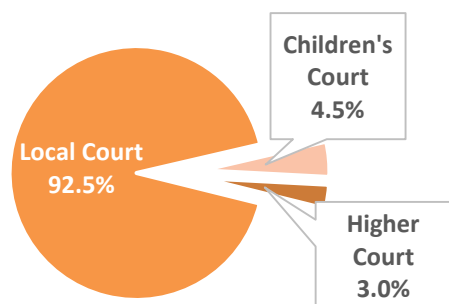


Progression through the NSW criminal court system 2016 to 2020



COURT FINALISATIONS BY JURISDICTION

Criminal court finalisations by jurisdiction, 2020



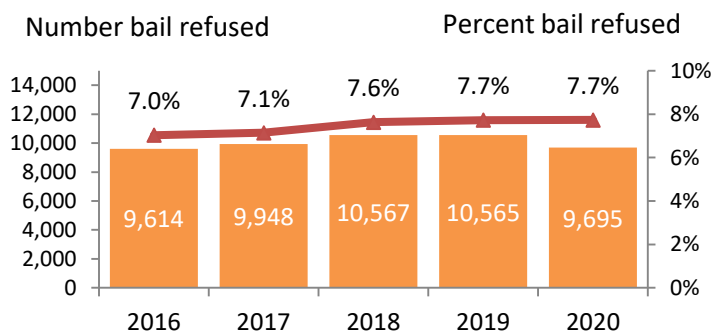
- **92.5%** of all criminal court finalisations are in the Local Court

Change in volume of finalisations within each jurisdiction, from 2019 to 2020:

- Higher court: **20.8%** (from 4,838 to 3,833)
- Local court: **8.1%** (from 127,381 to 117,021)
- Children's court: **6.0%** (from 6,006 to 5,646)

BAIL REFUSAL

Bail status at finalisation



The **proportion** of defendants bail refused at time of court finalisation:

- past 2 years - **unchanged**
- past 5 years – up slightly by 0.7 percentage points.

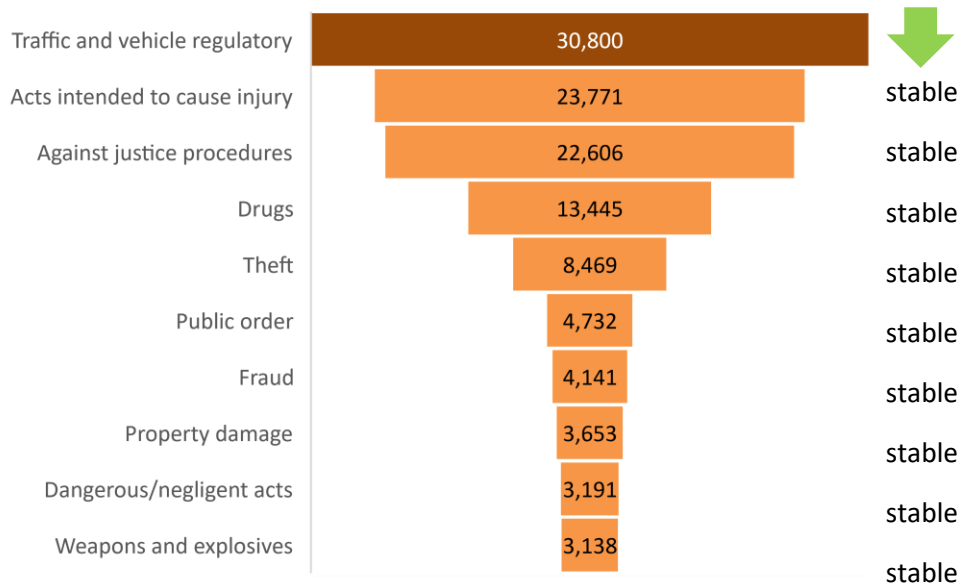
The **number** of bail refused at time of court finalisation:

- past 2 years - **down by 870 persons**
- past 5 years – up by 81 persons.

COURT FINALISATIONS BY MOST SERIOUS OFFENCE



Criminal Court finalisations by top 10 offence types, and 24 month trend



Of the **126,500** finalisations in 2020, **24.3%** (or 30,800) were for Traffic and vehicle regulatory offences.

In the 2 years to December 2020:

- **Traffic and vehicle regulatory offences decreased by 18.7%** or 7,079 offence
- All other offences remained stable

Progression through the criminal court system

2016 to 2020

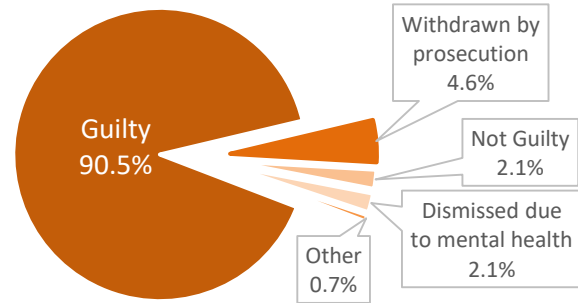


Of the **126,500** persons with a finalised court appearance in the past 12 months:

- **90.5%** were found guilty
- **4.6%** were withdrawn by prosecution

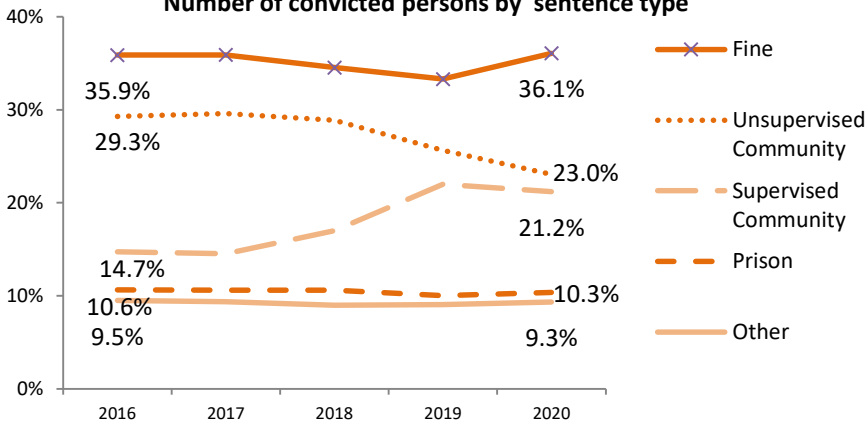
OUTCOME AT FINALISATION

NSW Criminal Court outcomes, 2020



SENTENCING OUTCOME

Number of convicted persons by sentence type



The most common principal penalty types imposed by the NSW Criminal Courts 2020 was a: **fine 36.1%** (41,264 persons).

The **proportion** of convicted offenders who received a supervised community sentence **increased** over 5 years from 15% to **21.2%**; while the proportion who received an unsupervised community sentence **fell** from 29.3% to **23.0%**.

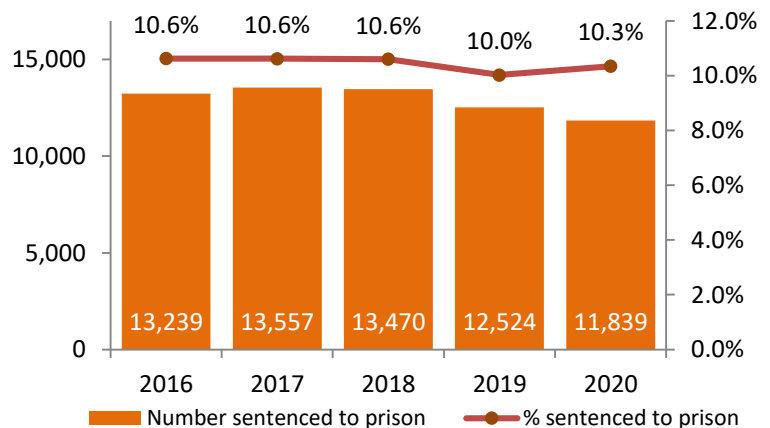


NUMBER AND PROPORTION SENTENCED TO PRISON

In 2020, **10.3%** of convicted offenders received a prison sentence. In the past 5 years, the **proportion** of convicted offenders receiving a custodial sentence has remained relatively **stable**.

The number of persons who received a prison sentenced have **fallen** by **1,400** persons over the past 5 years.

Number and % sentenced to prison



COVID IMPACT

The COVID-19 response involved changes to the NSW Criminal Justice System to minimise the risk of transmission. During late March and early April 2020, substantial changes were made to court operations to protect the safety of court users and limit the number of people required to attend court. These measures led to a general decline in the number of finalisations across lower and higher courts in 2020.