



Aboriginal young people comprise approx. 8% of the NSW population but are over-represented at each stage of the Criminal Justice System



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POLICE COURT ACTIONS

57%

of young people brought to court by police are Aboriginal
16 x higher than other young people

Total 6,443
10 year change ↑ 50%

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FOUND GUILTY IN COURT

53%

of young people who are found guilty are Aboriginal
16 x higher than other young people

Total 2,163
10 year change ↓ 26%

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COURT BAIL DECISIONS

70%

of young people that are refused bail at their first court bail appearance are Aboriginal
29 x higher than other young people

Total 1,017
10 year change ↑ 36%

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SENTENCED TO CUSTODY

80%

of young people sentenced to custody are Aboriginal
49 x higher than other young people

Total 187
10 year change ↓ 52%

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YOUTH CUSTODY POPULATION

57%

of young people in custody are Aboriginal
17 x higher than other young people

Total 129
5 year change ↓ 12%

*Aboriginal young people comprise approx. 8% of the NSW young people population (ABS 2021)

*Data in this infographic is from 2024

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