

Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support Service Delivery Standards at 31 December 2024

Service Standards	12 months to 31 Dec 2023 Actual	12 months to 31 Mar 2024 Actual	12 months to 30 Jun 2024 Actual	12 months to 26 Sep 2024 ⁱ Actual	12 months to 31 Dec 2024 Actual	2024-25 Target/Est.
Rate of young people aged 10-17 who have contact with Youth Justice ⁱⁱ , per 10,000 population:						
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	430	431	435	423	356 ^v	390
• Other	33	33	31	29	30	30
• Total	65	65	60	59	59	59
Proportion of young people declared a serious repeat offender under the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> out of all young people with a proven finalised offence ⁱⁱⁱ	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.3%	1.1%	1.5%
Average daily number of young people in youth detention centres ^{iv} , rate per 10,000 population:						
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	46.3	46.1	46.5	46.0	39.7 ^v	46.1
• Other	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.7
• Total	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.3

- i. A decision was made in the previous term of Government to update the department's Information System which meant that corporate data for reporting would be unavailable for a number of months. The newly established DYJVS has prioritised workarounds (which may represent a marginal undercount) to ensure data can be reported while the work on the new Unify information system reporting capability is completed.
- ii. In contact with Youth Justice is defined as any young person who during the reference period was on a sentenced youth justice order (community- or detention-based), was on a conditional bail program, had at least one overnight stay in a youth detention centre (on pre-court custody, court-ordered remand or sentenced detention) or in

a police watchhouse/police transit (on court-ordered remand or sentenced-detention); was subject to a pre-sentence report, or had participated in a restorative justice process. Young people held in a police watchhouse on pre-court custody only are excluded from the count. In the 12 months to 31 December 2024, there were 1,820 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, 1,584 other young people, and a total of 3,404 young people who had contact with Youth Justice.

- iii. Serious Repeat Offender Declarations came into effect on 22 March 2023. To calculate the percentage of youth declared a Serious Repeat Offender, only those youth with a proven finalised offence from the date the legislation came into effect are used in the denominator. This means that those youth who may have had a proven offence finalised prior to 22 March 2023 are not included in percentage calculations for the applicable period. Data on young people declared a Serious Repeat Offender are based on a manual collection. In the 12 months to 31 December 2024, there were 37 declarations relating to 36 distinct young people, out of a total of 3,195 distinct young people with a proven finalised offence.
- iv. Includes youth in a youth detention centre on pre-court custody, court-ordered remand, or sentenced detention. Excludes youth held in police watchhouses with any legal status. The actual average daily count for the 12 months to 31 December 2024 was 203 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, 81 for other young people, and 284 in total.
- v. Figures for the 12 months to 31 December 2024 use the most recently released 2021 Census-based population estimates derived by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and are not directly comparable to those reported for other periods, nor with targets, which use earlier ABS 2016 Census-based population estimates. This later ABS 2021 release included higher estimates of the 10-17-year-old First Nations population in Queensland, and, in turn, lower representation rates compared with those reported for earlier periods.