

Youth Justice Pocket Stats 2019-20

Did you know...

47% of young people who have a finalised court appearance never return to the Youth Justice System^a

There were
533,374

children aged 10 to 17 years in
Queensland in 2019-20



3 in **500** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 had a proven offence (0.6%)

3 in **1,000** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were supervised in the community on an average day (0.3%)

1 in **2,500** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were in custody on an average day (0.04%)

Notes:
a. Based on the number of lifetime court appearances for the cohort of young people with a finalised court appearance in 2019-20 who were 18 (i.e. aged out of the Youth Justice System).
b. Includes theft, break and enter and unlawful use of motor vehicle.
c. Includes traffic-related offences, public order offences, fraud and miscellaneous offences.
d. Custody is defined as young people in a youth detention centre on pre-court custody, remand or sentence or in a police watchhouse/other custody location (e.g. in police transit, court cells, hospital) on remand or sentence. It excludes young people on pre-court custody in locations other than a youth detention centre.

Profile



- 3,395** distinct young people had at least one proven offence
- 72%** of young offenders were **Male**
- 48%** of young offenders were **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**
- 79%** of young offenders were aged **15 and over**
- 10%** of young offenders committed **47%** of all proven offences

Complexity of young offenders (Census 2020)

- 80%** have used at least one substance
- 38%** of young people in youth justice custody^c have used ice or other methamphetamines
- 60%** have experienced or been impacted by domestic and family violence
- 46%** have a mental health and/or behavioural disorder (diagnosed or suspected)
- 55%** are disengaged from education, training or employment
- 30%** have at least one parent who spent time in adult custody
- 29%** are in unstable and/or unsuitable accommodation
- 12%** have a disability (assessed or suspected)

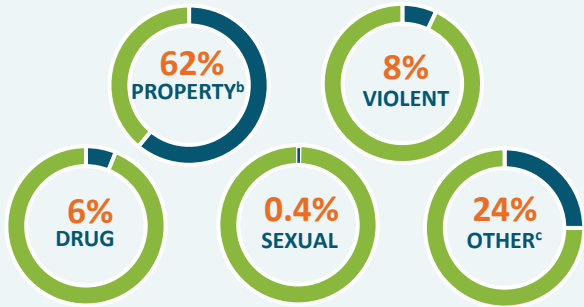
Disproportionate representation

Compared to non-Indigenous young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people were:

- 11 x** as likely to have a proven offence
- 18 x** as likely to receive a supervised order
- 27 x** as likely to be held in custody on an average day
- 27 x** as likely to be on remand on an average day

Proven offences

30,516 (85%) of 36,112 total offences were proven



Custody^d (on an average day)

- 208** young people in custody (**70%** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 178** young people in custody on remand (**70%** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 56 days** average sentenced duration
- 30 days** average remand duration

Orders

- 1,571** young people received a total of **2,994** supervised orders
- 1,478** young people received a total of **2,696** community-based orders
- 85%** of community-based orders were **successfully completed**
- 3,247** restorative justice referrals received (**41%** police referred; **59%** court-referred)
- 2,021** restorative justice conferences held