



Youth Justice Pocket Stats 2023



Did you know...

43% 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



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

1 in 380 Queensland children aged 10 to 17 were supervised in the community on an average day (0.3%)

1 in 1,850 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

- 3,398** young people had at least one proven offence
- 70%** Male
- 54%** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- 70%** Re-offended within 12 months^b
- 485** Serious Repeat Offenders on an average day in 2023
- 48** Serious Repeat Offender Declarations as at 31 December 2023

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 not enrolled in education, or in training, or in 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)

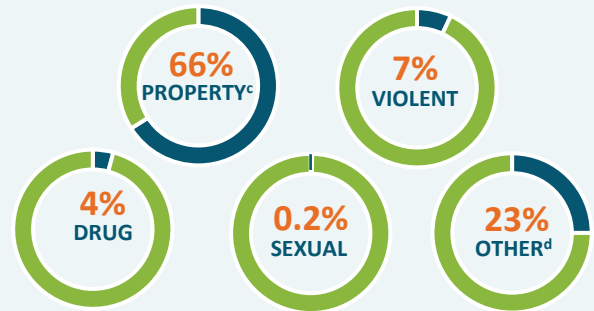
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation

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

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

Proven offences

46,388 total finalised charges were **proven**



Custody^e (on an average day)

- 309** young people in **custody** (71% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 272** young people in **unsentenced custody^f** (70% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- 53** days average **sentenced** duration
- 48** days average **unsentenced^f** duration

Orders

- 1,604** young people received a total of **3,583** supervised orders
- 1,511** young people received a total of **2,867** community-based orders
- 82%** of community-based orders were **successfully completed**
- 3,059** restorative justice referrals received (**62%** court-referred; **38%** police-referred)