

Over-representation of Aboriginal adults in the NSW Criminal Justice System, 2018-2022

Aboriginal adults comprise of approx. 3% of the NSW adult population[^]

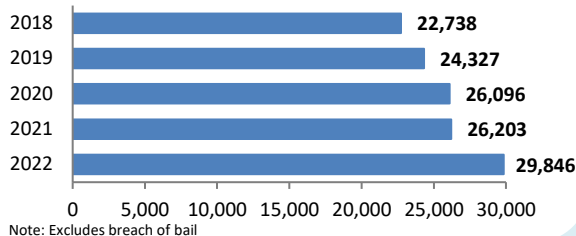
POLICE COURT ACTIONS



In 2022, **19%** of adults proceeded against to court by the police were Aboriginal*

Aboriginal adults proceeded to court: **↑ 31%** in 5 yrs
Total adults proceeded to court : **↑ 5%** in 5 yrs

Aboriginal adults proceeded to court



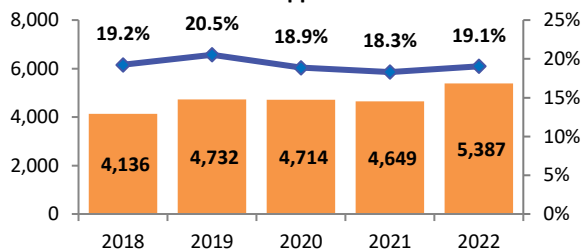
COURT BAIL DECISIONS



In 2022, **32%** of adults who were refused bail at their first court bail appearance were Aboriginal*

Aboriginal defendants refused bail: **↑ 30%** in 5 yrs
Total defendants refused bail: **↑ 10%** in 5 yrs

Aboriginal adults refused bail at their first court bail appearance



*Aboriginality based on a derived measure. See BOCSAR's ['Definitions and explanations'](#) webpage for further information.

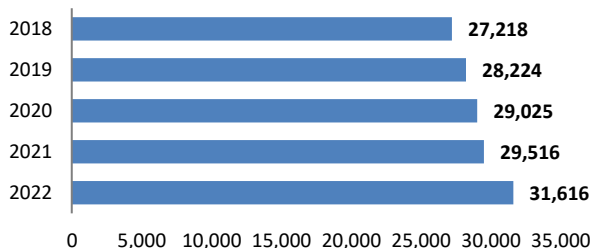
FOUND GUILTY IN COURT



In 2022, **26%** of all proven court appearances involved an Aboriginal defendant

Aboriginal proven court appearances: **↑ 16%** in 5 yrs
Total proven court appearances: **■ 0%** in 5 yrs

Aboriginal adults found guilty in court



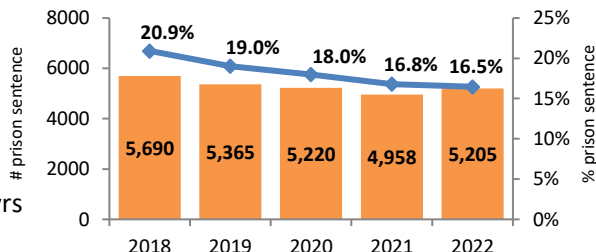
SENTENCED TO CUSTODY



In 2022, **47%** of custodial sentences handed down by the courts were to Aboriginal defendants

Aboriginal adults receiving custodial sentence: **↓ 9%** in 5 yrs
Total adults receiving custodial sentence: **↓ 15%** in 5 yrs

Aboriginal adults receiving a custodial penalty



CUSTODY POPULATION



In 2022, **29%** of the adult custody population~ were Aboriginal

Aboriginal adults in custody: **↑ 8%** in 5 yrs
Total adults in prison: **↓ 7%** in 5 yrs

Aboriginal adults in custody

