

Youth Justice Pocket Stats Sep 2024*

Did you know...

43% of young people who have a finalised court appearance never return to the Youth Justice System^a

There were
577,462

children aged 10 to 17 years in Queensland in 2024



1 in **179** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 had a proven offence (0.6%)

1 in **485** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were supervised in the community on an average day (0.2%)

1 in **1859** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were in custody on an average day (0.05%)

Notes:

- Based on the number of lifetime court appearances for the cohort of young people with a finalised court appearance between 1 Oct 2023 and 26 Sep 2024 who were eligible to have an offence finalised in the youth justice system.
- For young people who had a new charged offence within 12 months of their earliest finalisation with a proven offence between 1 Oct 2022 and 26 Sep 2023.
- Includes theft, break and enter and unlawful use of motor vehicle
- Includes traffic-related offences, public order offences, fraud and miscellaneous offences
- 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.
- Includes both pre-court custody and remand.

Offender Profile



- 3229** young people had at least one proven offence
- 71%** Male
- 55%** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- 70%** Reoffended within 12 months^b
- 455** Serious repeat offenders on an average day
- 76** Serious repeat offender declarations at 26 Sep 2024

Complexity of young offenders (Census 2023)

- 81%** have used at least one substance
- 38%** in youth justice custody^e have used ice or other methamphetamines
- 53%** have experienced or been impacted by domestic and family violence
- 44%** have a mental health and/or behavioural disorder (diagnosed or suspected)
- 48%** are disengaged from education, training or employment
- 25%** have at least one parent who spent time in adult custody
- 30%** in unstable and/or unsuitable accommodation
- 44%** have a disability (assessed or suspected)

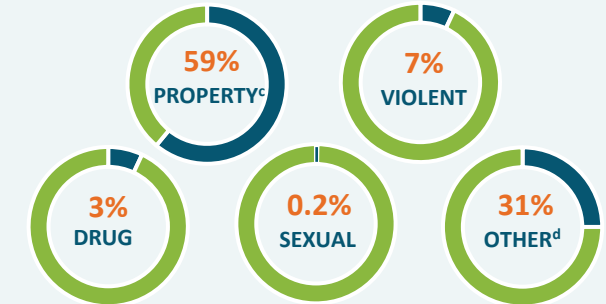
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation:

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

- 15 x** as likely to have a proven offence
- 23 x** as likely to receive a supervised order
- 30 x** as likely to be held in Youth Justice custody
- 27 x** as likely to be on remand

Proven offences

44,475 total finalised charges **proven**



Custody^e (on an average day)

311 young people in **custody** (71% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)

271 young people in **unsentenced custody^f** (69% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)

53 **days** average **sentenced** duration

49 **days** average **unsentenced^f** duration

Orders

1594 young people received a total of **3195** supervised orders

1498 young people received a total of **2825** community-based orders

84% of community-based orders were **successfully completed**

2936 **restorative justice referrals received** (64% court-referred; 36% police referred)