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INTRODUCTION

This publication presents monthly information on persons in custody, and the statistics are derived from information collected by the ABS from administrative records held by corrective services agencies in each State and Territory. Details are provided for each State and Territory, together with numbers and imprisonment rates by type of custody (i.e. open or secure prison custody or periodic detention). Information is also presented on prisoner numbers by legal status (sentenced or unsentenced) and by sentence type, for all prisoners and for Indigenous prisoners, together with the number of sentenced receptions into custody and the number of federal prisoners.

The ABS has been producing quarterly prisoner statistics since 1995, based on a methodology established by the Australian Institute of Criminology. These statistics were released as reports to the Corrective Services Minister's Council. Following a review of this collection in 1997, the scope of the collection was expanded from January 1998 to include all persons in custody in Australia. Thus, periodic detainees in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory are now included, as are persons in Work Outreach Camps (WORC) and Community Custody Centres (CCC) in Queensland. The collection also now includes a greater range of data items in relation to the total prisoner population and the Indigenous prisoner population.

The statistics in this publication are sourced from this expanded collection. Most series in this publication commence from March 1998, with the exception of series in table 1. Table 1 covers periods from January 1997 and has been compiled from data obtained in the old and new collections, together with data on the numbers of persons in WORCs and CCCs in Queensland in 1997.

The ABS is continuing work on the development of corrective service statistics, particularly in relation to community based corrections statistics and information on the flows of persons through the corrective service system. It is intended that, in future, some statistical series will be analysed for seasonal variation, and that trend analysis will also be undertaken.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

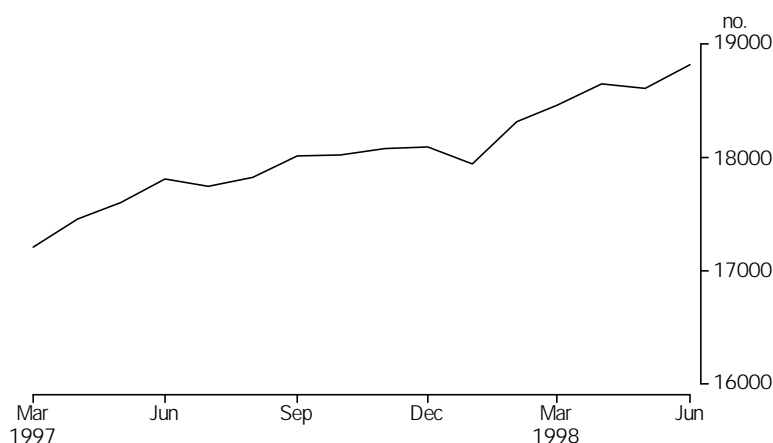
NUMBER OF PRISONERS

In the June quarter 1998, the average number of prisoners in Australia was 18,692, an increase of 457 (2.5%) on the March quarter 1998. Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria were the major contributors to this increase, rising by 179 (3.8%), 121 (1.9%) and 106 (3.9%) respectively. There was a decrease in South Australia of 32 prisoners (-2.2%).

Of all prisoners in the June quarter 1998, 6,401 (34.2%) were in New South Wales. Queensland accounted for another 4,888 (26.2%) prisoners. Victoria and Western Australia contributed 2,794 (14.9%) and 2,292 (12.3%) respectively.

The average number of prisoners in Australia increased by 1,070 (6.1%) over the year from the June quarter 1997. Queensland and Victoria accounted for nearly all of this increase, with smaller increases in New South Wales, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. These increases were partly offset by decreases in South Australia, down by 100 (-6.7%) and the Australian Capital Territory (including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons), down by 9 (-6.6%).

PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, Australia



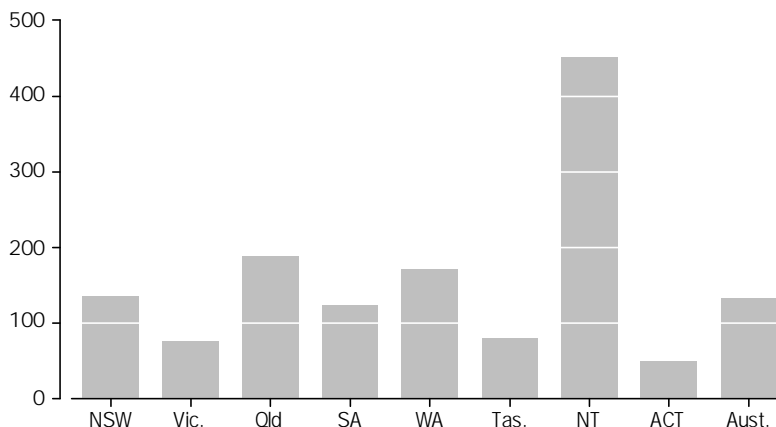
RATES PER 100,000 ADULTS

Nationally, the daily average imprisonment rate was 133.0 prisoners per 100,000 adult population during the June quarter 1998 compared to 130.2 in the March quarter 1998, and 126.3 in the June quarter 1997. The Northern Territory had the highest rate of 451.6 prisoners per 100,000 adult population, substantially greater than the next highest, Queensland and Western Australia with rates of 189.1 and 171.5 prisoners per 100,000 adult population respectively.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

RATES PER 100,000 ADULTS *continued*

From the March quarter 1998 to the June quarter 1998, the national rate increased by 2.2%. The greatest increases were in Tasmania (8.7%), Victoria (3.6%) and Queensland (3.3%). The rate for South Australia decreased by 2.4% over the same period.



IMPRISONMENT RATE—June Quarter 1998

Rate per 100,000 adult population

SEX

Of the average number of prisoners in Australia during the June quarter 1998, 17,664 (94.5%) were males and 1,028 (5.5%) were females. The proportion of prisoners who were female ranged from 6.8% in Western Australia and 6.6% in the Australian Capital Territory (including Australian Capital Territory in New South Wales) to 3.9% in Tasmania.

TYPE OF CUSTODY

There was an average of 13,200 prisoners (70.6%) in secure prison custody in Australia during the June quarter 1998, with the remaining 5,491 prisoners (29.4%) held in open prison custody. The highest proportion of prisoners held in secure prisons was recorded in Victoria (87.6%), followed by South Australia (86.4%). The State or Territory with the lowest proportion of prisoners in secure prison custody was the Australian Capital Territory, with 45.0%. All female prisoners in South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory were held in secure prison custody.

LEGAL STATUS AND SENTENCE TYPE

On 1 June 1998, there were 18,722 prisoners in Australia. Of these, 15,978 (85.3%) were sentenced and 2,744 (14.8%) were unsentenced. The Australian Capital Territory, including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons, had the highest proportion of unsentenced persons in prison custody (24.7%), followed by Tasmania (19.4%). Queensland and Western Australia recorded the lowest proportions of unsentenced persons in prison custody (10.5% and 12.9% respectively).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

SENTENCED RECEPTIONS

Information on sentenced receptions is not currently available for New South Wales (see Explanatory Note 10). Of the other States and Territories, Queensland recorded the highest number of sentenced receptions during the June quarter 1998 with 2,746 prisoners followed by 790 in South Australia and 725 in Western Australia. The highest sentenced reception rates were recorded in the Northern Territory, followed by Queensland (348.1 and 106.2 persons per 100,000 adult population respectively). Their rates were substantially higher than those for the other jurisdictions, particularly the Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons where there were 11.6 sentenced receptions per 100,000 adult population.

INDIGENOUS PRISONERS

Information on Indigenous prisoners is not currently available for New South Wales (see Explanatory Note 10). Of the other States and Territories, on 1 June 1998 the highest number of Indigenous persons in prison custody was recorded in Queensland (1,075), followed by Western Australia (747) and the Northern Territory (426). The highest proportion of the persons in prison custody who were Indigenous was recorded in the Northern Territory, where 71.7% of all prisoners were Indigenous, followed by Western Australia (32.7%) and Queensland (22.0%). The highest rates of Indigenous imprisonment were recorded in Western Australia (2,356.8 Indigenous persons per 100,000 adult Indigenous population), South Australia (1,934.5) and Queensland (1,762.7). The highest ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous rates of imprisonment was also recorded in Western Australia, which had an Indigenous rate of imprisonment 20.0 times the non-Indigenous rate.

PERIODIC DETENTION

In addition to persons in full-time prison custody, there was an average of 1,463 persons in New South Wales and 77 persons in the Australian Capital Territory during the June quarter 1998 held in periodic detention.

FEDERAL PRISONERS

On 1 June 1998, there were 528 federal prisoners in Australia, of whom approximately half (49.1%) were sentenced in New South Wales courts.

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PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY(a)

Period	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
Year—										
1997	6 330	2 566	4 169	1 473	2 234	259	593	118	37	17 661
Quarter—										
1997										
June quarter	6 375	2 543	4 077	1 496	2 258	259	574	120	40	17 622
September quarter	6 342	2 645	4 245	1 482	2 235	261	613	116	35	17 857
December quarter	6 306	2 651	4 507	1 426	2 254	260	622	119	35	18 062
1998										
March quarter	6 280	2 688	4 709	1 428	2 239	260	601	116	30	18 235
June quarter	6 401	2 794	4 888	1 396	2 292	283	602	114	37	18 692
Month—										
1997										
April	6 366	2 455	4 013	1 505	2 247	257	571	115	41	17 455
May	6 357	2 545	4 071	1 493	2 260	258	575	126	41	17 600
June	6 404	2 629	4 147	1 490	2 266	261	577	120	37	17 811
July	6 308	2 654	4 182	1 471	2 233	257	604	111	36	17 744
August	6 333	2 639	4 224	1 494	2 230	258	607	118	36	17 821
September	6 385	2 643	4 332	1 480	2 244	267	629	119	32	18 012
October	6 329	2 657	4 415	1 452	2 235	263	626	114	40	18 018
November	6 291	2 648	4 524	1 423	2 277	257	622	120	38	18 081
December	6 298	2 649	4 584	1 403	2 250	258	619	124	28	18 089
1998										
January	6 268	2 640	4 533	1 403	2 215	249	609	110	24	17 942
February	6 298	2 702	4 740	1 434	2 239	263	603	117	34	18 313
March	6 277	2 722	4 856	1 447	2 262	270	593	120	33	18 459
April	6 356	2 767	4 910	1 425	2 278	280	600	117	37	18 651
May	6 403	2 777	4 873	1 397	2 262	264	595	114	38	18 610
June	6 443	2 837	4 882	1 365	2 336	306	612	112	36	18 817

(a) Includes WORCs and CCCs in Qld—see Explanatory Note 8.

(b) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons and are included in the NSW figures.

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PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY(a) *continued*

Period	NSW(b)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Year—										
1997	134.6	72.6	162.6	131.2	168.4	73.0	449.1	50.4	11.8	126.1
Quarter—										
1997										
June quarter	135.7	72.0	159.3	133.3	170.5	72.9	436.7	51.5	17.0	126.3
September quarter	134.5	74.7	165.0	131.8	167.9	73.6	461.7	49.6	14.8	127.5
December quarter	133.7	74.8	175.2	126.8	169.3	73.3	468.7	51.1	15.1	129.0
1998										
March quarter	133.2	75.9	183.1	127.0	168.2	73.5	452.9	49.5	13.0	130.2
June quarter	135.4	78.6	189.1	123.9	171.5	79.9	451.6	49.0	15.8	133.0
Month—										
1997										
April	135.5	69.5	156.8	134.1	169.7	72.4	434.1	49.2	17.6	125.1
May	135.3	72.1	159.1	133.0	170.6	72.7	437.1	53.9	17.6	126.1
June	136.3	74.5	162.1	132.7	171.1	73.6	438.8	51.3	15.8	127.6
July	133.8	74.9	162.6	130.8	167.7	72.6	454.6	47.5	15.2	126.7
August	134.3	74.5	164.2	132.9	167.5	72.9	456.9	50.5	15.4	127.2
September	135.4	74.6	168.4	131.6	168.5	75.3	473.9	50.9	13.8	128.6
October	134.2	75.0	171.6	129.1	167.9	74.3	471.7	48.8	17.0	128.6
November	133.4	74.7	175.9	126.5	171.1	72.5	468.6	51.4	16.3	129.1
December	133.6	74.8	178.2	124.8	169.0	72.8	465.8	53.1	12.1	129.1
1998										
January	132.9	74.5	176.2	124.8	166.4	70.2	458.7	47.1	10.4	128.1
February	133.6	76.3	184.3	127.5	168.2	74.2	453.9	50.1	14.6	130.7
March	133.1	76.8	188.8	128.7	169.9	76.1	446.2	51.4	14.1	131.8
April	134.4	77.9	190.0	126.5	170.4	78.9	449.9	50.1	15.7	132.8
May	135.4	78.2	188.5	124.0	169.3	74.5	446.2	48.8	16.4	132.5
June	136.3	79.9	188.9	121.2	174.8	86.5	458.7	48.0	15.4	133.9

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PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Sex and Type of Prison Custody

Prison custody and sex	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT(c)	Aust.
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
Males										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	3 217	2 253	3 618	1 154	1 399	172	471	34	26	12 310
April	3 211	2 302	3 750	1 149	1 378	181	455	33	33	12 459
May	3 233	2 307	3 716	1 130	1 376	160	457	29	35	12 414
June	3 233	2 367	3 693	1 098	1 415	195	469	32	32	12 502
June quarter	3 226	2 325	3 720	1 126	1 390	179	460	31	34	12 458
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	2 763	290	840	192	690	80	103	75	—	4 958
April	2 841	315	885	195	747	90	117	78	—	5 190
May	2 845	313	892	188	729	93	110	79	—	5 170
June	2 863	311	929	185	762	98	113	74	—	5 261
June quarter	2 850	313	902	189	746	94	113	77	—	5 206
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	5 980	2 543	4 458	1 346	2 089	252	574	109	26	17 268
April	6 052	2 617	4 635	1 344	2 125	271	571	111	33	17 649
May	6 078	2 620	4 608	1 318	2 105	253	567	108	35	17 584
June	6 096	2 677	4 622	1 283	2 177	293	582	106	32	17 763
June quarter	6 075	2 638	4 622	1 315	2 135	272	573	108	34	17 664
Females										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	190	117	191	82	90	8	28	—	4	710
April	199	118	194	81	96	8	29	—	3	728
May	204	125	191	79	98	11	28	—	3	739
June	220	126	187	82	100	13	29	—	4	761
June quarter	208	123	191	81	98	11	29	—	4	743
Open prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	111	27	60	—	60	—	—	7	—	257
April	105	31	81	—	57	—	—	6	—	275
May	121	33	74	—	60	—	—	6	—	287
June	127	34	73	—	59	—	—	6	—	293
June quarter	118	33	76	—	59	—	—	6	—	285
Total prison custody										
1998										
March quarter	300	144	251	82	150	8	28	7	4	967
April	304	149	275	81	153	8	29	6	3	1 002
May	325	158	265	79	158	11	28	6	3	1 026
June	347	160	260	82	159	13	29	6	4	1 055
June quarter	325	156	267	81	157	11	29	6	4	1 028

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AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
Persons										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	3 407	2 370	3 809	1 236	1 489	181	498	34	30	13 020
April	3 410	2 420	3 944	1 230	1 473	189	483	33	37	13 186
May	3 437	2 432	3 907	1 209	1 474	171	485	29	38	13 153
June	3 453	2 493	3 880	1 180	1 516	208	498	32	36	13 263
<i>June quarter</i>	3 433	2 448	3 910	1 206	1 488	189	489	31	37	13 200
Open prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	2 874	318	900	192	750	80	103	82	..	5 216
April	2 946	347	966	195	805	90	117	84	..	5 465
May	2 966	345	966	188	788	93	110	85	..	5 457
June	2 990	345	1 002	185	821	98	113	80	..	5 554
<i>June quarter</i>	2 967	345	978	189	804	94	113	83	..	5 491
Total prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	6 280	2 688	4 709	1 428	2 239	260	601	116	30	18 235
April	6 356	2 767	4 910	1 425	2 278	280	600	117	37	18 651
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RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Males										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	138.9	130.2	283.1	209.9	210.5	99.7	665.3	29.3	22.7	178.5
April	138.3	132.7	292.1	208.7	206.5	104.9	639.5	28.7	28.9	180.1
May	139.2	133.0	289.4	205.3	206.3	92.6	642.8	25.3	30.5	179.5
June	139.2	136.4	287.6	199.5	212.2	112.7	659.8	27.9	28.1	180.7
<i>June quarter</i>	138.9	134.0	289.7	204.5	208.3	103.3	647.3	27.3	29.2	180.1
Open prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	119.3	16.8	65.8	34.9	103.8	46.1	145.9	65.5	..	71.9
April	122.3	18.2	68.9	35.4	112.0	52.2	164.2	67.9	..	75.0
May	122.5	18.0	69.5	34.2	109.2	54.0	154.9	68.8	..	74.7
June	123.3	17.9	72.4	33.6	114.2	56.8	159.5	64.5	..	76.0
<i>June quarter</i>	122.7	18.0	70.2	34.4	111.8	54.4	159.5	67.1	..	75.3
Total prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	258.1	147.0	348.9	244.8	314.4	145.8	811.2	94.8	22.7	250.3
April	260.6	150.9	361.0	244.2	318.5	157.1	803.8	96.7	28.9	255.1
May	261.7	151.0	358.9	239.4	315.5	146.6	797.7	94.1	30.5	254.2
June	262.5	154.3	360.0	233.1	326.3	169.6	819.2	92.3	28.1	256.8
<i>June quarter</i>	261.6	152.1	360.0	238.9	320.1	157.6	806.8	94.4	29.2	255.4
Females										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	7.9	6.4	14.7	14.3	13.5	4.6	44.3	—	3.5	10.0
April	8.3	6.5	14.9	14.1	14.3	4.5	45.8	—	2.9	10.2
May	8.5	6.9	14.7	13.7	14.7	5.8	44.7	—	2.8	10.4
June	9.1	6.9	14.4	14.2	15.0	7.4	47.1	—	3.1	10.7
<i>June quarter</i>	8.6	6.8	14.7	14.0	14.6	5.9	45.9	—	2.9	10.4
Open prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	4.6	1.5	4.6	—	9.0	—	—	5.6	..	3.6
April	4.4	1.7	6.2	—	8.6	—	—	5.1	..	3.9
May	5.0	1.8	5.7	—	8.9	—	—	5.1	..	4.0
June	5.3	1.9	5.6	—	8.8	—	—	5.1	..	4.1
<i>June quarter</i>	4.9	1.8	5.8	—	8.8	—	—	5.1	..	4.0
Total prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	12.5	8.0	19.4	14.3	22.5	4.6	44.3	5.6	3.5	13.6
April	12.6	8.2	21.1	14.1	22.8	4.5	45.8	5.1	2.9	14.1
May	13.5	8.7	20.4	13.7	23.6	5.8	44.7	5.1	2.8	14.4
June	14.4	8.8	20.0	14.2	23.8	7.4	47.1	5.1	3.1	14.8
<i>June quarter</i>	13.5	8.6	20.5	14.0	23.4	5.9	45.9	5.1	2.9	14.4

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RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Persons										
Secure prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	72.2	66.9	148.1	109.9	111.8	51.0	375.1	14.4	13.0	92.9
April	72.1	68.1	152.6	109.2	110.2	53.5	362.4	14.1	15.7	93.9
May	72.7	68.5	151.2	107.4	110.3	48.1	363.6	12.4	16.4	93.6
June	73.0	70.2	150.1	104.8	113.4	58.8	373.7	13.7	15.4	94.4
<i>June quarter</i>	72.6	68.9	151.3	107.1	111.3	53.4	366.5	13.4	15.8	94.0
Open prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	60.9	9.0	35.0	17.0	56.3	22.5	77.7	35.0	..	37.2
April	62.3	9.8	37.4	17.3	60.2	25.5	87.6	36.0	..	38.9
May	62.7	9.7	37.4	16.7	59.0	26.4	82.6	36.4	..	38.8
June	63.2	9.7	38.8	16.4	61.4	27.7	85.0	34.3	..	39.5
<i>June quarter</i>	62.8	9.7	37.8	16.8	60.2	26.5	85.0	35.5	..	39.1
Total prison custody										
1998										
<i>March quarter</i>	133.2	75.9	183.1	127.0	168.2	73.5	452.9	49.5	13.0	130.2
April	134.4	77.9	190.0	126.5	170.4	78.9	449.9	50.1	15.7	132.8
May	135.4	78.2	188.5	124.0	169.3	74.5	446.2	48.8	16.4	132.5
June	136.3	79.9	188.9	121.2	174.8	86.5	458.7	48.0	15.4	133.9
<i>June quarter</i>	135.4	78.6	189.1	123.9	171.5	79.9	451.6	49.0	15.8	133.0

(a) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons and are included in the NSW figures.

(b) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a single count taken on a specific day of the month and are not an average of the daily prisoner population for that month. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(c) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Note 14.

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PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.(b)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT(d)	Aust.
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
Unsented										
1998										
March quarter(e)	1 045	457	473	256	284	31	79	..	28	2 653
April	1 068	439	494	284	280	52	75	..	37	2 729
May	1 057	451	518	262	280	50	82	..	38	2 738
June	1 060	458	511	245	294	56	84	..	36	2 744
June quarter	1 062	449	508	264	285	53	80	..	37	2 737
Sented										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(e)	2	n.a.	157	59	24	2	16	1	..	n.a.
April	1	n.a.	154	28	36	3	17	—	..	262
May	—	n.a.	161	38	39	—	23	—	..	261
June	1	n.a.	151	64	44	—	17	—	..	277
June quarter	1	n.a.	155	43	40	1	19	—	..	267
Other sented										
1998										
March quarter(e)	5 223	n.a.	4 087	1 096	1 924	224	513	105	..	n.a.
April	5 270	2 296	4 165	1 146	1 947	219	498	120	..	15 541
May	5 311	2 298	4 190	1 105	1 948	229	499	117	..	15 580
June	5 382	2 362	4 216	1 066	1 949	233	493	114	..	15 701
June quarter	5 321	2 319	4 190	1 106	1 948	227	497	117	..	15 607
Total sented										
1998										
March quarter(e)	5 225	2 223	4 245	1 154	1 948	226	530	106	..	15 551
April	5 271	2 296	4 319	1 174	1 983	222	515	120	..	15 780
May	5 311	2 298	4 351	1 143	1 987	229	522	117	..	15 841
June	5 383	2 362	4 367	1 130	1 993	233	510	114	..	15 978
June quarter	5 322	2 319	4 346	1 149	1 988	228	516	117	..	15 866
Total										
1998										
March quarter(e)	6 270.3	2 680	4 718	1 410	2 232	258	609	106	28	18 204
April	6 339	2 735	4 813	1 458	2 263	274	590	120	37	18 509
May	6 368	2 749	4 869	1 405	2 267	279	604	117	38	18 579
June	6 443	2 820	4 878	1 375	2 287	289	594	114	36	18 722
June quarter(e)	6 383	2 768	4 853	1 413	2 272	281	596	117	37	18 603

- (a) Persons sented to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons and are included in the NSW figures.
- (b) Numbers of sented prisoners by type of sentence for Vic. are unavailable for this publication—see Explanatory Note 10.
- (c) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.
- (d) Refers to unsented persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Note 14.
- (e) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

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PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type *continued*

<i>Legal status and sentence type</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.(b)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(c)</i>	<i>ACT(d)</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Unsentenced										
1998										
<i>March quarter(e)</i>	22.2	12.9	18.4	22.8	21.3	8.8	59.5	..	12.0	18.9
April	22.6	12.4	19.1	25.2	20.9	14.7	56.3	..	15.7	19.4
May	22.4	12.7	20.0	23.3	20.9	14.1	61.5	..	16.4	19.5
June	22.4	12.9	19.8	21.8	22.0	15.8	63.0	..	15.4	19.5
<i>June quarter</i>	22.5	12.6	19.6	23.4	21.3	14.9	60.3	..	15.8	19.5
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
<i>March quarter(e)</i>	—	<i>n.a.</i>	6.1	5.2	1.8	0.6	12.3	0.4	..	<i>n.a.</i>
April	—	<i>n.a.</i>	6.0	2.5	2.7	0.8	12.8	—	..	1.9
May	—	<i>n.a.</i>	6.2	3.4	2.9	—	17.3	—	..	1.9
June	—	<i>n.a.</i>	5.8	5.7	3.3	—	12.8	—	..	2.0
<i>June quarter</i>	—	<i>n.a.</i>	6.0	3.8	3.0	0.3	14.3	—	..	1.9
Other sentenced										
1998										
<i>March quarter(e)</i>	110.8	<i>n.a.</i>	158.9	97.4	144.5	63.3	386.5	44.9	..	<i>n.a.</i>
April	111.5	64.6	161.1	101.8	145.7	61.8	373.6	51.4	..	110.6
May	112.3	64.7	162.1	98.1	145.7	64.7	374.4	50.1	..	110.9
June	113.8	66.5	163.1	94.7	145.8	65.8	369.9	48.8	..	111.8
<i>June quarter</i>	112.6	65.3	162.1	98.2	145.7	64.1	372.6	50.1	..	111.1
Total sentenced										
1998										
<i>March quarter(e)</i>	110.8	62.7	165.0	102.7	146.4	63.9	398.8	45.4	..	111.0
April	111.5	64.6	167.1	104.2	148.4	62.7	386.4	51.4	..	112.3
May	112.3	64.7	168.3	101.5	148.7	64.7	391.6	50.1	..	112.8
June	113.9	66.5	168.9	100.3	149.1	65.8	382.6	48.8	..	113.7
<i>June quarter</i>	112.6	65.3	168.1	102.0	148.7	64.4	386.9	50.1	..	112.9
Total										
1998										
March quarter(e)	133.0	75.6	183.4	125.4	167.7	72.7	458.3	45.4	12.0	130.0
April	134.1	77.0	186.2	129.5	169.3	77.4	442.6	51.4	15.7	131.7
May	134.7	77.4	188.4	124.8	169.6	78.8	453.2	50.1	16.4	132.2
June	136.3	79.4	188.7	122.1	171.1	81.6	445.6	48.8	15.4	133.3
June quarter(e)	135.0	77.9	187.8	125.4	170.0	79.2	447.1	50.1	15.8	132.4

(a) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons and are included in the NSW figures.

(b) Numbers of sentenced prisoners by type of sentence for Vic. are unavailable for this publication—see Explanatory Note 10.

(c) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(d) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Note 14.

(e) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

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SENTENCED RECEPTIONS INTO PRISON CUSTODY, By Type of Sentence

Sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.(b)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)	ACT	Aust.
NUMBER										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	9	828	454	109	36	190	1	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	6	261	130	38	17	86	—	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	4	225	130	41	16	65	—	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	8	212	87	38	30	67	1	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	18	698	347	117	63	218	1	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	567	2 315	448	585	114	239	42	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	205	750	150	194	45	80	10	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	210	693	135	175	71	81	6	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	228	605	158	239	89	85	10	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	643	2 048	443	608	205	246	26	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	576	3 143	902	694	150	429	43	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	211	1 011	280	232	62	166	10	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	214	918	265	216	87	146	6	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	236	817	245	277	119	152	11	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	661	2 746	790	725	268	464	27	..	n.a.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	0.3	32.2	40.4	8.2	10.2	143.1	0.4	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	0.2	10.1	11.5	2.8	4.8	64.5	—	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	0.1	8.7	11.5	3.1	4.5	48.8	—	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	0.2	8.2	7.7	2.8	8.5	50.3	0.4	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	0.5	27.0	30.8	8.8	17.8	163.6	0.4	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	16.0	90.0	39.8	43.9	32.2	180.0	18.0	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	5.8	29.0	13.3	14.5	12.7	60.0	4.3	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	5.9	26.8	12.0	13.1	20.0	60.8	2.6	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	6.4	23.4	14.0	17.9	25.1	63.8	4.3	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	18.1	79.2	39.3	45.5	57.9	184.6	11.1	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter	n.a.	16.3	122.2	80.2	52.1	42.3	323.0	18.4	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	5.9	39.1	24.9	17.4	17.5	124.5	4.3	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	6.0	35.5	23.5	16.2	24.6	109.5	2.6	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	6.6	31.6	21.8	20.7	33.6	114.0	4.7	..	n.a.
June quarter	n.a.	18.6	106.2	70.1	54.2	75.7	348.1	11.6	..	n.a.

(a) Numbers of sentenced receptions for NSW are unavailable for this publication—see Explanatory Note 10.

(b) Persons reclassified from unsentenced to sentenced status during the month are not included in the reception figures for Vic. Information on sentenced receptions for Vic. is therefore not comparable with information for other States and Territories.

(c) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Note 14.

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INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Sex(a)(b)

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
Males										
1998										
<i>March quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	988	198	685	24	422	2	5	<i>n.a.</i>
April	<i>n.a.</i>	129	1 026	206	683	29	412	2	2	<i>n.a.</i>
May	<i>n.a.</i>	119	1 015	205	685	26	400	2	5	<i>n.a.</i>
June	<i>n.a.</i>	116	1 008	223	680	28	409	2	5	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>June quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	121	1 016	211	683	28	407	2	4	<i>n.a.</i>
Females										
1998										
<i>March quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	70	12	72	1	19	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
April	<i>n.a.</i>	4	63	16	69	2	19	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
May	<i>n.a.</i>	6	69	16	64	2	18	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
June	<i>n.a.</i>	6	67	19	67	3	17	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>June quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	5	66	17	67	2	18	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
Persons										
1998										
<i>March quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	1 058	210	757	26	441	2	5	<i>n.a.</i>
April	<i>n.a.</i>	133	1 089	222	752	31	431	2	2	<i>n.a.</i>
May	<i>n.a.</i>	125	1 084	221	749	28	418	2	5	<i>n.a.</i>
June	<i>n.a.</i>	122	1 075	242	747	31	426	2	5	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>June quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	127	1 083	228	749	30	425	2	4	<i>n.a.</i>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION										
Males										
1998										
<i>March quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	3 567.6	3 409.1	4 658.3	603.2	2 917.8	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
April	<i>n.a.</i>	1 973.7	3 518.6	3 469.8	4 457.9	679.3	2 706.8	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
May	<i>n.a.</i>	1 820.7	3 480.9	3 452.9	4 471.0	609.0	2 628.0	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
June	<i>n.a.</i>	1 774.8	3 456.9	3 756.1	4 438.4	655.9	2 687.1	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>June quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	1 856.4	3 485.5	3 559.6	4 455.8	648.1	2 673.9	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
Females										
1998										
<i>March quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	231.6	195.6	458.1	<i>n.p.</i>	121.2	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
April	<i>n.a.</i>	58.3	198.0	243.4	421.4	43.9	118.1	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
May	<i>n.a.</i>	87.4	216.8	243.4	390.8	43.9	111.9	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
June	<i>n.a.</i>	87.4	210.5	289.1	409.2	65.8	105.7	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>June quarter</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	77.7	208.4	258.6	407.1	51.2	111.9	—	—	<i>n.a.</i>
Persons										
1998										
<i>March quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	1 826.6	1 736.4	2 488.8	308.0	1 475.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
April	<i>n.a.</i>	992.5	1 785.7	1 774.6	2 372.5	351.2	1 376.8	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
May	<i>n.a.</i>	932.8	1 777.5	1 766.6	2 363.1	317.2	1 335.3	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
June	<i>n.a.</i>	910.5	1 762.7	1 934.5	2 356.8	351.2	1 360.9	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.p.</i>	<i>n.a.</i>
<i>June quarter(f)</i>	<i>n.a.</i>	945.3	1 775.3	1 825.2	2 364.1	339.9	1 357.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

(a) Some rates and ratios in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Note 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes 11 to 13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February, are unavailable—see Explanatory Note 10.

(d) The ACT in NSW figures refer to ACT sentenced prisoners held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Note 14.

(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Note 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

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INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Sex(a)(b) *continued*

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
RATIO OF INDIGENOUS TO NON-INDIGENOUS RATES OF IMPRISONMENT										
Males										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	12.9	16.4	21.6	4.5	10.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
April	n.a.	13.8	12.5	16.2	20.4	4.8	9.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
May	n.a.	12.7	12.2	16.7	20.4	4.2	8.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June	n.a.	12.1	12.1	19.1	20.0	4.5	9.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	12.9	12.3	17.3	20.3	4.5	9.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Females										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	14.8	17.4	39.4	n.p.	6.1	—	—	n.a.
April	n.a.	7.7	12.6	20.4	31.6	15.5	7.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
May	n.a.	11.0	13.7	25.2	28.7	11.1	4.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June	n.a.	10.4	13.0	26.5	28.4	11.6	3.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	9.7	13.1	24.0	29.6	12.8	5.4	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Persons										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	12.6	16.2	22.0	4.6	9.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
April	n.a.	13.5	12.1	16.0	20.5	5.0	8.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
May	n.a.	12.6	11.9	16.6	20.3	4.4	7.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June	n.a.	11.9	11.7	19.0	20.0	4.7	8.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	12.7	11.9	17.2	20.3	4.7	8.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

- (a) Some rates and ratios in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Note 22.
- (b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes 11 to 13.
- (c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February, are unavailable—see Explanatory Note 10.
- (d) The ACT in NSW figures refer to ACT sentenced prisoners held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Note 14.
- (e) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Note 14.
- (f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

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INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type(a)(b)

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
Unsentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	87	51	93	3	44	..	5	n.a.
April	n.a.	22	101	57	84	8	47	..	2	n.a.
May	n.a.	23	113	55	84	6	55	..	5	n.a.
June	n.a.	21	110	52	96	7	49	..	5	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	22	108	55	88	7	50	..	4	n.a.
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	46	15	12	—	12	—	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	n.a.	44	9	16	—	16	—	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	n.a.	49	10	18	1	16	—	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	n.a.	34	22	15	1	11	—	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	42	14	16	1	14	—	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	925	145	652	23	385	2	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	111	944	156	652	23	368	2	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	102	922	156	647	21	347	2	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	101	931	168	636	23	366	2	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	105	932	160	645	22	360	2	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	971	159	664	23	397	2	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	111	988	165	668	23	384	2	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	102	971	166	665	22	363	2	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	101	965	190	651	24	377	2	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	105	975	174	661	23	375	2	..	n.a.
Total										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 058	210	757	26	441	2	5	n.a.
April	n.a.	133	1 089	222	752	31	431	2	2	n.a.
May	n.a.	125	1 084	221	749	28	418	2	5	n.a.
June	n.a.	122	1 075	242	747	31	426	2	5	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	127	1 083	228	749	30	425	2	4	n.a.

(a) Some rates in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Note 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes 11 to 13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February, are unavailable—see Explanatory Note 10.

(d) The ACT in NSW figures refer to ACT sentenced prisoners held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Note 14.

(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in prison custody—see Explanatory Note 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

6 INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type(a)(b) *continued*

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.
RATES PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION										
Unsentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	149.7	421.0	306.7	32.0	146.2	..	n.p.	n.a.
April	n.a.	164.2	165.6	455.6	265.0	90.6	150.1	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
May	n.a.	171.6	185.3	439.7	265.0	68.0	175.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June	n.a.	156.7	180.4	415.7	302.9	79.3	156.5	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	164.2	177.1	437.0	277.6	79.3	160.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
Sentenced										
Fine default only										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	80.0	121.1	40.5	—	40.2	—	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	n.a.	72.2	71.9	50.5	—	51.1	—	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	n.a.	80.3	79.9	56.8	11.3	51.1	—	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	n.a.	55.8	175.9	47.3	11.3	35.1	—	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	69.4	109.2	51.5	7.6	45.8	—	..	n.a.
Other sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 596.9	1 194.3	2 141.6	276.0	1 289.0	n.p.	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	828.4	1 547.9	1 247.0	2 057.0	260.6	1 175.6	n.p.	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	761.2	1 511.8	1 247.0	2 041.3	237.9	1 108.5	n.p.	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	753.7	1 526.6	1 342.9	2 006.6	260.6	1 169.2	n.p.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	781.1	1 528.8	1 279.0	2 035.0	253.0	1 151.1	n.p.	..	n.a.
Total sentenced										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 676.9	1 315.4	2 182.1	276.0	1 329.1	n.p.	..	n.a.
April	n.a.	828.4	1 620.0	1 318.9	2 107.5	260.6	1 226.7	n.p.	..	n.a.
May	n.a.	761.2	1 592.2	1 326.9	2 098.1	249.3	1 159.6	n.p.	..	n.a.
June	n.a.	753.7	1 582.3	1 518.8	2 053.9	271.9	1 204.3	n.p.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	781.1	1 598.2	1 388.2	2 086.5	260.6	1 196.9	n.p.	..	n.a.
Total										
1998										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 826.6	1 736.4	2 488.9	308.0	1 475.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
April	n.a.	992.5	1 785.7	1 774.6	2 372.5	351.2	1 376.8	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
May	n.a.	932.8	1 777.5	1 766.6	2 363.1	317.2	1 335.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June	n.a.	910.5	1 762.7	1 934.5	2 356.8	351.2	1 360.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	945.3	1 775.3	1 825.2	2 364.1	339.9	1 357.7	n.p.	n.p.	n.a.

- (a) Some rates in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Note 22.
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- (d) The ACT in NSW figures refer to ACT sentenced prisoners held in NSW prisons—see Explanatory Note 14.
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- (f) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated on a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

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PERSONS IN PERIODIC DETENTION(a)

Sex	NSW	ACT	Aust.
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER			
Males			
1998			
<i>March quarter</i>	1 381	73	1 454
April	1 389	72	1 461
May	1 348	73	1 421
June	1 278	71	1 349
<i>June quarter</i>	1 338	72	1 410
Females			
1998			
<i>March quarter</i>	128	4	132
April	131	5	136
May	127	5	132
June	115	6	121
<i>June quarter</i>	124	5	130
Persons			
1998			
March quarter	1 509	77	1 586
April	1 520	77	1 597
May	1 475	78	1 553
June	1 393	77	1 470
June quarter	1 463	77	1 540

RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION			
Males			
1998			
<i>March quarter</i>	59.6	63.5	21.1
April	59.8	62.7	21.1
May	58.0	63.2	20.5
June	55.0	61.9	19.5
<i>June quarter</i>	57.6	62.6	20.4
Females			
1998			
<i>March quarter</i>	5.3	3.7	1.9
April	5.5	4.2	1.9
May	5.3	4.4	1.9
June	4.8	5.1	1.7
<i>June quarter</i>	5.2	4.6	1.8
Persons			
1998			
March quarter	32.0	33.1	11.3
April	32.2	33.0	11.4
May	31.2	33.3	11.1
June	29.5	33.0	10.5
June quarter	30.9	33.1	11.0

(a) See Glossary for definition of Periodic Detention. In 1998 this was a type of custody used only in NSW and the ACT.

NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH.....

Sex	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Males									
1998									
March quarter(b)	235	55	69	23	56	3	12	4	456
April	234	53	80	22	65	6	18	3	481
May	235	51	76	22	65	3	17	3	472
June	239	50	82	23	59	3	18	4	478
June quarter(b)	236	51	79	22	63	4	18	3	477
Females									
1998									
March quarter(b)	22	5	10	2	9	1	—	1	50
April	21	4	10	3	8	1	—	1	48
May	21	5	10	4	8	1	—	1	50
June	20	5	10	6	7	1	—	1	50
June quarter(b)	21	5	10	4	8	1	—	1	49
Persons									
1998									
March quarter(b)	258	59	79	25	64	4	12	5	506
April	255	57	90	25	73	7	18	4	529
May	256	56	86	26	73	4	17	4	522
June	259	55	92	29	66	4	18	5	528
June quarter(b)	257	56	89	27	71	5	18	4	526

(a) See glossary for definition of federal sentenced prisoner. 'ACT-NSW' in other tables refers to prisoners held in NSW and sentenced in the ACT. This table shows prisoners by the State or Territory in which they were sentenced, not where they were held in custody, so 'ACT-NSW' is not shown here.

(b) Figures for the quarter for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Note 5.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents monthly and quarterly statistical series on persons held in adult corrective services custody in Australia. It contains data on the number of persons in prison custody by their legal status and sentence type, the number of sentenced persons received into prison each month, the number of Indigenous persons in prison custody by their legal status and sentence type, and the number of federal prisoners each month.

2 Statistics presented in this publication are compiled in three ways:

- Average daily prisoner population: Counts taken on each day of the month are summed and divided by the number of days in that month to determine the average daily prisoner population for that month. The average daily periodic detainee population is a count of persons on periodic detention on each day a centre is open, divided by the number of days a centre is open.
- Sentenced prisoner reception figures: Counts are taken of the number of receptions where a prisoner is received as a sentenced prisoner plus the number of changes of legal status from unsentenced to sentenced.
- First day of the month prisoner population: Counts of prisoner populations, taken on or near the first day of the month (see Explanatory Note 4).

3 Statistics in this publication are derived from administrative systems maintained by State and Territory corrective services agencies. Although national standards and classifications are used in the compilation of these statistics, some discrepancies remain between the States and Territories. These are due to legislative and procedural differences between jurisdictions. As part of its development strategy, the ABS is working with corrective services agencies to minimise the effect of these differences.

REFERENCE PERIOD/DATE

4 For the average daily prisoner population and the sentenced prisoner receptions counts, the reference period is the complete reference month. For all other information in the publication, the reference date is the first day of the month. However, not all States and Territories report strictly according to this 'first day of the month' rule:

- The Western Australian and Victorian prison population and Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons are counted as at midnight on the last day of the month. In these cases the figures provided are taken to represent the prison population at the beginning of the following month to align with practices in other States and Territories.
- The New South Wales prison population is counted on the first Sunday of the month.

5 Calculation of figures for the entire quarter varies depending on the counting unit and method of counting prisoners:

- Average daily figures: Quarterly figures are calculated by weighting the average according to the number of days in each month.
- First day of the month: Quarterly figures are simple averages, i.e. the figures for each month are added and the total is divided by three.
- Sentenced receptions: Quarterly figures are totals of each month.

SCOPE

6 The scope of the statistics in this publication includes all persons remanded or sentenced to adult custodial corrective services agencies in each State and Territory in Australia.

7 In all States and Territories except New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, persons remanded or sentenced to adult custody are aged 17 years and over. Persons under 17 years are treated as juveniles in most Australian courts and are not remanded or sentenced to custody in adult prisons, other than in exceptional circumstances. However, in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia 'adult' refers to persons aged 18 years and over.

8 The statistics include persons in WORCs and CCCs in Queensland. In Table 1 these persons have been counted on a first day of the month basis from April to December 1997. However the figures in the rest of the table, and the rest of persons in prison custody in Queensland, were counted on a daily average basis.

DATA SOURCE

9 Statistics in this publication are derived from information collected by the ABS from administrative records held by corrective services agencies within each State and Territory. Statistics on federal prisoners are derived from records kept by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

10 Statistics marked 'n.a.' in tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not available for inclusion in this publication. New South Wales Department of Corrective Services recently purchased a new computer system, and will undertake programming work to enable provision of counts of sentenced receptions and Indigenous persons in custody at some stage in the future. Staff in the Victorian Office of the Correctional Services Commissioner are currently updating their computer system to enable counting of sentenced persons in custody by whether fine default only or other sentenced. The Victorian computer system was modified to produce counts of Indigenous persons in February 1998, enabling the numbers for the first day of March to be provided. The January figures were counted manually.

INDIGENOUS IDENTIFICATION

11 In all States and Territories persons are asked whether they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders during entry into custody. It is uncommon for corrective services agencies to collect Indigenous status information from sources other than the person's own identification.

12 Some persons in custody are recorded as of unknown Indigenous status on corrective services agencies' information systems, but unknown Indigenous status has not been provided for this collection. It is intended that unknown Indigenous status will be collected from these systems in future.

13 Table 5 shows the ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous rates of imprisonment. To derive these figures the rates per 100,000 adult non-Indigenous population were calculated as if all those persons not identified as Indigenous are non-Indigenous.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PRISONERS

14 The Australian Capital Territory has a detention centre for unsentenced prisoners and a periodic detention centre, but does not have a facility to hold persons sentenced to full-time custody. Persons sentenced to full-time custody in Australian Capital Territory criminal courts are held in New South Wales prisons. To provide greater understanding of the number of prisoners attributed to the Australian Capital Territory while presenting an accurate picture of the New South Wales prisoner population, statistics relating to Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons are presented as a subset of the New South Wales figures.

RATES AND RATIOS

15 Imprisonment rates enable comparison of prisoner numbers across States and Territories. Prisoner rates are expressed per 100,000 adult population, which is in accord with international and State and Territory practice.

16 For the purpose of this publication the population figures used in the calculation of rates are for persons aged 17 years and over for all States and Territories except New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia where the population used is persons aged 18 and over (see Explanatory Note 6).

17 Rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication are based on revised projections for 30 June 1998 (refer *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population* (Cat. no. 3231.0)) These projections are in turn based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

18 Two series of these projections have been published. The so-called "higher series" takes into account a possible change in propensity for people to identify themselves as Indigenous since the last Population Census and estimates this from the last inter-censal period. The lower series assumes no such change has taken place since 1996. The lower of the two series was used in calculating rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication. This is because, in discussions with representatives of Corrective Services agencies, it was felt that the propensity to identify as Indigenous has not increased to the same extent in the prison environment as might have occurred in the wider community.

19 Rates for the total prisoner population are calculated using the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) for each of the States and Territories (refer ABS *Estimated Resident Population by Sex and Age, States and Territories of Australia* (Cat. no. 3201.0)). As the population changes over time the denominator used for the calculation of rates will vary, depending on the reference period. The following shows the reference periods and the related ERP data for this issue:

<i>Reference Period</i>	<i>ERP Data</i>
April to June 1997	June quarter 1997
July 1997 to March 1998	September quarter 1997
April to June 1998	December quarter 1997

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RATES AND RATIOS *continued*

20 The ratio of imprisonment rates of Indigenous persons to non-Indigenous persons is calculated by dividing the Indigenous imprisonment rate for each period and State or Territory by the corresponding non-Indigenous imprisonment rate.

21 The ratio indicates the extent to which the imprisonment rates of Indigenous persons exceed the imprisonment rates of non-Indigenous persons. A ratio of 20:1 indicates that, for the given State or Territory, the imprisonment rate of Indigenous persons per 100,000 adult population is 20 times that of the imprisonment rate of non-Indigenous persons.

22 In some instances Indigenous rates and ratios have not been published. Where this occurs, the cell concerned contains the symbol 'n.p.'. This happens where, firstly, the number of persons in custody is less than 10, and secondly, where the population on which the rate is calculated is less than 5000. This has been done because such rates and ratios vary widely from month to month with small variations in numbers of persons. They therefore give an inaccurate reflection of the relative involvement of Indigenous persons in custody.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CCC	Community Custody Centre
ERP	Estimated resident population
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not published
NCSSU	National Corrective Services Statistics Unit
WORC	Work Outreach Camp
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

Where figures have been rounded discrepancies may occur between the sum of component items and the total.

GLOSSARY

Custody	Confinement in a place intended primarily for the purpose of confining prisoners, such as a prison, prison farm, Periodic Detention Centre or CCC.
Federal sentenced prisoner	Persons charged and sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. For the purposes of this publication federal sentenced prisoners are those persons who are recognised by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department as having been charged and sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. Federal sentenced prisoners are counted by the State or Territory in which they were sentenced, not where they were held in custody.
Fine default only	A sentence type indicating that, at the time, the prisoner is serving a sentence for default of a fine and nothing else.
Indigenous prisoner	A prisoner who identifies as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
Legal status	The legal status of an offender reflects the warrant(s) or court order(s) which provide the legal basis for the detention in custody of the offender.
Open prison custody	A custodial regime for managing prisoners which does not require them to be confined by a secure perimeter physical barrier, irrespective of whether a physical barrier exists.
Other sentenced	A sentence type indicating that, at the time, a person is serving a sentence other than, or in addition to, a fine default sentence.
Periodic detention	A type of custody where a sentenced prisoner is required to be held in custody for two consecutive days in a one-week period.
Prison custody	A type of custody where a prisoner is required to be held in custody on a full-time basis.
Prisoner	A person held in custody. For the purposes of this collection, prisoners are those whose confinement is the responsibility of a corrective services agency.
Secure prison custody	A custodial regime for managing prisoners that requires them to be confined by a secure physical barrier.
Sentenced	A legal status indicating that a person has received a custodial order from a court in response to a conviction for a criminal offence.
Sentenced prisoner reception	<p>Includes persons who enter prison from the community, having received a sentence of imprisonment as an outcome of a court proceeding. It also includes persons who are sentenced to prison while in custody on remand (i.e. change status from a remand to a sentenced prisoner). Sentenced prisoners in custody who receive a further sentence of imprisonment are not counted as sentenced receptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A <i>fine default only</i> reception is a sentenced reception where a person enters custody as a result of defaulting on the payment of a fine.▪ An <i>other sentenced reception</i> is a sentenced reception (including changes of status from unsentenced to sentenced) for anything other than a fine default only reception. <p>Note that Victorian reception figures do not include prisoners who change status from unsentenced to sentenced in the period.</p>
Unsentenced	A legal status indicating that a person is confined to custody while awaiting the outcome of their trial. Some sentenced prisoners are also remanded in custody, i.e. are unsentenced, in relation to other offences pending a court hearing. In such cases, these prisoners are counted as sentenced.

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