

# Over-representation of Aboriginal young people (10-17 years) in the NSW Criminal Justice System, 2018-2022

Aboriginal young people (aged 10-17) comprise of approx. 6% of the NSW juvenile population^

### **POLICE COURT ACTIONS**



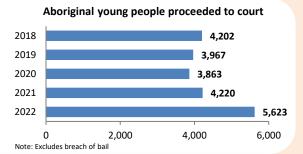
In 2022, **54%** of young people proceeded against to court by police were Aboriginal\*

Aboriginal young people proceeded to court: 

34% in 5 yrs

Total young people proceeded to court: 

2% in 5 yrs



# **COURT BAIL DECISIONS**



In 2022, **66%** of young people who were refused bail at their first court bail appearance were Aboriginal\*

Aboriginal juvenile defendants refused bail: 1 8% in 5 yrs

Total juvenile defendants refused bail: 4 5% in 5 yrs

\*Aboriginality based on a derived measure. See BOCSAR's 'Definitions and explanations' webpage for further information.

#### Aboriginal young people refused bail at first court appearance 17.6% 1,000 16.4% 16.3% 20% 800 15% 600 10% 400 790 734 655 591 556 5% 200 0 0% 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

# **FOUND GUILTY IN COURT**

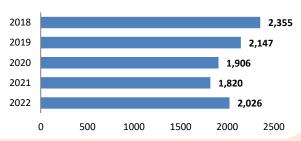


In 2022, **50%** of all proven juvenile court appearances involved an Aboriginal defendant

Aboriginal proven juvenile court appearances: 14% in 5 yrs

Total proven juvenile court appearances: 16% in 5 yrs

#### Aboriginal young people found guilty in court



#### SENTENCED TO CUSTODY



In 2022, **79%** of custodial sentences handed down by the courts to juveniles were to Aboriginal defendants

Aboriginal youth custodial sentences: 51% in 5 yrs

Total youth custodial sentences: 57% in 5 yrs

#### Aboriginal young people sentenced to custody



# YOUTH CUSTODY POPULATION



In Dec 2022, **50%** of the juvenile custody~ population was Aboriginal

Aboriginal juveniles in custody: ↓ 40% in 5 yrs

Total juveniles in custody: ↓ 34% in 5 yrs

