



# Youth Justice Pocket Stats 2023–2024

## Did you know...

**43%** of young people who have a finalised court appearance **never return** to the Youth Justice System<sup>a</sup>

There were  
**572,738**

children aged **10 to 17 years** in Queensland in 2023–2024



**1** in **175** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 had a proven offence (0.6%)

**1** in **480** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were supervised in the community on an average day (0.2%)

**1** in **1830** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were in custody on an average day (0.05%)

### Notes:

- a. Based on the number of lifetime court appearances for the cohort of young people with a finalised court appearance in 2023–2024 who were eligible to have an offence finalised in the youth justice system.
- b. For young people who had a new charged offence within 12 months of their earliest finalisation with a proven offence in 2022–2023.
- c. Includes theft, break and enter, and unlawful use of motor vehicle.
- d. Includes traffic-related offences, public order offences, fraud, and miscellaneous offences.
- e. 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 or hospital) on remand or sentence. It excludes young people on pre-court custody in locations other than a youth detention centre.
- f. Includes both remand and pre-court custody.

## Offender profile



- 3281** young people had at least one proven offence
- 71%** Male
- 55%** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- 69%** Reoffended within 12 months<sup>b</sup>
- 472** Serious repeat offenders on an average day
- 69** Serious repeat offender declarations at 30 June 2024

### Complexity of young offenders (Census 2023)

- 81%** have used at least one substance
- 38%** in youth justice custody<sup>e</sup> 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)

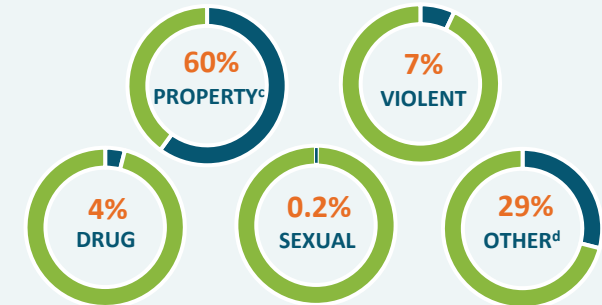
### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

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

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

## Proven offences

**46,310** total finalised charges **proven**



## Custody<sup>e</sup> (on an average day)

- 314** young people in **custody** (70% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 273** young people in **unsentenced custody<sup>f</sup>** (69% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 54** **days** average **sentenced** duration
- 48** **days** average **unsentenced<sup>f</sup>** duration

## Orders

- 1609** young people received a total of **3290** **supervised orders**
- 1510** young people received a total of **2901** **community-based orders**
- 83%** of community-based orders were **successfully completed**
- 3005** **restorative justice referrals received** (63% court-referred; 37% police referred)