



# Aboriginal adults comprise approx. **3%** of the NSW population but are over-represented at each stage of the *Criminal Justice System*



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## POLICE COURT ACTIONS

**22%**

of adults brought to court  
by police are Aboriginal  
8 x higher than other adults

Total 34,352  
10 year change **↑** 68%

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## FOUND GUILTY IN COURT

**31%**

of adults who are found  
guilty are Aboriginal  
15 x higher than other adults

Total 36,435  
10 year change **↑** 44%

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## COURT BAIL DECISIONS

**34%**

of adults that are refused  
bail at their first court bail  
appearance are Aboriginal  
15 x higher than other adults

Total 6,951  
10 year change **↑** 97%

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## SENTENCED TO CUSTODY

**53%**

of adults sentenced to  
custody are Aboriginal  
34 x higher than other adults

Total 6,354  
10 year change **↑** 21%

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## CUSTODY POPULATION

**32%**

of adults in custody  
are Aboriginal  
15 x higher than other adults

Total 4,114  
10 year change **↑** 39%

\*Aboriginal adults comprise approx. 3% of  
the NSW adult population (ABS 2021)

\*Data in this infographic is from 2024

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