



# Youth justice in Queensland 2017–18

## Quick facts



On an average day in 2017–18, in Queensland:

- 1,623 young people aged 10 and over were under youth justice supervision
- 30 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17 were under supervision
- Indigenous young people were 17 times as likely as non-Indigenous young people to be under supervision.

Of those under youth justice supervision in Queensland on an average day:

- 88% were supervised in the community, and 13% in detention
- 77% were male
- 58% of those aged 10–17 were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 87% of those in detention were unsentenced (awaiting the outcome of their court matter or sentencing), and the rest were serving a sentence.

Young people spent an average of 30 weeks under supervision during the year.

Over the 5 years to 2017–18, the number of all young people under supervision on an average day rose by 2%, while the rate for those aged 10–17 fell slightly from 31 to 30 per 10,000.

## Number and rate

On an average day in 2017–18, in Queensland:

- 1,623 young people aged 10 and over were under youth justice supervision
- nearly 9 in 10 (88%) were supervised in the community, and 13% in detention
- the rate of supervision was 30 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17
- 26 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17 were under community-based supervision, and 4 per 10,000 were in detention.

## Age and sex

On an average day in 2017–18, in Queensland:

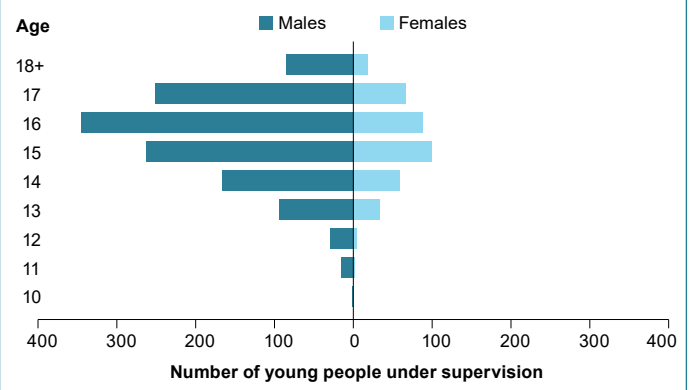
- 94% of those under supervision were aged 10–17, and the rest were 18 and over
- around 4 in 5 (77%) young people under supervision were male
- males under supervision were most likely to be aged 16 and females were most likely to be aged 15.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people

On an average day in 2017–18, in Queensland:

- Indigenous young people made up 7% of those aged 10–17 in the general population, but 58% of those of the same age under supervision
- Indigenous young people aged 10–17 were 17 times as likely as non-Indigenous young people to be under supervision (233 per 10,000 compared with 13 per 10,000)
- Indigenous over-representation was higher in detention (32 times the non-Indigenous rate).

Young people under supervision on an average day, by age and sex, Queensland, 2017–18 (number)



## Time under supervision

In 2017–18, in Queensland:

- the median duration of individual periods of supervision that were completed during 2017–18 was 176 days (25 weeks)
- when all time spent under supervision during the year is considered, young people spent an average of 209 days (30 weeks) under supervision.

## Sentenced and unsentenced detention

On an average day in 2017–18, in Queensland:

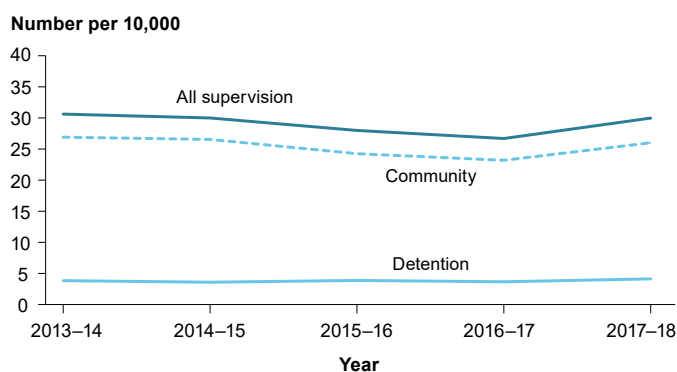
- almost 9 in 10 (87%) young people in detention were unsentenced—that is, they were awaiting the outcome of their court matter, or had been found guilty and were awaiting sentencing
- 17% of young people in detention were serving a sentence (proportions might not sum to 100%, as young people may be on sentenced and unsentenced orders on the same day).

## Trends to 2017–18

Over the 5 years to 2017–18, on an average day in Queensland:

- the number of young people under supervision rose by 2% (from 1,588 in 2013–14 to 1,623 in 2017–18), while the rate fell from 31 to 30 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17
- in community-based supervision, the number rose by 1%, while the rate fell from 27 to 26 per 10,000
- in detention, the number rose by 14%, while the rate remained steady at 4 per 10,000
- the level of Indigenous over-representation rose from 16 times the non-Indigenous rate in 2013–14, to 17 times in 2017–18.

Young people aged 10–17 under supervision on an average day, by supervision type, Queensland, 2013–14 to 2017–18 (rate)



## More information

This fact sheet is part of the *Youth justice in Australia 2017–18* release, which includes a report, state and territory fact sheets, and supplementary data tables.

Together, these provide comprehensive information about young people under youth justice supervision in Australia due to their involvement, or alleged involvement, in crime.

For more information see <[www.aihw.gov.au/reports-statistics/health-welfare-services/youth-justice/overview](http://www.aihw.gov.au/reports-statistics/health-welfare-services/youth-justice/overview)>.



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