

# Over-representation of Aboriginal adults in the NSW Criminal Justice System

Aboriginal adults comprise of approx. 2.3% of the NSW adult population

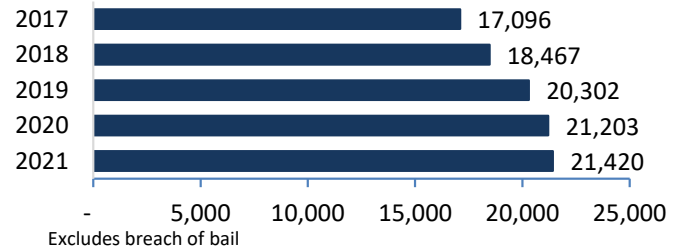


## POLICE COURT ACTIONS

In 2021, **15%** of adults proceeded against to court by the police were Aboriginal

Aboriginal adults proceeded to court: **↑ 25%** in 5 yrs  
Total adults proceeded to court: **↑ 1%** in 5 yrs

### Aboriginal adults proceeded to court

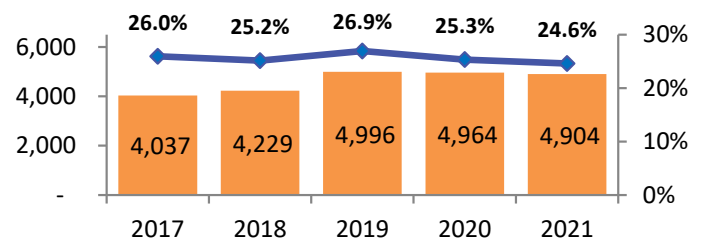


## COURT BAIL DECISIONS

In 2021 **30%** of adults who were refused bail at their first court bail appearance were Aboriginal

Aboriginal defendants refused bail: **↑ 22%** in 5 yrs  
Total defendants refused bail: **↑ 12%** in 5 yrs

### Aboriginal adults refused bail at their first court bail appearance

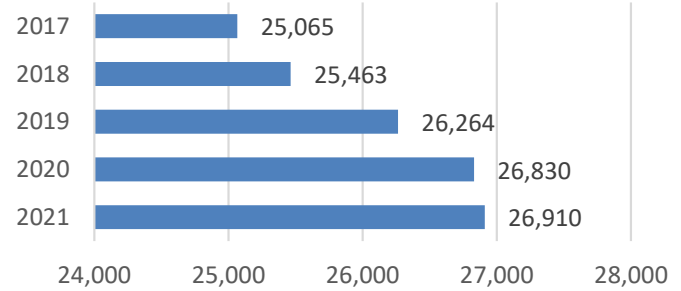


## FOUND GUILTY IN COURT

**24%** of all proven court appearances involve an Aboriginal defendant

Aboriginal proven court appearances: **↑ 7%** in 5 yrs  
Total proven court appearances: **↓ 8%** in 5 yrs

### Aboriginal adults found guilty in court

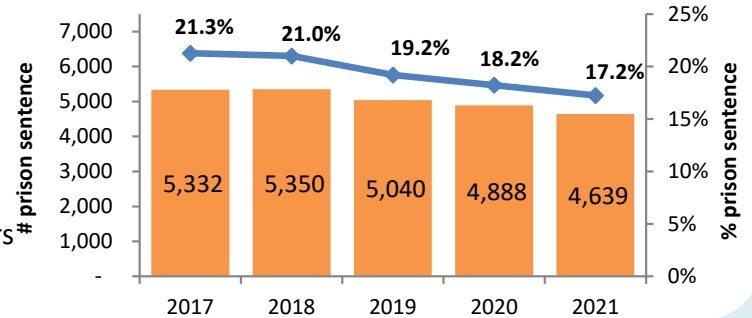


## SENTENCED TO CUSTODY

**42%** of custodial sentences handed down by the courts are to Aboriginal defendants

Aboriginal adults receiving custodial sentence: **↓ 13%** in 5 yrs  
Total adults receiving custodial sentence: **↓ 17%** in 5 yrs

### Aboriginal adults receiving a custodial penalty



## CUSTODY POPULATION

**28%** of the adult custody population is Aboriginal

Aboriginal adults in custody: **↑ 3%** in 5 yrs  
Total adults in prison: **↓ 6%** in 5 yrs

\*Prison population as at 31 Dec each year

### Aboriginal adults in custody\*

