



Youth Justice Pocket Stats March 2024

Did you know...

42% of young people who have a finalised court appearance **never return** to the Youth Justice System^a

There were
572,738

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



1 in **170** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 had a proven offence (0.6%)

1 in **479** Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were supervised in the community on an average day (0.2%)

1 in **1845** 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 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.
- 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



- 3309** young people had at least one proven offence
- 70%** Male
- 55%** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- 68%** Re-offended within 12 months^b
- 483** Serious repeat offenders on an average day
- 56** Serious repeat offender declarations as at 31 March 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)

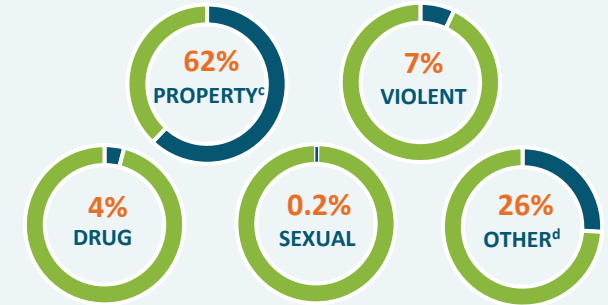
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation:

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

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

Proven offences

45,477 total finalised charges **proven**



Custody^e (on an average day)

- 310** young people in **custody** (70% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 271** young people in **unsentenced custody^f** (69% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 56** **days** average **sentenced** duration
- 46** **days** average **unsentenced^f** duration

Orders

- 1594** young people received a total of **3260** supervised orders
- 1507** young people received a total of **2889** community-based orders
- 82%** of community-based orders were **successfully completed**
- 3063** **restorative justice referrals received** (63% court-referred; 37% police referred)