Government of Western Australia
Department of Justice
Corrective Services

Quarterly Statistics - Custodial (Adult Prisoner) 2019 - Quarter 3

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	
30 Sep 2019	6,168	713	2,667	4,214	4,954	1,927	6,881
30 Sep 2018	6,206	736	2,719	4,223	4,965	1,977	6,942
30 Sep 2017	5,989	693	2,507	4,175	4,781	1,901	6,682
30 Sep 2016	5,664	619	2,394	3,889	4,458	1,825	6,283
30 Sep 2015	5,199	512	2,148	3,563	4,249	1,462	5,711
30 Sep 2014	4,796	516	2,108	3,204	4,090	1,222	5,312

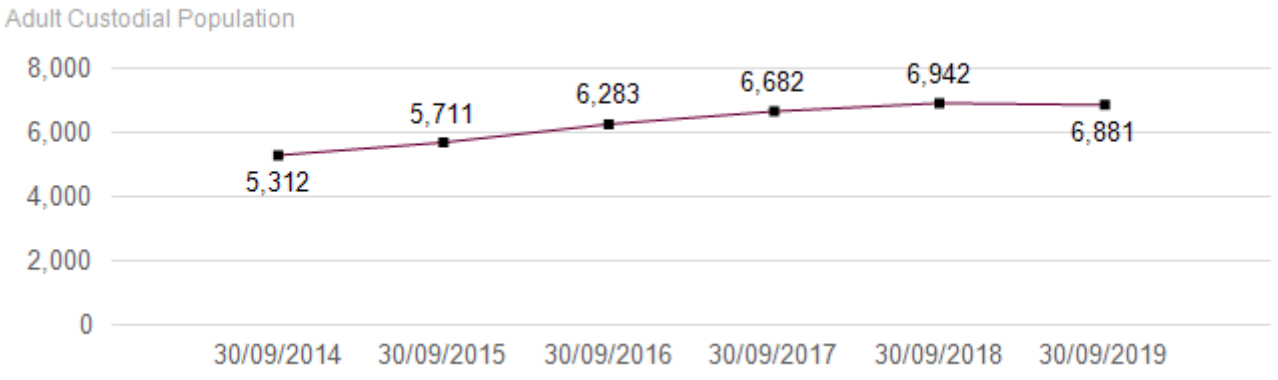

Table 2: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Gender

Census Date	Male	Female	Total
30 Sep 2019	6,168	713	6,881
30 Jun 2019	6,225	715	6,940
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

Table 3: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Aboriginality

Census Date	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total
30 Sep 2019	2,667	4,214	6,881
30 Jun 2019	2,686	4,254	6,940
31 Mar 2019	2,724	4,243	6,967
31 Dec 2018	2,684	4,193	6,877
30 Sep 2018	2,719	4,223	6,942
30 Jun 2018	2,715	4,153	6,868
31 Mar 2018	2,702	4,217	6,919
31 Dec 2017	2,543	4,104	6,647
30 Sep 2017	2,507	4,175	6,682
30 Jun 2017	2,524	4,218	6,742
31 Mar 2017	2,564	4,212	6,776
31 Dec 2016	2,392	3,917	6,309
30 Sep 2016	2,394	3,889	6,283
30 Jun 2016	2,416	3,912	6,328
31 Mar 2016	2,343	3,714	6,057
31 Dec 2015	2,179	3,564	5,743
30 Sep 2015	2,148	3,563	5,711
30 Jun 2015	2,129	3,424	5,553
31 Mar 2015	2,138	3,342	5,480
31 Dec 2014	2,143	3,256	5,399
30 Sep 2014	2,108	3,204	5,312

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

	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal		
Census Date	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
30 Sep 2019	2,343	324	2,667	3,825	389	4,214
30 Jun 2019	2,378	308	2,686	3,847	407	4,254
31 Mar 2019	2,386	338	2,724	3,821	422	4,243
31 Dec 2018	2,347	337	2,684	3,790	403	4,193
30 Sep 2018	2,380	339	2,719	3,826	397	4,223
30 Jun 2018	2,369	346	2,715	3,758	395	4,153
31 Mar 2018	2,347	355	2,702	3,822	395	4,217
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	2,226	298	2,524	3,833	385	4,218
31 Mar 2017	2,244	320	2,564	3,848	364	4,212
31 Dec 2016	2,098	294	2,392	3,591	326	3,917
30 Sep 2016	2,100	294	2,394	3,564	325	3,889
30 Jun 2016	2,123	293	2,416	3,573	339	3,912
31 Mar 2016	2,073	270	2,343	3,397	317	3,714
31 Dec 2015	1,938	241	2,179	3,295	269	3,564
30 Sep 2015	1,902	246	2,148	3,297	266	3,563
30 Jun 2015	1,866	263	2,129	3,163	261	3,424
31 Mar 2015	1,873	265	2,138	3,084	258	3,342
31 Dec 2014	1,867	276	2,143	3,010	246	3,256
30 Sep 2014	1,836	272	2,108	2,960	244	3,204

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

	Prisoner Receptions			Prisoner Releases		
Quarter	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Sep 2019	1,915	386	2,301	1,972	388	2,360
Jun 2019	2,050	401	2,451	2,032	446	2,478
Mar 2019	2,071	423	2,494	2,001	403	2,404
Dec 2018	2,029	464	2,493	2,098	460	2,558
Sep 2018	1,956	401	2,357	1,877	406	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

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

	Prisoner Receptions			Prisoner Releases		
Quarter	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total
Sep 2019	970	1,331	2,301	989	1,371	2,360
Jun 2019	1,014	1,437	2,451	1,052	1,426	2,478
Mar 2019	1,060	1,434	2,494	1,020	1,384	2,404
Dec 2018	1,045	1,448	2,493	1,080	1,478	2,558
Sep 2018	1,024	1,333	2,357	1,020	1,263	2,283
Jun 2018	1,073	1,381	2,454	1,060	1,445	2,505
Mar 2018	1,221	1,514	2,735	1,062	1,401	2,463
Dec 2017	1,123	1,311	2,434	1,087	1,382	2,469
Sep 2017	1,026	1,360	2,386	1,043	1,403	2,446
Jun 2017	1,033	1,473	2,506	1,073	1,467	2,540
Mar 2017	1,221	1,790	3,011	1,049	1,495	2,544
Dec 2016	1,092	1,573	2,665	1,094	1,545	2,639
Sep 2016	1,028	1,451	2,479	1,050	1,474	2,524
Jun 2016	1,035	1,547	2,582	962	1,349	2,311
Mar 2016	1,096	1,497	2,593	932	1,347	2,279
Dec 2015	993	1,290	2,283	962	1,289	2,251
Sep 2015	915	1,288	2,203	896	1,149	2,045
Jun 2015	846	1,254	2,100	855	1,172	2,027
Mar 2015	913	1,231	2,144	918	1,145	2,063
Dec 2014	898	1,197	2,095	863	1,145	2,008
Sep 2014	853	1,172	2,025	841	1,114	1,955

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

Census Date	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Total
30 Sep 2019	4,954	1,927	6,881
30 Jun 2019	4,984	1,956	6,940
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	4,964	1,904	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	4,249	1,462	5,711
30 Jun 2015	4,248	1,305	5,553
31 Mar 2015	4,226	1,254	5,480
31 Dec 2014	4,221	1,178	5,399
30 Sep 2014	4,090	1,222	5,312

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

Census Date	Maximum	Medium	Minimum	Total[1]
30 Sep 2019	401	2,983	1,570	4,954
30 Jun 2019	419	3,029	1,536	4,984
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	387	2,944	1,633	4,964
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	2,477	1,468	4,249
30 Jun 2015	270	2,544	1,434	4,248
31 Mar 2015	302	2,478	1,445	4,226
31 Dec 2014	307	2,479	1,435	4,221
30 Sep 2014	290	2,373	1,427	4,090

[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
30 Sep 2019	909	2,574	2,569	829	6,881
30 Jun 2019	957	2,543	2,593	847	6,940
31 Mar 2019	977	2,574	2,568	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	2,519	2,533	814	6,868
31 Mar 2018	1,070	2,522	2,512	815	6,919
31 Dec 2017	1,012	2,432	2,432	771	6,647
30 Sep 2017	1,029	2,436	2,426	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

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

ANZSOC Division	30 Sep 2014	30 Sep 2015	30 Sep 2016	30 Sep 2017	30 Sep 2018	30 Sep 2019
Homicide and Related Offences	337	345	357	377	392	402
Acts Intended to Cause Injury	678	651	712	737	726	701
Sexual Assault and Related	472	521	525	531	588	619
Dangerous or Negligent Acts Endangering Persons	259	304	344	381	396	369
Abduction, Harassment and Other Offences Against the Person	59	53	62	89	82	73
Robbery, Extortion and Related	513	499	486	464	448	420
Unlawful Entry With Intent/Burglary, Break and Enter	729	722	759	796	830	842
Theft and Related	69	94	74	67	86	90
Fraud, Deception and Related	62	72	65	73	73	88
Illicit Drugs	620	652	723	903	965	996
Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives	13	12	10	20	14	19
Property Damage and Environmental Pollution	63	79	91	93	85	85
Public Order	12	13	14	14	12	29
Traffic and Vehicle Regulatory	116	121	143	124	133	104
Offences Against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations	75	105	87	104	125	109
Miscellaneous/Other	13	6	6	8	10	8

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
30 Sep 2019	3,475	1,010	466	3	4,954
30 Jun 2019	3,526	974	483	1	4,984
31 Mar 2019	3,541	935	473	1	4,950
31 Dec 2018	3,551	891	435	0	4,877
30 Sep 2018	3,666	863	435	1	4,965
30 Jun 2018	3,679	859	425	1	4,964
31 Mar 2018	3,636	860	421	0	4,917
31 Dec 2017	3,494	893	374	0	4,761
30 Sep 2017	3,476	922	383	0	4,781
30 Jun 2017	3,499	942	375	0	4,816
31 Mar 2017	3,459	932	389	1	4,781
31 Dec 2016	3,340	886	368	1	4,595
30 Sep 2016	3,261	829	367	1	4,458
30 Jun 2016	3,277	846	352	1	4,476
31 Mar 2016	3,148	823	338	1	4,310
31 Dec 2015	3,137	794	316	2	4,249
30 Sep 2015	3,160	781	308	0	4,249
30 Jun 2015	3,159	775	314	0	4,248
31 Mar 2015	3,143	791	291	1	4,226
31 Dec 2014	3,137	791	290	3	4,221
30 Sep 2014	3,051	766	271	2	4,090

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];