



# Youth justice in the Northern Territory 2016–17

## Quick facts

On an average day in 2016–17, in the Northern Territory:

- 209 young people aged 10 and over were under youth justice supervision
- 67 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17 were under supervision
- Indigenous young people were 24 times as likely as non-Indigenous young people to be under supervision.

Of those under supervision on an average day in the Northern Territory:

- 82% were supervised in the community, and the rest in detention
- 83% were male
- 95% of those aged 10–17 were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Young people spent an average of 27 weeks under supervision during the year.

Over the 5 years to 2016–17, the number of young people under supervision on an average day rose by 11%, while the rate for those aged 10–17 rose from 64 to 67 per 10,000.

*Note:* The Northern Territory supplies non-standard data, which should be considered when interpreting statistics.

## Number and rate

On an average day in 2016–17, in the Northern Territory:

- 209 young people aged 10 and over were under youth justice supervision
- 4 in 5 (82%) were supervised in the community, and the rest (19%) in detention
- the rate of supervision was 67 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17
- 52 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17 were under community-based supervision, and 15 per 10,000 were in detention.

## Age and sex

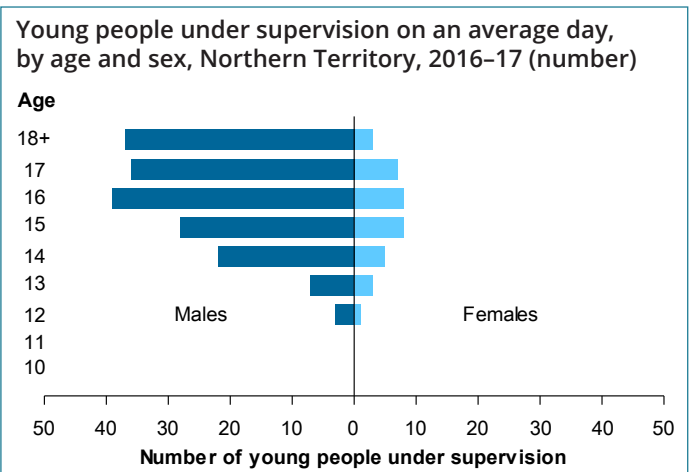
On an average day in 2016–17, in the Northern Territory:

- 81% of those under supervision were aged 10–17, and the rest were 18 and over
- 83% of those under supervision were male
- Males and females under supervision were most likely to be aged 16.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people

On an average day in 2016–17, in the Northern Territory:

- Indigenous young people made up 48% those aged 10–17 in the general population, but 95% of those of the same age under supervision
- Indigenous young people aged 10–17 were 24 times as likely as non-Indigenous young people to be under supervision (134 per 10,000 compared with 6 per 10,000).



## Time under supervision

In 2016–17, in the Northern Territory:

- the median duration of individual periods of supervision that were completed during the year was 18 days (3 weeks)
- when all time spent under supervision during the year is considered, young people spent an average of 186 days (27 weeks) under supervision.

## Sentenced and unsentenced detention

On an average day in 2016–17, in the Northern Territory:

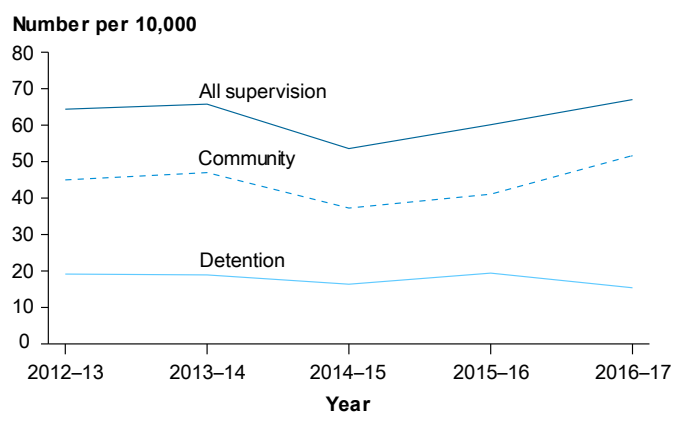
- more than three-quarters (77%) of young people in detention were unsentenced—that is, they were awaiting the outcome of their court matter, or had been found guilty and were awaiting sentencing
- more than one-quarter (26%) of young people in detention were serving a sentence (proportions might not sum to 100%, as young people may be on sentenced and unsentenced orders on the same day).

## Trends to 2016–17

Over the 5 years to 2016–17, on an average day in the Northern Territory:

- the number of young people under supervision rose by 11% (from 189 in 2012–13 to 209 in 2016–17), while the rate rose from 64 to 67 per 10,000 young people aged 10–17
- in community-based supervision, the number rose by 23%, while the rate rose from 45 to 52 per 10,000
- in detention, the number fell by 22%, while the rate fell from 19 to 15 per 10,000
- the level of Indigenous over-representation rose from 12 times the non-Indigenous rate in 2012–13, to 24 times in 2016–17.

Young people aged 10–17 under supervision on an average day, by supervision type, Northern Territory, 2012–13 to 2016–17 (rate)



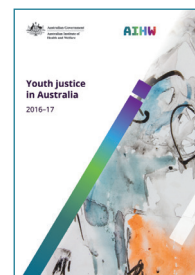
## More information

This fact sheet is part of the *Youth justice in Australia 2016–17* 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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