

PROGRESSION THROUGH THE NSW CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM

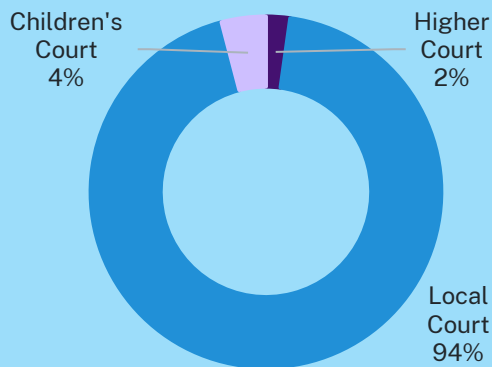
July 2020 to June 2025



Trends in court finalisations

151,113

defendants with a finalised court appearance in the 12 months to June 25



94% of all criminal court finalisations are in the **Local Court**



Aboriginal defendants

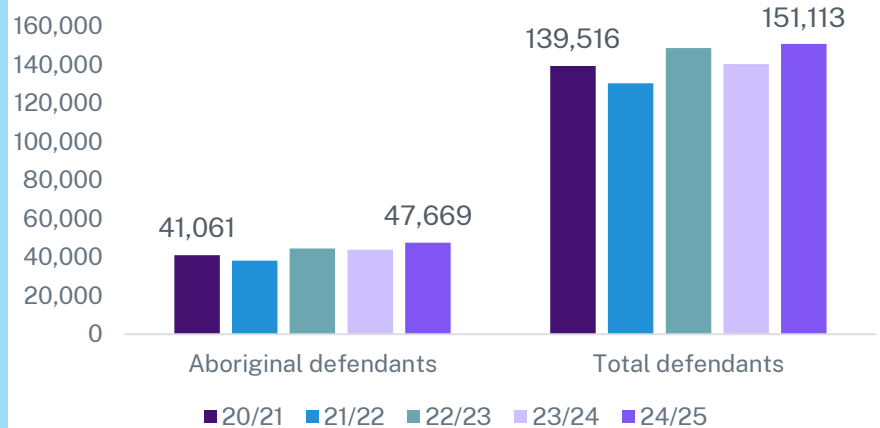
Up **3.8%** average annual 5 Yr % change



Total defendants

Up **2.0%** average annual 5 Yr % change

Trends in court finalisations by Aboriginality



Bail refusal

9.3%

of defendants are bail refused at finalisation

The number and proportion of defendants bail refused at time of finalisation has increased in the last 2 years to June 2025

Past 2 years

Number

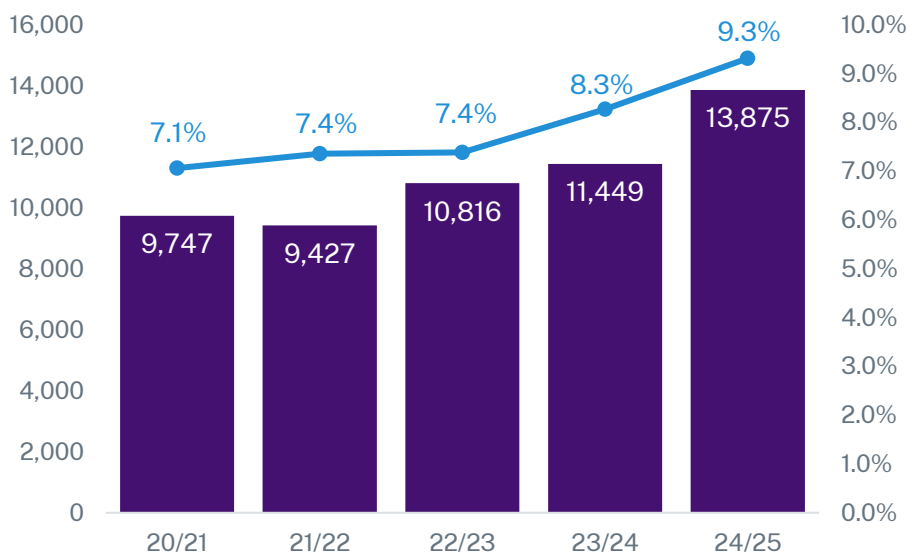
Rate

↑ **2,426** ↑ **1.0 pp.**

Number bail refused

Bail status at finalisation

% bail refused



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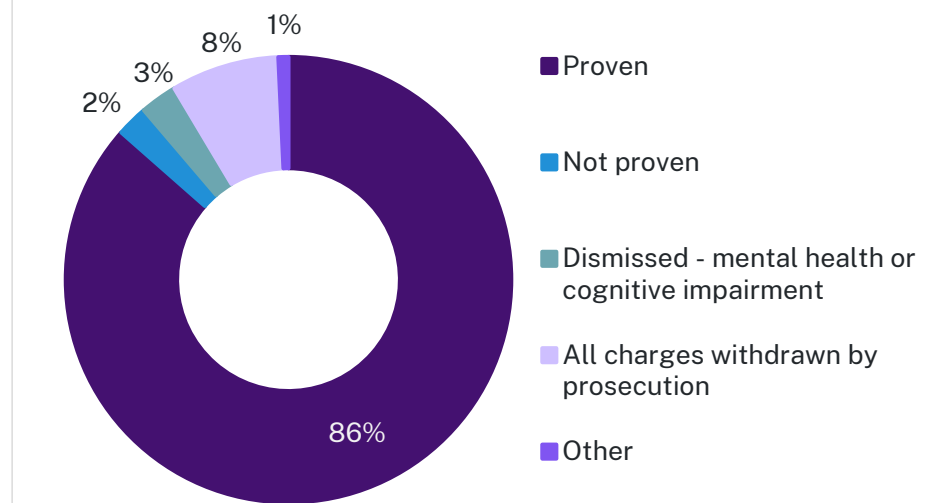
Court outcomes

151,113

defendants with a finalised court appearance in the 12 months to June 24

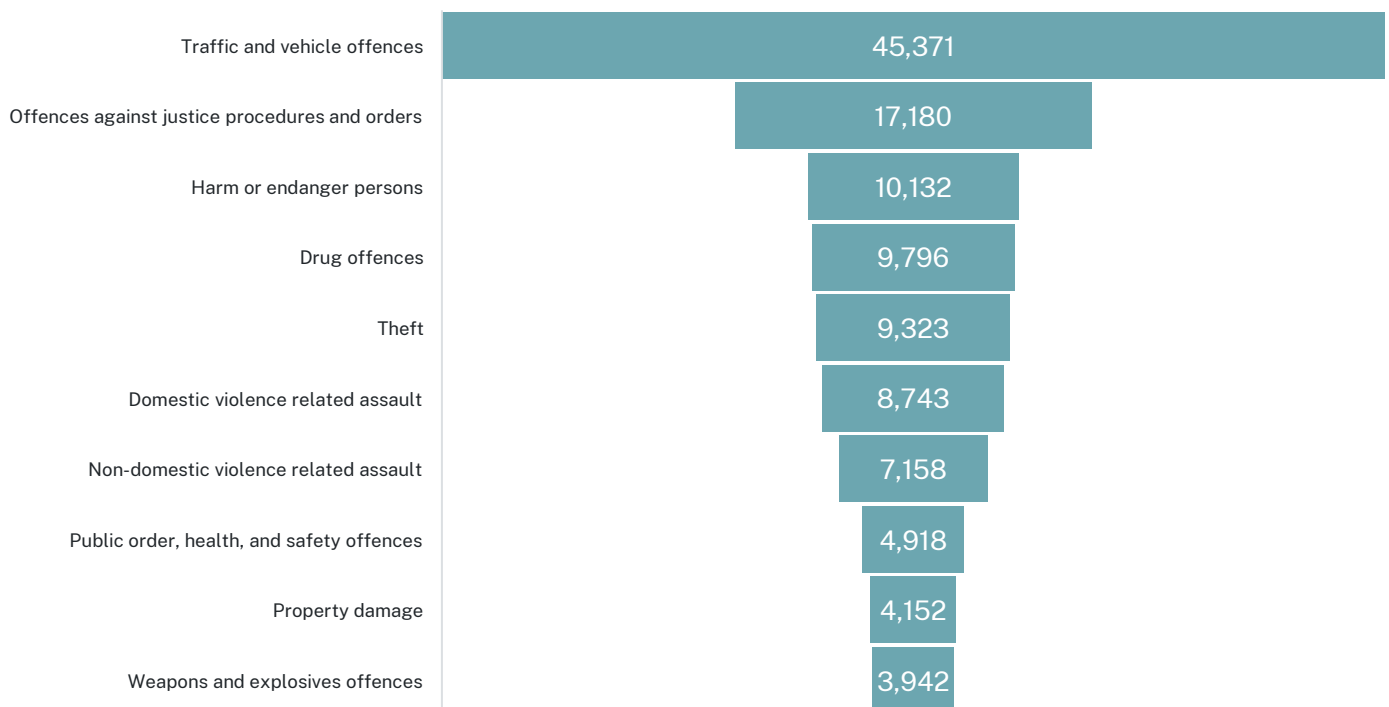
- **86%**
had a proven charge
- **8%**
were withdrawn by the prosecution

Court outcome, July 2024 to June 2025



Offence types

Top 10 offence types*, July 2024 to June 2025



*Defendants found guilty by principal offence.

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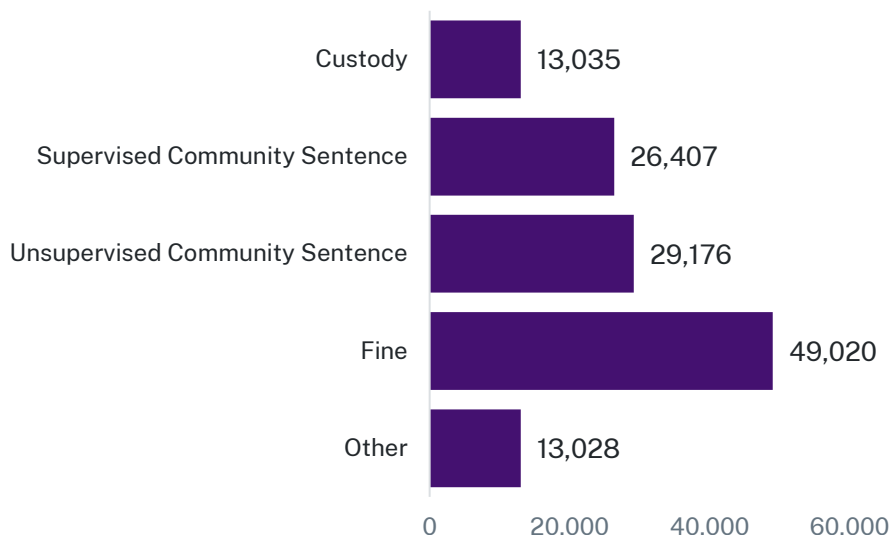


Sentencing outcomes

130,666

defendants found guilty in the last 12 months

- **38%** received a fine
- **22%** received an unsupervised community sentence
- **20%** received a supervised community sentence

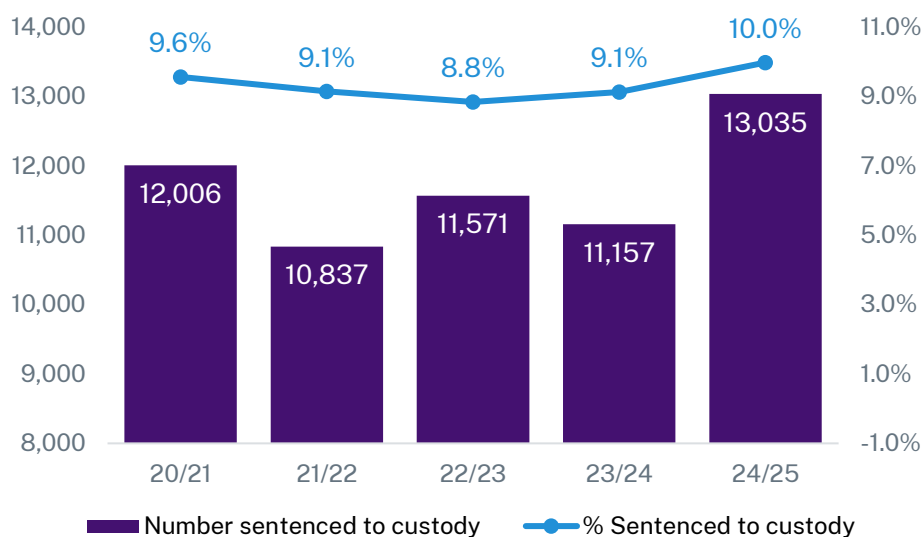


Custodial sentences

10% of defendants found guilty received a custodial sentence in the 12 months to June 2025 (13,035)

The proportion of defendants receiving custody increased by **0.4p.p** in the past 5 yrs

Number and proportion of proven court appearances where the defendant received a custodial sentence



COVID Impact

At various points between 2020 and 2021, routine court operations were suspended or interrupted to protect the safety of court users. These changes reduced the number of matters that were able to be finalised in 2020 and 2021, particularly in the Local Court. Court operations were largely uninterrupted in 2022.