

Youth Justice annual summary statistics: 2015-16 to 2019-20

Detention centre data^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Average daily number of young people in a YDC ^a	184		178		201		213		200	
Average daily number in YDC by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	128	70%	127	71%	146	73%	154	72%	140	70%
Other ^b	56	30%	51	29%	55	27%	60	28%	60	30%
Average daily number in YDC by sex ^c										
Male	152	83%	153	86%	172	86%	183	86%	178	89%
Female	32	17%	25	14%	29	14%	30	14%	23	11%
Average daily number in YDC by age group										
10-13 years	18	10%	15	9%	22	11%	18	9%	17	9%
14 years	30	16%	30	17%	30	15%	24	11%	24	12%
15 years	46	25%	53	30%	50	25%	37	17%	36	18%
16 years	68	37%	61	34%	64	32%	55	26%	44	22%
17 years	20	11%	18	10%	34	17%	64	30%	58	29%
18+ years	2	0.9%	1	0.7%	2	0.8%	16	7%	21	11%
Average daily number in YDC by most serious offence group										
Drug	2	1.2%	0	0.2%	1	0.5%	2	1.0%	1	0.6%
Fraud	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	1	0.5%	1	0.4%	0	0.2%
Property (incl. illegal use motor vehicle)	73	40%	70	39%	78	39%	67	31%	61	31%
Public order	1	0.5%	3	2%	7	3%	1	0.3%	0	0.1%
Sexual	10	5%	9	5%	8	4%	10	5%	11	6%
Traffic and motor vehicle	9	5%	10	6%	10	5%	14	7%	14	7%
Violent	83	45%	76	43%	92	46%	111	52%	105	53%
Other/not recorded	5	3%	7	4%	4	2%	8	4%	7	3%
Average daily number on remand in YDC (incl. young people in pre-court custody in YDC)										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	100	68%	100	69%	119	72%	126	72%	120	70%
Other ^b	46	32%	45	31%	47	28%	50	28%	51	30%
Average daily number on sentence in YDC										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	28	74%	28	82%	27	78%	28	74%	21	69%
Other ^b	10	26%	6	18%	8	22%	10	26%	9	31%
Average daily number in Brisbane YDC										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	105	57%	105	59%	115	57%	126	59%	117	59%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	57	54%	60	57%	66	57%	73	58%	63	54%
Other ^b	49	46%	46	43%	49	43%	52	42%	54	46%
Legal status										
Remand	86	81%	89	84%	100	87%	106	84%	101	86%
Sentenced	20	19%	17	16%	15	13%	20	16%	16	14%
Average daily number in Cleveland YDC										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status	79	43%	73	41%	86	43%	88	41%	83	41%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	71	90%	68	93%	80	94%	80	91%	77	93%
Other ^b	8	10%	5	7%	5	6%	8	9%	6	7%
Legal status										
Remand	60	76%	56	76%	67	78%	70	80%	69	83%
Sentenced	19	24%	17	24%	19	22%	18	20%	14	17%

Rate (per 10,000) average daily number in youth detention^d	4.3	4.1	4.5	4.1	3.8
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status					
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	36.6	35.7	40.3	36.7	33.0
Other^b	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
Sex^c					
Male	6.9	6.8	7.5	6.8	6.5
Female	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.9

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
Admissions to YDC^e	1,680		2,026		2,214		1,526		1,891	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,072	64%	1,306	64%	1,527	69%	1,095	72%	1,194	63%
Other ^b	608	36%	720	36%	687	31%	431	28%	697	37%
Sex^c										
Male	1,321	79%	1,588	78%	1,732	78%	1,209	79%	1,532	81%
Female	359	21%	438	22%	482	22%	317	21%	359	19%
Legal status										
Remand	1,626	97%	1,972	97%	2,183	99%	1,477	97%	1,872	99%
Sentenced	54	3%	54	3%	31	1%	49	3%	19	1%
Age group										
10-13 years	337	20%	392	19%	525	24%	313	21%	348	18%
14 years	376	22%	440	22%	452	20%	249	16%	354	19%
15 years	458	27%	596	29%	555	25%	304	20%	423	22%
16 years	476	28%	564	28%	545	25%	327	21%	378	20%
17 years	29	2%	33	2%	133	6%	317	21%	375	20%
18+ years	4	0.2%	1	0.05%	4	0.2%	16	1.0%	13	0.7%
Location										
Brisbane YDC	975	58%	1,316	65%	1,385	63%	894	59%	1,171	62%
Cleveland YDC	705	42%	710	35%	829	37%	632	41%	720	38%
Distinct young people admitted to YDC^f	814		931		972		806		881	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	503	62%	568	61%	627	65%	549	68%	535	61%
Other ^b	311	38%	363	39%	345	35%	257	32%	346	39%
Sex^c										
Male	647	79%	710	76%	764	79%	622	77%	696	79%
Female	167	21%	221	24%	208	21%	184	23%	185	21%
Age group										
10-13 years	151	19%	154	17%	177	18%	138	17%	128	15%
14 years	156	19%	198	21%	196	20%	118	15%	152	17%
15 years	241	30%	269	29%	260	27%	165	20%	191	22%
16 years	245	30%	290	31%	262	27%	194	24%	189	21%
17 years	18	2%	19	2%	73	8%	184	23%	211	24%
18+ years	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	4	0.4%	7	0.9%	10	1.1%
Number of admissions to youth detention per year per distinct young people										
1 admission	429	53%	451	48%	480	49%	417	52%	447	51%
2 to 3 admissions	265	33%	341	37%	317	33%	310	38%	290	33%
4 to 5 admissions	85	10%	89	10%	115	12%	64	8%	100	11%
6 or more admissions	35	4%	50	5%	60	6%	15	2%	44	5%
Location^g										
Brisbane YDC	502		638		649		527		583	
Cleveland YDC	315		300		335		330		323	
First admission in lifetime to a YDC per distinct young people per year										
All young people										
First ever admission to detention	394	48%	517	56%	472	49%	300	37%	442	50%
Prior admission to detention	420	52%	414	44%	500	51%	506	63%	439	50%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people										
First ever admission to detention	221	44%	283	50%	274	44%	185	34%	229	43%
Prior admission to detention	282	56%	285	50%	353	56%	364	66%	306	57%
Other young people^b										
First ever admission to detention	173	56%	234	64%	198	57%	115	45%	213	62%
Prior admission to detention	138	44%	129	36%	147	43%	142	55%	133	38%

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Rate (per 10,000) of distinct young people admitted to YDC^{de}	18.9	21.2	21.6	15.4	16.5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status					
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	144.0	159.2	173.0	131.1	125.8
Other^b	7.9	9.0	8.4	5.3	7.0
Sex^c					
Male	29.3	31.4	33.1	23.2	25.4
Female	8.0	10.3	9.5	7.2	7.1
Proportion of young people by days spent on remand in YDC (excludes PCC)					
1 to 7 days (week 1)	25.6%	32.5%	30.6%	20.7%	25.3%
8 to 14 days (week 2)	11.6%	14.1%	13.8%	12.6%	13.3%
15 to 21 days (week 3)	9.9%	8.8%	8.9%	11.7%	9.3%
22 to 28 days (week 4)	8.7%	8.9%	9.3%	9.1%	9.8%
29 to 35 days (week 5)	8.3%	8.0%	7.1%	6.3%	6.4%
36 to 42 days (week 6)	6.5%	5.9%	5.0%	5.8%	4.4%
43 days +	The proportion of young people who spend more than 6 weeks (more than 42 days) in remand in YDC is no more than 5.5% per week per financial year and steadily decreases to around 1% at week 13 (85 to 91 days). Greater than 105 days, figures substantially decline.				
Average (median) days spent on remand in YDC (excludes PCC)^h	40 (24)	33 (17)	35 (19)	44 (25)	42 (23)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	42 (28)	34 (20)	37 (21)	44 (26)	43 (27)
Other^b	36 (19)	31 (14)	31 (14)	44 (22)	39 (16)
Average (median) days spent on sentence in YDC^h	60 (48)	54 (42)	72 (47)	63 (47)	63 (44)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	59 (48)	57 (46)	72 (48)	58 (46)	59 (44)
Other^b	62 (48)	44 (33)	68 (43)	80 (52)	74 (53)

Notes:

1. YDC data is sourced from ICMS (Integrated Client Management System). The count of young offenders in Queensland YDCs is at 11.59pm on each day during the financial year.
2. Data up to 12 February 2018 includes young people aged 10-16 years at time of offence, then from 12 February 2018 due to legislative changes, includes young people aged 10-17 years at time of offence.
3. Due to differences in counting rules and definitions, this data should not be directly compared with other youth justice data contained in published reports prepared by external agencies (e.g. AIHW, ROGS).
4. COVID-19 restrictions began in March 2020, and any effects of this on Youth Justice data are yet to be determined.
5. Values may not sum to total due to rounding.
 - a. The average daily number in detention is calculated as the total number of resident days (the number of days spent in a YDC by all residents) in detention in the reference period, divided by the number of days in the period. The average daily number excludes the count of young people with an 'unknown' legal status.
 - b. "Other" refers to young people who do not identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or whose Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status was unknown or not specified.
 - c. For data disaggregated by sex, those young people who are recorded as being 'intersex' or 'indeterminate sex' or 'not reported' are not displayed due to low counts, but are included in totals. However, for the period 2015-16 to 2019-20, there are none.
 - d. Calculated as the number of young people divided by the Queensland population estimates and projections (Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office). Population data up to and including 2017-18 are based on young people aged 10-16 years; and population data starting from 2018-19 are based on young people aged 10-17 years.
 - e. An admission to detention means a physical admission to a stay in a YDC, where the admission date occurs in the reference period. A return from short absences (e.g. to attend court) from detention are not counted as a new admission.
 - f. If a young person had more than one admission to detention in the reference period, they are counted only once.
 - g. Data is distinct young person within each YDC therefore YDC counts will not sum to the total distinct person count as a young person can be in both centres within the same reference period.
 - h. Average (i.e. the mean is the sum of values divided by the count of values) and median (mid-point of numerically sorted values) time excludes any time where the period spent in detention was less than one day. Length of time in detention is based on the total duration of the admission for a young person, where the end date of that admission is in the reference period, regardless of when that admission to detention commenced.