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This publication presents monthly information on persons in custody, and the statistics are derived from information collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from administrative records held by corrective services agencies in each State and Territory. Details are provided for each State and Territory, together with numbers and imprisonment rates by type of custody (i.e. open or secure prison custody or periodic detention). Information is also presented on prisoner numbers by legal status (sentenced or unsentenced) and by sentence type, for all prisoners and for Indigenous prisoners, together with the number of sentenced receptions into custody and the number of federal prisoners.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

ERP Estimated Resident Population

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n.p. not published

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

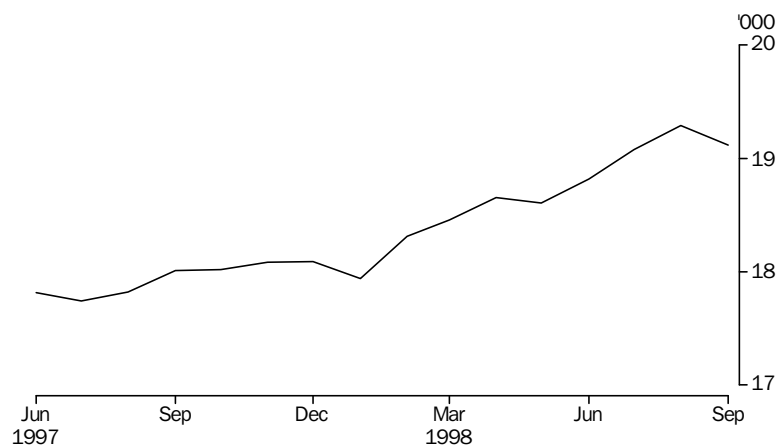
NUMBER OF PRISONERS

In the September quarter 1998, the average number of prisoners in Australia was 19,118, an increase of 426 (2.3%) on the June quarter 1998. New South Wales, Western Australia, Victoria and Tasmania were the major contributors to this increase, rising by 176 (2.7%), 144 (6.3%), 49 (1.8%) and 48 (17.0%) respectively. There was a decrease in Queensland of 29 prisoners (-0.6%).

Of all prisoners in the September quarter 1998, 6,577 (34.4%) were in New South Wales. Queensland accounted for another 4,859 (25.4%) prisoners. Victoria and Western Australia had 2,843 (14.9%) and 2,436 (12.7%) prisoners respectively.

The average number of prisoners in Australia increased by 1,261 (7.1%) over the year from the September quarter 1997. The most significant increase was recorded in Queensland, where the average daily number of prisoners rose by 614 (14.5%). The average daily number of prisoners increased over this period in all other States except South Australia, which decreased by 71 (-5.0%).

PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY—Australia



RATES PER 100,000 ADULTS

Nationally, the daily average imprisonment rate was 135 prisoners per 100,000 adult population during the September quarter 1998 compared to 133 in the June quarter 1998, and 128 in the September quarter 1997. The Northern Territory had the highest rate of 468 prisoners per 100,000 adult population, substantially greater than the next highest, Queensland and Western Australia with rates of 187 and 181 prisoners per 100,000 adult population respectively.

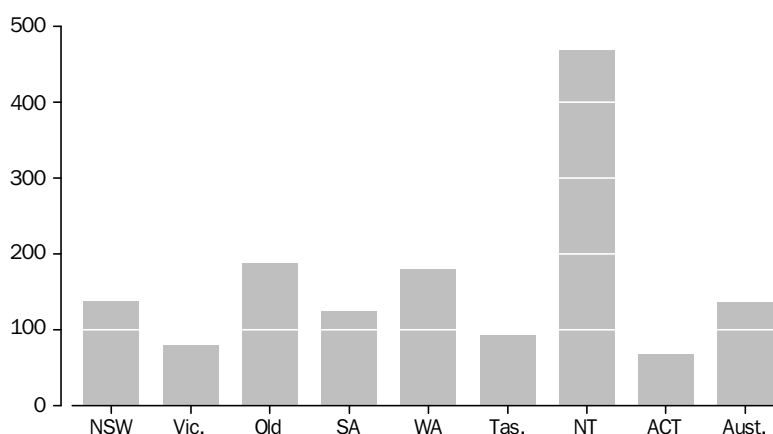
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

RATES PER 100,000 ADULTS *continued*

From the June quarter 1998 to the September quarter 1998, the national rate increased by 1.8%. The greatest increases were in Tasmania (16.5%), Western Australia (5.4%) and the Australian Capital Territory (including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons) (4.5%). The rate for Queensland decreased by 1.0% over the same period.

IMPRISONMENT RATE

(a)



(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

SEX

Of the average number of prisoners in Australia during the September quarter 1998, 18,065 (94.5%) were males and 1,053 (5.5%) were females. The proportion of prisoners who were female ranged from 6.4% in Western Australia to 4.2% in Tasmania and the Northern Territory.

TYPE OF CUSTODY

There was an average of 13,637 prisoners (71.3%) in secure prison custody in Australia during the September quarter 1998, with 5,482 prisoners (28.7%) held in open prison custody. The highest proportion of prisoners held in secure prisons was recorded in Victoria (88.2%), followed by South Australia (87.0%). The State or Territory with the lowest proportion of prisoners in secure prison custody was the Australian Capital Territory (including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons), with 47.4%. All female prisoners in South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory were held in secure prison custody.

LEGAL STATUS AND SENTENCE TYPE

On 1 September 1998, there were 19,133 prisoners in Australia. Of these, 16,210 (84.7%) were sentenced and 2,923 (15.3%) were unsentenced. The Australian Capital Territory, including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons, had the highest proportion of unsentenced persons in prison custody (25.2%), followed by South Australia (19.2%). The Northern Territory and Queensland recorded the lowest proportions of unsentenced persons in prison custody (12.2% and 11.7% respectively).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

SENTENCED RECEPTIONS

Information on sentenced receptions is not currently available for New South Wales (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10). Of the other States and Territories, Queensland recorded the highest number of sentenced receptions during the September quarter 1998 with 3,140 prisoners followed by 936 in South Australia and 870 in Western Australia. The highest sentenced reception rates were recorded in the Northern Territory, followed by Queensland (360 and 121 persons per 100,000 adult population respectively). Their rates were substantially higher than those for the other jurisdictions, particularly the Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons where there were 17 sentenced receptions per 100,000 adult population.

INDIGENOUS PRISONERS

Information on Indigenous prisoners is not currently available for New South Wales (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10). Of the other States and Territories, on 1 September 1998 the highest number of Indigenous persons in prison custody was recorded in Queensland (1,052), followed by Western Australia (820) and the Northern Territory (439). The highest proportion of the persons in prison custody who were Indigenous was recorded in the Northern Territory, where 76.7% of all prisoners were Indigenous, followed by Western Australia (33.2%) and Queensland (21.9%). The highest rates of Indigenous imprisonment were recorded in Western Australia (2,590 Indigenous persons per 100,000 adult Indigenous population), Queensland (1,720) and South Australia (1,640). The highest ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous rates of imprisonment was also recorded in Western Australia, which had an Indigenous rate of imprisonment 19 times the non-Indigenous rate.

PERIODIC DETENTION

In addition to persons in full-time prison custody, there was an average of 1,415 persons in New South Wales and 76 persons in the Australian Capital Territory during the September quarter 1998 held in periodic detention.

FEDERAL PRISONERS

On 1 September 1998, there were 567 federal prisoners in Australia, of whom approximately half (48.1%) were sentenced in New South Wales courts.

Period	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
1997	6 330	2 566	4 169	1 473	2 234	259	593	118	37	17 661
1997										
September quarter	6 342	2 645	4 245	1 482	2 235	261	613	116	35	17 857
December quarter	6 306	2 651	4 507	1 426	2 254	260	622	119	35	18 062
1998										
March quarter	6 280	2 688	4 709	1 428	2 239	260	601	116	30	18 235
June quarter	6 401	2 794	4 888	1 396	2 292	283	602	114	37	18 692
September quarter	6 577	2 843	4 859	1 411	2 436	331	621	118	40	19 118
1997										
July	6 308	2 654	4 182	1 471	2 233	257	604	111	36	17 744
August	6 333	2 639	4 224	1 494	2 230	258	607	118	36	17 821
September	6 385	2 643	4 332	1 480	2 244	267	629	119	32	18 012
October	6 329	2 657	4 415	1 452	2 235	263	626	114	40	18 018
November	6 291	2 648	4 524	1 423	2 277	257	622	120	38	18 081
December	6 298	2 649	4 584	1 403	2 250	258	619	124	28	18 089
1998										
January	6 268	2 640	4 533	1 403	2 215	249	609	110	24	17 942
February	6 298	2 702	4 740	1 434	2 239	263	603	117	34	18 313
March	6 277	2 722	4 856	1 447	2 262	270	593	120	33	18 459
April	6 356	2 767	4 910	1 425	2 278	280	600	117	37	18 651
May	6 403	2 777	4 873	1 397	2 262	264	595	114	38	18 610
June	6 443	2 837	4 882	1 365	2 336	306	612	112	36	18 817
July	6 477	2 868	4 854	1 403	2 385	322	643	113	41	18 992
August	6 589	2 835	4 827	1 408	2 431	340	610	118	38	19 078
September	6 668	2 827	4 897	1 422	2 495	331	609	122	42	19 291

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Period	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
1997	134.6	72.6	162.6	131.2	168.4	73.0	449.1	50.4	11.8	126.1
1997										
September quarter	134.5	74.7	165.0	131.8	167.9	73.6	461.7	49.6	14.8	127.5
December quarter	133.7	74.8	175.2	126.8	169.3	73.3	468.7	51.1	15.1	129.0
1998										
March quarter	133.2	75.9	183.1	127.0	168.2	73.5	452.9	49.5	13.0	130.2
June quarter	135.4	78.6	189.1	123.9	171.5	79.9	451.6	49.0	15.8	133.0
September quarter	138.5	79.6	187.2	124.9	180.8	93.1	468.0	50.5	17.2	135.4
1997										
July	133.8	74.9	162.6	130.8	167.7	72.6	454.6	47.5	15.2	126.7
August	134.3	74.5	164.2	132.9	167.5	72.9	456.9	50.5	15.4	127.2
September	135.4	74.6	168.4	131.6	168.5	75.3	473.9	50.9	13.8	128.6
October	134.2	75.0	171.6	129.1	167.9	74.3	471.7	48.8	17.0	128.6
November	133.4	74.7	175.9	126.5	171.1	72.5	468.6	51.4	16.3	129.1
December	133.6	74.8	178.2	124.8	169.0	72.8	465.8	53.1	12.1	129.1
1998										
January	132.9	74.5	176.2	124.8	166.4	70.2	458.7	47.1	10.4	128.1
February	133.6	76.3	184.3	127.5	168.2	74.2	453.9	50.1	14.6	130.7
March	133.1	76.8	188.8	128.7	169.9	76.1	446.2	51.4	14.1	131.8
April	134.4	77.9	190.0	126.5	170.4	78.9	449.9	50.1	15.7	132.8
May	135.4	78.2	188.5	124.0	169.3	74.5	446.2	48.8	16.4	132.5
June	136.3	79.9	188.9	121.2	174.8	86.5	458.7	48.0	15.4	133.9
July	136.4	80.2	187.0	124.2	177.0	90.5	484.7	49.0	17.4	134.5
August	138.8	79.3	186.0	124.7	180.4	95.7	459.9	50.2	16.3	135.2
September	140.4	79.1	188.7	125.9	185.1	93.2	459.3	52.4	18.1	136.7

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Prison custody and sex	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT(c)	Aust.
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
Males										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	3 217	2 253	3 618	1 154	1 399	172	471	34	26	12 310
June quarter	3 226	2 325	3 720	1 126	1 390	179	460	31	34	12 458
September quarter	3 438	2 382	3 698	1 150	1 470	218	477	32	39	12 871
July	3 408	2 395	3 694	1 134	1 436	203	499	31	38	12 808
August	3 388	2 385	3 668	1 151	1 458	225	468	32	37	12 781
September	3 520	2 365	3 733	1 165	1 516	226	465	34	40	13 030
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	2 763	290	840	192	690	80	103	75	—	4 958
June quarter	2 850	313	902	189	746	94	113	77	—	5 206
September quarter	2 778	305	901	184	810	99	117	79	..	5 194
July	2 717	309	896	190	792	103	117	76	..	5 125
August	2 838	301	902	182	812	99	117	80	..	5 251
September	2 778	304	906	181	826	94	118	82	..	5 207
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	5 980	2 543	4 458	1 346	2 089	252	574	109	26	17 268
June quarter	6 075	2 638	4 622	1 315	2 135	272	573	108	34	17 664
September quarter	6 215	2 687	4 599	1 334	2 279	317	595	112	39	18 065
July	6 125	2 704	4 590	1 324	2 229	306	615	107	38	17 932
August	6 226	2 686	4 570	1 333	2 270	324	586	112	37	18 032
September	6 298	2 669	4 639	1 346	2 342	320	583	116	40	18 237

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AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
Females										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	190	117	191	82	90	8	28	—	4	710
June quarter	208	123	191	81	98	11	29	—	4	743
September quarter	234	126	194	77	93	14	26	—	2	766
July	224	129	190	79	93	15	27	—	2	759
August	237	122	193	75	93	16	24	—	1	761
September	241	127	200	76	93	12	26	—	2	777
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	111	27	60	—	60	—	—	7	—	257
June quarter	118	33	76	—	59	—	—	6	—	285
September quarter	128	31	65	—	64	—	—	6	—	288
July	128	35	74	—	64	—	—	6	—	301
August	126	27	64	—	68	—	—	6	—	285
September	129	31	58	—	60	—	—	6	—	278
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	300	144	251	82	150	8	28	7	4	967
June quarter	325	156	267	81	157	11	29	6	4	1 028
September quarter	362	157	260	77	157	14	26	6	2	1 053
July	352	163	264	79	157	15	27	6	2	1 060
August	363	149	257	75	161	16	24	6	1	1 046
September	370	158	258	76	153	12	26	6	2	1 054

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AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
Persons										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	3 407	2 370	3 809	1 236	1 489	181	498	34	30	13 020
June quarter	3 433	2 448	3 910	1 206	1 488	189	489	31	37	13 200
September quarter	3 672	2 508	3 892	1 227	1 563	232	503	32	40	13 637
July	3 632	2 524	3 884	1 213	1 529	219	526	31	41	13 567
August	3 625	2 507	3 861	1 226	1 551	241	493	32	38	13 542
September	3 761	2 492	3 933	1 241	1 609	238	491	34	42	13 807
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	2 874	318	900	192	750	80	103	82	..	5 216
June quarter	2 967	345	978	189	804	94	113	83	..	5 491
September quarter	2 905	336	967	184	874	99	117	85	..	5 482
July	2 845	344	970	190	856	103	117	82	..	5 425
August	2 964	328	966	182	880	99	117	86	..	5 536
September	2 907	335	964	181	886	94	118	88	..	5 484
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	6 280	2 688	4 709	1 428	2 239	260	601	116	30	18 235
June quarter	6 401	2 794	4 888	1 396	2 292	283	602	114	37	18 692
September quarter	6 577	2 843	4 859	1 411	2 436	331	621	118	40	19 118
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RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Males										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	138.9	130.2	283.1	209.9	210.5	99.7	665.3	29.3	22.7	178.5
June quarter	138.9	134.0	289.7	204.5	208.3	103.3	647.3	27.3	29.2	180.1
September quarter	147.3	136.4	287.0	208.4	218.4	125.9	676.2	28.1	33.5	185.1
July	146.0	137.1	286.7	205.5	213.4	117.4	706.0	27.9	33.5	184.2
August	145.2	136.5	284.7	208.6	216.7	129.9	663.3	27.0	32.2	183.8
September	150.8	135.4	289.7	211.1	225.2	130.5	658.7	29.6	35.0	187.4
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	119.3	16.8	65.8	34.9	103.8	46.1	145.9	65.5	..	71.9
June quarter	122.7	18.0	70.2	34.4	111.8	54.4	159.5	67.1	..	75.3
September quarter	119.0	17.5	69.9	33.4	120.3	56.9	166.3	69.1	..	74.7
July	116.4	17.7	69.5	34.4	117.7	59.5	165.7	66.2	..	73.7
August	121.6	17.2	70.0	33.0	120.6	57.1	166.0	69.7	..	75.5
September	119.0	17.4	70.3	32.8	122.7	54.1	167.2	71.4	..	74.9
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	258.1	147.0	348.9	244.8	314.4	145.8	811.2	94.8	22.7	250.3
June quarter	261.6	152.1	360.0	238.9	320.1	157.6	806.8	94.4	29.2	255.4
September quarter	266.3	153.8	356.9	241.8	338.7	182.8	842.5	97.2	33.5	259.8
July	262.4	154.8	356.2	239.9	331.1	176.9	871.7	93.2	33.5	257.9
August	266.8	153.8	354.7	241.5	337.3	187.1	829.3	97.5	32.2	259.4
September	269.9	152.8	360.0	243.9	347.9	184.6	825.9	101.0	35.0	262.3

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RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Females										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	7.9	6.4	14.7	14.3	13.5	4.6	44.3	—	3.5	10.0
June quarter	8.6	6.8	14.7	14.0	14.6	5.9	45.9	—	2.9	10.4
September quarter	9.7	6.9	14.9	13.3	13.8	7.9	41.7	—	1.4	10.7
July	9.3	7.0	14.5	13.7	13.8	8.4	44.1	—	1.7	10.6
August	9.8	6.7	14.8	13.0	13.8	8.8	39.3	—	0.8	10.6
September	10.0	7.0	15.3	13.2	13.8	6.4	41.9	—	1.6	10.8
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	4.6	1.5	4.6	—	9.0	—	—	5.6	..	3.6
June quarter	4.9	1.8	5.8	—	8.8	—	—	5.1	..	4.0
September quarter	5.3	1.7	5.0	—	9.5	—	—	5.1	..	4.0
July	5.3	1.9	5.7	—	9.5	—	—	5.1	..	4.2
August	5.2	1.5	4.9	—	10.0	—	—	5.1	..	4.0
September	5.3	1.7	4.4	—	8.9	—	—	5.1	..	3.9
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	12.5	8.0	19.4	14.3	22.5	4.6	44.3	5.6	3.5	13.6
June quarter	13.5	8.6	20.5	14.0	23.4	5.9	45.9	5.1	2.9	14.4
September quarter	15.0	8.6	19.9	13.3	23.2	7.9	41.7	5.1	1.4	14.7
July	14.6	8.9	20.2	13.7	23.3	8.4	44.1	5.1	1.7	14.8
August	15.0	8.1	19.7	13.0	23.8	8.8	39.3	5.1	0.8	14.6
September	15.3	8.6	19.7	13.2	22.7	6.4	41.9	5.1	1.6	14.7

(a) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons and are included in the NSW figures.

(b) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a single count taken on a specific day of the month and are not an average of the daily prisoner population for that month. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(c) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

<i>Prison custody and sex</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(b)</i>	<i>ACT(c)</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Persons										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	72.2	66.9	148.1	109.9	111.8	51.0	375.1	14.4	13.0	92.9
June quarter	72.6	68.9	151.3	107.1	111.3	53.4	366.5	13.4	15.8	94.0
September quarter	77.3	70.2	150.0	108.6	115.9	65.4	379.5	13.9	17.2	96.6
July	76.5	70.6	149.7	107.4	113.5	61.5	396.5	13.3	17.4	96.1
August	76.3	70.1	148.8	108.6	115.1	67.8	371.5	13.7	16.3	95.9
September	79.2	69.7	151.5	109.9	119.4	66.8	370.3	14.6	18.1	97.8
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	60.9	9.0	35.0	17.0	56.3	22.5	77.7	35.0	..	37.2
June quarter	62.8	9.7	37.8	16.8	60.2	26.5	85.0	35.5	..	39.1
September quarter	61.2	9.4	37.2	16.3	64.8	27.7	88.5	36.6	..	38.8
July	59.9	9.6	37.4	16.8	63.5	29.0	88.2	35.2	..	38.4
August	62.4	9.2	37.2	16.1	65.3	27.8	88.4	36.9	..	39.2
September	61.2	9.4	37.1	16.0	65.7	26.4	89.0	37.8	..	38.9
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	133.2	75.9	183.1	127.0	168.2	73.5	452.9	49.5	13.0	130.2
June quarter	135.4	78.6	189.1	123.9	171.5	79.9	451.6	49.0	15.8	133.0
September quarter	138.5	79.6	187.2	124.9	180.8	93.1	468.0	50.5	17.2	135.4
July	136.4	80.2	187.0	124.2	177.0	90.5	484.7	48.5	17.4	134.5
August	138.8	79.3	186.0	124.7	180.4	95.7	459.9	50.7	16.3	135.2
September	140.4	79.1	188.7	125.9	185.1	93.2	459.3	52.4	18.1	136.7

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(b) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a single count taken on a specific day of the month and are not an average of the daily prisoner population for that month. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(c) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.(b)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
Unsentenced										
1998										
March quarter(e)	1 045	457	473	256	284	31	79	..	28	2 653
June quarter(e)	1 062	449	508	264	285	53	80	..	37	2 737
September quarter(e)	1 132	413	548	251	317	59	82	..	41	2 843
July	1 093	434	513	243	298	58	96	..	44	2 779
August	1 120	396	568	240	322	61	81	..	39	2 827
September	1 182	408	563	270	330	59	70	..	41	2 923
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(e)	2	n.a.	157	59	24	2	16	1	..	n.a.
June quarter(e)	1	n.a.	155	43	40	1	19	—	..	n.a.
September quarter(e)	—	n.a.	133	48	54	5	9	—	..	n.a.
July	—	n.a.	116	43	48	3	26	—	..	n.a.
August	—	n.a.	137	55	58	8	1	—	..	n.a.
September	—	n.a.	146	45	57	4	0	—	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(e)	5 223	n.a.	4 087	1 096	1 924	224	513	105	..	n.a.
June quarter(e)	5 321	n.a.	4 190	1 106	1 948	227	497	117	..	n.a.
September quarter(e)	5 439	n.a.	4 119	1 097	2 042	263	519	118	..	n.a.
July	5 389	n.a.	4 165	1 097	2 006	257	523	114	..	n.a.
August	5 434	n.a.	4 088	1 107	2 034	260	531	117	..	n.a.
September	5 494	n.a.	4 104	1 088	2 086	272	502	122	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(e)	5 225	2 223	4 245	1 154	1 948	226	530	106	..	15 551
June quarter(e)	5 322	2 319	4 346	1 149	1 988	228	516	117	..	15 866
September quarter(e)	5 439	2 418	4 252	1 145	2 096	268	528	118	..	16 146
July	5 389	2 427	4 281	1 140	2 054	260	549	114	..	16 100
August	5 434	2 415	4 225	1 162	2 092	268	532	117	..	16 128
September	5 494	2 412	4 250	1 133	2 143	276	502	122	..	16 210
Total										
1998										
March quarter(e)	6 270.3	2 680	4 718	1 410	2 232	258	609	106	28	18 204
June quarter(e)	6 383	2 768	4 853	1 413	2 272	281	596	117	37	18 603
September quarter(e)	6 571	2 831	4 800	1 396	2 413	327	610	118	41	18 989
July	6 482	2 861	4 794	1 383	2 352	318	645	114	44	18 879
August	6 554	2 811	4 793	1 402	2 414	329	613	117	39	18 955
September	6 676	2 820	4 813	1 403	2 473	335	572	122	41	19 133

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(d) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(e) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.(b)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Unsentenced										
1998										
March quarter(e)	22.2	12.9	18.4	22.8	21.3	8.8	59.5	..	12.0	18.9
June quarter(e)	22.5	12.6	19.6	23.4	21.3	14.9	60.3	..	15.8	19.5
September quarter(e)	23.8	11.5	21.1	22.2	23.5	16.7	62.1	..	17.8	20.1
July	23.0	12.1	19.8	21.5	22.1	16.3	72.4	..	18.9	19.7
August	23.6	11.1	21.9	21.2	23.9	17.2	61.1	..	16.7	20.0
September	24.9	11.4	21.7	23.9	24.5	16.6	52.8	..	17.6	20.7
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(e)	—	n.a.	6.1	5.2	1.8	0.6	12.3	0.4	..	n.a.
June quarter(e)	—	n.a.	6.0	3.8	3.0	0.3	14.3	—	..	n.a.
September quarter(e)	—	n.a.	5.1	4.2	4.0	1.4	—	—	..	n.a.
July	—	n.a.	4.5	3.8	3.6	0.8	19.6	—	..	n.a.
August	—	n.a.	5.3	4.9	4.3	2.3	0.8	—	..	n.a.
September	—	n.a.	5.6	4.0	4.2	1.1	—	—	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(e)	110.8	n.a.	158.9	97.4	144.5	63.3	386.5	44.9	..	n.a.
June quarter(e)	112.6	n.a.	162.1	98.2	145.7	64.1	372.6	50.1	..	n.a.
September quarter(e)	114.5	n.a.	158.7	97.2	151.5	74.0	391.1	50.5	..	n.a.
July	113.5	n.a.	160.5	97.1	148.8	72.3	394.4	49.0	..	n.a.
August	114.4	n.a.	157.5	98.0	150.9	73.1	400.4	50.2	..	n.a.
September	115.7	n.a.	158.1	96.3	154.8	76.5	378.5	52.4	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(e)	110.8	62.7	165.0	102.7	146.4	63.9	398.8	45.4	..	111.0
June quarter(e)	112.6	65.3	168.1	102.0	148.7	64.4	386.9	50.1	..	112.9
September quarter(e)	114.5	67.7	163.8	101.4	155.5	75.4	397.9	50.5	..	114.4
July	113.5	67.9	165.0	100.9	152.4	73.1	414.0	49.0	..	114.1
August	114.4	67.6	162.8	102.9	155.2	75.4	401.2	50.2	..	114.3
September	115.7	67.5	163.8	100.3	159.0	77.6	378.5	52.4	..	114.8
Total										
1998										
March quarter(e)	133.0	75.6	183.4	125.4	167.7	72.7	458.3	45.4	12.0	130.0
June quarter(e)	135.0	77.9	187.8	125.4	170.0	79.2	447.1	50.1	15.8	132.4
September quarter(e)	138.4	79.2	185.0	123.6	179.0	92.1	460.0	50.5	17.8	134.5
July	136.5	80.1	184.7	122.5	174.5	89.4	486.4	49.0	18.9	133.7
August	138.0	78.7	184.7	124.1	179.1	92.5	462.2	50.2	16.7	134.3
September	140.6	78.9	185.5	124.2	183.5	94.2	431.3	52.4	17.6	135.5

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(c) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(d) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(e) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

Sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.(b)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT	Aust.
NUMBER										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	9	828	454	109	36	190	1	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	18	698	347	117	63	218	1	..	n.a.
September quarter	n.a.	31	902	490	149	131	196	3	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	7	319	176	39	42	73	1	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	9	243	149	52	35	65	1	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	15	340	165	58	54	58	1	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	567	2 315	448	585	114	239	42	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	643	2 048	443	608	205	246	26	..	n.a.
September quarter	n.a.	760	2 238	446	721	227	282	37	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	357	663	159	217	67	92	10	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	299	694	134	260	74	95	17	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	104	881	153	244	86	95	10	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	576	3 143	902	694	150	429	43	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	661	2 746	790	725	268	464	27	..	n.a.
September quarter	n.a.	791	3 140	936	870	358	478	40	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	364	982	335	256	109	165	11	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	308	937	283	312	109	160	18	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	119	1 221	318	302	140	153	11	..	n.a.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	0.3	32.2	40.4	8.2	10.2	143.1	0.4	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	0.5	27.0	30.8	8.8	17.8	163.6	0.4	..	n.a.
September quarter	n.a.	0.9	34.8	43.4	11.1	36.8	147.8	1.3	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	0.2	12.3	15.6	2.9	11.8	55.1	0.4	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	0.3	9.4	13.2	3.9	9.8	49.0	0.4	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	0.4	13.1	14.6	4.3	15.2	43.7	0.4	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	16.0	90.0	39.8	43.9	32.2	180.0	18.0	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	18.1	79.2	39.3	45.5	57.9	184.6	11.1	..	n.a.
September quarter	n.a.	21.3	86.2	39.5	53.5	63.8	212.6	15.9	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	10.0	25.6	14.1	16.1	18.9	69.4	4.3	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	8.4	26.7	11.9	19.3	20.8	71.6	7.3	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	2.9	34.0	13.6	18.1	24.2	71.6	4.3	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	16.3	122.2	80.2	52.1	42.3	323.0	18.4	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	16.3	122.2	80.2	52.1	42.3	323.0	18.4	..	n.a.
September quarter	n.a.	22.1	121.0	82.9	64.5	100.7	360.4	17.2	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	10.2	37.8	29.7	19.0	30.7	124.4	4.7	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	8.6	36.1	25.1	23.2	30.7	120.7	7.7	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	3.3	47.1	28.2	22.4	39.4	115.4	4.7	..	n.a.

(a) Numbers of sentenced receptions for NSW are unavailable for this publication—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10. (c) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(b) Persons reclassified from unsentenced to sentenced status during the month are not included in the reception figures for Vic. Information on sentenced receptions for Vic. is therefore not comparable with information for other States and Territories.

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INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Sex(a) (b)

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
Males										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	988	198	685	24	422	2	5	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	121	1 016	211	683	28	407	2	4	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	121	987	192	721	31	437	1	6	n.a.
July	n.a.	120	991	193	691	25	443	2	7	n.a.
August	n.a.	124	991	193	725	31	443	1	6	n.a.
September	n.a.	118	980	190	748	37	424	1	5	n.a.
Females										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	70	12	72	1	19	—	—	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	5	66	17	67	2	18	—	—	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	8	64	16	70	2	15	—	—	n.a.
July	n.a.	7	56	14	67	2	16	—	—	n.a.
August	n.a.	8	65	20	72	2	13	—	—	n.a.
September	n.a.	8	72	15	72	2	15	—	—	n.a.
Persons										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 058	210	757	26	441	2	5	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	127	1 083	228	749	30	425	2	4	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	128	1 052	208	792	33	451	1	6	n.a.
July	n.a.	127	1 047	207	758	27	459	2	7	n.a.
August	n.a.	132	1 056	213	797	33	456	1	6	n.a.
September	n.a.	126	1 052	205	820	39	439	1	5	n.a.

(a) Some rates and ratios in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 11-13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February, are unavailable—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10.

(d) The ACT in NSW figures refer to ACT sentenced prisoners held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic. (c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION										
Males										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	3 567.6	3 409.1	4 658.3	603.2	2 917.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	1 856.4	3 485.5	3 559.6	4 455.8	648.1	2 673.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	1 846.2	3 386.0	3 234.0	4 708.1	726.2	2 868.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	1 836.0	3 398.6	3 250.8	4 510.1	585.6	2 910.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	1 897.2	3 398.6	3 250.8	4 732.1	726.2	2 910.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	1 805.4	3 360.9	3 200.3	4 882.2	866.7	2 785.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Females										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	231.6	195.6	458.1	n.p.	121.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	77.7	208.4	258.6	407.1	51.2	111.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	111.7	202.1	248.5	429.5	43.9	91.2	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	102.0	176.0	213.0	409.2	43.9	99.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	116.6	204.2	304.3	439.7	43.9	80.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	116.6	226.2	228.2	439.7	43.9	93.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Persons										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 826.6	1 736.4	2 488.8	308.0	1 475.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	945.3	1 775.3	1 825.2	2 364.1	339.9	1 357.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	957.7	1 724.4	1 665.3	2 497.7	373.9	1 441.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	947.8	1 716.8	1 654.7	2 391.5	305.9	1 466.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	985.1	1 731.5	1 702.6	2 514.5	373.9	1 456.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	940.3	1 725.0	1 638.7	2 587.1	441.9	1 402.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

(a) Some rates and ratios in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 11-13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February, are unavailable—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10.

(d) The ACT in NSW figures refer to ACT sentenced prisoners held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
RATIO OF INDIGENOUS TO NON-INDIGENOUS RATES OF IMPRISONMENT										
Males										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	12.9	16.4	21.6	4.5	10.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	12.9	12.3	17.3	20.3	4.5	9.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	12.6	12.0	15.7	20.2	4.4	10.0	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	12.4	12.0	16.1	19.7	3.6	9.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	13.0	12.1	15.7	20.3	4.4	9.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	12.3	11.9	15.3	20.5	5.1	10.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Females										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	14.8	17.4	39.4	n.p.	6.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	9.7	13.1	24.0	29.6	12.8	5.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	14.0	13.1	21.6	27.8	6.2	3.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	12.2	11.4	15.8	26.7	6.5	3.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	14.8	13.4	27.6	29.0	4.9	3.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	15.0	14.6	21.4	27.8	7.1	3.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Persons										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	12.6	16.2	22.0	4.6	9.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	12.7	11.9	17.2	20.3	4.7	8.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	12.5	11.3	15.1	19.1	4.3	6.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	12.3	11.3	15.2	18.8	3.6	6.0	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	13.0	11.4	15.4	19.3	4.3	6.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	12.4	11.3	14.7	19.4	5.1	7.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

(a) Some rates and ratios in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 11-13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February, are unavailable—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10.

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(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
Unsentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	87	51	93	3	44	..	5	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	22	108	55	88	7	50	..	4	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	18	109	47	96	5	58	..	6	n.a.
July	n.a.	18	107	43	81	5	63	..	7	n.a.
August	n.a.	20	110	50	101	5	63	..	6	n.a.
September	n.a.	17	111	48	106	5	49	..	5	n.a.
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	46	15	12	—	12	—	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	42	14	16	1	14	—	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	32	13	24	—	12	—	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	n.a.	22	12	16	—	11	—	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	n.a.	34	14	30	—	13	—	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	n.a.	41	12	25	—	13	—	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	925	145	652	23	385	2	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	932	160	645	22	360	2	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	910	149	672	28	381	1	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	n.a.	918	152	661	22	385	2	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	n.a.	912	149	666	28	380	1	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	n.a.	900	145	689	34	377	1	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	971	159	664	23	397	2	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	105	975	174	661	23	375	2	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	110	942	161	696	28	393	1	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	109	940	164	677	22	396	2	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	112	946	163	696	28	393	1	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	109	941	157	714	34	390	1	..	n.a.
Total										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 058	210	757	26	441	2	5	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	127	1 083	228	749	30	425	2	4	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	128	1 052	208	792	33	451	1	6	n.a.
July	n.a.	127	1 047	207	758	27	459	2	7	n.a.
August	n.a.	132	1 056	213	797	33	456	1	6	n.a.
September	n.a.	126	1 052	205	820	39	439	1	5	n.a.

- (a) Some rates in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.
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Legal status and sentence type	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
RATES PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION										
Unsentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	149.7	421.0	306.7	32.0	146.2	..	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	164.2	177.1	437.0	277.6	79.3	160.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	136.8	179.3	375.7	302.9	56.7	186.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	134.3	175.5	343.7	255.6	56.7	201.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	149.3	180.4	399.7	318.7	56.7	201.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	126.9	182.0	383.7	334.4	56.7	156.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	80.0	121.1	40.5	—	40.2	—	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	69.4	109.2	51.5	7.6	45.8	—	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	53.0	101.3	74.7	—	39.4	—	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	n.a.	36.1	95.9	50.5	—	35.1	—	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	n.a.	55.8	111.9	94.6	—	41.5	—	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	n.a.	67.2	95.9	78.9	—	41.5	—	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 596.9	1 194.3	2 141.6	276.0	1 289.0	n.p.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 528.8	1 279.0	2 035.0	253.0	1 151.1	n.p.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 492.1	1 188.4	2 120.1	317.2	1 216.0	n.p.	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	n.a.	1 505.3	1 215.0	2 085.4	249.3	1 229.9	n.p.	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	n.a.	1 495.4	1 191.0	2 101.2	317.2	1 213.9	n.p.	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	n.a.	1 475.7	1 159.1	2 173.8	385.2	1 204.3	n.p.	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 676.9	1 315.4	2 182.1	276.0	1 329.1	n.p.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	781.1	1 598.2	1 388.2	2 086.5	260.6	1 196.9	n.p.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	820.9	1 545.2	1 289.6	2 194.8	317.2	1 255.4	n.p.	..	n.a.
July	n.a.	813.4	1 541.3	1 311.0	2 135.9	249.3	1 265.0	n.p.	..	n.a.
August	n.a.	835.8	1 551.2	1 303.0	2 195.9	317.2	1 255.4	n.p.	..	n.a.
September	n.a.	813.4	1 543.0	1 255.0	2 252.7	385.2	1 245.8	n.p.	..	n.a.
Total										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 826.6	1 736.4	2 488.9	308.0	1 475.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	945.3	1 775.3	1 825.2	2 364.1	339.9	1 357.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	n.a.	957.7	1 724.4	1 665.3	2 497.7	373.9	1 441.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
July	n.a.	947.8	1 716.8	1 654.7	2 391.5	305.9	1 466.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
August	n.a.	985.1	1 731.5	1 702.6	2 514.5	373.9	1 456.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
September	n.a.	940.3	1 725.0	1 638.7	2 587.1	441.9	1 402.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

(a) Some rates in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.

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Sex	NSW	ACT	Aust.
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AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER

Males**1998**

March quarter	1 381	73	1 454
June quarter	1 338	72	1 410
September quarter	1 300	70	1 370
July	1 302	76	1 378
August	1 289	68	1 357
September	1 308	67	1 375

Females**1998**

March quarter	128	4	132
June quarter	124	5	130
September quarter	117	6	123
July	112	6	118
August	114	6	120
September	120	6	126

Persons**1998**

March quarter	1 509	77	1 586
June quarter	1 463	77	1 540
September quarter	1 415	76	1 491
July	1 414	82	1 496
August	1 403	74	1 477
September	1 428	73	1 501

RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION

Males**1998**

March quarter	59.6	63.5	21.1
June quarter	57.6	62.6	20.4
September quarter	55.7	61.3	19.7
July	55.8	66.2	19.8
August	55.2	59.2	19.5
September	56.1	58.3	19.8

Females**1998**

March quarter	5.3	3.7	1.9
June quarter	5.2	4.6	1.8
September quarter	4.8	5.1	1.7
July	4.6	5.1	1.7
August	4.7	5.1	1.7
September	5.0	5.1	1.8

Persons**1998**

March quarter	32.0	33.1	11.3
June quarter	30.9	33.1	11.0
September quarter	29.8	32.8	10.6
July	29.8	35.2	10.6
August	29.6	31.8	10.5
September	30.1	31.4	10.6

(a) See Glossary for definition of Periodic detention. In 1998 this was a type of custody used only in NSW and the ACT.

NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH.....

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
MALES									
1998									
March quarter(b)	235	55	69	23	56	3	12	4	456
June quarter(b)	236	51	79	22	63	4	18	3	477
September quarter(b)	243	64	85	23	74	4	14	3	510
July	240	57	84	24	71	5	16	3	500
August	245	66	86	24	76	4	13	3	517
September	245	68	84	22	75	3	13	3	513
FEMALES									
1998									
March quarter(b)	22	5	10	2	9	1	—	1	50
June quarter(b)	21	5	10	4	8	1	—	1	49
September quarter(b)	27	5	9	5	7	1	2	1	56
July	26	5	12	5	7	1	2	1	59
August	28	5	6	6	7	1	2	1	56
September	28	5	8	3	6	1	2	1	54
PERSONS									
1998									
March quarter(b)	258	59	79	25	64	4	12	5	506
June quarter(b)	257	56	89	27	71	5	18	4	526
September quarter(b)	271	69	93	28	81	5	16	4	566
July	266	62	96	29	78	6	18	4	559
August	273	71	92	30	83	5	15	4	573
September	273	73	92	25	81	4	15	4	567

(a) See Glossary for definition of Federal sentenced prisoner. 'ACT-NSW' in other tables refers to prisoners held in NSW and sentenced in the ACT. This table shows prisoners by the State or Territory in which they were sentenced, not where they were held in custody, so 'ACT-NSW' is not shown here.

(b) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents monthly and quarterly statistical series on persons held in adult corrective services custody in Australia. It contains data on the number of persons in prison custody by their legal status and sentence type, the number of sentenced persons received into prison each month, the number of Indigenous persons in prison custody by their legal status and sentence type, and the number of federal prisoners each month.

2 Statistics presented in this publication are compiled in three ways:

- Average daily prisoner population: Counts taken on each day of the month are summed and divided by the number of days in that month to determine the average daily prisoner population for that month. The average daily periodic detainee population is a count of persons on periodic detention on each day a centre is open, divided by the number of days a centre is open.
- Sentenced prisoner reception figures: Counts are taken of the number of receptions where a prisoner is received as a sentenced prisoner plus the number of changes of legal status from unsentenced to sentenced.
- First day of the month prisoner population: Counts of prisoner populations, taken on or near the first day of the month (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 4).

3 Statistics in this publication are derived from administrative systems maintained by State and Territory corrective services agencies. Although national standards and classifications are used in the compilation of these statistics, some discrepancies remain between the States and Territories. These are due to legislative and procedural differences between jurisdictions. As part of its development strategy, the ABS is working with corrective services agencies to minimise the effect of these differences.

REFERENCE PERIOD/DATE

4 For the average daily prisoner population and the sentenced prisoner receptions counts, the reference period is the complete reference month. For all other information in the publication, the reference date is the first day of the month. However, not all States and Territories report strictly according to this 'first day of the month' rule:

- The Western Australian and Victorian prison population and Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons are counted as at midnight on the last day of the month. In these cases the figures provided are taken to represent the prison population at the beginning of the following month to align with practices in other States and Territories.
- The New South Wales prison population is counted on the first Sunday of the month.

5 Calculation of figures for the entire quarter varies depending on the counting unit and method of counting prisoners:

- Average daily figures: Quarterly figures are calculated by weighting the average according to the number of days in each month.
- First day of the month: Quarterly figures are simple averages, i.e. the figures for each month are added and the total is divided by three.
- Sentenced receptions: Quarterly figures are totals of each month.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SCOPE

6 The scope of the statistics in this publication includes all persons remanded or sentenced to adult custodial corrective services agencies in each State and Territory in Australia.

7 In all States and Territories except New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, persons remanded or sentenced to adult custody are aged 17 years and over. Persons under 17 years are treated as juveniles in most Australian courts and are not remanded or sentenced to custody in adult prisons, other than in exceptional circumstances. However, in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia 'adult' refers to persons aged 18 years and over.

8 The statistics include persons in Work Outreach Camps and Community Corrections Centres in Queensland. In table 1 these persons have been counted on a first day of the month basis from April to December 1997. However the figures in the rest of the table, and the rest of persons in prison custody in Queensland, were counted on a daily average basis.

DATA SOURCE

9 Statistics in this publication are derived from information collected by the ABS from administrative records held by corrective services agencies within each State and Territory. Statistics on federal prisoners are derived from records kept by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

10 Statistics marked 'n.a.' in tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not available for inclusion in this publication. New South Wales Department of Corrective Services recently purchased a new computer system, and have undertaken programming work to enable provision of counts of sentenced receptions for the December quarter 1998 and Indigenous persons in custody at some stage in the future. Staff in the Victorian Office of the Correctional Services Commissioner have updated their computer system to enable counting of sentenced persons in custody by whether fine default only or other sentenced; data will be available for the December quarter 1998.

INDIGENOUS IDENTIFICATION

11 In all States and Territories persons are asked whether they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders during entry into custody. It is uncommon for corrective services agencies to collect Indigenous status information from sources other than the person's own identification.

12 Some persons in custody are recorded as of unknown Indigenous status on corrective services agencies' information systems, but unknown Indigenous status has not been provided for this collection. It is intended that unknown Indigenous status will be collected from these systems in future.

13 Table 5 shows the ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous rates of imprisonment. To derive these figures the rates per 100,000 adult non-Indigenous population were calculated as if all those persons not identified as Indigenous are non-Indigenous.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PRISONERS

14 The Australian Capital Territory has a detention centre for unsentenced prisoners and a periodic detention centre, but does not have a facility to hold persons sentenced to full-time custody. Persons sentenced to full-time custody in Australian Capital Territory criminal courts are held in New South Wales prisons. To provide greater understanding of the number of prisoners attributed to the Australian Capital Territory while presenting an accurate picture of the New South Wales prisoner population, statistics relating to Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons are presented as a subset of the New South Wales figures.

RATES AND RATIOS

15 Imprisonment rates enable comparison of prisoner numbers across States and Territories. Prisoner rates are expressed per 100,000 adult population, which is in accord with international and State and Territory practice.

16 For the purpose of this publication the population figures used in the calculation of rates are for persons aged 17 years and over for all States and Territories except New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia where the population used is persons aged 18 and over (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 6).

17 Rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication are based on revised projections for 30 June 1998 (refer *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population 30 June 1996 to 30 June 2006* (Cat. no. 3231.0)). These projections are in turn based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

18 Two series of these projections have been published. The so-called 'higher series' takes into account a possible change in propensity for people to identify themselves as Indigenous since the last Population Census and estimates this from the last inter-censal period. The lower series assumes no such change has taken place since 1996. The lower of the two series was used in calculating rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication. This is because, in discussions with representatives of Corrective Services agencies, it was felt that the propensity to identify as Indigenous has not increased to the same extent in the prison environment as might have occurred in the wider community.

19 Rates for the total adult prisoner population are calculated using the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) for each of the States and Territories (refer *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories* (Cat. no. 3201.0)). As the population changes over time the denominator used for the calculation of rates will vary, depending on the reference period. The following shows the reference periods and the related ERP data for this issue:

Reference period	ERP data
July 1997 to March 1998	September quarter 1997
April to June 1998	December quarter 1997
July to September 1998	March quarter 1998

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RATES AND RATIOS *continued*

- 20** The ratio of imprisonment rates of Indigenous persons to non-Indigenous persons is calculated by dividing the Indigenous imprisonment rate for each period and State or Territory by the corresponding non-Indigenous imprisonment rate.
- 21** The ratio indicates the extent to which the imprisonment rates of Indigenous persons exceed the imprisonment rates of non-Indigenous persons. A ratio of 20:1 indicates that, for the given State or Territory, the imprisonment rate of Indigenous persons per 100,000 adult population is 20 times that of the imprisonment rate of non-Indigenous persons.
- 22** In some instances Indigenous rates and ratios have not been published. Where this occurs, the cell concerned contains the symbol 'n.p.' This happens where, firstly, the number of persons in custody is less than 10, and secondly, where the population on which the rate is calculated is less than 5,000. This has been done because such rates and ratios vary widely from month to month with small variations in numbers of persons. They therefore give an inaccurate reflection of the relative involvement of Indigenous persons in custody.

GLOSSARY

Custody	Confinement in a place intended primarily for the purpose of confining prisoners, such as a prison, prison farm, Periodic Detention Centre or Community Custody Centre.
Federal sentenced prisoner	Persons charged and sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. For the purposes of this publication federal sentenced prisoners are those persons who are recognised by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department as having been charged and sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. Federal sentenced prisoners are counted by the State or Territory in which they were sentenced, not where they were held in custody.
Fine default only	A sentence type indicating that, at the time, the prisoner is serving a sentence for default of a fine and nothing else.
Indigenous prisoner	A prisoner who identifies as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
Legal status	The legal status of an offender reflects the warrant(s) or court order(s) which provide the legal basis for the detention in custody of the offender.
Open prison custody	A custodial regime for managing prisoners which does not require them to be confined by a secure perimeter physical barrier, irrespective of whether a physical barrier exists.
Other sentenced	A sentence type indicating that, at the time, a person is serving a sentence other than, or in addition to, a fine default sentence.
Periodic detention	A type of custody where a sentenced prisoner is required to be held in custody for two consecutive days in a one-week period.
Prison custody	A type of custody where a prisoner is required to be held in custody on a full-time basis.
Prisoner	A person held in custody. For the purposes of this collection, prisoners are those whose confinement is the responsibility of a corrective services agency.
Secure prison custody	A custodial regime for managing prisoners that requires them to be confined by a secure physical barrier.
Sentenced	A legal status indicating that a person has received a custodial order from a court in response to a conviction for a criminal offence.
Sentenced prisoner reception	<p>Includes persons who enter prison from the community, having received a sentence of imprisonment as an outcome of a court proceeding. It also includes persons who are sentenced to prison while in custody on remand (i.e. change status from a remand to a sentenced prisoner). Sentenced prisoners in custody who receive a further sentence of imprisonment are not counted as sentenced receptions.</p> <p>Two types of sentenced prisoner reception are distinguished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A <i>fine default only</i> reception is a sentenced reception where a person enters custody as a result of defaulting on the payment of a fine. ▪ An <i>other sentenced reception</i> is a sentenced reception (including changes of status from unsentenced to sentenced) for anything other than a fine default only reception. <p>Note that Victorian reception figures do not include prisoners who change status from unsentenced to sentenced in the period.</p>
Unsentenced	A legal status indicating that a person is confined to custody while awaiting the outcome of their trial. Some sentenced prisoners are also remanded in custody, i.e. are unsentenced, in relation to other offences pending a court hearing. In such cases, these prisoners are counted as sentenced.

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