

NSW Criminal Justice Aboriginal over-representation

QUARTERLY REPORT

March 2022 – Aboriginal young people



1.1 Key indicator: Aboriginal young people in detention*

Sentenced and remand custody

Up 11.9%
From prior year

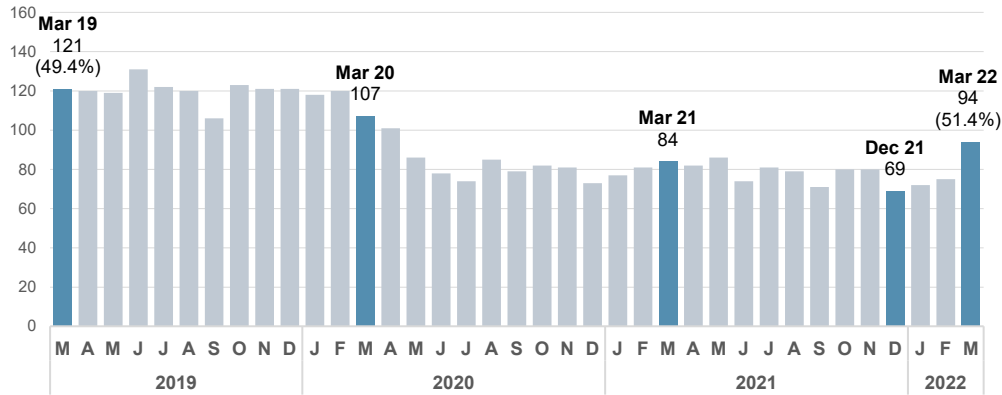
+25
From prior quarter

+10
From prior year

94
Current quarter

84
Same quarter last year

51.4%
Current %



2.1 Key indicator: Aboriginal young people in court

Children's, Local, District and Supreme Courts

Up 3.2%
From prior year

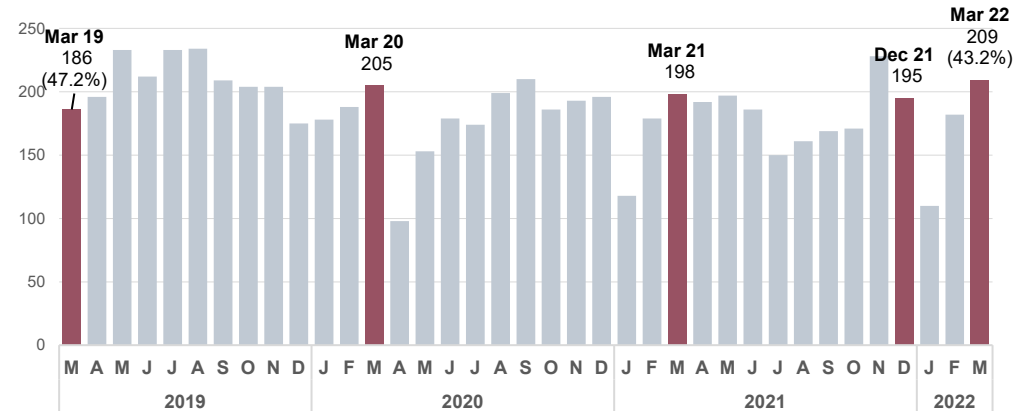
+93
From prior quarter

-67
From prior year

2,150
Current year

2,083
Last year

43.2%
Current %



1.2 Aboriginal young males in detention*

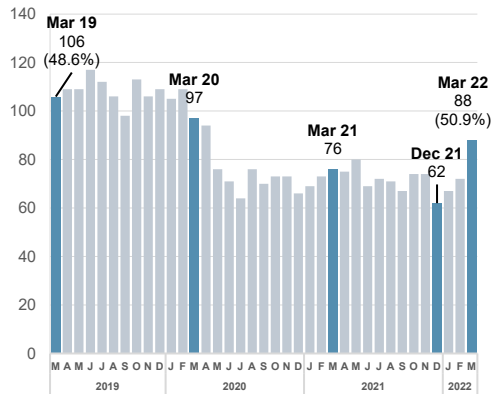
Sentenced and remand custody

Up 15.8%
From prior year

+12
From prior year

88
Current quarter

76
Same quarter last year



1.3 Aboriginal young females in detention*

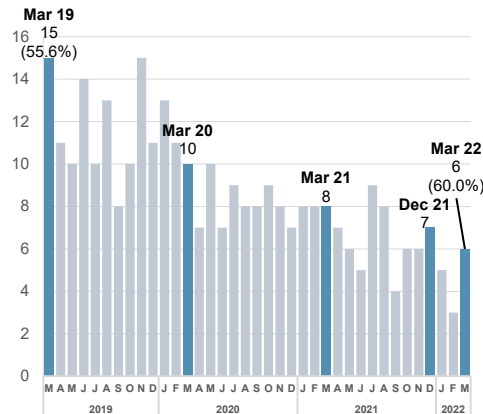
Sentenced and remand custody

Down 25.0%
From prior year

-2
From prior year

6
Current quarter

8
Same quarter last year



2.2 Aboriginal young males in court

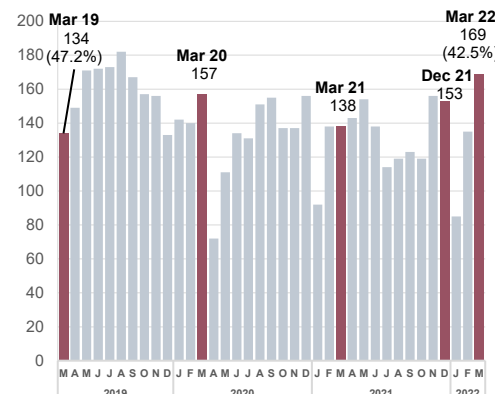
Children's, Local, District and Supreme Courts

Up 3.6%
From prior year

+56
From prior year

1,608
Current year

1,552
Last year



2.3 Aboriginal young females in court

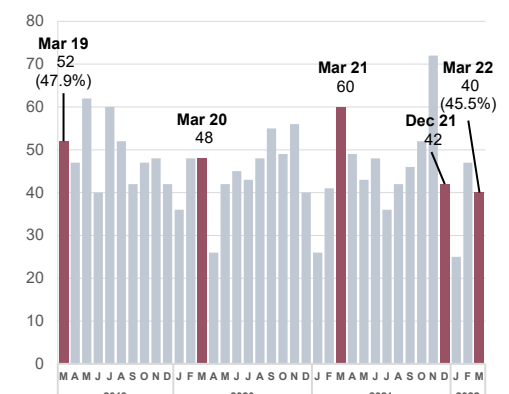
Children's, Local, District and Supreme Courts

Up 2.1%
From prior year

+11
From prior year

542
Current year

531
Last year



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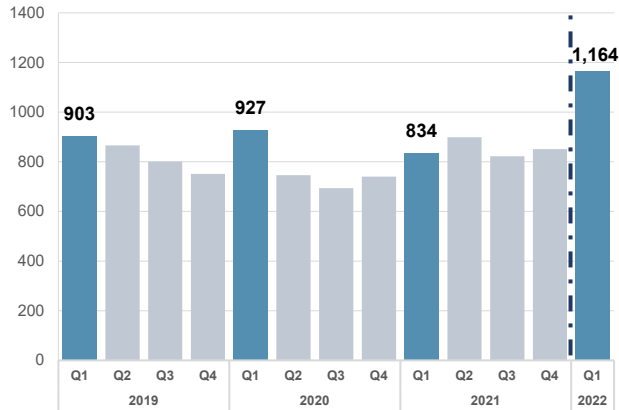


3. Police

3.1 Police court proceedings*

*excludes Aboriginal young people proceeded to court for breaching bail

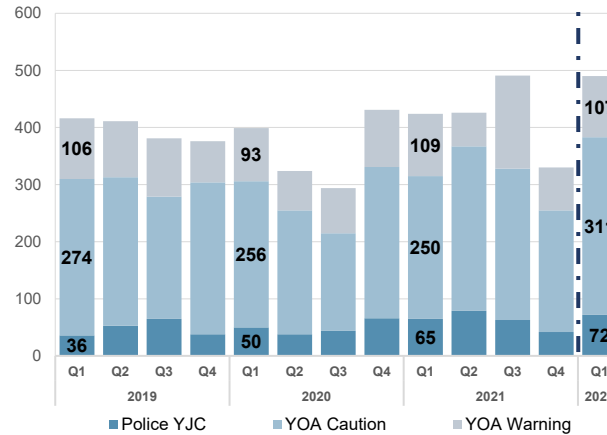
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3.2 Diversion from court*

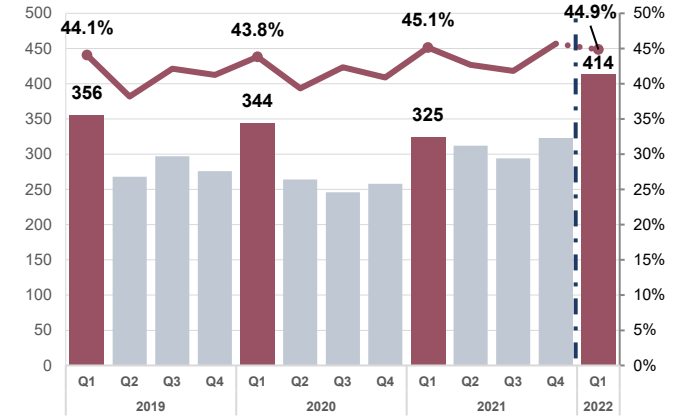
*Police Youth Justice Conference referrals, cautions/warnings under the Young Offenders Act.

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4.1 Refused bail by police

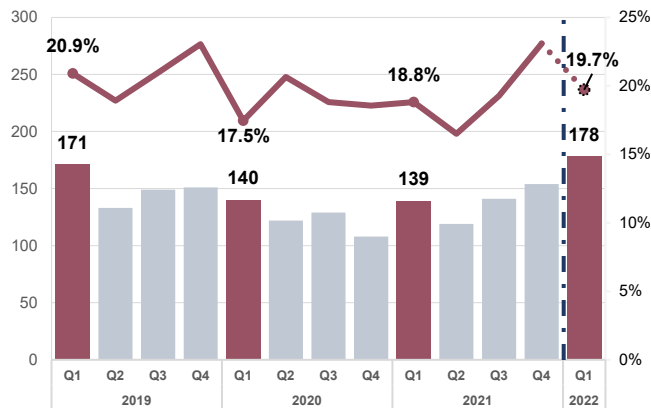
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4. Bail

4.2 Refused bail by court

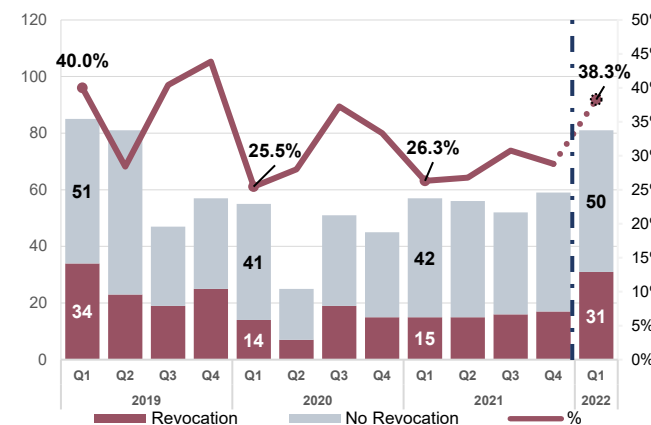
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4.3 Bail revocations following bail breach involving further offence*

*breach of bail established in court

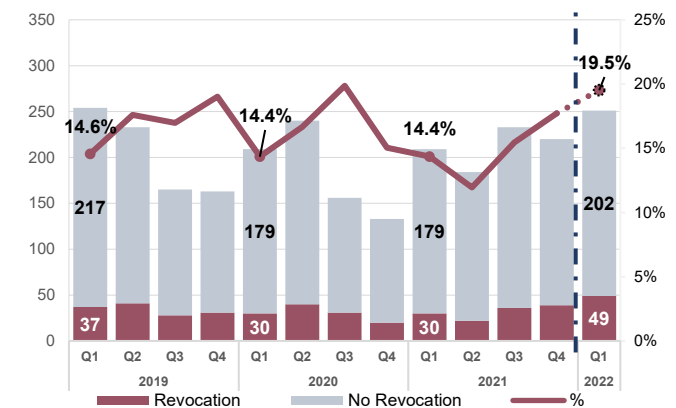
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4.4 Bail revocations from technical bail breach

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5. Criminal Courts

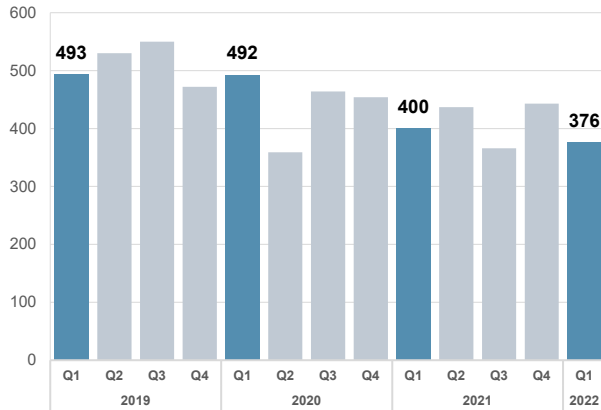
5.1 Found guilty in court

Down 3.3%
From prior year

↓ -55
From prior year

1,622
Current year

1,677
Last year



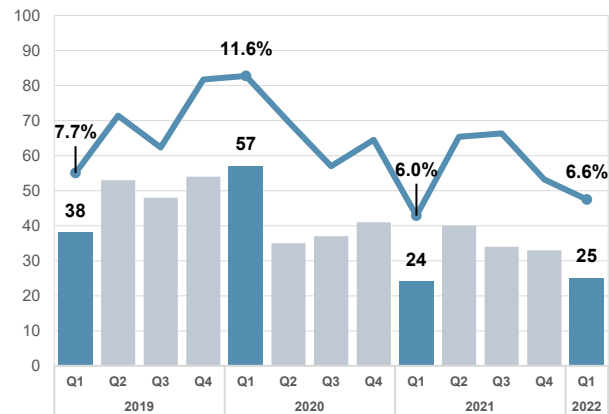
5.2 Sentenced to custody

Down 3.6%
From prior year

↓ -5
From prior year

132
Current year

137
Last year



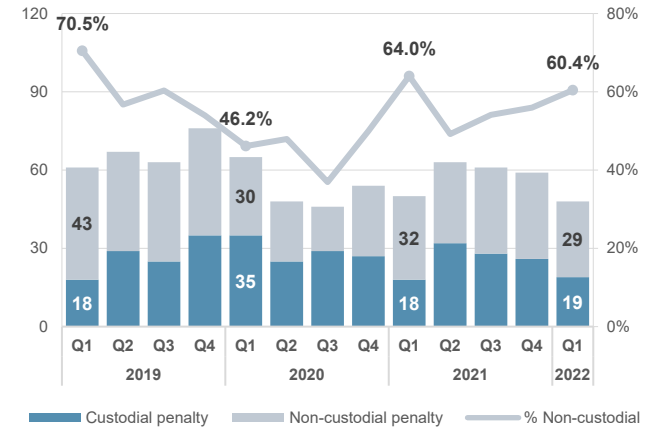
5.3 Sentenced to custody from remand

Up 6.1%
From prior year

↑ +6
From prior year

105
Current year

99
Last year



6. Custody

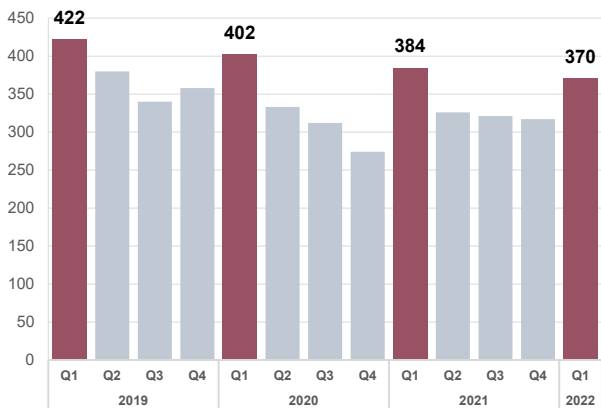
6.1 Entering custody

Up 2.4%
From prior year

↑ +31
From prior year

1,334
Current year

1,303
Last year



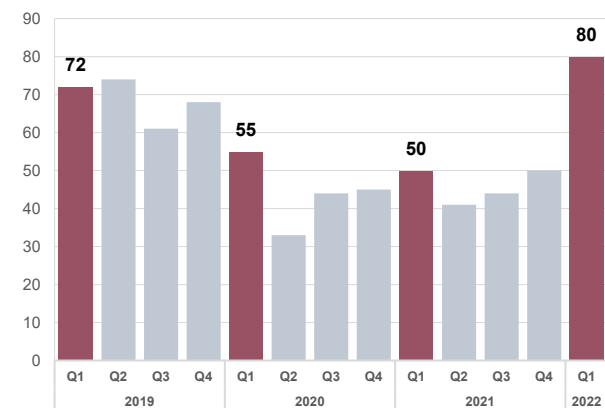
6.2 Remand custody population*

Up 60.0%
From prior year

↑ +30
From prior year

80
Current quarter

50
Same quarter last year



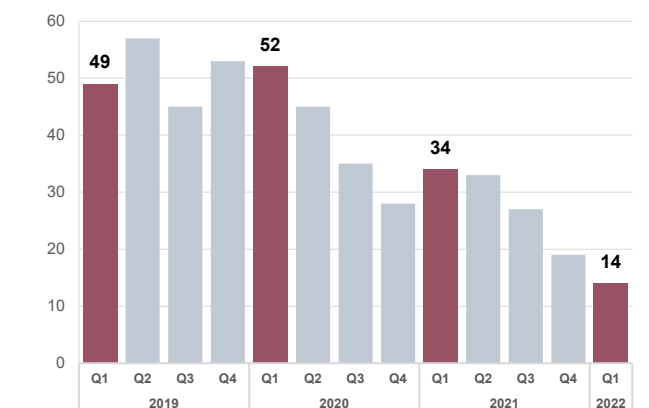
6.3 Sentenced custody population*

Down 58.8%
From prior year

↓ -20
From prior year

14
Current quarter

34
Same quarter last year



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6. Custody

6.4 Length of stay in custody*

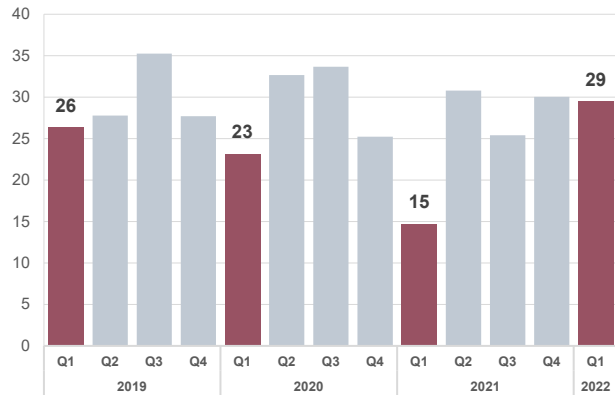
*Average number of days for persons discharged by discharge date

Up 9.5%
From prior year

↑ +3 days
From prior year

29 days
Current 12-month average

27 days
12-month average last year



6.5 Short-term remand*

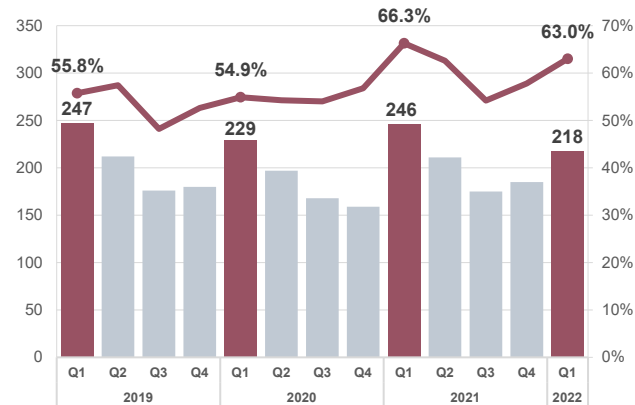
*Number of persons that spent less than 2 days spent in custody by discharge date

Up 2.5%
From prior year

↑ +19
From prior year

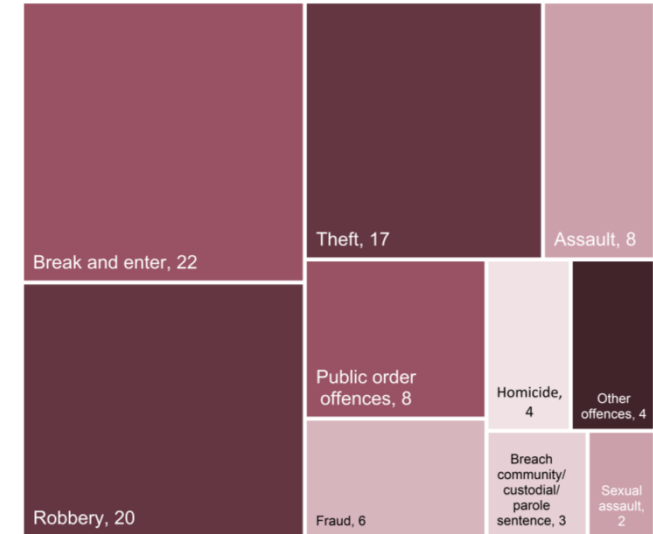
789
Current year

770
Last year



6.6 Detainee's most serious offence

The most serious offence for which a person is detained



7. Reoffending

7.1 Reoffending among Aboriginal young people guilty in court or dealt with by YJC

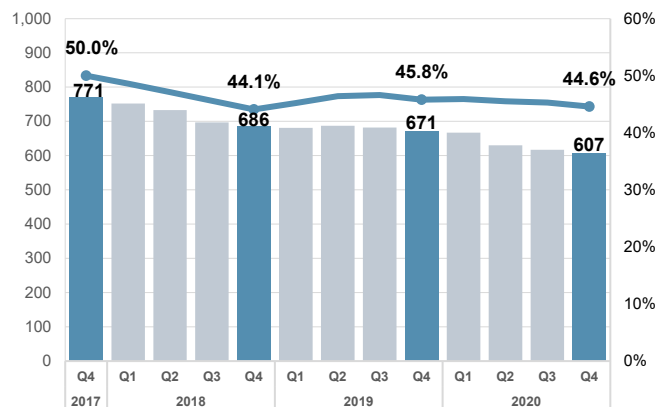
Annual cohort reoffending rate - Any new proven offence committed within 12 months

Down 64
Change year to year

44.6%
Current rate

607
Current year

671
Last year



7.2 Reoffending among Aboriginal young people exiting custody – new proven offence

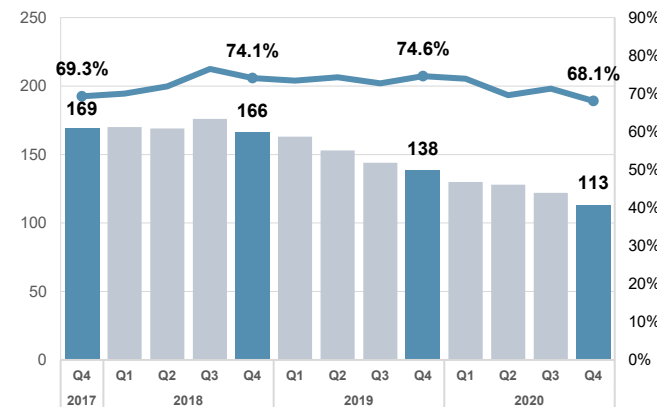
Annual cohort reoffending rate - Any new proven offence committed within 12 months

Down 25
Change year to year

68.1%
Current rate

113
Current year

138
Last year



7.3 Reoffending among Aboriginal young people exiting custody – return to custody

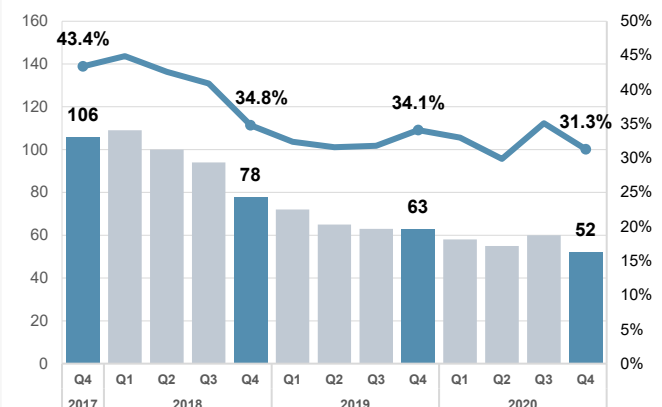
Annual cohort reoffending rate - Return to custody for a new offence committed within 12 months

Down 11
Change year to year

31.3%
Current rate

52
Current year

63
Last year



Measure	Definition
1.1, 1.2, 1.3 Aboriginal young people in detention	Number of Aboriginal young people held in juvenile detention, whether remanded or sentenced. Custody population figures are counted as at midnight on the last day of the month.
2.1, 2.2, 2.3 Aboriginal young people in court	Number of Aboriginal young people appearing in finalised criminal court appearances. A finalised appearance is one which has been fully determined by the court and for which no further court proceedings are required. Counts appearances finalised in the Children's, Local, District and Supreme Courts.
3.1 Police court proceedings	Number of Aboriginal young people proceeded against to court by NSW Police. This measure excludes Aboriginal young people proceeded against for a breach of bail. Due to improvement in police recording of Aboriginality since Jan 2022, the number of persons with a recorded Aboriginal status has increased
3.1 Diversions from court	Number of Aboriginal young people proceeded against by NSW Police via a Youth Justice Conference referral or a caution or warning under the Young Offenders Act. Fare evasion offences have been excluded from these proceedings as they are regarded as a diversion from an infringement notice, and not directly a diversion from court. Due to improvement in police recording of Aboriginality since Jan 2022, the number of persons with a recorded Aboriginal status has increased
4.1 Refused bail by police	Number and proportion of Aboriginal young people refused bail by the police.
4.2 Refused bail by court	Number and proportion of Aboriginal young people refused bail at their first court bail appearance.
4.3, 4.4 Bail breaches	Number of Aboriginal young people whose bail was revoked due to a bail breach. 4.4 shows breaches where the offender committed a new offence, 4.5 shows a technical bail breach, such as reporting to police, curfew and residence.
5.1 Found guilty in court	Number of Aboriginal young people found guilty in finalised criminal court appearances.
5.2 Sentenced to prison	Number and proportion of Aboriginal young people sentenced to juvenile detention.
5.3 Sentenced to custody from remand	Number and proportion of Aboriginal young people refused bail at court finalisation by whether they received a custodial penalty or not.
6.1 Entering custody	Number of Aboriginal young people received into custody. Excludes those held in police/court cell complexes.
6.2, 6.3 Remand and sentenced population	Remand – Aboriginal young people refused bail (and small numbers granted bail but unable to meet conditions) are remanded in custody pending future court action. Sentenced - the courts have imposed custodial sentence for a proven offence.
6.4 Length of stay in custody	The average number of days spent in custody for Aboriginal young people discharged from custody.
6.5 Short-term remand	The number and proportion of Aboriginal young people discharged from custody that spent less than 2 days in custody
6.6 Detainee's most serious offence	The most serious offence type for which each person is in custody (remand and sentenced custody). Data is shown for the most recent month.
7.1 Reoffending among Aboriginal young people guilty in court or dealt with by YJC	Reoffending is defined as a further offence committed within 12 months of a Youth Justice Conference or proven court appearance and finalised by court appearance or Youth Justice Conference within 15 months (excludes those who received a custodial penalty). Data is presented for a 12-month period (annual cohort) ending with the relevant quarter.
7.2 Reoffending among Aboriginal young people exiting custody – new proven offence	Reoffending is defined as a further offence committed within 12 months of release from sentenced custody and finalised by court appearance or Youth Justice Conference within 15 months. Data is presented for a 12-month period (annual cohort) ending with the relevant quarter.
7.3 Reoffending among Aboriginal young people exiting custody – return to custody	Reoffending is defined as a further offence committed within 12 months of release from sentenced custody and finalised by court appearance within 15 months where the offender received a subsequent custodial penalty. Data is presented for a 12-month period (annual cohort) ending with the relevant quarter. This measure counts only those offenders who committed a new proven offence not parole revocations or bail refusal. 7.3 is a subset of 7.2 and shows those who were returned to custody.