

# Youth Justice annual summary statistics: 2014-15 to 2018-19

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	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
<b>Total finalised charges<sup>a</sup></b>	26,166		27,281		29,602		36,874		42,659	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>										
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</b>	13,289	51%	14,614	54%	16,854	57%	21,083	57%	23,126	54%
<b>Other<sup>b</sup></b>	12,877	49%	12,667	46%	12,748	43%	15,791	43%	19,533	46%
<b>Sex<sup>c</sup></b>										
<b>Male</b>	20,787	79%	21,035	77%	22,777	77%	28,698	78%	32,767	77%
<b>Female</b>	5,377	21%	6,246	23%	6,821	23%	8,166	22%	9,890	23%
<b>Age</b>										
<b>10-13 years</b>	4,235	16%	4,333	16%	4,950	17%	6,122	17%	6,295	15%
<b>14 years</b>	3,937	15%	4,705	17%	5,640	19%	6,149	17%	5,845	14%
<b>15 years</b>	6,336	24%	6,734	25%	7,905	27%	8,273	22%	7,875	18%
<b>16 years</b>	7,928	30%	7,731	28%	8,069	27%	8,643	23%	8,811	21%
<b>17 years</b>	2,737	10%	3,204	12%	2,728	9%	6,481	18%	10,255	24%
<b>18+ years</b>	993	4%	574	2%	310	1%	1,206	3%	3,578	8%
<b>Finalised charges by offence category</b>										
<b>Drug</b>	1,298	5%	1,388	5%	1,526	5%	1,900	5%	2,735	6%
<b>Fraud</b>	985	4%	1,076	4%	1,492	5%	1,680	5%	1,999	5%
<b>Other</b>	2,329	9%	2,868	11%	2,639	9%	3,507	10%	4,177	10%
<b>Property</b>	16,758	64%	16,868	62%	18,750	63%	23,467	64%	25,649	60%
<b>Public Order</b>	1,383	5%	1,383	5%	1,253	4%	1,525	4%	1,743	4%
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	271	1%	299	1%	307	1%	273	1%	329	1%
<b>Driving, licence &amp; registration offences</b>	1,463	6%	1,627	6%	1,691	6%	1,931	5%	2,764	6%
<b>Violent</b>	1,679	6%	1,772	6%	1,944	7%	2,591	7%	3,263	8%
<b>Total proven charges (offences)<sup>d</sup></b>	23,357		23,745		25,157		31,115		36,676	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>										
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</b>	12,123	52%	12,882	54%	14,590	58%	18,290	59%	20,181	55%
<b>Other<sup>b</sup></b>	11,234	48%	10,863	46%	10,567	42%	12,825	41%	16,495	45%
<b>Sex<sup>c</sup></b>										
<b>Male</b>	18,515	79%	18,233	77%	19,174	76%	23,958	77%	28,090	77%
<b>Female</b>	4,840	21%	5,512	23%	5,979	24%	7,152	23%	8,585	23%
<b>Age</b>										
<b>10-13 years</b>	3,922	17%	3,864	16%	4,247	17%	5,264	17%	5,459	15%
<b>14 years</b>	3,489	15%	4,203	18%	4,897	19%	5,490	18%	5,119	14%
<b>15 years</b>	5,689	24%	5,799	24%	6,647	26%	7,132	23%	6,897	19%
<b>16 years</b>	7,113	30%	6,835	29%	6,957	28%	7,359	24%	7,528	21%
<b>17 years</b>	2,256	10%	2,567	11%	2,230	9%	4,910	16%	8,694	24%
<b>18+ years</b>	888	4%	477	2%	179	1%	960	3%	2,979	8%
<b>Proven offences by offence category</b>										
<b>Drug</b>	1,147	5%	1,221	5%	1,320	5%	1,621	5%	2,440	7%
<b>Fraud</b>	795	3%	869	4%	1,164	5%	1,328	4%	1,467	4%
<b>Other</b>	2,192	9%	2,568	11%	2,350	9%	3,108	10%	3,735	10%
<b>Public Order</b>	1,284	5%	1,272	5%	1,111	4%	1,405	5%	1,575	4%
<b>Sexual Offences</b>	143	1%	152	1%	117	0%	148	0%	113	0%
<b>Driving, licence &amp; registration offences</b>	1,391	6%	1,548	7%	1,547	6%	1,784	6%	2,521	7%
<b>Violent</b>	1,387	6%	1,397	6%	1,522	6%	1,984	6%	2,520	7%
<b>Property</b>	15,018	64%	14,718	62%	16,026	64%	19,737	63%	22,305	61%
<i>Property damage<sup>e</sup></i>	3,577	15%	2,427	10%	2,260	9%	2,859	9%	3,242	9%
<i>Trespass, nec<sup>e</sup></i>	1,468	6%	1,430	6%	1,493	6%	1,816	6%	1,804	5%
<i>Unlawful entry/burglary<sup>e</sup></i>	3,849	16%	4,012	17%	4,470	18%	5,699	18%	6,060	17%
<i>Theft &amp; related offences<sup>e</sup></i>	6,124	26%	6,849	29%	7,803	31%	9,363	30%	11,199	31%
<i>Illegal use of a motor vehicle<sup>e</sup></i>	1,463	6%	1,704	7%	2,094	8%	2,534	8%	3,048	8%

	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
<b>Distinct young people with a proven offence<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>3,494</b>		<b>3,488</b>		<b>3,406</b>		<b>4,018</b>		<b>4,716</b>	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>										
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>2,116</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Other<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Sex<sup>c</sup></b>										
<b>Male</b>	<b>2,566</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>2,555</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Age</b>										
<b>10-13 years</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>14 years</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>15 years</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>16 years</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>17 years</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>18+ years</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Region<sup>g</sup></b>										
<b>Central Queensland</b>	<b>493</b>		<b>498</b>		<b>506</b>		<b>527</b>		<b>575</b>	
<b>Moreton</b>	<b>812</b>		<b>779</b>		<b>850</b>		<b>1,041</b>		<b>1,336</b>	
<b>Northern Queensland</b>	<b>961</b>		<b>970</b>		<b>918</b>		<b>1,029</b>		<b>1,142</b>	
<b>South East</b>	<b>610</b>		<b>627</b>		<b>588</b>		<b>681</b>		<b>777</b>	
<b>South West</b>	<b>620</b>		<b>604</b>		<b>607</b>		<b>756</b>		<b>900</b>	
<b>Number of proven offences per distinct young people</b>										
<b>1 offence</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>2 to 3 offences</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>4 to 11 offences</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>12 or more offences</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Proportion of distinct young people who accounted for:</b>										
<b>25% of proven offences</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>50% of proven offences</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>75% of proven offences</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>100% of proven offences</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,018</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,716</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total finalised court appearances<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>6,728</b>		<b>7,157</b>		<b>7,205</b>		<b>8,443</b>		<b>9,668</b>	
<b>Average number of charges finalised per court appearance</b>	<b>3.9</b>		<b>3.8</b>		<b>4.1</b>		<b>4.4</b>		<b>4.4</b>	

**Notes:**

- Counts all court appearances where one or more charges were finalised. A finalised court appearance means that the charges have been dealt with in a manner available under the legislation, for example the charge may not be proven and dismissed, or the young person may be found guilty and sentenced to an order. Excludes offence-related matters such as breaches, variations and appeals.
- Due to differences in counting rules and definitions, this data should not be directly compared with other youth justice data contained in other published reports prepared by external agencies (e.g. AIHW, ROGS).
- 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.
- Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
  - Data are a count of charges finalised, not young people. Data relates to all charges finalised irrespective of whether the outcome was proven or not proven.
  - "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.
  - 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.
  - Data are a count of charges (not young people) that were proven.
  - The percentage figures for these offences are based on the total count of all proven offences.
  - Data are a count of distinct young people with a charge finalised that resulted in a proven outcome. If a young person had more than one proven charge in the reference period, they are counted only once in that reference period.
  - Data is distinct young person within each region, therefore regional counts will not sum to total distinct person count as a young person can be across more than one region within the same reference period.
  - Data are a count of all finalised court appearances (not young people) regardless of whether the charge/s were proven or unproven.