

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

## Detention centre data<sup>1, 2, 3, 4</sup>

	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
Average daily number of young people in a detention centre <sup>a</sup>	170		186		179		202		214	
Average daily number in YDC by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	111	65%	129	69%	128	71%	147	73%	154	72%
Other <sup>b</sup>	59	35%	57	31%	51	29%	55	27%	60	28%
Average daily number in YDC by sex <sup>c</sup>										
Male	140	82%	153	82%	153	86%	173	86%	184	86%
Female	30	18%	33	18%	26	14%	29	14%	30	14%
Average daily number in YDC by age group										
10-13 years	17	10%	18	10%	15	9%	22	11%	18	9%
14 years	27	16%	30	16%	30	16%	30	15%	24	11%
15 years	48	28%	46	25%	54	30%	50	25%	37	17%
16 years	58	34%	69	37%	61	34%	64	32%	55	26%
17 years	18	10%	21	11%	18	10%	34	17%	64	30%
18+ years	1	0.6%	2	1.0%	1	0.7%	2	0.9%	16	7%
Average daily number in YDC by most serious offence group										
Drug	1	0.6%	2	1.1%	0	0.2%	1	0.5%	2	1.0%
Fraud	1	0.6%	1	0.5%	1	0.7%	1	0.5%	1	0.4%
Property (incl. illegal use motor vehicle)	72	42%	73	39%	71	39%	78	38%	67	31%
Public Order	1	0.3%	1	0.5%	3	2%	7	3%	1	0.3%
Sexual	11	6%	10	5%	9	5%	8	4%	10	5%
Traffic and motor vehicle	8	5%	9	5%	10	6%	10	5%	14	7%
Violent	69	41%	84	45%	76	43%	92	45%	112	52%
Other/not recorded	8	4%	7	4%	8	4%	5	3%	8	4%
Average daily number on remand in YDC (including young people in pre-court custody in YDC)	135	80%	147	79%	145	81%	167	83%	176	82%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	83	62%	101	68%	100	69%	119	71%	126	72%
Other <sup>b</sup>	52	38%	47	32%	45	31%	48	29%	50	28%
Average daily number on sentence in YDC	35	20%	39	21%	34	19%	35	17%	38	18%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	27	79%	29	74%	28	82%	27	78%	28	74%
Other <sup>b</sup>	7	21%	10	26%	6	18%	8	22%	10	26%
Average daily number in Brisbane YDC	112	66%	108	58%	106	59%	116	57%	126	59%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	61	54%	57	53%	59	56%	66	57%	74	59%
Other <sup>b</sup>	51	46%	50	47%	47	44%	50	43%	52	41%
Legal status										
Remand	86	77%	88	82%	89	84%	101	87%	106	84%
Sentenced	26	23%	20	18%	17	16%	15	13%	20	16%
Average daily number in Cleveland YDC	58	34%	78	42%	73	41%	86	43%	88	41%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	50	86%	72	92%	68	93%	81	94%	80	91%
Other <sup>b</sup>	8	14%	7	8%	5	7%	5	6%	8	9%
Legal status										
Remand	49	85%	60	76%	56	76%	66	77%	70	80%
Sentenced	9	15%	19	24%	17	24%	20	23%	18	20%
Rate (per 10,000) average daily number in detention <sup>d</sup>	4.0		4.3		4.1		4.5		4.2	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	32.2		37.0		35.8		40.4		37.2	
Other <sup>b</sup>	1.5		1.4		1.3		1.3		1.3	
Sex <sup>c</sup>										
Male	6.4		6.9		6.8		7.5		7.0	
Female	1.5		1.6		1.2		1.3		1.2	

	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
<b>Admissions to detention centre<sup>e</sup></b>	1,879		1,678		2,024		2,214		1,526	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	1,150	61%	1,066	64%	1,297	64%	1,513	68%	1,091	71%
Other <sup>b</sup>	729	39%	612	36%	727	36%	701	32%	435	29%
<b>Sex<sup>c</sup></b>										
Male	1,480	79%	1,319	79%	1,586	78%	1,732	78%	1,210	79%
Female	399	21%	359	21%	438	22%	482	22%	316	21%
<b>Legal status</b>										
Remand	1,820	97%	1,624	97%	1,972	97%	2,185	99%	1,477	97%
Sentenced	59	3%	54	3%	52	3%	29	1%	49	3%
<b>Age group</b>										
10-13 years	384	20%	337	20%	392	19%	525	24%	312	20%
14 years	403	21%	376	22%	439	22%	452	20%	249	16%
15 years	513	27%	457	27%	597	29%	556	25%	304	20%
16 years	527	28%	475	28%	562	28%	544	25%	328	21%
17 years	49	3%	29	2%	33	2%	133	6%	317	21%
18+ years	3	0.2%	4	0.2%	1	0.05%	4	0.2%	16	1.0%
<b>Location</b>										
Brisbane YDC	1,243	66%	973	58%	1,315	65%	1,384	63%	894	59%
Cleveland YDC	636	34%	705	42%	709	35%	830	37%	632	41%
<b>Distinct young people admitted to YDC<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>895</b>		<b>815</b>		<b>930</b>		<b>972</b>		<b>805</b>	
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	528	59%	502	62%	562	60%	620	64%	547	68%
Other <sup>b</sup>	367	41%	313	38%	368	40%	352	36%	258	32%
<b>Sex<sup>c</sup></b>										
Male	692	77%	648	80%	709	76%	764	79%	622	77%
Female	203	23%	167	20%	221	24%	208	21%	183	23%
<b>Age group</b>										
10-13 years	156	17%	151	19%	154	17%	177	18%	137	17%
14 years	182	20%	156	19%	198	21%	196	20%	118	15%
15 years	248	28%	241	30%	269	29%	260	27%	165	20%
16 years	275	31%	245	30%	289	31%	262	27%	194	24%
17 years	32	4%	19	2%	19	2%	73	8%	184	23%
18+ years	2	0.2%	3	0.4%	1	0.1%	4	0.4%	7	0.9%
<b>Number of admissions to detention per year per distinct young people</b>										
1 admission	444	50%	430	53%	450	48%	480	49%	415	52%
2 to 3 admissions	326	36%	265	33%	341	37%	317	33%	311	39%
4 to 5 admissions	86	10%	85	10%	89	10%	115	12%	64	8%
6 or more admissions	39	4%	35	4%	50	5%	60	6%	15	2%
<b>Location<sup>g</sup></b>										
Brisbane YDC	628		503		637		649		526	
Cleveland YDC	287		315		300		335		330	
<b>First admission in lifetime to a detention centre per distinct young people per year</b>										
<b>All young people</b>										
First ever admission to detention	479	54%	394	48%	517	56%	472	49%	299	37%
Prior admission to detention	416	46%	421	52%	413	44%	500	51%	506	63%
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people</b>										
First ever admission to detention	258	49%	219	44%	279	50%	272	44%	186	34%
Prior admission to detention	270	51%	283	56%	283	50%	348	56%	361	66%
<b>Other young people<sup>b</sup></b>										
First ever admission to detention	221	60%	175	56%	238	65%	200	57%	113	44%
Prior admission to detention	146	40%	138	44%	130	35%	152	43%	145	56%

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Rate (per 10,000) of distinct young people admitted to detention centre <sup>de</sup>	21.2	19.0	21.2	21.6	15.7
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status</b>					
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	153.5	143.7	157.6	171.1	132.5
Other <sup>b</sup>	9.5	7.9	9.1	8.5	5.5
<b>Sex<sup>c</sup></b>					
Male	31.9	29.4	31.4	33.1	23.6
Female	9.9	8.0	10.3	9.5	7.3
<b>Proportion of young people by days spent on remand in YDC (excludes PCC)</b>					
1 to 7 days (week 1)	29.2%	25.7%	32.5%	30.6%	20.5%
8 to 14 days (week 2)	13.2%	11.8%	14.0%	13.9%	12.7%
15 to 21 days (week 3)	8.5%	9.9%	8.8%	8.9%	11.6%
22 to 28 days (week 4)	11.6%	8.6%	8.8%	9.4%	9.1%
29 to 35 days (week 5)	6.7%	8.4%	8.1%	7.0%	6.3%
36 to 42 days (week 6)	5.9%	6.6%	5.9%	4.9%	5.8%
43 days +	The proportion of young people who spend more than 6 weeks (more than 42 days) in remand in YDC is around 5% or lower per week per financial year and steadily decreases to around 1% at week 12 (78 to 84 days). Greater than 105 days, figures substantially decline.				
Average (median) days spent on remand in YDC (excludes PCC) <sup>h</sup>	36 (21)	40 (24)	33 (17)	35 (19)	44 (26)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	36 (22)	42 (28)	34 (20)	37 (21)	44 (27)
Other <sup>b</sup>	35 (17)	35 (19)	31 (14)	31 (14)	44 (22)
Average (median) days spent on sentence in YDC <sup>h</sup>	62 (46)	60 (48)	54 (43)	72 (47)	63 (47)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	64 (53)	59 (48)	57 (46)	73 (49)	58 (46)
Other <sup>b</sup>	55 (33)	64 (48)	44 (33)	68 (43)	79 (52)

**Notes:**

1. Detention centre data is sourced from ICMS (Integrated Client Management System). The count of young offenders in Queensland youth detention centres 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. 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 detention centre 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 2014-15 to 2018-19, 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 for 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 youth detention centre, 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 detention centre 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.