
NEW SOUTH WALES CUSTODY STATISTICS

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This report presents 24 months of reception, discharge and custody population data and comparisons between the current and previous quarter for age, gender, indigenous status, most serious offence and the average length of stay.

Separate figures are presented for juveniles and adults.

The counting unit is a custodial episode. An individual will be counted multiple times in a period if they have multiple custodial episodes in that period.

SCOPE

The data in this report are extracted from the Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) Offender Integrated Management System (OIMS) and the Juvenile Justice NSW (JJNSW) Client Information Management System (CIMS).

The adult custody population figures include only those persons held in gazetted correctional centres managed by CSNSW. This includes: persons managed as forensic patients, persons held after expiry of their sentence awaiting deportation and persons awaiting extradition to another jurisdiction. Persons in the Special Purpose Centre at Long Bay Correctional Centre are not included.

In addition to gazetted correctional centres, CSNSW manages a number of police/court cell complexes. This report excludes persons received into and then discharged from a CSNSW-managed 24 hour police/court cell complex without entering a gazetted correctional centre. Adults refused police bail but not held in a gazetted correctional centre are not included. An exception to this is the adult prison population forecast which does include these non-gazetted correctional centres.

Custody population figures are counted as at midnight on the last day of the month or quarter as appropriate. Reception and discharge figures are those during each month or quarter as appropriate.

Refer to the Glossary at the back of the report for detailed descriptions of the terms used in the report.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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NOTE

The adult custody data presented in this report will differ from data reported by CSNSW due to data extract timing differences.

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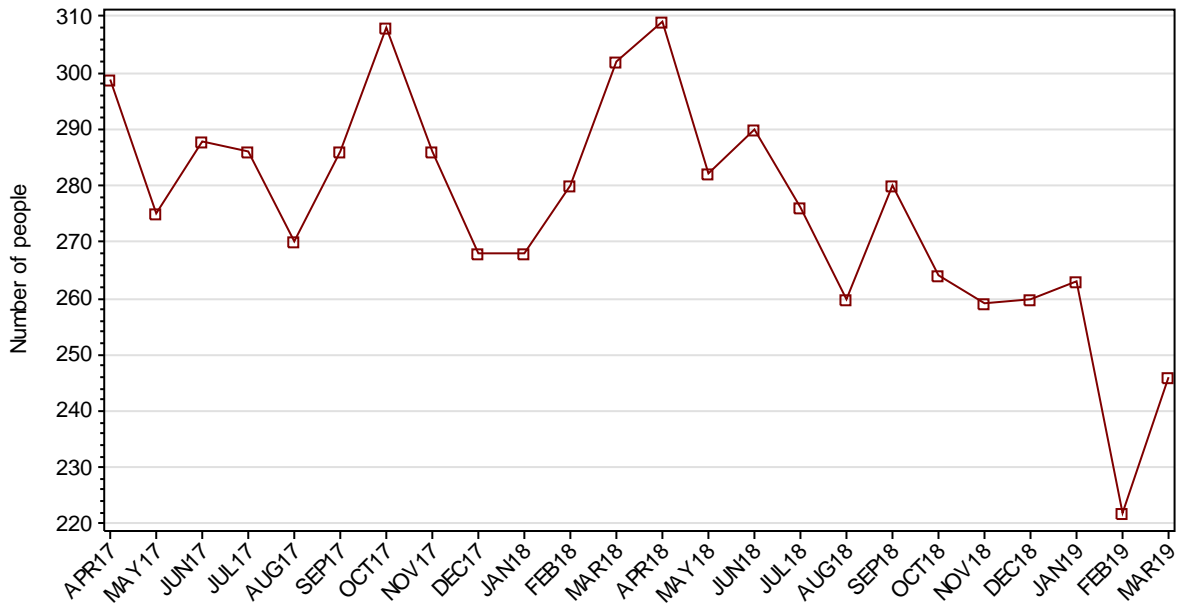
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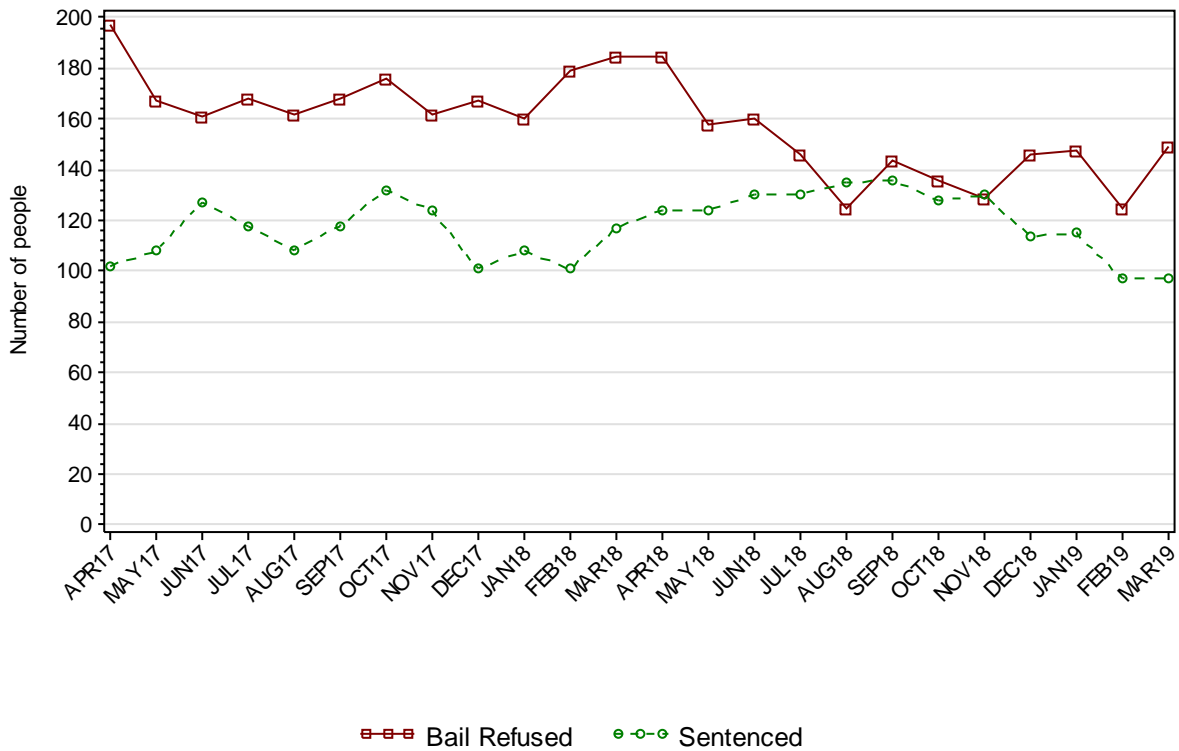
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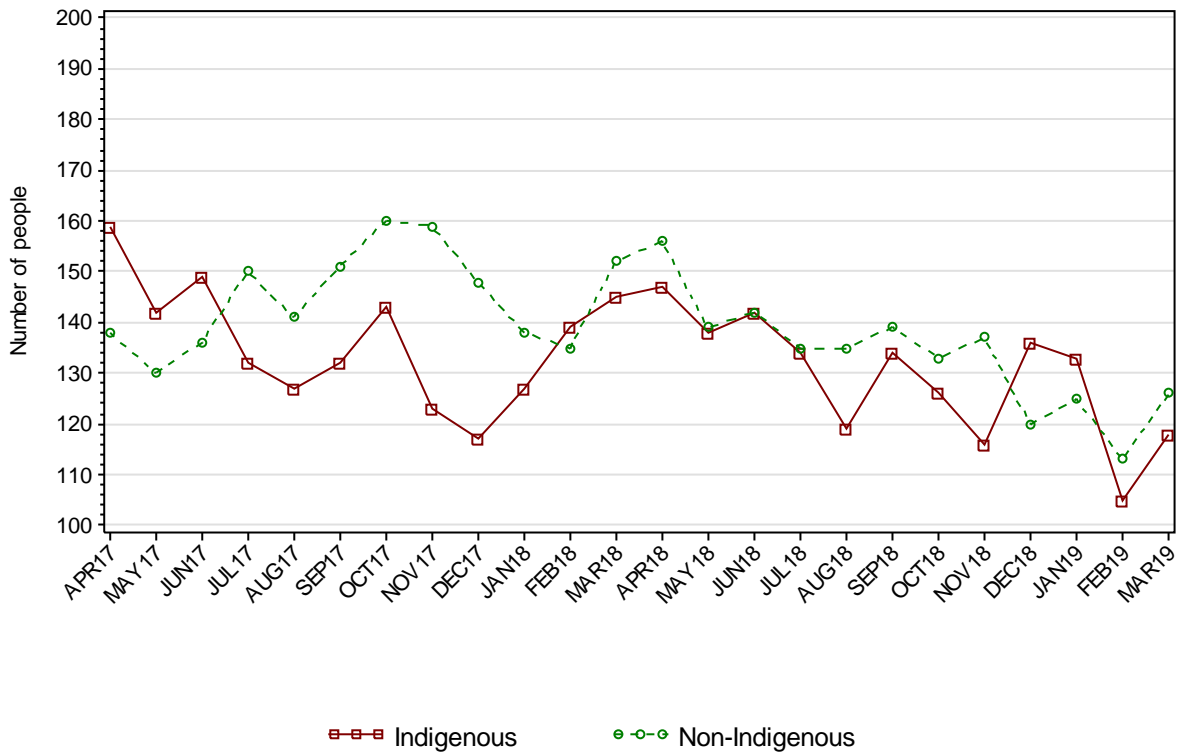
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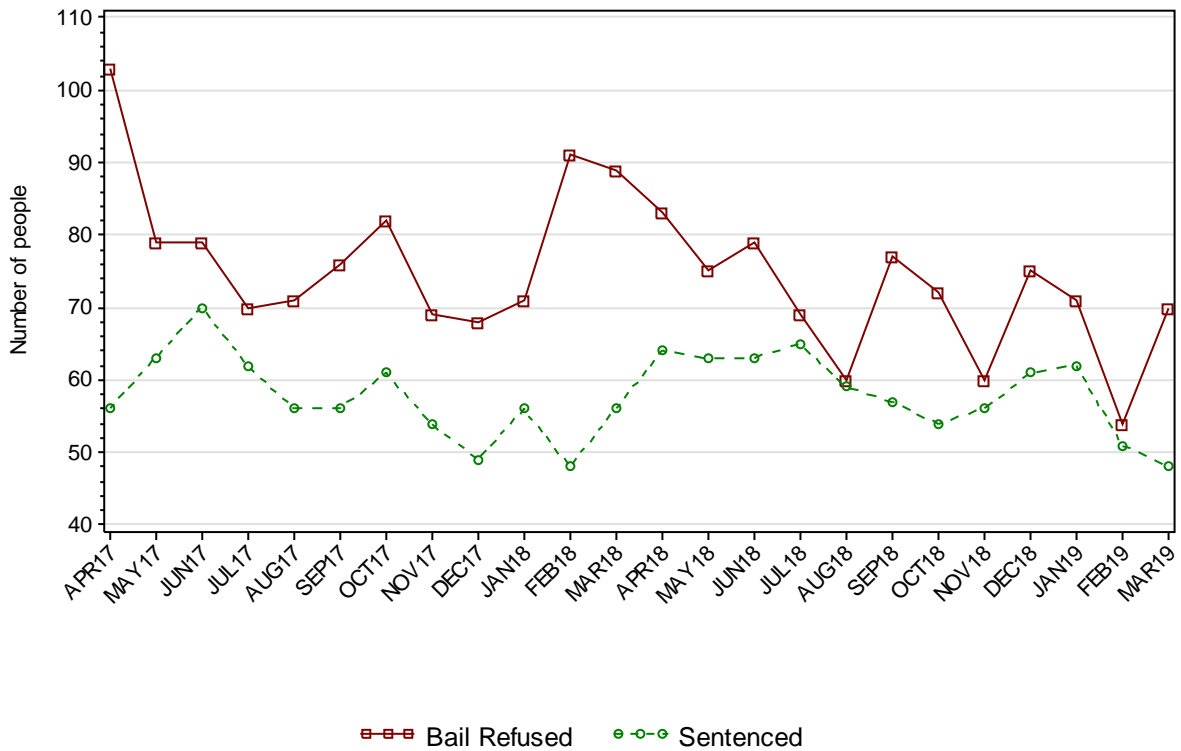
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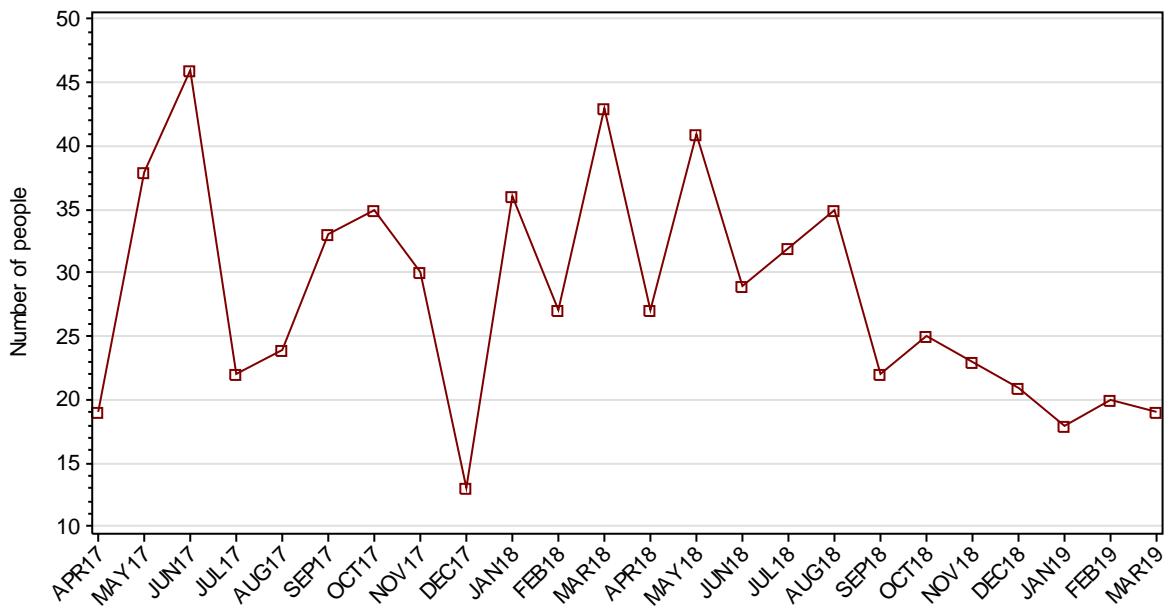
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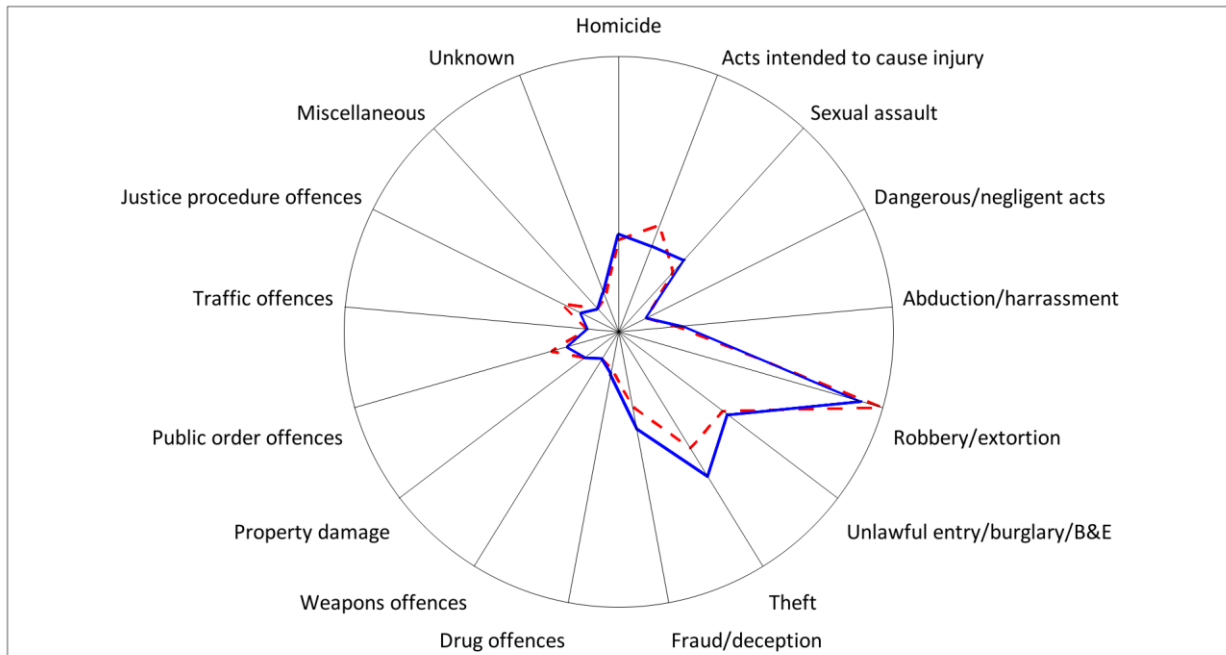
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		Police Bail Refused		Court Bail Refused		Sentenced		Total	
		DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19
Total Male	Count	4	2	123	124	111	94	238	220
	Avg Age	14.3	17.0	16.2	16.4	17.0	17.1	16.5	16.7
Total Female	Count	1	3	18	20	3	3	22	26
	Avg Age	15.0	15.3	16.1	15.8	16.0	16.0	16.0	15.8
Indigenous Male	Count	2	0	64	57	58	46	124	103
	Avg Age	14.5	.	16.0	16.3	16.8	17.0	16.3	16.6
Indigenous Female	Count	0	3	9	10	3	2	12	15
	Avg Age	.	15.3	15.4	15.7	16.0	15.5	15.6	15.6
Total	Count	5	5	141	144	114	97	260	246
	Avg Age	14.4	16.0	16.2	16.3	17.0	17.0	16.5	16.6

1.1.6 JUVENILES IN CUSTODY: NUMBER WHOSE LEGAL STATUS CHANGED DURING MONTH FROM REMAND TO SENTENCED



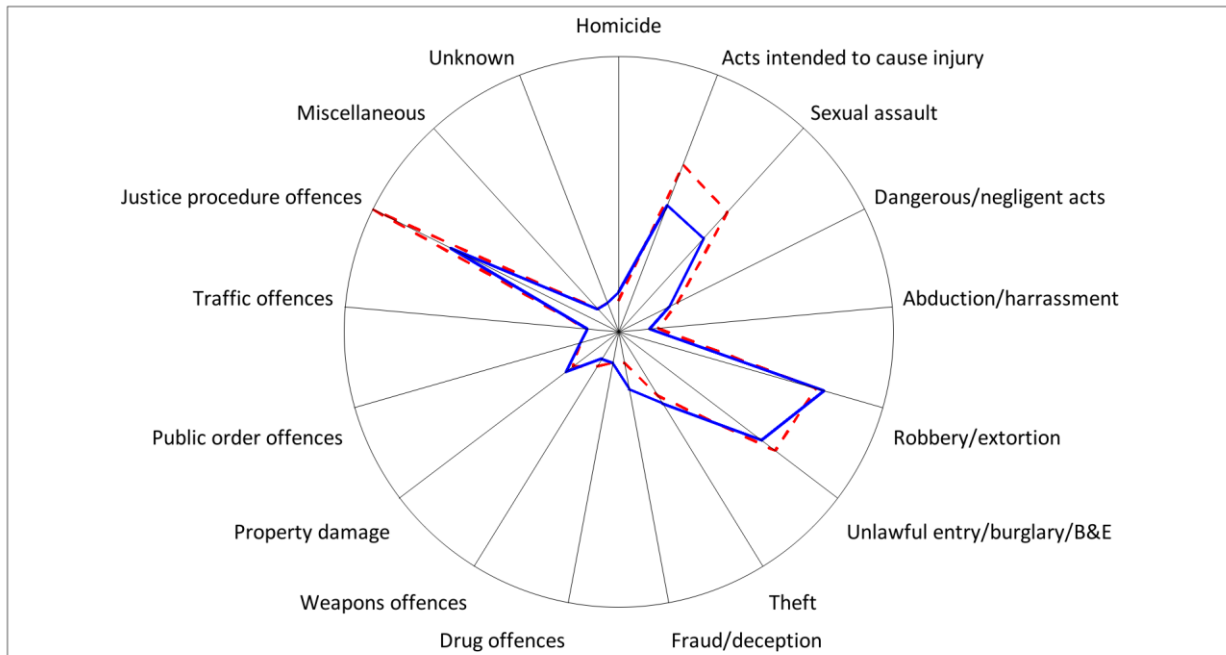
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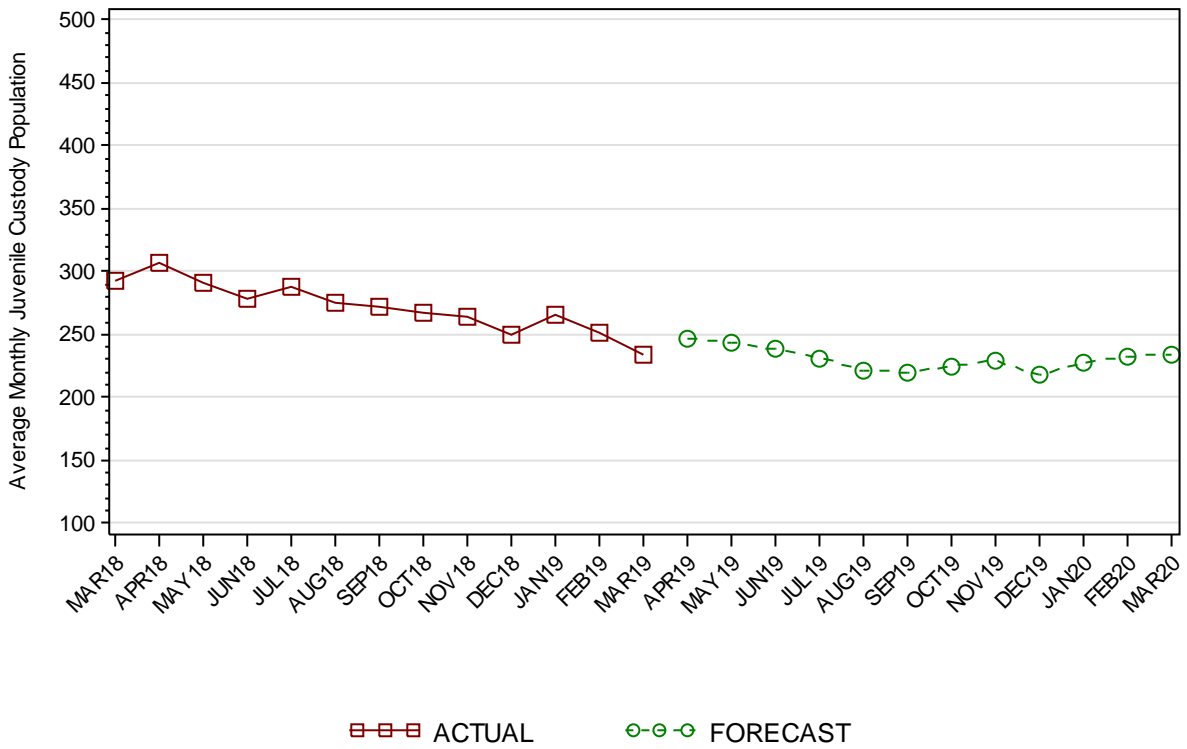
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	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Homicide	11	7.5	12	8.1
Acts intended to cause injury	15	10.3	11	7.4
Sexual assault	9	6.2	12	8.1
Dangerous/negligent acts	0	0	0	0
Abduction/harrassment	5	3.4	6	4.0
Robbery/extortion	44	30.1	40	26.8
Unlawful entry/burglary/B&E	18	12.3	19	12.8
Theft	19	13.0	25	16.8
Fraud/deception	8	5.5	12	8.1
Drug offences	1	0.7	2	1.3
Weapons offences	0	0	0	0
Property damage	2	1.4	2	1.3
Public order offences	7	4.8	4	2.7
Traffic offences	0	0	0	0
Justice procedure offences	6	4.1	2	1.3
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	0.7	2	1.3
Total	146	100.0	149	100.0

1.1.8 JUVENILE SENTENCED POPULATION BY MOST SERIOUS OFFENCE



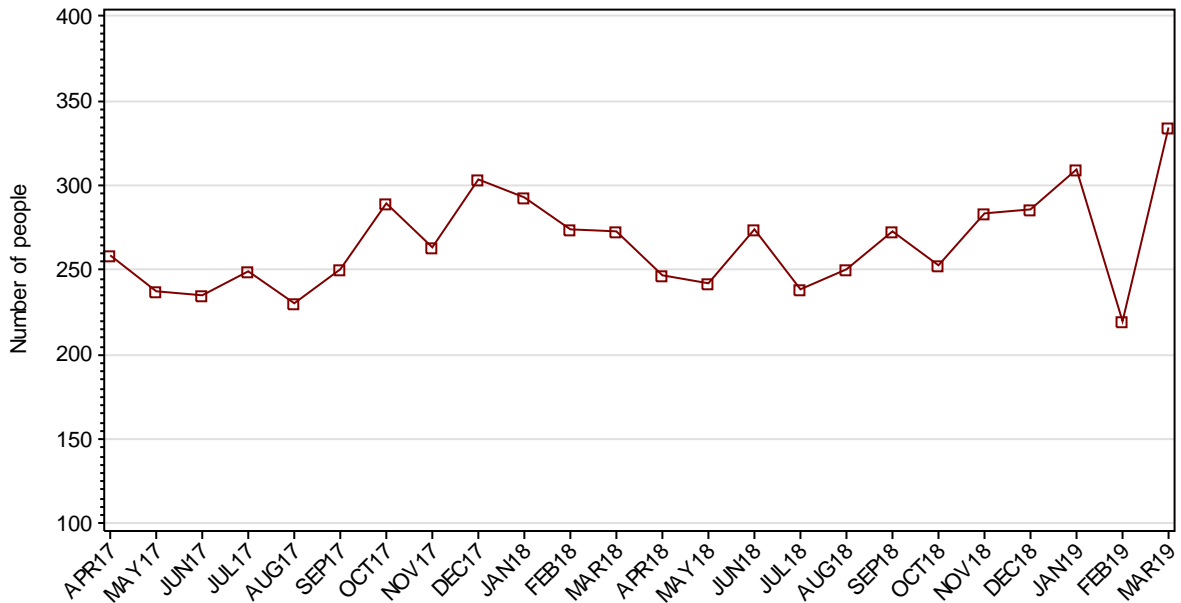
	31DEC18		31MAR19	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Homicide	0	0	1	1.0
Acts intended to cause injury	17	14.9	12	12.4
Sexual assault	15	13.2	11	11.3
Dangerous/negligent acts	4	3.5	3	3.1
Abduction/harrassment	1	0.9	0	0
Robbery/extortion	20	17.5	21	21.6
Unlawful entry/burglary/B&E	19	16.7	17	17.5
Theft	5	4.4	6	6.2
Fraud/deception	0	0	3	3.1
Drug offences	0	0	0	0
Weapons offences	1	0.9	0	0
Property damage	3	2.6	4	4.1
Public order offences	1	0.9	1	1.0
Traffic offences	0	0	0	0
Justice procedure offences	28	24.6	18	18.6
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total	114	100.0	97	100.0

1.1.9 JUVENILE CUSTODY FORECAST

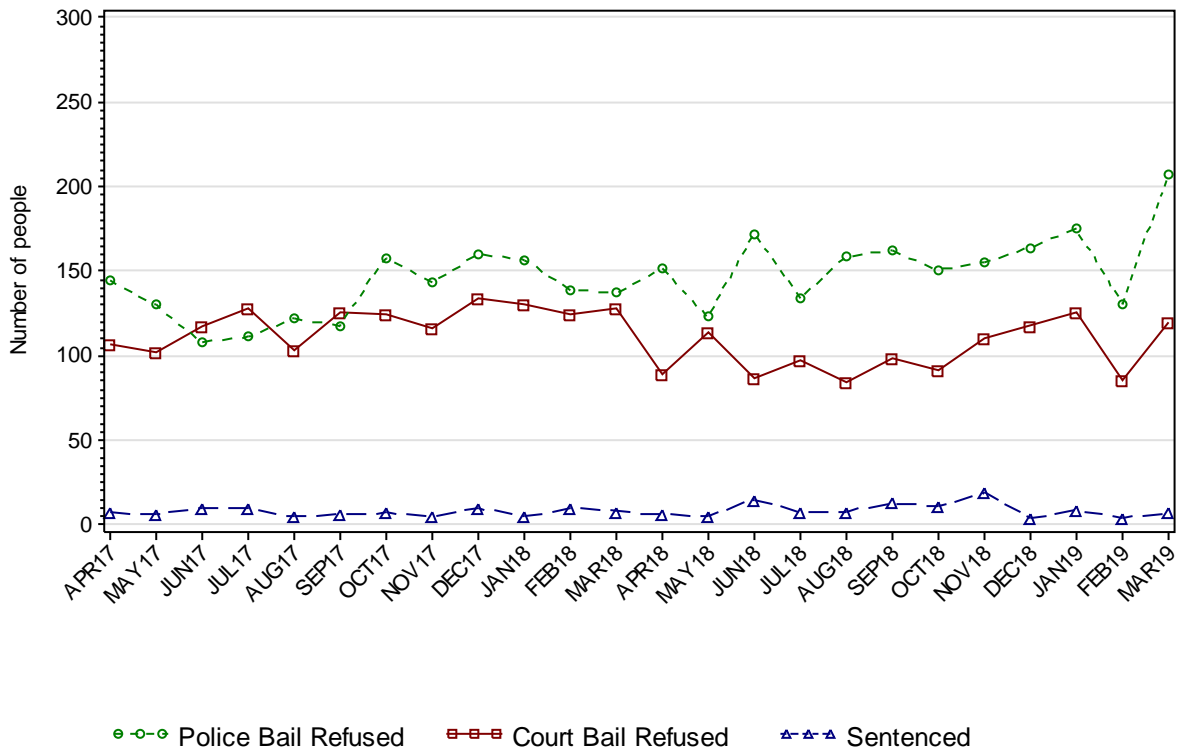


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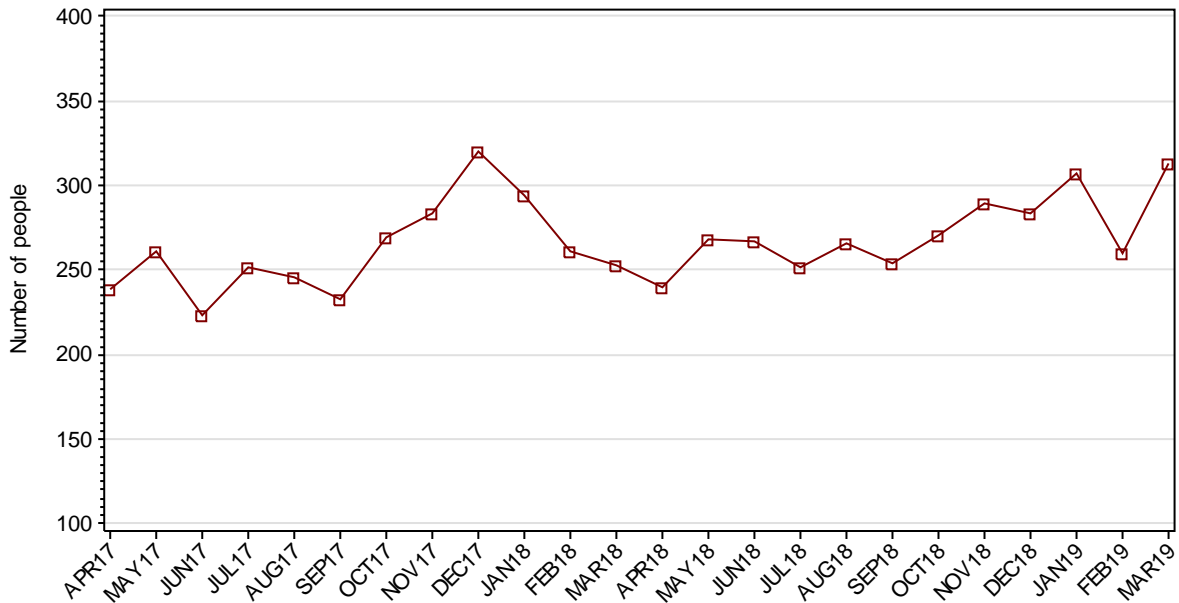


1.2.2 JUVENILES RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY BY LEGAL STATUS



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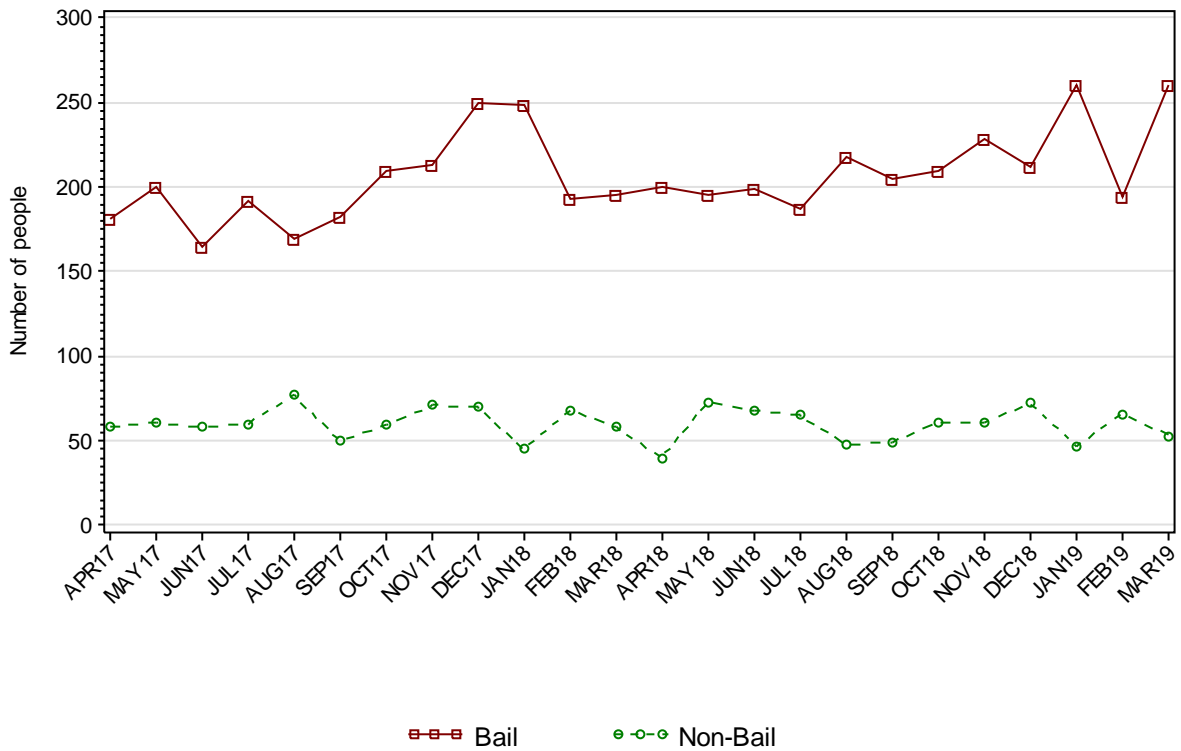


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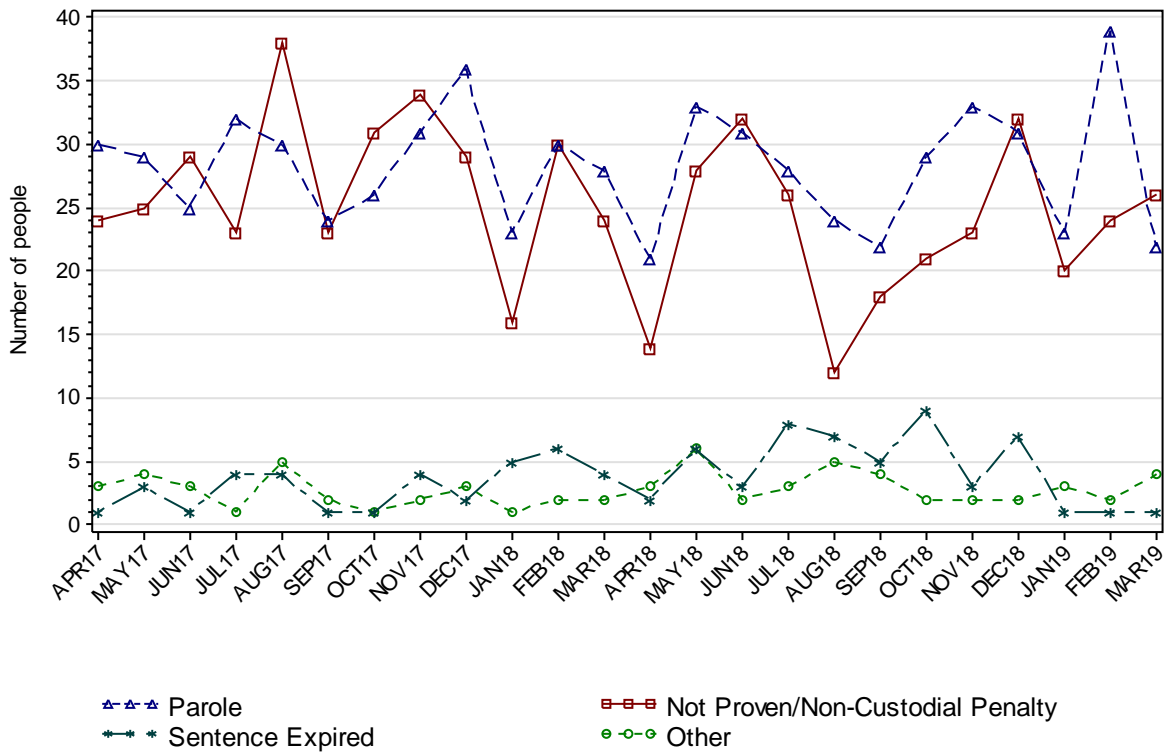
		Remand Custody Only		Sentenced Custody Only		Remand to Sentenced Custody	
		DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19
Total Male	Avg Days	9.3	8.4	141.9	137.1	206.2	196.5
	Number	530	607	35	26	77	60
Total Female	Avg Days	4.1	5.6	34.1	45.3	155.4	99.2
	Number	186	178	7	3	9	6
Indigenous Male	Avg Days	9.7	10.1	103.9	153.2	212.7	167.9
	Number	257	287	14	13	36	29
Indigenous Female	Avg Days	3.8	6.9	30.5	52.5	111.5	164.0
	Number	82	84	2	2	4	3
Total	Avg Days	7.9	7.7	123.9	127.6	200.9	187.6
	Number	716	785	42	29	86	66

Note: Length of Stay for Remand to Sentenced Custody is from the date of reception on remand to date of discharge after serving sentence.

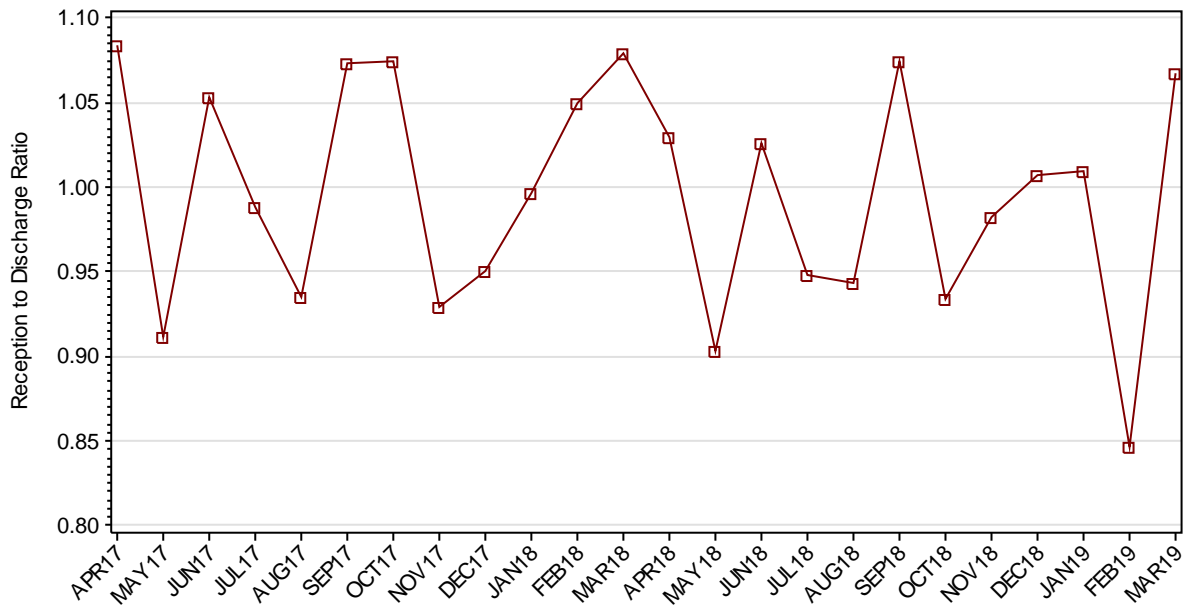
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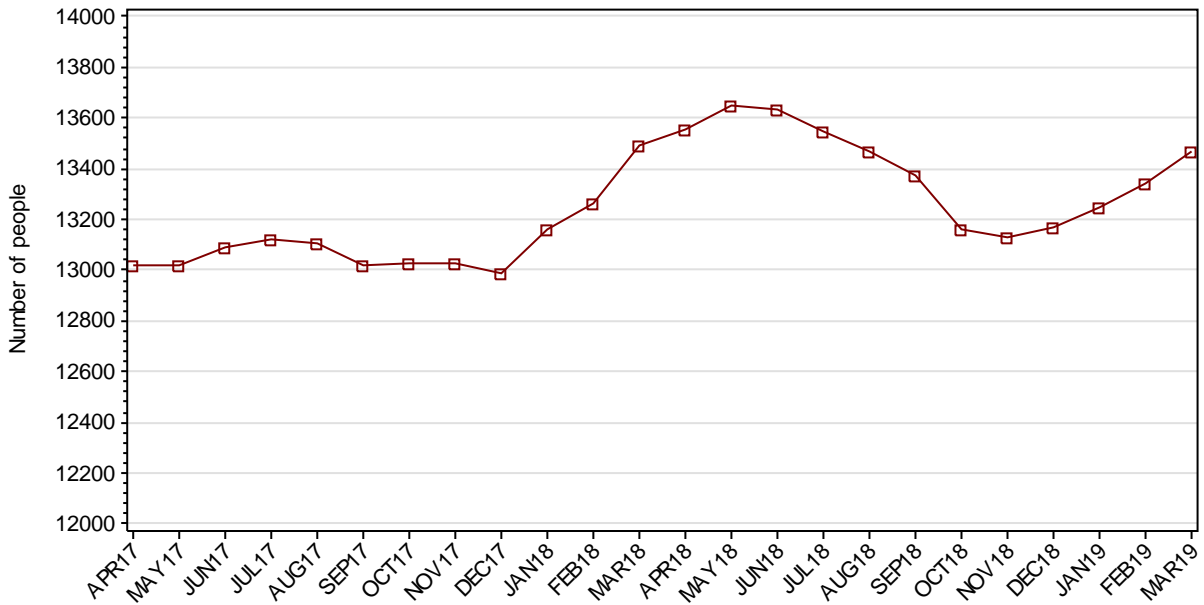
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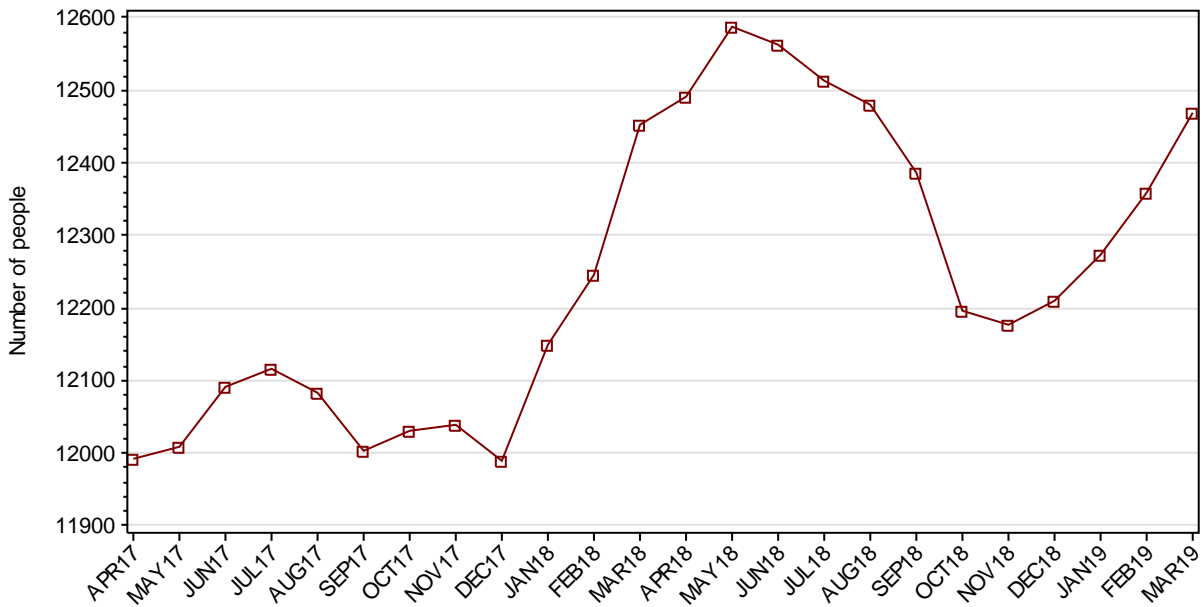
Part 2 ADULTS

SECTION 2.1 ADULT CUSTODY POPULATION

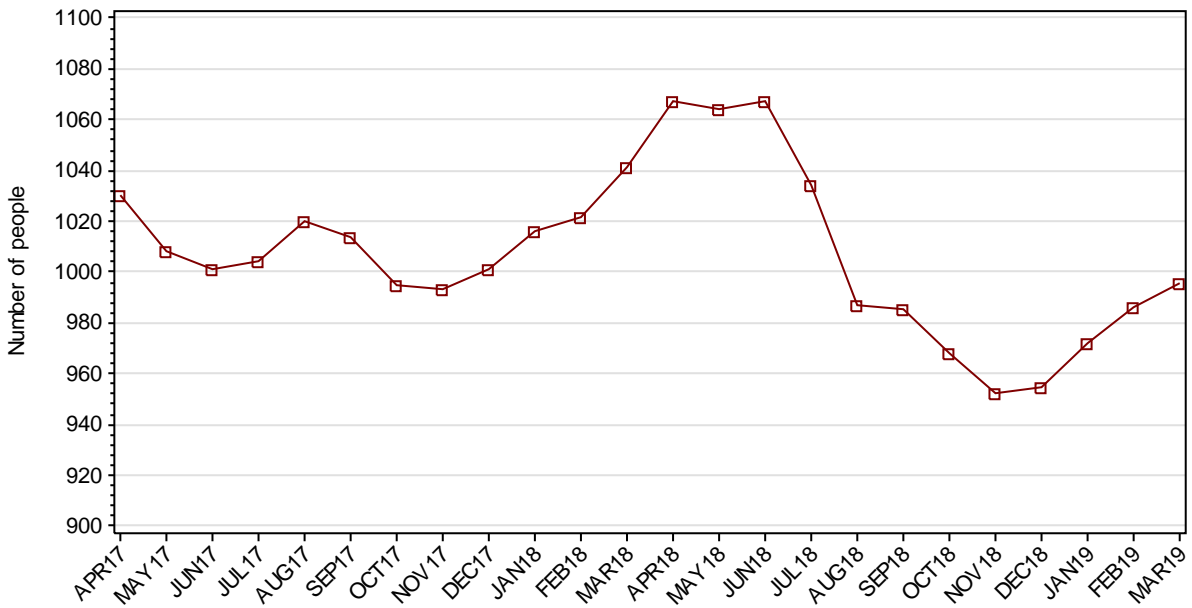
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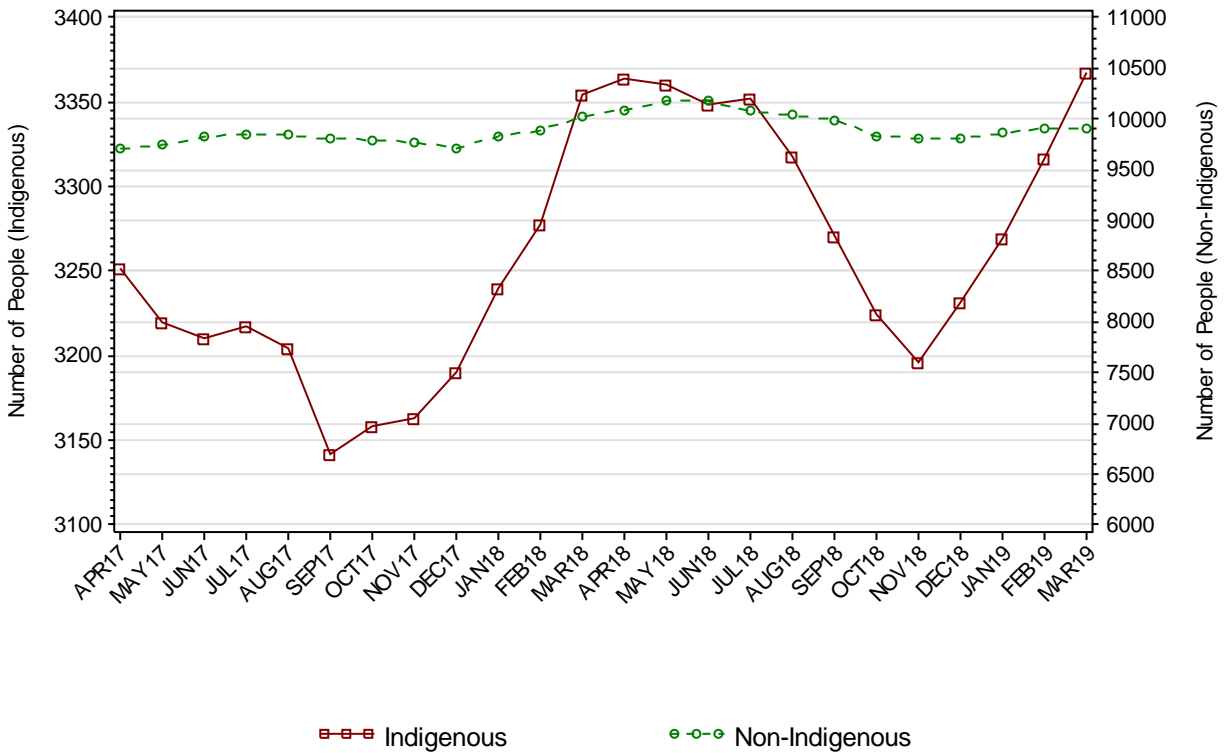
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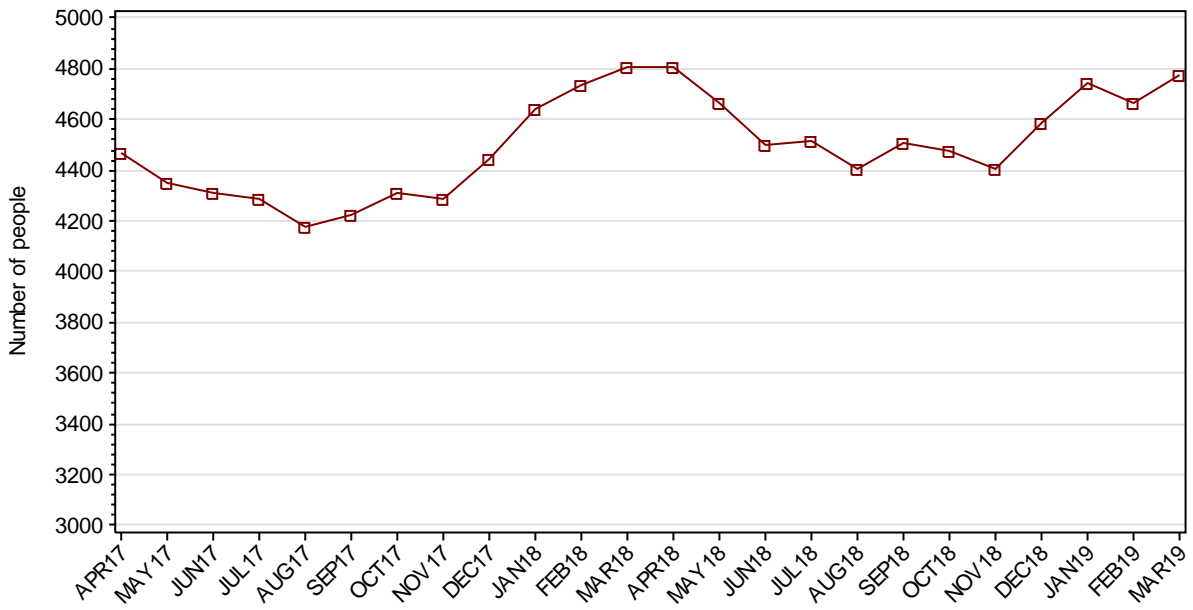
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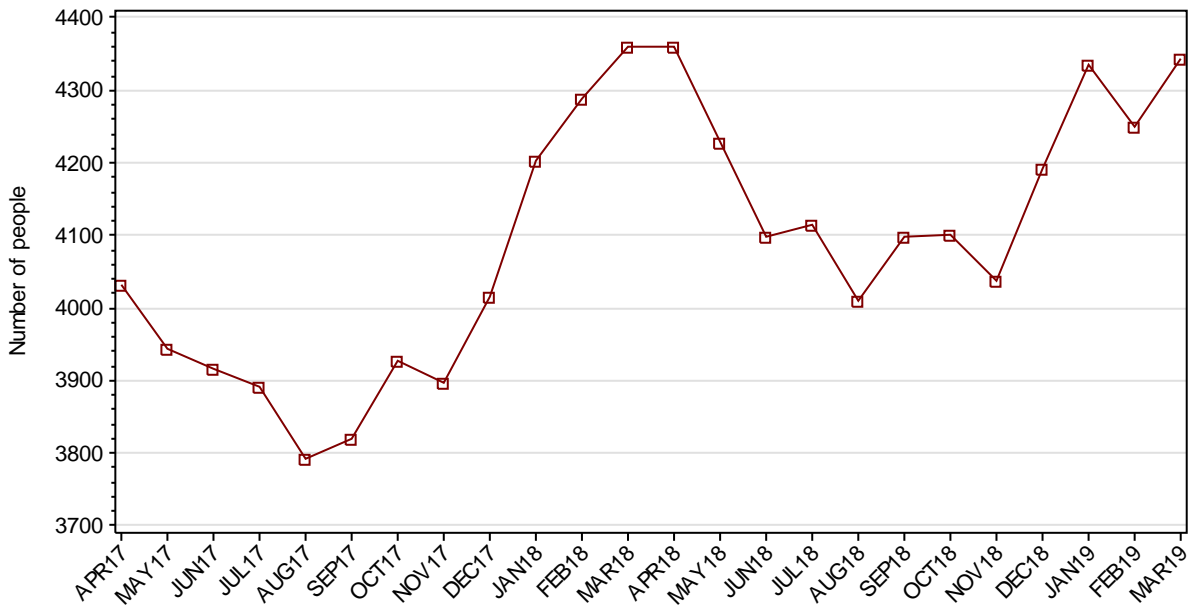
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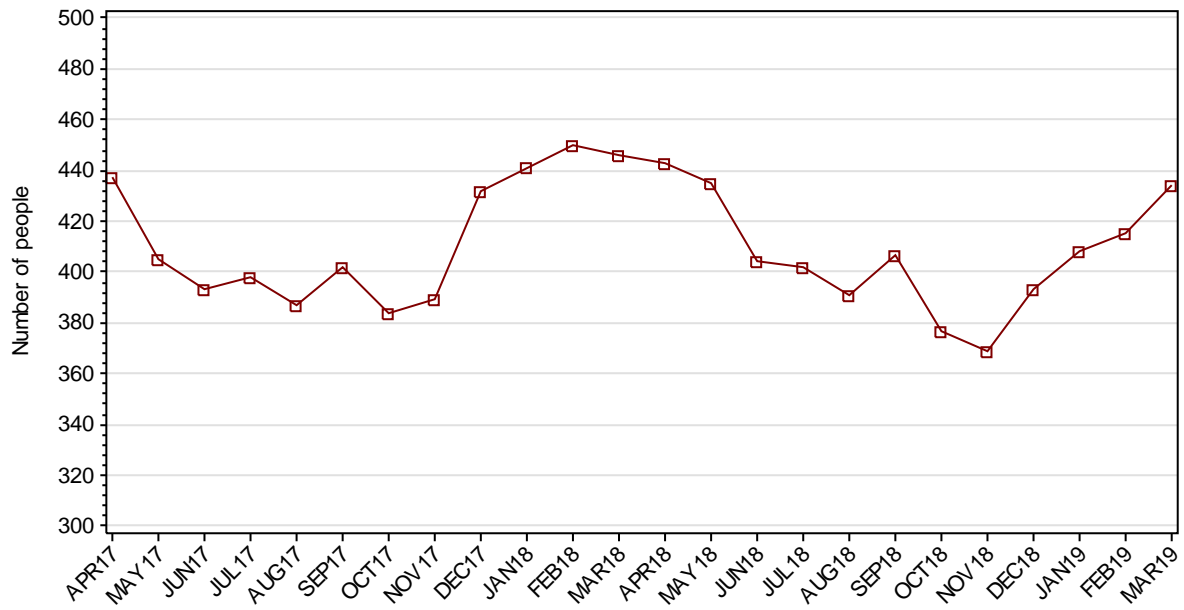
2.1.5 ADULT REMAND POPULATION



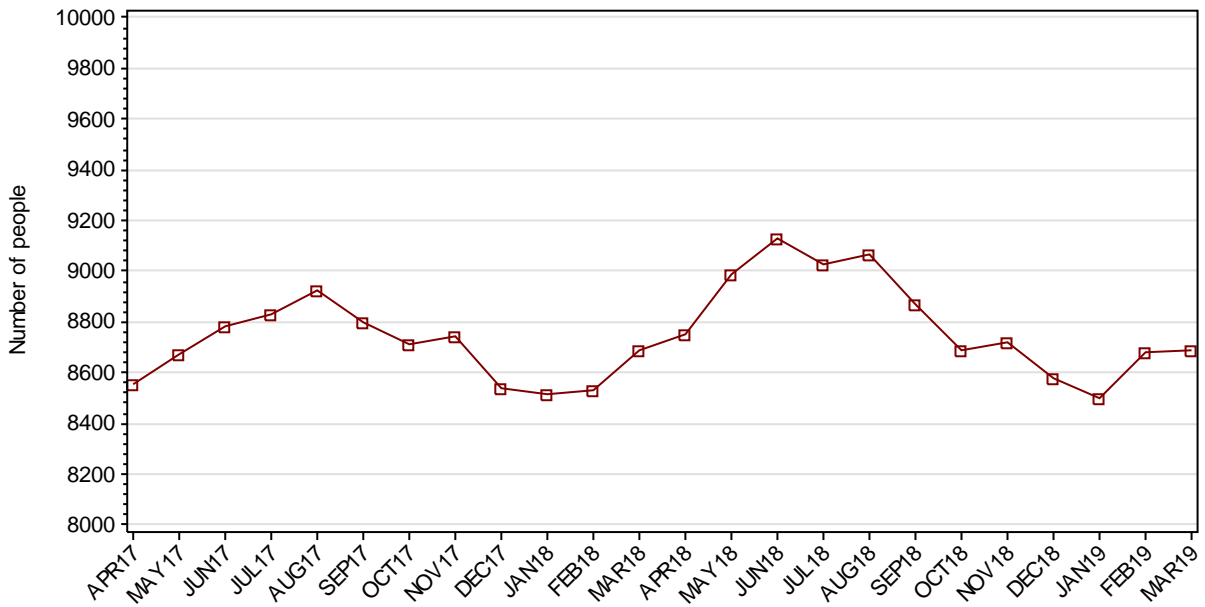
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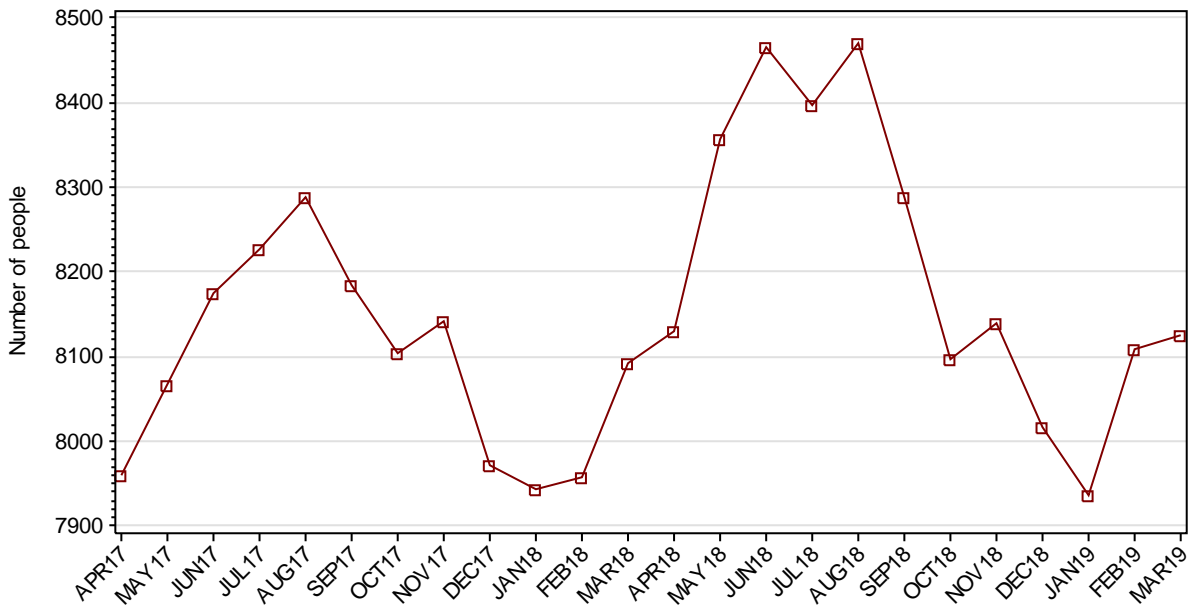
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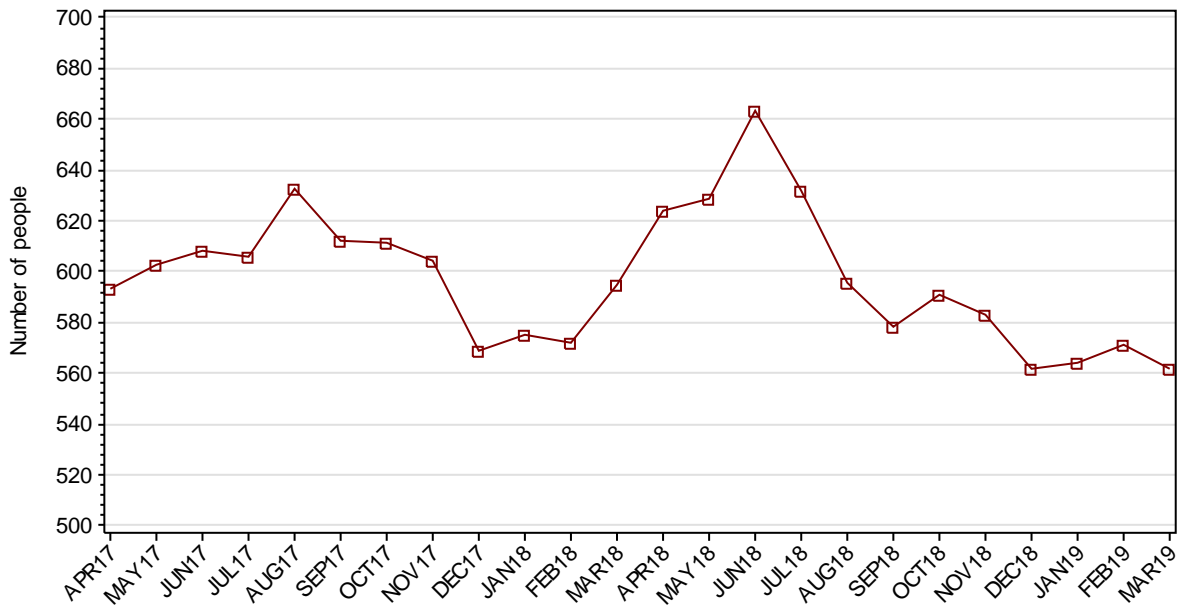
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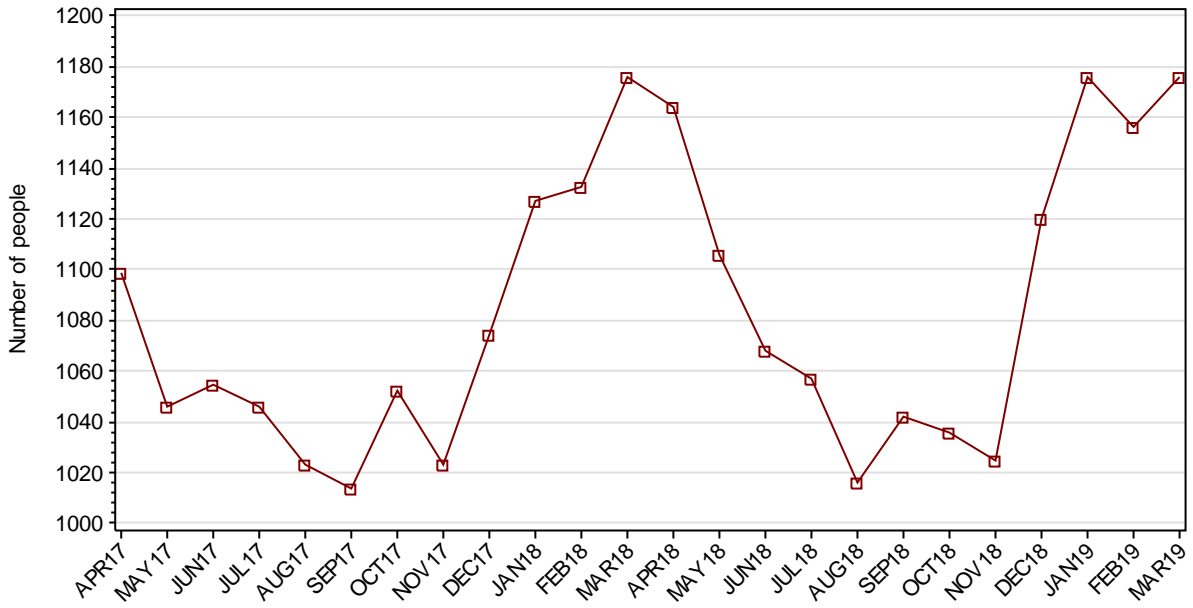
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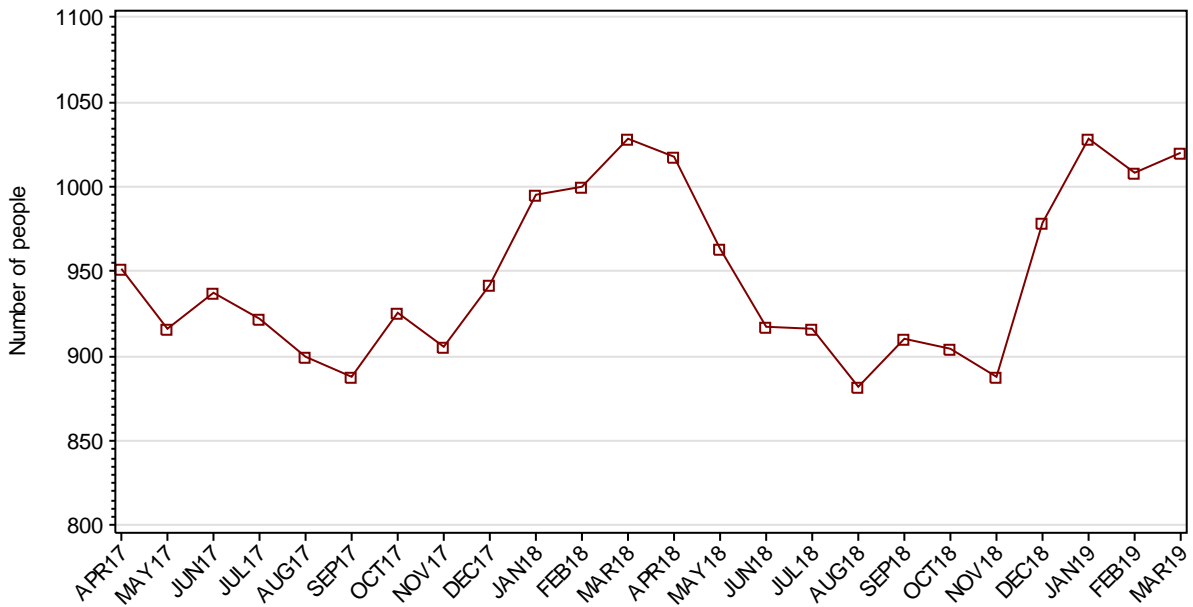
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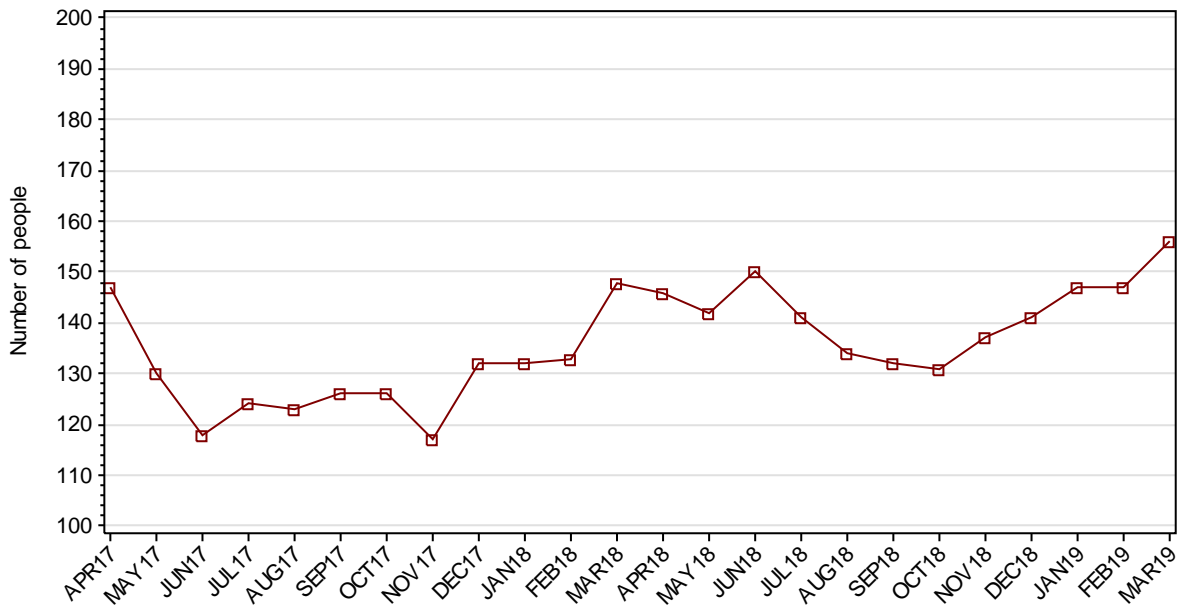
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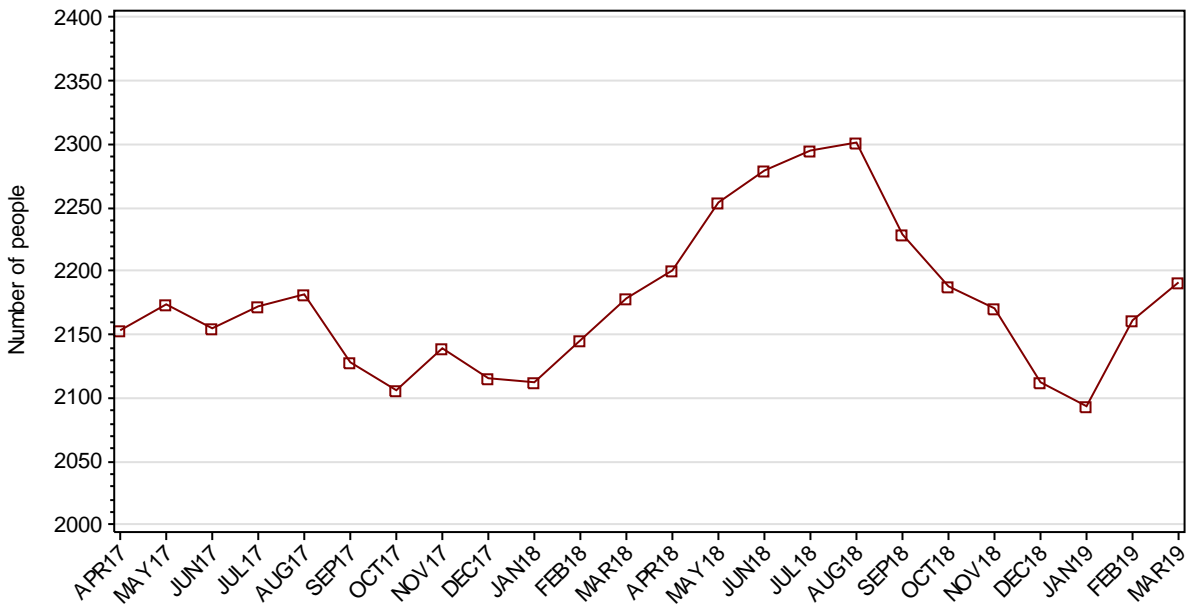
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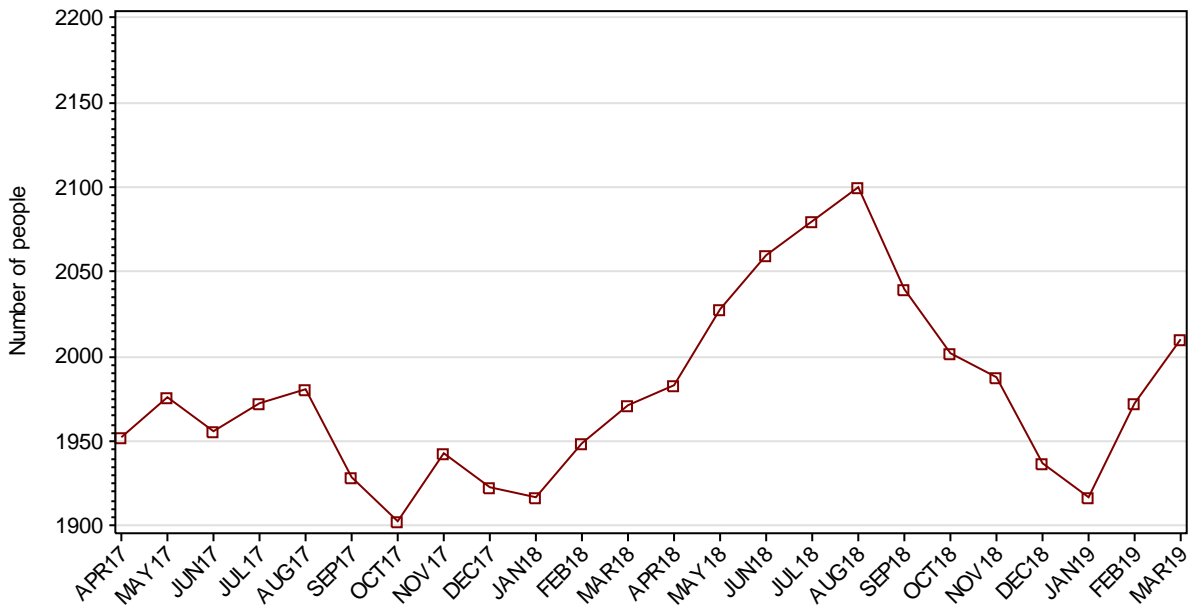
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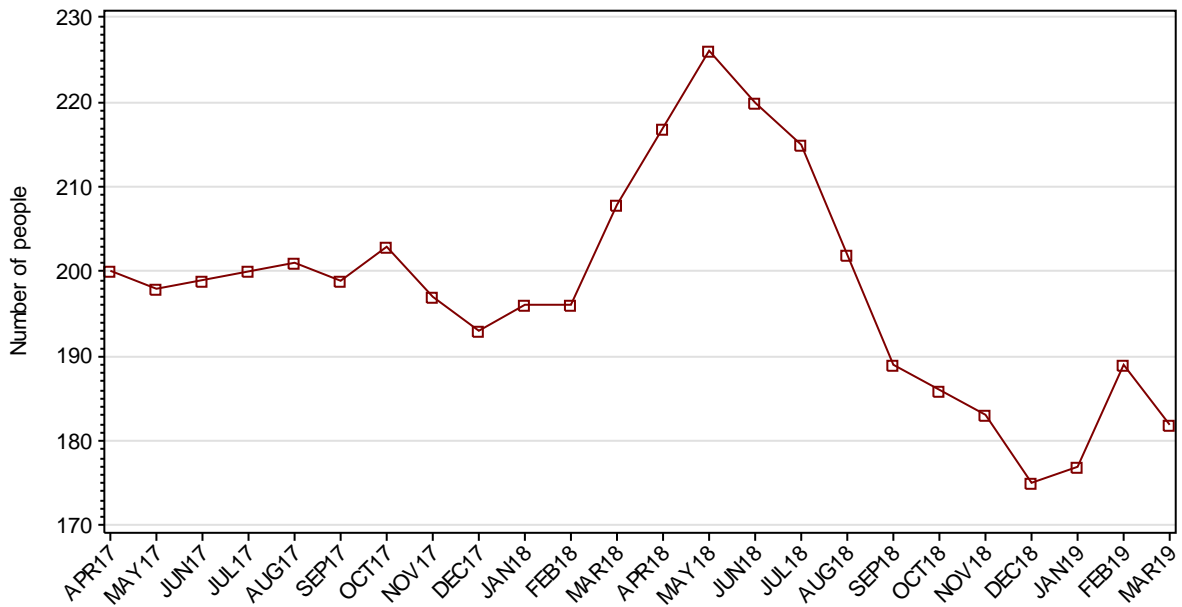
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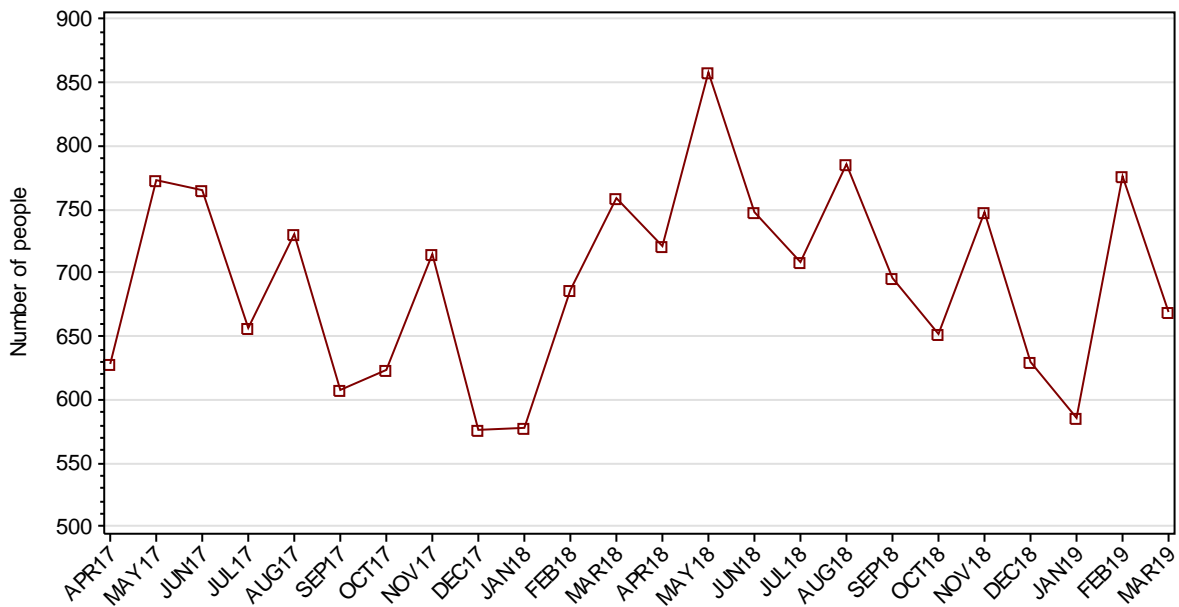
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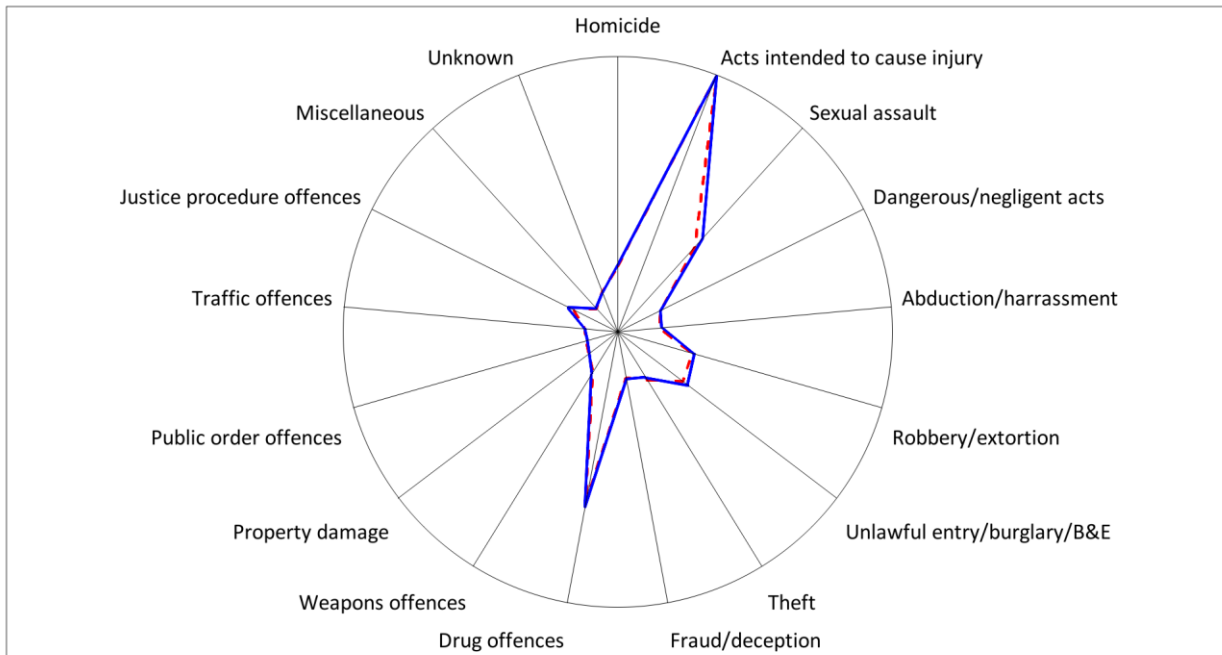
2.1.17 ADULT CUSTODY PROFILE AT END OF QUARTER

		Remand		Sentenced		Total	
		DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19	DEC18	MAR19
Total Male	Count	4193	4344	8017	8126	12210	12470
	Avg Age	35.2	35.3	38.0	37.9	37.1	37.0
Total Female	Count	393	434	562	562	955	996
	Avg Age	33.8	33.1	37.0	36.5	35.7	35.0
Indigenous Male	Count	979	1020	1937	2010	2916	3030
	Avg Age	32.2	31.7	33.7	33.8	33.2	33.1
Indigenous Female	Count	141	156	175	182	316	338
	Avg Age	32.1	31.3	33.3	33.4	32.8	32.4
Total	Count	4586	4778	8579	8688	13165	13466
	Avg Age	35.1	35.1	37.9	37.8	37.0	36.9

2.1.18 ADULTS IN CUSTODY: NUMBER WHOSE LEGAL STATUS CHANGED DURING MONTH FROM REMAND TO SENTENCED



2.1.19 ADULT REMAND POPULATION BY MOST SERIOUS OFFENCE

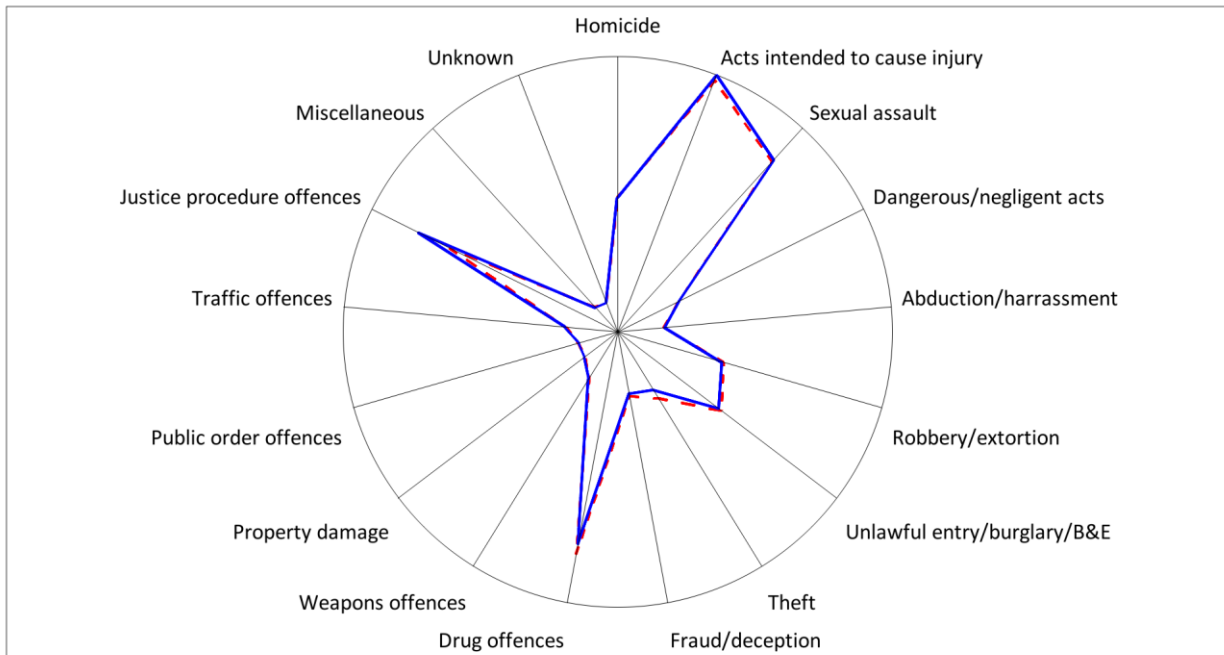


As At: - -31DEC18

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	31DEC18		31MAR19	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Homicide	220	4.8	227	4.8
Acts intended to cause injury	1485	32.4	1481	31.0
Sexual assault	518	11.3	588	12.3
Dangerous/negligent acts	117	2.6	115	2.4
Abduction/harrassment	79	1.7	97	2.0
Robbery/extortion	293	6.4	309	6.5
Unlawful entry/burglary/B&E	320	7.0	359	7.5
Theft	165	3.6	146	3.1
Fraud/deception	103	2.2	112	2.3
Drug offences	878	19.1	896	18.8
Weapons offences	107	2.3	122	2.6
Property damage	43	0.9	39	0.8
Public order offences	21	0.5	13	0.3
Traffic offences	21	0.5	20	0.4
Justice procedure offences	120	2.6	158	3.3
Miscellaneous	14	0.3	18	0.4
Unknown	82	1.8	78	1.6
Total	4586	100.0	4778	100.0

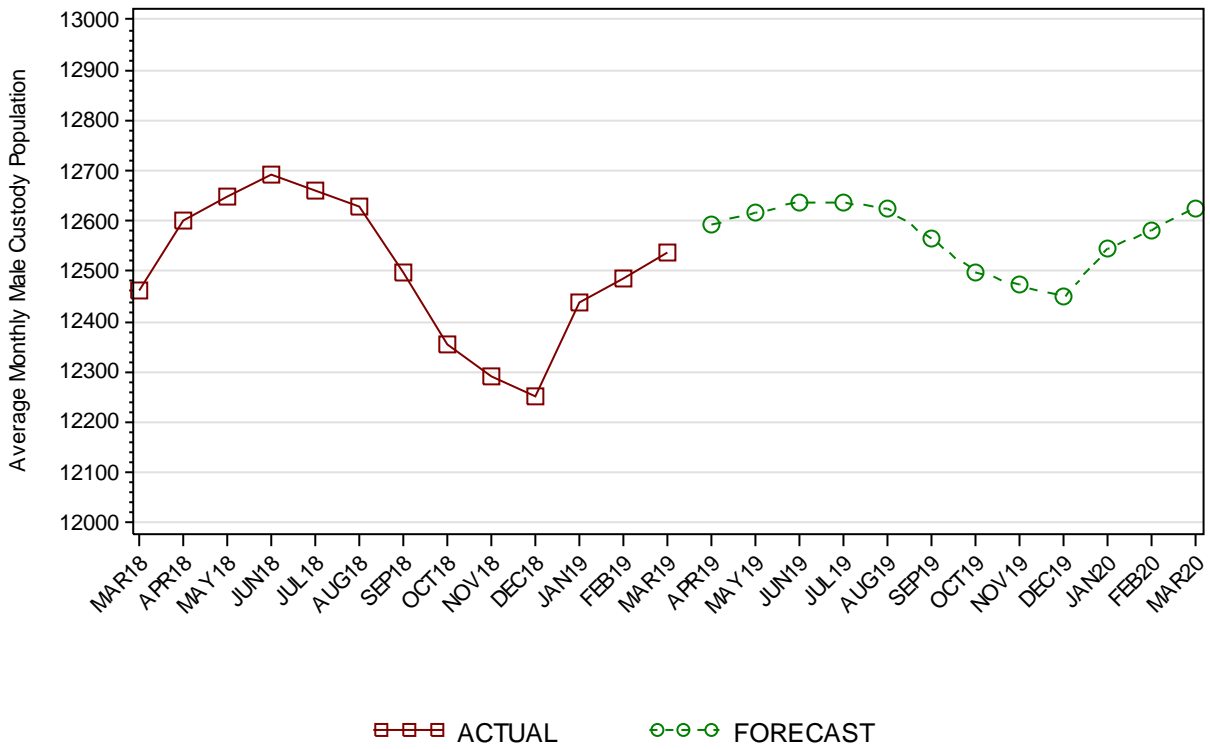
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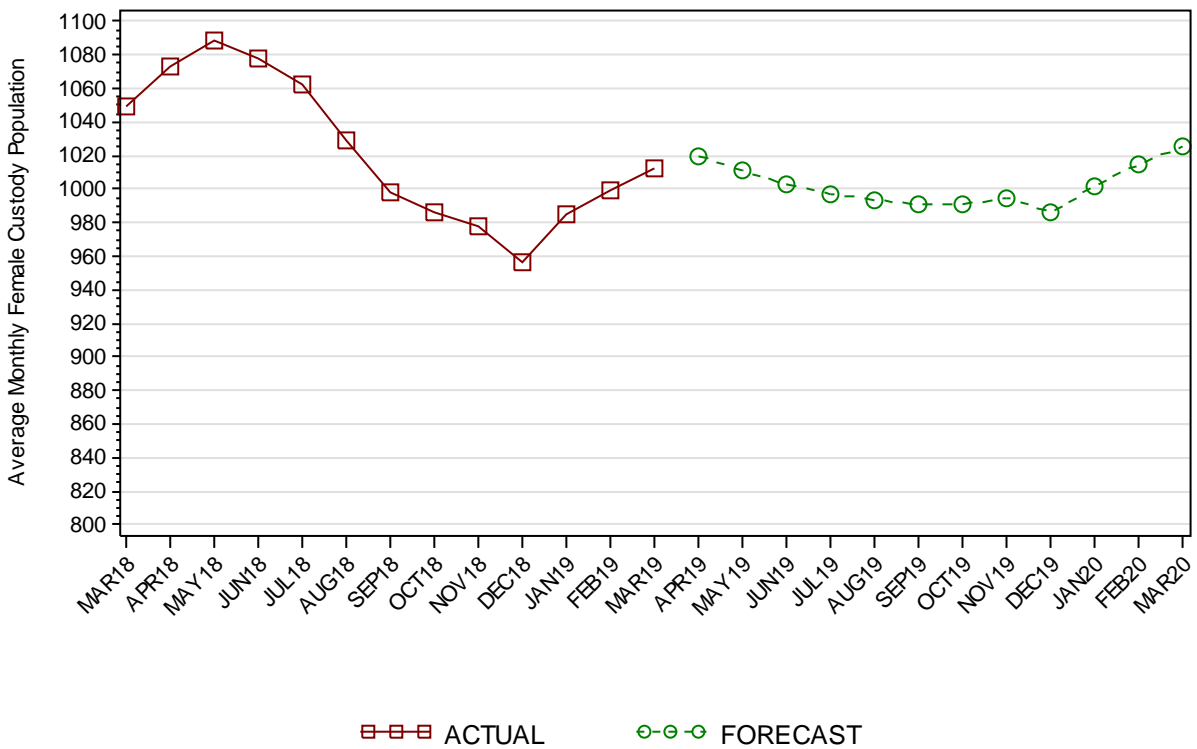
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	31DEC18		31MAR19	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Homicide	698	8.1	694	8.0
Acts intended to cause injury	1600	18.7	1636	18.8
Sexual assault	1335	15.6	1353	15.6
Dangerous/negligent acts	254	3.0	258	3.0
Abduction/harrassment	107	1.2	114	1.3
Robbery/extortion	537	6.3	522	6.0
Unlawful entry/burglary/B&E	670	7.8	645	7.4
Theft	319	3.7	250	2.9
Fraud/deception	232	2.7	214	2.5
Drug offences	1306	15.2	1237	14.2
Weapons offences	157	1.8	163	1.9
Property damage	70	0.8	74	0.9
Public order offences	70	0.8	66	0.8
Traffic offences	142	1.7	149	1.7
Justice procedure offences	1053	12.3	1286	14.8
Miscellaneous	23	0.3	19	0.2
Unknown	6	0.1	8	0.1
Total	8579	100.0	8688	100.0

2.1.21 MALE PRISON POPULATION* FORECAST



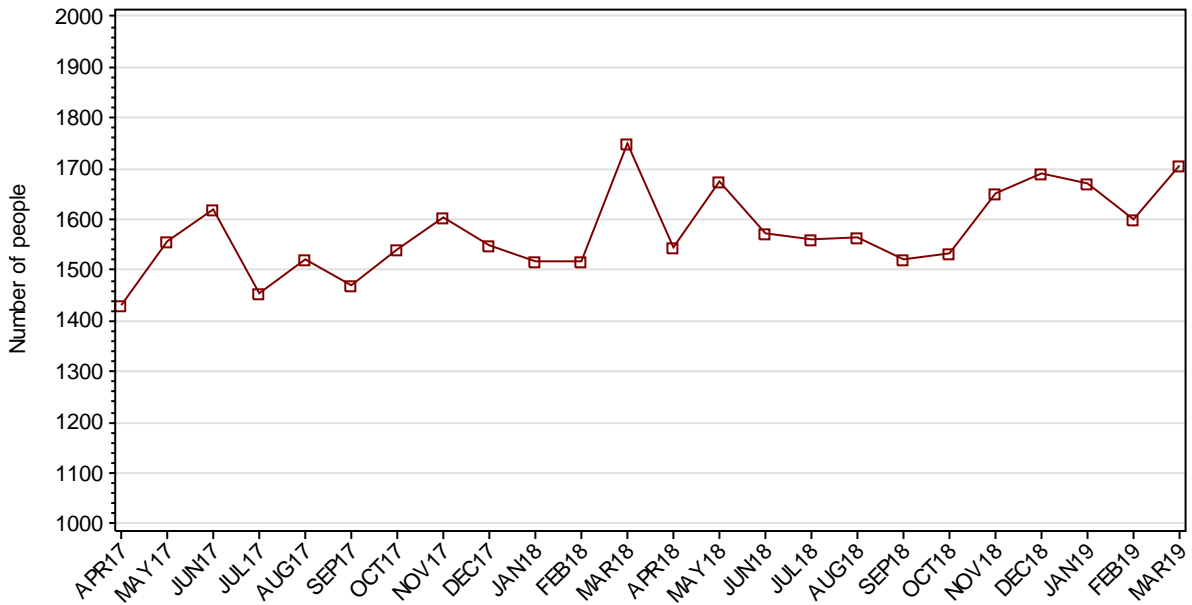
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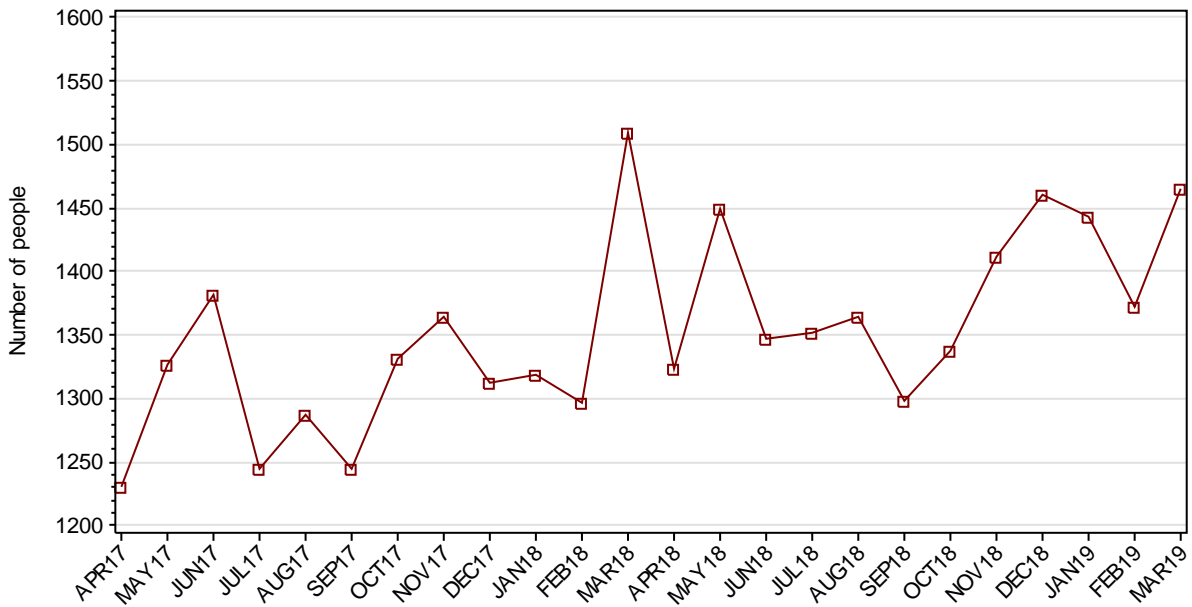
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SECTION 2.2 ADULT CUSTODY RECEPTIONS

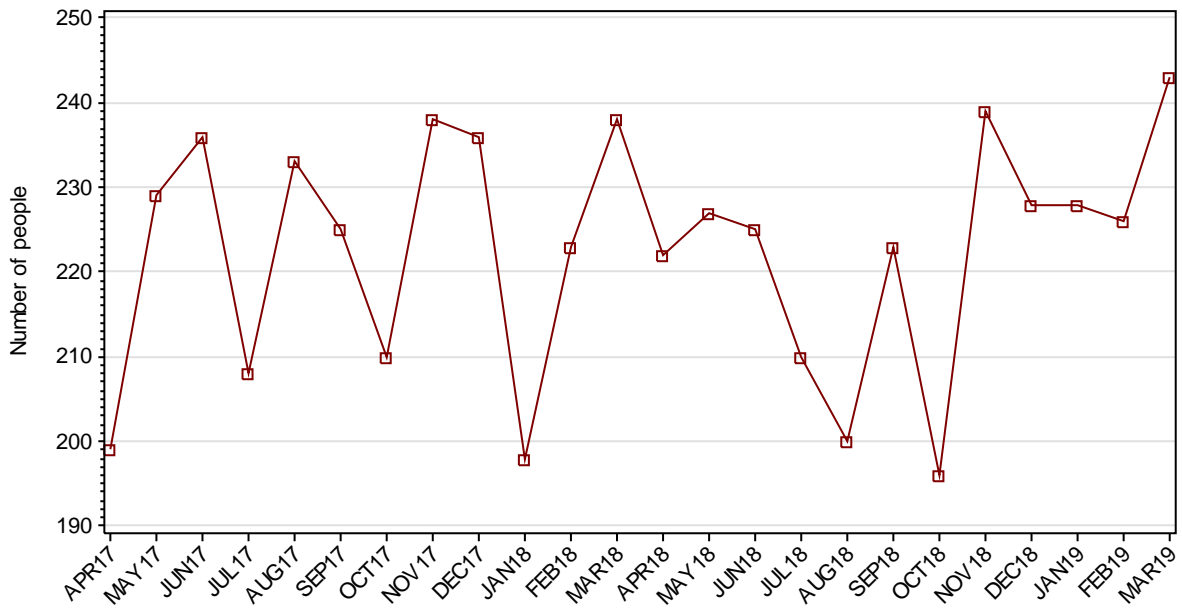
2.2.1 ADULTS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY DURING MONTH



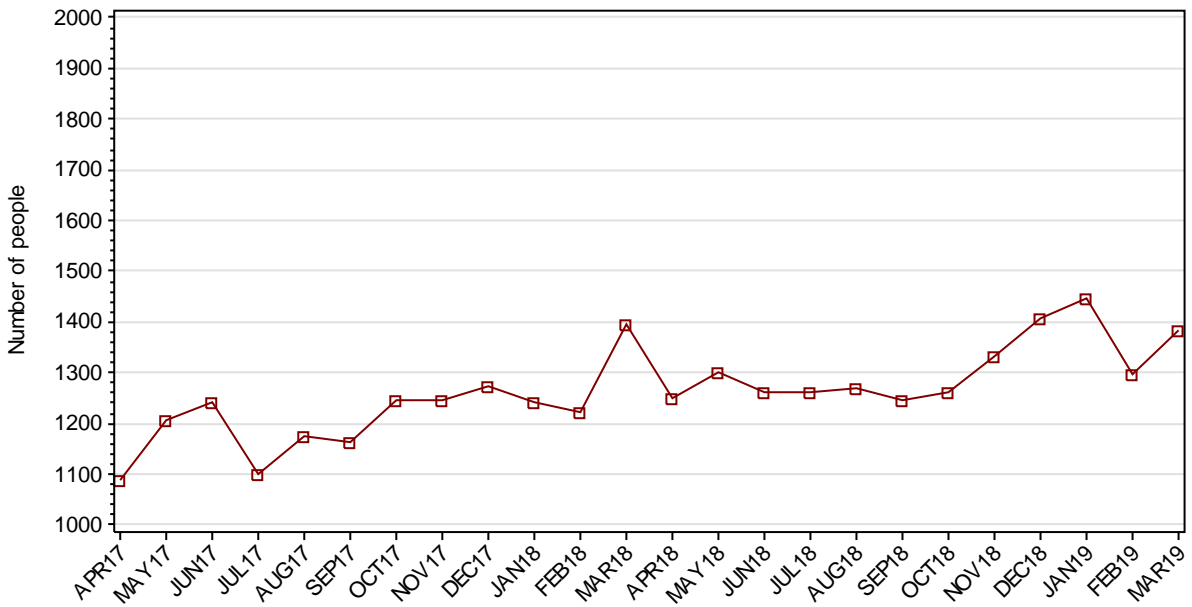
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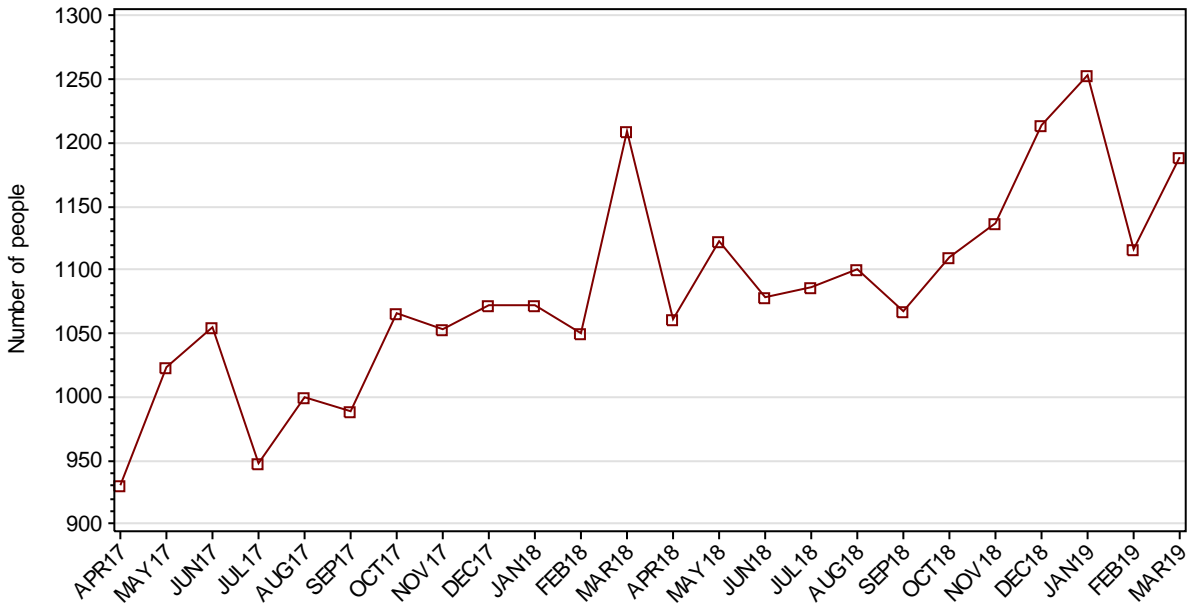
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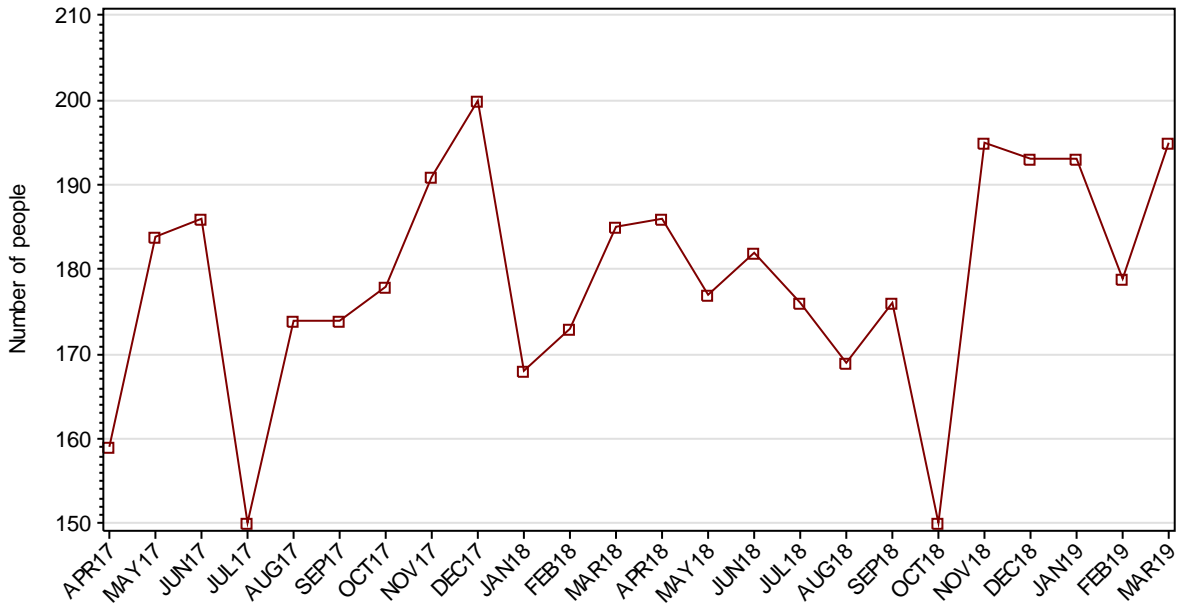
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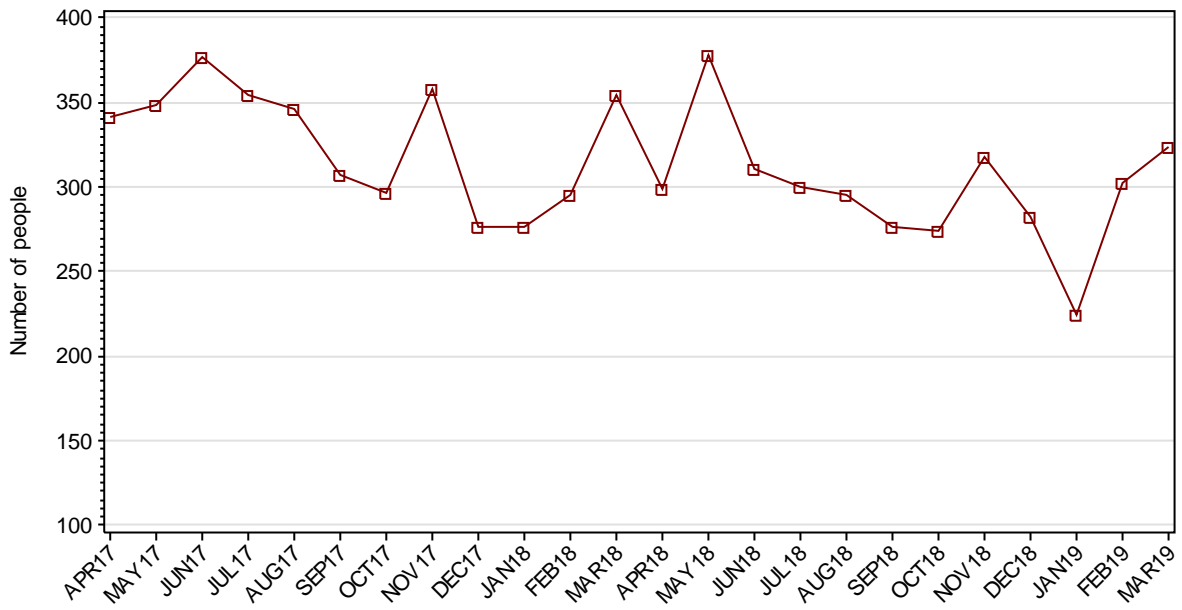
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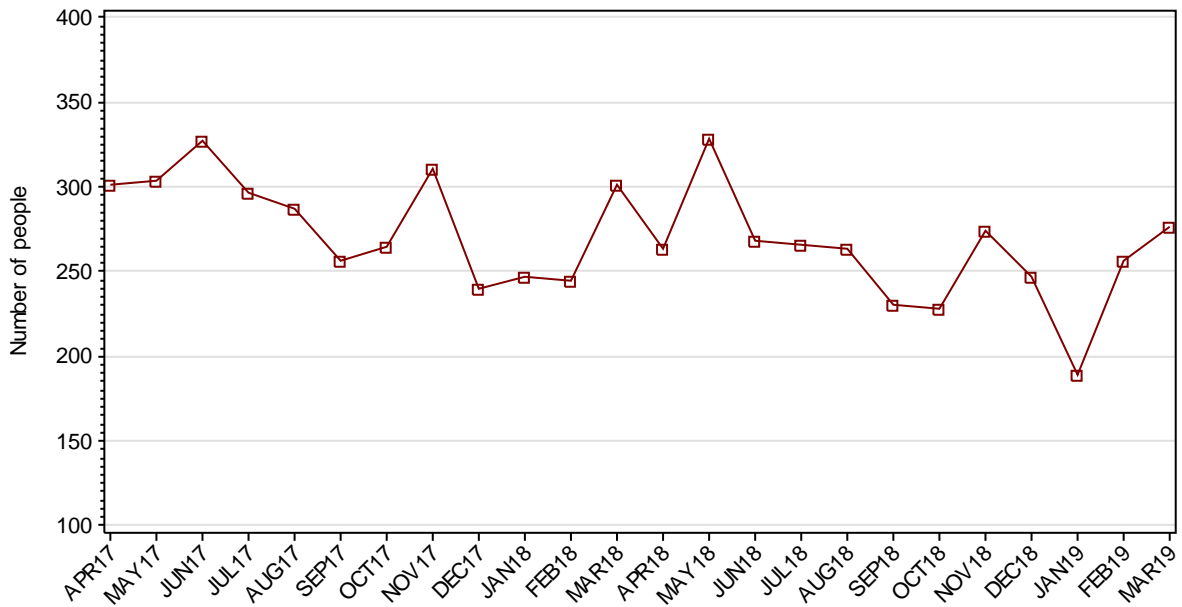
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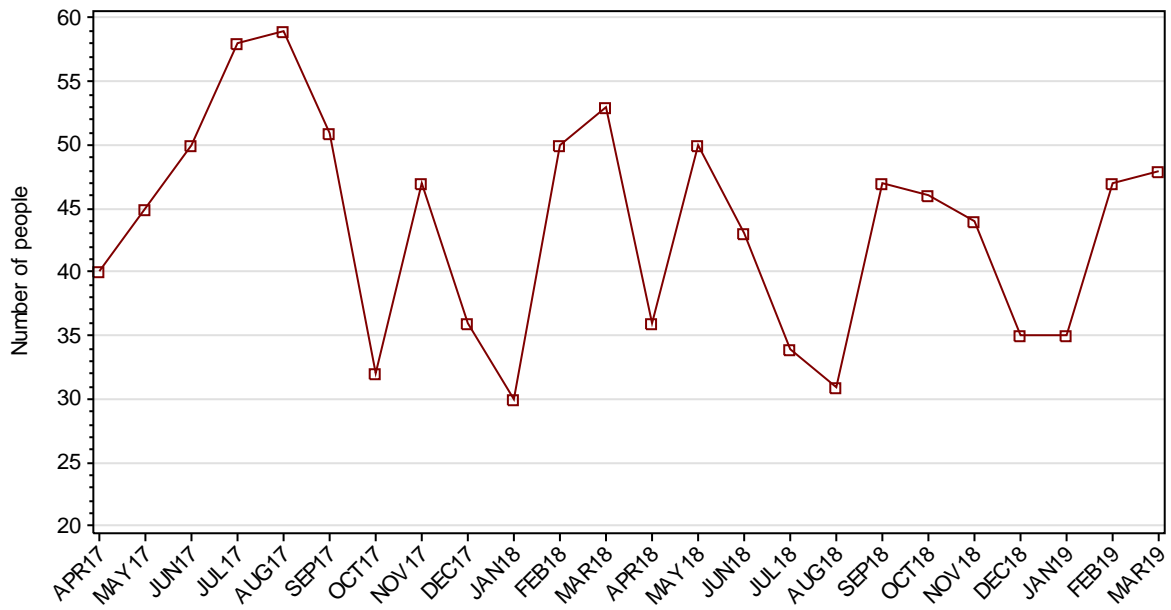
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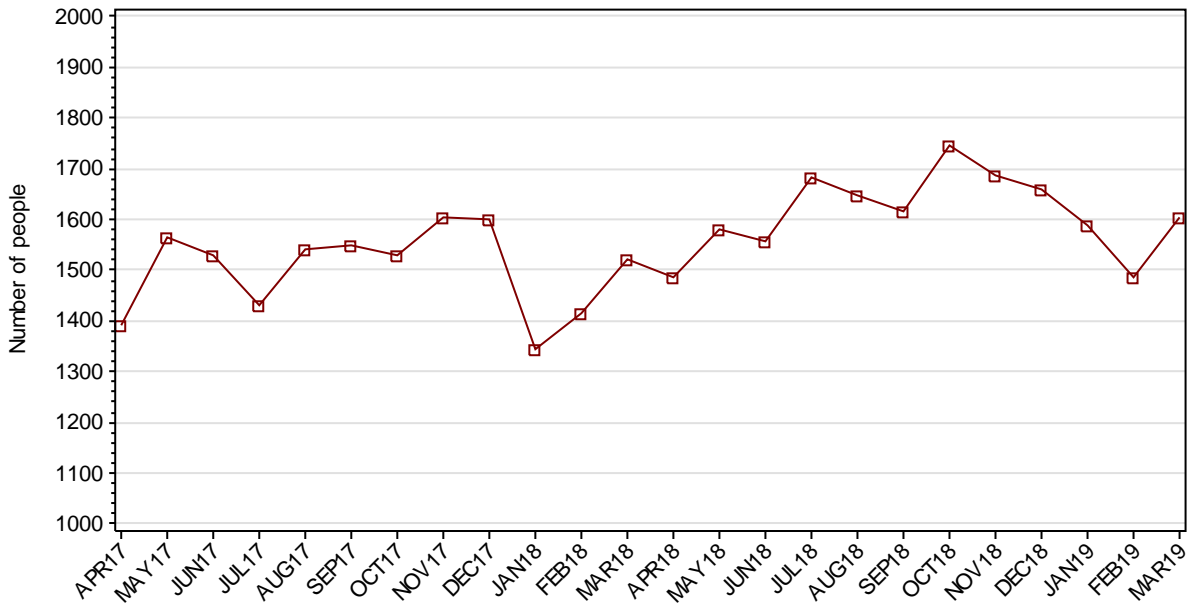


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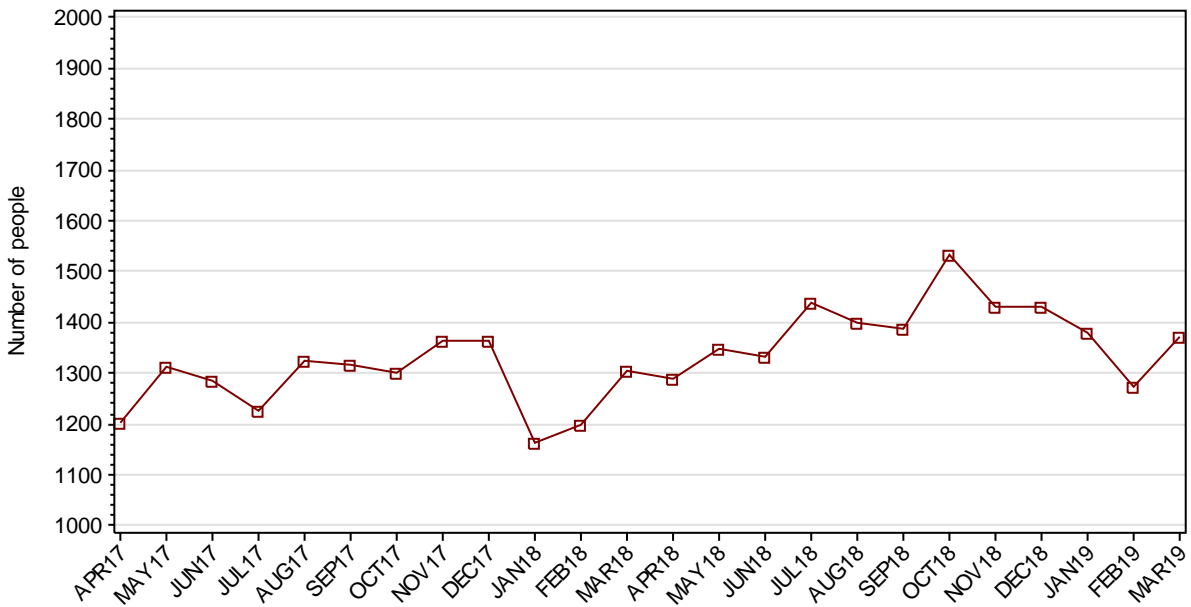


SECTION 2.3 ADULT CUSTODY DISCHARGES

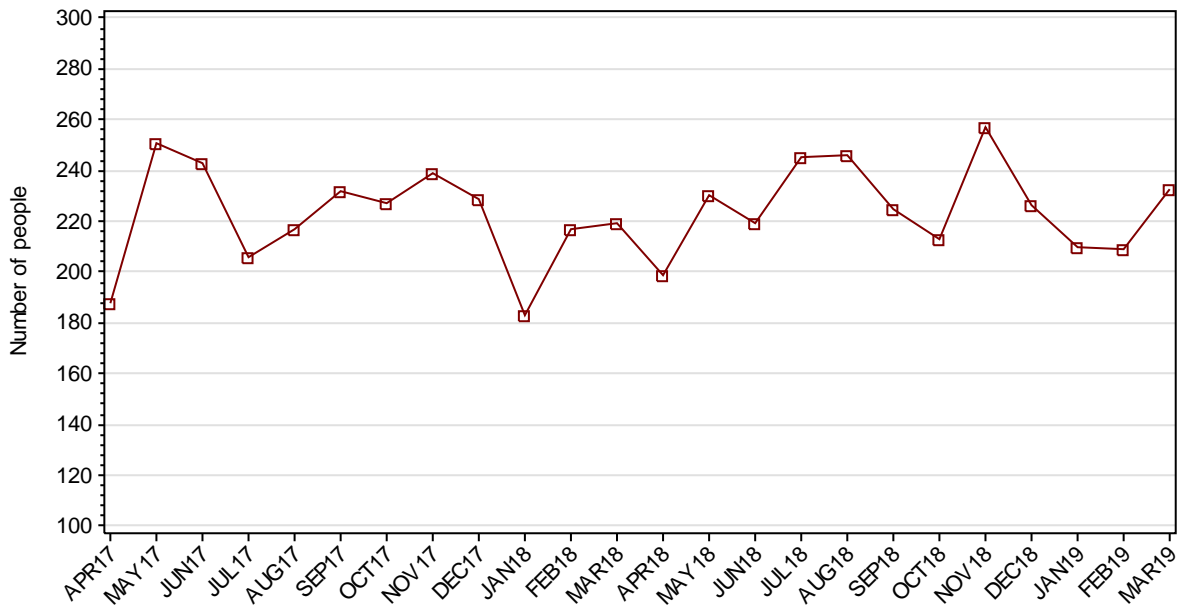
2.3.1 ADULTS DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY DURING MONTH



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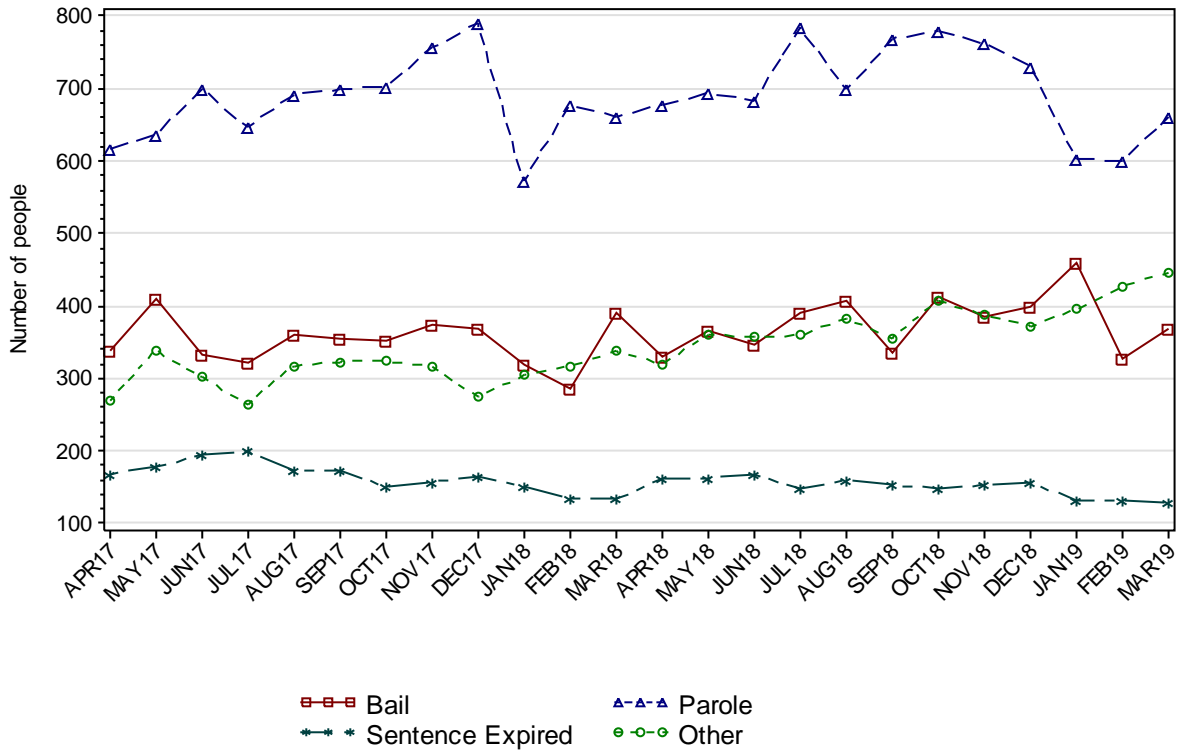


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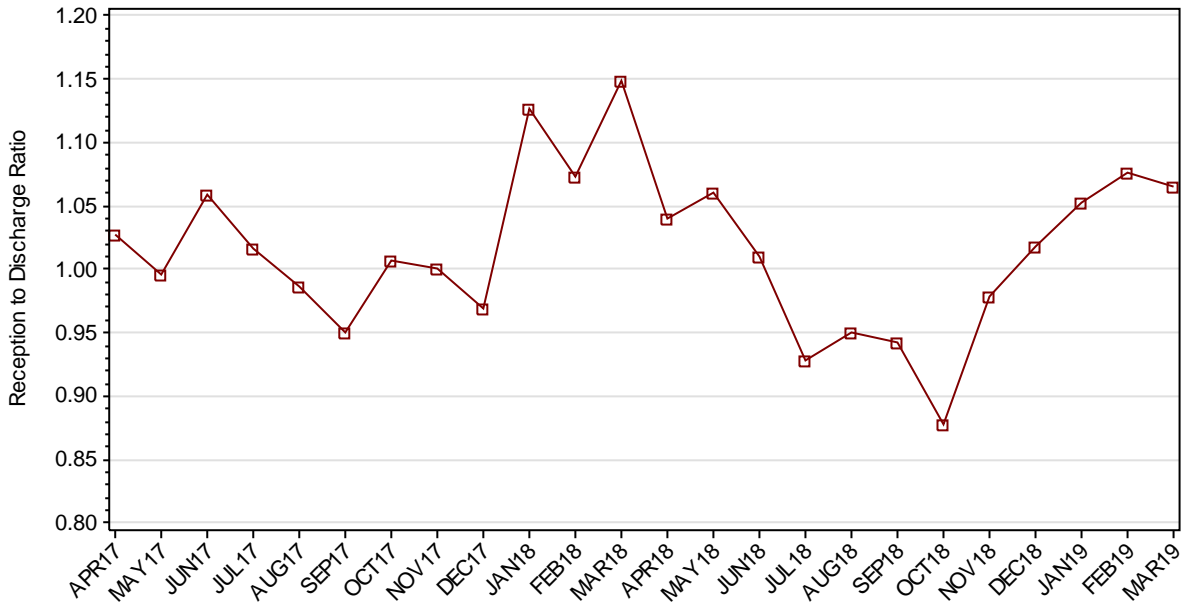
		Remand Custody Only		Sentenced Custody Only		Remand to Sentenced Custody	
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Total Male	Avg Days	57.8	55.9	249.7	265.9	434.1	445.9
	Number	1532	1589	866	735	1998	1698
Total Female	Avg Days	43.6	37.7	127.8	134.5	258.3	314.8
	Number	337	353	127	104	232	195
Indigenous Male	Avg Days	48.4	51.7	201.9	241.9	343.3	374.2
	Number	366	438	245	201	585	529
Indigenous Female	Avg Days	43.8	38.8	108.3	110.3	203.2	189.3
	Number	116	132	55	47	113	80
Total	Avg Days	55.3	52.6	234.1	249.6	415.8	432.4
	Number	1869	1942	993	839	2230	1893

Note: Length of Stay for Remand to Sentenced Custody is from the date of reception on remand to date of discharge after serving sentence.

2.3.5 ADULTS BY DISCHARGE TYPE



2.3.6 RATIO OF ADULT RECEPTIONS TO DISCHARGES



Part 3 GLOSSARY

Adult

A person held in custody in a gazetted correctional centre managed by Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW). Persons may have been remanded in custody after being refused bail or sentenced to a custodial order for a proven offence.

The adult figures in this report include the small number of 16 and 17 year old males held in the Kariiong Juvenile Correctional Centre.

ANZSOC

The Australian Bureau of Statistics Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) groups criminal offences into 16 broad divisions:

1. Homicide and related offences
2. Acts intended to cause injury
3. Sexual assault and related offences
4. Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons
5. Abduction, harassment and other offences against the person
6. Robbery, extortion and related offences
7. Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter
8. Theft and related offences
9. Fraud, deception and related offences
10. Illicit drug offences
11. Prohibited and regulated weapons and explosives offences
12. Property damage and environmental pollution
13. Public order offences
14. Traffic and vehicle regulatory offences
15. Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations
16. Miscellaneous offences

For further information see:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/1234.02011>

Note that shortened titles are used in this report.

Average length of stay

The length of stay is the duration of the custodial episode, from the date of reception to the date of discharge.

The average length of stay (in days) is presented for three types of custodial episodes:

Remand custody only - the person entered custody after being refused bail and was then discharged from custody without having been sentenced. Most commonly discharged after being granted bail, other reasons include criminal charges not proven, receiving a non-custodial penalty for a proven offence or being transferred interstate or from a juvenile to an adult prison or vice versa.

Sentenced custody only - persons who entered custody only after being sentenced to a custodial penalty by a court. These persons had either been granted bail, or bail had been dispensed with, pending finalisation of their charges.

Remand to sentenced custody - persons who had been remanded in custody prior to having a custodial sentence imposed by a court. The length of stay for these people is the entire time from reception on remand to discharge after serving the custodial sentence.

Note: Persons initially remanded in custody but then granted bail prior to having a custodial penalty imposed by a court are counted as two custodial episodes: one of remand custody only and one of sentenced custody only.

Bail

Under the provisions of the *Bail Act 2013*, police and courts may grant or refuse to grant bail to alleged offenders. The grant of bail takes into consideration the alleged offence and offender. Bail is granted at the offence level and so a person may be granted bail for one offence and refused bail for another offence.

Persons refused bail (and small numbers granted bail but unable to meet the bail conditions set by a court) are remanded into custody pending further court action.

Juvenile custody population data in this report disaggregates persons remanded into custody into those refused police bail and refused court bail. This is because all juveniles refused police bail are held in Juvenile Justice centres whereas not all adults refused police bail are held in gazetted correctional centres or 24 hour police cell complexes.

Control order

See Custodial sentence

Corrective Services NSW

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) is part of the Department of Justice with responsibilities including the supervision of people remanded in custody pending the finalisation of criminal charges and offenders sentenced to a custodial order.

See <http://www.correctiveservices.nsw.gov.au/> for further information.

The Corrections Research, Evaluation and Statistics (CRES) section of CSNSW have provided the adult custody data for this report and advised on its interpretation.

Court bail refused

See Bail

Custodial episode

A custodial episode is the time between the reception into and discharge from custody. An individual may have multiple custodial episodes within the reporting period. A change in legal status between the reception and discharge date, for example changing from being bail refused to being sentenced to a custodial order, does not count as a new custodial episode.

Custodial sentence

Courts may impose a custodial sentence for a proven offence. For adults this is a term of imprisonment under the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999*. For young people this is a control order of up to two years duration or a term of imprisonment to be served partly or wholly as a juvenile under the *Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987*. A person may be given custodial sentences for multiple proven offences.

While the majority of persons held under sentence in a correctional centre are sentenced under the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999*, offenders whose parole has been revoked by the State Parole Authority, persons sentenced under the *Commonwealth Crimes Act 1914*, those sentenced under the *Mental Health (Forensic Provision) Act 1990*, small numbers of persons held under immigration orders awaiting deportation following expiry of their sentence and persons sentenced under legislation in other states or territories are also managed by CSNSW.

Custody population

Persons held in custody in a JJNSW juvenile justice centre or a CSNSW gazetted correctional centre, whether remanded or sentenced. Custody population figures are counted as at midnight on the last day of the month or quarter as appropriate. Persons held in a CSNSW managed police/court cell complex at midnight on the last day of the month but later transferred to a gazetted correctional centre are included in custody population figures for that month.

Discharge type

The type of reason why persons were discharged from custody:

Bail - courts granted the person bail pending the finalisation of their criminal charge(s).

Parole - the person was released to parole after serving the non-parole period of custodial sentence(s).

Sentence expired - the person was released after serving the entire period of all custodial sentence(s) imposed. This includes some persons who served both the non-parole and parole components of their sentence(s) in custody.

Not proven / non-custodial penalty - juvenile data only - the person was released after criminal charges were not proven or after the court imposed a non-custodial penalty for a proven offence, e.g. good behaviour bond.

Other - includes persons transferred to the NSW Drug Court, interstate or from a juvenile to an adult prison or vice versa and deceased persons. Includes adults released after criminal charges were not proven, after the court imposed a non-custodial penalty for a proven offence and where the specific nature of the court's final non-custodial disposal is unknown.

Discharges

Persons legally discharged from JJNSW or CSNSW custody in accordance with a court order (including any State Parole Authority order). For example - to parole, on expiry of a sentence or having been granted bail. Note that persons whose legal status changed from remand to sentenced or the reverse are not counted as discharges as they have not been discharged from custody.

Forecast

The male and female prison population forecasts are generated using an autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) model (Athanasopoulos & Weatherburn, 2018). The forecast is calculated from the average monthly prison population data from January 2001 to the current month. Please note that this forecast includes adults held in 24 hour police/court cell complexes.

The juvenile custody population forecast is generated using an exponential smoothing model. The model is estimated using a Holt-Winters additive method. The forecast is

calculated from the average monthly juvenile custody population from January 2011 to the current month.

Imprisonment

See Custodial sentence

Indigenous status

Indigenous status as self-reported on reception into custody. Persons may identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander or may not provide this information. An inmate is recorded as indigenous if they have identified as such in the current or any previous custodial episode. Indigenous status is unknown for a small proportion of people.

Juvenile

A person held in custody in a juvenile justice centre. These centres are managed by Juvenile Justice NSW (JJNSW). A young person in juvenile custody may have been refused bail by police, refused bail by the court or sentenced to a custodial sentence.

All young persons refused bail by police must be taken to a juvenile justice centre to be held in custody pending their court appearance. Young persons refused police bail cannot be held in a police or court cell.

Note: a small number of 16 and 17 year old males are held in Kariiong Juvenile Correctional Centre which is managed by CSNSW. As Kariiong is a gazetted correctional centre, these young persons are counted in the adult figures in this report.

Juvenile Justice NSW

Juvenile Justice NSW (JJNSW) is part of the Department of Justice with responsibilities including the supervision of young people remanded in custody pending the finalisation of criminal charges and young offenders sentenced to a control order/imprisonment.

See <http://www.djj.nsw.gov.au/> for further information.

The Research and Information Section of JJNSW have provided the juvenile data for this report and advised on its interpretation.

Legal status

The legal status of persons received into or held in custody:

Remand (Juvenile) - Juveniles refused bail (and small numbers granted bail but unable to meet conditions) are remanded into custody pending future court action.

Juvenile remand figures are disaggregated into:

- Police bail refused - Police have refused to grant bail to a juvenile. All juveniles refused bail by police are held in custody in a juvenile justice centre pending future court action.
- Court bail refused - the courts have refused to grant bail to a juvenile pending future court action.

Remand (Adult) - adults refused bail (and small numbers granted bail but unable to meet conditions) are remanded in custody pending future court action. Includes a small number of persons refused police bail and remanded in custody in a gazetted correctional centre. Includes persons on remand who are being managed as correctional patients under the *Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990*.

Sentenced - the courts have imposed custodial sentence(s) for proven offence(s). This category includes persons returned to custody after breaching parole. Includes forensic patients as per the *Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990* (ie persons found unfit to be tried and persons found not guilty due to mental illness). Persons on remand for one or more offences and sentenced for one or more offences have a legal status of sentenced.

Unknown - adults whose legal status was not recorded at the time of admission.

Legal status changed from remand to sentenced

Persons whose legal status changed from remand to sentenced upon the imposition of a custodial sentence by a court. This report shows the numbers of persons during each month who changed from being on remand to being sentenced.

Most serious offence

The most serious offence type for which each person is in custody. The offence type categories in this report are the sixteen ANZSOC Divisions, with shortened titles (See ANZSOC).

Most serious offence data is presented in a radar chart and a data table. The radar chart consists of a circle with a series of 'spokes' running from the centre of the circle to the perimeter. Each spoke represents a different offence type. The radar chart is constructed by placing a point on each spoke marking the proportion of prisoners with that offence type as their most serious offence. The higher the proportion, the closer the point to the perimeter. The points are then connected and the resulting figure inside the circle gives a picture of the distribution of most serious offence type across prisoners. A different type/colour of line is used for each quarter, making changes from quarter to quarter apparent. Note that offence types with no observations are plotted a short distance from the zero radius so that the numbers for every offence type can be observed.

The data table displays the number and proportion of persons in custody for each of the most serious offence types. The data is presented separately for sentenced persons and persons on remand:

Most Serious Offence – Adults:

The most serious offence for adults is as provided by CSNSW.

A person's most serious offence may change over the course of their custodial episode depending on offences for which they are in custody at any one time. The Most Serious Offence data presented in this report are stock data and are sourced from data extracts run two to three weeks after the end of the quarter.

The data for the previous quarter is as at the previous quarter's custody report.

Extracting the data after the same time lag each quarter reduces variability due to extract timing and so is indicative of a change in the broad offence profile of persons in custody between the end of the current and previous quarters.

Due to the way that MSO is recorded and the data extracted, it is not available for receptions or discharge data.

Most Serious Offence – Juveniles:

Most serious offence for juveniles is compiled by matching custody order records from JJNSW with sentencing and bail refused orders sourced from the JusticeLink system used by the NSW criminal courts. Data is matched using JusticeLink Proceeding Number, a unique offence identifier which is available in the JJNSW data from January 2011.

- The most serious offence for juveniles remanded in custody is the offence with the highest Median Sentence Ranking (MSR). The MSR is a ranking of ANZSOC codes and was developed by BOCSAR using data on sentences imposed in the NSW criminal courts. The MSR can be used to select the most serious offence when sentencing data is not available and to select most serious offence when multiple offences have the same custodial order duration. For further information see the BOCSAR's Crime and Justice Bulletin No.142 "Measuring Offence Seriousness": [www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/vwFiles/CJB142.pdf/\\$file/CJB142.pdf](http://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/bocsar/ll_bocsar.nsf/vwFiles/CJB142.pdf/$file/CJB142.pdf)
- The most serious offence for sentenced juveniles is the offence with the longest custodial order. For juveniles with more than one offence type with the same custodial order duration, the offence with the highest Median Sentence Ranking is selected as the most serious offence.
- Juveniles sentenced to a custodial order after breaching a non-custodial penalty (eg a suspended sentence, Community Service Order or good behaviour bond) have a most serious offence type of *Justice procedure offence* rather than the type of offence for which the non-custodial penalty was originally imposed (eg robbery/extortion, drug offences).

Note: this differs from the definition of most serious offence used in the Australian Bureau of Statistics Prisoners in Australia publication series (*ABS cat.no.4517.0*)

Police bail refused

See Bail.

Receptions

Persons received into Juvenile Justice custody or a gazetted correctional centre. Gazetted correctional centres are managed by CSNSW. Persons received into CSNSW custody and managed only in CSNSW 24-hour police/court cell complexes are excluded.

Ratio of receptions to discharges

The ratio of receptions to discharges. A ratio greater than 1 means there were more receptions than discharges during the month; a ratio less than 1 means there were more discharges than receptions during the month.

Remand

See Legal status.

Sentenced

See Legal status.

24 hour police/court cell complexes

In addition to gazetted correctional centres, CSNSW manage a number of police/court cell complexes. This report (with the exception of the adult prison forecast) excludes persons received and then discharged from a CSNSW-managed 24 hour police/court cell complex without entering a gazetted correctional centre.