

# Young People in Detention

Quick Reference Statistics – 29 February  
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Quick Reference Statistics reports numbers of adults and young people who are in the care of the Department, either in custody or in the community, on a monthly basis. The Quick Reference Statistics are snapshot data for midnight (12.00 am) on the last day of the month, comparison information for the same month of the previous year.

The statistics are accurate as at the time the data is extracted from the systems. The data systems are dynamic and are constantly being updated and data integrity improved. For this reason data may change slightly from month to month or quarter to quarter.

Time series statistics are reported in the Quarterly Statistical Report. A glossary of definitions is at the end of each report.

### 1 Young People in Detention

#### 1.1 Number of young people in detention by facility – (sentenced and unsentenced)

| Name of Facility              | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Banksia Hill Detention Centre | 166   | 135   |

#### 1.2 Number of young people in detention by gender – (sentenced and unsentenced)

| Gender      | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|-------------|---|---|
| All persons | 166   | 135   |
| Male        | 160   | 127   |
| Female      | 6   | 8   |

#### 1.3 Number of young people in detention by Aboriginality – (sentenced and unsentenced)

| Aboriginality  | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|----------------|---|---|
| Aboriginal     | 117   | 95  |
| Non-Aboriginal | 49  | 40  |

#### 1.4 Number of young people in detention by Aboriginality and gender – (sentenced and unsentenced)

| Aboriginality and gender | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Aboriginal male          | 113   | 89  |
| Aboriginal female        | 4   | 6   |
| Non-Aboriginal male      | 47  | 38  |
| Non-Aboriginal female    | 2   | 2   |

#### 1.5 Number of young people in detention by sentence status

| Sentence Status | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Sentenced       | 105   | 71  |
| Unsentenced     | 61  | 64  |

#### 1.6 Number of young people in detention by age – (sentenced and unsentenced)

| Age Group               | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Aged less than 13 years | 1   | 1   |
| Aged 13 to 14 years     | 24  | 21  |
| Aged 15 to 16 years     | 66  | 54  |
| Aged 17 to 18 years     | 73  | 55  |
| Aged over 18 years      | 2   | 4   |

### 1.7 Number of sentenced young people in detention by most serious offence<sup>1</sup>

| Most serious offence                                 | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|--|---|---|
| Offences against the person                          | 33  | 16  |
| Robbery and extortion                                | 23  | 19  |
| Break and enter and other offences involving theft   | 48  | 36  |
| Offences against good order and property damage      | 0   | 0   |
| Drug offences  | 0   | 0   |
| Driving, motor vehicle, traffic and related offences | 1   | 0   |
| Other offences                                       | 0   | 0   |

### 1.8 Number of sentenced young people who have previously been in detention in the 5 years prior to their current sentence

| Previous detention history *              | Number of young people as at 28 February 2015 | Number of young people as at 29 February 2016 |
|---|---|---|
| No prior detention                        | 58  | 26  |
| One prior detention sentence              | 16  | 17  |
| Two to four prior detention sentences     | 23  | 24  |
| Five or more prior imprisonment sentences | 8   | 4   |

\* Separate periods of imprisonment that have not been served concurrently

<sup>1</sup> Offences are classified on the basis of 'Australian National Classification of Offences' (ANCO). "Other offences" include: Other offences, Child welfare matters and offence unknown.

## 2 Definitions of terms

| Term                              | Description   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Aboriginal                        | Indigenous people of Australia.   |
| Non-Aboriginal                    | An ethnicity other than Aboriginal.   |
| Aboriginality                     | Persons who have identified themselves as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.  |
| Commencement                      | The term of a Community Based Order begins on the day the order is imposed as per the <i>Sentencing Act 1995</i> .  |
| Community Based Order             | An order issued by a Court of Law, or other authority, for the management of an offender or person on bail in the community.<br>For example: Bail Orders, Community Based Orders, Intensive Supervision Orders, Work and Development Order and Early Release Orders (Parole). |
| Detainee                          | A young person who is being held in a youth detention centre as per the <i>Young Offenders Act 1994</i> .   |
| Facility                          | A prison, work camp or youth detention centre.  |
| Juvenile Justice Team Referral    | Diversion of a young person from the court system to a Juvenile Justice Team.   |
| Most serious offence              | The most serious offence, out of a number of offences, for which a prisoner, offender or young person is being managed in the community or held in custody.   |
| Offender managed in the community | Any person being managed by the Department under a community order who is not a prisoner or young person in detention.  |
| Prisoner                          | An adult held in prison custody as per the <i>Prisons Act 1981</i> .  |
| Reception                         | The receipt of a prisoner or detainee into custody.   |
| Release                           | A prisoner or young person who is released from custody.  |
| Security rating                   | The personal security categorisation of the prisoner or detainee either as maximum, medium or minimum security.   |
| Sentenced                         | A person serving a sentence issued by a Court of Law.   |
| Unsentenced                       | In relation to prisoners and detainees, is a person in custody who has not had a sentence issued by a Court of Law.   |
| Sentenced Status                  | Whether a person is sentenced or unsentenced.   |
| Snapshot Data                     | Data counted at a point in time.  |
| Termination                       | When an offender completes a Community order or the order is cancelled or expires.  |

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