

Adults

Young people

Key indicators

Prison

Down

There are currently 3,438 Aboriginal adults in prison in NSW (representing 27.8% of the adult prison population). The number of Aboriginal men in prison decreased by 3.6% from the previous year. The number of Aboriginal women increased by 7.6%.

Stable*

There are currently 94 Aboriginal young people in detention in NSW (representing 51.4% of juvenile detention population).

*The trend has remained stable, until increasing in March 2022. In March 2022 the number of Aboriginal young people in detention increased from 75 to 94.

Court

Stable

The number of Aboriginal adults appearing in court is stable
The number of Aboriginal adult men and women appearing in court was also stable.

Stable

The number of Aboriginal young people appearing in court is relatively stable. The trend for both young Aboriginal males and females was also stable.

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 remain relatively stable from the previous year. The number sentenced to custody decreased by 3.4%.

Stable

Aboriginal young people found guilty in court decreased by 3.3% from March 2021. The number sentenced to custody remained stable.

Custody

Up

Aboriginal adults on remand rose by 5.9% over the 12 months to March 2022.

Up

The numbers of Aboriginal young people in remand increased by 60.0% over the 12 months to March 2022. The current remand population is 80 Aboriginal young people.

Reoffend

Down

The number of Aboriginal adults returning to custody within a year of being released is declining, down 36 adults. The proportion returning to custody increased to 34.2%.

Down

The number of Aboriginal young people returning to custody within a year of being released declined by 11 young people. The proportion returning to custody decreased to 31.3%.