

Adults

Young people

Key indicators

Prison

Up

There are currently 3,639 Aboriginal adults in prison in NSW (representing 29.2% of the adult prison population).

The number of Aboriginal men and women in custody are both increasing.

Up

There are currently 107 Aboriginal young people in detention in NSW (representing 50.5% of juvenile detention population).

In September the number of Aboriginal young people in detention increased from 78 in September 2020 to 107.

Court

Up

The number of Aboriginal adults appearing in court increased by 6.9%.

The number of Aboriginal adult men and women appearing in court also increased by 6.1% and 9.3% respectively.

Up

The number of Aboriginal young people appearing in court has increased by 13.5%. The trend for young Aboriginal males and females increased by 15.5% and 7.4% respectively.

Secondary measures

Police

In Jan 2022 it became mandatory for NSW Police to ask all offenders if they identify as Aboriginal. As a result of this practice change, both the number and proportion of Aboriginal offenders has increased.

Bail

Courts

Stable

Court convictions increased by 4.2% from the previous year. The number sentenced to custody remained stable.

Stable

Aboriginal young people found guilty in court increased by 6.9% from September 2021. The number sentenced to custody decreased by 11.6%.

Custody

Up

Aboriginal adults on remand rose by 26.9% from September 2020 to September 2022. Receptions also rose 5.7%.

Up

The numbers of Aboriginal young people in remand increased by 97.7% from September 2020 to September 2022. The current remand population is 85 Aboriginal young people.

Reoffend

Stable

The number of Aboriginal adults returning to custody within a year of being released has decreased, down 10 adults. The proportion returning to custody increased to 32.6%.

Down

The number of Aboriginal young people returning to custody within a year of being released declined by 10 young people. The proportion returning to custody increased to 34.3%.