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Introduction

The statistics in this publication are derived from quarterly reports on juvenile detention submitted to the Australian Institute of Criminology by the relevant juvenile justice authorities in each Australian jurisdiction. These comprise:

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

The data provided by each of these authorities contains information on the number of young people in the custody of the juvenile justice agency on the last day of each quarter; that is, they are provided for the last day of March, June, September and December of each year. It is important to note that only those juveniles detained on census night are counted. This is sometimes called a “stock” statistic, as opposed to a “flow” or throughput and are not necessarily representative of the actual daily average of juvenile detainees. As a result, some jurisdictions, particularly smaller jurisdictions such as the Northern Territory and Tasmania, may record higher levels of variability from quarter to quarter.

This quarterly census provides aggregate information on the number of juveniles detained according to their:

- gender (male or female);
- age (in individual years of age);
- Indigenous status (Indigenous or non-Indigenous—separate figures are not provided for Torres Strait Islanders, who are included in “Indigenous”); and
- legal status (remand or sentenced—Western Australia and Queensland both have a further category of “remand *and* sentenced”, which includes young people under sentence but who are also awaiting trial or sentence on other charges. In this report these people are categorised as sentenced).

Together with the jurisdiction and the date, that makes a total of six factors which are analysed and reported on in this report. As the data are provided in aggregate form, the kinds of analyses possible are quite limited; for example, it is quite difficult to calculate a mean age of detainees.

Legislative Differences between Jurisdictions

Each Australian state and territory has a separate and distinct formal juvenile justice system of which juvenile detention is a part. One difference is that some jurisdictions have different definitions of a juvenile, as shown in Table A. In order to facilitate comparisons, this report focuses on detainees aged 10 to 17 years. For completeness, however, some tables contain information on people aged 18 and over in juvenile detention within Australia.

Table A also shows:

- the number of people aged 18 and over (or 17 and over for Victoria and Queensland) who were in *detention centres* managed by the juvenile justice agency on 30 June 2001; and
- the number of juveniles who were in *prison* on 30 June 2000—the most recent date for which figures are available (ABS 2001a).

Clear differences can be seen in the management of older juveniles, and particularly those who have become adults while in detention.

New South Wales has traditionally kept such people in their juvenile detention centre until completion of their sentence. This practice may change in the near future as a result of legislation recently passed by the New South Wales Parliament (*Children (Criminal Proceedings) Amendment (Adult Detainees) Act 2001*), which will enable the transfer of certain young people to adult prisons.

Table A: Jurisdictional differences in the definition of a juvenile

State/Territory	Age of juveniles	Numbers of adults in detention and juveniles in prison ¹
New South Wales	10–17	On 30 June 2001, there was a total of 79 people aged 18 or over detained in juvenile facilities. On 30 June 2000, there was one person aged under 18 in prison. ²
Victoria	10–16	People aged 17 to 20 can be placed in a Senior Youth Training Centre. In June 2001 there were 113 people aged 18 or more. In June 2000, there were two people aged under 18 in prison.
Queensland	10–16	As at 30 June 2001, there was a total of nine people aged 18 or over detained in juvenile detention. At the same date in 2000, there were 36 people under 18 in prison.
Western Australia	10–17	In 2001 there was a total of 12 people aged 18 or over in juvenile institutions. In 2000 there were seven people under 18 in prison.
South Australia	10–17	In 2001 there was a total of 15 people aged 18 or over in juvenile institutions. In 2000 there was one person under 18 in prison.
Tasmania	10–17	In 2001 there was a total of 18 people aged 18 or over in juvenile institutions. In 2000 there were seven people under 18 in prison.
Northern Territory	10–17	As at 1 June 2000, legislative changes to the legal definition of juvenile meant that people aged 17 were no longer classified as an adult. In 2000 there was one person under 18 in prison.
Australian Capital Territory	10–17	In 2001 there was a total of two people aged 18 or over in juvenile institutions. No people under 18 were in prison.

Notes: 1 – All dates refer to 30 June in that year.

2 – Statistics on prisons are from ABS (2001a); the most recent available are for 30 June 2000.

Queensland also retains young people after they have reached adulthood (17 years of age in Queensland). On 30 June 2001 that state had twenty-one 17-year-olds in detention. New legislative initiatives, however, include a prison transfer option at 18 years of age.

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.

Western Australia's system of mandatory minimum custodial sentences for third-time home burglars is also known to have impacted heavily on the juvenile detention population, particularly the number of Indigenous young people in detention (Badham 2001).

Victoria has a dual-track system of adult prison and Juvenile Justice detention available for people aged 17 to 20 years at the time of sentencing. The Juvenile Justice detention option is not available to this age group for remand. Table 7c of this report shows that there were 113 people aged 18 or over in detention centres managed by the Juvenile Justice agency. The national prison census (ABS 2001a) unit record data indicate that there were two people aged 17 in adult prisons on 30 June 2001. There were twenty-seven 17-year olds in Juvenile Justice centres.

Changes from Previous Reports

This publication is different in a number of ways from previous reports on juvenile detention produced by the Australian Institute of Criminology (Carcach & Muscat 1998; AIC 2000).

- Statistics are reported mainly for 30 June in each year. This aligns with other related publications (for example, ABS 2001a) and also with the availability of population estimates for calculating rates (ABS 2001b).
- Partly as a result of this change in emphasis, the statistical review now focuses on the financial year 2000–2001 rather than the calendar year as previously.
- Another change is the elimination of data on Indigenous detainees for the year 1993 (the first year such data became available) as it was thought to be unreliable.

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 to 17, are taken from *Population by Age and Sex* (ABS 2001b) for 30 June of each year.

For statistics from 1996 onwards, Indigenous population figures are based upon high-level estimates, June 1996 to June 2006 (ABS 1998). The ABS does not publish these statistics in the detail required for this report; the Australian Institute of Criminology purchases statistics from the ABS that are *based* on these population estimates. Prior to 1996, a number of different sources of Indigenous population figures were used.

Indigenous Over-representation

The term “Indigenous over-representation” is used to describe higher levels of incarceration of Indigenous juveniles compared to non-Indigenous juveniles. Two methods are routinely used to calculate over-representation: the “population ratio” and the “rate ratio” methods.

The population ratio method refers to the proportion of Indigenous juveniles in juvenile detention centres compared to 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 made up four per cent of the detained juvenile population, the ratio—using the population rate method—would be $4/2=2$, which can be expressed as “There were twice as many Indigenous juveniles detained than 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. On 30 June 2001 there were 284.0 Indigenous juveniles detained per 100,000 Indigenous juveniles in the population. On the same date there were 16.3 non-Indigenous juveniles detained per 100,000 non-Indigenous juveniles in the population. Using these rates, we arrive at an over-representation ratio of $284.0/16.3=17.4$, which can be expressed as “Indigenous juveniles were 17.4 times more likely than non-Indigenous juveniles to be detained in a juvenile justice centre”.

This report uses the rate ratio method for calculating over-representation.

General Trends: 1981–2001

Over the past twenty years, from 1981 to 2001, there has been a general decline in the number of people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention centres throughout Australia. The number decreased from 1,352 in 1981 to 759 in 1989 then increased slightly over the following years. Since 1996, however, there has been another consistent decline to result in a total of just 604 juvenile detainees on 30 June 2001.

Not surprisingly, rates of juvenile detention have experienced a similar but slightly more accentuated trend. Rates decreased from 64.9 people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention (per 100,000 general population aged 10 to 17) in 1981, to 28.6 per 100,000 in 1992. Rates increased slightly until 1995 before stabilising and then declining again in the following years.

These national trends are heavily influenced by changes within those jurisdictions that have the largest number of detainees, particularly New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. As can be seen in Tables 1a, 1b and 1c, and in Figure 1, an increase in the number of juvenile detainees in New South Wales and Queensland in 1990 caused a substantial increase in the national figure, despite the numbers decreasing in the other jurisdictions.

Table 1(a): Males aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June, 1981–2001

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Number									
1981	521	253	89	145	71	26	1	13	1,119
1982	551	232	94	138	67	17	8	13	1,120
1983	518	224	103	88	55	25	14	16	1,043
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	8	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	126	123	46	18	25	10	731
1999	252	57	127	112	29	30	12	12	631
2000	251	43	95	103	49	34	15	14	604
2001	210	59	78	81	49	36	6	22	541
Rate per 100,000 relevant population									
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	71.5	53.9	79.1	72.6	103.9
1983	142.6	77.7	56.5	87.5	58.9	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	52.2	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	30.8	237.5	46.3	71.3
1991	89.6	24.9	37.1	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	27.5	172.5	26.4	58.8
1994	101.7	23.9	45.9	113.3	68.6	31.1	111.3	42.2	67.9
1995	108.0	28.3	64.8	90.4	45.3	34.5	128.4	68.6	71.2
1996	92.1	26.7	65.3	89.5	87.0	79.4	111.3	31.7	69.2
1997	93.1	24.9	43.3	91.1	86.2	65.3	171.6	74.4	66.2
1998	89.6	24.0	60.6	110.3	55.7	62.7	202.2	53.8	67.8
1999	70.1	21.9	60.5	99.4	34.9	105.0	95.4	65.0	58.2
2000	69.5	16.4	44.8	90.5	58.9	119.8	117.4	76.7	55.3
2001	57.8	22.3	36.5	70.8	59.0	128.1	46.0	121.4	49.2

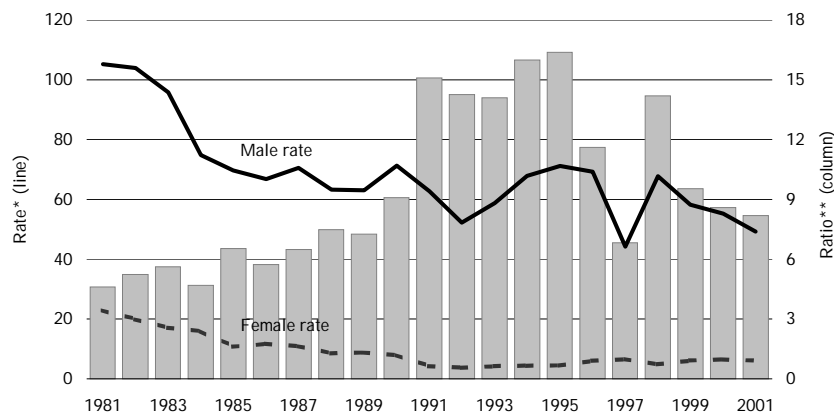
Table 1(b): Females aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June, 1981–2001

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
	Number								
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
	Rate per 100,000 relevant population								
1981	26.4	29.5	13.3	15.3	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	19.9
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	12.6	3.4	22.9	19.2	16.6	16.0
1985	8.6	18.4	6.2	14.6	2.3	3.3	0.0	16.3	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	7.9
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	6.1	0.8	4.9	7.1	2.6	0.0	18.3	5.5	4.4
1996	6.4	0.8	4.3	12.2	15.5	10.8	0.0	5.5	6.0
1997	7.7	2.9	5.7	10.6	7.6	10.7	0.0	11.2	6.5
1998	4.4	2.0	5.1	12.3	5.1	3.6	0.0	5.7	4.8
1999	7.3	1.2	5.0	12.2	6.3	3.6	16.9	23.0	6.1
2000	6.7	3.6	4.5	11.1	12.7	11.0	0.0	5.8	6.4
2001	6.4	2.8	3.5	14.7	8.9	3.7	0.0	17.3	6.0

Table 1(c): People aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June, 1981–2001

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
	Number								
1981	611	334	111	159	76	34	1	26	1,352
1982	646	299	107	151	71	23	11	17	1,325
1983	601	282	114	96	60	33	15	20	1,221
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	136	136	50	19	25	11	780
1999	277	60	137	125	34	31	14	16	694
2000	274	52	104	115	59	37	15	15	671
2001	232	66	85	97	56	37	6	25	604
	Rate per 100,000 relevant population								
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	103.4	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	66.7	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	13.8	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	28.6
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	58.3	14.9	35.7	50.1	24.5	17.6	75.1	37.7	38.7
1996	50.3	14.1	35.7	52.0	52.1	45.7	57.5	18.9	38.4
1997	51.4	14.1	25.0	52.0	47.8	38.5	88.3	43.5	37.1
1998	48.1	13.2	33.6	62.7	31.0	33.5	103.6	30.4	37.0
1999	39.5	11.8	33.6	57.0	21.0	55.1	57.4	44.6	32.8
2000	38.8	10.1	25.2	51.9	36.4	66.5	60.7	42.2	31.5
2001	32.7	12.7	20.4	43.5	34.6	67.0	23.9	70.5	28.2

Figure 1: People aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention at 30 June, 1981–2001



* Rate per 100,000 relevant population aged 10 to 17 years

** Ratio of detention rates (male to female)

The percentage of females in juvenile custody has declined significantly from 1981 to 1991, stabilising at around six per cent until 1996 when it began to creep upwards again. Males have consistently dominated the detained juvenile population in every jurisdiction within Australia. Males have accounted for about 90 per cent, on average, of the total detained juvenile population for each year over the period 1981–2001. As shown in Table 2, the contribution that females make to the total population has increased over the last three years to account for 10.4 per cent of the total juvenile detained population in 2001.

Table 2: Percentage of people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention who are female, at 30 June, 1981–2001

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	7.4	9.6	8.0	5.3	0.0	9.1	6.3
1999	9.0	5.0	7.3	10.4	14.7	3.2	14.3	25.0	9.1
2000	8.4	17.3	8.7	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

Source: Data for 1981–1993 were derived from statistics published by the Australian Institute of Criminology, *Persons in Juvenile Corrective Institutions* (several issues). Data for 1994–2001 were provided by the relevant juvenile justice authorities of each state and territory.

Indigenous Status

Data on the Indigenous status of people held in juvenile detention has been collected and presented from 1994 to 2001. Prior to this there was no accurate information provided on the number of Indigenous people in detention. Although some jurisdictions did provide relevant statistics on Indigenous detainees prior to 1994, it has only become nationally available from this date onwards.

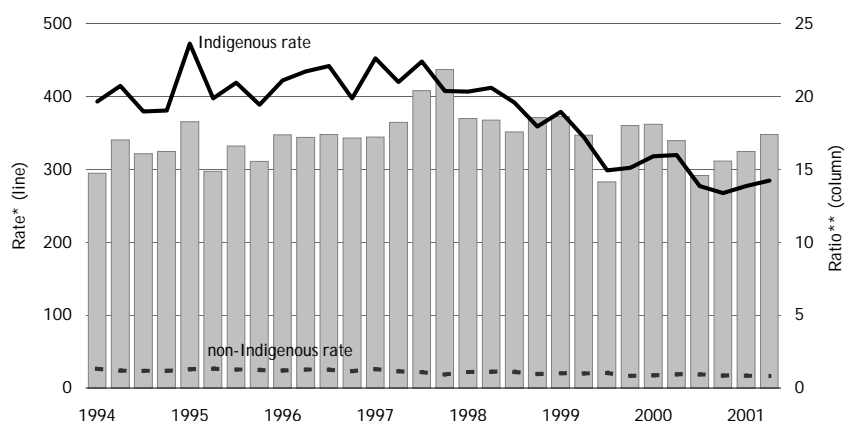
Table 3: People aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention by Indigenous status, 1994–2001

Year		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Total	
		Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*	Number	Rate*
1994	31 Mar	257	392.5	525	26.7	782	38.5
	30 Jun	271	413.9	479	24.4	750	36.9
	30 Sep	248	378.8	464	23.6	712	35.0
	31 Dec	249	380.3	462	23.5	711	35.0
1995	31 Mar	309	472.0	509	25.9	818	40.2
	30 Jun	260	397.1	526	26.7	786	38.7
	30 Sep	274	418.5	497	25.3	771	37.9
	31 Dec	254	388.0	491	25.0	745	36.6
1996	31 Mar	276	421.6	478	24.3	754	37.1
	30 Jun	284	433.8	497	25.3	781	38.4
	30 Sep	289	441.4	500	25.4	789	38.8
	31 Dec	260	397.1	456	23.9	716	35.2
1997	31 Mar	336	451.4	529	26.2	863	41.3
	30 Jun	312	419.2	464	23.0	539	25.8
	30 Sep	333	447.4	443	22.0	776	37.1
	31 Dec	303	407.1	376	18.7	679	32.5
1998	31 Mar	322	406.3	446	22.0	768	36.5
	30 Jun	326	411.4	454	22.4	780	37.0
	30 Sep	310	391.2	452	22.3	762	36.2
	31 Dec	284	358.4	392	19.3	676	32.1
1999	31 Mar	319	378.7	414	20.4	733	34.6
	30 Jun	290	344.2	404	19.9	694	32.8
	30 Sep	251	297.9	429	21.1	680	32.1
	31 Dec	254	301.5	341	16.8	595	28.1
2000	31 Mar	284	317.4	359	17.6	643	30.1
	30 Jun	286	319.7	385	18.8	671	31.5
	30 Sep	248	277.2	389	19.0	637	29.9
	31 Dec	239	267.1	351	17.2	590	27.7
2001	31 Mar	262	276.6	350	17.1	612	28.5
	30 Jun	269	284.0	335	16.3	604	28.2

* Rate per 100,000 population

The data in Figures 2 and 3, and Table 4, indicate that Indigenous people are far more likely to be detained in a juvenile correctional facility compared to non-Indigenous people. The extent of this is evident when comparing Indigenous and non-Indigenous rates of incarceration. At 30 June 2001 the rate of detention among Indigenous juvenile offenders was 284.0 per 100,000 relevant population, compared to 16.3 per 100,000 relevant population for non-Indigenous offenders. This rate of detention for Indigenous people has declined from 413.9 per 100,000 relevant population at 30 June 1994. The rate of detention for non-Indigenous offenders has also declined from 24.3 per 100,000 relevant population at 30 June 1994. At 30 June 2001, Indigenous people were 17 times over-represented in Australian detention facilities.

Figure 2: People aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention by Indigenous status, 1994–2001



* Rate per 100,000 relevant population aged 10 to 17 years

** Ratio of detention rates (Indigenous to non-Indigenous)

Table 4(a): Number of Indigenous people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

	Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
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	21	6	6	4	289
	31 Dec	92	12	78	43	19	4	11	1	260
1997	31 Mar	127	18	76	67	26	4	15	3	336
	30 Jun	132	8	55	70	17	7	20	3	312
	30 Sep	125	12	65	88	19	7	17	0	333
	31 Dec	103	14	92	62	10	4	15	3	303
1998	31 Mar	109	9	87	70	16	6	20	5	322
	30 Jun	103	11	76	87	18	7	21	3	326
	30 Sep	97	6	78	84	15	5	23	2	310
	31 Dec	101	9	70	63	17	10	13	1	284
1999	31 Mar	93	10	85	86	15	6	22	2	319
	30 Jun	93	10	76	86	10	3	10	2	290
	30 Sep	83	9	54	68	17	7	10	3	251
	31 Dec	77	11	54	80	10	8	12	2	254
2000	31 Mar	95	9	71	86	9	6	6	2	284
	30 Jun	109	4	61	75	15	9	11	2	286
	30 Sep	81	7	53	69	15	11	10	2	248
	31 Dec	77	6	43	63	17	7	20	6	239
2001	31 Mar	86	6	60	75	12	8	13	2	262
	30 Jun	98	9	56	78	8	8	6	6	269

Table 4(b): Rate* of Indigenous people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

	Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
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	628.3	280.3	468.5	724.8	249.2	105.2	186.6	370.2	472.0
	30 Jun	551.8	308.4	423.9	567.2	166.1	35.1	109.8	185.1	397.1
	30 Sep	573.6	252.3	340.2	609.2	664.5	105.2	142.7	185.1	418.5
	31 Dec	502.6	308.4	357.0	588.2	470.7	70.1	87.8	740.4	388.0
1996	31 Mar	497.2	140.2	468.5	672.3	498.4	140.3	76.8	555.3	421.6
	30 Jun	557.3	112.1	463.0	640.8	498.4	210.4	98.8	185.1	433.8
	30 Sep	595.5	280.3	429.5	588.2	581.4	210.4	65.9	740.4	441.4
	31 Dec	502.6	336.4	435.1	451.7	526.1	140.3	120.7	185.1	397.1
1997	31 Mar	588.3	455.6	375.2	621.3	626.4	115.1	157.1	467.3	451.4
	30 Jun	611.5	202.5	271.5	649.2	409.5	201.4	209.5	467.3	419.2
	30 Sep	579.1	303.7	320.9	816.1	457.7	201.4	178.0	0.0	447.4
	31 Dec	477.1	354.3	454.2	575.0	240.9	115.1	157.1	467.3	407.1
1998	31 Mar	464.7	214.4	404.5	610.5	362.0	160.6	205.8	701.3	406.3
	30 Jun	439.1	262.0	353.4	758.8	407.2	187.4	216.1	420.8	411.4
	30 Sep	413.6	142.9	362.7	732.6	339.4	133.9	236.7	280.5	391.2
	31 Dec	430.6	214.4	325.5	549.5	384.6	267.7	133.8	140.3	358.4
1999	31 Mar	365.6	225.0	369.6	714.3	320.9	151.4	222.4	261.8	378.7
	30 Jun	365.6	225.0	330.5	714.3	213.9	75.7	101.1	261.8	344.2
	30 Sep	326.2	202.5	234.8	564.8	363.6	176.6	101.1	392.7	297.9
	31 Dec	302.7	247.5	234.8	664.5	213.9	201.9	121.3	261.8	301.5
2000	31 Mar	347.0	192.2	289.2	676.9	182.7	140.7	59.3	241.0	317.4
	30 Jun	398.1	85.4	248.5	590.3	304.5	211.1	108.8	241.0	319.7
	30 Sep	295.8	149.5	215.9	543.1	304.5	258.0	98.9	241.0	277.2
	31 Dec	281.2	128.2	175.2	495.9	345.1	164.2	197.8	722.9	267.1
2001	31 Mar	292.7	122.5	230.0	565.9	231.7	177.0	124.3	219.3	276.6
	30 Jun	333.6	183.8	214.7	588.5	154.5	177.0	57.4	657.9	284.0

* Rate per 100,000 relevant population

Table 4(c): Number of non-Indigenous people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

	Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
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	60	12	2	14	500
	31 Dec	227	61	51	30	55	14	4	14	456
1997	31 Mar	246	66	60	44	74	17	4	16	527
	30 Jun	225	63	45	41	60	15	1	13	463
	30 Sep	177	66	60	45	62	14	6	13	443
	31 Dec	160	62	65	35	37	13	0	4	376
1998	31 Mar	201	66	72	50	35	13	0	9	446
	30 Jun	233	56	60	49	32	12	4	8	454
	30 Sep	206	77	56	46	31	22	7	7	452
	31 Dec	174	68	48	47	21	21	7	6	392
1999	31 Mar	190	57	58	49	33	21	4	2	414
	30 Jun	184	50	61	39	24	28	4	14	404
	30 Sep	167	74	69	42	37	29	6	5	429
	31 Dec	151	52	43	34	26	22	6	7	341
2000	31 Mar	158	46	53	40	31	16	5	10	359
	30 Jun	165	48	43	40	44	28	4	13	385
	30 Sep	149	54	34	46	40	46	6	14	389
	31 Dec	144	49	34	34	47	28	6	9	351
2001	31 Mar	121	59	39	28	50	36	7	10	350
	30 Jun	134	57	29	19	48	29	0	19	335

Table 4(d): Rate* of non-Indigenous people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

	Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
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	42.3	13.2	16.5	18.0	25.7	25.9	51.8	27.4	25.9
	30 Jun	44.6	12.8	16.5	24.7	21.2	16.7	51.8	35.6	26.7
	30 Sep	42.0	12.6	15.1	20.1	26.3	14.8	44.4	27.4	25.3
	31 Dec	39.7	11.6	16.8	19.6	27.6	27.8	44.4	27.4	25.0
1996	31 Mar	36.4	10.8	15.7	22.1	31.5	38.9	66.6	19.2	24.3
	30 Jun	36.2	13.4	14.6	23.2	41.8	37.0	29.6	16.4	25.3
	30 Sep	35.0	13.2	16.5	29.4	38.6	22.2	14.8	38.3	25.4
	31 Dec	34.5	12.4	14.0	15.5	35.3	25.9	29.6	38.3	23.2
1997	31 Mar	36.5	13.2	15.8	21.7	47.2	35.4	28.1	44.3	26.2
	30 Jun	33.4	12.6	11.9	20.2	38.2	29.8	7.0	36.0	23.0
	30 Sep	26.3	13.2	15.8	22.2	39.5	26.1	42.2	36.0	22.0
	31 Dec	23.8	12.4	17.1	17.3	23.6	24.2	0.0	11.1	18.7
1998	31 Mar	29.7	13.1	18.8	24.3	22.3	24.6	0.0	25.4	22.0
	30 Jun	34.5	11.2	15.7	23.9	20.4	22.7	27.7	22.6	22.4
	30 Sep	30.5	15.3	14.6	22.4	19.7	41.6	48.6	19.8	22.3
	31 Dec	25.7	13.5	12.5	22.9	13.4	39.7	48.6	16.9	19.3
1999	31 Mar	28.1	11.3	15.1	23.6	21.0	40.2	27.6	5.7	20.4
	30 Jun	27.2	9.9	15.8	18.8	15.3	53.6	27.6	39.9	19.9
	30 Sep	24.7	14.7	17.9	20.3	23.5	55.5	41.4	14.2	21.1
	31 Dec	22.3	10.3	11.2	16.4	16.5	42.1	41.4	19.9	16.8
2000	31 Mar	23.3	9.0	13.7	19.1	19.7	31.1	34.3	28.8	17.6
	30 Jun	24.3	9.4	11.1	19.1	28.0	54.5	27.4	37.5	18.8
	30 Sep	21.9	10.6	8.8	22.0	25.5	89.5	41.1	40.4	19.0
	31 Dec	21.2	9.6	8.8	16.3	29.9	54.5	41.1	25.9	17.2
2001	31 Mar	17.8	11.5	10.0	13.4	31.9	71.0	47.8	29.0	17.1
	30 Jun	19.7	11.1	7.4	9.1	30.7	57.2	0.0	55.0	16.3

* Rate per 100,000 relevant population

Table 4(e): Number of people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

	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	21	19	19	863
	30 Jun	357	71	100	111	77	22	21	16	775
	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	136	136	50	19	25	11	780
	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	104	115	59	37	15	15	671
	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

Table 4(f): Rate* of people aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

	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	58.2	15.1	37.8	51.1	30.8	29.9	106.1	32.4	40.2
	30 Jun	58.3	14.9	35.7	50.1	24.5	17.6	75.1	37.8	38.7
	30 Sep	56.4	14.3	30.4	47.6	40.8	19.3	84.0	29.7	37.9
	31 Dec	52.3	13.7	32.8	46.1	37.7	29.9	61.9	37.8	36.6
1996	31 Mar	48.9	11.7	37.0	52.5	42.1	44.0	70.7	27.0	37.1
	30 Jun	50.3	14.1	35.7	52.0	52.1	45.7	57.5	18.9	38.4
	30 Sep	50.2	15.1	36.0	55.5	50.9	31.7	35.4	48.5	38.8
	31 Dec	47.2	14.7	33.9	35.8	46.5	31.7	66.3	40.5	35.2
1997	31 Mar	53.7	16.7	34.0	52.0	62.1	36.8	79.9	51.7	41.3
	30 Jun	51.4	14.1	25.0	52.0	47.8	38.5	88.3	43.5	37.1
	30 Sep	43.5	15.5	31.3	62.3	50.3	36.8	96.8	35.4	37.1
	31 Dec	37.9	15.1	39.3	45.4	29.2	29.8	63.1	19.0	32.5
1998	31 Mar	44.3	14.8	39.3	55.3	31.6	33.5	82.9	38.7	36.5
	30 Jun	48.1	13.2	33.6	62.7	30.9	33.5	103.6	30.4	37.0
	30 Sep	43.3	16.4	33.1	60.0	28.5	47.6	124.3	24.9	36.2
	31 Dec	39.3	15.2	29.2	50.7	23.5	54.7	82.9	19.4	32.1
1999	31 Mar	40.3	13.2	35.0	61.5	29.6	48.0	106.6	11.2	34.6
	30 Jun	39.5	11.8	33.6	57.0	21.0	55.1	57.4	44.6	32.8
	30 Sep	35.6	16.3	30.1	50.1	33.3	64.0	65.6	22.3	32.1
	31 Dec	32.5	12.4	23.8	52.0	22.2	53.4	73.8	25.1	28.1
2000	31 Mar	35.8	10.7	30.0	56.9	24.7	39.5	44.5	33.8	30.1
	30 Jun	38.8	10.1	25.2	51.9	36.4	66.5	60.7	42.2	31.5
	30 Sep	32.6	11.9	21.1	51.9	33.9	102.4	64.8	45.1	29.9
	31 Dec	31.3	10.7	18.7	43.8	39.5	62.9	105.2	42.2	27.7
2001	31 Mar	29.2	12.5	23.8	46.2	38.3	79.7	79.6	33.9	28.5
	30 Jun	32.7	12.7	20.4	43.5	34.6	67.0	23.9	70.5	28.2

* Rate per 100,000 relevant population

As noted above, at 30 June 2001 Indigenous people were 17 times more likely than non-Indigenous people to be detained in a juvenile detention facility. Figure 3 illustrates the rates of over-representation in each jurisdiction.

New South Wales and Victoria had similar levels of over-representation to the national level. Higher levels of over-representation were found for:

- Queensland (with Indigenous people being 29 times over-represented in juvenile detention); and
- Western Australian (where Indigenous people were 65 times over-represented in juvenile detention facilities). This very high ratio results from a decrease in the rate (and number) of non-Indigenous people in juvenile detention, rather than from an increase in the rate (and number) of Indigenous people being detained.

South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory all had lower levels of over-representation than the national ratio.

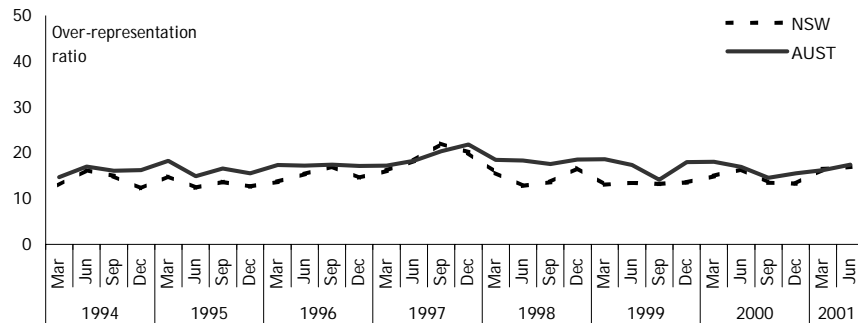
It is important to bear in mind that the rates per 100,000 population are very unstable, as are the over-representation ratios, in states and territories with:

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

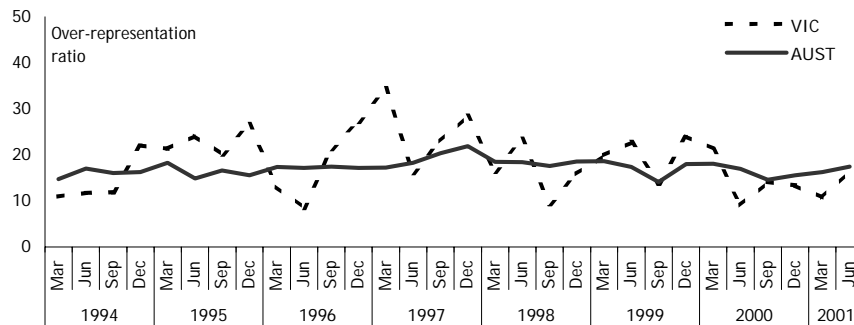
This particularly applies in Victoria, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

Figure 3: Level of over-representation of Indigenous people in juvenile detention, 1994–2001

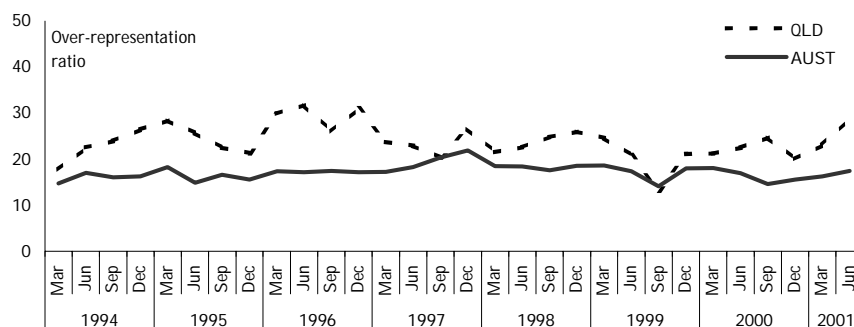
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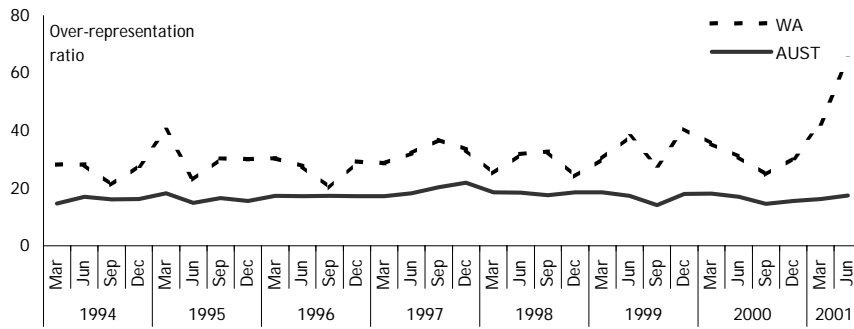
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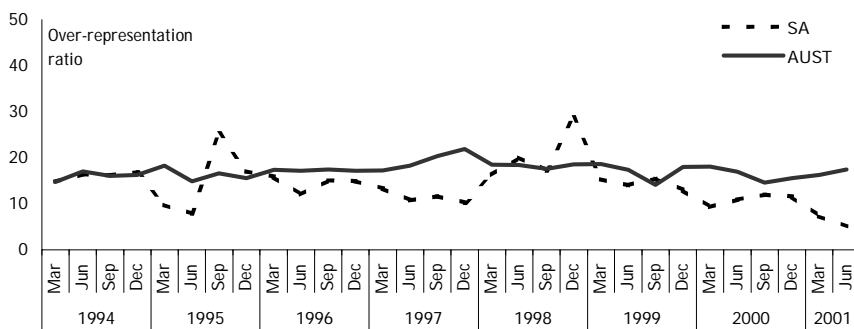


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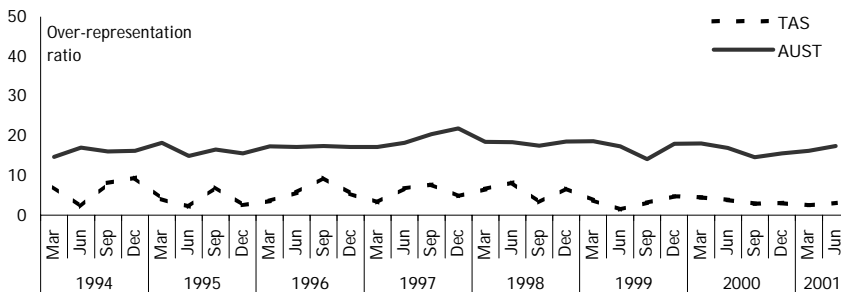


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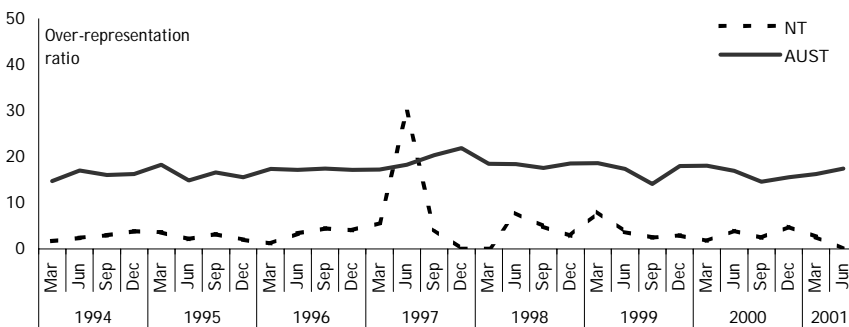
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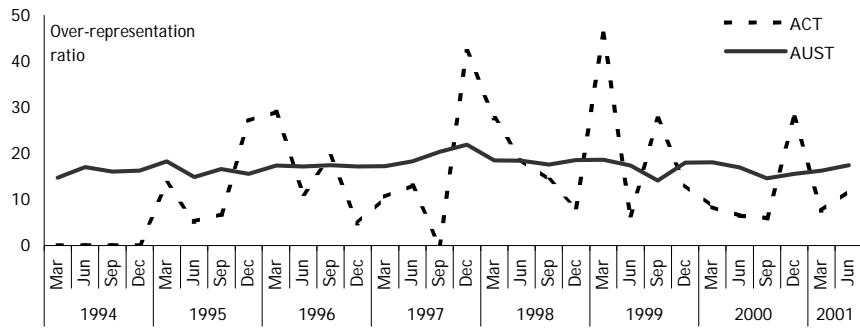
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Table 5 presents information, by jurisdiction, on the number and rate of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in detention for the four quarters of the financial year 2000–2001. At 30 June 2001, the Australian Capital Territory had the highest rate of detention of people aged 10 to 17 (70.5 per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17). Victoria had the lowest rate (12.7 per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17). Again, it is important to put these findings in context by considering how the size of the detained population, and the rate per 100,000 population, can vary in a number of these jurisdictions (particularly the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory).

Table 5(a): Males aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous	Number								
30 Sep	71	7	50	60	10	7	10	2	217
31 Dec	73	6	40	58	14	6	20	5	222
31 Mar	76	6	55	69	8	7	12	1	234
30 Jun	84	9	50	64	7	7	6	5	232
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	142	46	33	40	37	42	6	12	358
31 Dec	136	41	32	32	45	27	6	8	327
31 Mar	113	53	34	24	46	34	7	8	319
30 Jun	126	50	28	17	42	29	0	17	309
Total									
30 Sep	213	53	83	100	47	49	16	14	575
31 Dec	209	47	72	90	59	33	26	13	549
31 Mar	189	59	89	93	54	41	19	9	553
30 Jun	210	59	78	81	49	36	6	22	541
Indigenous	Rate per 100,000 relevant population								
30 Sep	503.8	294.4	402.4	952.4	396.5	318.2	191.4	466.2	476.0
31 Dec	518.0	252.3	321.9	920.6	555.1	272.7	382.8	1,165.5	487.0
31 Mar	503.3	242.4	415.6	1041.2	299.0	298.1	221.0	214.1	483.8
30 Jun	556.3	363.6	377.8	965.7	261.6	298.1	110.5	1,070.7	479.6
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	40.9	17.7	16.5	37.2	45.9	160.4	79.4	67.3	34.2
31 Dec	39.2	15.8	16.0	29.8	55.8	103.1	79.4	44.9	31.2
31 Mar	32.5	20.2	17.0	22.3	57.2	132.0	91.8	45.3	30.4
30 Jun	36.2	19.0	14.0	15.8	52.2	112.6	0.0	96.3	29.4
Total									
30 Sep	58.9	20.2	39.2	87.9	56.5	172.6	125.2	76.7	52.6
31 Dec	57.8	17.9	34.0	79.1	70.9	116.3	203.4	71.2	50.3
31 Mar	52.0	22.3	41.7	81.3	65.0	145.9	145.5	49.7	50.3
30 Jun	57.8	22.3	36.5	70.8	59.0	128.1	46.0	121.4	49.2

Note also that the rates of detention for the two census dates in 2000 may differ slightly from those in 2001, even if the numbers are unchanged, due to the different population estimates used. For example, in the Australian Capital Territory there were five Indigenous males in juvenile detention on both 31 December 2000 and 30 June 2001. However, the rate per 100,000 relevant population for December is calculated as 1,165.5 per 100,000. For June 2001 the rate is calculated as 1070.7 per 100,000. This difference is due to the change in population estimates from 30 June 2000 to 30 June 2001. On 30 June 2000 it was estimated that there were 429 Indigenous males aged 10 to 17 in the Australian Capital Territory; on 30 June 2001 it was estimated that there were 467.

This further illustrates that for census dates other than 30 June in each year, rates are calculated using population estimates for 30 June in that year.

Table 5(b): Females aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous	Number								
30 Sep	10	0	3	9	5	4	0	0	31
31 Dec	4	0	3	5	3	1	0	1	17
31 Mar	10	0	5	6	4	1	1	1	28
30 Jun	14	0	6	14	1	1	0	1	37
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	7	8	1	6	3	4	0	2	31
31 Dec	8	8	2	2	2	1	0	1	24
31 Mar	8	6	5	4	4	2	0	2	31
30 Jun	8	7	1	2	6	0	0	2	26
Total									
30 Sep	17	8	4	15	8	8	0	2	62
31 Dec	12	8	5	7	5	2	0	2	41
31 Mar	18	6	10	10	8	3	1	3	59
30 Jun	22	7	7	16	7	1	0	3	63
Indigenous	Rate per 100,000 relevant population								
30 Sep	75.3	0.0	24.7	140.5	208.0	193.8	0.0	0.0	70.6
31 Dec	30.1	0.0	24.7	78.1	124.8	48.4	0.0	249.4	38.7
31 Mar	70.0	0.0	38.9	90.5	159.8	46.1	19.9	224.7	60.4
30 Jun	98.0	0.0	46.7	211.3	40.0	46.1	0.0	224.7	79.8
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	2.1	3.2	0.5	5.9	3.9	15.9	0.0	11.9	3.1
31 Dec	2.4	3.2	1.1	2.0	2.6	4.0	0.0	5.9	2.4
31 Mar	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.9	5.3	8.0	0.0	11.8	3.1
30 Jun	2.4	2.8	0.5	2.0	7.9	0.0	0.0	11.8	2.6
Total									
30 Sep	4.9	3.2	2.0	13.9	10.1	29.3	0.0	11.6	6.0
31 Dec	3.5	3.2	2.5	6.5	6.3	7.3	0.0	11.6	3.9
31 Mar	5.2	2.4	4.9	9.2	10.2	11.1	8.3	17.3	5.6
30 Jun	6.3	2.8	3.5	14.7	8.9	3.7	0.0	17.3	6.0

Table 5(c): People aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
	Number								
30 Sep	81	7	53	69	15	11	10	2	248
31 Dec	77	6	43	63	17	7	20	6	239
31 Mar	86	6	60	75	12	8	13	2	262
30 Jun	98	9	56	78	8	8	6	6	269
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	149	54	34	46	40	46	6	14	389
31 Dec	144	49	34	34	47	28	6	9	351
31 Mar	121	59	39	28	50	36	7	10	350
30 Jun	134	57	29	19	48	29	0	19	335
Total									
30 Sep	230	61	87	115	55	57	16	16	637
31 Dec	221	55	77	97	64	35	26	15	590
31 Mar	207	65	99	103	62	44	20	12	612
30 Jun	232	66	85	97	56	37	6	25	604
Indigenous									
	Rate per 100,000 relevant population								
30 Sep	295.8	149.5	215.9	543.1	304.5	258.0	98.9	241.0	277.2
31 Dec	281.2	128.2	175.2	495.9	345.1	164.2	197.8	722.9	267.1
31 Mar	292.7	122.5	230.0	565.9	231.7	177.0	124.3	219.3	276.6
30 Jun	333.6	183.8	214.7	588.5	154.5	177.0	57.4	657.9	284.0
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	21.9	10.6	8.8	22.0	25.5	89.5	41.1	40.4	19.0
31 Dec	21.2	9.6	8.8	16.3	29.9	54.5	41.1	25.9	17.2
31 Mar	17.8	11.5	10.0	13.4	31.9	71.0	47.8	29.0	17.1
30 Jun	19.7	11.1	7.4	9.1	30.7	57.2	0.0	55.0	16.3
Total									
30 Sep	32.6	11.9	21.1	51.9	33.9	102.4	64.8	45.1	29.9
31 Dec	31.3	10.7	18.7	43.8	39.5	62.9	105.2	42.2	27.7
31 Mar	29.2	12.5	23.8	46.2	38.3	79.7	79.6	33.9	28.5
30 Jun	32.7	12.7	20.4	43.5	34.6	67.0	23.9	70.5	28.2

Table 6 shows that jurisdictional differences exist in terms of the proportion of people in detention who are under a sentence order. Victoria has the highest proportion of people who are sentenced—80 per cent of the 10 to 17-year-olds in juvenile detention in that state were sentenced. The lowest proportion was in New South Wales, where just 41 per cent of juveniles in detention on 30 June 2001 were sentenced. This may be a spurious difference, as it could result from juveniles who are appealing against their conviction or sentence, or awaiting trial or sentence on other charges, being counted as on remand.

There also seems to be a slight tendency nationally for a higher proportion of Indigenous detainees than non-Indigenous detainees to be under sentence than on remand. Perhaps more robust is the difference between the legal status of female and male detainees—on 30 June 2001, 51 per cent of males were sentenced as opposed to 41 per cent of females.

Table 6(a): Males aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention—sentenced males as a percentage of total males, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	62.0	100.0	48.0	75.0	40.0	0.0	40.0	50.0	59.4
31 Dec	52.1	66.7	67.5	62.1	42.9	50.0	65.0	80.0	59.0
31 Mar	50.0	83.3	27.3	71.0	37.5	42.9	83.3	0.0	52.6
30 Jun	47.6	88.9	42.0	59.4	71.4	71.4	50.0	0.0	51.7
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	44.4	78.3	27.3	52.5	59.5	28.6	16.7	41.7	47.2
31 Dec	46.3	68.3	50.0	56.3	42.2	81.5	50.0	50.0	52.9
31 Mar	44.2	71.7	35.3	62.5	45.7	47.1	28.6	37.5	49.2
30 Jun	41.3	78.0	42.9	64.7	47.6	55.2	n.a.	35.3	50.5
Total									
30 Sep	50.2	81.1	39.8	66.0	55.3	24.5	31.3	42.9	51.8
31 Dec	48.3	68.1	59.7	60.0	42.4	75.8	61.5	61.5	55.4
31 Mar	46.6	72.9	30.3	68.8	44.4	46.3	63.2	33.3	50.6
30 Jun	43.8	79.7	42.3	60.5	51.0	58.3	50.0	27.3	51.0

Table 6(b): Females aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention—sentenced females as a percentage of total females, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	80.0	n.a.	66.7	11.1	40.0	0.0	n.a.	n.a.	41.9
31 Dec	25.0	n.a.	66.7	40.0	33.3	100.0	n.a.	100.0	47.1
31 Mar	20.0	n.a.	20.0	33.3	75.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	35.7
30 Jun	21.4	n.a.	83.3	28.6	100.0	100.0	n.a.	0.0	37.8
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	57.1	75.0	0.0	50.0	33.3	25.0	n.a.	0.0	48.4
31 Dec	62.5	100.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	n.a.	100.0	70.8
31 Mar	37.5	100.0	40.0	50.0	25.0	0.0	n.a.	50.0	48.4
30 Jun	12.5	85.7	0.0	50.0	50.0	n.a.	n.a.	50.0	46.2
Total									
30 Sep	70.6	75.0	50.0	26.7	37.5	12.5	n.a.	0.0	45.2
31 Dec	50.0	100.0	60.0	42.9	40.0	50.0	n.a.	100.0	61.0
31 Mar	27.8	100.0	30.0	40.0	50.0	0.0	100.0	66.7	42.4
30 Jun	18.2	85.7	71.4	31.3	57.1	100.0	n.a.	33.3	41.3

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

Table 6(c): People aged 10 to 17 in juvenile detention—sentenced people as a percentage of total people, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	64.2	100.0	49.1	66.7	40.0	0.0	40.0	50.0	57.3
31 Dec	50.6	66.7	67.4	60.3	41.2	57.1	65.0	83.3	58.2
31 Mar	46.5	83.3	26.7	68.0	50.0	37.5	84.6	50.0	50.8
30 Jun	43.9	88.9	46.4	53.8	75.0	75.0	50.0	0.0	49.8
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	45.0	77.8	26.5	52.2	57.5	28.3	16.7	35.7	47.3
31 Dec	47.2	73.5	50.0	55.9	42.6	78.6	50.0	55.6	54.1
31 Mar	43.8	74.6	35.9	60.7	44.0	44.4	28.6	40.0	49.1
30 Jun	39.6	78.9	41.4	63.2	47.9	55.2	n.a.	36.8	50.1
Total									
30 Sep	51.7	80.3	40.2	60.9	52.7	22.8	31.3	37.5	51.2
31 Dec	48.4	72.7	59.7	58.8	42.2	74.3	61.5	66.7	55.8
31 Mar	44.9	75.4	30.3	66.0	45.2	43.2	65.0	41.7	49.8
30 Jun	41.4	80.3	44.7	55.7	51.8	59.5	50.0	28.0	50.0

Table 7 shows the number of people aged 18 and over who were in juvenile detention throughout Australia in 2000–2001. As stated earlier, jurisdictional differences in the definition of a juvenile mean that people over the age of 18 can be held in detention or may be placed in an alternative correctional facility. The largest numbers are found in:

- New South Wales (where a person is generally kept in juvenile detention until their sentence is completed, regardless of their age); and
- Victoria (which has the Senior Youth Training Centre system).

Table 7(a): Number of males aged 18 and over in juvenile detention, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	26	5	3	7	4	3	0	0	48
31 Dec	25	2	2	4	4	2	0	1	40
31 Mar	21	9	4	3	5	3	0	2	47
30 Jun	26	6	4	4	5	2	0	1	48
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	43	104	5	2	5	4	0	0	163
31 Dec	37	101	3	6	5	8	0	1	161
31 Mar	38	102	4	7	7	7	0	1	166
30 Jun	46	86	5	8	9	15	0	1	170
Total									
30 Sep	69	109	8	9	9	7	0	0	211
31 Dec	62	103	5	10	9	10	0	2	201
31 Mar	59	111	8	10	12	10	0	3	213
30 Jun	72	92	9	12	14	17	0	2	218

Table 7(b): Number of females aged 18 and over in juvenile detention, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
31 Dec	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
31 Mar	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
30 Jun	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	4	17	0	0	1	1	0	0	23
31 Dec	3	22	0	0	1	2	0	0	28
31 Mar	1	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	17
30 Jun	2	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	24
Total									
30 Sep	6	18	0	0	1	1	0	0	26
31 Dec	4	23	0	0	1	2	0	0	30
31 Mar	3	18	0	2	1	0	0	0	24
30 Jun	7	21	0	0	1	1	0	0	30

Table 7(c): Number of people aged 18 and over in juvenile detention, 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	28	6	3	7	4	3	0	0	51
31 Dec	26	3	2	4	4	2	0	1	42
31 Mar	23	13	4	4	5	3	0	2	54
30 Jun	31	6	4	4	6	2	0	1	54
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	47	121	5	2	6	5	0	0	186
31 Dec	40	123	3	6	6	10	0	1	189
31 Mar	39	116	4	8	8	7	0	1	183
30 Jun	48	107	5	8	9	16	0	1	194
Total									
30 Sep	75	127	8	9	10	8	0	0	237
31 Dec	66	126	5	10	10	12	0	2	231
31 Mar	62	129	8	12	13	10	0	3	237
30 Jun	79	113	9	12	15	18	0	2	248

The following tables present data on the total detained juvenile population as defined by each jurisdiction.

Table 8(a): Number of males in juvenile detention (all ages), 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	97	12	53	67	14	10	10	2	265
31 Dec	98	8	42	62	18	8	20	6	262
31 Mar	97	15	59	72	13	10	12	3	281
30 Jun	110	15	54	68	12	9	6	6	280
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	185	150	38	42	42	46	6	12	521
31 Dec	173	142	35	38	50	35	6	9	488
31 Mar	151	155	38	31	53	41	7	9	485
30 Jun	172	136	33	25	51	44	0	18	479
Total									
30 Sep	282	162	91	109	56	56	16	14	786
31 Dec	271	150	77	100	68	43	26	15	750
31 Mar	248	170	97	103	66	51	19	12	766
30 Jun	282	151	87	93	63	53	6	24	759

Table 8(b): Number of females in juvenile detention (all ages), 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	12	1	3	9	5	4	0	0	34
31 Dec	5	1	3	5	3	1	0	1	19
31 Mar	12	4	5	7	4	1	1	1	35
30 Jun	19	0	6	14	2	1	0	1	43
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	11	25	1	6	4	5	0	2	54
31 Dec	11	30	2	2	3	3	0	1	52
31 Mar	9	20	5	5	5	2	0	2	48
30 Jun	10	28	1	2	6	1	0	2	50
Total									
30 Sep	23	26	4	15	9	9	0	2	88
31 Dec	16	31	5	7	6	4	0	2	71
31 Mar	21	24	10	12	9	3	1	3	83
30 Jun	29	28	7	16	8	2	0	3	93

Table 8(c): Number of people in juvenile detention (all ages), 2000–2001

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Indigenous									
30 Sep	109	13	56	76	19	14	10	2	299
31 Dec	103	9	45	67	21	9	20	7	281
31 Mar	109	19	64	79	17	11	13	4	316
30 Jun	129	15	60	82	14	10	6	7	323
Non-Indigenous									
30 Sep	196	175	39	48	46	51	6	14	575
31 Dec	184	172	37	40	53	38	6	10	540
31 Mar	160	175	43	36	58	43	7	11	533
30 Jun	182	164	34	27	57	45	0	20	529
Total									
30 Sep	305	188	95	124	65	65	16	16	874
31 Dec	287	181	82	107	74	47	26	17	821
31 Mar	269	194	107	115	75	54	20	15	849
30 Jun	311	179	94	109	71	55	6	27	852

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