

Young People in Detention

Quick Reference Statistics – 31 March 2016



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Quick Reference Statistics reports numbers of adults and young people who are in the care of the Department, either in custody or in the community, on a monthly basis. The Quick Reference Statistics are snapshot data for midnight (12.00 am) on the last day of the month, comparison information for the same month of the previous year.

The statistics are accurate as at the time the data is extracted from the systems. The data systems are dynamic and are constantly being updated and data integrity improved. For this reason data may change slightly from month to month or quarter to quarter.

Time series statistics are reported in the Quarterly Statistical Report. A glossary of definitions is at the end of each report.

1 Young People in Detention

1.1 Number of young people in detention by facility – (sentenced and unsentenced)

Name of Facility	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
Banksia Hill Detention Centre	158	148

1.2 Number of young people in detention by gender – (sentenced and unsentenced)

Gender	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
All persons	158	148
Male	153	136
Female	5	12

1.3 Number of young people in detention by Aboriginality – (sentenced and unsentenced)

Aboriginality	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
Aboriginal	114	106
Non-Aboriginal	44	42

1.4 Number of young people in detention by Aboriginality and gender – (sentenced and unsentenced)

Aboriginality and gender	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
Aboriginal male	110	99
Aboriginal female	4	7
Non-Aboriginal male	43	37
Non-Aboriginal female	1	5

1.5 Number of young people in detention by sentence status

Sentence Status	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
Sentenced	100	64
Unsentenced	58	84

1.6 Number of young people in detention by age – (sentenced and unsentenced)

Age Group	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
Aged less than 13 years	2	4
Aged 13 to 14 years	22	27
Aged 15 to 16 years	71	63
Aged 17 to 18 years	61	51
Aged over 18 years	2	3

1.7 Number of sentenced young people in detention by most serious offence¹

Most serious offence	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
Offences against the person	33	22
Robbery and extortion	23	17
Break and enter and other offences involving theft	43	25
Offences against good order and property damage	0	0
Drug offences	0	0
Driving, motor vehicle, traffic and related offences	1	0
Other offences	0	0

1.8 Number of sentenced young people who have previously been in detention in the 5 years prior to their current sentence

Previous detention history *	Number of young people as at 31 March 2015	Number of young people as at 31 March 2016
No prior detention	60	24
One prior detention sentence	16	19
Two to four prior detention sentences	17	20
Five or more prior imprisonment sentences	7	1

* Separate periods of imprisonment that have not been served concurrently

¹ Offences are classified on the basis of 'Australian National Classification of Offences' (ANCO). "Other offences" include: Other offences, Child welfare matters and offence unknown.

2 Definitions of terms

Term	Description
Aboriginal	Indigenous people of Australia.
Non-Aboriginal	An ethnicity other than Aboriginal.
Aboriginality	Persons who have identified themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
Commencement	The term of a Community Based Order begins on the day the order is imposed as per the <i>Sentencing Act 1995</i> .
Community Based Order	An order issued by a Court of Law, or other authority, for the management of an offender or person on bail in the community. For example: Bail Orders, Community Based Orders, Intensive Supervision Orders, Work and Development Order and Early Release Orders (Parole).
Detainee	A young person who is being held in a youth detention centre as per the <i>Young Offenders Act 1994</i> .
Facility	A prison, work camp or youth detention centre.
Juvenile Justice Team Referral	Diversion of a young person from the court system to a Juvenile Justice Team.
Most serious offence	The most serious offence, out of a number of offences, for which a prisoner, offender or young person is being managed in the community or held in custody.
Offender managed in the community	Any person being managed by the Department under a community order who is not a prisoner or young person in detention.
Prisoner	An adult held in prison custody as per the <i>Prisons Act 1981</i> .
Reception	The receipt of a prisoner or detainee into custody.
Release	A prisoner or young person who is released from custody.
Security rating	The personal security categorisation of the prisoner or detainee either as maximum, medium or minimum security.
Sentenced	A person serving a sentence issued by a Court of Law.
Unsentenced	In relation to prisoners and detainees, is a person in custody who has not had a sentence issued by a Court of Law.
Sentenced Status	Whether a person is sentenced or unsentenced.
Snapshot Data	Data counted at a point in time.
Termination	When an offender completes a Community order or the order is cancelled or expires.

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