

NSW Closing the Gap Target 10 and 11 Summary Report

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Aboriginal adults and young people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system

	Adults	Young people
	Key indicators	
Prison	<p>Up</p> <p>There are currently 3,674 Aboriginal adults in prison in NSW (representing 30.4% of the adult prison population).</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal men and women in custody increased from December 2021 by 7.8% and 6.8%.</p>	<p>Up</p> <p>At the end of December 2023 107 Aboriginal young people were in custody in NSW (representing 61.5% of the youth detention population). This is an increase of 37 young people from December 2021.</p>
Court	<p>Up</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal adults appearing in court increased by 6.0% from the previous year.</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal adult men and women appearing in court increased by 5.1% and 8.4% respectively.</p>	<p>Up</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal young people appearing in court has increased by 6.9%. The number of young Aboriginal males and females in court increased by 5.8% and 10.4% respectively.</p>
	Secondary measures	
Police	<p>Up</p> <p>Police court proceedings against Aboriginal adults increased by 5.8% from the previous year.</p>	<p>Up</p> <p>Police court proceedings against Aboriginal young people increased by 7.0% from the previous year. Diversions from court increased by 5.2% over this period.</p>
Bail	<p>Up</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal adults refused bail by court increased from the previous year by 9.9%. Bail revocations for technical breaches increased by 16.7%.</p>	<p>Up</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal young people court bail refused increased by 12.7% from the previous year. Bail revocations for technical breaches increased by 19.9% over the same period.</p>
Courts	<p>Up</p> <p>Court convictions increased by 3.2% from the previous year. However, the number sentenced to custody remained stable.</p>	<p>Down</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal young people found guilty in court remained decreased by 7.4% from December 2022. The number sentenced to custody decreased by 15.2%.</p>
Custody	<p>Up</p> <p>Aboriginal adults on remand rose by 27.3% from December 2021 to December 2023. Receptions also rose by 24.4%.</p>	<p>Up</p> <p>The numbers of Aboriginal young people in remand increased by 64.7% from December 2021 to December 2023. The current remand population is 84 Aboriginal young people. Receptions rose by 41.0%.</p>
Reoffend	<p>Stable</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal adults returning to custody within a year remained stable from the same time the previous year at 312.</p>	<p>Stable</p> <p>The number of Aboriginal young people returning to custody within a year of being released remained stable.</p>