

Department of Youth Justice Service Delivery Standards @ March 2024

Service Standards	2022-23 Actual	12 months to 30 September 2023 Actual	12 months to 31 December 2023 Actual	12 months to 31 March 2024 Actual	2023-24 Actual	2023-24 Target/Est.
Rate of young people aged 10-17 who have contact with Youth Justice ⁱ , per 10,000 population:						
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young offenders	424	423	430	431	-	428
• Other young offenders	34	33	33	33	-	32
• All young offenders	66	65	65	65	-	63
Proportion of young people declared a serious repeat offender under the <i>Youth Justice Act 1992</i> out of all young people with a proven finalised offence ⁱⁱ	18**	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%	-	5%
Average daily number of young people in youth detention centres ⁱⁱⁱ , rate per 10,000 population:						
• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	45.2	46.0	46.3	46.1	-	46.1
• Other	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	1.7
• Total	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2	-	5.3

** Declarations of a serious repeat offender under the *Youth Justice Act 1992* came into effect on 22 March 2023. As such the actual number has been used, not a proportion, for the time period between 22 March 2023 and 30 June 2023 only. Future reporting will provide a proportion.

ⁱ In contact with Youth Justice is defined as any young person who during the reference period was on a sentenced youth justice order (community-based or detention-based), was on a conditional bail program, had at least one overnight stay in a youth detention centre on pre-court custody, remand or sentence or in a police watchhouse or in police transit on post court remand or sentence, was subject to a pre-sentence report or had participated in a Restorative Justice Process. Young people held in a police watchhouse on pre-court custody only are excluded from the count. The actual count for the 12 months to 31 March 2024 was: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young offender – 1,876; Other young offenders – 1,640; All young offenders – 3,516.

ⁱⁱ The Serious Repeat Offender Declaration came into effect on 22 March 2023. In order to calculate the percentage of young people declared a Serious Repeat Offender in the reference period, only those young people with a proven finalised offence from the date the new legislation came into effect is used in the denominator. This means those young

people who may have had a proven offence finalised in the period prior to 22 March 2023 are not included in the percentage calculation. Data on young people declared a Serious Repeat Offender are based on a manual collection. To 31 March 2024 there have been 55 declarations made among 3,309 young people with a proven offence finalised.

ⁱⁱⁱ Includes young people in a youth detention centres on pre-court custody, remand, or sentence. Excludes any young people held in police watchhouses with any legal status. The actual daily average count for the 12 months to 31 March 2024 was: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander – 201; Other – 85; Total – 286.