

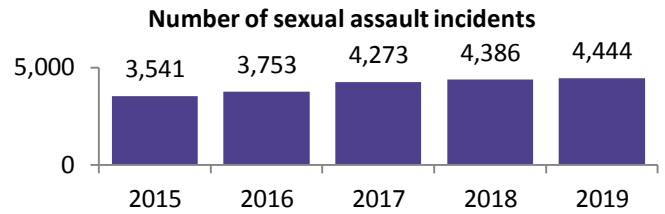
The progress of sexual assault offences through the NSW Criminal Justice System – Adult victims

Investigation phase: Police report to commencement of criminal proceedings



INCIDENTS

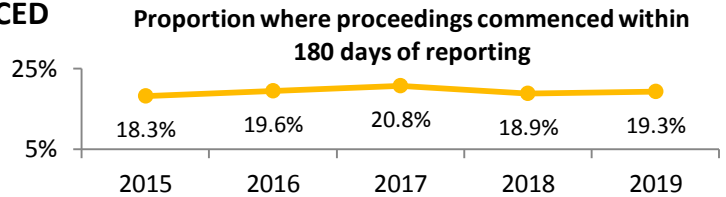
In 2019, **4,444** sexual assault incidents involving victims aged 16 years or older were recorded by the NSW Police



CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED

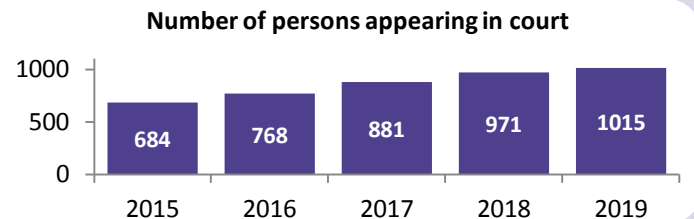


Criminal proceedings were commenced in **858** (19.3%) of incidents cleared within 180 days of reporting in 2019



COURT APPEARANCES

In 2019, **1,015** people appeared in court whose most serious charge was a sexual assault offence involving an adult victim

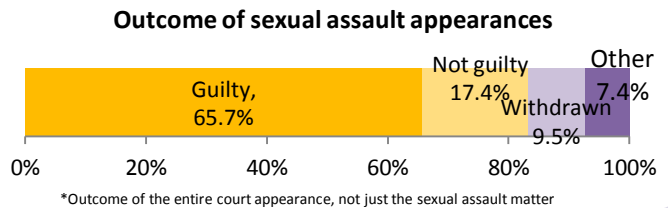


COURT OUTCOMES



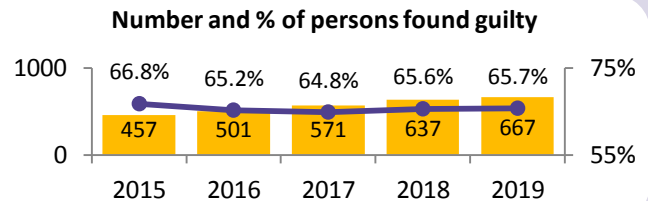
Of the 1,015 persons charged in 2019:

- **667** (66%) were found guilty
- **177** (17%) were found not guilty
- **96** (9%) had all charges withdrawn



PROVEN APPEARANCES

The number of people found guilty of adult sexual assault increased **46%** between 2015 to 2019. The proportion found guilty is stable.

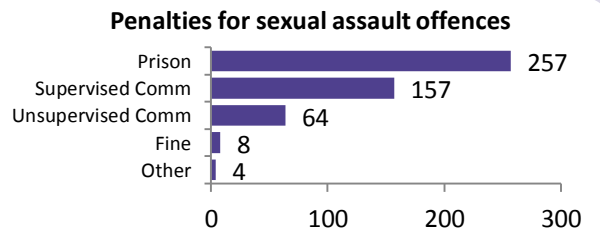


PENALTIES



Of those found guilty in 2019:

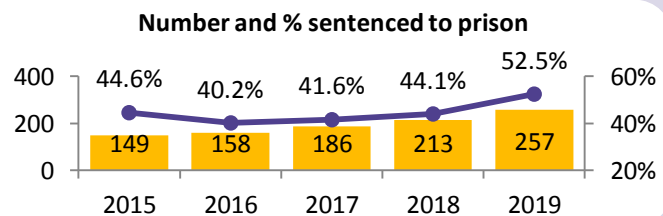
- **257** (52%) were sentenced to prison (average prison sentence = 26 mths)
- **157** (32%) received a supervised community sentence



PRISON SENTENCES



The number of people sentenced to prison for sexual assault increased by **72%** between 2015 to 2019. The percentage imprisoned also rose.



Court phase: Court referral to court outcomes and sentencing