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# 1 Introduction

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This paper provides a comprehensive overview of juveniles in detention in Australia from 1981 to 2004. It includes an analysis of the number and rate of juveniles in detention over time (with respect to a number of different variables) as well as a detailed analysis of the financial year 2003-04. Statistics are derived from the Australian Institute of Criminology's (AIC) juveniles in detention dataset; the only national dataset pertaining to juvenile justice currently available in Australia.

The juveniles in detention data set is compiled from reports submitted on a quarterly basis by the relevant juvenile justice authorities in each Australian jurisdiction. These authorities include:

- Department of Juvenile Justice, New South Wales;
- Department of Human Services, Victoria;
- Department of Communities, Queensland;
- Department of Justice, Western Australia;
- Department of Families and Communities, South Australia;
- Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania;
- Northern Territory Correctional Services; and
- Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services, Australian Capital Territory.

Each of these authorities was provided with a copy of this paper prior to publication and given the opportunity to comment. It should be noted that although this report provides data on juveniles in detention, the vast majority of juveniles in the care of juvenile justice agencies are not placed into detention but rather community supervision orders and other types of order. It is important to keep this in mind when interpreting the data on juvenile detention in this report.

The data provided by each of the juvenile justice agencies contain information on the number of young people in the custody of the juvenile justice agency on the last day of each quarter in the year; that is, March, June, September and December. Therefore, the census count taken on each of these dates reflects only the number of juveniles in each jurisdiction at that time, and is not necessarily representative of the actual daily average of juvenile detainees in each state or territory. As a result, some jurisdictions, in particular smaller ones such as the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Tasmania, may show greater variability between quarters. Nonetheless, the census count is the only one currently available in Australia, and is considered a useful method by which to measure the population of juveniles in detention.

The quarterly census provides aggregate information on the number of juveniles detained according to a number of variables including:

- gender;
- age;
- Indigenous status (Indigenous – incorporating both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – or non-Indigenous); and
- legal status (remanded or sentenced; Western Australia and Queensland have a further category of “remanded and sentenced”, which includes young people under sentence but who are awaiting trial or sentence on other charges. In this report these persons are categorised as sentenced).

Together with the jurisdiction and the date at which the census was taken, there are six factors analysed in this report. However, as the data are reported in aggregate form, the extent of possible analyses is limited.

### Differences between jurisdictions

Each Australian state and territory has a separate and distinct formal juvenile justice system, of which detention is one part. There are differences between them which should be acknowledged prior to describing the data. These differences primarily relate to the way in which they (a) define a juvenile offender and (b) manage a juvenile offender (particularly once they reach adulthood). Regarding the first issue, juveniles in Australia are largely dealt with by the juvenile justice system when they are aged between 10 and 17 years. However, three states define juvenile offenders differently: Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory (see Table 1). Victoria is moving to the more common age range of 10-17 with effect from 1 July 2005.

In order to facilitate useful comparisons, this report focuses on detainees aged 10 to 17 years (since this is the most common definition). However in order to provide complete data, Table 1 contains information on persons aged 18 and over in juvenile detention centres in Australia, at 30 June 2004. Excluded from the table and the results presented in this report are those young people aged under 18 in adult prison. Thirty-nine persons aged under 18 were in adult prison at 30 June 2004, and thirty-four of these were in Queensland<sup>1</sup>.

Table 1: Jurisdictional differences in the definition of a juvenile at 30 June 2004		
State/Territory	Age of juveniles	Number of persons aged 18 or over in juvenile detention
New South Wales	10-17	100
Victoria	10-16	70
Queensland	10-16	11
Western Australia	10-17	16
South Australia	10-17	11
Tasmania	10-17	2
Northern Territory	10-17	0
Australian Capital Territory	10-17	1

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1981-2004 [computer file]

<sup>1</sup> While the ABS has previously reported the numbers of young people in prison by jurisdiction, the *Prisoners in Australia* (ABS 2004a) publication did not report numbers other than the national figure and for Queensland, hence they have not been included in Table 1.

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Differences between states are found in the management of older juveniles, particularly with respect to those who have become adults while in detention. New South Wales and Victoria have traditionally detained juvenile offenders in a juvenile detention centre until completion of their sentence, resulting in numerous detainees of an adult age – 100 in New South Wales and 70 in Victoria at 30 June 2004. Legislative changes passed in 2001 by the New South Wales Parliament (Children (Criminal Proceedings) Amendment (Adult Detainees) Act 2001) were intended to reduce this number by enabling corrective services to transfer detainees to prison at 18. However it was reported that only nine young people had been subject to orders resulting from this legislation (NSW Ombudsman 2004). On 1 July 2005, Victoria increased the age jurisdiction for the Children’s Court to include 17-year-olds.

Until June 2000, the Northern Territory classified 17-year-olds as adults. This may need to be taken into account when examining historical data on the number of juveniles in detention in the Northern Territory.

Victoria has a dual-track system of adult prison and juvenile detention available for persons aged 17 to 20 years at time of sentencing, with an option for some people in this age group to be placed into a senior youth training centre. The juvenile detention option is not available to this age group purely for remand purposes. Table 1 shows that at 30 June 2004, there were 70 people aged 18 or over in juvenile detention centres in Victoria.

### **Tasmanian data**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania reported in 2003 that the data relating to Indigenous detainees, provided to and published by the AIC for the years 1996-97 through 2000-01, may be inaccurate, due to the limitations of their previous data system’s reporting capabilities. These data are therefore not reproduced here. However, accurate data by Indigenous status have been provided for the years 2003 and 2004 and the relevant information has been included in this publication.

### **Australian Capital Territory data**

Late in 2003, the Office for Children, Youth and Family Support in the ACT reported that the data provided to and published by the AIC for the year 2001-02 overstated the number of juveniles in detention during the four relevant census periods. This affected both the numbers and detention rates for the Australian Capital Territory and marginally affected those for Australia. The correct data have now been provided to the AIC and the numbers for the ACT in 2001-02 have been revised in this report.

### **Calculating rates of detention per head of relevant population**

The population estimates used to calculate the number of people aged 10 to 17 in detention, per 100,000 population aged 10-17, are taken from *Population by age and sex* (ABS 2004b) for 30 June of each year. For statistics from 1991 to 2000, Indigenous population figures are based upon high-level estimates, June 1996 to June 2006 (ABS 1998). For statistics from 2001 to 2004, Indigenous estimates are based upon high level estimates, June 2001 to June 2009 (ABS 2004). High-level estimates of the population are derived from projections of both natural population growth as well as an increased propensity for Australians to identify as Indigenous. The AIC uses high-level estimates for all figures relating to Indigenous detention rates, since these provide a more conservative estimate of rates and ratios.

The ABS does not publish these population estimates in the detail required for this report; the Australian Institute of Criminology purchases statistics from the ABS that are based on these projections. Prior to 1996, a number of different sources of Indigenous population figures were used.

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## Indigenous overrepresentation

Indigenous overrepresentation refers to the fact that Indigenous persons in Australia are subject to higher rates of incarceration than non-Indigenous persons. Two methods may be used to calculate overrepresentation: the population ratio and rate ratio methods.

The population ratio refers to the proportion of Indigenous juveniles in juvenile detention centres compared with their proportion in the general population. For example, if Indigenous juveniles comprised two per cent of all juveniles in Australia, then we would expect, all things being equal, that they would make up two per cent of the detained juvenile population. If Indigenous juveniles actually made up four per cent of this detainee population, the ratio – using the population ratio method – would be  $4/2=2$ , which can be expressed as “There were twice as many Indigenous juveniles detained as we might expect from their representation in the general community”.

The rate ratio method refers to a comparison of two rates: the detention rate per 100,000 of Indigenous juveniles, and the detention rate per 100,000 of non-Indigenous juveniles. At 30 June 2004, there were 312.9 Indigenous juveniles detained per 100,000 Indigenous juveniles in the population. On the same date there were 12.2 non-Indigenous juveniles detained per 100,000 non-Indigenous juveniles in the population. Using these rates, we arrive at an overrepresentation ratio of  $312.9/12.2=25.6$ , which may be expressed as “Indigenous juveniles were 25.6 times more likely than non-Indigenous juveniles to be detained in a juvenile justice centre”.

This report uses the rate ratio method for calculating overrepresentation, as in the past (Charlton & McCall 2004; Bareja & Charlton 2003; Cahill & Marshall 2002; Carcach & Muscat 1998).

## 2 General trends: 1981-2004

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- There has been a general decline over the 24 years in the number and rate of persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention in Australia. Table 2c demonstrates that at 30 June 1981, 1352 young people were detained, and at 30 June 2004, only 564 juvenile detainees were recorded. The greatest decline was noted between the years of 1981 and 1989, where the number of detainees reduced by 44 per cent to 759.
  - Similarly to the trends observed in the numbers of persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, decreases in the rate of juveniles in detention have also been noted, with the rate declining by more than 50 per cent since 1981 (see Table 2c). At 30 June 1981 it stood at 64.9 detainees per 100,000 population and at 30 June 2004 it was recorded as 25.5 detainees per 100,000 population.
  - There has been a 53 per cent drop in the number of male juveniles detained since 1981 (Table 2a) and an 82 per cent drop in the number of females detained since 1981 (Table 2b).
  - Young men have always been highly overrepresented in juvenile detention, with young women consistently comprising only a small proportion of the total persons detained. At 30 June 2004 young males were 12 times more likely than young females to be in detention.
  - Table 2d demonstrates that the proportion of young females in detention has been declining, with females comprising eight per cent of juveniles in detention in 2004 compared with 17 per cent at 30 June 1981. The period of greatest decline was between the years from 1981 to 1991, where the percentage of the detainee population that was female decreased from 17 per cent to six per cent.
  - Rates of juvenile detention since 1994 have decreased by 24 per cent for Indigenous juveniles and 50 per cent for non-Indigenous juveniles. However, Indigenous overrepresentation remains high, with Indigenous young people being 25.6 times more likely than non-Indigenous young people to be in detention at 30 June 2004.

**Table 2a: Males aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June 1981-2004**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number</b>									
1981	521	253	89	145	71	26	1	13	1119
1982	551	232	94	138	67	17	8	13	1120
1983	518	224	103	88	55	25	14	16	1043
1984	378	209	85	69	37	20	15	6	819
1985	248	218	114	96	40	16	23	10	765
1986	257	204	78	93	38	20	26	17	733
1987	357	156	83	79	40	18	24	11	768
1988	249	164	89	76	42	14	37	12	683
1989	249	136	73	124	30	14	39	6	671
1990	325	127	100	114	36	9	27	9	747
1991	311	65	70	111	43	17	30	6	653
1992	250	47	71	84	50	5	25	9	541
1993	292	49	83	97	56	9	20	5	610
1994	352	61	90	119	56	9	13	8	708
1995	374	72	127	95	37	10	15	13	743
1996	319	68	128	94	71	23	13	6	722
1997	331	64	89	100	71	*20	21	14	*710
1998	321	62	116	123	46	18	25	10	721
1999	252	57	127	112	29	30	12	12	631
2000	251	43	93	103	49	34	15	14	602
2001	210	59	78	81	49	36	6	22	541
2002	187	53	82	71	40	25	21	12	491
2003	206	71	90	95	61	17	23	20	583
2004	185	57	87	102	47	18	10	15	521
<b>Rate per 100 000 relevant population</b>									
1981	145.9	88.6	51.8	149.8	75.4	81.9	10.8	75.8	105.2
1982	152.8	80.8	52.8	139.0	71.4	53.9	79.1	72.6	103.9
1983	142.6	77.6	56.5	87.5	58.8	79.6	130.7	87.0	95.8
1984	103.5	72.1	45.9	68.3	39.9	63.2	134.6	31.8	74.7
1985	67.6	75.5	60.9	94.7	43.4	50.8	199.5	52.1	69.6
1986	70.0	71.2	41.3	91.2	41.8	63.8	222.2	87.4	66.8
1987	97.5	55.5	44.1	77.3	44.9	58.7	203.4	56.0	70.5
1988	68.4	59.3	47.3	73.8	48.2	46.6	316.2	60.5	63.2
1989	69.8	50.3	38.7	120.8	35.3	47.5	337.8	30.4	63.0
1990	92.9	47.9	53.1	111.8	43.3	30.7	237.5	46.3	71.2
1991	89.6	24.9	37.0	108.5	52.3	58.2	265.4	31.1	62.7
1992	72.4	18.2	37.4	81.5	61.1	17.2	218.2	47.4	52.1
1993	84.7	19.1	43.1	93.3	68.8	30.9	172.5	26.4	58.7
1994	101.7	23.9	45.9	113.3	68.6	31.1	111.3	42.2	67.9
1995	107.2	28.2	63.7	89.2	45.3	34.4	127.9	68.7	70.7
1996	90.3	26.6	63.0	87.1	86.3	78.8	108.5	31.8	67.9
1997	93.3	25.1	43.5	91.5	86.2	69.1	171.3	74.7	64.2
1998	89.9	24.2	56.2	110.9	55.7	63.0	200.8	53.9	67.2
1999	70.1	22.1	60.9	99.8	34.9	105.5	95.4	64.8	58.3
2000	69.0	16.4	44.0	90.7	58.7	120.1	118.1	75.4	53.3
2001	56.9	22.2	36.3	70.5	58.6	127.6	46.4	118.2	48.8
2002	50.3	19.8	37.5	61.6	48.0	89.1	160.9	65.1	44.0
2003	55.1	26.3	40.3	81.8	73.2	60.7	177.9	109.3	51.8
2004	49.5	21.0	38.3	87.5	56.5	63.7	76.6	82.8	46.0

\* One male aged 16 who was detained in juvenile facilities without being sentenced or remanded has been included.

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1981-2004 [computer file]

**Table 2b: Females aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June 1981-2004**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number</b>									
1981	90	81	22	14	5	8	0	13	233
1982	95	67	13	13	4	6	3	4	205
1983	83	58	11	8	5	8	1	4	178
1984	48	72	20	12	3	7	2	3	167
1985	30	51	11	14	2	1	0	3	112
1986	33	56	17	5	4	2	4	1	122
1987	37	44	13	5	1	4	7	2	113
1988	23	34	10	5	3	7	3	2	87
1989	30	31	8	9	0	3	7	0	88
1990	29	24	9	11	1	1	3	0	78
1991	15	5	6	5	3	0	6	1	41
1992	12	5	3	9	3	0	3	1	36
1993	20	2	2	7	5	1	3	1	41
1994	18	3	5	12	2	1	0	1	42
1995	20	2	9	7	2	0	2	1	43
1996	21	2	8	12	12	3	0	1	59
1997	26	7	11	11	6	3	0	2	66
1998	15	5	10	13	4	1	0	1	49
1999	25	3	10	13	5	1	2	4	63
2000	23	9	9	12	10	3	0	1	67
2001	22	7	7	16	7	1	0	3	63
2002	16	4	15	8	7	1	0	3	54
2003	16	5	11	10	10	2	0	3	57
2004	13	5	4	16	4	0	0	1	43
<b>Rate per 100 000 relevant population</b>									
1981	26.4	29.5	13.3	15.2	5.6	25.9	0.0	78.9	22.9
1982	27.6	24.2	7.6	13.8	4.5	19.6	31.4	23.3	19.8
1983	23.9	20.9	6.3	8.4	5.6	26.1	9.9	22.6	17.1
1984	13.7	25.9	11.3	12.5	3.4	22.9	19.2	16.6	15.9
1985	8.6	18.4	6.1	14.6	2.3	3.3	0.0	16.2	10.7
1986	9.4	20.5	9.5	5.2	4.7	6.6	36.4	5.3	11.7
1987	10.6	16.4	7.2	5.2	1.2	13.6	63.4	10.5	10.9
1988	6.6	12.9	5.6	5.2	3.7	24.2	27.7	10.4	8.5
1989	8.8	12.1	4.5	9.3	0.0	10.6	66.6	0.0	8.7
1990	8.7	9.6	5.0	11.4	1.3	3.6	28.9	0.0	7.8
1991	4.6	2.0	3.4	5.2	3.9	0.0	57.9	5.4	4.2
1992	3.7	2.0	1.7	9.3	3.9	0.0	28.4	5.5	3.7
1993	6.1	0.8	1.1	7.2	6.5	3.6	27.8	5.5	4.2
1994	5.5	1.2	2.7	12.2	2.6	3.6	0.0	5.5	4.2
1995	6.0	0.8	4.8	7.0	2.6	0.0	18.2	5.5	4.3
1996	6.2	0.8	4.2	11.7	15.3	10.7	0.0	5.5	5.8
1997	7.7	2.9	5.7	10.6	7.6	10.8	0.0	11.1	6.5
1998	4.4	2.0	5.1	12.4	5.1	3.6	0.0	5.6	4.8
1999	7.3	1.2	5.0	12.2	6.3	3.6	16.9	22.4	6.1
2000	6.6	3.6	4.5	11.1	12.6	11.1	0.0	5.6	6.4
2001	6.3	2.7	3.4	14.6	8.8	3.7	0.0	16.7	6.0
2002	4.5	1.6	7.2	7.3	8.8	3.7	0.0	16.8	5.1
2003	4.5	1.9	5.2	9.1	12.6	7.4	0.0	17.1	5.3
2004	3.7	1.9	1.9	14.4	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.8	4.0

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1981-2004 [computer file]



**Table 2c: Persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June 1981-2004**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Number</b>									
1981	611	334	111	159	76	34	1	26	1352
1982	646	299	107	151	71	23	11	17	1325
1983	601	282	114	96	60	33	15	20	1221
1984	426	281	105	81	40	27	17	9	986
1985	278	269	125	110	42	17	23	13	877
1986	290	260	95	98	42	22	30	18	855
1987	394	200	96	84	41	22	31	13	881
1988	272	198	99	81	45	21	40	14	770
1989	279	167	81	133	30	17	46	6	759
1990	354	151	109	125	37	10	30	9	825
1991	326	70	76	116	46	17	36	7	694
1992	262	52	74	93	53	5	28	10	577
1993	312	51	85	104	61	9	23	6	651
1994	370	64	95	131	58	10	13	9	750
1995	394	74	136	102	39	10	17	14	786
1996	340	70	136	106	83	26	13	7	781
1997	357	71	100	111	77	*23	21	16	*776
1998	336	67	126	136	50	19	25	11	770
1999	277	60	137	125	34	31	14	16	694
2000	274	52	102	115	59	37	15	15	669
2001	232	66	85	97	56	37	6	25	604
2002	203	57	97	79	47	26	21	15	545
2003	222	76	101	105	71	19	23	23	640
2004	198	62	91	118	51	18	10	16	564
<b>Rate per 100 000 relevant population</b>									
1981	87.6	59.6	32.9	84.3	41.3	54.3	5.5	77.3	64.9
1982	91.6	53.0	30.7	78.1	38.8	37.0	55.9	48.5	62.8
1983	84.6	49.8	31.9	49.0	32.9	53.2	72.1	55.4	57.3
1984	59.6	49.5	29.0	41.2	22.1	43.4	78.9	24.3	46.0
1985	38.8	47.6	34.1	55.7	23.4	27.4	103.3	34.5	40.8
1986	40.4	46.4	25.8	49.3	23.8	35.7	132.2	47.1	39.9
1987	55.1	36.4	26.1	42.2	23.7	36.6	135.7	33.6	41.4
1988	38.2	36.6	26.9	40.5	26.6	35.6	177.5	35.9	36.5
1989	40.0	31.7	22.0	66.6	18.2	29.4	208.6	15.5	36.6
1990	51.8	29.3	29.7	63.0	22.9	17.5	138.0	23.6	40.4
1991	48.2	13.7	20.7	58.3	28.7	29.9	166.2	18.5	34.2
1992	38.9	10.3	20.1	46.5	33.3	8.8	127.1	26.8	28.5
1993	46.4	10.2	22.7	51.6	38.5	15.8	102.7	16.2	32.2
1994	54.8	12.9	24.9	64.3	36.4	17.6	57.5	24.3	36.9
1995	57.8	14.9	35.1	49.3	24.4	17.5	74.8	37.8	38.3
1996	49.3	14.0	34.4	50.4	51.6	45.4	56.1	18.9	37.7
1997	51.5	14.2	25.1	52.2	47.8	24.1	88.2	43.5	36.6
1998	48.2	13.3	31.3	63.0	31.0	33.8	103.0	30.3	36.7
1999	39.4	11.8	33.7	57.1	20.9	55.5	57.3	44.0	32.8
2000	38.5	10.1	24.7	51.9	36.2	40.5	49.5	41.2	30.7
2001	32.2	12.7	20.3	43.3	34.4	67.0	24.0	68.4	27.9
2002	28.0	10.9	22.7	35.1	28.9	47.3	83.8	41.4	25.0
2003	30.5	14.4	23.2	46.3	43.7	34.6	92.1	64.2	29.1
2004	27.2	11.7	20.6	51.9	31.5	32.7	39.8	45.1	25.5

\* One male aged 16 who was detained in juvenile facilities without being sentenced or remanded has been included.

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1981-2004 [computer file]

**Table 2d: Percentage of persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention who are female at 30 June 1981-2004**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
1981	14.7	24.3	19.8	8.8	6.6	23.5	0.0	50.0	17.2
1982	14.7	22.4	12.1	8.6	5.6	26.1	27.3	23.5	15.5
1983	13.8	20.6	9.6	8.3	8.3	24.2	6.7	20.0	14.6
1984	11.3	25.6	19.0	14.8	7.5	25.9	11.8	33.3	16.9
1985	10.8	19.0	8.8	12.7	4.8	5.9	0.0	23.1	12.8
1986	11.4	21.5	17.9	5.1	9.5	9.1	13.3	5.6	14.3
1987	9.4	22.0	13.5	6.0	2.4	18.2	22.6	15.4	12.8
1988	8.5	17.2	10.1	6.2	6.7	33.3	7.5	14.3	11.3
1989	10.8	18.6	9.9	6.8	0.0	17.6	15.2	0.0	11.6
1990	8.2	15.9	8.3	8.8	2.7	10.0	10.0	0.0	9.5
1991	4.6	7.1	7.9	4.3	6.5	0.0	16.7	14.3	5.9
1992	4.6	9.6	4.1	9.7	5.7	0.0	10.7	10.0	6.2
1993	6.4	3.9	2.4	6.7	8.2	11.1	13.0	16.7	6.3
1994	4.9	4.7	5.3	9.2	3.4	10.0	0.0	11.1	5.6
1995	5.1	2.7	6.6	6.9	5.1	0.0	11.8	7.1	5.5
1996	6.2	2.9	5.9	11.3	14.5	11.5	0.0	14.3	7.6
1997	7.3	9.9	11.0	9.9	7.8	13.0	0.0	12.5	8.5
1998	4.5	7.5	7.9	9.6	8.0	5.3	0.0	9.1	6.4
1999	9.0	5.0	7.3	10.4	14.7	3.2	14.3	25.0	9.1
2000	8.4	17.3	8.8	10.4	16.9	8.1	0.0	6.7	10.0
2001	9.5	10.6	8.2	16.5	12.5	2.7	0.0	12.0	10.4
2002	7.9	7.0	15.5	10.1	14.9	3.8	0.0	20.0	9.9
2003	7.2	6.6	10.9	9.5	14.1	10.5	0.0	13.0	8.9
2004	6.6	8.1	4.4	13.6	7.8	0.0	0.0	6.3	7.6

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1981-2004 [computer file]

### **3 Age of juvenile detainees**

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Tables 3a and 3b provide information about the number of juveniles in detention in two age groups: 10 to 14 years and 15 to 17 years. It is clear that the vast majority (88%) of young people detained in juvenile facilities across Australia are in the older age group. However, Indigenous overrepresentation is apparent in these data, with Indigenous young people making up the majority of the 10 to 14 year age group in Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia at 30 June 2004.

<b>Table 3a: Number of persons aged 10 to 14 in juvenile detention at 30 June 1994-2004</b>									
<b>Year</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic.</b>	<b>Qld.</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas.<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia<sup>(b)</sup></b>
<b>Indigenous</b>									
1994	27	0	6	18	0	0	1	0	52
1995	22	3	14	10	0	0	4	0	53
1996	20	0	13	7	0	3	1	0	44
1997	25	2	11	13	4	u.k	2	0	58
1998	14	1	19	22	2	u.k	5	0	64
1999	15	1	10	14	0	u.k	4	2	47
2000	19	0	15	15	3	u.k	6	0	59
2001	21	1	11	23	1	u.k	0	1	59
2002	13	1	12	13	3	u.k	0	0	42
2003	19	1	6	14	6	1	0	0	47
2004	20	0	10	8	4	1	0	1	44
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
1994	30	6	2	8	7	2	1	1	57
1995	37	5	9	3	4	4	0	0	62
1996	25	7	30	2	12	6	1	0	83
1997	31	7	9	5	11	u.k	1	3	73
1998	29	10	4	6	4	u.k	4	3	62
1999	22	2	8	3	3	u.k	0	4	49
2000	12	3	4	4	8	u.k	0	3	37
2001	15	4	5	2	6	u.k	0	4	41
2002	11	5	6	0	3	u.k	1	3	35
2003	14	2	3	2	6	5	0	6	38
2004	5	5	8	3	3	1	0	1	26
<b>Total Persons</b>									
1994	57	6	8	26	7	2	2	1	109
1995	59	8	23	13	4	4	4	0	115
1996	45	7	43	9	12	9	2	0	127
1997	56	9	20	18	15	7	3	3	131
1998	43	11	23	28	6	3	9	3	126
1999	37	3	18	17	3	8	4	6	96
2000	31	3	19	19	11	4	6	3	96
2001	36	5	16	25	7	6	0	5	100
2002	24	6	18	13	6	6	1	3	77
2003	33	3	9	16	12	6	0	6	85
2004	25	5	18	11	7	2	0	2	70

<sup>(a)</sup> Data are unavailable for the years noted u.k

<sup>(b)</sup> Australian totals exclude Tasmania between 1997 and 2002

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Table 3b: Number of persons aged 15 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June 1994- 2004**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas. <sup>(a)</sup>	NT	ACT	Australia <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Indigenous</b>									
1994	88	5	44	58	16	1	7	0	219
1995	79	8	62	44	6	1	6	1	207
1996	82	4	70	54	18	3	8	1	240
1997	107	6	44	57	13	u.k	18	3	248
1998	89	10	57	65	16	u.k	16	3	256
1999	78	9	66	72	10	u.k	6	0	241
2000	90	4	45	60	12	u.k	5	2	218
2001	77	8	45	55	7	u.k	6	5	203
2002	71	6	46	43	17	u.k	15	3	201
2003	77	9	56	64	26	4	16	3	255
2004	90	12	45	83	17	3	8	4	262
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
1994	225	53	43	47	35	7	4	8	422
1995	256	58	51	45	29	5	7	13	464
1996	213	59	23	43	53	14	3	6	414
1997	194	56	36	36	49	u.k	0	10	381
1998	204	46	46	43	28	u.k	0	5	372
1999	162	48	53	36	21	u.k	4	10	334
2000	153	45	38	36	36	u.k	4	10	322
2001	119	53	24	17	42	u.k	0	15	270
2002	108	45	33	23	24	u.k	5	9	247
2003	112	64	36	25	33	9	7	14	300
2004	83	45	28	24	27	13	2	10	232
<b>Total Persons</b>									
1994	313	58	87	105	51	8	11	8	641
1995	335	66	113	89	35	6	13	14	671
1996	295	63	93	97	71	17	11	7	654
1997	301	62	80	93	62	16	18	13	645
1998	293	56	103	108	44	16	16	8	644
1999	240	57	119	108	31	23	10	10	598
2000	243	49	83	96	48	33	9	12	573
2001	196	61	69	72	49	31	6	20	504
2002	179	51	79	66	41	20	20	12	468
2003	189	73	92	89	59	13	23	17	555
2004	173	57	73	107	44	16	10	14	494

<sup>(a)</sup> Data are unavailable for the years noted u.k

<sup>(b)</sup> Australian totals exclude Tasmania between 1997 and 2002

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

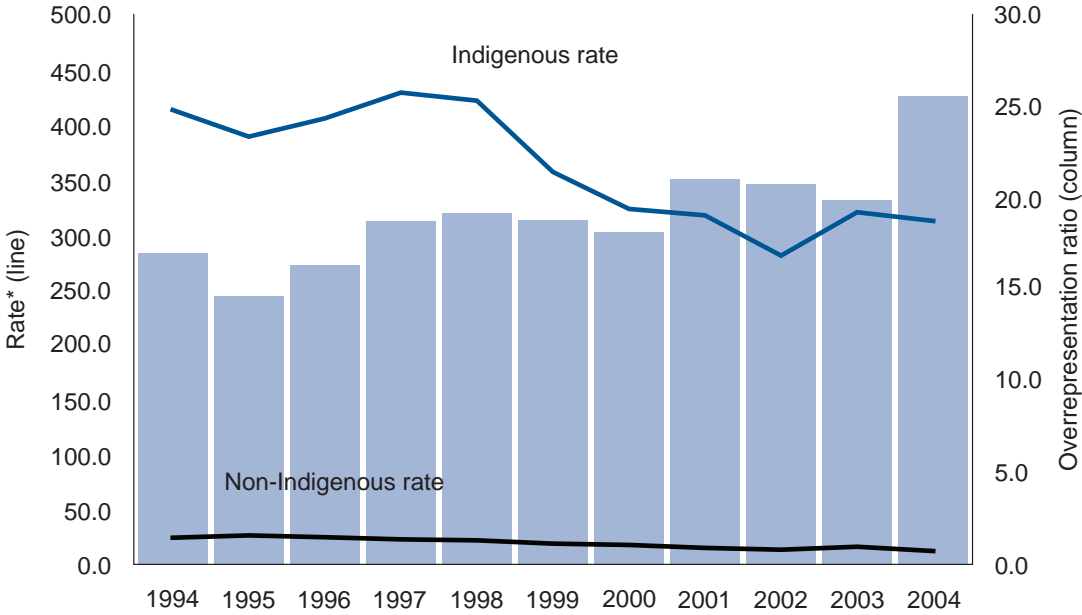
## 4 Indigenous status

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Tables in this section present data from the first quarter of 1994 to the second quarter of 2004. All jurisdictions were able to provide data on Indigenous status from the beginning of 1994 with the exception of Tasmania, whose Indigenous data are incomplete from the third quarter of 1996 through to the end of 2002. In this section, no Tasmanian figures are presented for either Indigenous or non-Indigenous persons from the 1995-96 financial year to 2003, and all Australian totals given by Indigenous status during this period exclude Tasmania (total persons figures include Tasmania). Similarly, rates calculated for Indigenous or non-Indigenous persons since 1996-97 have used population estimates which exclude Tasmania.

Figure 4a shows that the rates of detention for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people have been declining since 1994 (Indigenous rate down by 24 per cent and non-Indigenous rate down by 50 per cent). However, the ratio of Indigenous overrepresentation continues in a stable trend, with Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 years still 25 times more likely to be in detention than non-Indigenous persons of the same age group.

**Figure 4a: Rate of Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 years in juvenile detention in Australia and Indigenous overrepresentation ratio, 1994-2004**



\* Rate per 100,000 relevant population  
 Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

Tables 4a, 4b, 4c and 4d provide data on the numbers and rates of young people in juvenile detention for each quarter since the beginning of 1994, broken down by Indigenous status and jurisdiction.

At 30 June 2004, there were 312.9 Indigenous persons per 100,000 aged 10 to 17 detained and 12.2 non-Indigenous persons per 100,000 aged 10 to 17 detained in detention centres across Australia.

<b>Table 4a: Number of Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994-2004</b>										
<b>Year</b>		<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic.</b>	<b>Qld.</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas.<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia<sup>(b)</sup></b>
1994	31-Mar	90	5	49	76	25	3	9	0	257
	30-Jun	115	5	50	76	16	1	8	0	271
	30-Sep	96	5	59	60	15	3	10	0	248
	31-Dec	83	7	69	56	14	7	13	0	249
1995	31-Mar	115	10	84	69	9	3	17	2	309
	30-Jun	101	11	76	54	6	1	10	1	260
	30-Sep	105	9	61	58	24	3	13	1	274
	31-Dec	92	11	64	56	17	2	8	4	254
1996	31-Mar	91	5	84	64	18	4	7	3	276
	30-Jun	102	4	83	61	18	6	9	1	284
	30-Sep	109	10	77	56	18	u.k	6	4	280
	31-Dec	92	12	78	43	19	u.k	11	1	256
1997	31-Mar	127	18	76	67	26	u.k	15	3	332
	30-Jun	132	8	55	70	17	u.k	20	3	305
	30-Sep	125	12	65	88	19	u.k	17	0	326
	31-Dec	103	14	92	62	10	u.k	15	3	299
1998	31-Mar	109	9	87	70	16	u.k	20	5	316
	30-Jun	103	11	76	87	18	u.k	21	3	319
	30-Sep	97	6	78	84	15	u.k	23	2	305
	31-Dec	101	9	70	63	17	u.k	13	1	274
1999	31-Mar	93	10	85	86	15	u.k	22	2	313
	30-Jun	93	10	76	86	10	u.k	10	2	287
	30-Sep	83	9	54	68	17	u.k	10	3	244
	31-Dec	77	11	54	80	10	u.k	12	2	246
2000	31-Mar	95	9	71	86	9	u.k	6	2	278
	30-Jun	109	4	60	75	15	u.k	11	2	276
	30-Sep	81	7	53	69	15	u.k	10	2	237
	31-Dec	77	6	43	63	17	u.k	20	6	232
2001	31-Mar	86	6	60	75	12	u.k	13	2	254
	30-Jun	98	9	56	78	8	u.k	6	6	261
	30-Sep	105	11	46	78	14	u.k	6	6	266
	31-Dec	89	4	46	78	20	u.k	14	5	256
2002	31-Mar	89	7	63	71	23	u.k	14	4	271
	30-Jun	84	7	58	56	20	u.k	15	3	243
	30-Sep	88	12	51	68	24	u.k	20	7	270
	31-Dec	93	5	45	75	29	u.k	21	0	268
2003	31-Mar	114	13	58	100	26	7	19	4	341
	30-Jun	96	10	62	78	32	5	16	3	302
	30-Sep	89	13	51	92	17	2	17	5	286
	31-Dec	90	13	49	88	12	11	12	2	277
2004	31-Mar	104	18	62	97	21	7	9	4	322
	30-Jun	110	12	55	91	21	4	8	5	306

<sup>(a)</sup> Data are unavailable for the quarters noted u.k

<sup>(b)</sup> Australian totals exclude Tasmania between 30 September 1996 and 31 December 2002

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]



**Table 4b: Rate\* of Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994-2004**

Year		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas. <sup>(a)</sup>	NT	ACT	Australia <sup>(b)</sup>
1994	31-Mar	491.7	140.2	273.3	798.3	692.2	105.2	98.8	0.0	392.5
	30-Jun	628.3	140.2	278.9	798.3	443.0	35.1	87.8	0.0	413.9
	30-Sep	524.5	140.2	329.1	630.2	415.3	105.2	109.8	0.0	378.8
	31-Dec	453.5	196.2	384.9	588.2	387.6	245.5	142.7	0.0	380.3
1995	31-Mar	613.3	275.6	460.2	710.8	244.5	101.8	185.5	367.5	463.2
	30-Jun	538.6	303.1	416.3	556.3	163.0	33.9	109.1	183.8	389.7
	30-Sep	560.0	248.0	334.2	597.5	651.9	101.8	141.8	183.8	410.7
	31-Dec	490.6	303.1	350.6	576.9	461.7	67.8	87.3	735.0	380.8
1996	31-Mar	459.9	132.6	439.1	629.2	467.9	123.5	74.9	537.6	394.9
	30-Jun	515.5	106.1	433.9	599.7	467.9	185.2	96.3	179.2	406.4
	30-Sep	550.8	265.2	402.5	550.6	467.9	u.k	64.2	716.8	420.1
	31-Dec	464.9	318.2	407.8	422.8	493.9	u.k	117.7	179.2	384.1
1997	31-Mar	588.3	455.6	375.2	621.3	626.4	u.k	157.1	467.3	467.9
	30-Jun	611.5	202.5	271.5	649.2	409.5	u.k	209.5	467.3	429.9
	30-Sep	579.1	303.7	320.9	816.1	457.7	u.k	178.0	0.0	459.5
	31-Dec	477.1	354.3	454.2	575.0	240.9	u.k	157.1	467.3	421.4
1998	31-Mar	464.7	214.4	404.5	610.5	362.0	u.k	205.8	701.3	418.5
	30-Jun	439.1	262.0	353.4	758.8	407.2	u.k	216.1	420.8	422.5
	30-Sep	413.6	142.9	362.7	732.6	339.4	u.k	236.7	280.5	403.9
	31-Dec	430.6	214.4	325.5	549.5	384.6	u.k	133.8	140.3	362.9
1999	31-Mar	365.6	225.0	369.6	714.3	320.9	u.k	222.4	261.8	389.9
	30-Jun	365.6	225.0	330.5	714.3	213.9	u.k	101.1	261.8	357.5
	30-Sep	326.2	202.5	234.8	564.8	363.6	u.k	101.1	392.7	303.9
	31-Dec	302.7	247.5	234.8	664.5	213.9	u.k	121.3	261.8	306.4
2000	31-Mar	347.0	192.2	289.2	676.9	182.7	u.k	59.3	241.0	326.3
	30-Jun	398.1	85.4	244.4	590.3	304.5	u.k	108.8	241.0	323.9
	30-Sep	295.8	149.5	215.9	543.1	304.5	u.k	98.9	241.0	278.1
	31-Dec	281.2	128.2	175.2	495.9	345.1	u.k	197.8	722.9	272.3
2001	31-Mar	337.8	116.7	257.4	599.2	248.3	u.k	129.2	283.7	309.5
	30-Jun	384.9	175.0	240.2	623.2	165.6	u.k	59.6	851.1	318.1
	30-Sep	412.4	213.9	197.3	623.2	289.7	u.k	59.6	851.1	324.2
	31-Dec	349.6	77.8	197.3	623.2	413.9	u.k	139.2	709.2	312.0
2002	31-Mar	331.0	125.8	254.9	545.6	454.2	u.k	135.5	535.5	313.8
	30-Jun	312.4	125.8	234.7	430.3	394.9	u.k	145.2	401.6	281.4
	30-Sep	327.2	215.6	206.4	522.6	473.9	u.k	193.6	937.1	312.7
	31-Dec	345.8	89.8	182.1	576.3	572.7	u.k	203.3	0.0	310.4
2003	31-Mar	402.8	219.8	222.1	741.6	495.6	186.5	181.1	512.8	362.3
	30-Jun	339.2	169.1	237.4	578.4	610.0	133.2	152.5	384.6	320.9
	30-Sep	314.5	219.8	195.3	682.2	324.1	53.2	162.0	641.0	303.9
	31-Dec	318.0	219.8	187.6	652.6	228.7	293.0	114.4	256.4	294.3
2004	31-Mar	352.2	290.5	226.5	697.8	390.0	183.5	83.6	495.7	329.2
	30-Jun	372.5	193.7	200.9	654.6	390.0	104.9	74.3	619.6	312.9

\* Rate per 100,000 relevant population

<sup>(a)</sup> Data are unavailable to derive rates for the years noted u.k

<sup>(b)</sup> Between 30 September 1996 and 31 December 2002, Australian rates have been calculated using detainee totals excluding Tasmania and population estimates excluding Tasmania

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Table 4c: Number of non-Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994-2004**

Year		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas. <sup>(a)</sup>	NT	ACT	Australia <sup>(b)</sup>
1994	31-Mar	250	63	56	55	73	8	8	12	525
	30-Jun	255	59	45	55	42	9	5	9	479
	30-Sep	231	58	50	58	40	7	5	15	464
	31-Dec	244	44	53	41	36	14	5	25	462
1995	31-Mar	278	65	60	35	40	14	7	10	509
	30-Jun	293	63	60	48	33	9	7	13	526
	30-Sep	276	62	55	39	41	8	6	10	497
	31-Dec	261	57	61	38	43	15	6	10	491
1996	31-Mar	239	53	57	43	49	21	9	7	478
	30-Jun	238	66	53	45	65	20	4	6	497
	30-Sep	230	65	60	57	63	u.k	2	14	491
	31-Dec	227	61	51	30	55	u.k	4	14	442
1997	31-Mar	246	66	60	44	74	u.k	4	16	510
	30-Jun	225	63	45	41	60	u.k	1	13	448
	30-Sep	177	66	60	45	62	u.k	6	13	429
	31-Dec	160	62	65	35	37	u.k	0	4	363
1998	31-Mar	201	66	72	50	35	u.k	0	9	433
	30-Jun	233	56	50	49	32	u.k	4	8	432
	30-Sep	206	77	56	46	31	u.k	7	7	430
	31-Dec	174	68	48	47	21	u.k	7	6	371
1999	31-Mar	190	57	58	49	33	u.k	4	2	393
	30-Jun	184	50	61	39	24	u.k	4	14	376
	30-Sep	167	74	69	42	37	u.k	6	5	400
	31-Dec	151	52	43	34	26	u.k	6	7	319
2000	31-Mar	158	46	53	40	31	u.k	5	10	343
	30-Jun	165	48	42	40	44	u.k	4	13	356
	30-Sep	149	54	34	46	40	u.k	6	14	343
	31-Dec	144	49	34	34	47	u.k	6	9	323
2001	31-Mar	121	59	39	28	50	u.k	7	10	314
	30-Jun	134	57	29	19	48	u.k	0	19	306
	30-Sep	149	55	35	35	37	u.k	2	15	328
	31-Dec	112	54	31	52	45	u.k	3	17	314
2002	31-Mar	119	61	36	37	36	u.k	3	7	299
	30-Jun	119	50	39	23	27	u.k	6	12	276
	30-Sep	130	47	44	23	34	u.k	4	8	290
	31-Dec	117	46	44	26	35	u.k	4	10	282
2003	31-Mar	116	56	41	28	42	23	3	14	323
	30-Jun	126	66	39	27	39	14	7	20	338
	30-Sep	134	50	45	29	31	24	2	17	332
	31-Dec	114	45	30	33	31	19	3	13	288
2004	31-Mar	107	45	35	29	35	24	0	14	289
	30-Jun	88	50	36	27	30	14	2	11	258

<sup>(a)</sup> Data are unavailable for the quarters noted u.k

<sup>(b)</sup> Australian totals exclude Tasmania between 30 September 1996 and 31 December 2002

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Table 4d: Rate\* of non-Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994-2004**

Year		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas. <sup>(a)</sup>	NT	ACT	Australia <sup>(b)</sup>
1994	31-Mar	38.0	12.8	15.4	28.3	46.9	14.8	59.2	32.8	26.7
	30-Jun	38.8	12.0	12.4	28.3	27.0	16.7	37.0	24.6	24.3
	30-Sep	35.1	11.8	13.8	29.9	25.7	13.0	37.0	41.1	23.6
	31-Dec	37.1	8.9	14.6	21.1	23.1	25.9	37.0	68.4	23.5
1995	31-Mar	42.0	13.2	16.2	17.8	25.7	25.8	51.6	27.4	25.7
	30-Jun	44.2	12.7	16.2	24.4	21.2	16.6	51.6	35.6	26.5
	30-Sep	41.7	12.5	14.9	19.8	26.3	14.8	44.2	27.4	25.1
	31-Dec	39.4	11.5	16.5	19.3	27.6	27.7	44.2	27.4	24.7
1996	31-Mar	35.7	10.7	15.2	21.5	31.2	38.9	65.2	19.2	23.9
	30-Jun	35.5	13.3	14.1	22.5	41.4	37.0	29.0	16.5	24.8
	30-Sep	34.4	13.1	16.0	28.5	40.2	u.k	14.5	38.4	25.2
	31-Dec	33.9	12.3	13.6	15.0	35.1	u.k	29.0	38.4	22.7
1997	31-Mar	36.7	13.3	15.9	21.8	47.2	u.k	28.0	44.3	26.1
	30-Jun	33.5	12.7	11.9	20.3	38.3	u.k	7.0	36.0	22.9
	30-Sep	26.4	13.3	15.9	22.3	39.5	u.k	42.1	36.0	21.9
	31-Dec	23.8	12.5	17.2	17.3	23.6	u.k	0.0	11.1	18.6
1998	31-Mar	29.8	13.2	18.9	24.5	22.3	u.k	0.0	25.3	22.0
	30-Jun	34.6	11.2	13.1	24.0	20.4	u.k	27.5	22.5	22.0
	30-Sep	30.6	15.4	14.7	22.5	19.7	u.k	48.1	19.7	21.9
	31-Dec	25.8	13.6	12.6	23.0	13.4	u.k	48.1	16.9	18.9
1999	31-Mar	28.0	11.3	15.1	23.7	20.9	u.k	27.5	5.6	19.9
	30-Jun	27.2	10.0	15.9	18.9	15.2	u.k	27.5	39.3	19.0
	30-Sep	24.7	14.7	18.0	20.3	23.5	u.k	41.3	14.0	20.2
	31-Dec	22.3	10.3	11.2	16.4	16.5	u.k	41.3	19.6	16.1
2000	31-Mar	23.1	9.0	13.7	19.1	19.6	u.k	24.7	28.1	17.2
	30-Jun	24.1	9.4	10.8	19.1	27.9	u.k	19.8	36.5	17.8
	30-Sep	21.8	10.6	8.8	22.0	25.3	u.k	29.7	39.3	17.2
	31-Dec	21.1	9.6	8.8	16.3	29.8	u.k	29.7	25.3	16.2
2001	31-Mar	17.4	11.4	9.9	13.2	31.6	u.k	46.9	27.9	15.5
	30-Jun	19.3	11.1	7.3	9.0	30.4	u.k	0.0	53.0	15.1
	30-Sep	21.4	10.7	8.9	16.5	23.4	u.k	13.4	41.9	16.2
	31-Dec	16.1	10.5	7.8	24.6	28.5	u.k	20.1	47.4	15.5
2002	31-Mar	17.0	11.8	8.9	17.4	22.9	u.k	20.4	19.7	14.7
	30-Jun	17.0	9.6	9.7	10.8	17.2	u.k	40.8	33.8	13.5
	30-Sep	18.6	9.1	10.9	10.8	21.6	u.k	27.2	22.5	14.2
	31-Dec	16.7	8.9	10.9	12.3	22.2	u.k	27.2	28.2	13.8
2003	31-Mar	16.6	10.7	10.0	13.1	26.7	45.0	20.7	39.9	15.4
	30-Jun	18.0	12.6	9.5	12.7	24.8	27.4	48.4	57.1	16.1
	30-Sep	19.2	9.6	11.0	13.6	19.7	47.0	13.9	48.5	15.8
	31-Dec	16.3	8.6	7.3	15.5	19.7	37.2	20.8	37.1	13.7
2004	31-Mar	15.3	8.6	8.4	13.6	22.4	46.8	0.0	40.4	13.7
	30-Jun	12.6	9.5	8.7	12.6	19.2	27.3	13.9	31.7	12.2

\* Rate per 100,000 relevant population

<sup>(a)</sup> Data are unavailable to derive rates for the years noted u.k

<sup>(b)</sup> Between 30 September 1996 and 31 December 2002, Australian rates have been calculated using detainee totals excluding Tasmania and population estimates excluding Tasmania

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Table 4e: Number of persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994-2004**

Year		NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
1994	31-Mar	340	68	105	131	98	11	17	12	782
	30-Jun	370	64	95	131	58	10	13	9	750
	30-Sep	327	63	109	118	55	10	15	15	712
	31-Dec	327	51	122	97	50	21	18	25	711
1995	31-Mar	393	75	144	104	49	17	24	12	818
	30-Jun	394	74	136	102	39	10	17	14	786
	30-Sep	381	71	116	97	65	11	19	11	771
	31-Dec	353	68	125	94	60	17	14	14	745
1996	31-Mar	330	58	141	107	67	25	16	10	754
	30-Jun	340	70	136	106	83	26	13	7	781
	30-Sep	339	75	137	113	81	18	8	18	789
	31-Dec	319	73	129	73	74	18	15	15	716
1997	31-Mar	373	84	136	111	100	*23	19	19	*865
	30-Jun	357	71	100	111	77	*23	21	16	*776
	30-Sep	302	78	125	133	81	21	23	13	776
	31-Dec	263	76	157	97	47	17	15	7	679
1998	31-Mar	310	75	159	120	51	19	20	14	768
	30-Jun	336	67	126	136	50	19	25	11	770
	30-Sep	303	83	134	130	46	27	30	9	762
	31-Dec	275	77	118	110	38	31	20	7	676
1999	31-Mar	283	67	143	135	48	27	26	4	733
	30-Jun	277	60	137	125	34	31	14	16	694
	30-Sep	250	83	123	110	54	36	16	8	680
	31-Dec	228	63	97	114	36	30	18	9	595
2000	31-Mar	253	55	124	126	40	22	11	12	643
	30-Jun	274	52	102	115	59	37	15	15	669
	30-Sep	230	61	87	115	55	57	16	16	637
	31-Dec	221	55	77	97	64	35	26	15	590
2001	31-Mar	207	65	99	103	62	44	20	12	612
	30-Jun	232	66	85	97	56	37	6	25	604
	30-Sep	254	66	81	113	51	21	8	21	615
	31-Dec	201	58	77	130	65	30	17	22	600
2002	31-Mar	208	68	99	108	59	30	17	11	600
	30-Jun	203	57	97	79	47	26	21	15	545
	30-Sep	218	59	95	91	58	26	24	15	586
	31-Dec	210	51	89	101	64	24	25	10	574
2003	31-Mar	230	69	99	128	68	30	22	18	664
	30-Jun	222	76	101	105	71	19	23	23	640
	30-Sep	223	63	96	121	48	26	19	22	618
	31-Dec	204	58	79	121	43	30	15	15	565
2004	31-Mar	211	63	97	126	56	31	9	18	611
	30-Jun	198	62	91	118	51	18	10	16	564

\* One male aged 12 and one female aged 12 in March 1997, and one male aged 16 in June 1997 who were not remanded or sentenced have been included

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Table 4f: Rate\* of persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994-2004**

Year		NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
1994	31-Mar	50.3	13.7	27.6	64.3	61.5	19.3	75.1	32.4	38.5
	30-Jun	54.8	12.9	24.9	64.3	36.4	17.6	57.5	24.3	36.9
	30-Sep	48.4	12.7	28.6	57.9	34.5	17.6	66.3	40.5	35.0
	31-Dec	48.4	10.3	32.0	47.6	31.4	36.9	79.5	67.4	35.0
1995	31-Mar	57.7	15.1	37.1	50.3	30.7	29.8	105.6	32.4	39.9
	30-Jun	57.8	14.9	35.1	49.3	24.4	17.5	74.8	37.8	38.3
	30-Sep	55.9	14.3	29.9	46.9	40.7	19.3	83.6	29.7	37.6
	31-Dec	51.8	13.7	32.2	45.5	37.6	29.8	61.6	37.8	36.3
1996	31-Mar	47.9	11.6	35.7	50.9	41.7	43.6	69.1	27.0	36.4
	30-Jun	49.3	14.0	34.4	50.4	51.6	45.4	56.1	18.9	37.7
	30-Sep	49.2	15.0	34.7	53.7	50.4	31.4	34.5	48.6	38.0
	31-Dec	46.3	14.6	32.7	34.7	46.0	31.4	64.8	40.5	34.5
1997	31-Mar	53.8	16.8	34.1	52.2	62.1	24.1	79.8	51.7	41.5
	30-Jun	51.5	14.2	25.1	52.2	47.8	24.1	88.2	43.5	37.3
	30-Sep	43.6	15.6	31.4	62.5	50.3	22.0	96.6	35.4	37.3
	31-Dec	38.0	15.2	39.4	45.6	29.2	17.8	63.0	19.0	32.6
1998	31-Mar	44.5	14.9	39.5	55.6	31.6	33.8	82.4	38.6	36.6
	30-Jun	48.2	13.3	31.3	63.0	31.0	33.8	103.0	30.3	36.7
	30-Sep	43.4	16.5	33.3	60.3	28.5	48.0	123.7	24.8	36.3
	31-Dec	39.4	15.3	29.3	51.0	23.5	55.1	82.4	19.3	32.2
1999	31-Mar	40.3	13.2	35.2	61.7	29.6	48.3	106.4	11.0	34.7
	30-Jun	39.4	11.8	33.7	57.1	20.9	55.5	57.3	44.0	32.8
	30-Sep	35.6	16.4	30.2	50.3	33.3	64.4	65.5	22.0	32.2
	31-Dec	32.4	12.4	23.8	52.1	22.2	53.7	73.7	24.7	28.1
2000	31-Mar	35.6	10.7	30.1	56.9	24.6	24.1	44.6	32.9	30.1
	30-Jun	38.5	10.1	24.7	51.9	36.2	40.5	60.8	41.2	31.3
	30-Sep	32.3	11.9	21.1	51.9	33.8	62.4	64.9	43.9	29.8
	31-Dec	31.1	10.7	18.7	43.8	39.3	38.3	105.4	41.2	27.6
2001	31-Mar	28.7	12.5	23.7	45.9	38.1	79.6	80.1	32.8	28.3
	30-Jun	32.2	12.7	20.3	43.3	34.4	67.0	24.0	68.4	27.9
	30-Sep	35.2	12.7	19.4	50.4	31.3	38.0	32.0	57.5	28.4
	31-Dec	27.9	11.1	18.4	58.0	39.9	54.3	68.1	60.2	27.7
2002	31-Mar	28.7	13.0	23.2	48.0	36.3	54.6	67.9	30.3	27.5
	30-Jun	28.0	10.9	22.7	35.1	28.9	47.3	83.8	41.4	25.0
	30-Sep	30.0	11.3	22.2	40.4	35.7	47.3	95.8	41.4	26.9
	31-Dec	28.9	9.7	20.8	44.9	39.4	43.7	99.8	27.6	26.3
2003	31-Mar	31.6	13.1	22.8	56.5	41.9	54.7	88.1	50.2	30.2
	30-Jun	30.5	14.4	23.2	46.3	43.7	34.6	92.1	64.2	29.1
	30-Sep	30.7	11.9	22.1	53.4	29.5	47.4	76.1	61.4	28.1
	31-Dec	28.0	11.0	18.2	53.4	26.5	54.7	60.1	41.9	25.7
2004	31-Mar	28.9	11.9	21.9	55.4	34.6	56.3	35.8	50.7	27.7
	30-Jun	27.2	11.7	20.6	51.9	31.5	32.7	39.8	45.1	25.5

\* Rate per 100,000 relevant population

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

## **5 Indigenous overrepresentation, by jurisdiction**

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Figures 5a through 5h illustrate the levels of overrepresentation of Indigenous young people in detention for each State and Territory since 1994. When examining these figures it is important to recognise that rates of detention per 100,000 population and the resulting overrepresentation ratios can be highly variable in States and Territories with:

- small populations of Indigenous people;
- small numbers of people in juvenile detention; and/or
- small numbers of Indigenous people in juvenile detention.

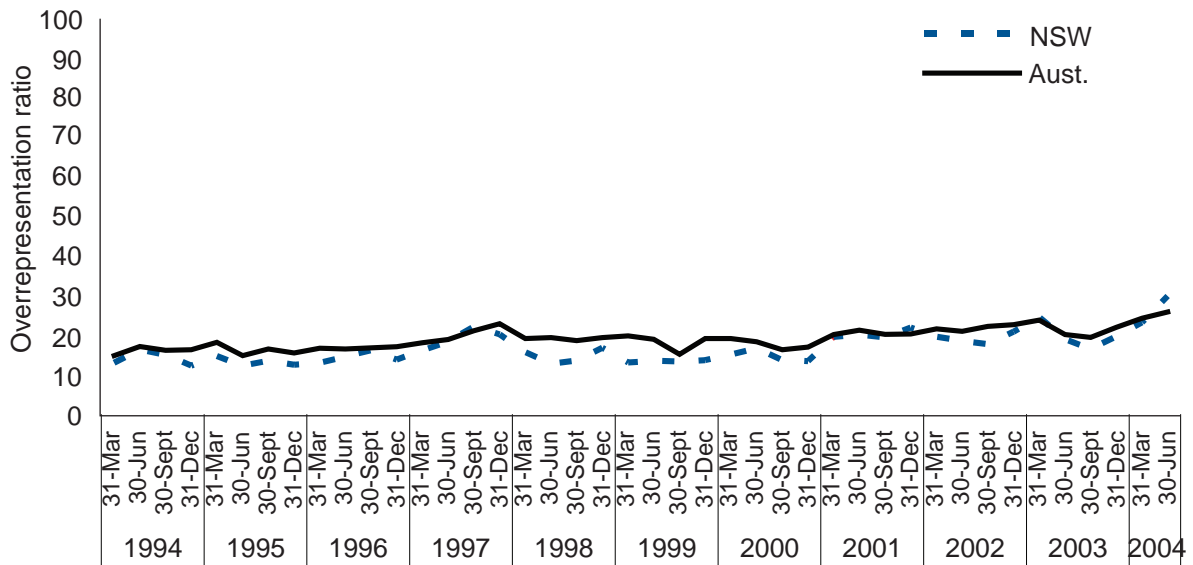
These issues are particularly relevant to Tasmania, the Northern Territory, the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria.

It can be seen from the graphs that New South Wales depicts a trend most consistent with national figures. This is to be expected given that New South Wales, with its large population, impacts heavily on national trends. As at 30 June 2004 Indigenous young people were over-represented in detention in:

- Western Australia (Indigenous young people were 52 times more likely to be detained per population);
- New South Wales (Indigenous young people were 30 times more likely to be detained per population);
- Queensland (Indigenous persons were 23 times more likely to be detained per population);
- South Australia (Indigenous young people were 20 times more likely to be detained per population); and
- Victoria (Indigenous young people were 20 times more likely to be detained per population).

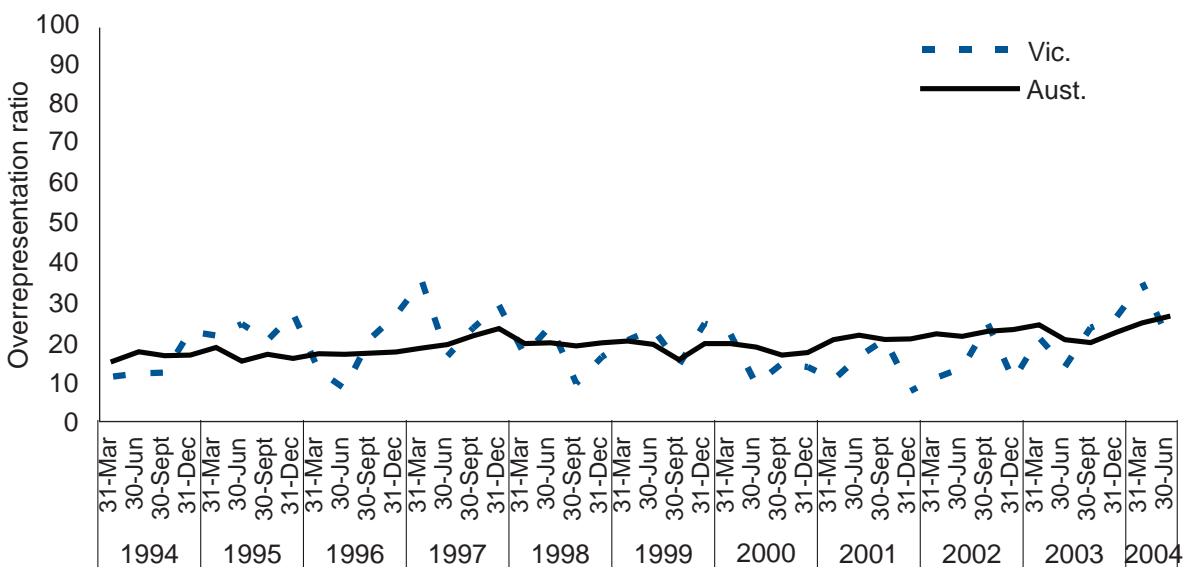
While levels of Indigenous overrepresentation remain high it is important to note that overrepresentation levels reflect numbers of Indigenous persons in detention relative to non-Indigenous persons. Figure 4a has already shown that overall rates of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people in detention per population have been decreasing since 1994. It is important to look at both rates of detention and overrepresentation ratios when assessing the involvement of Indigenous young people in detention.

**Figure 5a: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in New South Wales, 1994-2004**



Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

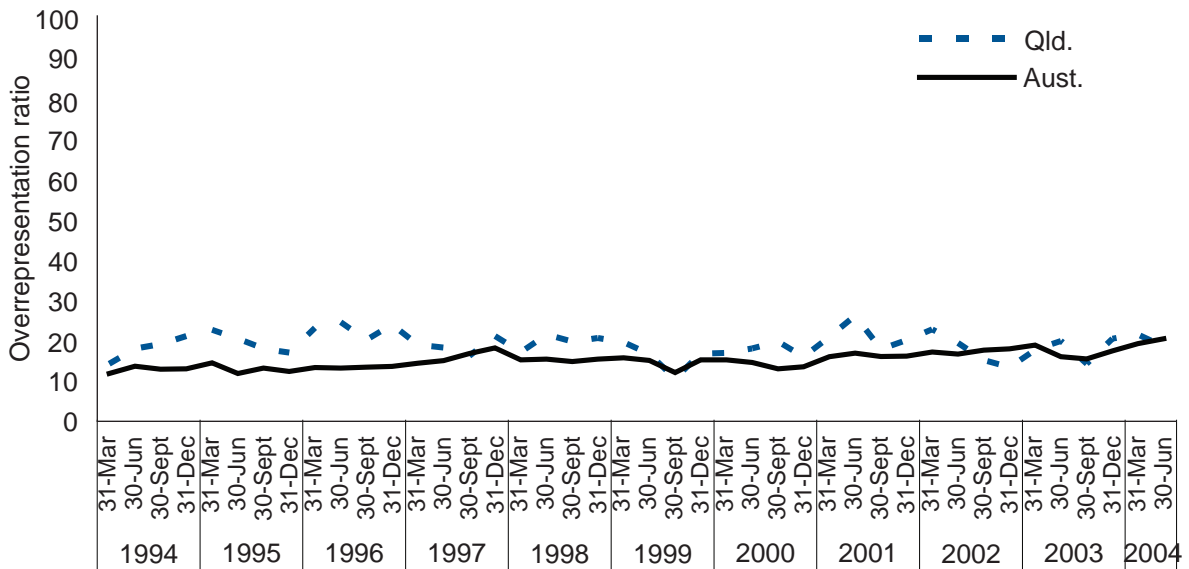
**Figure 5b: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in Victoria, 1994-2004**



Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

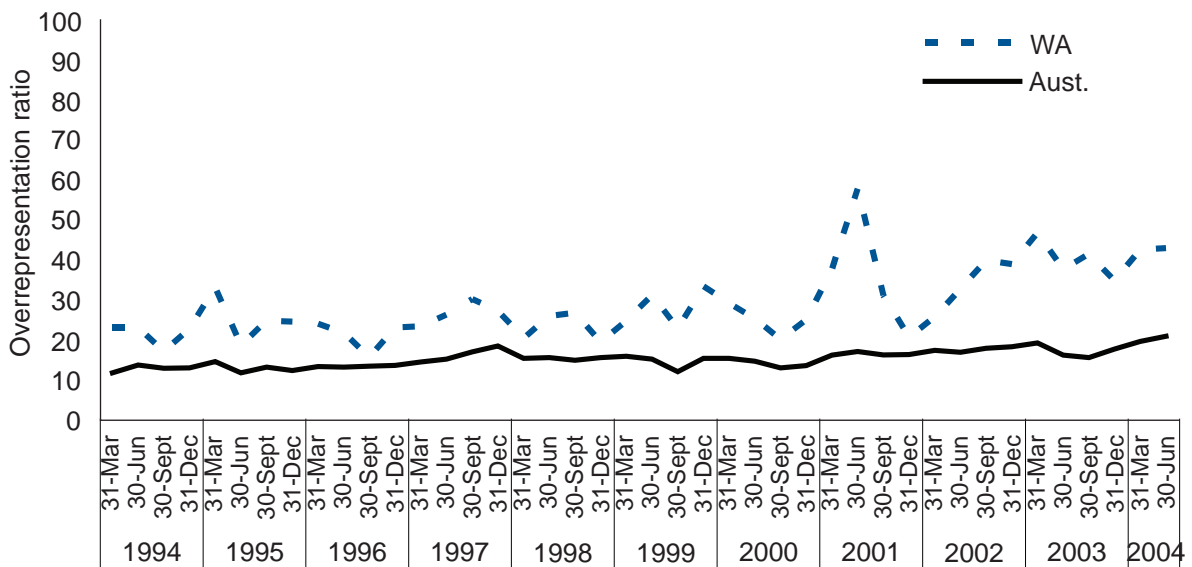


**Figure 5c: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in Queensland, 1994-2004**



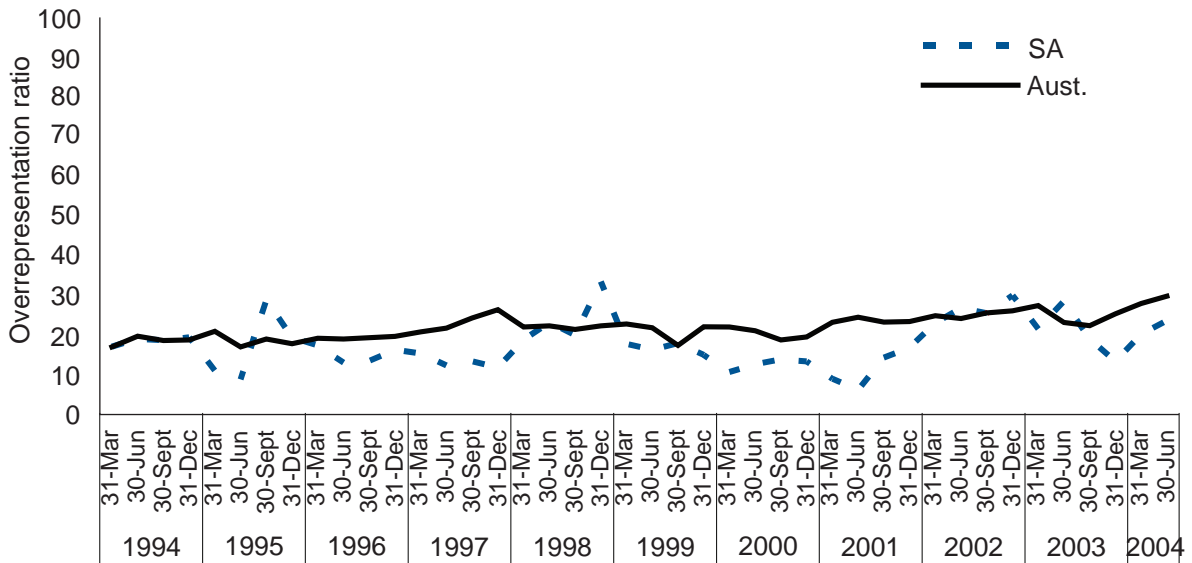
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**Figure 5d: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in Western Australia, 1994-2004**



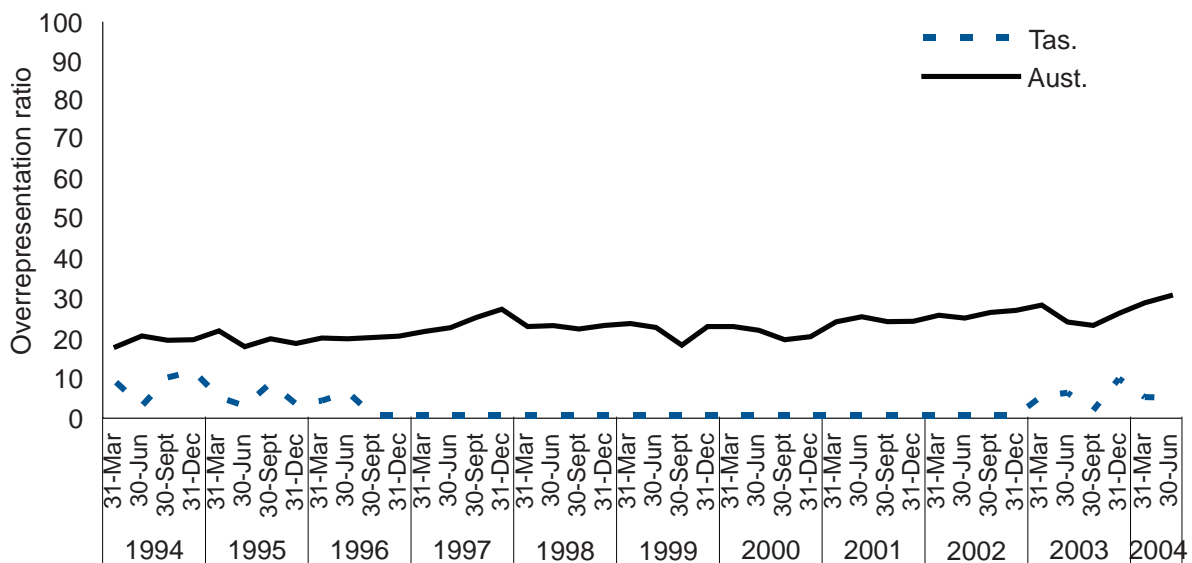
Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Figure 5e: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in South Australia, 1994-2004**



Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

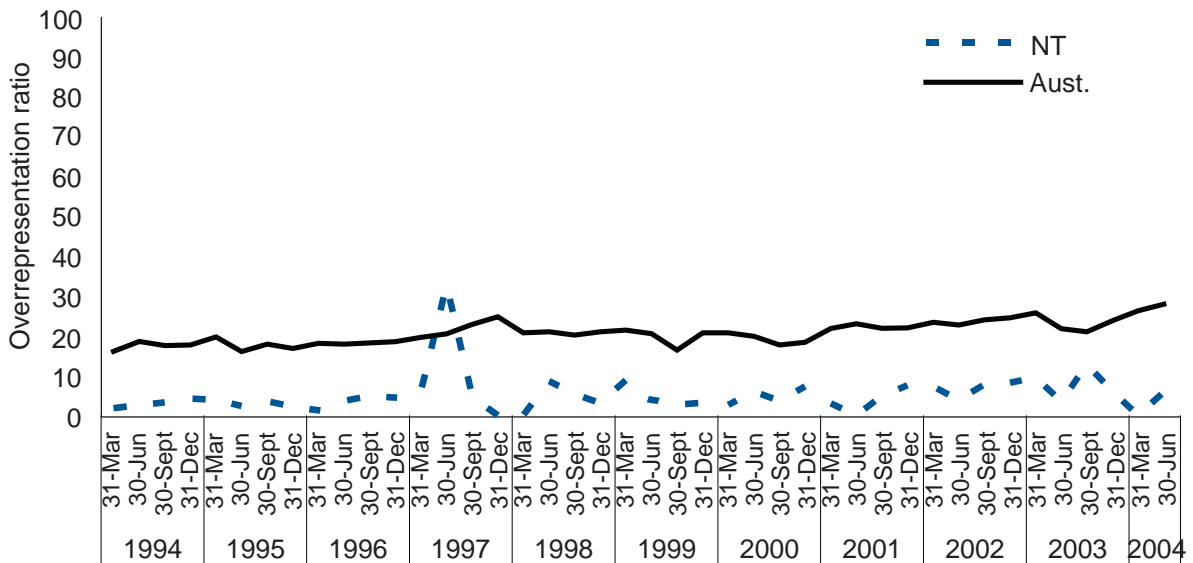
**Figure 5f: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in Tasmania, 1994-2004<sup>(a)</sup>**



<sup>(a)</sup> Data unavailable between 30 September 1996 and 31 December 2002

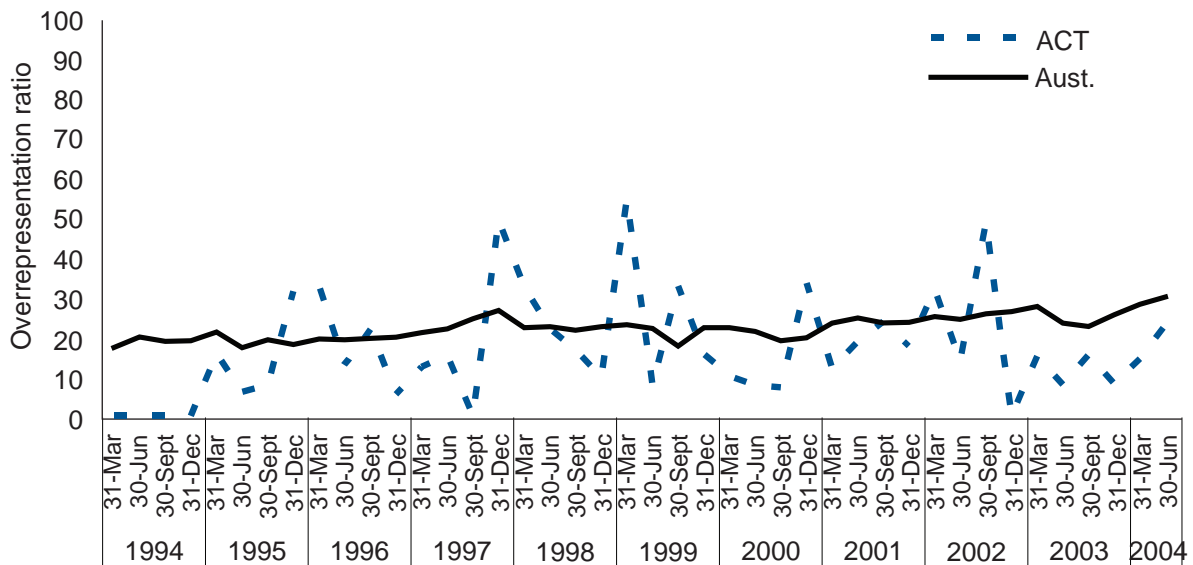
Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Figure 5g: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in the Northern Territory, 1994-2004**



Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

**Figure 5h: Level of Indigenous overrepresentation in juvenile detention in the Australian Capital Territory, 1994-2004**



Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 1994-2004 [computer file]

## **6 Statistical review: financial year 2003-04**

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Tables 6a, 6b and 6c present information on the number and rate of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention for the four quarters of the 2003-04 financial year. This information is provided by jurisdiction, and it can be seen that Western Australia had the highest rate of juvenile detention for Indigenous persons aged 10 to 17 at 30 June 2004 (654.6 per 100,000 relevant population), while the Northern Territory had the lowest rate of detention for Indigenous young people (74.3 per 100,000 relevant population). Queensland recorded the lowest rate of detention for non-Indigenous young people.

<b>Table 6a: Males aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 2003-2004</b>									
	<b>NSW.</b>	<b>Vic.</b>	<b>Qld.</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA.</b>	<b>Tas.</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	79	13	48	76	15	2	17	2	252
31-Dec	84	13	47	75	11	10	12	2	254
31-Mar	94	15	60	85	20	5	9	0	288
30-Jun	101	10	53	78	19	4	8	4	277
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	130	46	42	29	30	21	2	16	316
31-Dec	112	41	28	32	29	17	3	11	273
31-Mar	102	42	35	27	35	21	0	11	273
30-Jun	84	47	34	24	28	14	2	11	244
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	209	59	90	105	45	23	19	18	568
31-Dec	196	54	75	107	40	27	15	13	527
31-Mar	196	57	95	112	55	26	9	11	561
30-Jun	185	57	87	102	47	18	10	15	521
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	541.1	437.3	357.8	1092.1	567.8	101.0	309.0	518.1	519.9
31-Dec	575.3	437.3	350.4	1077.7	416.4	505.1	218.1	518.1	524.1
31-Mar	643.8	504.5	447.3	1221.4	757.0	252.5	163.6	0.0	594.2
30-Jun	691.8	336.4	395.1	1120.9	719.2	202.0	145.4	1036.3	571.5
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	36.3	17.3	20.0	26.6	37.2	80.6	27.0	89.4	29.4
31-Dec	31.2	15.4	13.3	29.4	36.0	65.3	40.5	61.5	25.4
31-Mar	28.4	15.6	16.4	24.7	43.5	79.9	0.0	62.2	24.3
30-Jun	23.4	17.5	16.0	21.9	34.8	53.3	27.1	62.2	21.7
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	56.0	22.0	40.3	90.6	54.1	82.1	147.1	98.5	50.6
31-Dec	52.5	20.1	33.6	92.4	48.1	96.3	116.1	71.1	46.9
31-Mar	52.4	21.0	41.8	96.0	66.2	92.0	69.0	60.7	49.6
30-Jun	49.5	21.0	38.3	87.5	56.5	63.7	76.6	82.8	46.0

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

**Table 6b: Females aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 2003-2004**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	10	0	3	16	2	0	0	3	34
31-Dec	6	0	2	13	1	1	0	0	23
31-Mar	10	3	2	12	1	2	0	4	34
30-Jun	9	2	2	13	2	0	0	1	29
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	4	4	3	0	1	3	0	1	16
31-Dec	2	4	2	1	2	2	0	2	15
31-Mar	5	3	0	2	0	3	0	3	16
30-Jun	4	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	14
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	14	4	6	16	3	3	0	4	50
31-Dec	8	4	4	14	3	3	0	2	38
31-Mar	15	6	2	14	1	5	0	7	50
30-Jun	13	5	4	16	4	0	0	1	43
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	73.0	0.0	23.6	245.2	76.8	0.0	0.0	761.4	74.5
31-Dec	43.8	0.0	15.7	199.2	38.4	56.4	0.0	0.0	50.4
31-Mar	69.9	97.7	15.0	183.9	37.6	110.3	0.0	1012.7	74.5
30-Jun	63.0	65.1	15.0	193.9	75.2	0.0	0.0	253.2	63.5
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	1.2	1.6	1.5	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	5.8	1.6
31-Dec	0.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	2.6	4.0	0.0	11.7	1.5
31-Mar	1.5	1.2	0.0	1.9	0.0	12.0	0.0	17.7	1.6
30-Jun	1.2	1.2	1.0	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	4.0	1.6	2.8	14.5	3.8	11.2	0.0	22.8	4.7
31-Dec	2.3	1.6	1.9	12.7	3.8	11.2	0.0	11.4	3.6
31-Mar	4.2	2.3	0.9	12.6	1.3	18.7	0.0	40.3	4.6
30-Jun	3.7	1.9	1.9	14.4	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.8	4.0

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

**Table 6c: Persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 2003-2004**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	89	13	51	92	17	2	17	5	286
31-Dec	90	13	49	88	12	11	12	2	277
31-Mar	104	18	62	97	21	7	9	4	322
30-Jun	110	12	55	91	21	4	8	5	306
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	134	50	45	29	31	24	2	17	332
31-Dec	114	45	30	33	31	19	3	13	288
31-Mar	107	45	35	29	35	24	0	14	289
30-Jun	88	50	36	27	30	14	2	11	258
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	223	63	96	121	48	26	19	22	618
31-Dec	204	58	79	121	43	30	15	15	565
31-Mar	211	63	97	126	56	31	9	18	611
30-Jun	198	62	91	118	51	18	10	16	564
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	314.5	219.8	195.3	682.2	324.1	53.3	162.0	641.0	303.9
31-Dec	318.0	219.8	187.6	652.6	228.7	293.0	114.4	256.4	294.3
31-Mar	352.2	290.5	226.5	697.8	390.0	183.5	83.6	495.7	329.2
30-Jun	372.5	193.7	200.9	654.6	390.0	104.9	74.3	619.6	312.9
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	19.2	9.6	11.0	13.6	19.7	47.0	13.9	48.5	15.8
31-Dec	16.3	8.6	7.3	15.5	19.7	37.2	20.8	37.1	13.7
31-Mar	15.3	8.6	8.4	13.6	22.4	46.8	0.0	40.4	13.7
30-Jun	12.6	9.5	8.7	12.6	19.2	27.3	13.9	31.7	12.2
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	30.7	11.9	22.1	53.4	29.5	47.4	76.1	61.4	28.1
31-Dec	28.0	11.0	18.2	53.4	26.5	54.7	60.1	41.9	25.7
31-Mar	28.9	11.9	21.9	55.4	34.6	56.3	35.8	50.7	27.7
30-Jun	27.2	11.7	20.6	51.9	31.5	32.7	39.8	45.1	25.5

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

## Persons remanded or sentenced, by jurisdiction

Table 7a shows the numbers of males and females aged 10 to 17 who were in juvenile detention due to being remanded or sentenced. Tables 7b, 7c and 7d show the proportions of juveniles in detention who were sentenced as opposed to remanded.

Over the 2003-04 year, Victoria had the highest sentenced proportions of detainees aged 10 to 17 years (Table 7d). This may be due to the diversionary focus of the Victorian juvenile justice system which aims to reduce instances of custodial remand. The next highest proportions of sentenced detainees were in Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory. The lowest proportions of sentenced detainees over the year were in New South Wales and Queensland, where fewer than 50 per cent of detained juveniles had been sentenced.

<b>Table 7a: Number of persons aged 10 to 17 remanded or sentenced, by jurisdiction in 2003-04</b>									
	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Males</b>									
<i>Remanded</i>									
30-Sep	114	11	49	43	22	17	8	7	271
31-Dec	110	10	42	31	21	17	9	5	245
31-Mar	113	15	64	37	27	11	4	5	276
30-Jun	99	22	60	25	23	8	6	5	248
<i>Sentenced</i>									
30-Sep	95	48	41	62	23	6	11	11	297
31-Dec	86	44	33	76	19	10	6	8	282
31-Mar	83	42	31	75	28	15	5	6	285
30-Jun	86	35	27	77	24	10	4	10	273
<b>Females</b>									
<i>Remanded</i>									
30-Sep	8	0	4	10	3	0	0	3	28
31-Dec	5	0	4	5	3	3	0	1	21
31-Mar	12	1	2	10	1	5	0	3	34
30-Jun	8	0	4	9	3	0	0	0	24
<i>Sentenced</i>									
30-Sep	5	4	2	6	0	3	0	1	21
31-Dec	2	4	0	9	0	0	0	1	16
31-Mar	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	4	16
30-Jun	5	5	0	7	1	0	0	1	19
<b>Total persons</b>									
<i>Remanded</i>									
30-Sep	122*	11	53	53	25	17	8	10	299
31-Dec	115*	10	46	36	24	20	9	6	266
31-Mar	125	16	66	47	28	16	4	8	310
30-Jun	107	22	64	34	26	8	6	5	272
<i>Sentenced</i>									
30-Sep	100	52	43	68	23	9	11	12	318
31-Dec	88	48	33	85	19	10	6	9	298
31-Mar	86	47	31	79	28	15	5	10	301
30-Jun	91	40	27	84	25	10	4	11	292

\* One female had unknown detention status at each of these dates

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]



**Table 7b: Males aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention – sentenced males as a percentage of total males, 2003-2004**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	54.4	69.2	52.1	57.9	60.0	0.0	52.9	100.0	56.0
31-Dec	47.6	76.9	42.6	73.3	81.8	50.0	41.7	0.0	56.7
31-Mar	43.6	80.0	36.7	65.9	50.0	60.0	55.6	n.a	51.7
30-Jun	52.5	60.0	32.1	78.2	36.8	50.0	50.0	50.0	54.9
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	40.0	84.8	38.1	62.1	46.7	28.6	100.0	56.3	49.4
31-Dec	41.1	82.9	46.4	65.6	34.5	29.4	33.3	72.7	50.5
31-Mar	41.2	71.4	25.7	70.4	51.4	57.1	n.a	54.5	49.8
30-Jun	39.3	61.7	29.4	66.7	60.7	57.1	0.0	72.7	49.6
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	45.5	81.4	45.6	59.0	51.1	26.1	57.9	61.1	52.3
31-Dec	43.9	81.5	44.0	71.0	47.5	37.0	40.0	61.5	53.5
31-Mar	42.3	73.7	32.6	67.0	50.9	57.7	55.6	54.5	50.8
30-Jun	46.5	61.4	31.0	75.5	51.1	55.6	40.0	66.7	52.4

n.a. = not applicable: no males detained on the night of the quarterly census

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

**Table 7c: Females aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention – sentenced females as a percentage of total females, 2003-2004**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	30.0	n.a	33.3	37.5	0.0	n.a	n.a	33.3	32.4
31-Dec	33.3	n.a	0.0	69.2	0.0	0.0	n.a	n.a	47.8
31-Mar	30.0	66.7	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	n.a	50.0	32.4
30-Jun	44.4	100.0	0.0	53.8	0.0	n.a	n.a	100.0	48.3
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	50.0	100.0	33.3	n.a	0.0	100.0	n.a	0.0	62.5
31-Dec	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	n.a	n.a	33.3
31-Mar	0.0	100.0	n.a	0.0	n.a	0.0	n.a	66.7	31.3
30-Jun	25.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	n.a	n.a	n.a	35.7
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	38.5	100.0	33.3	37.5	0.0	100.0	n.a	25.0	42.8
31-Dec	28.6	100.0	0.0	64.3	0.0	0.0	n.a	50.0	43.2
31-Mar	20.0	83.3	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	n.a	57.1	32.0
30-Jun	38.5	100.0	0.0	43.8	25.0	n.a	n.a	100.0	44.2

n.a. = not applicable: no females detained on the night of the quarterly census

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

**Table 7d: Persons aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention – sentenced persons as a percentage of total persons, 2003-2004**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	51.7	69.2	51.0	54.3	52.9	0.0	52.9	60.0	53.1
31-Dec	46.7	76.9	40.8	72.7	75.0	45.5	41.7	0.0	56.0
31-Mar	42.3	77.8	35.5	61.9	47.6	42.9	55.6	50.0	49.7
30-Jun	51.8	66.7	30.9	74.7	33.3	50.0	50.0	60.0	54.2
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	40.3	86.0	37.8	62.1	45.2	37.5	100.0	52.9	50.0
31-Dec	40.4	84.4	43.3	63.6	32.3	26.3	33.3	69.2	49.7
31-Mar	39.3	73.3	25.7	65.5	51.4	50.0	n.a	57.1	48.8
30-Jun	38.6	64.0	27.8	59.3	60.0	57.1	0.0	72.7	48.8
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	45.0	82.5	44.8	56.2	47.9	34.6	57.9	54.5	51.5
31-Dec	43.3	82.8	41.8	70.2	44.2	33.3	40.0	60.0	52.8
31-Mar	40.8	74.6	32.0	62.7	50.0	48.4	55.6	55.6	49.3
30-Jun	46.0	64.5	29.7	71.2	49.0	55.6	40.0	68.8	51.8

n.a. = not applicable: no persons detained on the night of the quarterly census

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

## Persons in detention aged 18 and over

Table 8 presents data on the number of persons in juvenile detention during 2003-04 who were above the defined age for a juvenile in this publication (i.e. aged 18 years and over). Jurisdictions vary in how young people are dealt with after reaching adulthood; that is, whether they can continue their sentence in juvenile detention, or are to be transferred to an alternative correctional facility.

New South Wales and Victoria have consistently had the highest number of 'adults' in juvenile detention, with both traditionally keeping detainees in juvenile facilities regardless of transition into adulthood. Victoria also has a dual track system for the adult court that allows offenders aged 17 to 20 appearing in the adult court to serve terms of detention in a juvenile justice facility.

<b>Table 8: Number of persons aged 18 and over in juvenile detention, 2003-2004</b>									
	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic.</b>	<b>Qld.</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas.</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Australia</b>
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	22	5	3	11	3	0	0	0	44
31-Dec	14	6	4	8	3	0	0	0	35
31-Mar	14	7	5	9	2	0	0	0	37
30-Jun	22	3	5	13	3	0	0	0	47
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	63	78	3	3	6	1	0	2	156
31-Dec	66	68	4	2	6	5	0	0	151
31-Mar	69	60	4	3	7	2	0	3	148
30-Jun	78	67	6	3	8	2	0	1	164
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	85	83	6	14	9	1	0	2	200
31-Dec	80	74	8	10	9	5	0	0	186
31-Mar	83	67	9	12	9	2	0	3	185
30-Jun	100	70	11	16	11	2	0	1	211

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

## Total persons in juvenile detention (all ages)

Tables 9a, 9b and 9c show the numbers of persons of all ages detained in juvenile detention facilities across Australia during 2003-04.

Table 9a: Number of males in juvenile detention (all ages), 2003-2004									
	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	100	18	51	87	18	2	17	2	295
31-Dec	98	19	51	83	14	10	12	2	289
31-Mar	107	22	65	94	22	5	9	0	324
30-Jun	122	13	58	91	22	4	8	4	322
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	193	116	45	32	35	22	2	17	462
31-Dec	177	101	31	34	35	21	3	11	413
31-Mar	168	97	38	30	41	23	0	14	411
30-Jun	159	111	38	27	36	16	2	12	401
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	293	134	96	119	53	24	19	19	757
31-Dec	275	120	82	117	49	31	15	13	702
31-Mar	275	119	103	124	63	28	9	14	735
30-Jun	281	124	96	118	58	20	10	16	723

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

Table 9b: Number of females in juvenile detention (all ages), 2003-2004									
	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	11	0	3	16	2	0	0	3	35
31-Dec	6	0	2	13	1	1	0	0	23
31-Mar	11	3	2	12	1	2	0	4	35
30-Jun	10	2	2	13	2	0	0	1	30
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	4	12	3	0	2	3	0	2	26
31-Dec	3	12	3	1	2	3	0	2	26
31-Mar	8	8	1	2	1	3	0	3	26
30-Jun	7	6	4	3	2	0	0	0	22
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	15	12	6	16	4	3	0	5	61
31-Dec	9	12	5	14	3	4	0	2	49
31-Mar	19	11	3	14	2	5	0	7	61
30-Jun	17	8	6	16	4	0	0	1	52

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

**Table 9c: Number of persons in juvenile detention (all ages), 2003-2004**

	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	111	18	54	103	20	2	17	5	330
31-Dec	104	19	53	96	15	11	12	2	312
31-Mar	118	25	67	106	23	7	9	4	359
30-Jun	132	15	60	104	24	4	8	5	352
<b>Non-Indigenous</b>									
30-Sep	197	128	48	32	37	25	2	19	488
31-Dec	180	113	34	35	37	24	3	13	439
31-Mar	176	105	39	32	42	26	0	17	437
30-Jun	166	117	42	30	38	16	2	12	423
<b>Total persons</b>									
30-Sep	308	146	102	135	57	27	19	24	818
31-Dec	284	132	87	131	52	35	15	15	751
31-Mar	294	130	106	138	65	33	9	21	796
30-Jun	298	132	102	134	62	20	10	17	775

Source: Australian Institute of Criminology, Juveniles in detention data 2003-2004 [computer file]

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