

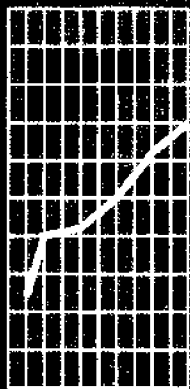


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PREFACE

COURT DATA INFORMATION

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) ceased production of statistics on criminal court proceedings in October 1994 following the release of data relating to 1992-93

The Western Australian State Statistics Committee (SSC), comprising of representatives from State Treasury and the ABS Perth Office, received requests for the continuation of court data processing from the Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Crime Research Centre of the University of Western Australia and the Ministry of Justice.

In July 1996 the SSC and the ABS, Perth Office, agreed to resume processing Courts of Petty Sessions data for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 using the same data source as used in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 publications, *Summary of Criminal Court Proceedings*, catalogue number 4504.5. This is to provide continuity in the statistical series until the Ministry of Justice can provide an equivalent level of statistical information for public release.

The crime statistics contained within this series of publications are derived from the Western Australian Police Service records relating to complaints finalised in the Courts of Petty Sessions of Western Australia during the twelve months ended 30 June 1996.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

CONVICTIONS

In Western Australia in 1995-96 there were 80,169 *charges* heard in Courts of Petty Sessions resulting in 76,818 *convictions* against 31,286 *individuals*. Compared with 1994-95 total *charges* increased by 2,795 (3.6%), *convictions* increased by 2,251 (3.0%) and the number of *individuals convicted* increased by 598 (1.9%).

For total males there was an increase of 3.7% for *charges*, 3.1 per cent for *convictions* and 1.7% for *individuals convicted*. For *Non-Indigenous males*, there were increases in *charges* by 4.3%, *convictions* by 3.6% and *individuals convicted* by 1.4%. For *Indigenous males*, *charges* were increased by 1.1%, *convictions* increased by 1.3%, and *individuals convicted* increased by 0.5%.

FEMALES

For all females there was an increase of 3.2% for *charges*, 2.9% increase for *convictions* and 2.9% increase for *individuals convicted*. For *Non-Indigenous females*, *charges* were up by 5.8%, *convictions* increased by 5.6% and *individuals convicted* increased by 3.2%. For *Indigenous females*, *charges* increased by 0.2%, *convictions* were up 0.4% and *individuals convicted* up 1.9%.

COURTS

During 1995-96 the Court of Petty Sessions at Dwellingup reported nil activity. During 1995-96 two additional Courts of Petty Sessions were included; Leeman and One Arm Point.

CHARGES

For 1995-96 total *Charges* increased by 3.6 per cent and *Individuals charged* increased by 2.1%. In the five year period 1991-92 to 1995-96 an average 96.4% of *Charges* resulted in *Convictions*. During the same period the average number of *Individuals Charged* per year was 31,770 and the average number of *Charges* laid was 80,651.

The number of *Charges* heard and *Individuals charged* in the Wiluna Court of Petty Sessions continues to decline from the high levels recorded in 1993-94 *Charges* decreased by 766 (61.3%) and *Individuals charged* decreased by 110 (40.9%).

OFFENCES

The only offence group to have a decrease in convictions was *Breaking and entering, fraud etc.*, down 2.5% to 19,020. All other groups had increases ranging from 0.5% to 15.7%. The number of *convictions* for *Offences against the person* increased by 10.7% to 4,267. Within this group, the number of *convictions* for *Other assault* increased from 2,616 to 2,892. There were 24 *convictions* for *Driving causing death*, an increase of 18 on 1994-95.

AGE

For *Appearances on conviction by most serious matter* the 20 to 24 year age group had the highest level of *imprisonments*, accounting for 33.1% of total *imprisonments*. There was a 15.9% increase in the number of *imprisonments* in the 30 years and over age group and 48.6% of those imprisoned in this age group were *Non-Indigenous* persons.



COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

1 — SUMMARY COUNTS BY YEAR AND SEX

<i>Summary of counts</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total (a)</i>
1993-94			
Charges	63,496	15,561	79,176
Distinct persons charged	33,396	7,605	41,058
Individuals charged	24,993	5,945	30,994
Convictions	61,008	15,048	76,133
Distinct persons convicted	32,484	7,426	39,963
Individuals convicted	24,444	5,825	30,321
1994-95			
Charges	62,088	14,971	77,374
Distinct persons charged	32,941	7,357	40,454
Individuals charged	25,310	5,989	31,440
Convictions	59,758	14,509	74,567
Distinct persons convicted	32,164	7,169	39,480
Individuals convicted	24,728	5,826	30,688
1995-96			
Charges	64,374	15,455	80,169
Distinct persons charged	33,956	7,643	41,770
Individuals charged	25,770	6,165	32,092
Convictions	61,603	14,923	76,818
Distinct persons convicted	33,010	7,417	40,591
Individuals convicted	25,142	5,993	31,286

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes corporate bodies and matters where the sex of the person was not recorded.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

2 — SUMMARY COUNTS BY INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS PERSONS BY SEX, 1995-96

<i>Summary of counts</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total (a)</i>
NON-INDIGENOUS			
Charges	48,716	10,493	59,510
Distinct persons charged	26,630	5,186	31,962
Individuals charged	21,240	4,548	25,922
Convictions	46,541	10,164	56,963
Distinct persons convicted	25,834	5,014	30,989
Individuals convicted	20,689	4,411	25,230
INDIGENOUS			
Charges	14,248	4,237	18,506
Distinct persons charged	7,036	2,386	9,441
Individuals charged	4,244	1,546	5,807
Convictions	13,749	4,104	17,873
Distinct persons convicted	6,888	2,335	9,241
Individuals convicted	4,171	1,515	5,702
UNKNOWN			
Charges	1,410	725	2,146
Distinct persons charged	290	71	363
Individuals charged	286	71	359
Convictions	1,313	655	1,976
Distinct persons convicted	288	68	358
Individuals convicted	282	67	351
TOTAL			
Charges	64,374	15,455	80,169
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COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

3 — APPEARANCES ON CONVICTION BY MOST SERIOUS MATTER, AGE AND PENALTY TYPE, 1995-96

Age group	Penalties								Two or more penalties (b)
	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO, CBO or ISO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	
Under 20 years	319	2	318	469	262	1,640	4,479	252	1,863
20 — 24	765	2	382	599	432	4,581	10,088	253	4,837
25 — 29	476	6	220	331	357	3,046	6,625	116	3,186
30 — 34	331	8	145	225	286	2,054	4,441	82	2,153
35 — 39	213	5	92	169	193	1,455	3,091	71	1,514
40 — 49	159	3	79	133	235	1,588	3,109	97	1,646
50 — 59	44	2	23	39	103	475	934	60	502
60 and over	4	—	1	2	52	150	336	42	152
Not stated	—	—	—	—	1	—	26	—	—
Other (c)	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
Total	2,311	28	1,260	1,967	1,921	14,989	33,132	973	15,853

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes parental good behaviour bond. (b) For each offence type and group, this is the number of appearances that attracted more than one penalty. (c) Corporate bodies.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

4 — APPEARANCES ON CONVICTION OF INDIGENOUS PERSONS BY MOST SERIOUS MATTER, AGE AND PENALTY TYPE, 1995-96

Age group	Penalties								Two or more penalties (b)
	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO, CBO or ISO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	
Under 20 years	168	—	82	100	84	162	692	41	219
20 — 24	419	—	131	176	136	674	1,937	48	750
25 — 29	250	1	76	124	106	537	1,528	22	581
30 — 34	166	—	45	66	67	366	1,081	25	394
35 — 39	121	1	26	44	49	211	668	22	227
40 — 49	77	—	18	24	49	218	601	14	228
50 — 59	21	—	4	4	13	37	136	12	41
60 and over	1	—	—	—	6	9	39	2	9
Total	1,223	2	382	538	510	2,214	6,682	186	2,449

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes parental good behaviour bond. (b) For each offence type and group, this is the number of appearances that attracted more than one penalty.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

5 — CHARGES, APPEARANCES AND INDIVIDUALS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, COURT AND SEX, 1995-96

Statistical division and court	Charges			Distinct persons charged			Individuals charged (a)		
	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)
Perth —									
Armadale	2,126	642	2,775	1,131	260	1,396	1,008	245	1,258
Fremantle	6,286	1,224	7,537	3,445	697	4,159	2,914	643	3,571
Joondalup	3,762	671	4,457	2,153	401	2,570	1,888	376	2,279
Midland	3,464	817	4,298	1,929	453	2,393	1,648	407	2,065
Perth	22,102	6,314	28,598	10,366	2,499	12,938	8,558	2,170	10,795
Rockingham	1,964	415	2,393	1,217	257	1,479	1,021	233	1,259
<i>Total</i>	<i>39,704</i>	<i>10,083</i>	<i>50,058</i>	<i>20,241</i>	<i>4,567</i>	<i>24,935</i>	<i>15,832</i>	<i>3,909</i>	<i>19,857</i>
South West —									
Augusta	20	3	23	14	2	16	13	2	15
Boyup Brook	31	5	36	21	4	25	17	4	21
Bridgetown	144	32	178	98	19	119	79	18	98
Brunswick Junction	29	10	39	22	7	29	22	6	28
Bunbury	1,350	239	1,600	750	122	874	666	114	782
Busselton	506	166	672	330	52	382	297	48	345
Collie	309	84	397	189	56	247	156	47	205
Donnybrook	181	32	213	100	20	120	88	19	107
Harvey	157	23	180	98	19	117	89	17	106
Mandurah	986	320	1,315	609	144	758	539	134	678
Manjimup	246	25	271	145	18	163	126	18	144
Margaret River	203	22	227	125	14	140	114	13	128
Nannup	7	1	8	7	1	8	6	1	7
Pemberton	23	5	28	12	4	16	12	4	16
Pinjarra	77	14	91	43	9	52	41	8	49
Waroona	70	19	89	49	9	58	48	9	57
Yarloop	24	5	29	14	4	18	14	4	18
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,363</i>	<i>1,005</i>	<i>5,396</i>	<i>2,626</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>3,142</i>	<i>2,248</i>	<i>457</i>	<i>2,716</i>
Lower Great Southern —									
Albany	1,005	158	1,165	549	102	653	433	86	521
Cranbrook	12	1	13	4	1	5	4	1	5
Denmark	91	18	109	52	11	63	49	11	60
Gnowangerup	31	1	32	18	1	19	17	1	18
Katanning	468	126	594	177	73	250	150	57	207
Kojonup	61	4	65	35	2	37	30	2	32
Mount Barker	86	17	103	44	15	59	38	12	50
Ongerup	51	7	58	32	5	37	28	5	33
Tambellup	34	4	38	21	2	23	19	2	21
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,839</i>	<i>336</i>	<i>2,177</i>	<i>932</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>1,146</i>	<i>745</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>922</i>
Upper Great Southern —									
Boddington	31	6	37	22	5	27	22	5	27
Brookton	17	1	18	13	1	14	12	1	13
Corrigin	53	6	59	26	6	32	25	5	30
Dumbleyung	6	—	6	5	—	5	5	—	5
Kondinin	18	5	23	10	4	14	10	4	14
Kulin	17	1	18	12	1	13	10	1	11
Lake Grace	21	—	21	15	—	15	15	—	15
Narrogin	418	48	468	176	35	213	152	27	181
Pingelly	50	27	77	31	14	45	27	11	38
Wagin	42	14	56	28	9	37	23	9	32
Williams	23	5	28	16	3	19	16	3	19
<i>Total</i>	<i>696</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>811</i>	<i>354</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>434</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>374</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

5 — CHARGES, APPEARANCES AND INDIVIDUALS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, COURT AND SEX, 1995-96—continued

Statistical division and court	Charges			Distinct persons charged			Individuals charged (a)		
	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)
Midlands —									
Bencubbin	26	9	35	15	5	20	14	5	19
Beverley	36	9	45	24	4	28	21	3	24
Bruce Rock	34	9	43	25	5	30	17	3	20
Cunderdin	40	6	46	24	5	29	23	5	28
Dalwallinu	57	—	59	35	—	36	29	—	30
Dowerin	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1
Gingin	54	6	60	33	2	35	33	2	35
Goomalling	24	11	35	20	9	29	15	6	21
Jurien Bay	53	37	90	35	6	41	29	6	35
Kellerberrin	148	18	166	89	15	104	84	12	96
Koorda	9	—	9	9	—	9	9	—	9
Lancelin	137	23	160	81	16	97	77	15	92
Merredin	97	25	122	66	19	85	57	14	71
Moora	116	31	147	69	19	88	60	17	77
Mukinbudin	5	1	6	4	1	5	4	1	5
Narembeen	13	2	15	9	2	11	9	2	11
Northam	616	72	691	314	51	368	256	44	303
Quairading	27	1	28	18	1	19	17	1	18
Southern Cross	110	40	150	81	16	97	76	15	91
Toodyay	35	7	42	21	7	28	19	7	26
Trayning	3	—	3	2	—	2	2	—	2
Wongan Hills	30	—	30	16	—	16	11	—	11
Wundowie	17	3	20	14	3	17	13	3	16
Wyalkatchem	22	2	24	18	1	19	16	1	17
York	50	18	68	34	11	45	29	9	38
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,760</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>2,095</i>	<i>1,057</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>1,259</i>	<i>889</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>1,061</i>
South Eastern —									
Coolgardie	85	77	162	59	17	76	53	17	70
Esperance	202	49	252	130	31	162	116	28	145
Eucla	293	29	322	179	21	200	176	20	196
Kalgoorlie	2,643	548	3,193	1,305	277	1,584	1,064	226	1,292
Kambalda	138	17	155	91	13	104	85	12	97
Laverton	593	180	774	308	104	413	205	71	277
Leinster	54	6	60	42	4	46	42	4	46
Leonora	234	43	277	150	33	183	111	26	137
Menzies	27	9	36	18	8	26	14	6	20
Norseman	146	17	163	99	11	110	93	10	103
Ravenshorpe	37	10	48	23	7	31	21	7	29
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,452</i>	<i>985</i>	<i>5,442</i>	<i>2,404</i>	<i>526</i>	<i>2,935</i>	<i>1,903</i>	<i>412</i>	<i>2,320</i>

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COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

5 — CHARGES, APPEARANCES AND INDIVIDUALS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, COURT AND SEX, 1995-96—continued

Statistical division and court	Charges			Distinct persons charged			Individuals charged (a)		
	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)
Central —									
Carnamah	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1
Camarvon	1,059	228	1,289	538	124	664	391	103	495
Cue	33	8	41	22	6	28	20	6	26
Dongara	86	10	96	52	7	59	50	7	57
Eneabba	18	6	24	14	3	17	14	3	17
Exmouth	104	15	119	69	11	80	63	11	74
Gascoyne Junction	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	1
Geraldton	1,984	375	2,367	927	207	1,138	724	163	890
Kalbarri	57	1	58	36	1	37	33	1	34
Leeman	26	3	30	20	3	24	18	3	22
Meekatharra	268	44	312	135	26	161	112	23	135
Mingenew	19	10	29	14	5	19	14	5	19
Morawa	17	1	18	10	1	11	10	1	11
Mount Magnet	138	48	186	85	28	113	58	18	76
Mullewa	136	42	178	79	23	102	61	22	83
Northampton	58	16	74	38	11	49	35	9	44
Perenjori	4	—	4	4	—	4	4	—	4
Shark Bay	59	10	69	40	4	44	35	4	39
Three Springs	31	11	42	26	7	33	23	7	30
Warburton	73	5	80	36	5	43	30	5	37
Wiluna	354	129	483	186	97	283	112	47	159
Yaigoo	37	4	41	24	4	28	17	4	21
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,562</i>	<i>966</i>	<i>5,544</i>	<i>2,356</i>	<i>573</i>	<i>2,939</i>	<i>1,754</i>	<i>433</i>	<i>2,195</i>
Pilbara —									
Dampier	33	2	35	29	2	31	27	2	29
Karratha	481	79	561	275	57	333	238	51	290
Marble Bar	65	6	71	31	5	36	25	4	29
Newman	347	115	462	189	55	244	152	46	198
Nullagine	273	255	528	215	186	401	65	40	105
Onslow	209	60	269	124	39	163	68	23	91
Pannawonica	18	1	19	13	1	14	13	1	14
Paraburdoo	59	5	64	44	5	49	37	5	42
Port Hedland	1,006	303	1,311	532	133	666	431	112	544
Roebourne	337	78	416	186	44	231	150	40	191
Telfer	6	—	6	4	—	4	4	—	4
Tom Price	128	24	152	88	21	109	79	21	100
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,962</i>	<i>928</i>	<i>3,894</i>	<i>1,730</i>	<i>548</i>	<i>2,281</i>	<i>1,221</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>1,563</i>
Kimberley —									
Broome	1,284	197	1,483	701	122	825	587	105	694
Derby	479	90	569	292	55	347	252	44	296
Fitzroy Crossing	705	103	810	391	75	468	271	69	342
Halls Creek	570	116	686	329	81	410	243	71	314
Kalumburu	4	—	4	2	—	2	2	—	2
Kununurra	700	128	831	400	78	480	316	59	377
One Arm Point	4	—	4	3	—	3	3	—	3
Wyndham	176	31	207	106	23	129	88	19	107
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,922</i>	<i>665</i>	<i>4,594</i>	<i>2,224</i>	<i>434</i>	<i>2,664</i>	<i>1,667</i>	<i>360</i>	<i>2,033</i>
External Territories (c) —									
Christmas Island	113	44	157	31	3	34	31	3	34
Cocos Island	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>35</i>
Western Australian Total	64,374	15,455	80,169	33,956	7,643	41,770	25,770	6,165	32,092

See Explanatory Notes. (a) An individual, who appeared at more than one court location, will be included in the counts for each of those court locations but only once in the total. (b) Includes corporate bodies and matters where the sex of the person was not recorded. (c) Christmas Island and Cocos Island are External Territories included for statistical purposes.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

6 — PENALTIES IMPOSED BY OFFENCE CLASS AND PENALTY TYPE, 1995-96

Offence class	Penalties									
	Total convictions	Suspended imprisonment or CRO	CSO, CBO or ISO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	Two or more penalties (b)	
Offences against the person —										
115 Driving causing death	24	5	—	1	1	—	22	17	—	22
121 Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm	31	4	—	3	3	—	30	23	—	30
122 Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1,233	266	—	131	199	133	58	590	11	153
129 Other assault	2,892	468	2	152	312	437	3	1,585	61	128
136 Sexual assault according to State or Territory law	9	2	1	2	—	—	—	—	5	1
137 Sexual offences (consent proscribed)	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	0
191 Kidnapping and abduction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
192 Illtreatment of children	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
193 Hijacking of & other acts endangering life (aircraft etc)	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	0
199 Other offences against the person	70	17	—	4	14	7	—	31	—	3
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,267</i>	<i>763</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>530</i>	<i>578</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>2,251</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>337</i>
Robbery and extortion —										
211 Armed robbery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
212 Other robbery	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
221 Blackmail and extortion	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>
Breaking and entering, fraud etc —										
311 Breaking and entering	2,159	812	3	421	630	82	44	558	7	382
321 Fraud, forgery and false pretences	8,005	1,964	216	1,471	2,307	2,331	9	2,655	20	2,347
322 Misappropriation	807	59	—	262	360	38	1	318	12	243
323 Counterfeiting	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
331 Receiving	978	143	—	114	197	59	4	526	26	91
332 Unlawful possession of stolen goods	330	65	—	17	32	9	—	210	7	10
339 Handling of stolen goods, other	6	2	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	1
351 Theft or illegal use of a motor vehicle	932	379	1	127	194	46	148	292	1	246
399 Other theft	5,802	640	7	726	1,136	590	46	3,033	223	595
<i>Total</i>	<i>19,020</i>	<i>4,064</i>	<i>227</i>	<i>3,138</i>	<i>4,856</i>	<i>3,155</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>7,597</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>3,915</i>
Property and environment offences —										
411 Arson	5	—	—	4	4	—	—	1	—	4
419 Other property damage	2,224	136	—	245	192	120	6	1,566	52	93
423 Flora and fauna	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	0
429 Other environment offences	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,241</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>249</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,579</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>97</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

6 — PENALTIES IMPOSED BY OFFENCE CLASS AND PENALTY TYPE, 1995-96—continued

Offence class	Penalties									
	Total convictions	Suspended Imprisonment	Sentence or CRO	CSO, CBO or ISO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	Two or more penalties (b)
Offences against good order —										
511 Offences against Government security and operations	25	—	—	2	7	1	—	16	1	2
524 Contempt of court, other	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
525 Pervert the course of justice, including perjury	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
526 Breach of community service order	226	11	—	6	5	2	1	200	2	1
527 Breach of other probation, parole etc orders	4,429	746	1	209	459	149	2	2,932	67	136
528 Escape from custody	264	120	—	12	22	6	2	111	—	9
533 Resist / hinder police	3,702	235	2	87	167	95	109	3,074	96	163
534 Conspiracy (offence type not specified)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
549 Other offences against justice procedures	505	19	—	6	25	24	2	413	20	4
551 Possession and/or use of firearms	633	23	—	5	16	7	—	577	35	29
558 Possession and/or use of other weapons	308	19	—	12	18	10	—	251	4	6
559 Possession, use and handling weapons, other	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0
571 Child pornography	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	0
572 Censorship	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	0
591 Liquor licensing	1,129	3	—	4	7	17	—	1,066	35	3
592 Betting and gambling	66	2	—	—	—	—	—	63	1	0
593 Trespassing and vagrancy	701	47	—	17	30	32	—	534	55	14
595 Prostitution	67	—	—	1	—	—	—	66	—	0
599 Other offences against good order	4,881	332	30	62	127	225	5	3,926	247	73
Total	16,958	1,557	33	424	884	568	121	13,249	564	441
Drug offences —										
613 Possess and/or use opium	95	8	—	3	14	1	—	68	1	0
614 Possess and/or use cocaine	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	0
615 Possess and/or use other narcotics	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	0
617 Possess and/or use cannabis, all forms	3,508	37	1	31	70	25	—	3,194	171	21
618 Possess and/or use other drugs	1,198	27	—	15	49	8	—	1,081	27	9
647 Import/export cannabis, all forms	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
648 Import/export other drugs	10	6	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	0
653 Deal and traffic in opium and its derivatives	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	0
654 Deal and traffic in cocaine and its derivatives	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	0
657 Deal and traffic in cannabis, all forms	353	12	—	25	49	8	—	280	—	21
658 Deal and traffic in other drugs	138	11	—	13	24	1	—	101	—	12
667 Manufacture/grow cannabis, all forms	1,239	12	—	25	25	11	—	1,171	12	17
668 Manufacture/grow other drugs	147	—	—	4	6	—	—	137	3	3
699 Other drug offences	2,415	26	1	36	65	15	—	2,231	67	26
Total	9,116	141	2	152	304	69	—	8,276	281	109

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

6 — PENALTIES IMPOSED BY OFFENCE CLASS AND PENALTY TYPE, 1995-96—continued

Offence class	Penalties									
	Total convictions	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO, CBO or ISO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	Two or more penalties (b)
Motor vehicle and traffic offences —										
711 Drink driving offences	12,227	206	—	131	172	1	11,767	11,774	4	11,770
724 Dangerous and reckless driving	1,171	82	—	11	42	2	904	1,043	1	903
732 Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	2,665	208	—	67	141	—	2,490	2,300	48	2,540
733 Driving without a licence (excluding Group 732)	5,132	373	—	72	199	—	2,800	4,548	5	2,804
739 Other driving offences	316	4	—	2	—	1	18	308	5	22
749 Traffic offences (excluding parking)	1,700	51	—	6	18	2	212	1,621	4	214
751 Registration offences (including Third Party insurance)	905	4	—	2	5	—	6	894	3	7
752 Roadworthiness	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	3	0
799 Other motor vehicle, traffic and related offences	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>24,175</i>	<i>928</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>291</i>	<i>577</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>18,197</i>	<i>22,544</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>18,260</i>
Other offences —										
812 Company legislation	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	0
821 Banking, financial institutions and insurance	3	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	—	1
831 Taxation and stamp duty (excluding excise)	87	33	—	—	—	27	—	62	—	35
832 Posts and telecommunications	68	1	—	7	21	28	—	38	—	25
833 Customs, excise etc	66	2	—	—	—	—	—	64	—	0
834 Immigration, passports etc	37	7	1	—	—	18	—	12	—	1
835 Electoral	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
836 Air navigation, airports and aircraft operations	126	—	—	—	—	113	—	126	—	113
837 Health, mental health, quarantine, food standards, etc	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	0
838 Bankruptcy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
843 Education	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	0
844 Railways and other transport	298	15	—	3	11	3	—	263	6	3
845 Marine navigation, coastal, inland waterways etc	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	0
847 Agriculture and stock, pasture protection, guano etc	14	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	1	0
848 Fisheries	114	2	—	—	—	103	—	9	—	0
849 Fires, bushfire control	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
852 Marketing boards etc, control	135	—	—	—	—	1	—	131	3	0
853 Dangerous drugs and poisons (excluding Division 6)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
854 Secret commissions, trade practices etc	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
856 Explosives	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	0
857 Scaffolding, cranes, lifts, industrial safety	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
861 Dog control	16	—	—	—	—	1	—	15	—	0
889 Other offences, nec	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	9	2	0
891 Prison security	28	18	—	—	1	—	—	9	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,037</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>779</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>178</i>
Offence unknown										
999 Offence unknown	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>0</i>
Grand Total	76,818	7,673	267	4,560	7,382	4,793	18,690	56,275	1,356	23,338

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes parental good behaviour bond. (b) For each offence type and group, this is the number of convictions that attracted more than one penalty.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

7 — CONVICTIONS BY SEX, OFFENCE GROUP AND AGE, 1995-96

Offence group	Age group									Total
	Under 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 and over	Not stated	
MALES										
Offences against the person	374	1,059	776	523	356	339	105	26	—	3,558
Robbery and extortion	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
Breaking and entering, fraud etc	2,128	3,446	2,445	1,931	1,312	1,179	335	125	—	12,901
Property and environment offences	462	767	318	202	121	81	26	7	—	1,984
Offences against good order	2,082	4,465	2,837	1,863	1,069	1,073	312	77	—	13,778
Drug offences	1,286	2,506	1,591	1,079	629	468	79	14	—	7,652
Motor vehicle and traffic offences	2,465	6,604	4,340	2,744	1,874	1,961	609	186	—	20,783
Other offences	94	143	133	107	177	92	188	10	—	944
Total	8,892	18,990	12,441	8,450	5,538	5,193	1,654	445	—	61,603
FEMALES										
Offences against the person	68	191	169	101	78	61	17	4	—	689
Breaking and entering, fraud etc	617	1,778	1,100	739	562	803	308	126	—	6,033
Property and environment offences	22	84	57	35	22	18	9	—	—	247
Offences against good order	318	987	661	433	381	252	56	15	—	3,103
Drug offences	167	432	283	240	172	123	7	6	—	1,430
Motor vehicle and traffic offences	325	961	742	510	385	342	51	12	—	3,328
Other offences	10	20	15	12	11	20	3	1	—	92
Unknown offences	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	1,527	4,453	3,028	2,070	1,611	1,619	451	164	—	14,923
TOTAL (a)										
Offences against the person	442	1,252	946	630	436	407	124	30	—	4,267
Robbery and extortion	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
Breaking and entering, fraud etc	2,754	5,226	3,548	2,684	1,886	1,986	684	251	1	19,020
Property and environment offences	485	852	378	238	143	103	35	7	—	2,241
Offences against good order	2,403	5,454	3,500	2,302	1,456	1,335	371	97	34	16,958
Drug offences	1,455	2,939	1,878	1,323	813	599	88	21	—	9,116
Motor vehicle and traffic offences	2,791	7,571	5,091	3,272	2,274	2,314	664	198	—	24,175
Other offences	104	163	148	119	188	112	191	11	1	1,037
Unknown offences	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	10,435	23,457	15,491	10,569	7,196	6,856	2,157	615	36	76,818

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes corporate bodies and matters where the sex of the person was not reported.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1. The statistics contained in this publication relate to complaints finalised in the Courts of Petty Sessions of Western Australia during the twelve months ended 30 June 1996.
2. It should be noted that a computerised collection and coding system was introduced for processing data for recent editions. As a result the Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) code for each offence was automatically derived solely from the Act details which the offence contravened. This is in contrast to Courts of Petty Sessions statistics published prior to 1991 when clerical coding of offences was used. Care should therefore be exercised when comparing the offence classification for 1995-96 with those of years prior to 1991-92.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

3. Established under the Justices Act 1902. In Western Australia, Courts of Petty Sessions deal with:
 - charges of simple offences against adult persons, e.g. traffic offences, disorderly behaviour
 - indictable offences triable summarily e.g. assault and theft
 - preliminary proceedings relating to indictable offences which are not triable summarily, or on which the defendant has an election and chooses to be dealt with on indictment, and
 - matters of an administrative and licensing nature.
4. The statistics for Courts of Petty Sessions are derived from administrative byproduct data on court proceedings supplied by the Western Australian Police Service.

SCOPE

5. Included in the collection are complaints and indictable offences triable summarily for which proceedings were commenced on or before or after 1 July 1995 and finalised during 1995-96.
6. Excluded are:
 - complaints and indictable offences triable summarily for which proceedings were commenced and not finalised in 1995-96,
 - matters relating to the administration of criminal cases formerly dealt with by the court, e.g. conversion of fines to a community service order,
 - matters where the only outcome during 1995-96 was the issue of a bench warrant.

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES

7. Offences are classified according to the Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) 1985.
8. In the ANCO, acts of attempting, conspiring or inciting others to commit a crime, aiding in the commission of a crime, or participating as an accessory before the fact to a crime are classified to the offence group to which the crime itself belongs. Accessory after the fact is classified to Division 5 as an offence against good order.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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PENALTIES

9. The total number of penalties imposed may exceed the total number of charges for which convictions were recorded. This is because, once proven, an offence may attract more than one penalty.

UNDER COUNTING OF INDIGENOUS PERSONS

10. Statistics relating to Indigenous people are no more than indicators of the incidence of charges involving Indigenous persons. Many source documents do not state whether the person charged was Indigenous or Non-Indigenous. The system of identification is based on observation by the person preparing records used for statistical compiling rather than through a process of self identification.

DATA ITEMS COLLECTED

11. More detailed statistics relating to the following data items are available upon request.

- court of finalisation
- date of finalisation
- sex
- Indigenous
- age
- type of offence
- outcome
- type of penalty
- severity of penalty

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

12. The following symbol, where shown in columns of figures or elsewhere in the tables, means

– nil or rounded to zero

GLOSSARY

- Appearance** For the purposes of this report, an Appearance is an appearance by an accused person in court, during which at least one complaint against that person is finalised.
- Complaint** A complaint is a written charge preferred against a person in order to initiate court proceedings.
- Complaint Finalised** For statistical purposes a complaint is regarded as finalised when it is removed, with or without a court hearing, from the list of complaints awaiting hearing in a Courts of Petty Sessions.
Finalisation may occur:
- (a) Prior to commencement of the court hearing or trial due to
 - administrative or executive action (e.g. decline to prosecute, charges dropped), or
 - other reasons (e.g. accused died).
 - (b) after commencement of court hearing of trial because
 - there is a finding of guilty, and conviction and sentencing takes place, or
 - the defendant is committed to a higher court for sentencing, or
 - no conviction is recorded under certain circumstances, or
 - the matter is an indictable offence and is committed to higher court for hearing, or
 - the matter relates to an offence by or against a minor and is remitted to the Children's Court, or
 - the defendant is unfit to plead, or
 - the case is not proceeded with, or
 - the matter is not proven and the defendant is acquitted, or
 - other reasons (e.g. accused if of unsound mind, accused died).
- Conditional Release Order (CRO)** Offenders receiving this penalty are required to undertake unpaid work in the community for periods ranging from four to twelve weeks. Work is performed under strict supervision and failure to attend as required results in the penalty reverting to detention.
- Distinct Person** The number of distinct persons is compiled by summing one offence (the most serious) for each separate person appearing in court on a particular day. In effect, if an offender were to be involved in one court action early in a year and subsequently in a completely separate action later in the year the count would be two distinct persons.
- Indictment** Indictment means a written charge preferred against an accused person in order to action a trial before some court other than justices exercising summary jurisdiction.

GLOSSARY *continued*

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Indictable Offence	An indictable offence means an offence, a complaint of which is, unless otherwise expressly stated by the Criminal Code, triable by jury.
Indigenous	Persons who identify as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
Most Serious Offence	For statistical purposes the most serious offence is the one attracting the most serious penalty. In accordance with Australian standards for court statistics, the order of severity of penalties imposed in Western Australia is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Imprisonment▪ Conditional Release Order (CRO)▪ Community Service Order (CSO)▪ Community Based Order (CBO)▪ Intensive Supervision Order (ISO)▪ Probation▪ Recognisance (bond)▪ Loss or suspension of Motor Driver's Licence (MDL)▪ Fine▪ Compensation▪ Restitution▪ Other order
Total charges	The number of total charges is compiled by summing the counts of each offence for which a complaint is finalised during the year.





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