



Youth Justice census summary

Young people in YJ custody

The below Census profiles are on 216 young people in 2018 and 236 young people in 2019 in custody in a youth detention centre, or a watchhouse (on remand or sentenced) on Friday 15 June 2018 and Friday 28 June 2019. It excludes young people who were in adult prison. The information was provided by case workers.

	2018	2019
Demographics		
Male	84%	86%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	69%	76%
Have a current child protection order	14%	21%
Living in unstable and/or unsuitable accommodation	27%	27%
Totally disengaged from education, training and employment	56%	62%
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (diagnosed or suspected)	Not avail.	15%
Is a current or expecting parent	3%	4%
Parents have been held in adult custody	37%	39%
Experienced or been impacted by domestic and family violence	Not avail.	69%
Known to use a substance		
Used at least one of the below substances	86%	86%
Marijuana	73%	75%
Tobacco	59%	57%
Alcohol	58%	57%
Ice and other methamphetamines	33%	39%
Solvent inhalation	17%	14%
Other substances	2%	n/a
Disability (diagnosed or suspected)		
Have at least one of the listed disabilities	29%	26%
Cognitive/intellectual	27%	25%
Physical	6%	1%
Sensory	1%	4%
Mental health and behavioural disorders (diagnosed or suspected)		
Have at least one of the listed mental health	42%	36%
Anxiety	20%	23%
Depression	19%	16%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	23%	16%
Personality disorder	8%	3%
Psychosis	6%	5%
Bipolar disorder	1%	n/a
Eating disorder	1%	n/a
Obsessive-compulsive disorder	0.5%	0.4%
Have at least one of the listed behavioural disorders	48%	42%
Attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	19%	24%
Conduct disorder	26%	18%
Opposition defiance	24%	18%
Autism spectrum disorder	1%	4%
Attachment disorder	28%	23%
Have at least one of the listed mental health and/or behavioural disorders	61%	54%