Government of Western Australia
Department of Justice
Corrective Services

Quarterly Statistics - Custodial (Adult Prisoner) 2019 - Quarter 1

This report provides an overview of the number of people who are in the care of the Department, in custody, on a quarterly basis.

Quarterly Statistics

The statistics provided in this report are census data current at midnight at the end of the last day of each quarter and comparison data for the same quarter of previous years. It also includes trend information for each quarter for the previous 5 years.

Whilst the statistics are accurate as at the time of data extraction, the data systems are dynamic and are subject to updates and data integrity improvements. For this reason, data may change slightly from month to month or quarter to quarter.

All data are sourced from the Corrective Services Reporting Framework

Adult Prisoners in Custody

The Department manages 15 public and 2 private facilities, along with a number of work camps across WA.

Table 1: Summary of Adult Prisoners in Custody

	Gender		Aboriginality		Sentence Status		Total
Census Date	Male	Female	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Sentenced	Unsentenced	
31 Mar 2019	6,207	760	2,718	4,249	4,950	2,017	6,967
31 Mar 2018	6,169	750	2,700	4,219	4,917	2,002	6,919
31 Mar 2017	6,092	684	2,564	4,212	4,781	1,995	6,776
31 Mar 2016	5,470	587	2,341	3,716	4,310	1,747	6,057
31 Mar 2015	4,957	523	2,136	3,344	4,225	1,255	5,480
31 Mar 2014	4,631	474	2,042	3,063	4,018	1,087	5,105

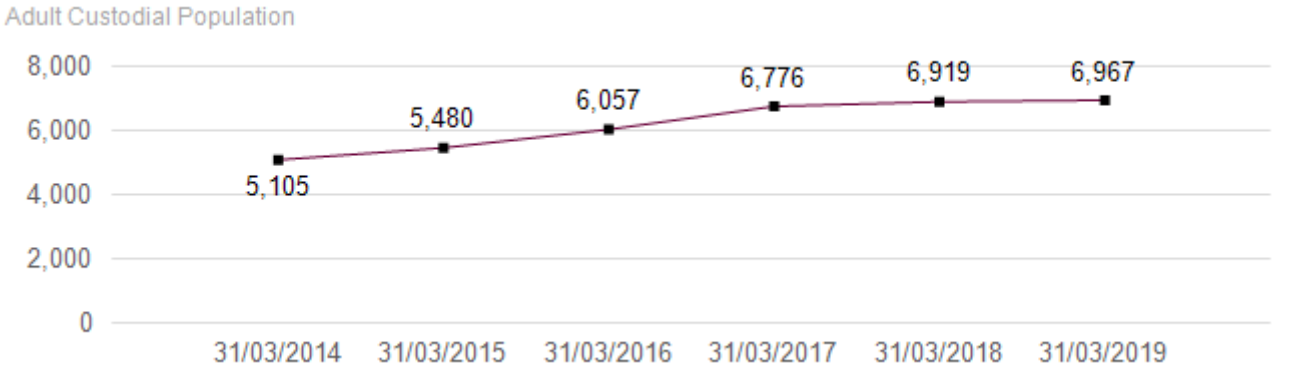

Table 2: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Gender

Census Date	Male	Female	Total
31 Mar 2019	6,207	760	6,967
31 Dec 2018	6,137	740	6,877
30 Sep 2018	6,206	736	6,942
30 Jun 2018	6,127	741	6,868
31 Mar 2018	6,169	750	6,919
31 Dec 2017	5,945	702	6,647
30 Sep 2017	5,989	693	6,682
30 Jun 2017	6,059	683	6,742
31 Mar 2017	6,092	684	6,776
31 Dec 2016	5,689	620	6,309
30 Sep 2016	5,664	619	6,283
30 Jun 2016	5,696	632	6,328
31 Mar 2016	5,470	587	6,057
31 Dec 2015	5,233	510	5,743
30 Sep 2015	5,199	512	5,711
30 Jun 2015	5,029	524	5,553
31 Mar 2015	4,957	523	5,480
31 Dec 2014	4,877	522	5,399
30 Sep 2014	4,796	516	5,312
30 Jun 2014	4,772	470	5,242
31 Mar 2014	4,631	474	5,105

Table 3: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Aboriginality

Census Date	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total
31 Mar 2019	2,718	4,249	6,967
31 Dec 2018	2,681	4,196	6,877
30 Sep 2018	2,716	4,226	6,942
30 Jun 2018	2,713	4,155	6,868
31 Mar 2018	2,700	4,219	6,919
31 Dec 2017	2,543	4,104	6,647
30 Sep 2017	2,507	4,175	6,682
30 Jun 2017	2,522	4,220	6,742
31 Mar 2017	2,564	4,212	6,776
31 Dec 2016	2,391	3,918	6,309
30 Sep 2016	2,392	3,891	6,283
30 Jun 2016	2,414	3,914	6,328
31 Mar 2016	2,341	3,716	6,057
31 Dec 2015	2,177	3,566	5,743
30 Sep 2015	2,145	3,566	5,711
30 Jun 2015	2,126	3,427	5,553
31 Mar 2015	2,136	3,344	5,480
31 Dec 2014	2,141	3,258	5,399
30 Sep 2014	2,107	3,205	5,312
30 Jun 2014	2,095	3,147	5,242
31 Mar 2014	2,042	3,063	5,105

Table 4: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Aboriginality and Gender

	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal		
Census Date	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
31 Mar 2019	2,382	336	2,718	3,825	424	4,249
31 Dec 2018	2,345	336	2,681	3,792	404	4,196
30 Sep 2018	2,379	337	2,716	3,827	399	4,226
30 Jun 2018	2,368	345	2,713	3,759	396	4,155
31 Mar 2018	2,346	354	2,700	3,823	396	4,219
31 Dec 2017	2,223	320	2,543	3,722	382	4,104
30 Sep 2017	2,197	310	2,507	3,792	383	4,175
30 Jun 2017	2,224	298	2,522	3,835	385	4,220
31 Mar 2017	2,244	320	2,564	3,848	364	4,212
31 Dec 2016	2,097	294	2,391	3,592	326	3,918
30 Sep 2016	2,098	294	2,392	3,566	325	3,891
30 Jun 2016	2,121	293	2,414	3,575	339	3,914
31 Mar 2016	2,071	270	2,341	3,399	317	3,716
31 Dec 2015	1,936	241	2,177	3,297	269	3,566
30 Sep 2015	1,899	246	2,145	3,300	266	3,566
30 Jun 2015	1,863	263	2,126	3,166	261	3,427
31 Mar 2015	1,871	265	2,136	3,086	258	3,344
31 Dec 2014	1,865	276	2,141	3,012	246	3,258
30 Sep 2014	1,835	272	2,107	2,961	244	3,205
30 Jun 2014	1,845	250	2,095	2,927	220	3,147
31 Mar 2014	1,814	228	2,042	2,817	246	3,063

Table 5: Number of Adult Prisoner Receptions and Releases by Gender

	Prisoner Receptions			Prisoner Releases		
Quarter	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Mar 2019	2,071	424	2,495	2,001	404	2,405
Dec 2018	2,029	464	2,493	2,098	460	2,558
Sep 2018	1,957	400	2,357	1,878	405	2,283
Jun 2018	1,998	456	2,454	2,040	465	2,505
Mar 2018	2,275	460	2,735	2,051	412	2,463
Dec 2017	2,000	434	2,434	2,044	425	2,469
Sep 2017	1,949	437	2,386	2,019	427	2,446
Jun 2017	2,086	420	2,506	2,119	421	2,540
Mar 2017	2,487	524	3,011	2,084	460	2,544
Dec 2016	2,244	421	2,665	2,219	420	2,639
Sep 2016	2,079	400	2,479	2,111	413	2,524
Jun 2016	2,173	409	2,582	1,947	364	2,311
Mar 2016	2,174	419	2,593	1,937	342	2,279
Dec 2015	1,928	355	2,283	1,894	357	2,251
Sep 2015	1,884	319	2,203	1,714	331	2,045
Jun 2015	1,760	340	2,100	1,688	339	2,027
Mar 2015	1,824	320	2,144	1,744	319	2,063
Dec 2014	1,755	340	2,095	1,674	334	2,008
Sep 2014	1,691	334	2,025	1,667	288	1,955
Jun 2014	1,766	302	2,068	1,626	306	1,932
Mar 2014	1,649	314	1,963	1,495	301	1,796

Table 6: Number of Adult Prisoner Receptions and Releases by Aboriginality

	Prisoner Receptions			Prisoner Releases		
Quarter	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total
Mar 2019	1,058	1,437	2,495	1,021	1,384	2,405
Dec 2018	1,044	1,449	2,493	1,079	1,479	2,558
Sep 2018	1,021	1,336	2,357	1,018	1,265	2,283
Jun 2018	1,072	1,382	2,454	1,059	1,446	2,505
Mar 2018	1,219	1,516	2,735	1,062	1,401	2,463
Dec 2017	1,123	1,311	2,434	1,087	1,382	2,469
Sep 2017	1,025	1,361	2,386	1,040	1,406	2,446
Jun 2017	1,030	1,476	2,506	1,072	1,468	2,540
Mar 2017	1,221	1,790	3,011	1,048	1,496	2,544
Dec 2016	1,092	1,573	2,665	1,093	1,546	2,639
Sep 2016	1,027	1,452	2,479	1,049	1,475	2,524
Jun 2016	1,035	1,547	2,582	962	1,349	2,311
Mar 2016	1,095	1,498	2,593	931	1,348	2,279
Dec 2015	993	1,290	2,283	961	1,290	2,251
Sep 2015	915	1,288	2,203	896	1,149	2,045
Jun 2015	845	1,255	2,100	855	1,172	2,027
Mar 2015	913	1,231	2,144	918	1,145	2,063
Dec 2014	897	1,198	2,095	863	1,145	2,008
Sep 2014	852	1,173	2,025	840	1,115	1,955
Jun 2014	882	1,186	2,068	830	1,102	1,932
Mar 2014	872	1,091	1,963	826	970	1,796

Table 7: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Sentenced Status

Census Date	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Total
31 Mar 2019	4,950	2,017	6,967
31 Dec 2018	4,877	2,000	6,877
30 Sep 2018	4,965	1,977	6,942
30 Jun 2018	4,962	1,906	6,868
31 Mar 2018	4,917	2,002	6,919
31 Dec 2017	4,761	1,886	6,647
30 Sep 2017	4,781	1,901	6,682
30 Jun 2017	4,816	1,926	6,742
31 Mar 2017	4,781	1,995	6,776
31 Dec 2016	4,595	1,714	6,309
30 Sep 2016	4,458	1,825	6,283
30 Jun 2016	4,476	1,852	6,328
31 Mar 2016	4,310	1,747	6,057
31 Dec 2015	4,249	1,494	5,743
30 Sep 2015	4,248	1,463	5,711
30 Jun 2015	4,247	1,306	5,553
31 Mar 2015	4,225	1,255	5,480
31 Dec 2014	4,220	1,179	5,399
30 Sep 2014	4,089	1,223	5,312
30 Jun 2014	4,066	1,176	5,242
31 Mar 2014	4,018	1,087	5,105

Table 8: Number of Sentenced Adult Prisoners in Custody by Security Rating

Census Date	Maximum	Medium	Minimum	Total[1]
31 Mar 2019	419	2,981	1,550	4,950
31 Dec 2018	403	2,899	1,575	4,877
30 Sep 2018	436	2,906	1,623	4,965
30 Jun 2018	386	2,943	1,633	4,962
31 Mar 2018	389	2,880	1,648	4,917
31 Dec 2017	302	2,817	1,642	4,761
30 Sep 2017	316	2,792	1,673	4,781
30 Jun 2017	383	2,764	1,669	4,816
31 Mar 2017	387	2,766	1,628	4,781
31 Dec 2016	294	2,761	1,540	4,595
30 Sep 2016	292	2,625	1,541	4,458
30 Jun 2016	312	2,622	1,542	4,476
31 Mar 2016	295	2,508	1,507	4,310
31 Dec 2015	281	2,484	1,484	4,249
30 Sep 2015	304	2,476	1,468	4,248
30 Jun 2015	270	2,543	1,434	4,247
31 Mar 2015	302	2,477	1,445	4,225
31 Dec 2014	307	2,478	1,435	4,220
30 Sep 2014	290	2,372	1,427	4,089
30 Jun 2014	291	2,401	1,374	4,066
31 Mar 2014	262	2,333	1,423	4,018

[1] Total includes prisoners where security rating are not recorded

Table 9: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Age

Census Date	Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 49	50+	Total
31 Mar 2019	977	2,573	2,569	848	6,967
31 Dec 2018	971	2,564	2,513	829	6,877
30 Sep 2018	991	2,575	2,555	821	6,942
30 Jun 2018	1,002	2,520	2,532	814	6,868
31 Mar 2018	1,070	2,523	2,511	815	6,919
31 Dec 2017	1,012	2,433	2,431	771	6,647
30 Sep 2017	1,029	2,437	2,425	791	6,682
30 Jun 2017	1,062	2,474	2,424	782	6,742
31 Mar 2017	1,119	2,479	2,421	757	6,776
31 Dec 2016	1,020	2,331	2,264	694	6,309
30 Sep 2016	1,033	2,324	2,252	674	6,283
30 Jun 2016	1,101	2,303	2,271	653	6,328
31 Mar 2016	1,072	2,208	2,157	620	6,057
31 Dec 2015	981	2,067	2,072	623	5,743
30 Sep 2015	1,000	2,080	2,037	594	5,711
30 Jun 2015	963	1,993	2,019	578	5,553
31 Mar 2015	977	1,968	1,973	562	5,480
31 Dec 2014	996	1,945	1,918	540	5,399
30 Sep 2014	984	1,882	1,911	535	5,312
30 Jun 2014	1,006	1,876	1,845	515	5,242
31 Mar 2014	999	1,808	1,805	493	5,105

Table 10: Number of Sentenced Adult Prisoners by Most Serious Offence Category(ANZSOC)

ANZSOC Division	31 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2015	31 Mar 2016	31 Mar 2017	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2019
Homicide and Related Offences	327	345	358	376	381	396
Acts Intended to Cause Injury	711	684	670	775	710	743
Sexual Assault and Related	470	503	518	545	562	579
Dangerous or Negligent Acts Endangering Persons	198	292	310	366	410	391
Abduction, Harassment and Other Offences Against the Person	59	65	48	85	83	92
Robbery, Extortion and Related	512	495	493	496	459	424
Unlawful Entry With Intent/Burglary, Break and Enter	735	730	731	806	845	801
Theft and Related	86	78	81	80	69	99
Fraud, Deception and Related	59	60	63	79	71	85
Illicit Drugs	549	633	682	819	956	998
Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives	11	16	15	16	19	15
Property Damage and Environmental Pollution	53	76	88	78	82	90
Public Order	13	11	12	14	16	15
Traffic and Vehicle Regulatory	147	136	139	146	125	98
Offences Against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations	78	93	93	94	118	114
Miscellaneous/Other	10	8	9	6	11	10

Results in the above table are not comparable to results published prior to 30 June 2017.

Table 11: Number of Sentenced Adult Prisoners in Custody by Any Previous Non-Fine-Default Sentence of Imprisonment in the 5 Years Prior to the Current Sentence

	Prior Imprisonment Sentences				
Census Date	No Prior	One Prior	Two To Four Prior	Five Or More Prior	Total
31 Mar 2019	3,546	932	471	1	4,950
31 Dec 2018	3,553	891	433	0	4,877
30 Sep 2018	3,668	864	432	1	4,965
30 Jun 2018	3,680	858	423	1	4,962
31 Mar 2018	3,637	860	420	0	4,917
31 Dec 2017	3,496	892	373	0	4,761
30 Sep 2017	3,477	921	383	0	4,781
30 Jun 2017	3,501	940	375	0	4,816
31 Mar 2017	3,461	931	388	1	4,781
31 Dec 2016	3,343	884	367	1	4,595
30 Sep 2016	3,263	827	367	1	4,458
30 Jun 2016	3,279	844	352	1	4,476
31 Mar 2016	3,149	822	338	1	4,310
31 Dec 2015	3,138	794	315	2	4,249
30 Sep 2015	3,160	781	307	0	4,248
30 Jun 2015	3,159	775	313	0	4,247
31 Mar 2015	3,143	791	290	1	4,225
31 Dec 2014	3,136	793	288	3	4,220
30 Sep 2014	3,050	768	269	2	4,089
30 Jun 2014	2,968	818	278	2	4,066
31 Mar 2014	2,917	804	297	0	4,018

Results in the above table are not comparable to results published prior to 30 June 2017.

Definitions

Terms below are used across the Corrective Quarterly Statistics reports and may not necessarily appear in this report.

Term	Definition
Aboriginal	Persons who have identified themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. The term 'origin' when used in the context of the ABS Standard Indigenous Question, relates to a person's Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and for some, but not all, their cultural identity.
Aboriginality	Whether or not someone identifies as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
ANZSOC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification is a hierarchical classification of offences developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
ANZSOC Division	Sixteen high level categories for offences classified within the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification.
Census	A count (usually of people) taken at the end of the day.
Detainee	A young person who is detained in a detention centre.
Facility	A prison, work camp or youth detention centre.
Most Serious Offence	The offence considered the most serious in a group of offences, as determined by a classification authority.
Prisoner	As defined in the Prisons Act, a person committed to prison for punishment, on remand, for trial, to be kept in strict custody, for contempt of court, for contempt of Parliament or otherwise ordered into strict security or safe custody, or otherwise ordered to be detained in a prison under a law of the State or the Commonwealth and also means a prisoner whose sentence has been commuted by an extension of the Royal Mercy and in each case a person continues to be a prisoner for so long as he remains in lawful custody.
Reception	The receipt of a prisoner or detainee into custody.
Release	When a prisoner or young person is released from custody.
Security Rating - Personal	The description of the level of risk a prisoner or detainee presents to the community, based on a formal assessment by custodial staff using an approved assessment instrument.
Sentence Status	Indicates whether a person is subject to custody due to an active court sentence or whether remanded pending sentencing or hearing.
Sentenced	The state of a person being confined to custody by a court, following conviction of an indictable offence, for a specified term, whether or not finite, and subject to any conditions set out by the court.
Unsentenced	A person who has not had a sentence issued by a Court of Law. Includes anyone on remand, young people held on arrest, prisoners held on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or prisoners awaiting extradition.
Young Person	As defined in the Young Offenders Act; (a) a person who has not reached the age of 18 years; or (b) a person to whom [the] Act applies because of section 4 [of the Act];