Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Justice**
Corrective Services

Quarterly Statistics - Custodial (Adult Prisoner) 2020 - Quarter 4

This report provides an overview of the number of people who are in the care of the Department, in custody, on a quarterly basis.

Quarterly Statistics

The statistics provided in this report are census data current at midnight at the end of the last day of each quarter and comparison data for the same quarter of previous years. It also includes trend information for each quarter for the previous 5 years.

Whilst the statistics are accurate as at the time of data extraction, the data systems are dynamic and are subject to updates and data integrity improvements. For this reason, data may change slightly from month to month or quarter to quarter.

All data are sourced from the Corrective Services Reporting Framework

Adult Prisoners in Custody

The Department manages 16 public and 1 private facilities, along with a number of work camps across WA.

Table 1: Summary of Adult Prisoners in Custody

	Gender		Aboriginality		Sentence Status		Total
Census Date	Male	Female	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Sentenced	Unsentenced	
31 Dec 2020	5,974	679	2,684	3,969	4,791	1,862	6,653
31 Dec 2019	6,246	777	2,734	4,289	4,990	2,033	7,023
31 Dec 2018	6,137	740	2,689	4,188	4,877	2,000	6,877
31 Dec 2017	5,945	702	2,544	4,103	4,761	1,886	6,647
31 Dec 2016	5,689	620	2,392	3,917	4,595	1,714	6,309
31 Dec 2015	5,233	510	2,179	3,564	4,249	1,494	5,743

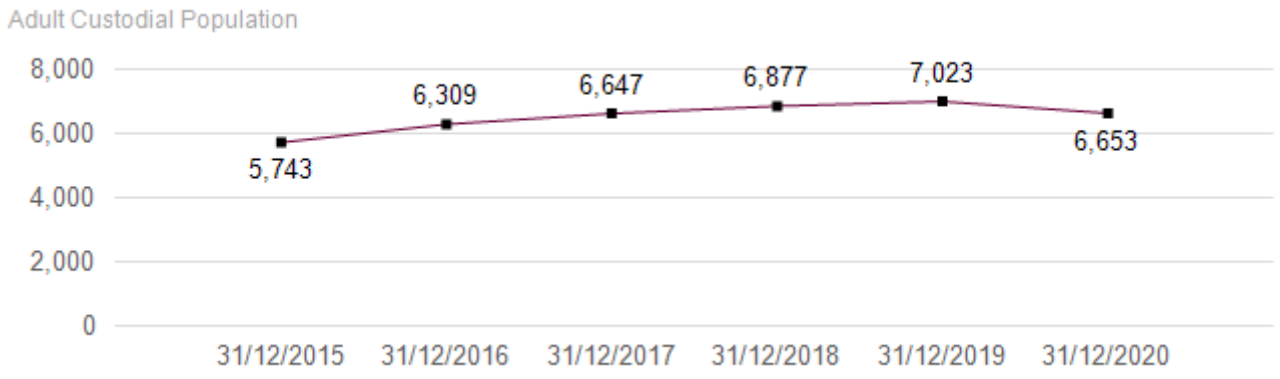

Table 2: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Gender

Census Date	Male	Female	Total
31 Dec 2020	5,974	679	6,653
30 Sep 2020	5,875	685	6,560
30 Jun 2020	6,055	716	6,771
31 Mar 2020	6,288	752	7,040
31 Dec 2019	6,246	777	7,023
30 Sep 2019	6,168	713	6,881
30 Jun 2019	6,225	715	6,940
31 Mar 2019	6,207	760	6,967
31 Dec 2018	6,137	740	6,877
30 Sep 2018	6,206	736	6,942
30 Jun 2018	6,127	741	6,868
31 Mar 2018	6,169	750	6,919
31 Dec 2017	5,945	702	6,647
30 Sep 2017	5,989	693	6,682
30 Jun 2017	6,059	683	6,742
31 Mar 2017	6,092	684	6,776
31 Dec 2016	5,689	620	6,309
30 Sep 2016	5,664	619	6,283
30 Jun 2016	5,696	632	6,328
31 Mar 2016	5,470	587	6,057
31 Dec 2015	5,233	510	5,743

Table 3: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Aboriginality

Census Date	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total
31 Dec 2020	2,684	3,969	6,653
30 Sep 2020	2,613	3,947	6,560
30 Jun 2020	2,681	4,090	6,771
31 Mar 2020	2,770	4,270	7,040
31 Dec 2019	2,734	4,289	7,023
30 Sep 2019	2,681	4,200	6,881
30 Jun 2019	2,700	4,240	6,940
31 Mar 2019	2,733	4,234	6,967
31 Dec 2018	2,689	4,188	6,877
30 Sep 2018	2,725	4,217	6,942
30 Jun 2018	2,719	4,149	6,868
31 Mar 2018	2,705	4,214	6,919
31 Dec 2017	2,544	4,103	6,647
30 Sep 2017	2,509	4,173	6,682
30 Jun 2017	2,526	4,216	6,742
31 Mar 2017	2,565	4,211	6,776
31 Dec 2016	2,392	3,917	6,309
30 Sep 2016	2,394	3,889	6,283
30 Jun 2016	2,417	3,911	6,328
31 Mar 2016	2,343	3,714	6,057
31 Dec 2015	2,179	3,564	5,743

Table 4: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Aboriginality and Gender

	Aboriginal			Non-Aboriginal		
Census Date	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
31 Dec 2020	2,359	325	2,684	3,615	354	3,969
30 Sep 2020	2,290	323	2,613	3,585	362	3,947
30 Jun 2020	2,348	333	2,681	3,707	383	4,090
31 Mar 2020	2,407	363	2,770	3,881	389	4,270
31 Dec 2019	2,375	359	2,734	3,871	418	4,289
30 Sep 2019	2,355	326	2,681	3,813	387	4,200
30 Jun 2019	2,389	311	2,700	3,836	404	4,240
31 Mar 2019	2,392	341	2,733	3,815	419	4,234
31 Dec 2018	2,350	339	2,689	3,787	401	4,188
30 Sep 2018	2,385	340	2,725	3,821	396	4,217
30 Jun 2018	2,372	347	2,719	3,755	394	4,149
31 Mar 2018	2,350	355	2,705	3,819	395	4,214
31 Dec 2017	2,224	320	2,544	3,721	382	4,103
30 Sep 2017	2,199	310	2,509	3,790	383	4,173
30 Jun 2017	2,228	298	2,526	3,831	385	4,216
31 Mar 2017	2,245	320	2,565	3,847	364	4,211
31 Dec 2016	2,098	294	2,392	3,591	326	3,917
30 Sep 2016	2,100	294	2,394	3,564	325	3,889
30 Jun 2016	2,124	293	2,417	3,572	339	3,911
31 Mar 2016	2,073	270	2,343	3,397	317	3,714
31 Dec 2015	1,938	241	2,179	3,295	269	3,564

Table 5: Number of Adult Prisoner Receptions and Releases by Gender

	Prisoner Receptions			Prisoner Releases		
Quarter	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Dec 2020	1,823	318	2,141	1,724	324	2,048
Sep 2020	1,615	301	1,916	1,795	332	2,127
Jun 2020	1,748	342	2,090	1,981	378	2,359
Mar 2020	2,047	415	2,462	2,005	440	2,445
Dec 2019	2,010	455	2,465	1,932	391	2,323
Sep 2019	1,915	386	2,301	1,972	388	2,360
Jun 2019	2,050	401	2,451	2,032	446	2,478
Mar 2019	2,071	423	2,494	2,001	403	2,404
Dec 2018	2,029	464	2,493	2,098	460	2,558
Sep 2018	1,956	401	2,357	1,877	406	2,283
Jun 2018	1,998	456	2,454	2,040	465	2,505
Mar 2018	2,275	460	2,735	2,051	412	2,463
Dec 2017	2,000	434	2,434	2,044	425	2,469
Sep 2017	1,949	437	2,386	2,019	427	2,446
Jun 2017	2,086	420	2,506	2,119	421	2,540
Mar 2017	2,487	524	3,011	2,084	460	2,544
Dec 2016	2,244	421	2,665	2,219	420	2,639
Sep 2016	2,079	400	2,479	2,111	413	2,524
Jun 2016	2,173	409	2,582	1,947	364	2,311
Mar 2016	2,174	419	2,593	1,937	342	2,279
Dec 2015	1,928	355	2,283	1,894	357	2,251

Table 6: Number of Adult Prisoner Receptions and Releases by Aboriginality

	Prisoner Receptions			Prisoner Releases		
Quarter	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total
Dec 2020	940	1,201	2,141	869	1,179	2,048
Sep 2020	805	1,111	1,916	873	1,254	2,127
Jun 2020	857	1,233	2,090	946	1,413	2,359
Mar 2020	1,077	1,385	2,462	1,041	1,404	2,445
Dec 2019	1,020	1,445	2,465	967	1,356	2,323
Sep 2019	971	1,330	2,301	990	1,370	2,360
Jun 2019	1,019	1,432	2,451	1,052	1,426	2,478
Mar 2019	1,064	1,430	2,494	1,020	1,384	2,404
Dec 2018	1,046	1,447	2,493	1,082	1,476	2,558
Sep 2018	1,028	1,329	2,357	1,022	1,261	2,283
Jun 2018	1,077	1,377	2,454	1,063	1,442	2,505
Mar 2018	1,223	1,512	2,735	1,062	1,401	2,463
Dec 2017	1,123	1,311	2,434	1,088	1,381	2,469
Sep 2017	1,026	1,360	2,386	1,043	1,403	2,446
Jun 2017	1,035	1,471	2,506	1,074	1,466	2,540
Mar 2017	1,223	1,788	3,011	1,050	1,494	2,544
Dec 2016	1,092	1,573	2,665	1,094	1,545	2,639
Sep 2016	1,028	1,451	2,479	1,051	1,473	2,524
Jun 2016	1,036	1,546	2,582	962	1,349	2,311
Mar 2016	1,096	1,497	2,593	932	1,347	2,279
Dec 2015	993	1,290	2,283	962	1,289	2,251

Table 7: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Sentenced Status

Census Date	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Total
31 Dec 2020	4,791	1,862	6,653
30 Sep 2020	4,805	1,755	6,560
30 Jun 2020	4,928	1,843	6,771
31 Mar 2020	4,989	2,051	7,040
31 Dec 2019	4,990	2,033	7,023
30 Sep 2019	4,954	1,927	6,881
30 Jun 2019	4,984	1,956	6,940
31 Mar 2019	4,950	2,017	6,967
31 Dec 2018	4,877	2,000	6,877
30 Sep 2018	4,965	1,977	6,942
30 Jun 2018	4,964	1,904	6,868
31 Mar 2018	4,917	2,002	6,919
31 Dec 2017	4,761	1,886	6,647
30 Sep 2017	4,781	1,901	6,682
30 Jun 2017	4,816	1,926	6,742
31 Mar 2017	4,781	1,995	6,776
31 Dec 2016	4,595	1,714	6,309
30 Sep 2016	4,458	1,825	6,283
30 Jun 2016	4,476	1,852	6,328
31 Mar 2016	4,310	1,747	6,057
31 Dec 2015	4,249	1,494	5,743

Table 8: Number of Sentenced Adult Prisoners in Custody by Security Rating

Census Date	Maximum	Medium	Minimum	Total[1]
31 Dec 2020	388	2,747	1,656	4,791
30 Sep 2020	411	2,730	1,664	4,805
30 Jun 2020	387	2,899	1,641	4,928
31 Mar 2020	423	2,935	1,630	4,989
31 Dec 2019	428	2,917	1,645	4,990
30 Sep 2019	401	2,983	1,570	4,954
30 Jun 2019	419	3,029	1,536	4,984
31 Mar 2019	419	2,981	1,550	4,950
31 Dec 2018	403	2,899	1,575	4,877
30 Sep 2018	436	2,906	1,623	4,965
30 Jun 2018	387	2,944	1,633	4,964
31 Mar 2018	389	2,880	1,648	4,917
31 Dec 2017	302	2,817	1,642	4,761
30 Sep 2017	316	2,792	1,673	4,781
30 Jun 2017	383	2,764	1,669	4,816
31 Mar 2017	387	2,766	1,628	4,781
31 Dec 2016	294	2,761	1,540	4,595
30 Sep 2016	292	2,625	1,541	4,458
30 Jun 2016	312	2,622	1,542	4,476
31 Mar 2016	295	2,508	1,507	4,310
31 Dec 2015	281	2,484	1,484	4,249

[1] Total includes prisoners where security rating are not recorded

Table 9: Number of Adult Prisoners in Custody by Age

Census Date	Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 49	50+	Total
31 Dec 2020	812	2,428	2,556	857	6,653
30 Sep 2020	795	2,422	2,512	831	6,560
30 Jun 2020	847	2,488	2,596	840	6,771
31 Mar 2020	886	2,606	2,694	854	7,040
31 Dec 2019	916	2,619	2,646	842	7,023
30 Sep 2019	909	2,575	2,568	829	6,881
30 Jun 2019	957	2,544	2,592	847	6,940
31 Mar 2019	977	2,574	2,568	848	6,967
31 Dec 2018	971	2,564	2,513	829	6,877
30 Sep 2018	991	2,574	2,556	821	6,942
30 Jun 2018	1,002	2,519	2,533	814	6,868
31 Mar 2018	1,070	2,522	2,512	815	6,919
31 Dec 2017	1,012	2,432	2,432	771	6,647
30 Sep 2017	1,029	2,436	2,426	791	6,682
30 Jun 2017	1,062	2,474	2,424	782	6,742
31 Mar 2017	1,119	2,479	2,421	757	6,776
31 Dec 2016	1,020	2,331	2,264	694	6,309
30 Sep 2016	1,033	2,324	2,252	674	6,283
30 Jun 2016	1,101	2,303	2,271	653	6,328
31 Mar 2016	1,072	2,208	2,157	620	6,057
31 Dec 2015	981	2,067	2,072	623	5,743

Table 10: Number of Sentenced Adult Prisoners by Most Serious Offence Category(ANZSOC)

ANZSOC Division	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2019	31 Dec 2020
Homicide and Related Offences	349	372	377	393	394	384
Acts Intended to Cause Injury	657	746	694	717	728	730
Sexual Assault and Related	518	536	544	576	622	639
Dangerous or Negligent Acts Endangering Persons	280	343	362	375	358	329
Abduction, Harassment and Other Offences Against the Person	52	69	85	88	83	68
Robbery, Extortion and Related	504	480	468	436	413	462
Unlawful Entry With Intent/Burglary, Break and Enter	725	799	815	790	847	749
Theft and Related	87	70	72	92	105	81
Fraud, Deception and Related	61	76	70	84	84	58
Illicit Drugs	685	774	918	990	985	963
Prohibited and Regulated Weapons and Explosives	12	17	19	18	24	25
Property Damage and Environmental Pollution	82	86	87	77	77	88
Public Order	11	10	15	12	25	12
Traffic and Vehicle Regulatory	125	126	117	93	107	103
Offences Against Justice Procedures, Government Security and Government Operations	95	82	103	120	126	90
Miscellaneous/Other	6	9	15	16	12	10

Results in the above table are not comparable to results published prior to 30 June 2017.

Table 11: Number of Sentenced Adult Prisoners in Custody by Any Previous Non-Fine-Default Sentence of Imprisonment in the 5 Years Prior to the Current Sentence

	Prior Imprisonment Sentences				
Census Date	No Prior	One Prior	Two To Four Prior	Five Or More Prior	Total
31 Dec 2020	3,444	922	424	1	4,791
30 Sep 2020	3,436	915	452	2	4,805
30 Jun 2020	3,482	970	474	2	4,928
31 Mar 2020	3,525	994	470	0	4,989
31 Dec 2019	3,477	1,039	474	0	4,990
30 Sep 2019	3,473	1,009	469	3	4,954
30 Jun 2019	3,526	974	483	1	4,984
31 Mar 2019	3,540	936	473	1	4,950
31 Dec 2018	3,550	892	435	0	4,877
30 Sep 2018	3,664	865	435	1	4,965
30 Jun 2018	3,678	860	425	1	4,964
31 Mar 2018	3,635	860	422	0	4,917
31 Dec 2017	3,492	894	375	0	4,761
30 Sep 2017	3,475	923	383	0	4,781
30 Jun 2017	3,497	943	376	0	4,816
31 Mar 2017	3,458	933	389	1	4,781
31 Dec 2016	3,340	886	368	1	4,595
30 Sep 2016	3,260	829	368	1	4,458
30 Jun 2016	3,276	847	352	1	4,476
31 Mar 2016	3,148	822	339	1	4,310
31 Dec 2015	3,137	794	316	2	4,249

Results in the above table are not comparable to results published prior to 30 June 2017.

Definitions

Terms below are used across the Corrective Quarterly Statistics reports and may not necessarily appear in this report.

Term	Definition
Aboriginal	Persons who have identified themselves as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. The term 'origin' when used in the context of the ABS Standard Indigenous Question, relates to a person's Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and for some, but not all, their cultural identity.
Aboriginality	Whether or not someone identifies as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
ANZSOC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification is a hierarchical classification of offences developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
ANZSOC Division	Sixteen high level categories for offences classified within the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification.
Census	A count (usually of people) taken at the end of the day.
Detainee	A young person who is detained in a youth detention centre.
Facility	A prison, work camp or youth detention centre.
Most Serious Offence	The offence considered the most serious in a group of offences, as determined by a classification authority.
Prisoner	A person held in custody in a WA prison or prison work camp.
Reception	The receipt of a prisoner or detainee into a prison or youth detention centre.
Release	When a prisoner or young person is released from custody.
Security Rating - Personal	The description of the level of risk a prisoner or detainee presents to the community, based on a formal assessment by custodial staff using an approved assessment instrument.
Sentence Status	Indicates whether a person is subject to custody due to an active court sentence or whether remanded pending sentencing or hearing.
Sentenced	A legal status indicating that a person is held in custody after receiving a sentence of imprisonment or detention from a court in response to a conviction for an offence.
Unsentenced	A person who has not had a sentence issued by a Court of Law. Includes anyone on remand, young people held on arrest, prisoners held on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or prisoners awaiting extradition.
Young Person	As defined in the Young Offenders Act;(a) a person who has not reached the age of 18 years; or(b) a person to whom [the] Act applies because of section 4 [of the Act];