

# PRISONERS IN AUSTRALIA

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## NOTES

### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents national statistics on prisoners who were in custody on 30 June 2001. These statistics provide indicators on the characteristics of prisoners, sentencing lengths, and offences for which offenders are imprisoned, and is a basis for measuring change over time.

### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Commencing with this issue, the Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC) has been used for presenting offence data. Previously, offence data were based on the Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO). The move to ASOC has resulted in a break in series for some offence types. Appendix 2 provides an ASOC to ANCO concordance, while Appendixes 3 and 4 provide data for total prisoners by offence for ASOC and ANCO, respectively. Table 18 shows a 10 year time series for those offences where there is an exact concordance. The remaining offences have been recompiled, using the concordance mapping, back to 1996. See also paragraph 41 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of ASOC.

Imprisonment rates by birthplace have been included as part of table 4 for the first time. Caution is recommended when using the rates as the denominator population is an estimate based on a reference year which is one year earlier than the prisoner census reference year, and relates only to persons aged 18–64 (the prisoner population has no upper age limit). Nevertheless, the table provides a useful basis for comparisons.

The sentence length categories in tables 9 and 10 have been expanded, ranging from under 1 month to 20 years & over. Due to the small numbers for Indigenous prisoners serving 10 years and over in tables 11 and 12, further disaggregation was not applied.

The table previously known as the 'Historical Summary' has been redesigned and is now three separate tables (tables 16, 17 and 18). The new tables are based on the three themes of Prisoner Characteristics, Sentencing Characteristics and Offence Type. The data content remains the same (with the exception of the use of ASOC in table 18 rather than ANCO).

### EXPERIMENTAL DATA

An experimental table on Level of Education of prisoners has been included for the first time. Current data quality issues preclude it from forming part of the main suite of tables, and it has been included as Appendix 1. The ABS is progressing resolution of the current data quality issues with the data providers.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents information from the National Prisoner Census on persons held in Australian prisons on the night of 30 June 2001. The National Prisoner Census covers all adults in gazetted Australian prisons, including periodic detainees in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, but excluding persons held in juvenile institutions, psychiatric custody and police custody. It is based on data extracted from administrative records held by the corrective services agencies in each Australian State and Territory. These statistics provide a profile of the demographic characteristics, legal status and sentence details of Australian prisoners.

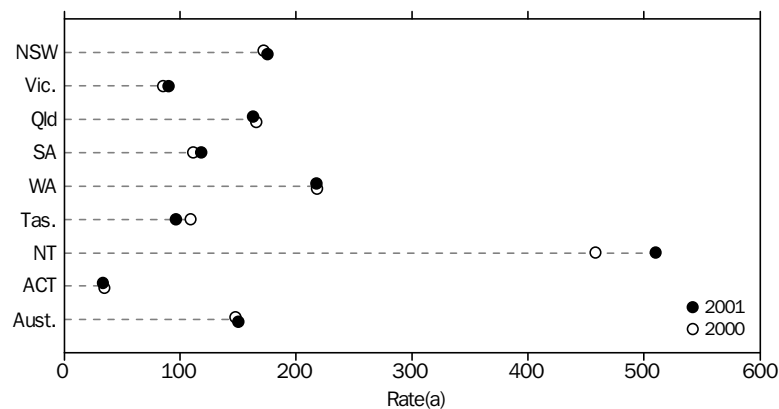
Users of this publication should note that it provides a picture of the persons in prison at a point in time, and is not representative of the flow of prisoners during the year. The majority of prisoners in the annual Prisoner Census are serving long-term sentences for serious offences, whereas the flow of offenders in and out of prisons consists primarily of persons serving short sentences for lesser offences. The information in this publication can be supplemented with monthly statistics about Australian prisoners in the ABS quarterly publication *Corrective Services, Australia* (Cat. no. 4512.0).

The Explanatory notes provide detailed information on the data sources, definitions, counting rules and other technical matters associated with this publication.

PRISONERS

There were 22,458 prisoners in Australia on 30 June 2001, 3% more than the 21,714 prisoners at 30 June 2000. This was 151 prisoners per 100,000 adult population, an increase on the 148 prisoners per 100,000 adult population at 30 June 2000. New South Wales had a prisoner population of 8,846, with Queensland (4,517) having the next largest number of prisoners. The highest imprisonment rate was recorded in the Northern Territory with 511 prisoners per 100,000 adult population; this was more than three times the national rate.

IMPRISONMENT RATES(a)



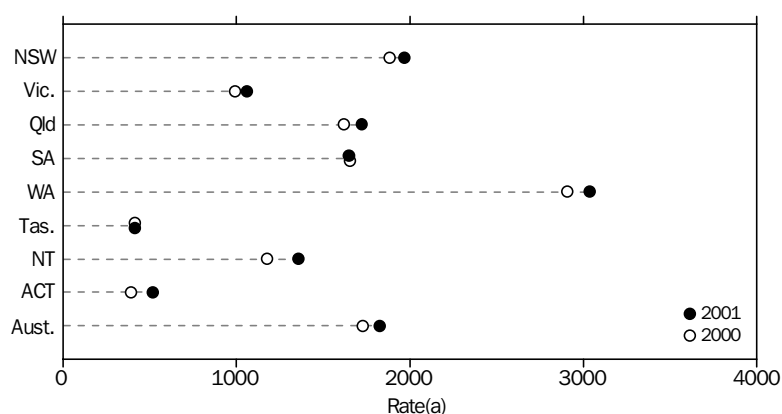
(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population at 30 June 2001.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### PRISONERS *continued*

There were 4,445 Indigenous prisoners in Australia (20% of the prisoner population) at 30 June 2001. Indigenous persons were much more likely to be in prison than non-Indigenous persons, with an imprisonment rate of 1,829 prisoners per 100,000 adult Indigenous population. This represents an imprisonment rate of 15 times that of the non-Indigenous population. The highest Indigenous imprisonment rate was recorded in Western Australia (3,036 prisoners per 100,000 adult Indigenous population).

#### INDIGENOUS PRISONERS, Imprisonment Rates(a)



(a) Rate per 100,000 adult Indigenous population at 30 June 2001.

### AGE AND SEX

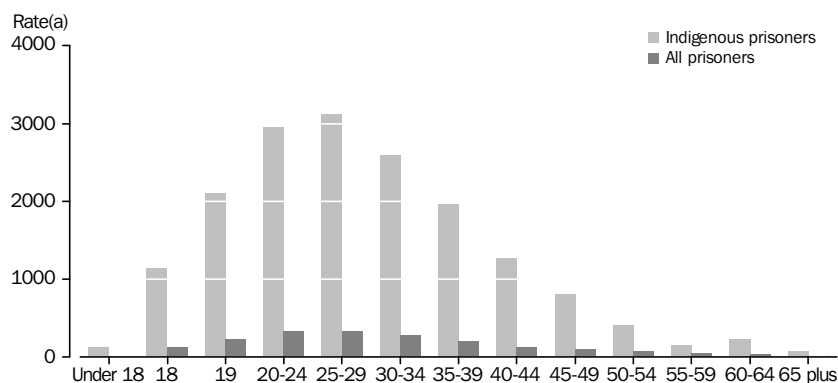
There were 20,960 male prisoners on 30 June 2001, comprising 93% of the total prisoner population. The imprisonment rate for males was 285 per 100,000 adult male population. There were 1,498 female prisoners (7% of the total prisoner population) with an imprisonment rate of 20 per 100,000 adult female population.

Most prisoners are young adult males, with over half (56%) of all prisoners being males aged between 20 and 35 years. For males the 25–29 year age group had the highest imprisonment rate with 617 male prisoners per 100,000, while for females the 20–24 year age group had the highest imprisonment rate with 55 female prisoners per 100,000.

The distribution across the age groups for Indigenous prisoners was similar to the total prisoner population although there were noticeable differences in the actual imprisonment rates. Nearly 6% of all Indigenous males aged 25 to 29 years were prisoners as at 30 June 2001 (compared with 0.6% of all males aged 25 to 29 years).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### IMPRISONMENT RATES(a), By Age



(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12-17.

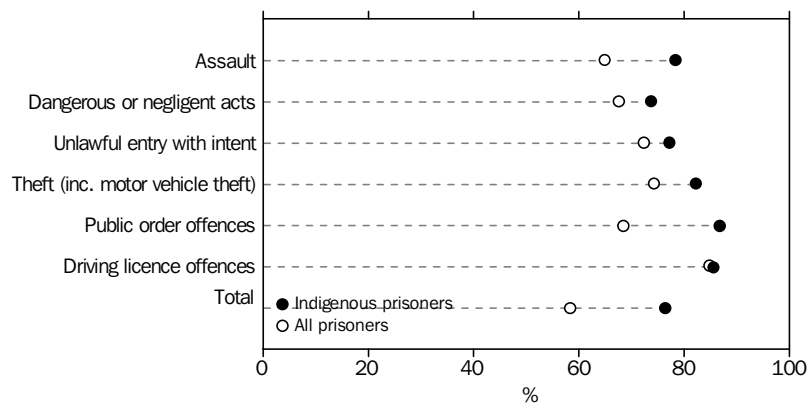
### LEGAL STATUS

Eighty one percent (18,123) of all prisoners were serving a sentence. Of those who were sentenced, the period 30 June 2000 to 2001 saw an increase in the proportion who were serving a maximum-minimum sentence (from 51% at 30 June 2000 to 53% at 30 June 2001). This relates to prisoners who may be eligible for release on parole after serving a minimum term in custody, and who must be released once the maximum term has been served. A further 35% of sentenced prisoners were serving a fixed term (down from 37% in 2000).

### PREVIOUS IMPRISONMENT

An increased proportion of prisoners (58% in 2001 compared with 56% in 2000) were reported as having been previously imprisoned. Prisoners whose most serious offence was driving licence offences were the most likely to have been previously in prison (85%). For Indigenous prisoners, approximately 3 in every 4 (76%) had been previously imprisoned, the same as the 2000 figure.

### PRISONERS WITH PRIOR IMPRISONMENT(a), By Selected Most Serious Offence/Charge



(a) Proportion of prisoners known to have previously been imprisoned.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### SENTENCED PRISONERS

Most sentenced prisoners were sentenced in either the District/County court (47%) or the Magistrates' court (30%), with 19% sentenced in the Supreme court.

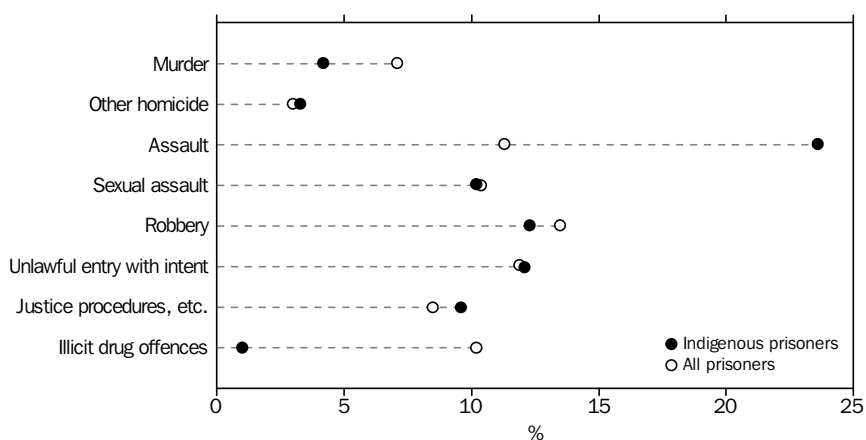
#### Most serious offence

Of the 18,123 sentenced prisoners, nearly 1 in 2 prisoners had a most serious offence involving violence or the threat of violence, including offences such as: murder (7%), other homicide (3%), assault (11%), sexual assault (10%) and robbery (13%). Twelve per cent of sentenced prisoners were convicted of unlawful entry with intent as their most serious offence. In addition, 10% of prisoners were serving a sentence for illicit drug offences.

#### Most serious offence - Indigenous prisoners

Of the 3,613 Indigenous sentenced prisoners, more were in custody for assault as their most serious offence (24%) than any other offence. The assault figures for all sentenced prisoners was 11%. Conversely, sentenced Indigenous prisoners were proportionally 10 times less likely than all sentenced prisoners to have a most serious offence relating to illicit drug offences (1% compared with 10%).

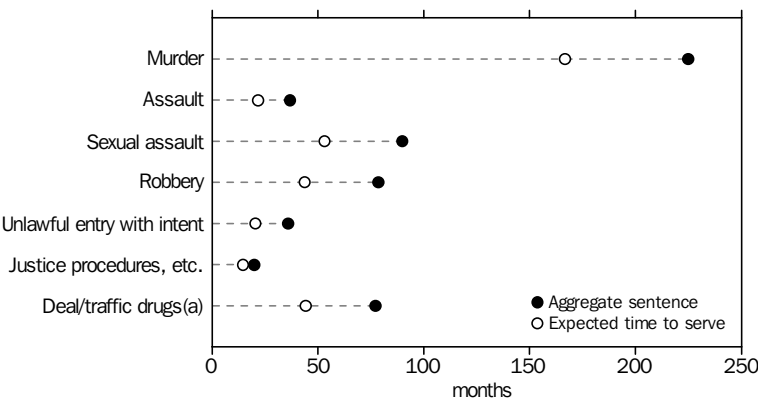
SENTENCED PRISONERS, By Selected Most Serious Offences



Sentence length

The mean aggregate sentence length for all sentenced prisoners was 57.8 months (4.8 years), an increase of 1% since 2000. Nearly 1 in 4 sentenced prisoners (24%) had a mean aggregate sentence of 2–5 years, with another 1 in 5 (21%) between 5–10 years. Prisoners with a mean aggregate sentence length of 20 years and over comprised 2% of all sentenced prisoners. The mean expected time to serve was 34.6 months (2.9 years), a 5% decrease since 2000.

SENTENCED PRISONERS, Mean Sentence Length

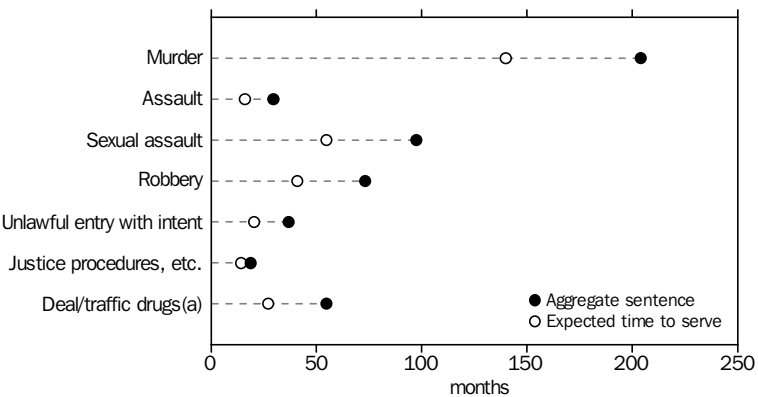


(a) Includes importing and exporting of illicit drugs.

Sentence length - Indigenous prisoners

Overall, the mean aggregate sentence length for sentenced Indigenous prisoners was 21% less than that of the total sentenced prisoner population. The mean was 45.5 months (3.8 years), an increase of 1% since 2000. The mean expected time to serve was 26.1 months (2.2 years), a decrease of 9% since 2000.

SENTENCED INDIGENOUS PRISONERS, Mean Sentence Length



(a) Includes importing and exporting of illicit drugs.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### UNSENTENCED PRISONERS

Unsentenced (remand) prisoners include unconvicted prisoners awaiting a court hearing or trial, convicted prisoners awaiting sentencing and persons awaiting deportation. Nearly one in five (19% or 4,335) of the total prisoner population were unsentenced prisoners. Between 2000 and 2001, there was a 15% increase in the number of unsentenced prisoners, compared with an overall increase in the total prisoner population of 3%.

#### Most serious charge

Of the unsentenced prisoners, 16% were awaiting trial or sentence for a most serious charge related to assault, 14% for unlawful entry with intent, 12% for robbery and 10% for illicit drug offences.

#### Remand length

The average time spent on remand in Australia was 4.5 months, with 10% of remandees having spent more than 10.3 months in custody. For unsentenced prisoners whose most serious charge was murder, 10% had been on remand for more than 19.4 months.

### FEDERAL PRISONERS

Most Australian prisoners were sentenced under the laws of the State or Territory where the offence was committed. Approximately 5% (1,074) of all prisoners on 30 June 2001 were held under one or more Commonwealth warrants. This represents a 3% decrease since 2000. Of Federal prisoners, 42% had a most serious offence/charge relating to illicit drug offences, with a further 22% in prison for deception and related offences.

### PERIODIC DETAINEES

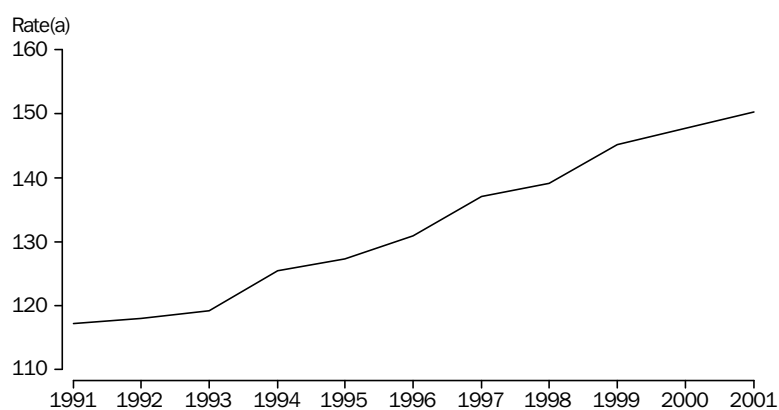
The sentencing option of periodic detainment, where detainees are in custody for two consecutive days in a week and remain at liberty for the rest of the week, applies only in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. There were 1,074 periodic detainees on 30 June 2001. While there was a 13% decrease in the total number of periodic detainees between 30 June 2000 and 2001, the same period witnessed a 17% increase in the number of periodic detainees who had a most serious charge of assault, with such detainees comprising approximately one in five (21%) of all periodic detainees.

## 10 YEAR COMPARISON

Some notable changes that have occurred between the 1991 and 2001 prisoner censuses include:

- The prisoner population increased by 50%, from 15,021 at 30 June 1991 to 22,458 at 30 June 2001. The adult imprisonment rate increased by 28% over the same period, from 117 to 150 prisoners per 100,000 adult population.

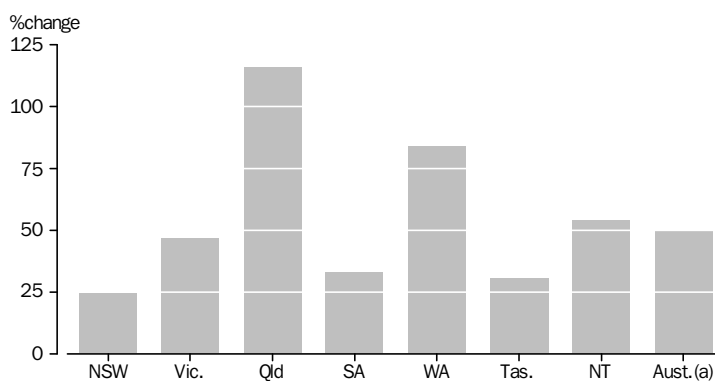
### IMPRISONMENT RATE(a)



(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

- All States and Territories recorded increases in prisoner numbers. The increases varied from 116% in Queensland to 25% in New South Wales.

### PRISONERS(a), Percentage Change In Prisoner Numbers, 1991–2001



(a) Information on ACT sentenced prisoners in NSW prisons is not available before 1995.

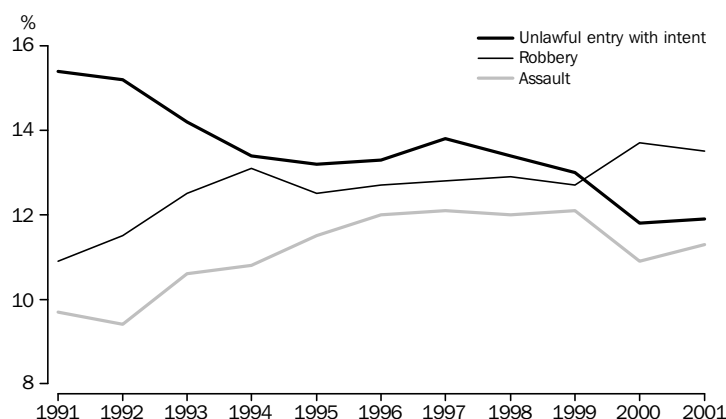
- While males continue to be the majority of the prisoner population, the proportion of prisoners who were female increased from 5% in 1991 to 7% in 2001.
- The proportion of prisoners who were Indigenous rose from 14% in 1991 to 20% in 2001.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### 10 YEAR COMPARISON *continued*

- While the proportion of the Australian prisoner population with a known prior imprisonment has remained relatively constant between 1991 and 2001, there have been quite different movements between the various States and Territories. The proportion of the prisoner population with a known prior imprisonment for Western Australia and South Australia decreased by 29% and 14% respectively, while the proportion increased by 41% for Queensland and 12% for New South Wales.
- The proportion of prisoners who are on remand has increased from 13% in 1991 to 19% in 2001.
- The proportion of sentenced prisoners serving an aggregate sentence length of 10 years and over has increased: 8% of sentenced prisoners in 1991 had an aggregate sentence length of 10 years and over compared with 12% in 2001.
- Between 1991 and 2001 there have been increases in the proportions of the sentenced prisoner population who had a most serious offence of robbery (increasing from 11% to 14%) and assault (from 10% to 11%). During the same period decreases were recorded for unlawful entry with intent (including burglary and break and enter) (decreasing from 15% to 12%) and theft (from 10% to 7%).

#### SENTENCED PRISONERS, Most Serious Offence



# 1

## PRISONERS, By States And Territories

	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA(b)	Tas.	NT	ACT in ACT	ACT in NSW(a)	Aust.(c)
NUMBER										
Males	8 226	3 144	4 227	1 310	2 952	326	698	77	117	20 960
Females	620	247	290	79	218	20	19	5	12	1 498
Indigenous	1 339	150	1 146	230	1 072	40	456	12	8	4 445
Non-Indigenous	7 419	3 234	3 371	1 027	2 098	306	261	70	121	17 786
Unknown	88	7	—	132	—	—	—	—	—	227
Sentenced	7 206	2 892	3 610	913	2 613	272	588	29	129	18 123
Unsentenced	1 640	499	907	476	557	74	129	53	—	4 335
Federal	585	127	22	—	189	6	144	1	4	1 074
Non-federal	8 261	3 264	4 495	1 389	2 981	340	573	81	125	21 384
<b>All prisoners</b>	<b>8 846</b>	<b>3 391</b>	<b>4 517</b>	<b>1 389</b>	<b>3 170</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>22 458</b>
PROPORTION(%)										
Males	93.0	92.7	93.6	94.3	93.1	94.2	97.4	93.9	90.7	93.3
Females	7.0	7.3	6.4	5.7	6.9	5.8	2.6	6.1	9.3	6.7
Indigenous	15.1	4.4	25.4	16.6	33.8	11.6	63.6	14.6	6.2	19.8
Non-Indigenous	83.9	95.4	74.6	73.9	66.2	88.4	36.4	85.4	93.8	79.2
Unknown	1.0	0.2	—	9.5	—	—	—	—	—	1.0
Sentenced	81.5	85.3	79.9	65.7	82.4	78.6	82.0	35.4	100.0	80.7
Unsentenced	18.5	14.7	20.1	34.3	17.6	21.4	18.0	64.6	—	19.3
Federal	6.6	3.7	0.5	—	6.0	1.7	20.1	1.2	3.1	4.8
Non-federal	93.4	96.3	99.5	100.0	94.0	98.3	79.9	98.8	96.9	95.2
<b>All prisoners</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Males	330.9	170.9	308.5	228.1	405.0	187.4	934.5	64.5	98.0	284.5
Females	24.3	12.9	20.8	13.2	29.9	10.8	28.9	4.1	9.9	19.8
Indigenous	1 970.9	1 060.3	1 724.4	1 651.7	3 036.1	417.7	1 356.5	566.3	377.5	1 828.5
Non-Indigenous	149.2	86.5	125.0	88.6	147.6	87.7	244.3	29.3	50.2	121.1
<b>All prisoners</b>	<b>175.6</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>163.4</b>	<b>118.4</b>	<b>217.6</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>510.5</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>150.5</b>

(a) A majority of full-time prisoners sentenced in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 9–10.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 44.

(c) The ACT in NSW figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are not separately counted in the Australian totals. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 10.

## 2

### PRISONERS, By Age And Sex

	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>
Under 18	34	0.2	24.5	4	0.3	3.0	38	0.2	14.0
18	327	1.6	230.4	21	1.4	15.6	348	1.5	125.9
19	590	2.8	414.7	34	2.3	25.2	624	2.8	225.0
20–24	4 308	20.6	610.2	373	24.9	55.2	4 681	20.8	338.6
25–29	4 524	21.6	617.1	332	22.2	46.1	4 856	21.6	334.2
30–34	3 741	17.8	512.4	245	16.4	33.5	3 986	17.7	272.8
35–39	2 687	12.8	364.2	202	13.5	27.3	2 889	12.9	195.5
40–44	1 818	8.7	246.9	129	8.6	17.5	1 947	8.7	132.1
45–49	1 132	5.4	166.6	94	6.3	13.8	1 226	5.5	90.1
50–54	790	3.8	121.5	40	2.7	6.3	830	3.7	64.5
55–59	474	2.3	93.5	15	1.0	3.1	489	2.2	49.0
60–64	276	1.3	68.2	6	0.4	1.5	282	1.3	35.1
65 and over	228	1.1	21.5	3	0.2	0.2	231	1.0	9.6
Unknown	31	0.1	—	—	—	—	31	0.1	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>20 960</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>284.5</b>	<b>1 498</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>22 458</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>150.5</b>
Mean (years)	33.1	..	..	31.8	..	..	33.0	..	..
Median (years)	30.8	..	..	29.8	..	..	30.7	..	..

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12–17.

## 3

### INDIGENOUS PRISONERS, By Age And Sex

	MALES.....			FEMALES.....			PERSONS.....		
	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>
Under 18	11	0.3	232.1	1	0.3	21.9	12	0.3	128.9
18	97	2.4	2 069.6	9	2.4	197.5	106	2.4	1 146.6
19	169	4.1	3 824.4	13	3.5	306.9	182	4.1	2 102.8
20–24	995	24.4	5 301.9	109	29.5	584.9	1 104	24.8	2 951.6
25–29	1 015	24.9	5 791.1	98	26.5	537.2	1 113	25.0	3 111.6
30–34	786	19.3	5 067.7	59	15.9	342.8	845	19.0	2 582.5
35–39	506	12.4	3 862.0	38	10.3	257.9	544	12.2	1 954.2
40–44	272	6.7	2 450.7	26	7.0	210.8	298	6.7	1 269.7
45–49	136	3.3	1 574.1	11	3.0	114.4	147	3.3	805.4
50–54	52	1.3	789.9	5	1.4	69.0	57	1.3	412.2
55–59	13	0.3	289.1	1	0.3	20.8	14	0.3	150.3
60–64	15	0.4	506.8	—	—	—	15	0.3	233.0
65 and over	8	0.2	173.0	—	—	—	8	0.2	73.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 075</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3 478.7</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>293.7</b>	<b>4 445</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 828.5</b>
Mean (years)	30.1	..	..	29.3	..	..	30.0	..	..
Median (years)	28.8	..	..	28.0	..	..	28.6	..	..

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult Indigenous population. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12–17.

## 4

## PRISONERS, By Country Of Birth

	<i>no.</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>rate(a)</i>
Australia	16 660	74.2	159.2
New Zealand	580	2.6	176.2
Papua New Guinea	56	0.2	223.7
Fiji	87	0.4	243.2
Samoa	46	0.2	n.a.
Tonga	37	0.2	n.a.
United Kingdom and Ireland	698	3.1	59.2
Germany	51	0.2	43.4
Netherlands	35	0.2	39.1
Italy	118	0.5	49.0
Malta	28	0.1	51.2
Greece	67	0.3	47.9
Romania	70	0.3	535.4
Yugoslavia and Former Yugoslav Republics	52	0.2	26.4
Lebanon	144	0.6	188.4
Turkey	63	0.3	211.1
Cambodia	43	0.2	193.0
Laos	30	0.1	286.6
Vietnam	605	2.7	362.3
Indonesia	176	0.8	288.7
Malaysia	58	0.3	63.9
Philippines	50	0.2	46.2
Singapore	42	0.2	150.2
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan Province)	88	0.4	56.3
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	46	0.2	94.6
India	24	0.1	23.8
United States of America	47	0.2	4.0
South Africa	33	0.1	49.1
Other	546	2.4	n.a.
Unknown	1 878	8.4	n.a.
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 458</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>150.5</b>

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 16.

## 5

## PRISONERS, By Type of Sentence

	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA(b)	Tas.	NT	ACT in ACT	ACT in NSW(a)	Aust.(c)
NUMBER										
Sentenced										
Indeterminate	165	47	331	112	211	27	35	—	6	928
Max-min	4 694	2 023	—	690	1 885	—	376	—	110	9 668
Fixed term	1 299	821	3 251	109	479	236	156	—	13	6 351
Fine default only	3	1	28	2	38	9	21	—	—	102
Periodic detention	1 045	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	—	1 074
Total	7 206	2 892	3 610	913	2 613	272	588	29	129	18 123
Unsentenced	1 640	499	907	476	557	74	129	53	—	4 335
Time on remand										
Mean (months)	4.8	5.3	4.5	4.0	3.9	1.6	3.1	2.1	—	4.5
90th percentile (months)	11.8	11.2	9.9	8.9	8.3	4.5	7.4	5.4	—	10.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 846</b>	<b>3 391</b>	<b>4 517</b>	<b>1 389</b>	<b>3 170</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>22 458</b>
PROPORTION(%)										
Sentenced										
Indeterminate	1.9	1.4	7.3	8.1	6.7	7.8	4.9	—	4.7	4.1
Max-min	53.1	59.7	—	49.7	59.5	—	52.4	—	85.3	43.0
Fixed term	14.7	24.2	72.0	7.8	15.1	68.2	21.8	—	10.1	28.3
Fine default only	—	—	0.6	0.1	1.2	2.6	2.9	—	—	0.5
Periodic detention	11.8	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.4	—	4.8
Total	81.5	85.3	79.9	65.7	82.4	78.6	82.0	35.4	100.0	80.7
Unsentenced	18.5	14.7	20.1	34.3	17.6	21.4	18.0	64.6	—	19.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) A majority of full-time prisoners sentenced in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 9–10.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 44.

(c) The ACT in NSW figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are not separately counted in the Australian totals. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 10.

	PRIOR IMPRISONMENT		NO PRIOR IMPRISONMENT		TOTAL(b).....	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Homicide						
Murder	650	42.6	877	57.4	1 527	100.0
Other homicide	296	45.1	360	54.9	656	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury						
Assault	1 777	64.9	957	35.0	2 737	100.0
Other acts intended to cause injury	121	62.7	72	37.3	193	100.0
Sexual assault and related offences						
Sexual assault	814	39.6	1 242	60.4	2 056	100.0
Non-assaultive sexual offences	86	36.9	147	63.1	233	100.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	300	67.6	144	32.4	444	100.0
Abduction and related offences	42	52.5	38	47.5	80	100.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences						
Robbery	1 761	59.7	1 188	40.3	2 950	100.0
Blackmail and extortion	36	48.0	39	52.0	75	100.0
Unlawful entry with intent	1 994	72.4	758	27.5	2 754	100.0
Theft and related offences						
Theft (including motor vehicles)	1 117	74.3	384	25.5	1 503	100.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	244	62.7	144	37.0	389	100.0
Deception and related offences	347	44.3	436	55.7	783	100.0
Illicit drug offences						
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	671	38.3	1 081	61.7	1 752	100.0
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	145	46.9	164	53.1	309	100.0
Possess and/or use	117	55.7	93	44.3	210	100.0
Weapons and explosives offences	37	53.6	32	46.4	69	100.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	210	63.8	119	36.2	329	100.0
Public order offences	87	68.5	40	31.5	127	100.0
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences						
Driving licence offences	385	84.8	66	14.5	454	100.0
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	11	78.6	2	14.3	14	100.0
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	325	71.3	129	28.3	456	100.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations						
Prison regulation offences	5	83.3	1	16.7	6	100.0
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	1 312	73.8	464	26.1	1 778	100.0
Miscellaneous offences	217	37.8	357	62.2	574	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 107</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>9 334</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>22 458</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Some States and Territories may include episodes on remand as well as under sentence.

(b) Includes prisoners whose prior imprisonment status is unknown.

	PRIOR IMPRISONMENT		NO PRIOR IMPRISONMENT		TOTAL(b).....	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Homicide						
Murder	132	66.7	66	33.3	198	100.0
Other homicide	88	68.2	41	31.8	129	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury						
Assault	867	78.3	238	21.5	1 107	100.0
Other acts intended to cause injury	27	77.1	8	22.9	35	100.0
Sexual assault and related offences						
Sexual assault	277	66.6	139	33.4	416	100.0
Non-assaultive sexual offences	17	54.8	14	45.2	31	100.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	42	73.7	15	26.8	57	100.0
Abduction and related offences	9	75.0	3	25.0	12	100.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences						
Robbery	383	72.7	144	27.3	527	100.0
Blackmail and extortion	7	50.0	7	50.0	14	100.0
Unlawful entry with intent	437	77.2	127	22.4	566	100.0
Theft and related offences						
Theft (including motor vehicles)	214	82.3	44	16.9	260	100.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	22	78.6	5	17.9	28	100.0
Deception and related offences	26	59.1	18	40.9	44	100.0
Illicit drug offences						
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	26	57.8	19	42.2	45	100.0
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	5	71.4	2	28.6	7	100.0
Possess and/or use	4	66.7	2	33.3	6	100.0
Weapons and explosives offences	6	75.0	2	25.0	8	100.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	76	81.7	17	18.3	93	100.0
Public order offences	39	86.7	6	13.3	45	100.0
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences						
Driving licence offences	132	85.7	20	13.0	154	100.0
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	3	75.0	—	—	4	100.0
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	158	88.3	20	11.1	180	100.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations						
Prison regulation offences	2	100.0	—	—	2	100.0
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	336	83.4	65	16.1	403	100.0
Miscellaneous offences	58	78.4	16	21.6	74	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 393</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>1 038</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>4 445</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Some States and Territories may include episodes on remand as well as under sentence.

(b) Includes prisoners whose prior imprisonment status is unknown.

	SUPREME.....		DISTRICT/ COUNTY.....		MAGISTRATES'		OTHER(a).....		TOTAL.....	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
Homicide										
Murder	1 191	93.2	78	6.1	4	0.3	5	0.4	1 278	100.0
Other homicide	406	74.0	138	25.1	3	0.5	2	0.4	549	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury										
Assault	191	9.4	944	46.2	893	43.7	14	0.7	2 042	100.0
Other acts intended to cause injury	12	11.7	72	69.9	19	18.4	—	—	103	100.0
Sexual assault and related offences										
Sexual assault	319	16.9	1 478	78.5	53	2.8	34	1.8	1 884	100.0
Non-assaultive sexual offences	11	5.1	187	87.0	16	7.4	1	0.5	215	100.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	—	—	113	27.4	300	72.6	—	—	413	100.0
Abduction and related offences	7	13.7	44	86.3	—	—	—	—	51	100.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences										
Robbery	534	21.9	1 815	74.3	69	2.8	24	1.0	2 442	100.0
Blackmail and extortion	3	5.3	39	68.4	15	26.3	—	—	57	100.0
Unlawful entry with intent	90	4.2	1 035	48.2	1 017	47.3	6	0.3	2 148	100.0
Theft and related offences										
Theft (including motor vehicles)	17	1.4	377	30.8	829	67.7	2	0.2	1 225	100.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	11	4.5	87	35.4	145	58.9	3	1.2	246	100.0
Deception and related offences	35	6.1	332	57.8	205	35.7	2	0.3	574	100.0
Illicit drug offences										
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	339	22.5	1 013	67.2	141	9.4	15	1.0	1 508	100.0
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	56	25.8	126	58.1	34	15.7	1	0.5	217	100.0
Possess and/or use	33	26.0	34	26.8	59	46.5	1	0.8	127	100.0
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	15	40.5	22	59.5	—	—	37	100.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	6	2.5	143	60.3	86	36.3	2	0.8	237	100.0
Public order offences	2	2.7	18	24.7	53	72.6	—	—	73	100.0
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences										
Driving licence offences	—	—	3	0.8	389	99.2	—	—	392	100.0
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—	—	—	6	100.0	—	—	6	100.0
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	1	0.2	51	11.7	384	88.0	—	—	436	100.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations										
Prison regulation offences	—	—	2	100.0	—	—	—	—	2	100.0
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	72	4.7	258	16.8	679	44.2	527	34.3	1 536	100.0
Miscellaneous offences	91	28.0	145	44.6	88	27.1	1	0.3	325	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 427</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>8 547</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>5 509</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>18 123</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Includes Childrens Court, administrative decision and the Federal Court of Australia.

## SENTENCED PRISONERS, By Offence(a) and Aggregate Sentence(b)

	Periodic detainees	Under 1 month	1 & under 3 months	3 & under 6 months	6 & under 12 months	1 & under 2 years	2 & under 5 years	5 & under 10 years	10 & under 15 years
Homicide									
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	65
Other homicide	6	—	—	—	—	3	54	282	137
Acts intended to cause injury									
Assault	221	7	30	121	263	467	528	281	67
Other acts intended to cause injury	5	—	1	4	9	13	31	33	6
Sexual assault and related offences									
Sexual assault	42	—	1	9	19	54	411	838	348
Non-assaultive sexual offences	3	—	—	1	8	11	59	86	32
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	169	—	11	27	56	102	44	4	—
Abduction and related offences	1	—	—	—	—	3	16	19	9
Robbery, extortion and related offences									
Robbery	46	—	3	10	20	70	820	1 054	277
Blackmail and extortion	7	—	—	2	4	6	20	14	3
Unlawful entry with intent	75	3	17	76	255	593	736	322	56
Theft and related offences									
Theft (including motor vehicles)	63	9	38	138	290	334	272	69	8
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	23	4	7	30	54	45	60	21	2
Deception and related offences	92	2	1	30	58	104	172	96	15
Illicit drug offences									
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	94	—	1	21	54	128	414	488	187
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	12	12	2	4	14	15	62	73	13
Possess and/or use	3	3	8	11	18	18	23	29	11
Weapons and explosives offences	8	—	2	2	7	7	5	6	—
Property damage and environmental pollution	9	4	7	15	32	47	89	25	4
Public order offences	1	2	7	13	20	14	9	5	2
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences									
Driving licence offences	4	14	29	63	152	110	18	2	—
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	1	1	—	1	2	1	—	—
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	102	13	36	51	106	111	15	2	—
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations									
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	88	26	78	237	373	392	239	70	11
Miscellaneous offences	—	3	9	10	17	17	176	52	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 074</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1 831</b>	<b>2 666</b>	<b>4 275</b>	<b>3 879</b>	<b>1 270</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 26.

	15 & under 20 years	20 years and over	Life(c)	Other(c)	Total(no.)	Total(%)	Mean months(d)	Median months(d)
Homicide								
Murder	254	206	715	30	1 278	7.1	224.9	216.0
Other homicide	36	11	11	9	549	3.0	106.0	96.0
Acts intended to cause injury								
Assault	22	7	3	25	2 042	11.3	37.1	24.0
Other acts intended to cause injury	—	1	—	—	103	0.6	54.0	44.7
Sexual assault and related offences								
Sexual assault	90	31	10	31	1 884	10.4	90.1	84.0
Non-assaultive sexual offences	6	—	1	8	215	1.2	75.8	72.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	—	—	—	—	413	2.3	15.5	12.0
Abduction and related offences	1	1	—	1	51	0.3	80.4	62.2
Robbery, extortion and related offences								
Robbery	94	28	3	17	2 442	13.5	78.7	66.0
Blackmail and extortion	—	—	—	1	57	0.3	48.2	42.0
Unlawful entry with intent	10	1	1	3	2 148	11.9	36.1	24.2
Theft and related offences								
Theft (including motor vehicles)	1	1	—	2	1 225	6.8	21.4	12.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	—	—	—	—	246	1.4	22.8	12.0
Deception and related offences	3	1	—	—	574	3.2	39.5	33.5
Illicit drug offences								
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	64	38	18	1	1 508	8.3	77.1	60.0
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	6	2	2	—	217	1.2	61.0	48.0
Possess and/or use	1	2	—	—	127	0.7	48.8	24.0
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	—	—	37	0.2	28.4	18.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	1	—	—	4	237	1.3	31.7	24.0
Public order offences	—	—	—	—	73	0.4	19.9	9.1
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences								
Driving licence offences	—	—	—	—	392	2.2	10.1	8.5
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—	—	—	6	—	14.3	12.0
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	—	—	—	—	436	2.4	9.9	9.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations								
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	2	—	18.0	18.0
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	3	6	4	9	1 536	8.5	20.0	12.0
Miscellaneous offences	5	—	—	19	325	1.8	47.7	36.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>18 123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>39.1</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 26.

(c) See Glossary, Type of sentence.

(d) Prisoners with indeterminate and periodic detention sentences are excluded from these calculations. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 37–38.

	Periodic detainees	Under 1 month	1 & under 3 months	3 & under 6 months	6 & under 12 months	1 & under 2 years	2 & under 5 years	5 & under 10 years	10 & under 15 years
Homicide									
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	1	10	71	267
Other homicide	6	—	1	10	8	47	213	199	40
Acts intended to cause injury									
Assault	221	21	116	326	490	347	351	113	21
Other acts intended to cause injury	5	1	4	10	14	15	36	16	1
Sexual assault and related offences									
Sexual assault	42	—	14	46	106	274	699	549	97
Non-assaultive sexual offences	3	—	8	14	26	43	83	28	1
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	169	4	28	54	92	52	12	2	—
Abduction and related offences	1	—	1	1	4	13	14	13	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences									
Robbery	46	2	20	51	168	518	1 084	441	75
Blackmail and extortion	7	—	2	4	6	13	19	5	—
Unlawful entry with intent	75	10	50	309	552	566	475	92	14
Theft and related offences									
Theft (including motor vehicles)	63	20	116	289	371	215	122	26	1
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	23	5	21	56	61	38	37	3	2
Deception and related offences	92	4	27	88	100	103	137	22	1
Illicit drug offences									
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	94	2	8	76	186	281	475	292	53
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	12	12	14	14	28	34	57	36	7
Possess and/or use	3	8	23	15	17	20	26	14	1
Weapons and explosives offences	8	1	2	2	10	9	4	1	—
Property damage and environmental pollution	9	4	29	41	49	57	34	8	2
Public order offences	1	6	9	20	22	9	2	2	2
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences									
Driving licence offences	4	19	91	142	96	30	8	2	—
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	102	22	51	98	120	38	5	—	—
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations									
Prison regulation offences	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	88	56	142	293	392	323	183	41	3
Miscellaneous offences	—	8	20	32	32	148	41	21	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 074</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>1 992</b>	<b>2 953</b>	<b>3 195</b>	<b>4 127</b>	<b>1 997</b>	<b>595</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 27–36.

	15 & under 20 years	20 years and over	Life(c)	Other(c)	Total(no.)	Total(%)	Mean months(d)	Median months(d)
Homicide								
Murder	140	44	715	30	1 278	7.1	166.5	162.1
Other homicide	4	1	11	9	549	3.0	62.5	55.7
Acts intended to cause injury								
Assault	7	1	3	25	2 042	11.3	21.6	11.5
Other acts intended to cause injury	1	—	—	—	103	0.6	33.0	25.1
Sexual assault and related offences								
Sexual assault	11	5	10	31	1 884	10.4	53.2	45.8
Non-assaultive sexual offences	—	—	1	8	215	1.2	32.3	25.5
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	—	—	—	—	413	2.3	9.8	7.2
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—	1	51	0.3	48.1	39.6
Robbery, extortion and related offences								
Robbery	15	2	3	17	2 442	13.5	44.1	36.0
Blackmail and extortion	—	—	—	1	57	0.3	28.4	23.9
Unlawful entry with intent	1	—	1	3	2 148	11.9	20.7	13.7
Theft and related offences								
Theft (including motor vehicles)	—	—	—	2	1 225	6.8	12.7	8.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	—	—	—	—	246	1.4	14.5	8.0
Deception and related offences	—	—	—	—	574	3.2	20.8	13.3
Illicit drug offences								
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	20	2	18	1	1 508	8.3	44.3	33.4
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	1	—	2	—	217	1.2	34.7	24.0
Possess and/or use	—	—	—	—	127	0.7	23.6	11.7
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	—	—	37	0.2	16.4	12.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	—	—	—	4	237	1.3	16.7	10.8
Public order offences	—	—	—	—	73	0.4	13.4	6.0
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences								
Driving licence offences	—	—	—	—	392	2.2	6.4	4.8
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—	—	—	6	—	5.6	5.5
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	—	—	—	—	436	2.4	6.8	6.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations								
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	2	—	7.9	7.9
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	—	2	4	9	1 536	8.5	14.8	9.0
Miscellaneous offences	—	—	—	19	325	1.8	23.1	17.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>18 123</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>18.8</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 27–36.

(c) See Glossary, Type of sentence.

(d) Prisoners with indeterminate and periodic detention sentences are excluded from these calculations. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 37–38.

	Periodic detainees	Under 1 month	1 & under 3 months	3 & under 6 months	6 & under 12 months	1 & under 2 years	2 & under 5 years	5 & under 10 years	10 years and over
Homicide									
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	49
Other homicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	71	31
Acts intended to cause injury									
Assault	31	3	12	50	151	263	228	89	21
Other acts intended to cause injury	—	—	—	2	3	5	5	5	1
Sexual assault and related offences									
Sexual assault	3	—	—	1	4	16	58	160	111
Non-assaultive sexual offences	—	—	—	—	2	3	3	18	3
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	10	—	—	4	14	15	10	1	—
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences									
Robbery	1	—	2	4	6	14	175	177	65
Blackmail and extortion	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	—
Unlawful entry with intent	4	3	7	20	54	111	150	69	17
Theft and related offences									
Theft (including motor vehicles)	3	4	8	16	54	60	48	16	4
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	—	3	—	1	2	6	4	—	1
Deception and related offences	9	—	—	3	3	6	9	1	—
Illicit drug offences									
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	6	—	—	1	1	1	15	5	3
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Possess and/or use	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
Property damage and environmental pollution	1	1	3	8	12	21	19	5	—
Public order offences	—	1	5	10	11	5	1	2	—
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences									
Driving licence offences	—	9	7	25	67	35	3	1	—
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	7	10	19	18	57	56	6	—	—
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations									
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	9	9	25	56	101	78	50	10	6
Miscellaneous offences	—	1	2	3	5	3	10	8	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>315</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 26.

	<i>Life(c)</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<i>Total(no.)</i>	<i>Total(%)</i>	<i>Mean months(d)</i>	<i>Median months(d)</i>
Homicide						
Murder	95	5	153	4.2	204.0	216.0
Other homicide	2	1	119	3.3	99.8	91.5
Acts intended to cause injury						
Assault	—	6	854	23.6	29.6	18.0
Other acts intended to cause injury	—	—	21	0.6	39.3	24.0
Sexual assault and related offences						
Sexual assault	5	12	370	10.2	97.8	89.9
Non-assaultive sexual offences	1	—	30	0.8	70.0	72.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	—	—	54	1.5	16.2	12.0
Abduction and related offences	—	—	5	0.1	46.9	48.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences						
Robbery	—	2	446	12.3	73.4	60.0
Blackmail and extortion	—	1	12	0.3	57.0	60.0
Unlawful entry with intent	1	2	438	12.1	37.0	26.0
Theft and related offences						
Theft (including motor vehicles)	—	—	213	5.9	25.3	12.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	—	—	17	0.5	24.4	13.4
Deception and related offences	—	—	31	0.8	25.1	18.2
Illicit drug offences						
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	—	—	32	0.9	55.1	36.0
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	—	—	4	0.1	37.3	31.5
Possess and/or use	—	—	1	—	24.0	24.0
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	4	0.1	6.1	6.5
Property damage and environmental pollution	—	—	70	1.9	21.6	17.0
Public order offences	—	—	35	1.0	12.4	6.1
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences						
Driving licence offences	—	—	147	4.1	9.1	8.0
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—	2	0.1	1.9	1.9
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	—	—	173	4.8	9.8	9.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations						
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	—	3	347	9.6	19.0	9.8
Miscellaneous offences	—	—	35	1.0	46.0	26.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3 613</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>24.3</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 26.

(c) See Glossary, Type of sentence.

(d) Prisoners with indeterminate and periodic detention sentences are excluded from these calculations. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 37–38.

	Periodic detainees	Under 1 month	1 & under 3 months	3 & under 6 months	6 & under 12 months	1 & under 2 years	2 & under 5 years	5 & under 10 years	10 years and over
Homicide									
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	15	34
Other homicide	—	—	—	2	2	18	55	34	5
Acts intended to cause injury									
Assault	31	10	59	184	252	161	115	30	6
Other acts intended to cause injury	—	—	2	6	2	3	6	2	—
Sexual assault and related offences									
Sexual assault	3	—	1	9	23	60	120	113	24
Non-assaultive sexual offences	—	—	1	3	7	1	15	2	—
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	10	—	4	14	14	9	2	1	—
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences									
Robbery	1	1	2	15	39	114	185	73	14
Blackmail and extortion	1	—	—	—	—	3	7	—	—
Unlawful entry with intent	4	7	19	75	104	96	102	24	4
Theft and related offences									
Theft (including motor vehicles)	3	4	24	46	61	40	25	9	1
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	—	3	2	2	6	1	2	—	1
Deception and related offences	9	—	2	8	4	4	3	1	—
Illicit drug offences									
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	6	—	—	2	3	11	6	4	—
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Possess and/or use	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
Property damage and environmental pollution	1	1	10	19	18	12	9	—	—
Public order offences	—	5	5	10	9	4	1	1	—
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences									
Driving licence offences	—	10	29	55	40	13	—	—	—
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	7	14	29	45	60	15	3	—	—
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations									
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	9	25	50	69	82	54	44	9	2
Miscellaneous offences	—	3	5	6	6	6	4	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>94</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 27–36.

	<i>Life(c)</i>	<i>Other(c)</i>	<i>Total(no.)</i>	<i>Total(%)</i>	<i>Mean months(d)</i>	<i>Median months(d)</i>
Homicide						
Murder	95	5	153	4.2	140.0	144.0
Other homicide	2	1	119	3.3	52.8	42.0
Acts intended to cause injury						
Assault	—	6	854	23.6	16.1	9.0
Other acts intended to cause injury	—	—	21	0.6	22.2	13.8
Sexual assault and related offences						
Sexual assault	5	12	370	10.2	55.1	46.3
Non-assaultive sexual offences	1	—	30	0.8	26.6	26.8
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	—	—	54	1.5	9.9	6.0
Abduction and related offences	—	—	5	0.1	26.5	23.2
Robbery, extortion and related offences						
Robbery	—	2	446	12.3	41.1	30.9
Blackmail and extortion	—	1	12	0.3	33.2	36.0
Unlawful entry with intent	1	2	438	12.1	20.7	12.8
Theft and related offences						
Theft (including motor vehicles)	—	—	213	5.9	15.0	8.2
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	—	—	17	0.5	17.7	6.1
Deception and related offences	—	—	31	0.8	13.9	6.5
Illicit drug offences						
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	—	—	32	0.9	27.2	17.6
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	—	—	4	0.1	12.5	7.0
Possess and/or use	—	—	1	—	12.0	12.0
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—	4	0.1	5.2	5.2
Property damage and environmental pollution	—	—	70	1.9	10.4	6.4
Public order offences	—	—	35	1.0	8.9	4.7
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences						
Driving licence offences	—	—	147	4.1	5.6	5.0
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—	2	0.1	1.9	1.9
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	—	—	173	4.8	6.4	5.9
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations						
Prison regulation offences	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	—	3	347	9.6	14.4	7.0
Miscellaneous offences	—	—	35	1.0	29.6	9.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3 613</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>12.2</b>

(a) Refers to most serious offence. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 39–40.

(b) See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 27–36.

(c) See Glossary, Type of sentence.

(d) Prisoners with indeterminate and periodic detention sentences are excluded from these calculations. See Explanatory notes, paragraphs 37–38.

## PRISONERS..... TIME ON REMAND

	no.	%	Mean months	90th percentile months
Homicide				
Murder	249	5.7	9.7	19.4
Other homicide	107	2.5	8.1	15.1
Acts intended to cause injury				
Assault	695	16.0	3.2	7.9
Other acts intended to cause injury	90	2.1	4.0	9.2
Sexual assault and related offences				
Sexual assault	172	4.0	5.9	11.1
Non-assaultive sexual offences	18	0.4	5.1	11.9
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	31	0.7	5.4	8.0
Abduction and related offences	29	0.7	4.5	11.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences				
Robbery	508	11.7	4.4	8.4
Blackmail and extortion	18	0.4	4.3	10.9
Unlawful entry with intent	606	14.0	2.7	5.7
Theft and related offences				
Theft (including motor vehicles)	278	6.4	2.5	4.9
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	143	3.3	2.3	5.7
Deception and related offences	209	4.8	8.9	24.9
Illicit drug offences				
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	244	5.6	8.4	20.1
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	92	2.1	5.2	9.9
Possess and/or use	83	1.9	3.3	7.9
Weapons and explosives offences	32	0.7	2.4	5.7
Property damage and environmental pollution	92	2.1	2.6	6.5
Public order offences	54	1.2	2.0	5.4
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences				
Driving licence offences	62	1.4	3.6	7.0
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	8	0.2	1.4	4.0
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	20	0.5	4.1	14.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations				
Prison regulation offences	4	0.1	2.4	6.6
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	242	5.6	2.7	7.4
Miscellaneous offences	249	5.7	4.0	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 335</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>

	no.	%
Homicide		
Murder	10	0.9
Other homicide	2	0.2
Acts intended to cause injury		
Assault	5	0.5
Other acts intended to cause injury	1	0.1
Sexual assault and related offences		
Sexual assault	13	1.2
Non-assaultive sexual offences	—	—
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	4	0.4
Abduction and related offences	1	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences		
Robbery	34	3.2
Blackmail and extortion	1	0.1
Unlawful entry with intent	15	1.4
Theft and related offences		
Theft (including motor vehicles)	11	1.0
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	6	0.6
Deception and related offences	240	22.3
Illicit drug offences		
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	385	35.8
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	46	4.3
Possess and/or use	25	2.3
Weapons and explosives offences	—	—
Property damage and environmental pollution	2	0.2
Public order offences	1	0.1
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences		
Driving licence offences	2	0.2
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	1	0.1
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations		
Prison regulation offences	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	66	6.1
Miscellaneous offences	203	18.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 074</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) The most serious offence is not necessarily a federal offence.

	no.	%
Homicide		
Murder	—	—
Other homicide	6	0.6
Acts intended to cause injury		
Assault	221	20.6
Other acts intended to cause injury	5	0.5
Sexual assault and related offences		
Sexual assault	42	3.9
Non-assaultive sexual offences	3	0.3
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	169	15.7
Abduction and related offences	1	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences		
Robbery	46	4.3
Blackmail and extortion	7	0.7
Unlawful entry with intent	75	7.0
Theft and related offences		
Theft (including motor vehicles)	63	5.9
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	23	2.1
Deception and related offences	92	8.6
Illicit drug offences		
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	94	8.8
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	12	1.1
Possess and/or use	3	0.3
Weapons and explosives offences	8	0.7
Property damage and environmental pollution	9	0.8
Public order offences	1	0.1
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences		
Driving licence offences	4	0.4
Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	—	—
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	102	9.5
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations		
Prison regulation offences	—	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	88	8.2
Miscellaneous offences	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 074</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Applies in NSW and ACT only.

30 June	All prisoners no.	Imprisonment rate rate(a)	Mean age years	Females %	Indigenous %	Indigenous imprisonment rate rate(b)	Known prior adult imprisonment %	Remandees %
NEW SOUTH WALES								
1991	7 103	159.6	30.4	5.5	9.3	2 080.7	48.4	11.9
1992	7 485	165.9	30.9	5.3	8.7	1 651.5	50.8	10.1
1993	7 632	166.4	31.5	4.7	9.6	1 636.2	52.1	10.2
1994	7 711	167.8	31.9	5.3	10.7	1 804.7	56.0	9.6
1995	7 749	166.6	32.1	5.3	11.5	1 894.1	51.7	9.3
1996	7 691	163.0	32.1	5.7	12.4	1 622.5	54.4	10.5
1997	7 957	165.7	32.2	6.0	12.7	1 632.1	54.8	12.5
1998	7 810	161.0	32.9	6.0	14.0	1 724.5	65.8	13.5
1999	8 433	171.5	32.9	6.8	15.0	1 954.8	54.9	15.7
2000	8 547	172.0	33.1	6.7	14.6	1 882.1	51.5	17.4
2001	8 846	175.6	32.9	7.0	15.1	1 970.9	54.3	18.5
VICTORIA								
1991	2 310	68.8	31.0	4.8	3.9	1 271.1	70.6	16.6
1992	2 277	67.4	31.4	5.0	4.7	1 101.6	69.4	16.0
1993	2 272	66.3	32.3	5.1	4.6	972.7	68.0	12.8
1994	2 522	73.9	32.7	5.3	5.6	1 246.5	65.9	13.2
1995	2 467	71.8	33.5	4.7	5.2	1 102.4	64.1	14.1
1996	2 440	70.2	34.2	5.2	4.5	846.2	64.9	15.7
1997	2 643	74.6	33.9	5.8	5.0	1 000.1	63.5	15.8
1998	2 858	79.7	34.4	5.3	4.4	940.3	62.9	15.3
1999	2 923	73.8	34.6	6.1	4.2	903.2	62.8	14.3
2000	3 153	85.4	34.5	5.8	4.4	993.3	60.4	13.8
2001	3 391	90.4	34.4	7.3	4.4	1 060.3	63.0	14.7
QUEENSLAND								
1991	2 094	94.4	30.4	3.2	16.5	1 040.0	47.0	9.5
1992	2 017	89.4	30.3	3.8	18.3	948.7	49.3	8.3
1993	2 068	88.0	30.2	3.8	20.6	971.1	46.6	12.5
1994	2 491	104.0	30.4	4.0	22.2	1 222.2	60.7	13.1
1995	2 870	116.6	30.8	3.7	22.2	1 369.2	61.1	11.6
1996	3 528	139.6	30.7	4.9	22.9	1 457.4	61.1	12.5
1997	3 839	149.2	30.8	4.9	24.5	1 585.4	60.7	11.8
1998	4 466	171.3	31.7	4.8	23.1	1 693.8	62.3	12.5
1999	4 710	177.2	32.1	5.8	23.5	1 765.2	61.8	13.8
2000	4 482	165.5	32.6	5.8	23.4	1 622.0	65.2	15.6
2001	4 517	163.4	33.0	6.4	25.4	1 724.4	66.5	20.1
SOUTH AUSTRALIA								
1991	1 042	93.3	30.1	5.0	14.4	1 868.2	72.6	27.2
1992	1 152	103.2	29.4	5.5	16.2	2 022.7	72.9	25.2
1993	1 163	102.7	30.0	5.8	15.9	1 790.0	78.4	21.3
1994	1 348	118.7	30.0	5.3	17.1	2 141.5	80.9	16.2
1995	1 401	123.1	30.7	5.1	18.4	2 336.7	63.9	16.0
1996	1 475	129.4	31.0	6.2	17.6	2 148.0	62.8	18.4
1997	1 492	130.1	31.4	6.2	18.0	2 115.9	63.6	18.1
1998	1 385	120.2	32.1	6.2	17.5	1 871.8	62.6	18.1
1999	1 396	120.4	32.4	4.9	18.3	1 928.0	65.3	20.0
2000	1 299	111.5	32.5	5.8	17.3	1 656.5	66.4	27.4
2001	1 389	118.4	32.7	5.7	16.6	1 651.7	62.3	34.3

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

(b) Rate per 100,000 adult Indigenous population.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

30 June	All prisoners no.	Imprisonment rate rate(a)	Mean age years	Females %	Indigenous %	Indigenous imprisonment rate rate(b)	Known prior adult imprisonment %	Remandees %
WESTERN AUSTRALIA(c)								
1991	1 726	139.6	29.7	4.6	33.4	2 756.4	71.0	9.4
1992	1 893	154.4	29.8	5.0	30.3	2 490.2	70.4	10.2
1993	2 029	161.3	30.3	6.1	31.4	2 476.5	54.8	10.9
1994	2 137	168.6	30.5	4.6	32.2	2 600.5	54.6	9.9
1995	2 205	170.4	30.7	5.4	32.4	2 629.8	54.3	11.6
1996	2 254	170.4	30.8	5.3	33.3	2 482.8	53.2	11.0
1997	2 245	165.4	31.1	6.7	33.4	2 332.5	51.6	12.8
1998	2 352	170.4	31.5	6.7	32.2	2 305.9	50.4	12.7
1999	3 048	216.5	31.7	7.4	34.0	3 080.0	51.6	12.7
2000	3 124	218.4	32.2	7.9	32.1	2 908.7	48.7	15.8
2001	3 170	217.6	32.6	6.9	33.8	3 036.1	50.1	17.6
TASMANIA								
1991	265	77.8	31.5	4.9	3.8	286.9	60.4	12.5
1992	269	77.3	30.9	1.9	4.8	273.1	60.6	12.3
1993	265	74.9	30.6	3.4	5.3	255.8	57.0	13.6
1994	258	73.4	31.3	3.5	10.1	457.3	59.7	14.0
1995	244	69.1	30.1	2.5	5.7	238.4	62.7	17.6
1996	285	80.4	30.8	2.8	9.8	352.0	55.4	16.1
1997	263	74.2	31.8	1.9	12.9	396.9	60.8	12.2
1998	314	88.3	30.9	4.1	8.9	317.2	56.1	18.5
1999	343	96.4	31.2	5.5	10.5	397.2	60.1	11.7
2000	390	109.1	31.0	5.1	10.0	417.6	57.7	20.5
2001	346	96.5	32.2	5.8	11.6	417.7	62.7	21.4
NORTHERN TERRITORY								
1991	465	425.3	27.7	2.8	70.5	1 716.3	73.3	10.9
1992	447	387.0	28.1	1.8	72.0	1 431.2	72.5	7.6
1993	422	356.1	28.2	1.9	75.6	1 226.0	72.5	7.8
1994	455	383.4	29.4	2.6	72.7	1 242.4	74.5	13.0
1995	471	389.8	30.0	1.7	72.6	1 256.2	44.8	11.7
1996	482	391.1	30.2	2.5	74.7	1 260.7	45.6	15.6
1997	606	454.8	30.9	3.5	72.4	1 435.0	62.9	11.9
1998	635	474.9	30.9	4.7	72.6	1 472.7	61.9	14.0
1999	618	453.1	30.9	3.9	77.2	1 488.3	62.5	11.5
2000	635	458.1	31.3	2.4	60.8	1 176.0	59.1	27.2
2001	717	510.5	32.0	2.6	63.6	1 356.5	64.0	18.0
PRISONERS IN AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PRISONS(d)								
1991	16	7.3	29.4	—	—	—	62.5	100.0
1992	19	8.7	24.2	10.5	15.8	297.6	57.9	100.0
1993	15	6.7	26.3	7.1	—	—	46.7	100.0
1994	22	9.8	27.3	29.4	9.1	188.0	27.3	100.0
1995	21	9.2	28.0	5.0	14.3	268.8	38.1	100.0
1996	38	16.3	28.5	11.8	10.5	242.0	50.0	100.0
1997	83	15.8	27.6	3.6	10.8	223.7	56.8	44.6
1998	86	36.8	29.4	8.1	12.8	590.1	36.0	50.0
1999	67	28.4	31.4	10.4	10.4	361.2	14.9	61.2
2000	84	35.3	31.0	11.9	9.5	394.5	39.3	65.5
2001	82	34.0	29.7	6.1	14.6	566.3	43.9	64.6

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

(b) Rate per 100,000 adult Indigenous population.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

(c) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 44.

(d) The ABS began counting periodic detainees for the ACT in 1997. Prior to 1997 all information is for unsentenced prisoners in Belconnen Remand Centre only.

30 June	All prisoners no.	Imprisonment rate rate(a)	Mean age years	Females %	Indigenous %	Indigenous imprisonment rate rate(b)	Known prior adult imprisonment %	Remandees %
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (Prisoners in NSW Prisons)(c)								
1991	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1992	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1993	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995	82	35.8	31.0	4.9	6.1	448.0	n.a.	..
1996	87	37.4	30.4	3.4	—	—	n.a.	..
1997	110	47.1	31.1	8.1	6.3	391.5	48.2	..
1998	113	48.4	32.8	4.4	1.8	122.0	55.8	..
1999	125	53.0	33.1	5.6	1.0	51.6	51.2	..
2000	155	65.2	32.0	8.4	6.5	493.1	43.2	5.2
2001	129	53.5	31.8	9.3	6.2	377.5	58.9	—
AUSTRALIA(d)								
1991	15 021	117.2	30.3	4.8	14.4	1 738.6	56.9	13.2
1992	15 559	118.1	30.6	4.9	14.3	1 497.8	58.2	12.0
1993	15 866	119.2	31.1	4.8	15.2	1 438.4	56.5	12.0
1994	16 944	125.5	31.4	4.9	16.5	1 617.6	60.5	11.5
1995	17 428	127.3	31.7	4.8	17.1	1 681.9	56.3	11.5
1996	18 193	130.9	31.8	5.3	18.0	1 576.2	57.4	12.7
1997	19 128	137.0	31.9	5.7	18.7	1 625.0	57.9	13.4
1998	19 906	139.2	32.5	5.7	18.8	1 663.4	62.1	14.0
1999	21 538	145.2	32.7	6.3	20.0	1 864.4	57.9	14.9
2000	21 714	147.7	32.9	6.4	18.9	1 727.4	56.4	17.4
2001	22 458	150.5	33.0	6.7	19.8	1 828.5	58.4	19.3

(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

(b) Rate per 100,000 adult Indigenous population.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

(c) Information on ACT sentenced prisoners in NSW prisons is unavailable before 1995.

(d) Information on ACT periodic detainees is unavailable before 1997. Therefore, prior to 1997 all information in this table for Australia excludes ACT periodic detainees.

30 June	AGGREGATE SENTENCE LENGTH.....				SENTENCE TYPE.....		
	<i>Less than 1 year</i>	<i>1 to less than 5 years</i>	<i>5 to less than 10 years</i>	<i>10 years and over</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Fine default</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
	%	%	%	%	years	%	%
NEW SOUTH WALES							
1991	20.2	37.7	14.0	5.8	3.3	1.3	4.1
1992	19.5	38.6	14.1	5.9	2.0	2.0	3.3
1993	17.5	39.2	15.9	6.7	2.0	1.5	2.7
1994	15.7	38.2	17.2	8.2	3.3	0.1	2.2
1995	17.0	32.8	19.3	9.3	3.3	1.0	2.2
1996	17.1	31.4	18.9	9.6	3.0	1.2	2.1
1997	17.3	31.2	17.3	9.7	3.0	1.3	2.0
1998	17.3	32.0	18.1	10.6	3.0	—	2.0
1999	19.8	32.6	18.3	11.1	3.0	—	1.9
2000	17.3	32.3	20.3	11.4	3.3	—	1.4
2001	16.1	35.8	20.1	11.3	3.0	—	1.9
VICTORIA							
1991	23.1	40.5	18.1	13.1	2.7	—	5.1
1992	25.8	38.6	17.8	13.8	2.7	0.1	4.0
1993	28.1	38.9	16.4	12.8	2.5	0.1	3.5
1994	26.5	42.1	17.0	11.7	2.5	0.1	2.7
1995	26.1	39.4	19.5	13.1	3.0	0.1	1.9
1996	23.9	38.8	22.1	13.6	3.0	0.1	1.3
1997	29.3	37.2	19.8	11.7	2.3	—	1.7
1998	31.5	37.4	18.1	11.2	2.0	0.3	1.5
1999	30.2	36.7	19.1	12.4	2.3	0.2	1.4
2000	27.5	39.8	19.0	12.1	2.5	0.1	1.5
2001	25.3	41.2	19.8	12.0	2.8	—	1.4
QUEENSLAND							
1991	22.0	36.3	21.4	10.8	3.0	1.6	7.2
1992	18.3	33.6	25.3	12.7	4.3	—	10.1
1993	18.1	33.8	25.2	13.0	4.2	—	10.0
1994	17.4	36.0	24.6	13.5	4.0	1.0	8.5
1995	18.0	33.6	26.6	13.3	4.0	3.7	8.5
1996	20.2	34.7	25.0	12.8	3.6	5.0	6.5
1997	19.4	35.0	25.1	13.2	3.6	0.3	6.4
1998	17.8	35.1	26.6	13.8	4.0	2.4	5.9
1999	18.9	35.3	25.4	13.6	3.8	5.5	5.9
2000	16.1	35.1	26.6	13.7	4.0	0.1	7.2
2001	14.1	36.7	26.0	14.0	4.0	0.6	7.3
SOUTH AUSTRALIA							
1991	17.0	38.9	24.2	11.9	3.9	1.7	7.9
1992	21.3	38.7	21.8	10.9	3.4	8.5	7.2
1993	22.8	35.4	23.1	11.9	3.9	9.0	6.9
1994	20.7	38.5	23.5	11.2	3.5	5.2	6.0
1995	22.9	41.5	22.0	6.5	3.0	5.9	7.2
1996	22.4	39.4	22.9	7.4	3.0	3.6	6.4
1997	19.5	40.0	24.1	7.9	2.4	3.7	7.0
1998	18.0	38.7	26.1	8.4	4.0	6.2	7.2
1999	19.8	37.5	24.7	8.6	3.5	6.7	7.5
2000	9.1	40.7	28.4	10.4	4.2	—	8.3
2001	12.2	36.8	27.3	11.5	4.1	0.1	8.1

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

30 June	AGGREGATE SENTENCE LENGTH.....				SENTENCE TYPE.....		
	<i>Less than 1 year</i>	<i>1 to less than 5 years</i>	<i>5 to less than 10 years</i>	<i>10 years and over</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Fine default</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
	%	%	%	%	years	%	%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA(a)							
1991	24.5	39.4	20.6	7.7	2.8	6.4	7.9
1992	18.0	47.2	19.9	7.8	2.9	4.0	7.0
1993	17.4	44.4	21.5	9.4	3.0	5.8	7.4
1994	16.4	46.8	20.6	9.0	2.8	5.6	7.3
1995	9.5	51.5	22.4	8.9	3.0	0.6	7.7
1996	11.2	50.0	22.3	9.3	3.0	0.4	6.4
1997	8.1	49.6	24.5	10.1	3.5	0.8	6.8
1998	11.6	44.8	24.2	11.2	3.4	2.0	7.1
1999	16.1	43.3	22.4	11.3	3.0	2.4	6.0
2000	13.9	43.0	22.8	12.9	3.5	1.7	6.2
2001	12.2	43.4	22.0	14.3	3.5	1.2	6.7
TASMANIA							
1991	39.3	30.6	9.1	3.0	1.5	0.4	17.7
1992	42.4	29.2	9.3	3.0	1.4	5.9	16.1
1993	35.8	33.2	11.8	2.6	1.9	7.9	16.6
1994	39.3	25.2	14.4	3.6	1.1	1.9	17.6
1995	38.3	26.8	11.9	4.5	1.0	1.6	18.4
1996	36.4	29.3	14.2	5.4	1.4	1.1	12.3
1997	31.6	33.3	13.4	8.2	1.5	3.8	11.8
1998	41.8	27.7	11.7	6.6	1.2	2.5	9.9
1999	40.6	32.0	10.2	6.9	1.0	4.7	9.0
2000	31.3	42.9	9.0	7.4	1.8	0.3	7.4
2001	29.0	39.4	10.3	11.4	1.9	2.6	7.8
NORTHERN TERRITORY							
1991	31.5	40.4	16.5	7.0	1.8	0.5	4.6
1992	33.6	34.2	18.9	7.5	1.9	4.6	5.8
1993	26.5	42.2	18.0	7.7	2.0	0.8	5.7
1994	29.8	41.7	17.2	5.3	2.2	1.4	6.1
1995	31.8	40.9	16.1	5.5	1.9	2.8	5.8
1996	29.5	39.8	17.7	5.9	1.8	6.0	2.1
1997	39.1	38.2	12.9	4.9	1.3	0.7	4.3
1998	39.3	39.0	11.9	5.1	1.2	3.0	3.9
1999	36.7	43.2	9.7	5.3	1.3	3.4	4.5
2000	31.4	43.0	12.8	6.3	1.5	4.1	4.7
2001	32.5	45.6	11.9	4.1	1.7	2.9	4.9
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (Prisoners in NSW Prisons)(b)							
1991	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1992	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1993	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1995	10.9	39.0	34.1	11.0	4.3	1.2	4.9
1996	3.4	37.9	39.1	13.8	5.0	—	5.7
1997	8.1	40.0	30.9	17.3	4.9	—	3.6
1998	8.9	35.4	32.7	19.5	5.0	—	3.5
1999	6.4	32.8	37.6	19.2	5.9	—	4.0
2000	10.9	38.1	31.3	17.0	4.5	—	2.6
2001	4.7	48.9	28.7	13.2	4.0	—	4.7

(a) See Explanatory notes, paragraph 44.

(b) Information on ACT sentenced prisoners in NSW prisons is unavailable before 1995.

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

30 June	AGGREGATE SENTENCE LENGTH.....				SENTENCE TYPE.....		
	<i>Less than 1 year</i>	<i>1 to less than 5 years</i>	<i>5 to less than 10 years</i>	<i>10 years and over</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Fine default</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
	%	%	%	%	years	%	%
.....							
AUSTRALIA							
1991	21.9	38.1	17.1	8.2	3.0	1.7	5.6
1992	21.0	38.7	17.4	8.4	2.5	2.3	5.3
1993	20.0	38.8	18.4	9.0	2.7	2.2	5.0
1994	18.7	39.5	19.1	9.7	3.0	1.6	4.5
1995	18.6	37.0	20.9	10.1	3.0	1.7	4.6
1996	18.8	36.1	21.1	10.4	3.0	1.9	4.0
1997	19.3	35.9	20.4	10.4	3.0	1.1	4.0
1998	19.8	35.5	21.0	11.1	3.0	1.4	4.0
1999	21.3	35.8	20.6	11.5	3.0	2.2	3.8
2000	18.3	36.4	21.8	11.9	3.3	0.4	3.9
2001	17.1	38.3	21.4	12.2	3.3	0.5	4.1
.....							

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

30 June	Homicide and related offences	Assault	Sexual assault	Robbery	Unlawful entry with intent	Deception and related offences	Theft (including motor vehicle theft)	Offences against justice procedures, govt. security and govt. operations	Illicit drug offences
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
MALES									
1991	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1992	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1993	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994	8.9	10.9	n.a.	13.4	13.5	n.a.	6.6	n.a.	11.2
1995	9.4	11.6	n.a.	12.8	13.2	n.a.	6.6	n.a.	10.6
1996	9.3	12.1	13.3	12.9	13.4	4.3	6.6	5.7	9.9
1997	9.4	12.3	12.7	12.9	14.0	4.1	6.7	6.0	9.6
1998	9.1	12.2	12.9	13.0	13.5	3.7	6.0	8.3	8.5
1999	9.0	12.1	11.9	12.9	13.2	3.7	5.6	9.9	8.9
2000	9.7	11.0	11.8	13.8	11.9	3.2	6.0	9.1	9.7
2001	10.0	11.3	11.0	13.6	12.0	2.8	6.4	8.3	9.9
FEMALES									
1991	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1992	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1993	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1994	9.8	9.6	n.a.	6.7	12.3	n.a.	10.7	n.a.	16.5
1995	10.2	9.9	n.a.	6.9	12.7	n.a.	8.9	n.a.	18.4
1996	9.3	8.7	0.9	8.9	11.3	16.4	9.9	9.4	16.8
1997	8.7	9.8	1.5	10.1	11.4	17.1	9.9	8.6	13.7
1998	10.0	10.0	1.3	10.8	11.6	12.8	9.8	12.8	11.7
1999	9.4	12.1	1.0	10.1	10.9	12.4	8.8	14.1	11.7
2000	11.0	9.2	0.8	12.5	10.1	12.1	9.4	10.8	13.1
2001	11.3	10.0	1.0	12.0	10.0	12.2	8.6	14.2	10.6
PERSONS									
1991	9.7	9.7	n.a.	10.9	15.4	n.a.	9.6	n.a.	8.8
1992	9.5	9.4	n.a.	11.5	15.2	n.a.	8.8	n.a.	9.3
1993	9.4	10.6	n.a.	12.5	14.2	n.a.	7.2	n.a.	10.7
1994	9.0	10.8	n.a.	13.1	13.4	n.a.	6.8	n.a.	11.5
1995	9.3	11.5	n.a.	12.5	13.2	n.a.	6.7	n.a.	11.1
1996	9.3	12.0	12.6	12.7	13.3	4.9	6.7	5.9	10.3
1997	9.3	12.1	12.1	12.8	13.8	4.8	6.8	6.2	9.8
1998	9.2	12.0	12.3	12.9	13.4	4.2	6.2	8.5	9.2
1999	9.1	12.1	11.2	12.7	13.0	4.2	5.8	10.1	9.1
2000	9.7	10.9	11.2	13.7	11.8	3.8	6.2	9.2	9.9
2001	10.1	11.3	10.4	13.5	11.9	3.2	6.8	8.5	10.2

(a) Due to changes in offence classifications, some data items are not available for the full 10 year period. See Explanatory notes, paragraph 41.

Source: 1990–93: Australian Institute of Criminology, *Australian Prisoners*.

1994–2001: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication presents information on all prisoners who were in custody on 30 June 2001. The statistics are derived from information collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from administrative records held by corrective services agencies in each State and Territory. A range of information is presented on the demographic and legal characteristics of prisoners such as age, sex, legal status and the nature of the offence for which the person has been charged or convicted. The publication also provides details of the type and length of sentences being served.

**2** In March 1995 the Corrective Services Ministers' Council resolved that the responsibility for the collection and dissemination of corrective services statistics should be transferred from the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The AIC ceased publishing the *Australian Prisoners* series after June 1993. As part of the transfer of responsibilities, the ABS has undertaken the publication of all national corrective services statistics from June 1994 onwards.

**3** The ABS has developed national standards for correctional statistics to ensure the comparability of data between States and Territories. There is different legislation and/or different administrative recording practices in the States and Territories, and while efforts have been made to attain maximum comparability between States and Territories, some problems with jurisdictional comparability remain. Further detail on these differences is provided in the Explanatory notes paragraphs 29–36.

### REFERENCE DATE

**4** The 2001 National Prisoner Census is a census of all persons in prison custody as at midnight 30 June 2001.

### SCOPE

**5** This collection covers all gazetted adult prisons in Australia, operated or administered by State or Territory correctional agencies, including those operated by private service providers.

Included in the collection are:

- prisoners temporarily absent from a gazetted adult prison;
- prisoners serving part-time custody in a gazetted adult prison, that is, periodic detainees in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory;
- prisoners on work release from a gazetted adult prison;
- prisoners held in gazetted police prisons; and
- persons held in police lockups (in NSW and NT) who are the responsibility of the corrective services agency for that State/Territory.

Excluded from the collection are:

- persons on Home Detention;
- persons for whom custodial authority has been transferred to another agency; such as a community correctional agency or a psychiatric facility;
- persons in a juvenile detention institution; and
- persons in immigration custody.

**6** In all States and Territories except Victoria and Queensland, persons remanded or sentenced to adult custody are aged 18 years and over. Persons under 18 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 Victoria and Queensland 'adult' refers to persons aged 17 years and over.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SCOPE *continued*

**7** In addition to the general rules of inclusion and exclusion for the scope of the National Prisoner Census, the following State and Territory differences should be noted:

- In Tasmania, persons aged 18 years or younger and sentenced to a term of imprisonment may be held in a juvenile detention centre. These offenders are included in this collection.
- Persons sentenced to imprisonment and held in Work Outreach Camps or in Community Corrections Centres in Queensland are excluded from this collection.

### JURISDICTION OF CUSTODY

**8** Persons included in the National Prisoner Census were counted in the State or Territory in which they were held in custody regardless of which State or Territory imposed the sentence being served.

**9** The Australian Capital Territory has a remand centre for unsentenced prisoners and a periodic detention centre. During 2000, the Australian Capital Territory commenced detaining some sentenced fine default only prisoners at their remand centre.

**10** Persons sentenced to full-time custody by Australian Capital Territory courts are held in New South Wales prisons. Some unsentenced persons from the Australian Capital Territory may also be held in New South Wales prisons when the capacity of the remand centre is exceeded. To provide a greater understanding of the number of prisoners sentenced in 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. To avoid double counting these prisoners, the 'ACT in NSW' figures presented in the tables are NOT included in the Australian totals.

### DATA SOURCE

**11** Statistics in this publication are derived from information on each prisoner collected by corrective services agencies within each State and Territory.

### RATES

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

**13** For the purpose of this publication the adult population figures used in the calculation of rates are for persons aged 17 years and over. While for some States and Territories different ages apply for persons sentenced to adult custody (see Explanatory note, paragraph 6), the use of a single denominator is unlikely to have a major impact on the figures.

**14** All estimates and projections for the Australian Capital Territory exclude Jervis Bay Territory. All estimates and projections for Australia exclude the external territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

**15** Rates for the general adult population are calculated using the preliminary June 2001 Estimated Resident Population figures (refer Appendix 5 and *Australian Demographic Statistics, June Quarter 2001* (Cat. no. 3101.0)) which use the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing as a benchmark.

## RATES *continued*

**16** Imprisonment rates by birthplace figures presented in Table 4 are calculated using June 2000 Estimated Resident Population by Country of Birth data from the *Australian Demographic Statistics, June 2001* (Cat. No. 3101.0) as the denominator for each birthplace. Although the denominator data are for a reference period one year earlier than the prisoner census counts by birthplace, it is not anticipated that the difference in reference periods will have a noticeable impact on these rates.

**17** Rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication are based on the projections for 30 June 2001 (refer Appendix 6 and *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.

Two series of these projections have been published. The lower of the two series was used in calculating rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication. The so-called 'lower series' assumes no change in propensity for people to identify themselves as Indigenous since the 1996 Population Census.

## LEGAL STATUS

**18** The legal status of an offender is determined by the warrant(s) or court order(s) which provide the legal basis for the detention in custody of the offender. The classification is as follows:

### Sentenced

- No appeal current
- Awaiting appeal
- Unfit to plead, not guilty on grounds of insanity, preventative detention

### Unsentenced

- Unconvicted awaiting court hearing or trial
- Awaiting sentence
- Awaiting deportation

Some offenders may have more than one type of warrant issued against them; therefore it is possible for an offender to have dual status (e.g. under sentence for some offences and awaiting appeal results for others, or under sentence and awaiting deportation). The counting rules for determining the legal status of an offender at the time of the National Prisoner Census are as follows:

- If the prisoner has been sentenced for any offence then this takes precedence over any other offence(s) for which the prisoner is unsentenced.
- If the sentenced prisoner has appealed against all of his/her sentences then that prisoner is counted as under sentence awaiting determination of appeal. If any sentence is uncontested then this takes precedence over any offence(s) for which appeals are in progress.
- If the prisoner is convicted but as yet unsentenced for any offence then this takes precedence over any other offence(s) for which the prisoner may be on remand.
- A prisoner is counted as awaiting deportation if the prisoner is held in custody for this alone. If the prisoner is sentenced or held on remand for any other offences and is also awaiting deportation, then the other offences take precedence over the deportation warrant.

### COURT OF SENTENCE/REMAND

**19** The court of sentence/remand refers to whether the offender was sentenced or remanded to custody by the Supreme Court, the District or County Court or the Lower Courts such as the Magistrates' or Childrens Courts. The rules adopted for coding the level of court are:

- Where an episode comprises orders/sentences of various levels of court, the level of court relating to the most serious offence (MSO) is recorded.
- An appeal court is recorded when it has altered the length of sentence of the MSO/charge.
- For prisoners not under sentence, the level of court which has issued the most recent remand in custody warrant is recorded.
- Prisoners held under a Department of Immigration order or under the authority of the Parole Board are recorded as 'other'.

### EPISODE

**20** For the purpose of this collection, an episode is defined as the period from an offender's date of reception into custody of a corrective services agency for a particular offence(s)/charge(s) to the time when all warrants holding the person in custody, on remand or under sentence, expire and the person is discharged from custody.

### DATE OF RECEPTION

**21** This is defined as the date the prisoner was originally received into a gazetted prison in a State or Territory for the current episode, regardless of legal status changes since that date and regardless of any authorised or unauthorised temporary leave of absence. Counting rules for persons returning to custody from an escape attempt or parole are as follows:

- If an offender escapes from custody and is recaptured and returned to custody, the date of reception is the date the person originally entered into custody prior to the escape.
- If parole is revoked resulting in an offender returning to custody, the date of reception is the date the person originally entered into custody, prior to being released on parole.

**22** Since the 1996 National Prisoner Census, Victorian and Northern Territory corrective service agencies have supplied the reception date for prisoners according to the following definition: the reception date is the latest date at which the prisoner is received into prison, whether at the commencement of the current episode or after returning to prison after having breached parole or having been captured following escape.

### SENTENCING

**23** Courts can set a term of imprisonment as either a fixed sentence — one that specifies a single term of custody without parole — or a 'parole' sentence comprising a maximum term and a minimum term. Alternatively, courts may not set a term of imprisonment, but rather, may apply an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment such as life.

## SENTENCING *continued*

**24** The minimum term is that period that must be served before the prisoner is eligible for release from custody to parole, and the difference between the maximum and minimum term is the period that will be served on parole if the prisoner is released at his or her earliest eligibility date. While parole is generally granted at the earliest eligibility date, prisoners may be denied parole for some or all of the period up to the expiry of their maximum term. For both fixed and maximum-minimum sentences, the period actually served in custody may be less than the stated time to serve where administrative mechanisms such as sentence remissions are applied.

**25** The total of all fixed term sentences and/or maximum terms for parole sentences is referred to as the 'aggregate' sentence. The 'expected time to serve' refers to 'fixed' sentences minus any remissions allowed or the minimum term of parole sentences minus any remissions allowed.

### Aggregate sentence

**26** The aggregate sentence is the longest period that the offender may be detained under sentence in the current episode. Charges pending which are likely to extend the current episode are ignored. In States and Territories where a new episode is counted when a person returns to prison from parole, the unexpired portion of the prior episode is usually incorporated into the aggregate sentence for the new episode.

### Expected time to serve

**27** The expected time to serve is the period of imprisonment which a convicted prisoner is expected to serve and in most cases refers to the time elapsed between the date of reception for this episode (see Explanatory notes, paragraphs 21–22) and the earliest date of release.

**28** The time a prisoner is expected to serve in custody depends upon the sentence(s) originally handed down, the system of remissions and the forms of parole available in the various States and Territories and whether any time was spent in custody prior to reception, for example, time on remand or in police custody. The rules governing date of release are complex and differ between the States and Territories. The calculation of the earliest date of release in each State and Territory is described in the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 29–36.

**29** In New South Wales, the *Sentencing Act 1989* changed the way in which dates of release are calculated compared with previous years. The current sentencing rules are as follows:

- the court will first fix a minimum term that the prisoner must serve in prison; the expiry date of the minimum term will therefore be the earliest date of release;
- the court will then fix an additional term during which the prisoner may be released on parole;
- where no additional term is set, the minimum term is known as a fixed term of imprisonment;
- sentences of six months or less must be fixed terms of imprisonment; and

those prisoners with sentences of three years or less will be released on parole as soon as they become eligible; those with sentences greater than three years may be released on parole by the Offenders Review Board any time after the minimum term of imprisonment expires.

## Expected time to serve *continued*

**30** In Victoria, the calculation is based on the minimum sentence, if one has been imposed. If no minimum sentence has been imposed, the earliest date of release is based on the fixed-term sentence. Time spent in detention prior to the commencement of the sentence counts toward the time expected to be served under sentence. Sentencing rules are:

- If a sentence of life, governor's pleasure or a term of 24 months or more is imposed, the court must fix a period during which the offender is not eligible to be released on parole, unless it considers that the nature of the offence or the past history of the offender make the fixing of such a period inappropriate.
- If a sentence of less than 24 months but not less than 12 months is imposed, the court may set a non-parole period.
- The non-parole period must be at least six months less than the term of imprisonment and must be in respect of the aggregate sentence that the offender is liable to serve under all the sentences imposed.

**31** In Queensland, with the exception of sentences of indefinite length such as life, calculations are based on the date an offender was eligible for parole.

Release dates are calculated as follows:

- Unless otherwise specified by the court, the parole eligibility date is at half the aggregate sentence length.
- Where the parole date has already passed and parole was denied, the date eligible for remission (two-thirds aggregate sentence) is used to calculate a release date. If this date has passed, the full-term expiry date is used to determine a release date.
- Prisoners given a life sentence must serve 13 years in prison before being eligible for release on parole.

**32** In South Australia, the Truth in Sentencing legislation implemented on 1 August 1994 changed the way in which release dates are calculated in comparison to previous years. The major changes to the sentencing legislation affected by the Truth in Sentencing were the abolition of remissions, the requirement for prisoners with an aggregate sentence of five years or more to formally apply to the Parole Board for release on parole, the ability of the Parole Board to release prisoners with an aggregate sentence of five years or more at its discretion and directions for the judiciary to take the abolition of remissions into account when ordering sentences. Prisoners with a non-parole period (NPP) and an aggregate sentence of less than five years continue to be paroled automatically. Release dates for prisoners are now calculated as follows:

- Where a prisoner has not had a NPP set, the EDR is the aggregate sentence end date.
- Where a prisoner has a NPP, and an aggregate sentence of less than five years, the EDR is the end date of the NPP.

Where a prisoner has a NPP, and an aggregate sentence of five years or more, the EDR is the earliest date the prisoner can be released by the Parole Board. If this date has expired and no further release date has been set by the Parole Board, the EDR becomes the aggregate sentence end date, which in the case of life or other indeterminate sentences would be unknown.

## Expected time to serve *continued*

- 33** In Western Australia,
- Where no minimum sentence is specified, the calculation is based on the total effective sentence minus one-third — known as the two-thirds time date or effective date of release (EDR) — less any special time off granted by the executive director at census date.
  - Where a parole term has been specified the calculation is based on the minimum sentence less remission of 10% of minimum sentence (i.e. the Earliest Eligibility Date (EED) as presently calculated). If this date has already passed and parole was denied, the next review date or the EDR, whichever comes first, is used.
  - In both cases above, should the parole board set a release date or review date prior to the EDR or EED and such date has not already passed, that date is used.
- 34** In Tasmania the calculation is based on the totality of the sentence liable to be served minus one-third but shall not operate so as to reduce the sentence below three months.
- 35** In the Northern Territory sentence remissions for new prisoners were abolished on 1 July 1996. Expected time to serve is calculated as follows:
- Prisoners whose sentences commenced prior to 1 July 1996 will be discharged with one third remissions or at the expiry of the non parole period, as approved by the NT Parole Board. If the parole date has elapsed, the date eligible for remission is used (if applicable) else the full-term expiry date is used.
  - Prisoners sentenced after 1 July 1996 have an expected time to serve based on their non parole period, a fixed release date or an earliest release date based on a suspension of sentence after a set period of time.
  - Life sentenced prisoners do not have an earliest expected release date.
- 36** Prisoners sentenced in the Australian Capital Territory and who are held in New South Wales prisons are subject to New South Wales calculations for date of release.

## Mean/median sentence length

- 37** Prior to 1994, indeterminate sentences were assigned an arbitrary number of years for the purpose of including such sentences in the calculation of mean and median sentence lengths. Life sentences were assumed to have an aggregate sentence length of over 10 years and an average term of 13 years and were included in the calculation of mean and median sentence lengths for both aggregate and expected time to serve. "Governor's/Queen's pleasure" and 'forensic patients' were assumed to average five years for those whose MSO involved violence and three years for all others and were only included in the calculation of mean and median expected time to serve.
- 38** For the 1994 and subsequent publications, it was decided not to assign values to indeterminate or part-time sentences. Therefore, prisoners with indeterminate and periodic detention sentences are excluded from the calculation of the mean and median aggregate and expected time to serve.

## MOST SERIOUS OFFENCE/CHARGE

**39** For sentenced prisoners, the most serious offence (MSO) is the offence for which the prisoner has received the longest sentence in the 'current episode' for a single count of the offence, regardless of the possible result of any appeals, and regardless of whether the sentence for that offence has actually expired at census date. Where sentences are equal, or the longest sentence cannot be determined, the MSO is the offence with the lowest Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) code, which is then mapped to the relevant Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC) code (see Appendix 2 for ANCO and ASOC categories, refer to Paragraph 41 for details of the implementation of ASOC). There are some State and Territory variations:

- South Australia bases the MSO for prisoners who have breached parole and returned to prison on the original episode plus any new offence(s) committed while on parole.
- In Tasmania, the MSO is the offence for which the prisoner has received the longest aggregate sentence in the 'current episode' for all counts of that offence.

**40** For unsentenced prisoners, whether convicted or not, the most serious charge (MSC) is the charge which carries the longest statutory maximum penalty. Where penalties are equal, the MSC is the charge with the lowest ANCO code.

- In New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, if a prisoner is convicted but as yet unsentenced for at least one charge, the MSC is selected from those offences for which convictions have been recorded.
- In Western Australia, the MSO/MSO is selected from all offences/charges recorded during the whole of the 'current episode'.

## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD OFFENCE CLASSIFICATION

**41** For the first time in this publication, the offence categories for national corrective services statistics are based on the *Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC), 1997* (Cat no. 1234.0). The classification was designed to replace the previous national offence classification, *Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO), 1985* (Cat. no. 1234.0), and to provide a national framework for classifying offences for statistical purposes. A table indicating which ASOC categories have been aggregated for this publication is provided in Appendix 2, which also shows the concordance between ASOC and ANCO. For comparative purposes aggregate national totals by offence category are provided in Appendix 3 (for ASOC) and Appendix 4 (for ANCO). While the ABS is publishing 2001 Prisoner Census offence data based on ASOC, the data supplied by the corrective services agencies was coded according to ANCO. This has required the ABS to map the offence data to the relevant ASOC category. Where there is no direct concordance between the two classifications the ANCO codes have been mapped as closely as possible to the relevant ASOC categories. The ABS will be continuing its work with the data providers to have the ASOC codes used within their systems, to ensure better quality national offence data.

## FEDERAL OFFENCES

**42** These are offences against Commonwealth legislation. They are most commonly offences related to prohibited importations such as illegal drugs, offences involving fraud or forgery against the Commonwealth, and offences against Commonwealth property or involving injury to Commonwealth officers. Persons imprisoned for such offences are generally held in the State or Territory of the sentencing court.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### DATA COMPARABILITY

**43** National corrections statistics are compiled in order to maximise comparability across State and Territories. Although differences have been overcome through the introduction of national standards, some legislative, interpretive and processing differences remain.

**44** With the introduction of a new computer system in Western Australia, and the need for some manual intervention during the data extraction and editing processes, there remains some concern about the quality of Western Australia corrective services data. There are possible impacts on the quality of data associated with legal status, date of reception, aggregate sentence, expected time to serve, most serious offence and time on remand.

### DATA QUALITY

**45** To ensure that the statistics are as reliable as possible the ABS has employed a number of measures. For example, a range of edit checks identify erroneous data and these are queried and resolved by the ABS in consultation with the relevant State and Territory representative.

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

#### ABS publications

**46** ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*Australian Standard Offence Classification* (Cat. no. 1234.0)—irregular

*Corrective Services, Australia* (Cat. no. 4512.0)—issued quarterly

*Crime and Safety, Australia* (Cat. no. 4509.0)—irregular

*Higher Criminal Courts, Australia* (Cat. no. 4513.0)—issued annually

*Recorded Crime, Australia* (Cat. no. 4510.0)—issued annually

**47** Current ABS publications are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0) which is available on the ABS internet site <http://www.abs.gov.au>. The National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics releases a biannual newsletter that is published on the ABS internet site. The Centre can be contacted by email through [crime.justice@abs.gov.au](mailto:crime.justice@abs.gov.au).

### ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AIC	Australian Institute of Criminology
ANCO	Australian National Classification of Offences
ASOC	Australian Standard Offence Classification
EDR	effective date of release
EED	earliest eligibility date
MSO	most serious offence
MSC	most serious charge
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not published
NPP	non-parole period
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

## GLOSSARY

<b>Abduction and related offences</b>	Acts of unlawful detainment or seizing of another person against that person's will or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person.
<b>Adult</b>	An adult prisoner is a person who is aged 18 years and over in all States and Territories except Victoria and Queensland where an adult prisoner is a person aged 17 years and over. See also paragraph 6 of the Explanatory Notes.
<b>Aggregate sentence</b>	The longest period that the offender may be detained under sentence in the current episode.
<b>Assault</b>	Assault is the direct infliction of force, injury or violence upon a person, including attempts or threats, providing the attempts/threats are in the form of face-to-face direct confrontation and there is reason to believe that the attempts/threats can be immediately enacted.
<b>Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC)</b>	The ASOC is a hierarchical classification developed by the ABS for use in the collection and publication of crime and justice statistics. It provides a classificatory framework for the comparison of statistics on offences across Australia. It replaces the Australian National Classification of Offences and resulted both from the need to update the existing classification and to address its recognised deficiencies.
<b>Blackmail and extortion</b>	The unlawful demanding with intent to gain money, property or any other benefit from, or with intent to cause detriment to, another person accompanied by the use of coercive measures, to be carried out at some point in the future if the demand is not met. This may also include the use and/or threatened use of face-to-face force or violence, provided there is a threat of continued violence if the demand is not met.
<b>Country of birth</b>	This is determined from prisoner interviews. Information in this report on country of birth is classified according to the <i>Standard Australian Classification of Countries (SACC)</i> (Cat. no. 1269.0). Corrective services agencies do not yet use SACC in their information systems, so information supplied by these agencies has been derived from data coded to local country of birth classifications.
<b>Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons</b>	Dangerous or negligent acts which, though not intended to cause harm, actually or potentially result in injury to oneself or another person. This category includes the following ASOC groups: Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (0411); Dangerous or negligent operation of a vehicle (0412); Neglect of person under care (0491) and Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons, nec (0499).
<b>Deal/traffic illicit drugs (including Import/export)</b>	This is a prisoner census category which includes the ASOC groups of Import illicit drugs (1011), Export illicit drugs (1012), Deal/traffic in illicit drugs — commercial quantity (1021) and Deal/traffic in illicit drugs — non-commercial quantity (1022).
<b>Deception and related offences</b>	The use of deception, secret agreements or the making of false instruments with the intent of dishonestly obtaining property, services or other advantage. This category includes the following ASOC groups: Fraud, forgery or false financial instruments (091); Counterfeiting currency and related offences (092); Dishonest conversion (093); Bribery (094) and Other deception offences (099).

<b>Driving licence offences</b>	Driving licence offences pertaining to the ownership or use of a driver's licence including, driving while licence is cancelled/suspended or driving without a licence.
<b>Expected time to serve</b>	The period of imprisonment which a convicted prisoner is expected to serve. In most cases this refers to the time elapsed between the date of reception for this episode and the earliest date of release.
<b>Federal prisoners</b>	Persons charged or sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. For the purposes of this publication federal prisoners are those persons who are recognised by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department as having been charged or sentenced under a Commonwealth statute.
<b>Indigenous prisoners</b>	The Indigenous prisoner count is the total of all prisoners who self identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders at the time of reception.
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	The State or Territory in which a prisoner is held in custody, regardless of which State or Territory has imposed the sentence being served.
<b>Level of court</b>	A separate tier of the court system, each of which is established under legislation and has certain prescribed powers. Court levels are distinguished from one another on the basis of the extent of their legal powers.
<b>Manufacture/cultivate illicit drugs (inc. Other illicit drug offences)</b>	This is a prisoner census category which includes the ASOC groups of Manufacture/cultivate illicit drugs (1031) and Illicit drug offences, nec (1099).
<b>Maximum-minimum (max-min)</b>	See <i>Type of sentence</i> , page 48.
<b>Miscellaneous offences</b>	Offences involving the breach of statutory rules or regulations governing activities that are prima facie legal, where such offences are not explicitly dealt with under any other division. This category includes the following ASOC groups: Harassment and related offences (161), Public health and safety offences (162), Commercial/industry/financial regulation (163) and Other miscellaneous offences (169).
<b>Most serious charge</b>	For unsentenced prisoners, whether convicted or not, the most serious charge is the charge which carries the longest statutory maximum penalty.
<b>Most serious offence</b>	For sentenced prisoners, the most serious offence is the offence for which the prisoner has received the longest sentence in the current episode for a single count of the offence.
<b>Murder</b>	Murder is the wilful killing of a person either intentionally or with reckless indifference to life.
<b>Non-assaultive sexual offences</b>	Non-assaultive sexual offences are offences of a sexual nature against another person which do not involve physical contact with the person and where that person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ does not give consent; or</li> <li>■ gives consent as a result of intimidation or fraud; or</li> <li>■ is legally deemed incapable of giving consent because of youth, temporary/permanent incapacity or there is a familial relationship.</li> </ul>

## GLOSSARY *continued*

<b>Other acts intended to cause injury</b>	Acts involving the indirect and non-confrontational infliction of harm, injury or violence upon a person. Acts which, though not intended to cause harm, actually or potentially result in injury to oneself or another person are coded to dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons.
<b>Other homicide</b>	This is a prisoner census category which includes the ASOC groups of Conspiracy to murder (0121), Attempted murder (0122), Manslaughter (0131) and Driving causing death (0132).
<b>Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations</b>	An act or omission prejudicial to the effective carrying out of justice procedures or any government operations concerned with maintaining government security. For the purpose of this publication this category excludes prison regulation operations (group 1523).
<b>Periodic detainees</b>	Sentenced prisoners who are required to be held in custody for two consecutive days in a one-week period. See also 'Type of sentence — Periodic detention' section of Glossary.
<b>Possess and/or use illicit drugs</b>	The possession of a non-commercial quantity and/or use of an illicit drug or other controlled substance.
<b>Prior imprisonment</b>	Persons known to have been imprisoned under sentence in a gazetted prison. Prior sentence of periodic detention is included as prior imprisonment.
<b>Prison regulation offences</b>	Offences against guidelines regulating conduct within prisons, including the possession and supply of contraband.
<b>Prisoner</b>	A person held in custody. For the purposes of this collection, prisoners are those whose confinement is the responsibility of a corrective services agency.
<b>Property damage and environmental pollution</b>	The wilful and unlawful destruction, damage or defacement of public or private property, or the pollution of property/definable entity held in common by the community.
<b>Public order offences</b>	Offences involving personal conduct that involves or may lead to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a breach of public order and decency, or</li> <li>■ is indicative of criminal intent, or</li> <li>■ is otherwise regulated or prohibited on moral or ethical grounds.</li> </ul> The 'victim' of these offences is the public at large. However, some offences such as offensive language and offensive behaviour may occur in a private place.
<b>Receiving or handling proceeds of crime</b>	Receiving, handling or processing money or goods, taken or obtained illegally.
<b>Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)</b>	This is a prisoner census category which includes the ASOC groups of Exceeding the prescribed content of alcohol limit (0431), Exceeding legal speed limit (1432), Parking offences (1433), Regulatory driving offences nec (1439) and Pedestrian offences (1441).
<b>Remand prisoners (remandees)</b>	Remand prisoners are those persons who have been placed in custody while awaiting the outcome of their court hearing. They may be unconvicted (remanded in custody for trial), convicted but awaiting sentence (remanded in custody for sentence) or awaiting deportation. Some sentenced prisoners also have active remand warrants against them. In such cases, these prisoners are counted as sentenced.

Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	Offences relating to the registration or roadworthiness of the road vehicle itself rather than the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.
Robbery	Robbery offences involve the unlawful taking of property, with intent to permanently deprive the owner of the property, from the immediate possession, control, custody or care of a person, accompanied by the use, and/or threatened use of immediate force or violence.
Sentenced prisoners	Sentenced prisoners are those persons who have received a term of imprisonment from a court. This includes offenders who have been given an indeterminate sentence or custodial order, for example, persons detained under the "Governor's/Queen's Pleasure" and 'Forensic Patients', or those who have received a life sentence. Also included are persons sentenced to part-time imprisonment, that is, periodic detainees in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.
Sexual assault	Sexual assault is a physical assault of a sexual nature, directed toward another person where that person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ does not give consent; or</li> <li>■ gives consent as a result of intimidation or fraud; or</li> <li>■ is legally deemed incapable of giving consent because of youth, temporary/permanent incapacity or there is a familial relationship.</li> </ul>
Special school	A school which provides special instruction for physically and/or mentally disabled or impaired students, or those with social problems.
Theft (including motor vehicle)	This is a prisoner census category which includes the ASOC groups of: Theft of a motor vehicle (0811), Illegal use of a motor vehicle (0812), Theft of motor vehicle parts or contents (0813), Theft from a person (excluding force) (0821), Theft of intellectual property (0822), Theft from retail premises (0823), Theft (except motor vehicle) nec (0829) and Illegal use of property (except motor vehicle) (0841).
Type of sentence	The classification of sentence types used in this report is as follows: <p><i>Indeterminate — life.</i> Persons sentenced to life imprisonment. This does not necessarily mean, however, that the person will be held in custody for the term of their natural life. In some States or Territories a minimum time to serve in custody is specified by the court, while in others this decision is made by an administrative body such as a Parole Board.</p> <p><i>Indeterminate — other.</i> Persons declared as habitual criminals, persons who are either permanently or temporarily deemed not responsible for their actions because of a mental disorder or intellectual disability and prisoners who are sentenced to imprisonment but have not had a release date set. That is, the prisoner may be released at any time, at the discretion of the administrative body within each jurisdiction responsible for making that decision.</p> <p><i>Maximum-minimum (or max-min).</i> Sentences where a person may be eligible to be released on parole after serving a minimum term in custody, and who must be released once a maximum term has been served.</p>

### Type of sentence *continued*

*Fixed term.* Sentences where there is no minimum term or non-parole period set.

The prisoner is required to serve the whole sentence, less any remission allowed, in custody and when released from custody is not subject to any further correctional intervention.

The situation in Tasmania differs in that while no minimum term or non-parole period is set by the court, it is understood that the prisoner will usually be released on parole at a time determined by the Parole Board.

*Periodic detention.* A sentencing option which at the time of the 30 June 2001

National Prisoner Census was available only to New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory courts. Persons given periodic detention are in custody for two consecutive days in a week (periodic detainee week), and remain at liberty during the rest of the week.

*Fine default only.* Persons who are serving a sentence for non-payment of a fine and are subject to no other sentence type at the time. Offenders who are serving fine default sentences while on remand are counted as sentenced (fine default) prisoners. Offenders who are serving fine default sentences concurrently with other sentences of imprisonment are counted under the other sentence type and not as fine default only prisoners.

**Unlawful entry with intent** The unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit an offence where the entry is either forced or unforced. Includes burglary, break and enter and stealing. Excludes shoplifting and stealing from a house or premise to which the offender has been invited or has legitimate access whereby the intent was unlawful but the entry was not. Also excludes trespass whereby entry is unlawful but there is no intent to commit an offence.

**Unsentenced prisoners** A legal status indicating that a person is confined to custody on remand while awaiting the outcome of their trial.

**Weapons and explosives offences** Offences relating to weapons or explosives which are either prohibited or legalised/regulated by legislation.

## APPENDIX 1 PRISONERS, By Level Of Education(a)

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
NUMBER									
Tertiary level									
Tertiary (degree, diploma)	n.a.	132	93	47	65	3	5	3	n.a.
Technical and trade	n.a.	5	69	20	161	1	7	—	n.a.
Post-secondary undefined	n.a.	—	10	9	43	27	90	—	n.a.
Secondary level									
Completed secondary (certificate level)	n.a.	208	429	134	214	117	3	8	n.a.
Part secondary	n.a.	2 835	3 466	976	1 188	144	266	40	n.a.
Primary level only	n.a.	129	382	64	1 446	9	298	—	n.a.
Other and undefined									
Special school	n.a.	15	29	3	—	—	—	—	n.a.
No formal schooling	n.a.	—	13	6	—	—	38	—	n.a.
Unknown	n.a.	67	26	130	53	45	10	31	n.a.
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 846</b>	<b>3 391</b>	<b>4 517</b>	<b>1 389</b>	<b>3 170</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>22 458</b>
PROPORTION(%)									
Tertiary level									
Tertiary (degree, diploma)	n.a.	3.9	2.1	3.4	2.1	0.9	0.7	3.7	n.a.
Technical and trade	n.a.	0.1	1.5	1.4	5.1	0.3	1.0	—	n.a.
Post-secondary undefined	n.a.	—	0.2	0.6	1.4	7.8	12.6	—	n.a.
Secondary level									
Completed secondary (certificate level)	n.a.	6.1	9.5	9.6	6.8	33.8	0.4	9.8	n.a.
Part secondary	n.a.	83.6	76.7	70.3	37.5	41.6	37.1	48.8	n.a.
Primary level only	n.a.	3.8	8.5	4.6	45.6	2.6	41.6	—	n.a.
Other and undefined									
Special school	n.a.	0.4	0.6	0.2	—	—	—	—	n.a.
No formal schooling	n.a.	—	0.3	0.4	—	—	5.3	—	n.a.
Unknown	n.a.	2.0	0.6	9.4	1.7	13.0	1.4	37.8	n.a.
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Known highest level of education attained.

The accompanying table on education levels of prisoners has been included to enable users of prisoner census data to evaluate the potential value of such information. Caution should be exercised when using the published data: it has been included as an Appendix rather than in the main body of the publication due to the inability of all States and Territories to supply data as well as ongoing issues about data quality which have yet to be resolved. The ABS has concerns with the proportion of Unknown for the ACT (38%) and the large variations between States/Territories in the proportions by level (i.e., for the Primary Level Only category). Further investigation will occur during 2002 into possible data quality issues and associated remedial action. The ABS intends that the data will form part of the main suite of tables published annually once the data quality issues have been resolved.

While a statistically accurate comparison of the prisoner education level data with other data sources on educational attainment is difficult due to data quality concerns and scope and coverage differences, it is possible to identify some indicative outcomes to assist in the data's interpretation. A comparison of results from *Education and Work, Australia, May 2001* (Cat. no. 6227.0) with the prisoner education level data indicates that prisoners were more likely to have lower educational attainment than the general adult Australian population. To illustrate: 25% of adult Australians aged 18–64 years had a diploma or higher as their highest level of educational attainment, however, for any of the individual State or Territory prisoner populations the highest proportion was 4%. Conversely, while an estimated 57% of Australians aged 18–64 years did not complete secondary school, up to 87% of any individual State or Territory prisoner population did not complete secondary school.

## APPENDIX 2 ASOC TO ANCO CONCORDANCE

ASOC Division/Subdivision	Description	ANCO Group	Description
Division 01	Homicide and related offences		
Subdivision 011	Murder	Group 111	Murder
Subdivision 012 and 013	Other homicide	Group 112 – 119	Other homicide
Division 02	Acts intended to cause injury		
Subdivision 021	Assault	Group 121 – 129	Assault
Subdivision 029	Other acts intended to cause injury	Group 199	Other offences against the person
Division 03	Sexual assault and related offences		
Subdivision 031	Sexual assault	Group 136 and 137	Sexual assaults and offences
Subdivision 032	Non-assaultive sexual offences	Group 139 and 571	Other sexual offences, child pornography
Division 04	Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons		
Subdivision 041 and 049	Dangerous or negligent operation of a vehicle and other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	Group 724 and 725 Group 192	Dangerous, reckless or negligent driving Illtreatment of children
Division 05	Abduction and related offences	Group 191 and 193	Kidnapping and abduction, hijacking
Division 06	Robbery, extortion and related offences		
Subdivision 061	Robbery	Group 211 and 212	Robbery
Subdivision 062	Blackmail and extortion	Group 221	Blackmail and extortion
Division 07	Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter	Group 311 – 319	Break and enter, burglary and unlawful entry
Division 08	Theft and related offences		
Subdivision 081, 082 and 084	Theft and illegal use of property and motor vehicle theft and related offences	Group 351 – 359, 391, 393, 399 and 839	Theft or illegal use of a motor vehicle, theft or illegal use of vehicles (other than motor vehicles) and other theft
Subdivision 083	Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	Group 331 – 339	Handling stolen goods
Division 09	Deception and related offences	Group 321 – 323, 812, 821, 838, 841, 842 and 854	Fraud and misappropriation, company legislation, banking, financial institutions and insurance, bankruptcy, social security and social welfare, family law, secret commissions and trade practices.
Division 10	Illicit drug offences		
Subdivision 101 and 102	Deal or traffic in illicit drugs and import or export illicit drugs	Group 643 – 649 and 653 – 659	Importing and exporting of drugs and dealing and trafficking in drugs
Subdivision 103 and 109	Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs and other illicit drug offences	Group 663 – 669 and 699	Manufacturing and growing drugs and other drug offences
Subdivision 104	Possess and/or use of illicit drugs	Group 613 – 619	Possession and/or use of drugs
Division 11	Weapons and explosives offences	Group 551 – 559 and 856	Weapons and explosives offences
Division 12	Property damage and environmental pollution	Group 411 – 421	Property damage and pollution
Division 13	Public order offences	Group 572, 591 – 599	Other offences against good order
Division 14	Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences		
Subdivision 141	Driving licence offences	Group 711, 732 – 739	Driving under the influence, driving licence offences
Subdivision 142	Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences	Group 751 and 752	Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences
Subdivision 143 and 144	Regulatory driving offences and pedestrian offences	Group 749, 791 and 799	Traffic offences and parking offences, other motor vehicle, traffic and related offences
Division 15	Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	Group 511 – 549, 831, 835, 843, 846, 848, and 859	Offences against Government security and operations and other Federal, State and Territory legislation
Group 1523	Prison regulation offences	Group 891 – 899	Offences in custody (against prison rules)
Division 16	Miscellaneous offences	Group 198, 423, 429, 832, 833, 834, 836, 837, 844, 845, 847, 849, 852, 855, 857, 858, 861, 863 and 889	Other offences

## APPENDIX 3 PRISONERS, By Most Serious Offence

ASOC CATEGORIES	no.	%
Homicide and related offences		
Murder	1 527	6.8
Other homicide	656	2.9
Acts intended to cause injury		
Assault	2 737	12.2
Other acts intended to cause injury	193	0.9
Sexual assault and related offences		
Sexual assault	2 056	9.2
Non-assaultive sexual offences	233	1.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	444	2.0
Abduction and related offences	80	0.4
Robbery, extortion and related offences		
Robbery	2 950	13.1
Blackmail and extortion	75	0.3
Unlawful entry with intent	2 754	12.3
Theft and related offences		
Theft (including motor vehicles)	1 503	6.7
Receiving or handling proceeds of crime	389	1.7
Deception and related offences	783	3.5
Illicit drug offences		
Deal/traffic (including Import/export)	1 752	7.8
Manufacture/cultivate (including Other illicit drug offences)	309	1.4
Possess and/or use	210	0.9
Weapons and explosives offences	69	0.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	329	1.5
Public order offences	127	0.6
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences		
Driving licence offences	454	2.0
Road vehicle registration and road worthiness offences	14	0.1
Regulatory driving offences (including Pedestrian offences)	456	2.0
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations		
Prison regulation offences	6	—
Other offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	1 778	7.9
Miscellaneous offences	574	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 458</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## APPENDIX 4 PRISONERS, By Most Serious Offence

ANCO CATEGORIES	no.	%
Homicide		
Murder	1 527	6.8
Other homicide	656	2.9
Assault	2 737	12.2
Sex offences	2 283	10.2
Other offences against the person	276	1.2
Robbery	2 950	13.1
Extortion	75	0.3
Break and enter	2 754	12.3
Fraud and misappropriation	670	3.0
Receiving	389	1.7
Other theft	1 503	6.7
Property damage/environmental offences	329	1.5
Government security/justice procedures offences	1 636	7.3
Unlawful possession of weapons	69	0.3
Other offences against good order	132	0.6
Drug offences		
Possession/ use drugs	210	0.9
Deal/traffic drugs	1 752	7.8
Manufacture/grow drugs	309	1.4
Road traffic offences		
Driving offences	880	3.9
Licence/registration offences	482	2.1
Other traffic offences	3	—
Other offences	830	3.7
Offences in custody	6	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 458</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## APPENDIX 5 ESTIMATED POPULATION(a)

Age (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
MALES									
0–16	765 390	552 370	442 924	168 891	232 482	57 181	29 632	37 129	2 285 999
17	45 497	33 393	27 277	10 723	14 464	3 515	1 543	2 488	138 900
18	46 632	34 374	27 973	10 564	14 558	3 511	1 527	2 762	141 901
19	46 945	34 858	27 631	10 468	14 497	3 389	1 554	2 944	142 286
20–24	231 958	180 855	131 823	50 418	72 776	14 868	8 594	14 728	706 020
25–29	246 442	187 389	134 746	52 321	74 658	14 310	10 166	13 051	733 083
30–34	245 036	186 885	133 816	53 956	73 176	15 260	9 821	12 137	730 087
35–39	251 836	183 230	135 521	55 724	74 274	16 480	9 011	11 787	737 863
40–44	248 704	180 841	137 017	56 958	75 107	17 720	8 100	11 769	736 216
45–49	227 220	166 211	127 674	53 123	70 044	16 800	7 112	11 393	679 577
50–54	217 673	157 302	124 134	51 593	65 833	16 253	6 362	11 198	650 348
55–59	171 456	123 604	97 400	40 345	49 089	12 849	4 445	7 868	507 056
60–64	138 010	100 477	76 028	32 712	38 259	10 766	2 743	5 456	404 451
65 & over	368 613	270 624	189 251	95 357	92 225	28 273	3 716	11 844	1 059 903
<i>Total adult population</i>	<i>2 486 022</i>	<i>1 840 043</i>	<i>1 370 291</i>	<i>574 262</i>	<i>728 960</i>	<i>173 994</i>	<i>74 694</i>	<i>119 425</i>	<i>7 367 691</i>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>3 251 412</b>	<b>2 392 413</b>	<b>1 813 215</b>	<b>743 153</b>	<b>961 442</b>	<b>231 175</b>	<b>104 326</b>	<b>156 554</b>	<b>9 653 690</b>
FEMALES									
0–16	728 066	525 014	420 935	160 504	220 162	54 485	27 508	35 924	2 172 598
17	43 631	32 033	25 923	10 293	13 750	3 509	1 471	2 209	132 819
18	44 371	32 789	26 653	10 070	13 700	3 317	1 390	2 322	134 612
19	44 263	33 789	25 961	9 987	13 760	3 257	1 423	2 596	135 036
20–24	223 043	172 985	127 057	48 102	69 468	14 541	7 587	13 456	676 239
25–29	246 242	182 243	133 832	49 721	70 976	15 044	9 128	12 888	720 074
30–34	245 569	188 851	134 943	52 752	71 172	16 153	9 142	12 289	730 871
35–39	248 116	185 905	138 713	56 029	73 608	17 360	8 090	12 212	740 033
40–44	246 470	183 212	138 203	57 821	73 720	18 368	7 271	12 525	737 590
45–49	225 784	169 197	127 180	54 094	69 445	17 023	6 292	12 000	681 015
50–54	210 490	158 630	119 771	52 137	62 228	16 134	5 184	11 187	635 761
55–59	166 040	122 294	92 990	40 724	45 485	12 708	3 353	7 636	491 230
60–64	136 939	101 206	72 724	33 601	37 069	10 803	1 938	5 461	399 741
65 & over	472 023	348 407	229 716	123 409	113 766	36 395	3 487	14 912	1 342 115
<i>Total adult population</i>	<i>2 552 981</i>	<i>1 911 541</i>	<i>1 393 666</i>	<i>598 740</i>	<i>728 147</i>	<i>184 612</i>	<i>65 756</i>	<i>121 693</i>	<i>7 557 136</i>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>3 281 047</b>	<b>2 436 555</b>	<b>1 814 601</b>	<b>759 244</b>	<b>948 309</b>	<b>239 097</b>	<b>93 264</b>	<b>157 617</b>	<b>9 729 734</b>
PERSONS									
0–16	1 493 456	1 077 384	863 859	329 395	452 644	111 666	57 140	73 053	4 458 597
17	89 128	65 426	53 200	21 016	28 214	7 024	3 014	4 697	271 719
18	91 003	67 163	54 626	20 634	28 258	6 828	2 917	5 084	276 513
19	91 208	68 647	53 592	20 455	28 257	6 646	2 977	5 540	277 322
20–24	455 001	353 840	258 880	98 520	142 244	29 409	16 181	28 184	1 382 259
25–29	492 684	369 632	268 578	102 042	145 634	29 354	19 294	25 939	1 453 157
30–34	490 605	375 736	268 759	106 708	144 348	31 413	18 963	24 426	1 460 958
35–39	499 952	369 135	274 234	111 753	147 882	33 840	17 101	23 999	1 477 896
40–44	495 174	364 053	275 220	114 779	148 827	36 088	15 371	24 294	1 473 806
45–49	453 004	335 408	254 854	107 217	139 489	33 823	13 404	23 393	1 360 592
50–54	428 163	315 932	243 905	103 730	128 061	32 387	11 546	22 385	1 286 109
55–59	337 496	245 898	190 390	81 069	94 574	25 557	7 798	15 504	998 286
60–64	274 949	201 683	148 752	66 313	75 328	21 569	4 681	10 917	804 192
65 & over	840 636	619 031	418 967	218 766	205 991	64 668	7 203	26 756	2 402 018
<i>Total adult population</i>	<i>5 039 003</i>	<i>3 751 584</i>	<i>2 763 957</i>	<i>1 173 002</i>	<i>1 457 107</i>	<i>358 606</i>	<i>140 450</i>	<i>241 118</i>	<i>14 924 827</i>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>6 532 459</b>	<b>4 828 968</b>	<b>3 627 816</b>	<b>1 502 397</b>	<b>1 909 751</b>	<b>470 272</b>	<b>197 590</b>	<b>314 171</b>	<b>19 383 424</b>

(a) These are preliminary figures from *Australian Demographic Statistics*,  
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## APPENDIX 6 ESTIMATED INDIGENOUS POPULATION(a)

Age (years)	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
MALES									
0–16	27 104	5 358	26 498	5 278	13 326	3 643	11 892	752	93 851
17	1 392	247	1 298	262	662	191	639	48	4 739
18	1 377	264	1 300	253	647	205	596	45	4 687
19	1 294	240	1 226	237	626	185	576	35	4 419
20–24	5 156	1 065	5 242	960	2 750	753	2 664	177	18 767
25–29	4 655	1 027	4 804	967	2 581	560	2 743	190	17 527
30–34	4 013	972	4 250	874	2 310	521	2 440	130	15 510
35–39	3 563	791	3 599	747	1 990	524	1 776	112	13 102
40–44	3 038	676	2 995	624	1 672	481	1 447	125	11 058
45–49	2 538	502	2 284	531	1 221	412	1 102	50	8 640
50–54	1 994	415	1 740	348	933	320	791	42	6 583
55–59	1 372	291	1 120	274	619	190	617	14	4 497
60–64	950	193	722	175	401	111	402	6	2 960
65 & over	1 303	284	1 262	261	695	170	636	14	4 625
Total adult population	32 645	6 967	31 842	6 513	17 107	4 623	16 429	988	117 114
<b>Total population</b>	<b>59 749</b>	<b>12 325</b>	<b>58 340</b>	<b>11 791</b>	<b>30 433</b>	<b>8 266</b>	<b>28 321</b>	<b>1 740</b>	<b>210 965</b>
FEMALES									
0–16	26 098	5 081	25 792	5 110	12 870	3 425	10 857	718	89 951
17	1 297	245	1 257	291	655	189	600	40	4 574
18	1 251	244	1 274	271	670	200	607	41	4 558
19	1 206	216	1 159	272	586	169	588	40	4 236
20–24	5 030	967	5 210	1 101	2 666	839	2 648	176	18 637
25–29	4 994	955	5 101	1 072	2 601	666	2 670	183	18 242
30–34	4 678	1 026	4 774	1 072	2 569	603	2 314	174	17 210
35–39	4 126	940	3 996	905	2 197	536	1 876	160	14 736
40–44	3 551	764	3 266	668	1 845	554	1 562	123	12 333
45–49	2 785	545	2 667	516	1 366	382	1 263	88	9 612
50–54	2 113	403	1 996	409	978	306	993	46	7 244
55–59	1 472	247	1 287	274	671	164	674	26	4 815
60–64	1 042	201	948	196	447	136	496	11	3 477
65 & over	1 750	427	1 682	365	951	209	895	23	6 302
Total adult population	35 295	7 180	34 617	7 412	18 202	4 953	17 186	1 131	125 976
<b>Total population</b>	<b>61 393</b>	<b>12 261</b>	<b>60 409</b>	<b>12 522</b>	<b>31 072</b>	<b>8 378</b>	<b>28 043</b>	<b>1 849</b>	<b>215 927</b>
PERSONS									
0–16	53 202	10 439	52 290	10 388	26 196	7 068	22 749	1 470	183 802
17	2 689	492	2 555	553	1 317	380	1 239	88	9 313
18	2 628	508	2 574	524	1 317	405	1 203	86	9 245
19	2 500	456	2 385	509	1 212	354	1 164	75	8 655
20–24	10 186	2 032	10 452	2 061	5 416	1 592	5 312	353	37 404
25–29	9 649	1 982	9 905	2 039	5 182	1 226	5 413	373	35 769
30–34	8 691	1 998	9 024	1 946	4 879	1 124	4 754	304	32 720
35–39	7 689	1 731	7 595	1 652	4 187	1 060	3 652	272	27 838
40–44	6 589	1 440	6 261	1 292	3 517	1 035	3 009	248	23 391
45–49	5 323	1 047	4 951	1 047	2 587	794	2 365	138	18 252
50–54	4 107	818	3 736	757	1 911	626	1 784	88	13 827
55–59	2 844	538	2 407	548	1 290	354	1 291	40	9 312
60–64	1 992	394	1 670	371	848	247	898	17	6 437
65 & over	3 053	711	2 944	626	1 646	379	1 531	37	10 927
Total adult population	67 940	14 147	66 459	13 925	35 309	9 576	33 615	2 119	243 090
<b>Total population</b>	<b>121 142</b>	<b>24 586</b>	<b>118 749</b>	<b>24 313</b>	<b>61 505</b>	<b>16 644</b>	<b>56 364</b>	<b>3 589</b>	<b>426 892</b>

(a) These figures are projections of the Indigenous population (low series) for June 2001 from *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population* (Cat. no. 3231.0)

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