b	38.7		31.6		35.5		38.6		23.0	
Sex^c										
Male	89.8		78.0		85.2		88.1		57.6	
Female	37.4		33.8		37.7		36.5		23.5	

Notes:

- Data are a count of admissions to supervised or unsupervised youth justice orders, where the order started during the reference period. Supervised youth justice orders are: sentenced youth boot camp (commenced 31 Jan 2013 in Cairns and repealed July 2015), boot camp (vehicle offences) (commenced in Apr 2014 in Townsville and in Oct 2014 in Cairns and were both repealed July 2015), community service, conditional release, court-ordered graffiti removal (commenced 27 Sep 2013), detention (includes supervised release), intensive supervision, probation and restorative justice orders (commenced 1 July 2016). Unsupervised youth justice orders are: reprimand, good behaviour and fines.
- 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.
- Values may not sum to total due to rounding.
 - Data are a count of admissions to an order type, not young people. If a young person receives more than one order of the same type made at the same court appearance, only one order of that type is counted.
 - "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 distinct young people admitted to a supervised or unsupervised youth justice order. If a young person is subject to more than one type of supervised or unsupervised order during the reference period they are counted only once for that order type. As a young person may be subject to a supervised and unsupervised youth justice order at one time, the same young person may appear in both the supervised and unsupervised order counts.
 - 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.
 - Calculated as the number of young people who commenced at least one supervised or unsupervised order in the reference period 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.
 - Calculated as the total number of days all young people are supervised in the community during the reference period divided by the number of days in the reference period. Supervised in the community means young people on sentenced youth boot camp (commenced 31 Jan 2013 in Cairns and repealed July 2015), boot camp (vehicle offences) (commenced in Apr 2014 in Townsville and in Oct 2014 in Cairns and were both repealed July 2015), community service, conditional release, court-ordered graffiti removal (commenced 27 Sep 2013), supervised release, intensive supervision, probation, restorative justice orders (commenced 1 July 2016) and conditional bail program.
 - Community-based orders are: sentenced youth boot camp (commenced 31 Jan 2013 in Cairns and repealed July 2015), boot camp (vehicle offences) (commenced in Apr 2014 in Townsville and in Oct 2014 in Cairns and were both repealed July 2015), community service, conditional release, court-ordered graffiti removal (commenced 27 Sep 2013), intensive supervision, probation and restorative justice orders (commenced 1 July 2016). It excludes conditional bail program, detention and supervised release orders. A community-based order is counted as successful if the order end reason is: order period completed; completed hours; conditional release order completed; or order expired. A community-based order is counted as unsuccessful if the order end reason is: community service hours not completed; discharged; returned to detention or revoked.