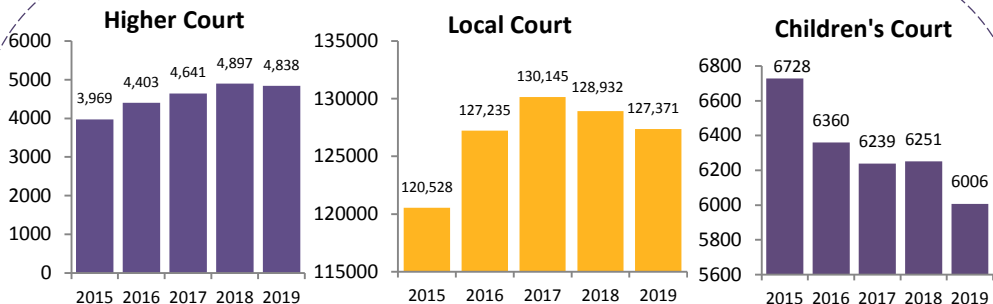


Court workload

Court finalisations by jurisdiction



- ❖ In 2019, NSW criminal courts finalised 352,810 charges against 138,215 defendants. That is 6,990 more defendants than in 2015 (up 5.3%) but 1,865 fewer than in 2018.
- ❖ In 2019, 90.4% of defendants were found guilty of at least one charge.

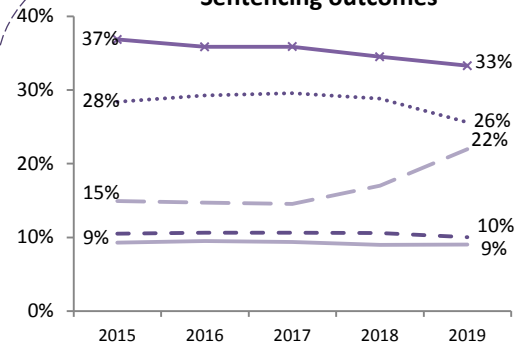
Persons with finalised matters by most serious charge type

Principal offence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2 Year Trend	5 Year Trend
Homicide and related	187	193	209	202	235	Stable	Stable
Acts intended to cause injury	22361	23033	23770	23487	24106	Stable	1.9%
Sexual assault	1596	1836	1986	2191	2297	Stable	9.5%
Dangerous or negligent acts	3755	3595	3554	3470	3410	Stable	Stable
Abduction/harassment	909	887	890	848	921	Stable	Stable
Robbery & extortion	1066	925	937	966	1216	25.9%	Stable
Break and enter	2676	2695	2750	2652	2605	Stable	Stable
Theft and related offences	8149	8584	8441	8230	8724	Stable	1.7%
Fraud and deception	3751	4556	4680	4521	4510	Stable	4.7%
Illicit drug offences	12842	13465	13401	14106	14565	Stable	3.2%
Weapons/explosives	2114	2369	2313	2399	2908	21.2%	8.3%
Property damage	3925	3999	3928	3984	3696	Stable	Stable
Public order offences	4811	5090	4938	4805	5066	Stable	Stable
Traffic/vehicle offences	39989	41892	43166	42046	37879	-9.9%	Stable
Against justice procedures	21258	22860	24208	24326	24142	Stable	3.2%
Miscellaneous offences	1836	2019	1854	1847	1935	Stable	Stable

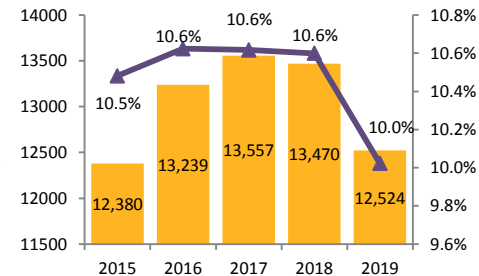
- ❖ Most of the growth in persons with finalised matters since 2015 has come from the categories of:
 - Offences against justice procedures (e.g. breaches of court orders) (an additional 2,884 persons)
 - Acts intended to cause injury (an additional 1,745 persons)
 - Illicit drug offences (an additional 1,723 persons)
 - Weapons/explosive offences (an additional 794 persons)
 - Theft and related offences (an additional 575 persons)

Sentencing

Sentencing outcomes



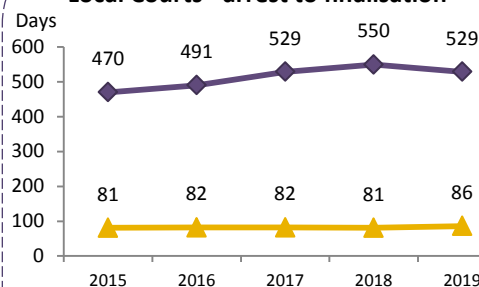
Number and % sentenced to prison



- ❖ The most common principal penalty imposed by the NSW Criminal Courts in 2019 was a fine (33% received this penalty), followed by a non-custodial community based order, such as a community corrections order or a conditional release order with conviction (26%).
- ❖ The number of offenders sentenced to supervision in the community has increased by 56% between 2015 and 2019, up 9,812, from 17,660 to 27,472.
- ❖ Between 2015 and 2019, the annual number of convicted offenders receiving a custodial penalty (prison or juvenile detention) rose from 12,380 to 12,524, an increase of 1 per cent.

Court delay

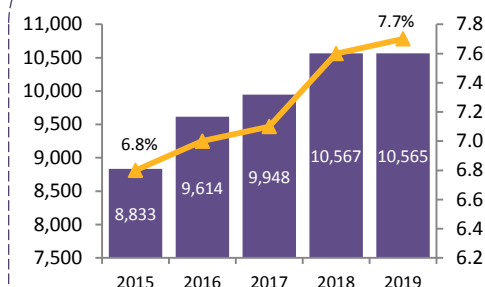
Median delay in the District and Local Courts - arrest to finalisation



- ❖ In the NSW District Court, median days from arrest to finalisation rose 13% from 470 days in 2015 to 529 days in 2019.
- ❖ In the NSW Local Court, the median days from arrest to finalisation rose 6% from 81 days in 2015 to 86 days in 2019.

Bail refusal rates

Number and % refused bail



- ❖ Since 2015 the proportion of defendants bail refused when they appeared in court increased by 1.2 percentage points, from 6.8% in 2015 (or 8,833 defendants) to 7.7% in 2019 (10,565).