



RECORDED CRIME - OFFENDERS, SELECTED STATES AND TERRITORIES

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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION	This publication presents for the first time statistics relating to offenders who were proceeded against by police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, for all states and territories, except Western Australia. These statistics describe the characteristics of the offender, including the principal offence for which offenders are proceeded against. Data are also presented on the number of police initiated court actions against offenders during the reference period.
INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS	The statistics contained in this publication are derived from administrative systems maintained by state and territory police. Data have been compiled according to national standards in order to maximise consistency between the states and territories. The Explanatory Notes, Appendices and Glossary provide detailed information on the data sources, counting rules and terminology, classifications and other technical aspects associated with this collection.
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides an introduction to the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection and how it fits within the criminal justice system. Chapter 2 presents a summary view of offenders proceeded against by police for the seven available states and territories. Chapters 3-9 present selected data about offenders for each of the respective states and territories, except Western Australia. Indigenous data are available only for New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

The levels and effects of criminal activity within the community and the perceptions that people hold of their safety are issues that impact directly on the quality of people's lives. The criminal justice system is society's formal response to crime. Key functions of the criminal justice system include administering justice, preventing crime and promoting personal and community safety, including confidence in law and order.

A key policy driver in the area of crime and justice is the need for effective and efficient administration of justice. Australian states and territories are primarily responsible for the direct provision of services, such as dealing with offenders via the criminal justice system through the administration of state and territory laws and correctional services.

Criminal justice statistical information is useful to decision making, research, policy development and implementation in criminal justice, as well as the community as a whole. The availability of national comparable data that covers the criminal justice system is critical in providing an evidence base to benchmark and analyse the relative effectiveness and efficiencies of the system. This information is a critical factor in developing and evaluating responses to crime, establishing whether different responses are required for different population groups, determining best practice and developing strategies to enhance community safety.

National comparable data can provide an evidence base to key policy questions such as:

- What is the prevalence of crime in Australian society?
- How effective is the criminal justice system as a whole in reducing crime?
- What are the characteristics of the victims and offenders who come into contact with the criminal justice system?
- What are the characteristics of vulnerable groups in Australian society?
- How many offenders return to the system? Who are they?

MEASURING CRIME AND CRIMINAL OFFENDING

Crime is a product of the surrounding social environment and its occurrence is influenced by the complex interplay of environmental, social and person-level factors, as well as the policies of particular governments. These contextual factors interact in the lead-up to, commission of, and consequences of a criminal event.

Victimisation

Concepts relating to crime and justice can be challenging to measure and there are a number of ways information can be generated. Not all of the characteristics of crime can be measured adequately from data sourced from administrative agencies; alternative sources such as survey data collected from households or case studies can provide a more in-depth understanding of the complex factors related to crime.

Administrative data, whilst useful, has limitations. Data about crime are based on reported incidents to police agencies, however not all crimes come to the attention of police. The type of offence committed, the victim's perception of its seriousness and the police's ability to take action influence whether an incident is reported. Some offences are also very difficult to detect.

Data about crime victimisation is also measured via ABS household surveys which provides direct reports from members of the public about their experiences of a selected range of personal and household crimes. Crime victimisation surveys generally will have higher victimisation rates than data sourced from police agencies.

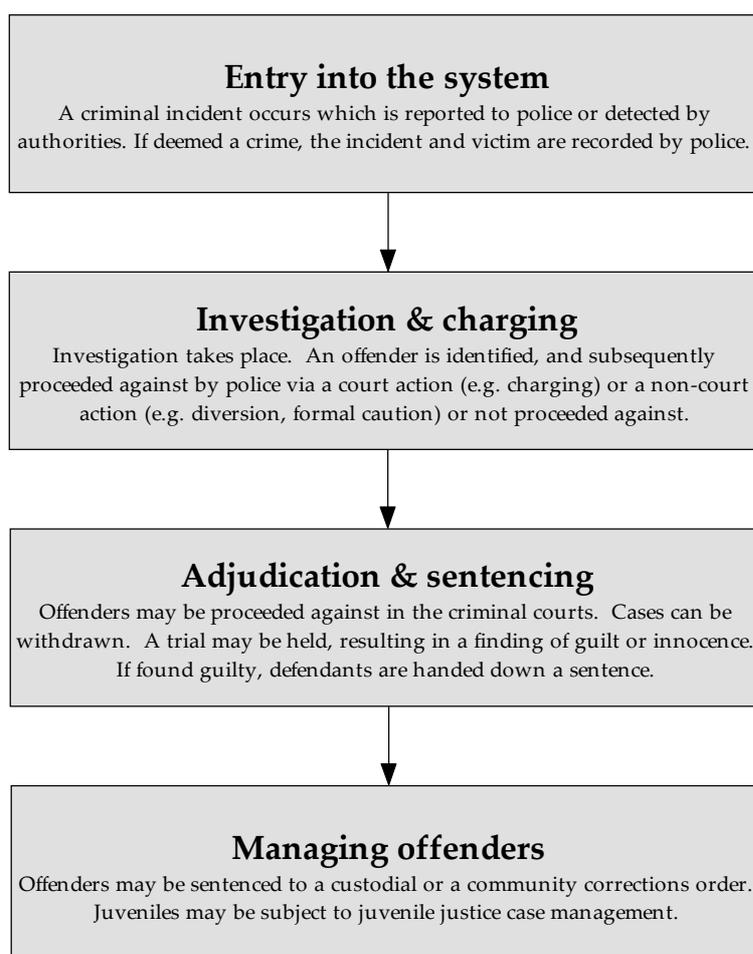
Neither administrative data nor survey data provide a definitive measure of crime victimisation, but together these sources provide a more comprehensive picture of crime victimisation than either measure alone.

FLows THROUGH THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM

The criminal justice system can be considered as a complex series of stages, each comprising one or more particular processes that together make up the justice system as a whole. The system can operate in both a sequential and consequential manner. Offenders and defendants generally move through the system in one direction, however alternative pathways for offenders through the system may be offered via diversionary programs.

With the introduction of the offenders collection, the ABS national statistical collections sourced from police, criminal courts and corrective services administrative agencies now provide a snapshot of victims and offenders flowing through the four main stages or processes of the criminal justice system. These stages include: 'Entry into the criminal justice system'; 'Investigation and charging'; 'Adjudication and sentencing' and 'Managing offenders' which are illustrated in the following diagram. A more detailed diagram of the flows through the criminal justice system can be found in the ABS *National Criminal Justice Statistical Framework*, (cat. no. 4525.0).

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DATA ABOUT THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM

This new collection of statistics about offenders in the criminal justice system joins existing collections about victims, defendants appearing in the criminal courts and people under the supervision of corrective services agencies. With the addition of this new data, the ABS can now provide a more complete view of victims and offenders as they move through the four main stages of the criminal justice system. Information about juveniles under justice supervision is available from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Data from the national ABS collections are published in the following sources:

- *Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia* (cat. no. 4510.0)
- *Criminal Courts, Australia* (cat. no. 4513.0)
- *Prisoners in Australia* (cat. no. 4517.0)
- *Corrective Services, Australia* (cat.no. 4512.0)

Linkages and limitations

Although snapshot views of both victims and offenders who come into contact with the criminal justice system are now available, the data sourced from these collections are not inter-linked and therefore not strictly comparable across the collections. They do not, for instance, enable the matching of a victim, offender or a specific incident through the criminal justice system. It is currently not possible to identify the same offender moving through the justice system nationally across the police, courts and corrective services sectors due to limitations in the availability of unique person identifiers.

*Linkages and limitations
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There are strong links between victims and offenders recorded by police in their administrative systems as once a victim is recorded by police an investigation may ensue which could result, although not always, in an offender being proceeded against by police. However, a number of limitations exist between the offenders collection and data from the Recorded Crime - Victims collection:

- data cannot be directly linked;
- the counting units vary as the concept of a principal offence is not applied in the victims collection. Victims may be counted more than once if multiple offences reside in different ASOC divisions;
- the reference period used in the victims collection is based on a calendar year, while the offenders collection is based on a financial year;
- police may detect offending without a victim reporting a crime, or in the instances of 'victimless' crime, such as illicit drug offences or regulatory offences. These are excluded from the victims collection; and
- statistics about victims of assault and sexual assault are not strictly comparable across the jurisdictions in the victims collection. As a result, comparisons should not be made using assault and sexual assault counts from both collections. For more information about the victims collection, refer to *Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia* (cat no. 4510.0).

Despite these differences broad comparisons can be made between the two collections.

RECORDED CRIME -
OFFENDERS COLLECTION

Data from this new collection provide a measure of the number of offenders who come into contact with the criminal justice system at an early stage of the process - that is, the 'Investigation and charging' stage. Following the recording of a crime as reported by a victim or detected by a police officer, the criminal incident moves to an investigation phase. Decisions are made as to whether or not an offender will be proceeded against by police.

This publication presents statistics about alleged offenders aged 10 years and over who were proceeded against by police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, for all states and territories, except Western Australia. This is the first issue of what is intended to become an annual series of Recorded Crime - Offender statistics.

Data for Western Australia are not yet available as the data cannot be extracted to meet the statistical requirements of the offenders collection. Therefore, national data are not yet available from this collection, however, it is expected that national data will become available in the future.

The statistics are based on data extracted from the administrative records of state and territory police agencies. National statistics require a level of uniformity when compiling data from different states and territories. Data from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection have been compiled according to national standards and classifications (see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 19–23).

Responsibility for policing largely resides with individual Australian state and territory governments, therefore different legislative offences and practices may exist across jurisdictions. National standards and classifications are used to produce comparable data about offenders across jurisdictions, however, there will be genuine differences in data across jurisdictions for some offence types as the data largely reflects the administrative

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OFFENDERS COLLECTION
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processes of police agencies in dealing with alleged offenders. Furthermore, the range of court and non-court actions available to police when proceeding against offenders may vary across jurisdictions. Public order, property damage and justice offences will differ in Victoria from other jurisdictions as Victorian penalty notices data were not included. For more information about the differences across jurisdictions refer to paragraphs 33–38 of the Explanatory Notes.

Offender counts

An offender is only counted once regardless of how many times he or she may have been dealt with by police during the reference period for the data relating to the profile of offenders. For example, if an offender committed an offence on two different dates during the financial year and police proceeded against the offender for each separate incident, the offender would only be counted once.

Principal offence

The offence categories referred to in this publication relate to an offender's most serious offence, known as the 'principal' offence. For example, an offender committing multiple offences within the same incident (e.g. assault and theft) and only on one occasion during the reference period, would be assigned a principal offence based on the most serious offence type using an ordinal ranking from the National Offence Index (NOI). In this instance, the principal offence would be assault. The same method applies to offenders committing multiple offences on different dates during the financial year. All offences committed by the offender during the financial year are reviewed and one principal offence is assigned to each offender based on the most serious offence.

Offence information is presented for all divisions of the Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC), except for Division 14 - Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Regulatory Offences, Subdivision 041- Dangerous or negligent operation of a vehicle and Group 1512 - Breach of bail.

For further information about the scope, methodology, classification of offences and definitions used in this publication see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 3–7, 9–17 and 19–23, and the glossary.

For ease of reading, some terms have been abbreviated throughout this publication. The term 'and related offences' has been omitted for the following offences: homicide and related offences; sexual assault and related offences, abduction and related offences; robbery, extortion and related offences; theft and related offences; and deception and related offences.

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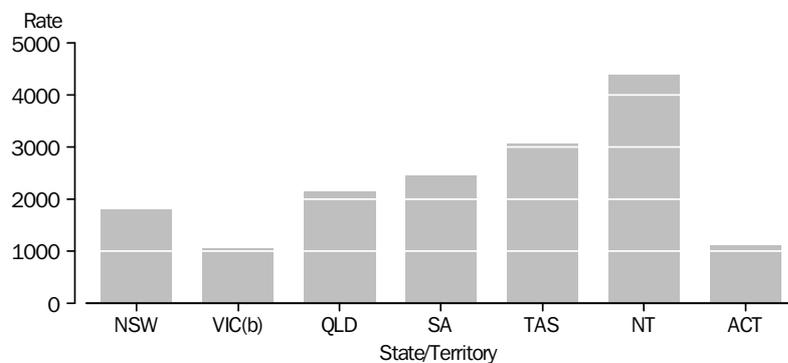
This chapter presents summary statistics for all states and territories, except Western Australia, about alleged offenders aged 10 years and over who were proceeded against by police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. The statistics provide a profile of the principal offence for which an offender was proceeded against by police, as well as the characteristics of the offender (age and sex). Indigenous data are only presented for New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Information is also provided about the number of police initiated court proceedings.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3–7 and 9–17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

There were a total of 295,642 offenders proceeded against by police during 2007–08 in Australia, excluding Western Australia. The rate of offenders dealt with by police ranged from 1,050 offenders per 100,000 people aged 10 years and over in Victoria to 4,372 offenders per 100,000 people aged 10 years and over in the Northern Territory.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected states and territories

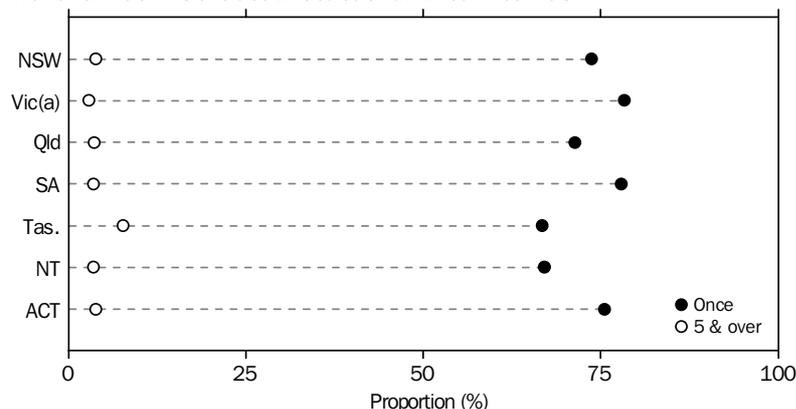


(a) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
 (b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

Repeat offenders

In all states and territories, the majority of offenders were proceeded against by police only once during 2007–08. This ranged from 67% in Tasmania to 78% in Victoria. Tasmania had the highest proportion of offenders who were proceeded against 5 times or more (8% of offenders).

OFFENDERS, Proportion who were proceeded against once and 5 or more times—Selected states and territories

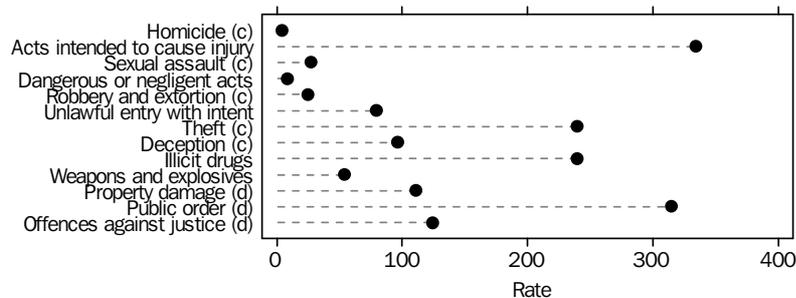


(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The most prevalent principal offences across the published states and territories for offenders were: acts intended to cause injury, public order, theft and illicit drugs, although the actual ranking of principal offence types differed slightly across the states and territories.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by combined selected states and territories (b)



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(b) Excludes Western Australia.

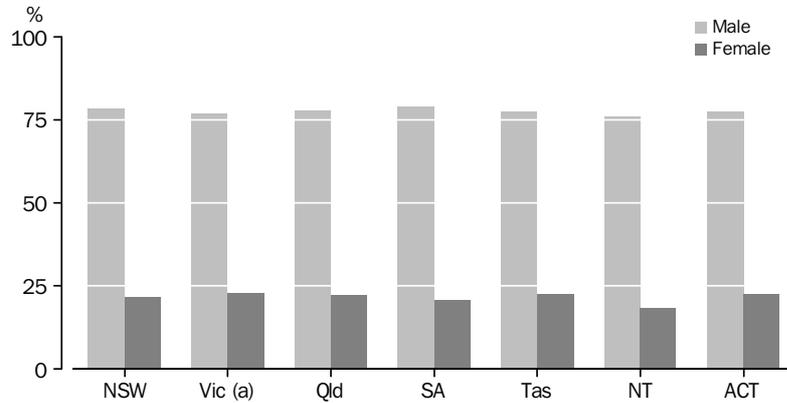
(c) Includes related offences.

(d) Excludes Victorian penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

SEX

There was a high level of consistency across all states and territories in terms of the sex profile of offenders. Males accounted for more than three out of every four offenders for all states and territories, ranging from 76% in the Northern Territory to 79% in South Australia.

OFFENDERS, Sex by selected states and territories

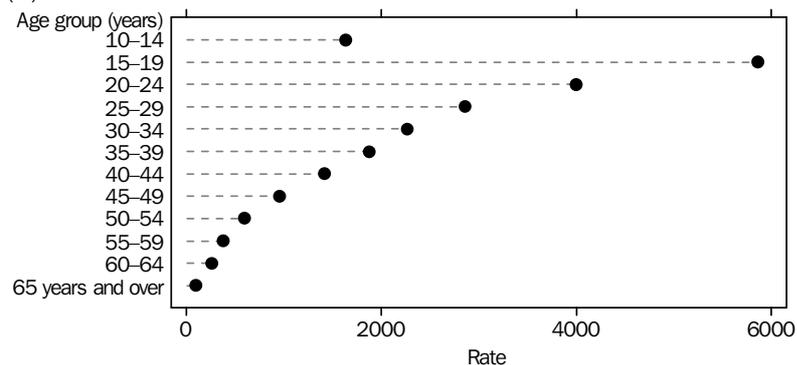


(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

AGE

The offenders age displayed similar patterns across the various states and territories. Offenders aged 15 to 19 years consistently accounted for the largest proportion of total offenders for each of the states and territories, ranging from 17% in the Northern Territory to 32% in the Australian Capital Territory. The Australian Capital Territory had the highest proportion of offenders aged less than 20 years (41%), followed by New South Wales (37%). The lowest proportion of offenders aged less than 20 years was in the Northern Territory at 22%. Offending rates decreased in a fairly consistent manner as the offender's age increased.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by combined selected states and territories (b)



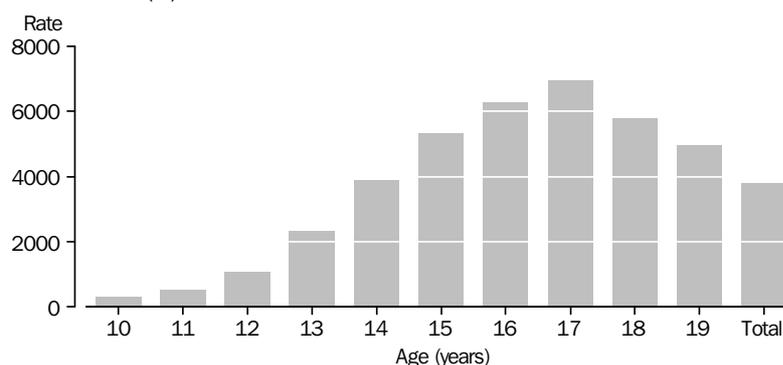
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).

(b) Excludes Western Australia and penalty notices for Victoria (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

YOUTH OFFENDERS

The following graph shows a noticeable increase in offender rates after the age of 12 years. A person aged 13 years had more than twice the offending rate than 12 year olds. The increase in offender rates continued until the offender rates peaked in the later teenage years; for combined states and territories this was at 17 years of age (6,968 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 17 years). The peak offender rate ranged between 16 to 18 years across the different states and territories.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by combined selected states and territories (b)



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
 (b) Excludes Western Australia and penalty notices for Victoria (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

INDIGENOUS STATUS

As at 30 June 2008, the proportion of persons aged 10 years and over who were Indigenous were as follows:

- Northern Territory – 27%;
- New South Wales – 2%; and
- South Australia – 2%

Persons who identified as being Indigenous accounted for more than six out of every 10 offenders (61%) in the Northern Territory. For New South Wales, 10% of offenders identified as being Indigenous, while the proportion in South Australia was 9%.

For all three jurisdictions, acts intended to cause injury was the most prevalent principal offence for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous offenders.

Caution should be exercised when comparing Indigenous and non-Indigenous data for some offence types as the Indigenous status of an offender cannot adequately be ascertained. Offenders proceeded against by way of penalty and/or infringement notices or summonses have higher rates of unknown Indigenous status as these methods are unlikely to capture this level of detail. For example:

- half (50%) of New South Wales offenders with public order offences also could not be identified as either Indigenous or non-Indigenous;
- in South Australia, 40% of all offenders had an unknown Indigenous status, which was mostly associated with the widespread use of penalty notices for illicit drug and public order offences. Indigenous status could not be identified for almost all offenders with illicit drug offences (83%); and

INDIGENOUS STATUS

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- offenders with an unknown Indigenous status in the Northern Territory comprised 19% of all offenders. Of the total offenders with public order offences, nearly half (47%) had an unknown Indigenous status; this was also due to the use of penalty notices for this offence type.

Excluding those offence divisions with high levels of unknown Indigenous status (illicit drug offences, public order offences, and offences against justice procedures) results in the proportion of the offender population who were Indigenous increasing to:

- 11% in New South Wales (compared to 10%);
- 15% in South Australia (compared to 9%); and
- 74% in the Northern Territory (compared to 61%).

POLICE PROCEEDINGS -
COURT ACTIONS

In addition to presenting data about offenders, data are also presented about the number of proceedings that police initiated against offenders during the reference period. An offender may be proceeded against more than once by police during the financial year. Police proceedings represent a count for each separate occasion on which police initiate a legal action against an offender. Depending on the type of offence committed, police will either initiate a court or non-court action. This publication only presents data for a subset of the total number of police proceedings - police initiated court actions. Court actions largely comprise the laying of charges against an alleged offender that must be answered in court. Offenders may be taken into custody, granted bail or issued with a summons for these charges pending an appearance in court. It should be noted however, that not all court proceedings initiated by police will proceed to a criminal court. The proceeding may be withdrawn or changed from a court to a non-court action.

Non-court actions comprise legal actions such as informal or formal cautions/warnings, conferencing, counselling such as drug diversionary schemes, or the issuing of penalty or infringement notices, which do not require an appearance in court.

Pending data quality improvements, information about police initiated non-court proceedings may be available in future releases. For more information about police proceedings refer to the Glossary.

Excluding Western Australia, police initiated 302,871 court actions against offenders during 2007–08. Queensland had the highest number of court proceedings (37% of the total), followed by New South Wales (27%) and Victoria (18%).

Acts intended to cause injury, theft, public order, and illicit drug offences were the most prevalent principal offences for court proceedings for most states and territories. Acts intended to cause injury accounted for the largest proportion of all court proceedings in the Northern Territory (34%), New South Wales (33%), South Australia (22%) and Tasmania (21%). Theft was the most prevalent principal offence for court proceedings in Victoria (23%), while public order was the most prevalent offence in Queensland (27%) and the Australian Capital Territory (23%).

2.1 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by selected states and territories(a)

	NSW	Vic. (b)	Qld	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NUMBER							
Homicide and related offences	279	152	128	78	16	28	4
Acts intended to cause injury	25 547	9 539	9 517	5 930	2 397	2 050	764
Sexual assault and related offences	1 220	944	1 379	711	129	127	65
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	152	554	591	84	15	30	10
Abduction and related offences	108	45	47	13	—	—	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1 730	1 127	717	369	108	47	51
Unlawful entry with intent	3 315	3 256	4 629	1 067	479	331	163
Theft and related offences	10 655	11 887	11 426	3 613	1 285	376	686
Deception and related offences	10 515	2 231	2 191	628	265	64	126
Illicit drug offences	9 722	6 414	11 342	9 600	1 877	744	228
Weapons and explosives offences	2 505	2 406	2 085	1 374	213	279	160
Property damage and environmental pollution	7 409	3 637	4 607	1 809	599	207	191
Public order offences	17 462	2 897	19 462	6 050	3 308	2 573	765
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	7 407	1 830	7 425	2 753	859	351	104
Miscellaneous offences	10 569	1 314	662	421	1 705	146	27
Total(e)	109 113	48 378	79 090	34 500	13 255	7 959	3 347

	PROPORTION (%)						
Homicide and related offences	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1
Acts intended to cause injury	23.4	19.7	12.0	17.2	18.1	25.8	22.8
Sexual assault and related offences	1.1	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.0	1.6	1.9
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	0.1	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3
Abduction and related offences	0.1	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1.6	2.3	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.6	1.5
Unlawful entry with intent	3.0	6.7	5.9	3.1	3.6	4.2	4.9
Theft and related offences	9.8	24.6	14.4	10.5	9.7	4.7	20.5
Deception and related offences	9.6	4.6	2.8	1.8	2.0	0.8	3.8
Illicit drug offences	8.9	13.3	14.3	27.8	14.2	9.3	6.8
Weapons and explosives offences	2.3	5.0	2.6	4.0	1.6	3.5	4.8
Property damage and environmental pollution	6.8	7.5	5.8	5.2	4.5	2.6	5.7
Public order offences	16.0	6.0	24.6	17.5	25.0	32.3	22.9
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	6.8	3.8	9.4	8.0	6.5	4.4	3.1
Miscellaneous offences	9.7	2.7	0.8	1.2	12.9	1.8	0.8
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (f)						
Homicide and related offences	4.6	3.3	3.5	5.5	3.7	15.4	1.3
Acts intended to cause injury	421.3	207.0	258.7	421.8	554.2	1 126.1	254.9
Sexual assault and related offences	20.1	20.5	37.5	50.6	29.8	69.8	21.7
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	2.5	12.0	16.1	6.0	3.5	16.5	3.3
Abduction and related offences	1.8	1.0	1.3	0.9	—	—	1.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	28.5	24.5	19.5	26.2	25.0	25.8	17.0
Unlawful entry with intent	54.7	70.7	125.8	75.9	110.8	181.8	54.4
Theft and related offences	175.7	258.0	310.6	257.0	297.1	206.5	228.9
Deception and related offences	173.4	48.4	59.6	44.7	61.3	35.2	42.0
Illicit drug offences	160.3	139.2	308.3	682.9	434.0	408.7	76.1
Weapons and explosives offences	41.3	52.2	56.7	97.7	49.3	153.3	53.4
Property damage and environmental pollution	122.2	78.9	125.2	128.7	138.5	113.7	63.7
Public order offences	288.0	62.9	529.0	430.4	764.9	1 413.3	255.3
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	122.2	39.7	201.8	195.8	198.6	192.8	34.7
Miscellaneous offences	174.3	28.5	18.0	29.9	394.2	80.2	9.0
Total(e)	1 799.6	1 049.9	2 149.8	2 454.2	3 064.8	4 371.9	1 116.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(c) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(d) Excludes Breach of bail.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

2.2 OFFENDERS, Age by selected states and territories

Age group (years)	NSW	Vic. (a)	Qld	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NUMBER							
10–14	8 557	3 968	5 145	1 517	712	375	291
15–19	31 450	11 992	19 324	7 844	3 432	1 375	1 064
20–24	18 044	8 262	16 848	6 639	2 484	1 349	618
25–29	13 256	6 044	11 193	4 410	1 679	1 135	385
30–34	10 548	5 017	8 098	3 821	1 193	1 036	308
35–39	9 423	4 562	6 753	3 596	1 167	906	222
40–44	6 854	3 229	4 679	2 754	824	759	192
45–49	4 865	2 152	3 086	1 773	723	468	119
50–54	2 768	1 241	1 783	927	433	291	60
55–59	1 594	774	1 031	534	271	138	45
60–64	888	550	589	315	173	70	22
65 years and over	793	587	561	319	164	46	21
Total (b)	109 113	48 378	79 090	34 500	13 256	7 961	3 347

PROPORTION (%)							
10–14	7.8	8.2	6.5	4.4	5.4	4.7	8.7
15–19	28.8	24.8	24.4	22.7	25.9	17.3	31.8
20–24	16.5	17.1	21.3	19.2	18.7	16.9	18.5
25–29	12.1	12.5	14.2	12.8	12.7	14.3	11.5
30–34	9.7	10.4	10.2	11.1	9.0	13.0	9.2
35–39	8.6	9.4	8.5	10.4	8.8	11.4	6.6
40–44	6.3	6.7	5.9	8.0	6.2	9.5	5.7
45–49	4.5	4.4	3.9	5.1	5.5	5.9	3.6
50–54	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.3	3.7	1.8
55–59	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.5	2.0	1.7	1.3
60–64	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.7
65 years and over	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.6	0.6
Total (b)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

OFFENDER RATE (c)							
10–14	1 888.0	1 179.8	1 753.0	1 500.2	2 099.0	2 247.4	1 367.5
15–19	6 676.9	3 366.0	6 502.0	7 349.9	10 027.2	8 452.2	4 386.9
20–24	3 735.2	2 161.4	5 540.1	6 017.3	8 021.7	7 603.4	2 065.1
25–29	2 719.1	1 613.4	3 812.7	4 380.2	6 008.0	6 039.5	1 332.1
30–34	2 167.2	1 348.1	2 768.5	3 811.4	4 148.1	5 680.1	1 174.0
35–39	1 845.3	1 136.5	2 130.5	3 188.4	3 454.0	5 005.8	836.4
40–44	1 399.3	852.3	1 544.4	2 426.1	2 432.0	4 664.5	783.3
45–49	971.5	570.9	1 008.9	1 512.0	1 932.5	2 979.6	478.2
50–54	609.1	362.9	645.8	848.4	1 231.1	2 094.3	265.8
55–59	385.5	249.5	402.5	523.5	817.0	1 198.5	218.7
60–64	246.6	206.2	266.5	355.6	588.3	876.0	136.2
65 years and over	83.3	82.7	108.1	131.2	222.1	424.2	62.0
Total (b)	1 799.6	1 049.9	2 149.8	2 454.2	3 065.1	4 373.0	1 116.8

(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

2.3**YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected states and territories**

Age (years)	NSW	Vic. (a)	Qld	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NUMBER							
10	334	121	182	64	27	14	3
11	515	243	335	106	55	30	10
12	1 146	520	683	198	76	60	34
13	2 442	1 163	1 548	412	196	84	90
14	4 120	1 921	2 397	737	358	187	154
15	6 029	2 442	3 211	1 090	496	238	201
16	7 444	2 541	3 492	1 702	646	264	199
17	8 219	2 539	4 083	2 176	756	294	258
18	5 133	2 332	4 485	1 937	798	302	216
19	4 625	2 138	4 053	939	736	277	190
Youth offenders	40 007	15 960	24 469	9 361	4 144	1 750	1 355
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	109 113	48 378	79 090	34 500	13 256	7 961	3 347
PROPORTION (%)							
10	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.2
11	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.7	0.7
12	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.1	1.8	3.4	2.5
13	6.1	7.3	6.3	4.4	4.7	4.8	6.6
14	10.3	12.0	9.8	7.9	8.6	10.7	11.4
15	15.1	15.3	13.1	11.6	12.0	13.6	14.8
16	18.6	15.9	14.3	18.2	15.6	15.1	14.7
17	20.5	15.9	16.7	23.2	18.2	16.8	19.0
18	12.8	14.6	18.3	20.7	19.3	17.3	15.9
19	11.6	13.4	16.6	10.0	17.8	15.8	14.0
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders(b)</i>	36.7	33.0	30.9	27.1	31.3	22.0	40.5
OFFENDER RATE (c)							
10	374.9	184.5	317.5	326.2	414.7	415.9	72.0
11	574.5	366.0	579.2	528.9	822.7	903.1	238.6
12	1 263.0	770.5	1 159.4	967.2	1 110.1	1 780.4	797.9
13	2 663.3	1 701.2	2 595.7	2 012.9	2 812.5	2 534.7	2 074.2
14	4 475.2	2 804.3	4 009.6	3 590.6	5 180.9	5 642.7	3 564.8
15	6 494.9	3 549.4	5 339.5	5 204.1	7 220.8	7 136.4	4 577.5
16	7 928.0	3 638.0	5 793.2	8 035.5	9 233.8	7 978.2	4 368.8
17	8 642.8	3 555.2	6 810.3	10 159.2	10 757.0	8 860.8	5 415.6
18	5 394.6	3 214.0	7 620.2	8 968.4	11 718.1	9 458.2	4 252.0
19	4 917.1	2 903.2	6 990.9	4 351.5	11 281.4	8 898.2	3 477.3
Youth offenders	4 328.5	2 304.4	4 142.4	4 503.8	6 080.9	5 310.4	2 975.9
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	1 799.6	1 049.9	2 149.8	2 454.2	3 065.1	4 373.0	1 116.8
(a)	Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).			(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).			
(b)	Includes offenders with an unknown age.						

2.4 OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by selected states and territories

	NSW	Vic. (a)	Qld	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NUMBER							
1	80 428	37 895	56 472	26 868	8 839	5 343	2 527
2	15 816	5 807	12 845	3 954	2 072	1 488	431
3	5 920	2 209	4 755	1 649	814	576	165
4	2 853	1 062	2 166	828	507	279	96
5 and over	4 096	1 405	2 852	1 201	1 024	275	128
Total	109 113	48 378	79 090	34 500	13 256	7 961	3 347

	PROPORTION (%)						
1	73.7	78.3	71.4	77.9	66.7	67.1	75.5
2	14.5	12.0	16.2	11.5	15.6	18.7	12.9
3	5.4	4.6	6.0	4.8	6.1	7.2	4.9
4	2.6	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.8	3.5	2.9
5 and over	3.8	2.9	3.6	3.5	7.7	3.5	3.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

2.5 OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and principal offence by selected states and territories(a)(b)

	INDIGENOUS		NON-INDIGENOUS		NOT STATED	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
NEW SOUTH WALES						
Homicide and related offences	31	11.1	174	62.4	74	26.5
Acts intended to cause injury	4 101	16.1	20 413	79.9	1 033	4.0
Sexual assault and related offences	112	9.2	1 038	85.1	70	5.7
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	12	7.9	122	80.3	18	11.8
Abduction and related offences	16	14.8	88	81.5	4	3.7
Robbery, extortion and related offences	348	20.1	1 340	77.5	42	2.4
Unlawful entry with intent	760	22.9	2 406	72.6	149	4.5
Theft and related offences	1 096	10.3	8 981	84.3	578	5.4
Deception and related offences	464	4.4	9 352	88.9	699	6.6
Illicit drug offences	555	5.7	8 801	90.5	366	3.8
Weapons and explosives offences	186	7.4	2 200	87.8	119	4.8
Property damage and environmental pollution	795	10.7	5 662	76.4	952	12.8
Public order offences	1 470	8.4	14 987	85.8	1 005	5.8
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	399	5.4	3 286	44.4	3 722	50.2
Miscellaneous offences	565	5.3	8 972	84.9	1 032	9.8
Total(c)	10 916	10.0	88 315	80.9	9 882	9.1
SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
Homicide and related offences	12	15.4	57	73.1	9	11.5
Acts intended to cause injury	1 137	19.2	4 529	76.4	264	4.5
Sexual assault and related offences	77	10.8	614	86.4	20	2.8
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	20	23.8	58	69.0	6	7.1
Abduction and related offences	—	—	13	100.0	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	84	22.8	270	73.2	15	4.1
Unlawful entry with intent	226	21.2	791	74.1	50	4.7
Theft and related offences	411	11.4	2 974	82.3	228	6.3
Deception and related offences	50	8.0	540	86.0	38	6.1
Illicit drug offences	49	0.5	1 573	16.4	7 978	83.1
Weapons and explosives offences	161	11.7	1 109	80.7	104	7.6
Property damage and environmental pollution	215	11.9	1 453	80.3	141	7.8
Public order offences	420	6.9	2 383	39.4	3 247	53.7
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	160	5.8	1 126	40.9	1 467	53.3
Miscellaneous offences	42	10.0	272	64.6	107	25.4
Total(c)	3 064	8.9	17 762	51.5	13 674	39.6
NORTHERN TERRITORY						
Homicide and related offences	24	85.7	4	14.3	—	—
Acts intended to cause injury	1 639	80.0	381	18.6	30	1.5
Sexual assault and related offences	77	60.6	50	39.4	—	—
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	20	66.7	10	33.3	—	—
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	33	70.2	14	29.8	—	—
Unlawful entry with intent	269	80.8	61	18.3	3	0.9
Theft and related offences	267	71.0	105	27.9	4	1.1
Deception and related offences	30	46.9	34	53.1	—	—
Illicit drug offences	316	42.5	219	29.4	209	28.1
Weapons and explosives offences	178	63.8	89	31.9	12	4.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	146	70.5	54	26.1	7	3.4
Public order offences	1 157	45.0	199	7.7	1 217	47.3
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	253	72.1	89	25.4	9	2.6
Miscellaneous offences	45	30.8	66	45.2	35	24.0
Total(c)	4 890	61.4	1 534	19.3	1 537	19.3

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14, Subdivision 041 and Group 1512 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Caution should be exercised when comparing some principal offences (See Explanatory Notes paragraphs 32, 34, and 37–38).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

2.6 OFFENDERS, Selected states and territories and principal offence by Indigenous status(a)(b)

	NSW		SA		NT	
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%
INDIGENOUS						
Homicide and related offences	31	0.3	12	0.4	24	0.5
Acts intended to cause injury	4 101	37.6	1 137	37.1	1 639	33.5
Sexual assault and related offences	112	1.0	77	2.5	77	1.6
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	12	0.1	20	0.7	20	0.4
Abduction and related offences	16	0.1	—	—	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	348	3.2	84	2.7	33	0.7
Unlawful entry with intent	760	7.0	226	7.4	269	5.5
Theft and related offences	1 096	10.0	411	13.4	267	5.5
Deception and related offences	464	4.3	50	1.6	30	0.6
Illicit drug offences	555	5.1	49	1.6	316	6.5
Weapons and explosives offences	186	1.7	161	5.3	178	3.6
Property damage and environmental pollution	795	7.3	215	7.0	146	3.0
Public order offences	1 470	13.5	420	13.7	1 157	23.7
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	399	3.7	160	5.2	253	5.2
Miscellaneous offences	565	5.2	42	1.4	45	0.9
Total(c)	10 916	100.0	3 064	100.0	4 890	100.0
NON-INDIGENOUS						
Homicide and related offences	174	0.2	57	0.3	4	0.3
Acts intended to cause injury	20 413	23.1	4 529	25.5	381	24.8
Sexual assault and related offences	1 038	1.2	614	3.5	50	3.3
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	122	0.1	58	0.3	10	0.7
Abduction and related offences	88	0.1	13	0.1	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1 340	1.5	270	1.5	14	0.9
Unlawful entry with intent	2 406	2.7	791	4.5	61	4.0
Theft and related offences	8 981	10.2	2 974	16.7	105	6.8
Deception and related offences	9 352	10.6	540	3.0	34	2.2
Illicit drug offences	8 801	10.0	1 573	8.9	219	14.3
Weapons and explosives offences	2 200	2.5	1 109	6.2	89	5.8
Property damage and environmental pollution	5 662	6.4	1 453	8.2	54	3.5
Public order offences	14 987	17.0	2 383	13.4	199	13.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	3 286	3.7	1 126	6.3	89	5.8
Miscellaneous offences	8 972	10.2	272	1.5	66	4.3
Total(c)	88 315	100.0	17 762	100.0	1 534	100.0
NOT STATED						
Homicide and related offences	74	0.7	9	0.1	—	—
Acts intended to cause injury	1 033	10.5	264	1.9	30	2.0
Sexual assault and related offences	70	0.7	20	0.1	—	—
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	18	0.2	6	—	—	—
Abduction and related offences	4	—	—	—	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	42	0.4	15	0.1	—	—
Unlawful entry with intent	149	1.5	50	0.4	3	0.2
Theft and related offences	578	5.8	228	1.7	4	0.3
Deception and related offences	699	7.1	38	0.3	—	—
Illicit drug offences	366	3.7	7 978	58.3	209	13.6
Weapons and explosives offences	119	1.2	104	0.8	12	0.8
Property damage and environmental pollution	952	9.6	141	1.0	7	0.5
Public order offences	1 005	10.2	3 247	23.7	1 217	79.2
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	3 722	37.7	1 467	10.7	9	0.6
Miscellaneous offences	1 032	10.4	107	0.8	35	2.3
Total(c)	9 882	100.0	13 674	100.0	1 537	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14, Subdivision 041 and Group 1512 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Caution should be exercised when comparing some principal offences (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 32, 34 and 37–38).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

2.7 POLICE PROCEEDINGS - COURT ACTIONS(a), Principal offence by selected states and territories(b)

	NSW	Vic. (c)	Q/d	SA	Tas.	NT	ACT
NUMBER							
Homicide and related offences	278	153	128	78	19	28	4
Acts intended to cause injury	27 095	10 545	9 622	6 934	2 719	2 580	716
Sexual assault and related offences	1 254	959	1 283	740	138	133	69
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(d)	96	654	601	106	4	38	8
Abduction and related offences	115	51	53	15	—	—	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1 926	1 283	822	415	131	46	59
Unlawful entry with intent	3 855	4 451	6 563	1 674	820	329	206
Theft and related offences	11 360	12 511	15 031	5 955	2 001	472	564
Deception and related offences	3 761	2 964	3 047	847	358	83	135
Illicit drug offences	8 765	5 219	16 474	1 963	1 357	455	164
Weapons and explosives offences	1 110	2 912	2 232	1 689	211	306	131
Property damage and environmental pollution	5 995	3 921	5 843	2 938	839	331	174
Public order offences	7 691	3 610	30 299	5 186	2 126	870	722
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(e)	5 306	3 107	15 197	2 324	1 887	1 038	166
Miscellaneous offences	3 759	1 666	270	495	200	108	33
Total(f)	82 486	54 182	111 317	31 359	12 810	7 563	3 154

	PROPORTION (%)						
Homicide and related offences	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1
Acts intended to cause injury	32.8	19.5	8.6	22.1	21.2	34.1	22.7
Sexual assault and related offences	1.5	1.8	1.2	2.4	1.1	1.8	2.2
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(d)	0.1	1.2	0.5	0.3	—	0.5	0.3
Abduction and related offences	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences	2.3	2.4	0.7	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.9
Unlawful entry with intent	4.7	8.2	5.9	5.3	6.4	4.4	6.5
Theft and related offences	13.8	23.1	13.5	19.0	15.6	6.2	17.9
Deception and related offences	4.6	5.5	2.7	2.7	2.8	1.1	4.3
Illicit drug offences	10.6	9.6	14.8	6.3	10.6	6.0	5.2
Weapons and explosives offences	1.3	5.4	2.0	5.4	1.6	4.0	4.2
Property damage and environmental pollution	7.3	7.2	5.2	9.4	6.5	4.4	5.5
Public order offences	9.3	6.7	27.2	16.5	16.6	11.5	22.9
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(e)	6.4	5.7	13.7	7.4	14.7	13.7	5.3
Miscellaneous offences	4.6	3.1	0.2	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.0
Total(f)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Count of the number of criminal proceedings instigated by police against alleged offenders that may result in a court action. For more information see the glossary.

(b) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(d) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(e) Excludes Breach of bail.

(f) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by New South Wales police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex, age and Indigenous status as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3-7 and 9-17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

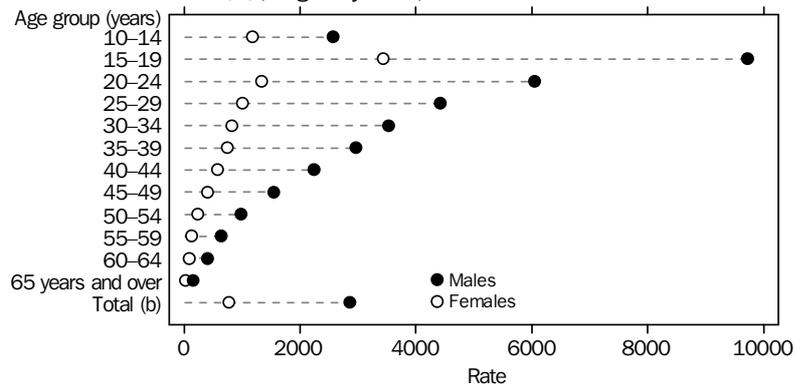
For the 2007-08 reference period, police in New South Wales proceeded against 109,113 offenders. This equated to a rate of 1,800 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in New South Wales.

There were more than three times as many male offenders (78% or 85,432 males) than female offenders (22% or 23,613 females). Males had an offender rate of 2,859 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 768 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age of all female offenders was 21 years compared to 24 years for males.

As illustrated by the graph below, males had higher offender rates for all age groups compared to females. The age group with the highest offender rate for both sexes was the 15-19 year age group.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, New South Wales



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).
 (b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

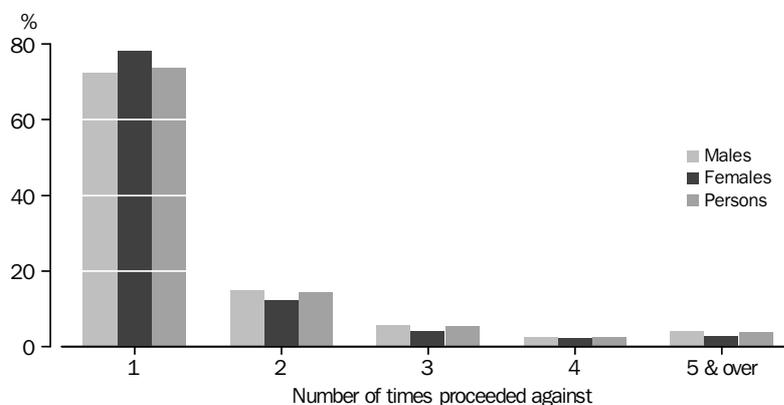
REPEAT OFFENDERS

During 2007-08, the majority (74%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on one occasion. A further 15% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007-08 comprised 4% (4,101 offenders) of all offenders.

REPEAT OFFENDERS
continued

There were more male offenders than female offenders who were proceeded against more than once during the reference period (28% compared to 22% respectively).

OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by sex (a), New South Wales



(a) Persons includes offenders with an unknown sex.

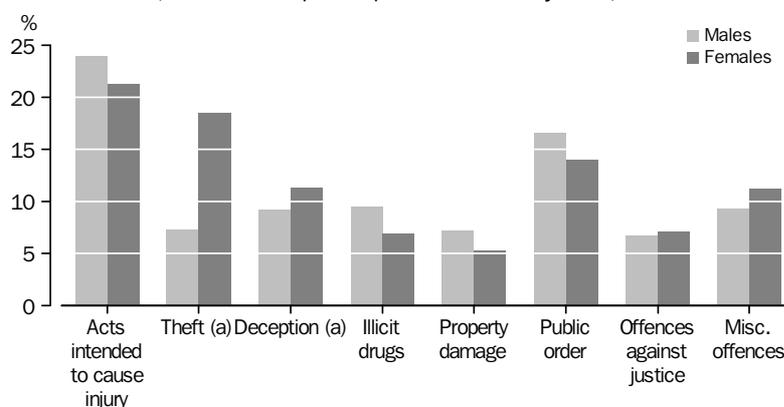
On average, male offenders aged 10–14 years were proceeded against 1.9 times per offender during the reference period, compared to 1.6 times for all offenders, which was the highest for any age group.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against in 2007-08 was acts intended to cause injury (23% of all offenders). The next most prevalent principal offences were public order (16%), and theft (10%).

While acts intended to cause injury was the main principal offence for both male and female offenders (24% of males and 21% of females) there were contrasts for other offence types between the sexes. Females were more commonly proceeded against for theft (19%) and deception (11%), while males had higher proportions of offenders for public order (17%) and illicit drug offences (10%).

OFFENDERS, Selected principal offence by sex, New South Wales

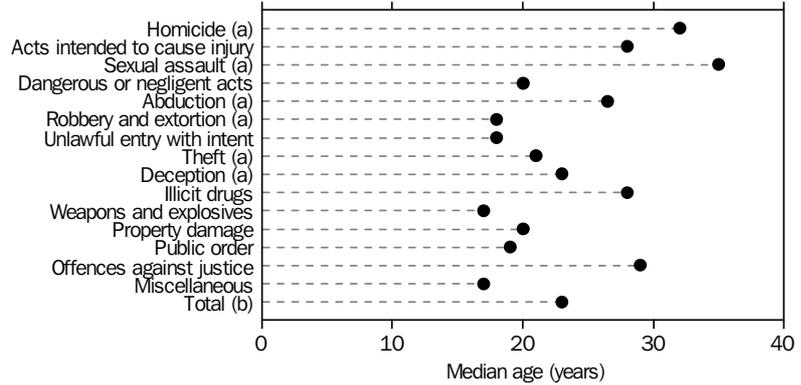


(a) Includes related offences.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE
continued

Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were more likely to be younger for weapons and explosives offences (median age 17 years), robbery and extortion or unlawful entry with intent (median age for both was 18 years), and much older for sexual assault (median age 35 years) and homicide (median age 32 years).

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, New South Wales



(a) Includes related offences.

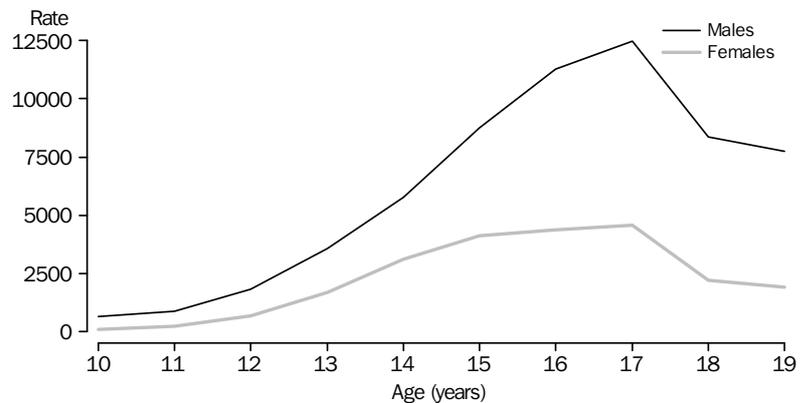
(b) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, both males and females aged 17 years had the highest offender rates. Males aged 17 years offended at a rate four times higher than the rate of all male offenders (12,465 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 17 years compared to 2,859 male offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 and over). The rate for females aged 17 years was 4,579 for every 100,000 females aged 17 years compared to 768 females per 100,000 females aged 10 and over. This was nearly six times higher than the rate for all female offenders

The offender rate for both males and females decreased noticeably between the ages of 17 and 18 years.

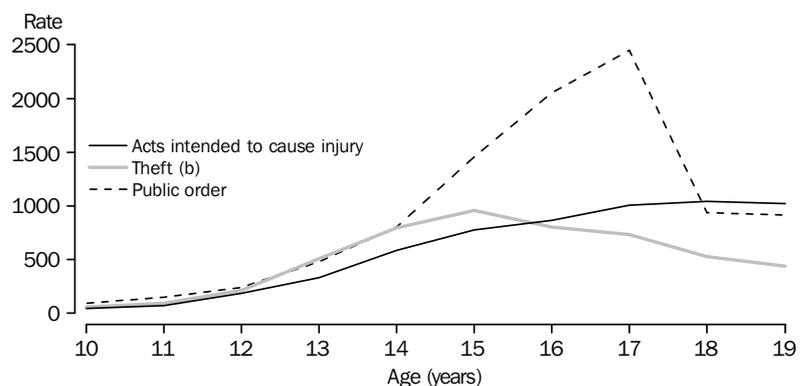
YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, New South Wales



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were public order offences (22%) followed by acts intended to cause injury (14%) and theft (12%). The impact of age on patterns of offending is further illustrated by the following graph. From the age of 14 there was a noticeable increase in the rate at which public order offences were the predominant principal offence, peaking at the age of 17 years before a large decrease at the age of 18 years. Theft peaked as a principal offence at the age of 15 years, but at a rate below that for the other two offences. By the age of 18 years, acts intended to cause injury had overtaken public order offences in terms of its prevalence as a principal offence.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by age, New South Wales



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(b) Includes related offences.

INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS

For the 2007–08 reference period there were 10,916 Indigenous offenders, which represented 10% of the total offender population in New South Wales. As at 30 June 2008, approximately 2% of persons aged 10 years and over in New South Wales were Indigenous.

Of the total male offenders, 9% were Indigenous and 82% were non-Indigenous. Of the total female offenders, 13% were Indigenous and 77% were non-Indigenous.

Caution should be exercised when comparing Indigenous and non-Indigenous data for certain offences. The total unknown Indigenous status for New South Wales was 9%, however half (50%) of public order offences had an unknown Indigenous status.

Offenders proceeded against by way of penalty and/or infringement notices have higher rates of unknowns as these methods of proceeding are less likely to capture Indigenous status information.

Excluding offence divisions with high levels of unknown Indigenous status (illicit drug offences, public order offences and offences against justice procedures) results in the total proportion of the offender population who were Indigenous increasing slightly from 10% to 11% in New South Wales.

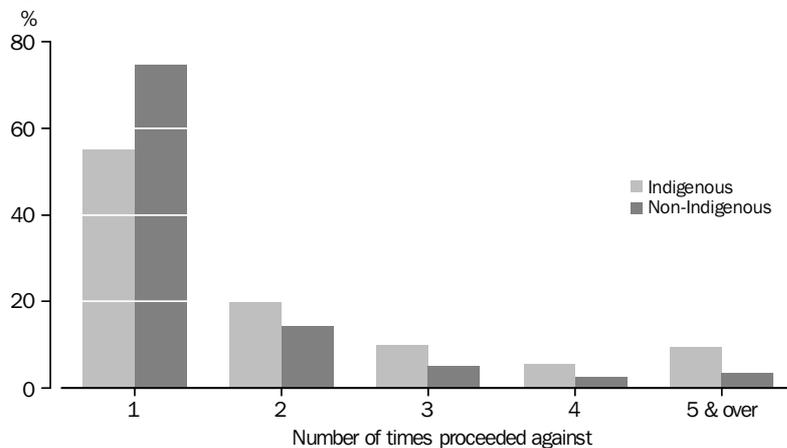
As with the overall offender population, the following principal offences were the most prevalent for Indigenous offenders: acts intended to cause injury (38%), public order offences (13%) and theft (10%).

Indigenous persons had a higher rate of offending than non-Indigenous persons. For every 100,000 Indigenous persons aged 10 years and over there were 9,733 offenders; for the non-Indigenous population the rate was 1,484 offenders per 100,000 non-Indigenous persons aged 10 years and over.

Repeat Offenders

Indigenous offenders were, on average, proceeded against by police more often than non-Indigenous offenders during 2007–08 (2.1 times compared to 1.5 times respectively). Of the Indigenous offenders, 55% were proceeded against on one occasion during the 2007–08 reference period, while 9% were proceeded against on five or more separate occasions.

OFFENDERS, Indigenous status by number of times proceeded against, New South Wales



3.1 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—New South Wales

	Males	Females	Persons(b)
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	223	56	279
Acts intended to cause injury	20 526	5 021	25 547
Sexual assault and related offences	1 200	20	1 220
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	116	36	152
Abduction and related offences	92	16	108
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1 497	233	1 730
Unlawful entry with intent	2 982	333	3 315
Theft and related offences	6 278	4 371	10 655
Deception and related offences	7 831	2 661	10 515
Illicit drug offences	8 101	1 621	9 722
Weapons and explosives offences	2 264	241	2 505
Property damage and environmental pollution	6 155	1 252	7 409
Public order offences	14 125	3 315	17 462
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	5 719	1 677	7 407
Miscellaneous offences	7 923	2 642	10 569
Total(e)	85 432	23 613	109 113

	PROPORTION (%)		
Homicide and related offences	0.3	0.2	0.3
Acts intended to cause injury	24.0	21.3	23.4
Sexual assault and related offences	1.4	0.1	1.1
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Abduction and related offences	0.1	0.1	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1.8	1.0	1.6
Unlawful entry with intent	3.5	1.4	3.0
Theft and related offences	7.3	18.5	9.8
Deception and related offences	9.2	11.3	9.6
Illicit drug offences	9.5	6.9	8.9
Weapons and explosives offences	2.7	1.0	2.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	7.2	5.3	6.8
Public order offences	16.5	14.0	16.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	6.7	7.1	6.8
Miscellaneous offences	9.3	11.2	9.7
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (f)		
Homicide and related offences	7.5	1.8	4.6
Acts intended to cause injury	686.9	163.3	421.3
Sexual assault and related offences	40.2	0.7	20.1
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	3.9	1.2	2.5
Abduction and related offences	3.1	0.5	1.8
Robbery, extortion and related offences	50.1	7.6	28.5
Unlawful entry with intent	99.8	10.8	54.7
Theft and related offences	210.1	142.1	175.7
Deception and related offences	262.1	86.5	173.4
Illicit drug offences	271.1	52.7	160.3
Weapons and explosives offences	75.8	7.8	41.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	206.0	40.7	122.2
Public order offences	472.7	107.8	288.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	191.4	54.5	122.2
Miscellaneous offences	265.1	85.9	174.3
Total(e)	2 859.0	767.9	1 799.6

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(d) Excludes Breach of bail.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

3.2 OFFENDERS, Age by sex—New South Wales

Age group (years)	NUMBER			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(a)		
	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
10–14	5 948	2 608	8 557	7.0	11.0	7.8	2 565.3	1 178.1	1 888.0
15–19	23 579	7 852	31 450	27.6	33.3	28.8	9 716.9	3 438.3	6 676.9
20–24	14 869	3 161	18 044	17.4	13.4	16.5	6 053.4	1 331.2	3 735.2
25–29	10 797	2 450	13 256	12.6	10.4	12.1	4 413.5	1 008.7	2 719.1
30–34	8 510	2 035	10 548	10.0	8.6	9.7	3 525.3	829.5	2 167.2
35–39	7 486	1 933	9 423	8.8	8.2	8.6	2 964.6	748.9	1 845.3
40–44	5 443	1 406	6 854	6.4	6.0	6.3	2 237.9	570.1	1 399.3
45–49	3 833	1 026	4 865	4.5	4.3	4.5	1 548.5	405.2	971.5
50–54	2 223	543	2 768	2.6	2.3	2.5	987.3	236.8	609.1
55–59	1 317	275	1 594	1.5	1.2	1.5	640.2	132.3	385.5
60–64	732	154	888	0.9	0.7	0.8	407.1	85.4	246.6
65 years and over	642	151	793	0.8	0.6	0.7	150.0	28.8	83.3
Total(c)	85 432	23 613	109 113	100.0	100.0	100.0	2 859.0	767.9	1 799.6
Mean age	27.2	25.7	26.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Median age	24.0	21.0	23.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

3.3 OFFENDERS, Age by principal offence(a)—New South Wales

Age group (years)	Homicide and related offences	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	Abduction and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences
NUMBER								
10–14	3	1 124	30	31	—	188	592	1 536
15–19	35	4 445	142	39	14	865	1 285	3 272
20–24	43	4 292	171	25	29	286	451	1 307
25–29	43	3 637	139	21	21	158	320	1 100
30–34	36	3 292	123	11	14	84	267	937
35–39	32	3 208	127	13	13	74	193	780
40–44	28	2 280	123	5	8	36	108	536
45–49	24	1 465	101	3	3	21	56	454
50–54	14	846	74	3	—	12	23	279
55–59	3	483	67	—	5	3	9	169
60–64	7	240	47	—	—	4	—	133
65 years and over	12	211	76	—	—	—	3	141
Total(c)	280	25 547	1 220	151	107	1 731	3 315	10 655
Mean age	34.2	30.2	36.8	23.4	29.5	21.0	21.7	26.0
Median age	32.0	28.0	35.0	20.0	26.5	18.0	18.0	21.0

PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	—	13.1	0.4	0.4	—	2.2	6.9	17.9
15–19	0.1	14.1	0.5	0.1	—	2.8	4.1	10.4
20–24	0.2	23.8	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.6	2.5	7.2
25–29	0.3	27.4	1.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.4	8.3
30–34	0.3	31.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.8	2.5	8.9
35–39	0.3	34.0	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.8	2.0	8.3
40–44	0.4	33.3	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.5	1.6	7.8
45–49	0.5	30.1	2.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.2	9.3
50–54	0.5	30.6	2.7	0.1	—	0.4	0.8	10.1
55–59	0.2	30.3	4.2	—	0.3	0.2	0.6	10.6
60–64	0.8	27.1	5.3	—	—	0.5	—	15.0
65 years and over	1.5	26.6	9.6	—	—	—	0.4	17.8
Total(c)	0.3	23.4	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.6	3.0	9.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

3.3 OFFENDERS, Age by principal offence(a)—New South Wales *continued*

Age group (years)	Deception and related offences	Illicit drug offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Public order offences	Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(b)	Miscellaneous offences	Total(c)
NUMBER								
10–14	201	84	452	1 111	1 615	112	1 479	8 558
15–19	3 264	1 379	1 178	2 343	7 360	1 121	4 486	31 450
20–24	2 177	2 195	202	1 380	3 120	1 433	882	18 044
25–29	1 594	1 677	117	737	1 687	1 149	817	13 256
30–34	1 124	1 258	98	552	1 121	853	727	10 548
35–39	896	1 093	113	482	869	834	653	9 423
40–44	582	806	100	322	645	665	583	6 854
45–49	347	652	76	220	479	531	404	4 865
50–54	164	339	53	112	253	317	254	2 768
55–59	101	151	37	73	144	193	144	1 594
60–64	38	52	35	37	88	108	89	887
65 years and over	19	34	44	35	73	86	50	793
Total(d)	10 515	9 720	2 505	7 409	17 462	7 407	10 571	109 112
Mean age	26.3	30.4	23.0	24.0	23.3	31.6	24.1	26.9
Median age	23.0	28.0	17.0	20.0	19.0	29.0	17.0	23.0
PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	2.3	1.0	5.3	13.0	18.9	1.3	17.3	100.0
15–19	10.4	4.4	3.7	7.4	23.4	3.6	14.3	100.0
20–24	12.1	12.2	1.1	7.6	17.3	7.9	4.9	100.0
25–29	12.0	12.7	0.9	5.6	12.7	8.7	6.2	100.0
30–34	10.7	11.9	0.9	5.2	10.6	8.1	6.9	100.0
35–39	9.5	11.6	1.2	5.1	9.2	8.9	6.9	100.0
40–44	8.5	11.8	1.5	4.7	9.4	9.7	8.5	100.0
45–49	7.1	13.4	1.6	4.5	9.8	10.9	8.3	100.0
50–54	5.9	12.2	1.9	4.0	9.1	11.5	9.2	100.0
55–59	6.3	9.5	2.3	4.6	9.0	12.1	9.0	100.0
60–64	4.3	5.9	3.9	4.2	9.9	12.2	10.0	100.0
65 years and over	2.4	4.3	5.5	4.4	9.2	10.8	6.3	100.0
Total(d)	9.6	8.9	2.3	6.8	16.0	6.8	9.7	100.0

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(b) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

3.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—New South Wales

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	4 243	774	306	184	441	5 948	1.9
15–19	15 884	3 776	1 573	866	1 480	23 579	1.8
20–24	10 848	2 322	832	399	468	14 869	1.5
25–29	7 831	1 653	683	281	349	10 797	1.5
30–34	6 113	1 385	525	227	260	8 510	1.5
35–39	5 424	1 210	459	179	214	7 486	1.5
40–44	4 115	815	293	113	107	5 443	1.4
45–49	3 107	502	128	43	53	3 833	1.3
50–54	1 877	235	63	23	25	2 223	1.3
55–64	1 835	148	38	20	8	2 049	1.2
65 years and over	578	45	11	6	3	643	1.2
Total(a)	61 884	12 874	4 919	2 344	3 413	85 434	1.6
FEMALES							
10–14	2 001	329	111	57	110	2 608	1.6
15–19	6 201	944	307	166	234	7 852	1.5
20–24	2 483	400	123	67	88	3 161	1.4
25–29	1 816	339	141	54	100	2 450	1.5
30–34	1 518	281	116	63	57	2 035	1.5
35–39	1 464	267	106	43	53	1 933	1.5
40–44	1 113	187	51	31	24	1 406	1.4
45–49	867	103	30	17	9	1 026	1.3
50–54	477	47	8	7	4	543	1.2
55–64	383	36	6	—	3	428	1.1
65 years and over	142	6	—	—	3	151	1.1
Total(a)	18 480	2 939	999	508	688	23 614	1.5
PERSONS (b)							
10–14	6 244	1 103	417	241	551	8 556	1.8
15–19	22 101	4 723	1 880	1 032	1 714	31 450	1.7
20–24	13 345	2 722	955	466	556	18 044	1.5
25–29	9 656	1 992	824	335	449	13 256	1.5
30–34	7 634	1 666	641	290	317	10 548	1.5
35–39	6 892	1 477	565	222	267	9 423	1.5
40–44	5 233	1 002	344	144	131	6 854	1.4
45–49	3 980	605	158	60	62	4 865	1.3
50–54	2 354	282	71	30	29	2 766	1.2
55–64	2 222	184	44	20	11	2 481	1.2
65 years and over	720	51	11	6	6	794	1.2
Total(a)	80 425	15 816	5 918	2 852	4 101	109 112	1.6

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

3.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—New South Wales *continued*

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	71.3	13.0	5.1	3.1	7.4	100.0
15–19	67.4	16.0	6.7	3.7	6.3	100.0
20–24	73.0	15.6	5.6	2.7	3.1	100.0
25–29	72.5	15.3	6.3	2.6	3.2	100.0
30–34	71.8	16.3	6.2	2.7	3.1	100.0
35–39	72.5	16.2	6.1	2.4	2.9	100.0
40–44	75.6	15.0	5.4	2.1	2.0	100.0
45–49	81.1	13.1	3.3	1.1	1.4	100.0
50–54	84.4	10.6	2.8	1.0	1.1	100.0
55–64	89.6	7.2	1.9	1.0	0.4	100.0
65 years and over	89.9	7.0	1.7	0.9	0.5	100.0
Total(a)	72.4	15.1	5.8	2.7	4.0	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	76.7	12.6	4.3	2.2	4.2	100.0
15–19	79.0	12.0	3.9	2.1	3.0	100.0
20–24	78.6	12.7	3.9	2.1	2.8	100.0
25–29	74.1	13.8	5.8	2.2	4.1	100.0
30–34	74.6	13.8	5.7	3.1	2.8	100.0
35–39	75.7	13.8	5.5	2.2	2.7	100.0
40–44	79.2	13.3	3.6	2.2	1.7	100.0
45–49	84.5	10.0	2.9	1.7	0.9	100.0
50–54	87.8	8.7	1.5	1.3	0.7	100.0
55–64	89.5	8.4	1.4	—	0.7	100.0
65 years and over	94.0	4.0	—	—	2.0	100.0
Total(a)	78.3	12.4	4.2	2.2	2.9	100.0
PERSONS (b)						
10–14	73.0	12.9	4.9	2.8	6.4	100.0
15–19	70.3	15.0	6.0	3.3	5.4	100.0
20–24	74.0	15.1	5.3	2.6	3.1	100.0
25–29	72.8	15.0	6.2	2.5	3.4	100.0
30–34	72.4	15.8	6.1	2.7	3.0	100.0
35–39	73.1	15.7	6.0	2.4	2.8	100.0
40–44	76.3	14.6	5.0	2.1	1.9	100.0
45–49	81.8	12.4	3.2	1.2	1.3	100.0
50–54	85.1	10.2	2.6	1.1	1.0	100.0
55–64	89.6	7.4	1.8	0.8	0.4	100.0
65 years and over	90.7	6.4	1.4	0.8	0.8	100.0
Total(a)	73.7	14.5	5.4	2.6	3.8	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

3.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—New South Wales

	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage	Public order offences	Other(b)(c)	Total(d)
NUMBER								
10	40	36	55	17	70	83	33	334
11	64	53	84	23	99	133	59	515
12	170	99	195	59	173	221	229	1 146
13	308	161	469	127	346	438	592	2 442
14	542	243	733	226	423	740	1 213	4 120
15	717	288	892	355	484	1 349	1 918	6 029
16	814	333	757	410	504	1 930	2 652	7 444
17	959	296	700	338	495	2 329	2 973	8 219
18	993	221	507	33	452	893	2 013	5 133
19	962	147	416	42	408	859	1 789	4 625
Youth offenders	5 569	1 877	4 808	1 630	3 454	8 975	13 471	40 007
<i>All offenders(e)</i>	<i>25 547</i>	<i>3 315</i>	<i>10 655</i>	<i>2 505</i>	<i>7 409</i>	<i>17 462</i>	<i>41 702</i>	<i>109 113</i>

	PROPORTION (%)							
10	12.0	10.8	16.5	5.1	21.0	24.9	9.9	100.0
11	12.4	10.3	16.3	4.5	19.2	25.8	11.5	100.0
12	14.8	8.6	17.0	5.1	15.1	19.3	20.0	100.0
13	12.6	6.6	19.2	5.2	14.2	17.9	24.2	100.0
14	13.2	5.9	17.8	5.5	10.3	18.0	29.4	100.0
15	11.9	4.8	14.8	5.9	8.0	22.4	31.8	100.0
16	10.9	4.5	10.2	5.5	6.8	25.9	35.6	100.0
17	11.7	3.6	8.5	4.1	6.0	28.3	36.2	100.0
18	19.3	4.3	9.9	0.6	8.8	17.4	39.2	100.0
19	20.8	3.2	9.0	0.9	8.8	18.6	38.7	100.0
Youth offenders	13.9	4.7	12.0	4.1	8.6	22.4	33.7	100.0
<i>All offenders(e)</i>	<i>23.4</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>9.8</i>	<i>2.3</i>	<i>6.8</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>38.2</i>	<i>100.0</i>

	OFFENDER RATE (f)							
10	44.9	40.4	61.7	19.1	78.6	93.2	37.0	374.9
11	71.4	59.1	93.7	25.7	110.4	148.4	65.8	574.5
12	187.4	109.1	214.9	65.0	190.7	243.6	252.4	1 263.0
13	335.9	175.6	511.5	138.5	377.4	477.7	645.6	2 663.3
14	588.7	263.9	796.2	245.5	459.5	803.8	1 317.6	4 475.2
15	772.4	310.3	960.9	382.4	521.4	1 453.2	2 066.2	6 494.9
16	866.9	354.7	806.2	436.7	536.8	2 055.5	2 824.4	7 928.0
17	1 008.4	311.3	736.1	355.4	520.5	2 449.1	3 126.3	8 642.8
18	1 043.6	232.3	532.8	34.7	475.0	938.5	2 115.6	5 394.6
19	1 022.8	156.3	442.3	44.7	433.8	913.3	1 902.0	4 917.1
Youth offenders	602.5	203.1	520.2	176.4	373.7	971.0	1 457.5	4 328.5
<i>All offenders(e)</i>	<i>421.3</i>	<i>54.7</i>	<i>175.7</i>	<i>41.3</i>	<i>122.2</i>	<i>288.0</i>	<i>687.8</i>	<i>1 799.6</i>

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

3.6 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by sex—New South Wales

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons(a)
NUMBER			
10	294	40	334
11	410	105	515
12	844	302	1 146
13	1 675	766	2 442
14	2 725	1 395	4 120
15	4 173	1 855	6 029
16	5 449	1 995	7 444
17	6 104	2 112	8 219
18	4 102	1 020	5 133
19	3 751	870	4 625
Youth offenders	29 527	10 460	40 007
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	85 432	23 613	109 113

PROPORTION (%)			
10	1.0	0.4	0.8
11	1.4	1.0	1.3
12	2.9	2.9	2.9
13	5.7	7.3	6.1
14	9.2	13.3	10.3
15	14.1	17.7	15.1
16	18.5	19.1	18.6
17	20.7	20.2	20.5
18	13.9	9.8	12.8
19	12.7	8.3	11.6
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders(b)</i>	34.6	44.3	36.7

OFFENDER RATE(c)			
10	645.1	91.9	374.9
11	892.9	240.1	574.5
12	1 820.5	680.6	1 263.0
13	3 575.2	1 708.3	2 663.3
14	5 778.0	3 106.8	4 475.2
15	8 736.7	4 116.5	6 494.9
16	11 278.5	4 376.7	7 928.0
17	12 465.0	4 578.6	8 642.8
18	8 346.9	2 217.1	5 394.6
19	7 739.0	1 908.3	4 917.1
Youth offenders	6 222.4	2 325.8	4 328.5
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	2 859.0	767.9	1 799.6

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

3.7 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by Indigenous status(a)(b)—New South Wales ...

	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
NUMBER				
Homicide and related offences	31	174	74	279
Acts intended to cause injury	4 101	20 413	1 033	25 547
Sexual assault and related offences	112	1 038	70	1 220
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	12	122	18	152
Abduction and related offences	16	88	4	108
Robbery, extortion and related offences	348	1 340	42	1 730
Unlawful entry with intent	760	2 406	149	3 315
Theft and related offences	1 096	8 981	578	10 655
Deception and related offences	464	9 352	699	10 515
Illicit drug offences	555	8 801	366	9 722
Weapons and explosives offences	186	2 200	119	2 505
Property damage and environmental pollution	795	5 662	952	7 409
Public order offences	1 470	14 987	1 005	17 462
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	399	3 286	3 722	7 407
Miscellaneous offences	565	8 972	1 032	10 569
Total(c)	10 916	88 315	9 882	109 113

	PROPORTION (%)			
Homicide and related offences	11.1	62.4	26.5	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury	16.1	79.9	4.0	100.0
Sexual assault and related offences	9.2	85.1	5.7	100.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	7.9	80.3	11.8	100.0
Abduction and related offences	14.8	81.5	3.7	100.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	20.1	77.5	2.4	100.0
Unlawful entry with intent	22.9	72.6	4.5	100.0
Theft and related offences	10.3	84.3	5.4	100.0
Deception and related offences	4.4	88.9	6.6	100.0
Illicit drug offences	5.7	90.5	3.8	100.0
Weapons and explosives offences	7.4	87.8	4.8	100.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	10.7	76.4	12.8	100.0
Public order offences	8.4	85.8	5.8	100.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	5.4	44.4	50.2	100.0
Miscellaneous offences	5.3	84.9	9.8	100.0
Total(c)	10.0	80.9	9.1	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (d)			
Homicide and related offences	27.6	2.9	..	4.6
Acts intended to cause injury	3 656.4	343.0	..	421.3
Sexual assault and related offences	99.9	17.4	..	20.1
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	10.7	2.1	..	2.5
Abduction and related offences	14.3	1.5	..	1.8
Robbery, extortion and related offences	310.3	22.5	..	28.5
Unlawful entry with intent	677.6	40.4	..	54.7
Theft and related offences	977.2	150.9	..	175.7
Deception and related offences	413.7	157.1	..	173.4
Illicit drug offences	494.8	147.9	..	160.3
Weapons and explosives offences	165.8	37.0	..	41.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	708.8	95.1	..	122.2
Public order offences	1 310.7	251.8	..	288.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	355.7	55.2	..	122.2
Miscellaneous offences	503.8	150.8	..	174.3
Total(c)	9 732.7	1 484.0	..	1 799.6

.. not applicable

(a) Excludes Division 14, Subdivision 041 and Group 1512 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Caution should be exercised when comparing some principal offences (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 32, 34 and 37–38).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(d) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 27–29).

3.8 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by Indigenous status—New South Wales

Age group (years)	NUMBER				PROPORTION (%)			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
MALES								
10–14	1 092	4 532	324	5 948	18.4	76.2	5.4	100.0
15–19	2 022	19 827	1 730	23 579	8.6	84.1	7.3	100.0
20–24	1 215	12 225	1 429	14 869	8.2	82.2	9.6	100.0
25–29	916	8 834	1 047	10 797	8.5	81.8	9.7	100.0
30–34	761	6 958	791	8 510	8.9	81.8	9.3	100.0
35–39	736	6 074	676	7 486	9.8	81.1	9.0	100.0
40–44	484	4 422	537	5 443	8.9	81.2	9.9	100.0
45–49	276	3 108	449	3 833	7.2	81.1	11.7	100.0
50–54	144	1 807	272	2 223	6.5	81.3	12.2	100.0
55–59	56	1 091	170	1 317	4.3	82.8	12.9	100.0
60–64	22	587	123	732	3.0	80.2	16.8	100.0
65 years and over	11	559	72	642	1.7	87.1	11.2	100.0
Total(a)	7 745	70 059	7 628	85 432	9.1	82.0	8.9	100.0
Mean age	25.4	27.2	29.3	27.2	..	..	..	..
Median age	22.0	24.0	26.0	24.0	..	..	..	..
FEMALES								
10–14	434	2 025	149	2 608	16.6	77.6	5.7	100.0
15–19	787	6 519	546	7 852	10.0	83.0	7.0	100.0
20–24	477	2 273	411	3 161	15.1	71.9	13.0	100.0
25–29	365	1 797	288	2 450	14.9	73.3	11.8	100.0
30–34	354	1 478	203	2 035	17.4	72.6	10.0	100.0
35–39	313	1 411	209	1 933	16.2	73.0	10.8	100.0
40–44	216	1 033	157	1 406	15.4	73.5	11.2	100.0
45–49	137	766	123	1 026	13.4	74.7	12.0	100.0
50–54	60	412	71	543	11.0	75.9	13.1	100.0
55–59	12	222	41	275	4.4	80.7	14.9	100.0
60–64	5	129	20	154	3.2	83.8	13.0	100.0
65 years and over	6	130	15	151	4.0	86.1	9.9	100.0
Total(a)	3 170	18 207	2 236	23 613	13.4	77.1	9.5	100.0
Mean age	25.8	25.4	28.0	25.7	..	..	..	..
Median age	23.0	20.0	25.0	21.0	..	..	..	..
PERSONS (b)								
10–14	1 526	6 558	473	8 557	17.8	76.6	5.5	100.0
15–19	2 809	26 363	2 278	31 450	8.9	83.8	7.2	100.0
20–24	1 692	14 508	1 844	18 044	9.4	80.4	10.2	100.0
25–29	1 281	10 637	1 338	13 256	9.7	80.2	10.1	100.0
30–34	1 116	8 437	995	10 548	10.6	80.0	9.4	100.0
35–39	1 049	7 485	889	9 423	11.1	79.4	9.4	100.0
40–44	700	5 457	697	6 854	10.2	79.6	10.2	100.0
45–49	413	3 879	573	4 865	8.5	79.7	11.8	100.0
50–54	204	2 221	343	2 768	7.4	80.2	12.4	100.0
55–59	68	1 315	211	1 594	4.3	82.5	13.2	100.0
60–64	27	718	143	888	3.0	80.9	16.1	100.0
65 years and over	17	689	87	793	2.1	86.9	11.0	100.0
Total(a)	10 916	88 315	9 882	109 113	10.0	80.9	9.1	100.0
Mean age	25.5	26.8	29.0	26.9	..	..	..	..
Median age	23.0	23.0	26.0	23.0	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

3.9 OFFENDER RATE(a), Sex and age by Indigenous status—New South Wales

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons(b)</i>
.....			
INDIGENOUS (c)			
10–14	11 611	4 932	8 382
15–19	23 027	9 653	16 588
20–24	17 407	7 221	12 454
25–29	18 028	7 143	12 570
30–34	16 714	6 925	11 547
35–39	15 855	5 937	10 581
40–44	12 143	4 714	8 170
45–49	7 553	3 520	5 473
50–54	5 148	2 035	3 550
55–59	2 625	506	1 510
60–64	1 450	326	885
65 years and over	569	259	400
Total(d)	13 964	5 591	9 733

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NON-INDIGENOUS (e)			
10–14	2 037	953	1 508
15–19	8 478	2 960	5 806
20–24	5 123	985	3 090
25–29	3 688	756	2 228
30–34	2 938	615	1 769
35–39	2 450	558	1 495
40–44	1 848	427	1 134
45–49	1 274	307	787
50–54	813	182	495
55–59	536	108	322
60–64	329	72	201
65 years and over	131	25	73
Total(d)	2 389	603	1 484

- (a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
- (b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.
- (c) Calculated using experimental projections of the Indigenous population for 2007 based on the 2001 Census of Population and Housing (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 27).
- (d) Includes offenders with an unknown age.
- (e) Calculated using 2007 preliminary ERP based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, less the experimental projections of the Indigenous population (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 29).

3.10 OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and age by number of times proceeded against—New South Wales

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
INDIGENOUS							
10–14	793	258	141	88	246	1 526	2.7
15–19	1 314	551	319	220	405	2 809	2.6
20–24	906	374	188	101	123	1 692	2.0
25–29	729	273	140	57	82	1 281	1.9
30–34	654	258	107	44	53	1 116	1.8
35–39	608	235	98	45	63	1 049	1.9
40–44	442	134	65	30	29	700	1.7
45–49	302	63	22	15	11	413	1.5
50–54	151	31	7	8	7	204	1.5
55–59	56	7	3	—	—	66	1.3
60–64	23	4	—	—	—	27	1.1
65 years and over	15	3	—	—	—	18	1.1
Total(a)	5 997	2 194	1 093	608	1 023	10 915	2.1
NON-INDIGENOUS							
10–14	5 068	789	261	149	291	6 558	1.6
15–19	18 941	3 892	1 477	780	1 273	26 363	1.7
20–24	10 825	2 178	727	353	425	14 508	1.5
25–29	7 759	1 598	650	273	357	10 637	1.5
30–34	6 131	1 299	510	238	259	8 437	1.5
35–39	5 500	1 173	440	171	201	7 485	1.5
40–44	4 155	821	270	109	102	5 457	1.4
45–49	3 149	511	128	41	50	3 879	1.3
50–54	1 880	236	62	21	22	2 221	1.3
55–59	1 155	112	30	14	4	1 315	1.2
60–64	647	48	11	7	5	718	1.2
65 years and over	622	45	12	6	4	689	1.2
Total(a)	65 866	12 708	4 581	2 165	2 993	88 313	1.5

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

3.10 OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and age by number of times proceeded against—New South Wales *continued*

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
INDIGENOUS						
10–14	52.0	16.9	9.2	5.8	16.1	100.0
15–19	46.8	19.6	11.4	7.8	14.4	100.0
20–24	53.5	22.1	11.1	6.0	7.3	100.0
25–29	56.9	21.3	10.9	4.4	6.4	100.0
30–34	58.6	23.1	9.6	3.9	4.7	100.0
35–39	58.0	22.4	9.3	4.3	6.0	100.0
40–44	63.1	19.1	9.3	4.3	4.1	100.0
45–49	73.1	15.3	5.3	3.6	2.7	100.0
50–54	74.0	15.2	3.4	3.9	3.4	100.0
55–59	84.8	10.6	4.5	—	—	100.0
60–64	85.2	14.8	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	83.3	16.7	—	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	54.9	20.1	10.0	5.6	9.4	100.0
NON-INDIGENOUS						
10–14	77.3	12.0	4.0	2.3	4.4	100.0
15–19	71.8	14.8	5.6	3.0	4.8	100.0
20–24	74.6	15.0	5.0	2.4	2.9	100.0
25–29	72.9	15.0	6.1	2.6	3.4	100.0
30–34	72.7	15.4	6.0	2.8	3.1	100.0
35–39	73.5	15.7	5.9	2.3	2.7	100.0
40–44	76.1	15.0	4.9	2.0	1.9	100.0
45–49	81.2	13.2	3.3	1.1	1.3	100.0
50–54	84.6	10.6	2.8	0.9	1.0	100.0
55–59	87.8	8.5	2.3	1.1	0.3	100.0
60–64	90.1	6.7	1.5	1.0	0.7	100.0
65 years and over	90.3	6.5	1.7	0.9	0.6	100.0
Total(a)	74.6	14.4	5.2	2.5	3.4	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by Victorian police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex and age as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3–7 and 9–17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

Victorian data are underestimated for the following principal offences: public order, property damage and environmental pollution and offences against justice. Proceedings involving the issuing of penalty/infringement notices in Victoria are not included in this publication. This will also have an impact on the total offender rate. For more information see paragraph 35 of the Explanatory Notes.

For the 2007–08 reference period, police in Victoria proceeded against 48,378 offenders. This equated to a rate of 1,050 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in Victoria.

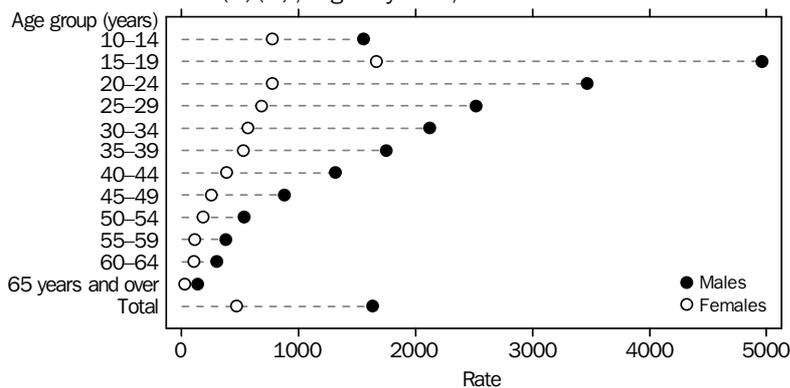
There were more than three times as many male offenders (37,196) as female offenders (11,074). Males had an offender rate of 1,639 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 474 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age for all female offenders was 24 years compared to 25 years for males.

As illustrated by the following graph, males had higher offending rates for all age groups compared to females. The age group with the highest offender rate for both sexes was the 15–19 year age group.

OFFENDERS *continued*

OFFENDER RATE (a)(b), Age by sex, Victoria



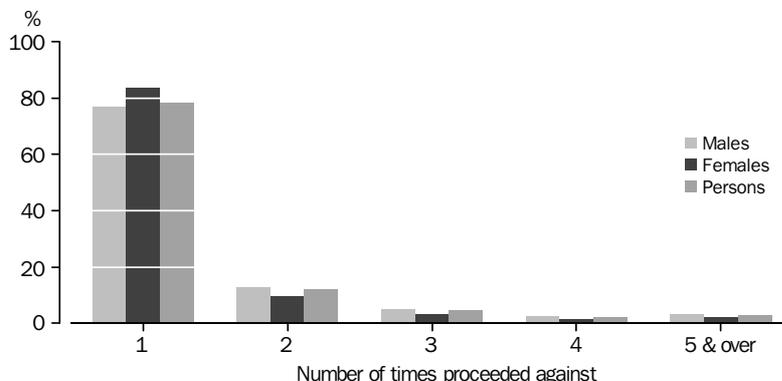
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
 (b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

REPEAT OFFENDERS

During 2007–08, the majority (78%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on only one occasion. A further 12% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007–08 comprised 3% (1,402 offenders) of all offenders.

There were more male offenders than female offenders who were proceeded against more than once during the reference period (23% compared to 17%), with an average number of times proceeded against of 1.5 compared to 1.3 respectively.

OFFENDERS (a), Number of times proceeded against by sex (b), Victoria



(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).
 (b) Persons includes offenders with an unknown sex

Nearly 5% of males aged 10–14 years had been proceeded against 5 or more times during 2007–08, the highest proportion for any age group.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

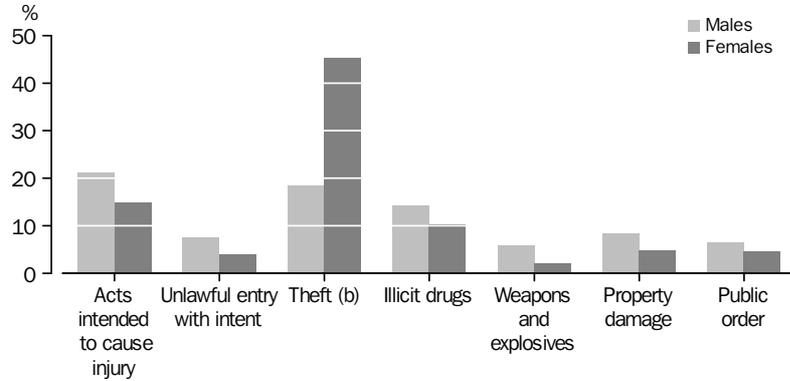
The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against in 2007–08 was theft (25% of all offenders). The next most prevalent principal offences were acts intended to cause injury (20%), followed by illicit drug offences (13%).

There were differing offence patterns between male and female offenders in terms of the most prevalent principal offences. Female offenders were most commonly proceeded against for theft (45%), followed by acts intended to cause injury (15%). These two offence types also comprised the most prevalent offences for males, but the order and

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE
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proportions differed. Acts intended to cause injury accounted for the highest proportion of male offenders (21%), followed by theft (18%).

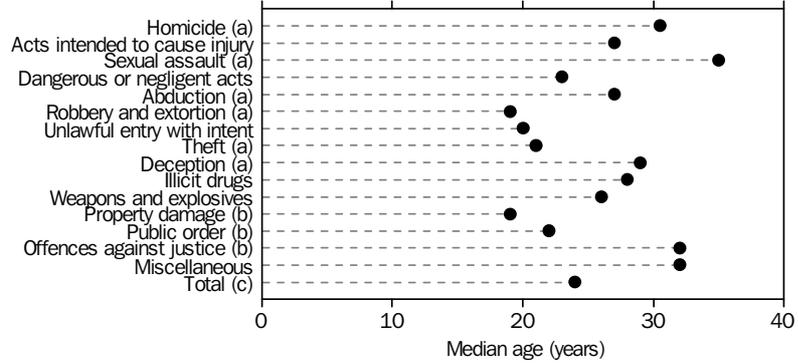
OFFENDERS (a), Selected principal offence by sex, Victoria



(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).
(b) Includes related offences.

Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were younger for principal offences relating to robbery and extortion, property damage and environmental pollution (median age 19 years for both offence types), and unlawful entry with intent (median age 20 years), and much older for sexual assault (median age 35 years).

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, Victoria

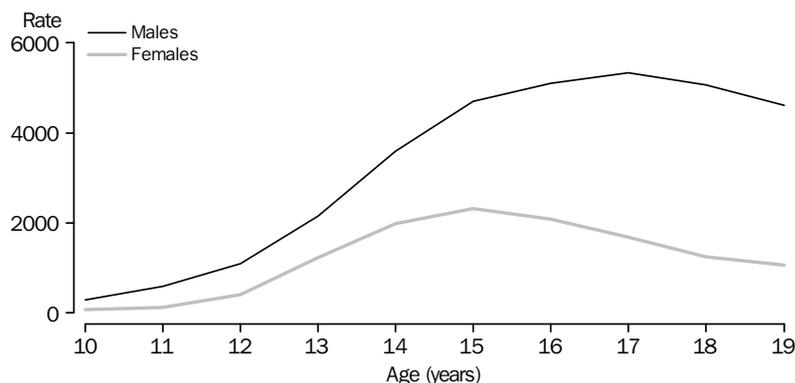


(a) Includes related offences.
(b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).
(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, the highest offender rate for males occurred at age 17 years, while for females it was at age 15 years. Males aged 17 years offended at a rate three times higher than the rate of all male offenders (5,333 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 17 years compared to 1,639 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 10 years and over). Females aged 15 years had an offender rate of 2,325 for every 100,000 females aged 15 years, which was almost five times the rate for all female offenders (474 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over).

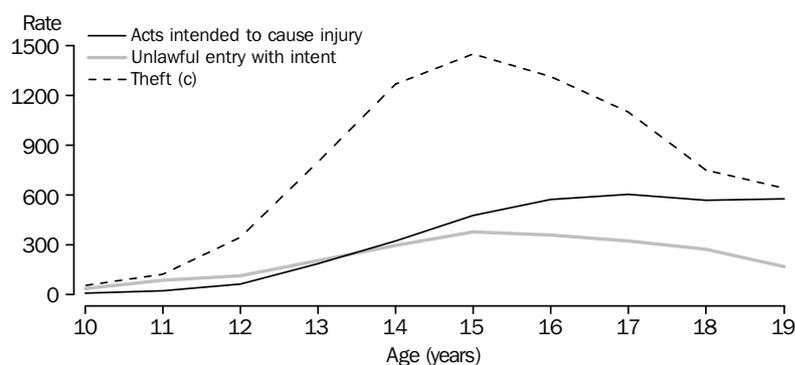
YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a)(b), Age by sex, Victoria



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
 (b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were theft (35%) and acts intended to cause injury (15%). The impact of age on offending patterns is further illustrated in the graph below. After the age of 11 years, there was a noticeable increase in the rate at which theft was the principal offence, peaking at the age of 15 years. Despite the decrease in rates associated with theft after the age of 15 years, and the general increase in acts intended to cause injury, theft remained the most prevalent principal offence for youth offenders.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a)(b), Selected principal offence by age, Victoria



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
 (b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).
 (c) Includes related offences.

4.1 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—Victoria

	Males	Females	Persons(b)
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	132	20	152
Acts intended to cause injury	7 870	1 654	9 539
Sexual assault and related offences	922	18	944
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	510	42	554
Abduction and related offences	40	5	45
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1 004	123	1 127
Unlawful entry with intent	2 806	447	3 256
Theft and related offences	6 856	5 003	11 887
Deception and related offences	1 561	665	2 231
Illicit drug offences	5 256	1 139	6 414
Weapons and explosives offences	2 171	231	2 406
Property damage and environmental pollution(c)	3 092	535	3 637
Public order offences(c)	2 375	512	2 897
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	1 380	446	1 830
Miscellaneous offences	1 105	207	1 314
Total(c)(d)	37 196	11 074	48 378

	PROPORTION (%)		
Homicide and related offences	0.4	0.2	0.3
Acts intended to cause injury	21.2	14.9	19.7
Sexual assault and related offences	2.5	0.2	2.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	1.4	0.4	1.1
Abduction and related offences	0.1	—	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences	2.7	1.1	2.3
Unlawful entry with intent	7.5	4.0	6.7
Theft and related offences	18.4	45.2	24.6
Deception and related offences	4.2	6.0	4.6
Illicit drug offences	14.1	10.3	13.3
Weapons and explosives offences	5.8	2.1	5.0
Property damage and environmental pollution(c)	8.3	4.8	7.5
Public order offences(c)	6.4	4.6	6.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	3.7	4.0	3.8
Miscellaneous offences	3.0	1.9	2.7
Total(c)(d)	100.0	100.0	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (e)		
Homicide and related offences	5.8	0.9	3.3
Acts intended to cause injury	346.7	70.8	207.0
Sexual assault and related offences	40.6	0.8	20.5
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	22.5	1.8	12.0
Abduction and related offences	1.8	0.2	1.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	44.2	5.3	24.5
Unlawful entry with intent	123.6	19.1	70.7
Theft and related offences	302.0	214.0	258.0
Deception and related offences	68.8	28.4	48.4
Illicit drug offences	231.5	48.7	139.2
Weapons and explosives offences	95.6	9.9	52.2
Property damage and environmental pollution(c)	136.2	22.9	78.9
Public order offences(c)	104.6	21.9	62.9
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	60.8	19.1	39.7
Miscellaneous offences	48.7	8.9	28.5
Total(c)(d)	1 638.5	473.7	1 049.9

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14, Subdivision 041 and Group 1512 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(e) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

4.2 OFFENDERS (a), Age by sex—Victoria

Age group (years)	NUMBER			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(b)		
	Males	Females	Persons(c)	Males	Females	Persons(c)	Males	Females	Persons(c)
10–14	2 694	1 268	3 968	7.2	11.5	8.2	1 558.9	775.4	1 179.8
15–19	9 091	2 889	11 992	24.4	26.1	24.8	4 963.2	1 669.0	3 366.0
20–24	6 798	1 453	8 262	18.3	13.1	17.1	3 466.0	780.7	2 161.4
25–29	4 757	1 274	6 044	12.8	11.5	12.5	2 518.1	686.1	1 613.4
30–34	3 932	1 070	5 017	10.6	9.7	10.4	2 120.0	573.2	1 348.1
35–39	3 469	1 083	4 562	9.3	9.8	9.4	1 751.7	532.5	1 136.5
40–44	2 466	750	3 229	6.6	6.8	6.7	1 317.0	391.4	852.3
45–49	1 646	498	2 152	4.4	4.5	4.4	884.1	261.1	570.9
50–54	906	328	1 241	2.4	3.0	2.6	536.0	189.6	362.9
55–59	585	187	774	1.6	1.7	1.6	383.7	118.5	249.5
60–64	403	144	550	1.1	1.3	1.1	305.7	106.8	206.2
65 years and over	449	130	587	1.2	1.2	1.2	140.8	33.2	82.7
Total	37 196	11 074	48 378	100.0	100.0	100.0	1 638.5	473.7	1 049.9
Mean age	27.9	27.6	27.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Median age	25.0	24.0	24.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(b) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

4.3 OFFENDERS, Age by principal offence(a)—Victoria

Age group (years)	Homicide and related offences	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	Abduction and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences
NUMBER								
10–14	3	418	38	28	3	86	505	1 771
15–19	15	1 999	134	140	7	541	1 068	3 722
20–24	34	1 767	112	145	9	185	448	1 449
25–29	22	1 268	107	70	9	127	374	1 096
30–34	25	1 130	77	52	4	85	353	896
35–39	14	1 137	82	47	5	50	250	876
40–44	20	786	89	30	5	28	130	588
45–49	8	473	87	19	4	11	69	450
50–54	6	248	45	12	—	12	35	323
55–59	—	161	48	6	—	3	15	236
60–64	4	88	45	3	—	—	7	195
65 years and over	3	64	80	3	—	—	3	285
Total	154	9 539	944	555	46	1 128	3 257	11 887
Mean age	32.3	29.1	37.2	26.4	29.9	21.8	23.5	26.6
Median age	30.5	27.0	35.0	23.0	27.0	19.0	20.0	21.0
PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	0.1	10.5	1.0	0.7	0.1	2.2	12.7	44.6
15–19	0.1	16.7	1.1	1.2	0.1	4.5	8.9	31.0
20–24	0.4	21.4	1.4	1.8	0.1	2.2	5.4	17.5
25–29	0.4	21.0	1.8	1.2	0.1	2.1	6.2	18.1
30–34	0.5	22.5	1.5	1.0	0.1	1.7	7.0	17.9
35–39	0.3	24.9	1.8	1.0	0.1	1.1	5.5	19.2
40–44	0.6	24.3	2.8	0.9	0.2	0.9	4.0	18.2
45–49	0.4	22.0	4.0	0.9	0.2	0.5	3.2	20.9
50–54	0.5	20.0	3.6	1.0	—	1.0	2.8	26.0
55–59	—	20.8	6.2	0.8	—	0.4	1.9	30.5
60–64	0.7	16.0	8.2	0.5	—	—	1.3	35.5
65 years and over	0.5	10.9	13.6	0.5	—	—	0.5	48.4
Total	0.3	19.7	2.0	1.1	0.1	2.3	6.7	24.6

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

4.3 OFFENDERS, Age by principal offence(a)—Victoria *continued*

Age group (years)	Deception and related offences	Illicit drug offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution(b)	Public order offences(b)	Offences against justice(b)(c)	Misc. offences	Total(b)(d)
NUMBER								
10–14	18	31	125	640	229	22	53	3 970
15–19	333	803	527	1 352	942	216	172	11 992
20–24	437	1 558	465	585	564	299	176	8 262
25–29	394	1 140	382	307	316	254	153	6 044
30–34	316	881	282	232	240	246	184	5 017
35–39	264	753	227	202	187	272	175	4 562
40–44	188	552	159	153	156	193	136	3 229
45–49	128	362	92	74	107	151	113	2 152
50–54	60	190	57	42	61	75	68	1 240
55–59	39	85	44	17	38	44	36	775
60–64	40	34	29	17	28	35	21	550
65 years and over	14	25	17	16	29	23	27	589
Total	2 231	6 414	2 406	3 637	2 897	1 830	1 314	48 382
Mean age	30.8	30.2	28.2	22.5	25.9	33.1	33.2	27.8
Median age	29.0	28.0	26.0	19.0	22.0	32.0	32.0	24.0

PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	0.5	0.8	3.1	16.1	5.8	0.6	1.3	100.0
15–19	2.8	6.7	4.4	11.3	7.9	1.8	1.4	100.0
20–24	5.3	18.9	5.6	7.1	6.8	3.6	2.1	100.0
25–29	6.5	18.9	6.3	5.1	5.2	4.2	2.5	100.0
30–34	6.3	17.6	5.6	4.6	4.8	4.9	3.7	100.0
35–39	5.8	16.5	5.0	4.4	4.1	6.0	3.8	100.0
40–44	5.8	17.1	4.9	4.7	4.8	6.0	4.2	100.0
45–49	5.9	16.8	4.3	3.4	5.0	7.0	5.3	100.0
50–54	4.8	15.3	4.6	3.4	4.9	6.0	5.5	100.0
55–59	5.0	11.0	5.7	2.2	4.9	5.7	4.6	100.0
60–64	7.3	6.2	5.3	3.1	5.1	6.4	3.8	100.0
65 years and over	2.4	4.2	2.9	2.7	4.9	3.9	4.6	100.0
Total	4.6	13.3	5.0	7.5	6.0	3.8	2.7	100.0

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

4.4 OFFENDERS(a), Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Victoria ...

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	2 100	305	107	56	126	2 694	1.6
15–19	6 695	1 318	473	213	392	9 091	1.6
20–24	5 263	855	349	167	164	6 798	1.4
25–29	3 487	613	295	168	194	4 757	1.6
30–34	2 865	562	251	123	131	3 932	1.5
35–39	2 648	463	174	87	97	3 469	1.5
40–44	1 957	312	103	49	45	2 466	1.4
45–49	1 412	156	34	21	23	1 646	1.3
50–54	781	77	30	6	12	906	1.2
55–59	539	33	7	5	—	584	1.1
60–64	375	25	3	—	—	403	1.1
65 years and over	425	20	3	—	—	448	1.1
Total	28 547	4 739	1 829	895	1 184	37 194	1.5
FEMALES							
10–14	1 114	99	20	14	21	1 268	1.2
15–19	2 466	263	87	30	43	2 889	1.3
20–24	1 214	133	49	24	33	1 453	1.3
25–29	971	156	73	28	46	1 274	1.5
30–34	841	120	59	21	29	1 070	1.4
35–39	844	136	49	25	29	1 083	1.4
40–44	625	74	28	16	7	750	1.3
45–49	432	44	10	5	7	498	1.2
50–54	302	20	3	3	—	328	1.1
55–59	175	8	3	—	—	186	1.1
60–64	138	6	—	—	—	144	1.0
65 years and over	126	—	—	—	3	129	1.1
Total	9 248	1 059	381	166	218	11 072	1.3
PERSONS (b)							
10–14	3 220	404	127	70	147	3 968	1.5
15–19	9 173	1 581	560	243	435	11 992	1.5
20–24	6 488	988	398	191	197	8 262	1.4
25–29	4 470	772	368	196	240	6 046	1.5
30–34	3 718	685	310	144	160	5 017	1.5
35–39	3 502	599	223	112	126	4 562	1.4
40–44	2 593	386	131	65	52	3 227	1.4
45–49	1 852	200	44	26	30	2 152	1.3
50–54	1 088	100	33	9	12	1 242	1.2
55–59	717	41	10	5	—	773	1.1
60–64	516	31	3	—	—	550	1.1
65 years and over	559	20	3	—	3	585	1.1
Total	37 896	5 807	2 210	1 061	1 402	48 376	1.4

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

4.4 OFFENDERS(a), Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Victoria

continued

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	78.0	11.3	4.0	2.1	4.7	100.0
15–19	73.6	14.5	5.2	2.3	4.3	100.0
20–24	77.4	12.6	5.1	2.5	2.4	100.0
25–29	73.3	12.9	6.2	3.5	4.1	100.0
30–34	72.9	14.3	6.4	3.1	3.3	100.0
35–39	76.3	13.3	5.0	2.5	2.8	100.0
40–44	79.4	12.7	4.2	2.0	1.8	100.0
45–49	85.8	9.5	2.1	1.3	1.4	100.0
50–54	86.2	8.5	3.3	0.7	1.3	100.0
55–59	92.3	5.7	1.2	0.9	—	100.0
60–64	93.1	6.2	0.7	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	94.9	4.5	0.7	—	—	100.0
Total	76.8	12.7	4.9	2.4	3.2	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	87.9	7.8	1.6	1.1	1.7	100.0
15–19	85.4	9.1	3.0	1.0	1.5	100.0
20–24	83.6	9.2	3.4	1.7	2.3	100.0
25–29	76.2	12.2	5.7	2.2	3.6	100.0
30–34	78.6	11.2	5.5	2.0	2.7	100.0
35–39	77.9	12.6	4.5	2.3	2.7	100.0
40–44	83.3	9.9	3.7	2.1	0.9	100.0
45–49	86.7	8.8	2.0	1.0	1.4	100.0
50–54	92.1	6.1	0.9	0.9	—	100.0
55–59	94.1	4.3	1.6	—	—	100.0
60–64	95.8	4.2	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	97.7	—	—	—	2.3	100.0
Total	83.5	9.6	3.4	1.5	2.0	100.0
PERSONS (b)						
10–14	81.1	10.2	3.2	1.8	3.7	100.0
15–19	76.5	13.2	4.7	2.0	3.6	100.0
20–24	78.5	12.0	4.8	2.3	2.4	100.0
25–29	73.9	12.8	6.1	3.2	4.0	100.0
30–34	74.1	13.7	6.2	2.9	3.2	100.0
35–39	76.8	13.1	4.9	2.5	2.8	100.0
40–44	80.4	12.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	100.0
45–49	86.1	9.3	2.0	1.2	1.4	100.0
50–54	87.6	8.1	2.7	0.7	1.0	100.0
55–59	92.8	5.3	1.3	0.6	—	100.0
60–64	93.8	5.6	0.5	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	95.6	3.4	0.5	—	0.5	100.0
Total	78.3	12.0	4.6	2.2	2.9	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

4.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Victoria

Age (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage(b)	Public order offences(b)	Other(b)(c)(d)	Total(b)(e)
NUMBER								
10	7	24	38	3	36	10	3	121
11	16	59	82	12	51	16	7	243
12	45	77	233	6	108	22	29	520
13	128	140	548	41	169	64	73	1 163
14	222	205	870	63	276	117	166	1 921
15	328	259	998	79	302	178	296	2 442
16	401	251	920	98	319	189	360	2 541
17	432	233	788	114	297	223	450	2 539
18	413	200	544	121	256	216	576	2 332
19	425	125	472	115	178	136	679	2 138
Youth offenders	2 417	1 573	5 493	652	1 992	1 171	2 639	15 960
<i>All offenders</i>	9 539	3 256	11 887	2 406	3 637	2 897	14 611	48 378
PROPORTION (%)								
10	5.8	19.8	31.4	2.5	29.8	8.3	2.5	100.0
11	6.6	24.3	33.7	4.9	21.0	6.6	2.9	100.0
12	8.7	14.8	44.8	1.2	20.8	4.2	5.6	100.0
13	11.0	12.0	47.1	3.5	14.5	5.5	6.3	100.0
14	11.6	10.7	45.3	3.3	14.4	6.1	8.6	100.0
15	13.4	10.6	40.9	3.2	12.4	7.3	12.1	100.0
16	15.8	9.9	36.2	3.9	12.6	7.4	14.2	100.0
17	17.0	9.2	31.0	4.5	11.7	8.8	17.7	100.0
18	17.7	8.6	23.3	5.2	11.0	9.3	24.7	100.0
19	19.9	5.8	22.1	5.4	8.3	6.4	31.8	100.0
Youth offenders	15.1	9.9	34.4	4.1	12.5	7.3	16.5	100.0
<i>All offenders</i>	19.7	6.7	24.6	5.0	7.5	6.0	30.2	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (f)								
10	10.7	36.6	57.9	4.6	54.9	15.2	4.6	184.5
11	24.1	88.9	123.5	18.1	76.8	24.1	10.5	366.0
12	66.7	114.1	345.2	8.9	160.0	32.6	43.0	770.5
13	187.2	204.8	801.6	60.0	247.2	93.6	106.8	1 701.2
14	324.1	299.3	1 270.1	92.0	402.9	170.8	242.3	2 804.3
15	476.7	376.5	1 450.6	114.8	439.0	258.7	430.2	3 549.4
16	574.1	359.4	1 317.2	140.3	456.7	270.6	515.4	3 638.0
17	604.9	326.3	1 103.4	159.6	415.9	312.3	630.1	3 555.2
18	569.2	275.6	749.7	166.8	352.8	297.7	793.8	3 214.0
19	577.1	169.7	640.9	156.2	241.7	184.7	922.0	2 903.2
Youth offenders	349.0	227.1	793.1	94.1	287.6	169.1	381.0	2 304.4
<i>All offenders</i>	207.0	70.7	258.0	52.2	78.9	62.9	317.1	1 049.9

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(c) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(d) Excludes Breach of bail.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

4.6 YOUTH OFFENDERS(a), Age by sex—Victoria

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
NUMBER			
10	98	22	121
11	203	40	243
12	381	136	520
13	753	409	1 163
14	1 259	661	1 921
15	1 660	779	2 442
16	1 829	709	2 541
17	1 954	584	2 539
18	1 893	439	2 332
19	1 755	378	2 138
Youth offenders	11 785	4 157	15 960
<i>All offenders</i>	37 196	11 074	48 378

PROPORTION (%)			
10	0.8	0.5	0.8
11	1.7	1.0	1.5
12	3.2	3.3	3.3
13	6.4	9.8	7.3
14	10.7	15.9	12.0
15	14.1	18.7	15.3
16	15.5	17.1	15.9
17	16.6	14.0	15.9
18	16.1	10.6	14.6
19	14.9	9.1	13.4
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders</i>	31.7	37.5	33.0

OFFENDER RATE (c)			
10	289.3	69.4	184.5
11	594.7	124.0	366.0
12	1 100.0	414.0	770.5
13	2 146.3	1 229.0	1 701.2
14	3 587.7	1 978.5	2 804.3
15	4 703.9	2 324.7	3 549.4
16	5 092.2	2 089.7	3 638.0
17	5 332.8	1 679.4	3 555.2
18	5 069.0	1 246.7	3 214.0
19	4 621.6	1 059.7	2 903.2
Youth offenders	3 310.6	1 234.9	2 304.4
<i>All offenders</i>	1 638.5	473.7	1 049.9

(a) Excludes penalty notices (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 35).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by Queensland police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex and age as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3-7 and 9-17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

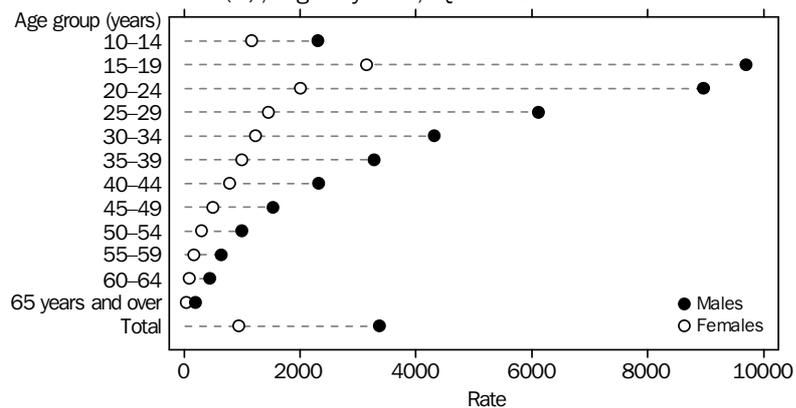
For the 2007-08 reference period, police in Queensland proceeded against 79,090 offenders. This equated to a rate of 2,150 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in Queensland.

There were more than three times as many male offenders (78% or 61,550 males) as female offenders (22% or 17,517 females). Males had an offender rate of 3,365 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 947 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age of all female offenders and male offenders was the same (both 24 years).

As illustrated in the following graph, males had higher offender rates for all age groups compared to females.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Queensland



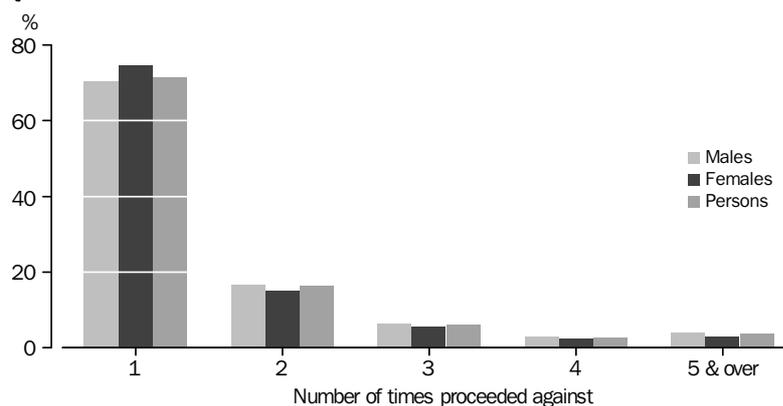
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).

REPEAT OFFENDERS

During 2007–08, the majority (71%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on one occasion. A further 16% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007–08 comprised 4% (2,854 offenders) of all offenders.

There were more male offenders than female offenders who were proceeded against more than once during the reference period (30% compared to 25% respectively).

OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by sex (a), Queensland



(a) Persons includes offenders with an unknown sex.

Male offenders aged 10–14 and 15–19 years were proceeded against on average 1.7 times per offender during the reference period, compared to 1.6 times for all offenders, the highest for any age group.

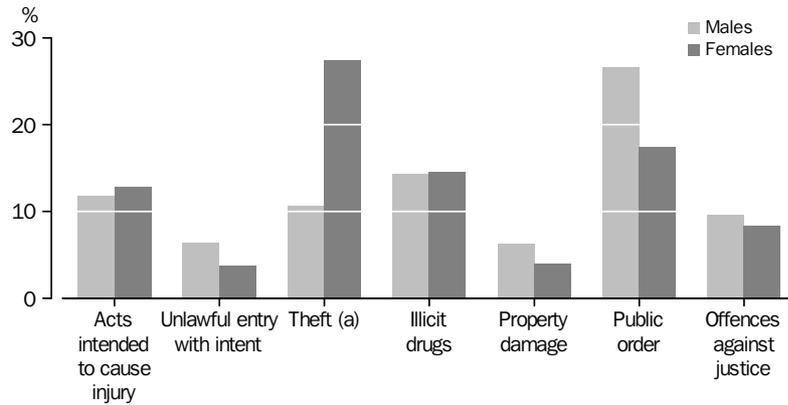
PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against in 2007–08 was public order offences (25% of all offenders). The next most prevalent principal offences were theft and illicit drug offences (14% for both offence types).

There were differing offence patterns between male and female offenders in terms of the most prevalent principal offences. Female offenders had a higher proportion than male offenders with theft as their principal offence (28% and 11% respectively), while male offenders had a higher proportion than female offenders with public order offences as their principal offence (27% and 17% respectively). For most other principal offence types, the proportions were relatively even between males and females.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE
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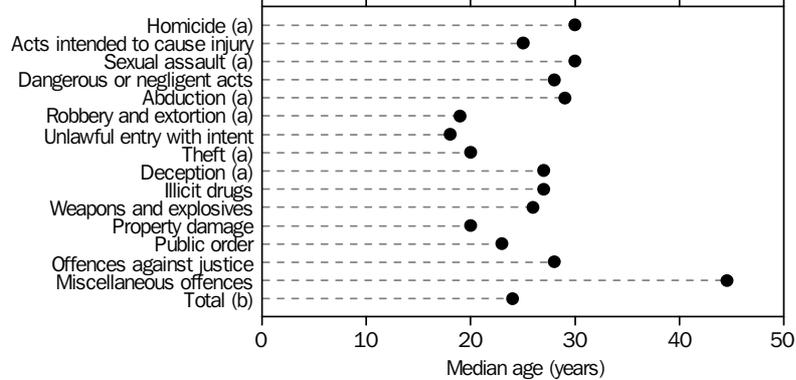
OFFENDERS, Selected principal offence by sex, Queensland



(a) Includes related offences.

Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were younger for principal offences relating to unlawful entry with intent (median age 18 years), robbery and extortion (median age 19 years), theft and property damage and environmental pollution offences (median age for both 20 years). Offenders were much older for miscellaneous offences (median age 45 years), homicide and sexual assault (median age for both 30 years).

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, Queensland



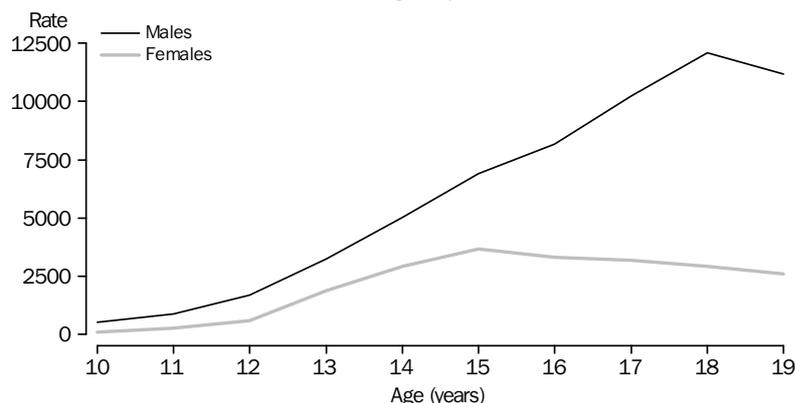
(a) Includes related offences.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, the highest offender rate for males occurred at age 18 years, while for females it was at age 15 years. Males aged 18 years offended at a rate more than three times higher than the rate for all male offenders (12,073 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 18 years compared to 3,365 male offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over). Females aged 15 years had an offender rate of 3,679 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 15 years, which was almost four times the rate for all females (947 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over).

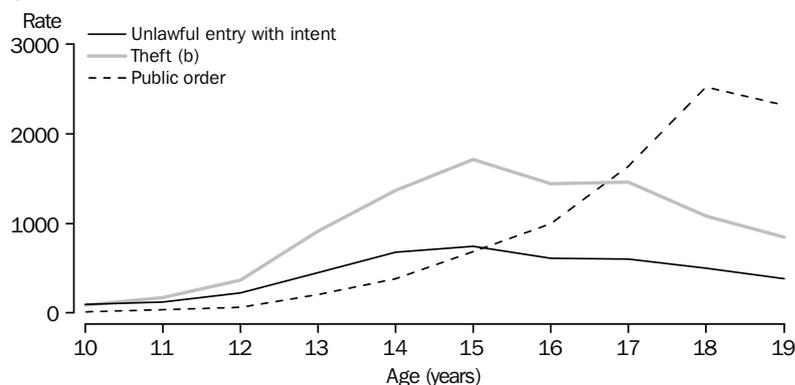
YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Queensland



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were theft (23%) followed by public order offences (22%). The impacts of age on patterns of offending is further illustrated by the following graph. While theft was the most prevalent principal offence for offenders aged 11 to 16 years, after the age of 15 years the rate generally decreased. Between the ages of 16 and 18, public order offences experienced a sharp increase in the offender rate, reaching its peak at age 18 years, at the same time that the rates were decreasing for theft and unlawful entry with intent.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by age, Queensland



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 24–26).

(b) Includes related offences.

5.1 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—Queensland

	Males	Females	Persons(b)
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	112	16	128
Acts intended to cause injury	7 268	2 246	9 517
Sexual assault and related offences	1 314	65	1 379
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	491	100	591
Abduction and related offences	41	6	47
Robbery, extortion and related offences	632	85	717
Unlawful entry with intent	3 968	660	4 629
Theft and related offences	6 612	4 811	11 426
Deception and related offences	1 368	823	2 191
Illicit drug offences	8 782	2 558	11 342
Weapons and explosives offences	1 867	218	2 085
Property damage and environmental pollution	3 900	703	4 607
Public order offences	16 400	3 055	19 462
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	5 952	1 471	7 425
Miscellaneous offences	536	125	662
Total(e)	61 550	17 517	79 090
PROPORTION (%)			
Homicide and related offences	0.2	0.1	0.2
Acts intended to cause injury	11.8	12.8	12.0
Sexual assault and related offences	2.1	0.4	1.7
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	0.8	0.6	0.7
Abduction and related offences	0.1	—	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1.0	0.5	0.9
Unlawful entry with intent	6.4	3.8	5.9
Theft and related offences	10.7	27.5	14.4
Deception and related offences	2.2	4.7	2.8
Illicit drug offences	14.3	14.6	14.3
Weapons and explosives offences	3.0	1.2	2.6
Property damage and environmental pollution	6.3	4.0	5.8
Public order offences	26.6	17.4	24.6
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	9.7	8.4	9.4
Miscellaneous offences	0.9	0.7	0.8
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (f)			
Homicide and related offences	6.1	0.9	3.5
Acts intended to cause injury	397.3	121.4	258.7
Sexual assault and related offences	71.8	3.5	37.5
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	26.8	5.4	16.1
Abduction and related offences	2.2	0.3	1.3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	34.5	4.6	19.5
Unlawful entry with intent	216.9	35.7	125.8
Theft and related offences	361.5	260.1	310.6
Deception and related offences	74.8	44.5	59.6
Illicit drug offences	480.1	138.3	308.3
Weapons and explosives offences	102.1	11.8	56.7
Property damage and environmental pollution	213.2	38.0	125.2
Public order offences	896.5	165.2	529.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	325.4	79.5	201.8
Miscellaneous offences	29.3	6.8	18.0
Total(e)	3 364.7	947.0	2 149.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(d) Excludes Breach of bail.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

5.2 OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Queensland

	NUMBER			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(a)		
	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
10–14	3 477	1 664	5 145	5.6	9.5	6.5	2 310.4	1 163.7	1 753.0
15–19	14 754	4 566	19 324	24.0	26.1	24.4	9 689.0	3 150.6	6 502.0
20–24	13 834	3 006	16 848	22.5	17.2	21.3	8 967.8	2 006.1	5 540.1
25–29	9 092	2 098	11 193	14.8	12.0	14.2	6 109.6	1 449.4	3 812.7
30–34	6 289	1 807	8 098	10.2	10.3	10.2	4 309.8	1 232.8	2 768.5
35–39	5 154	1 597	6 753	8.4	9.1	8.5	3 276.5	1 000.2	2 130.5
40–44	3 487	1 192	4 679	5.7	6.8	5.9	2 325.2	779.1	1 544.4
45–49	2 318	768	3 086	3.8	4.4	3.9	1 534.8	496.0	1 008.9
50–54	1 363	420	1 783	2.2	2.4	2.3	994.1	302.2	645.8
55–59	821	210	1 031	1.3	1.2	1.3	638.2	164.7	402.5
60–64	496	93	589	0.8	0.5	0.7	442.8	85.3	266.5
65 years and over	465	96	561	0.8	0.5	0.7	192.6	34.6	108.1
Total	61 550	17 517	79 090	100.0	100.0	100.0	3 364.7	947.0	2 149.8
Median age	24.0	24.0	24.0
Mean age	27.2	26.8	27.1

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(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

5.3 OFFENDERS, Age by principal offence(a)—Queensland

Age group (years)	Homicide and related offences	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	Abduction and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences
NUMBER								
10–14	—	665	147	51	3	55	930	1 729
15–19	17	2 232	264	124	3	323	1 701	3 913
20–24	25	1 761	156	79	13	136	723	1 696
25–29	18	1 372	115	72	8	93	501	1 085
30–34	15	1 095	112	71	4	50	359	839
35–39	17	924	152	65	6	29	223	728
40–44	14	626	113	61	5	9	107	488
45–49	8	398	98	32	—	13	50	353
50–54	4	210	59	19	3	8	21	224
55–59	4	125	56	7	—	—	10	138
60–64	—	60	41	6	—	—	3	104
65 years and over	6	49	66	4	—	—	3	129
Total	128	9 517	1 379	591	45	716	4 631	11 426
Mean age	33.3	27.4	32.5	29.1	32.3	21.9	21.2	24.5
Median age	30.0	25.0	30.0	28.0	29.0	19.0	18.0	20.0
PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	—	12.9	2.9	1.0	0.1	1.1	18.1	33.6
15–19	0.1	11.6	1.4	0.6	—	1.7	8.8	20.2
20–24	0.1	10.5	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.8	4.3	10.1
25–29	0.2	12.3	1.0	0.6	0.1	0.8	4.5	9.7
30–34	0.2	13.5	1.4	0.9	—	0.6	4.4	10.4
35–39	0.3	13.7	2.3	1.0	0.1	0.4	3.3	10.8
40–44	0.3	13.4	2.4	1.3	0.1	0.2	2.3	10.4
45–49	0.3	12.9	3.2	1.0	—	0.4	1.6	11.4
50–54	0.2	11.8	3.3	1.1	0.2	0.4	1.2	12.6
55–59	0.4	12.1	5.4	0.7	—	—	1.0	13.4
60–64	—	10.2	7.0	1.0	—	—	0.5	17.7
65 years and over	1.1	8.8	11.8	0.7	—	—	0.5	23.0
Total	0.2	12.0	1.7	0.7	0.1	0.9	5.9	14.4

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

5.3 OFFENDERS, Age by principal offence(a)—Queensland *continued*

Age group (years)	Deception and related offences	Illicit drug offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Public order offences	Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(b)	Misc. offences	Total(c)
NUMBER								
10–14	53	137	95	646	422	56	5	5 147
15–19	420	1 662	461	1 502	4 829	1 065	30	19 324
20–24	453	2 701	400	977	5 420	1 701	35	16 848
25–29	334	2 049	305	517	3 052	1 272	57	11 193
30–34	273	1 517	204	343	1 834	1 026	66	8 098
35–39	243	1 255	212	256	1 452	905	68	6 753
40–44	192	927	139	150	963	629	70	4 679
45–49	108	586	110	99	654	392	69	3 084
50–54	62	318	57	54	407	180	72	1 783
55–59	35	121	49	32	227	101	68	1 031
60–64	11	47	32	23	113	57	44	589
65 years and over	7	22	21	8	89	41	78	560
Total	2 191	11 342	2 085	4 607	19 462	7 425	662	79 089
Mean age	29.2	29.4	29.0	23.2	26.7	30.1	44.8	27.1
Median age	27.0	27.0	26.0	20.0	23.0	28.0	44.5	24.0
PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	1.0	2.7	1.8	12.6	8.2	1.1	0.1	100.0
15–19	2.2	8.6	2.4	7.8	25.0	5.5	0.2	100.0
20–24	2.7	16.0	2.4	5.8	32.2	10.1	0.2	100.0
25–29	3.0	18.3	2.7	4.6	27.3	11.4	0.5	100.0
30–34	3.4	18.7	2.5	4.2	22.6	12.7	0.8	100.0
35–39	3.6	18.6	3.1	3.8	21.5	13.4	1.0	100.0
40–44	4.1	19.8	3.0	3.2	20.6	13.4	1.5	100.0
45–49	3.5	19.0	3.6	3.2	21.2	12.7	2.2	100.0
50–54	3.5	17.8	3.2	3.0	22.8	10.1	4.0	100.0
55–59	3.4	11.7	4.8	3.1	22.0	9.8	6.6	100.0
60–64	1.9	8.0	5.4	3.9	19.2	9.7	7.5	100.0
65 years and over	1.3	3.9	3.8	1.4	15.9	7.3	13.9	100.0
Total	2.8	14.3	2.6	5.8	24.6	9.4	0.8	100.0

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(b) Excludes Breach of bail.

5.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Queensland . .

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	2 459	496	190	106	226	3 477	1.7
15–19	9 755	2 611	1 058	529	801	14 754	1.7
20–24	9 867	2 295	871	391	410	13 834	1.5
25–29	6 411	1 575	533	271	302	9 092	1.6
30–34	4 362	1 088	416	184	239	6 289	1.6
35–39	3 625	903	319	139	168	5 154	1.6
40–44	2 510	576	209	85	107	3 487	1.6
45–49	1 750	347	119	43	59	2 318	1.5
50–54	1 085	177	54	15	32	1 363	1.4
55–59	693	89	21	8	10	821	1.3
60–64	436	42	12	3	3	496	1.2
65 years and over	423	30	7	3	3	466	1.1
Total	43 376	10 229	3 809	1 777	2 360	61 551	1.6
FEMALES							
10–14	1 308	208	73	29	46	1 664	1.4
15–19	3 478	664	231	80	113	4 566	1.4
20–24	2 174	480	194	71	87	3 006	1.5
25–29	1 473	361	116	77	71	2 098	1.6
30–34	1 256	311	125	56	59	1 807	1.6
35–39	1 151	263	86	40	57	1 597	1.6
40–44	910	168	66	19	29	1 192	1.4
45–49	624	81	31	10	22	768	1.4
50–54	349	44	15	5	7	420	1.3
55–59	183	21	4	—	3	211	1.2
60–64	85	7	—	—	—	92	1.1
65 years and over	86	5	3	—	—	94	1.2
Total	13 077	2 613	944	387	494	17 515	1.5
PERSONS (a)							
10–14	3 771	704	263	135	272	5 145	1.6
15–19	13 236	3 275	1 289	609	914	19 323	1.7
20–24	12 048	2 775	1 065	462	497	16 847	1.5
25–29	7 887	1 936	649	348	373	11 193	1.6
30–34	5 621	1 399	541	240	298	8 099	1.6
35–39	4 779	1 166	405	179	225	6 754	1.6
40–44	3 420	744	275	104	136	4 679	1.5
45–49	2 374	428	150	53	81	3 086	1.4
50–54	1 434	221	69	20	39	1 783	1.4
55–59	876	110	25	8	13	1 032	1.3
60–64	521	49	12	3	3	588	1.2
65 years and over	509	35	10	3	3	560	1.1
Total	56 476	12 842	4 753	2 164	2 854	79 089	1.6

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

5.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Queensland

continued

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	70.7	14.3	5.5	3.0	6.5	100.0
15–19	66.1	17.7	7.2	3.6	5.4	100.0
20–24	71.3	16.6	6.3	2.8	3.0	100.0
25–29	70.5	17.3	5.9	3.0	3.3	100.0
30–34	69.4	17.3	6.6	2.9	3.8	100.0
35–39	70.3	17.5	6.2	2.7	3.3	100.0
40–44	72.0	16.5	6.0	2.4	3.1	100.0
45–49	75.5	15.0	5.1	1.9	2.5	100.0
50–54	79.6	13.0	4.0	1.1	2.3	100.0
55–59	84.4	10.8	2.6	1.0	1.2	100.0
60–64	87.9	8.5	2.4	0.6	0.6	100.0
65 years and over	90.8	6.4	1.5	0.6	0.6	100.0
Total	70.5	16.6	6.2	2.9	3.8	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	78.6	12.5	4.4	1.7	2.8	100.0
15–19	76.2	14.5	5.1	1.8	2.5	100.0
20–24	72.3	16.0	6.5	2.4	2.9	100.0
25–29	70.2	17.2	5.5	3.7	3.4	100.0
30–34	69.5	17.2	6.9	3.1	3.3	100.0
35–39	72.1	16.5	5.4	2.5	3.6	100.0
40–44	76.3	14.1	5.5	1.6	2.4	100.0
45–49	81.3	10.5	4.0	1.3	2.9	100.0
50–54	83.1	10.5	3.6	1.2	1.7	100.0
55–59	86.7	10.0	1.9	—	1.4	100.0
60–64	92.4	7.6	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	91.5	5.3	3.2	—	—	100.0
Total	74.7	14.9	5.4	2.2	2.8	100.0
PERSONS (a)						
10–14	73.3	13.7	5.1	2.6	5.3	100.0
15–19	68.5	16.9	6.7	3.2	4.7	100.0
20–24	71.5	16.5	6.3	2.7	3.0	100.0
25–29	70.5	17.3	5.8	3.1	3.3	100.0
30–34	69.4	17.3	6.7	3.0	3.7	100.0
35–39	70.8	17.3	6.0	2.7	3.3	100.0
40–44	73.1	15.9	5.9	2.2	2.9	100.0
45–49	76.9	13.9	4.9	1.7	2.6	100.0
50–54	80.4	12.4	3.9	1.1	2.2	100.0
55–59	84.9	10.7	2.4	0.8	1.3	100.0
60–64	88.6	8.3	2.0	0.5	0.5	100.0
65 years and over	90.9	6.3	1.8	0.5	0.5	100.0
Total	71.4	16.2	6.0	2.7	3.6	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

5.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Queensland

Age (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage	Public order offences	Other(b)(c)	Total(d)
NUMBER								
10	22	55	53	3	28	9	5	183
11	41	69	99	5	72	20	19	335
12	99	131	216	13	109	37	54	683
13	206	270	544	16	187	125	156	1 548
14	297	405	817	59	250	231	271	2 397
15	448	450	1 033	71	272	415	397	3 211
16	449	369	872	89	322	601	590	3 492
17	453	363	878	128	318	981	780	4 083
18	451	295	637	91	321	1 487	1 059	4 485
19	431	224	493	82	269	1 345	1 082	4 053
Youth offenders	2 897	2 631	5 642	557	2 148	5 251	4 413	24 470
<i>All offenders</i>	9 517	4 629	11 426	2 086	4 607	19 462	24 482	79 091
PROPORTION (%)								
10	12.0	30.1	29.0	1.6	15.3	4.9	2.7	100.0
11	12.2	20.6	29.6	1.5	21.5	6.0	5.7	100.0
12	14.5	19.2	31.6	1.9	16.0	5.4	7.9	100.0
13	13.3	17.4	35.1	1.0	12.1	8.1	10.1	100.0
14	12.4	16.9	34.1	2.5	10.4	9.6	11.3	100.0
15	14.0	14.0	32.2	2.2	8.5	12.9	12.4	100.0
16	12.9	10.6	25.0	2.5	9.2	17.2	16.9	100.0
17	11.1	8.9	21.5	3.1	7.8	24.0	19.1	100.0
18	10.1	6.6	14.2	2.0	7.2	33.2	23.6	100.0
19	10.6	5.5	12.2	2.0	6.6	33.2	26.7	100.0
Youth offenders	11.8	10.8	23.1	2.3	8.8	21.5	18.0	100.0
<i>All offenders</i>	12.0	5.9	14.4	2.6	5.8	24.6	31.0	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (e)								
10	38.4	95.9	92.5	5.2	48.8	15.7	8.7	319.2
11	70.9	119.3	171.2	8.6	124.5	34.6	32.9	579.2
12	168.0	222.4	366.6	22.1	185.0	62.8	91.7	1 159.4
13	345.4	452.7	912.2	26.8	313.6	209.6	261.6	2 595.7
14	496.8	677.5	1 366.7	98.7	418.2	386.4	453.3	4 009.6
15	745.0	748.3	1 717.7	118.1	452.3	690.1	660.2	5 339.5
16	744.9	612.2	1 446.6	147.6	534.2	997.0	978.8	5 793.2
17	755.6	605.5	1 464.5	213.5	530.4	1 636.3	1 301.0	6 810.3
18	766.3	501.2	1 082.3	154.6	545.4	2 526.5	1 799.3	7 620.2
19	743.4	386.4	850.4	141.4	464.0	2 320.0	1 866.3	6 990.9
Youth offenders	490.4	445.4	955.2	94.3	363.6	889.0	747.1	4 142.6
<i>All offenders</i>	258.7	125.8	310.6	56.7	125.2	529.0	665.5	2 149.8

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(e) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

5.6 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Queensland

Age (years) Males Females Persons(a)

NUMBER

10	154	28	182
11	263	72	335
12	510	172	683
13	999	549	1 548
14	1 551	843	2 397
15	2 132	1 077	3 211
16	2 515	977	3 492
17	3 151	932	4 083
18	3 644	840	4 485
19	3 312	740	4 053
Youth offenders	18 231	6 230	24 469
<i>All offenders</i>	<i>61 550</i>	<i>17 517</i>	<i>79 090</i>

PROPORTION (%)

10	0.8	0.4	0.7
11	1.4	1.2	1.4
12	2.8	2.8	2.8
13	5.5	8.8	6.3
14	8.5	13.5	9.8
15	11.7	17.3	13.1
16	13.8	15.7	14.3
17	17.3	15.0	16.7
18	20.0	13.5	18.3
19	18.2	11.9	16.6
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders</i>	<i>29.6</i>	<i>35.6</i>	<i>30.9</i>

OFFENDER RATE (b)

10	526.7	99.7	317.5
11	889.8	254.6	579.2
12	1 690.4	598.4	1 159.4
13	3 258.8	1 894.3	2 595.7
14	5 024.1	2 915.9	4 009.6
15	6 907.3	3 679.4	5 339.5
16	8 158.7	3 317.3	5 793.2
17	10 228.9	3 197.5	6 810.3
18	12 073.4	2 929.4	7 620.2
19	11 190.3	2 607.7	6 990.9
Youth offenders	6 021.4	2 163.8	4 142.4
<i>All offenders</i>	<i>3 364.7</i>	<i>947.0</i>	<i>2 149.8</i>

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(b) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by South Australian police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex, age and Indigenous status as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3-7 and 9-17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

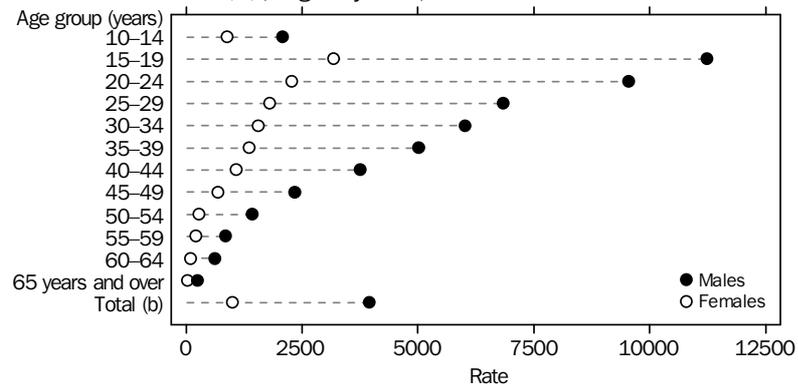
For the 2007-08 reference period, police in South Australia proceeded against 34,500 offenders. This equated to a rate of 2,454 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in South Australia.

There were almost four times as many male offenders (79% or 27,236 males) as female offenders (21% or 7,131 females). Males had an offender rate of 3,943 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 997 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age of all female offenders and male offenders was the same (both 26 years).

As illustrated by the following graph, males had higher offender rates for all age groups compared to females. The age group with the highest offender rate for both sexes was the 15-19 year age group.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, South Australia



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).
 (b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

REPEAT OFFENDERS

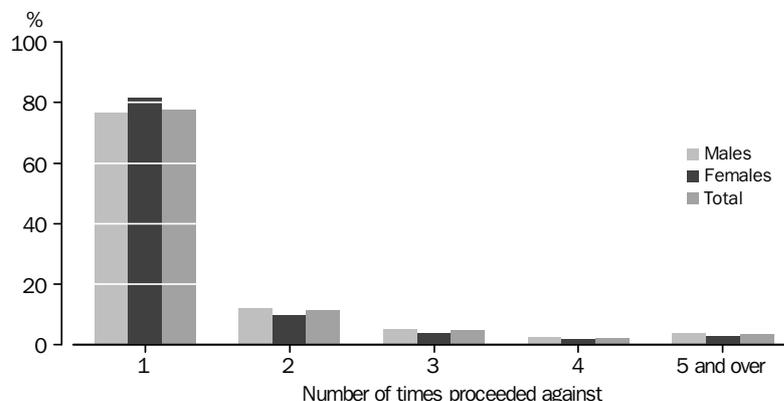
During 2007-08, the majority (78%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on one occasion. A further 12% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007-08 comprised 4% (1,199 offenders) of all offenders.

REPEAT OFFENDERS

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Male offenders were more likely than female offenders to have been proceeded against more than once during the reference period (23% compared to 18% respectively).

OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by sex (a), South Australia



(a) Persons includes offenders with an unknown sex

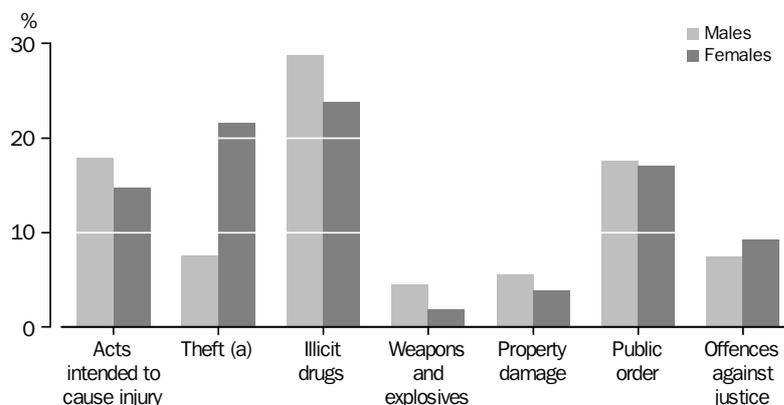
Male offenders aged 10–14 years were proceeded against on average 2 times per offender during the reference period, compared to 1.5 times for all offenders, which was the highest for any age group.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against was illicit drug offences (28% of all offenders). The next most prevalent principal offences were public order offences (18%), followed by acts intended to cause injury (17%).

While illicit drug offences was the main principal offence for both male and female offenders (29% of males and 24% of females), there were contrasts for other offence types between the sexes. Females were more commonly proceeded against for theft as their principal offence (22%) and public order offences (17%), while males had a higher proportion of acts intended to cause injury (18%).

OFFENDERS, Selected principal offence by sex, South Australia

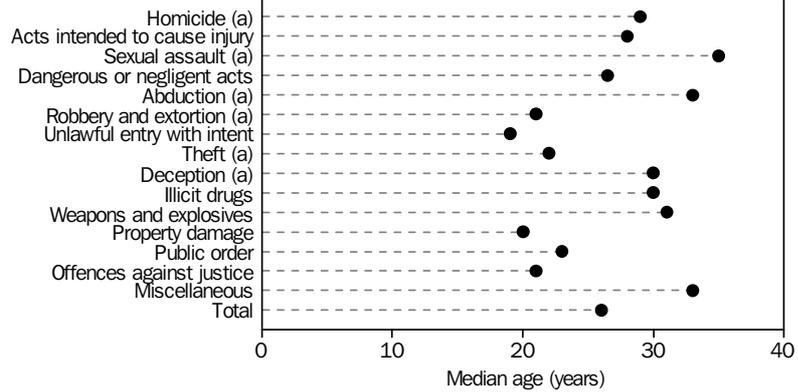


(a) Includes related offences.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE
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Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were younger for principal offences relating to unlawful entry with intent (median age of 19 years) and property damage and environmental pollution (median age of 20 years). Offenders proceeded against for sexual assault had the oldest median age at 35 years.

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, South Australia



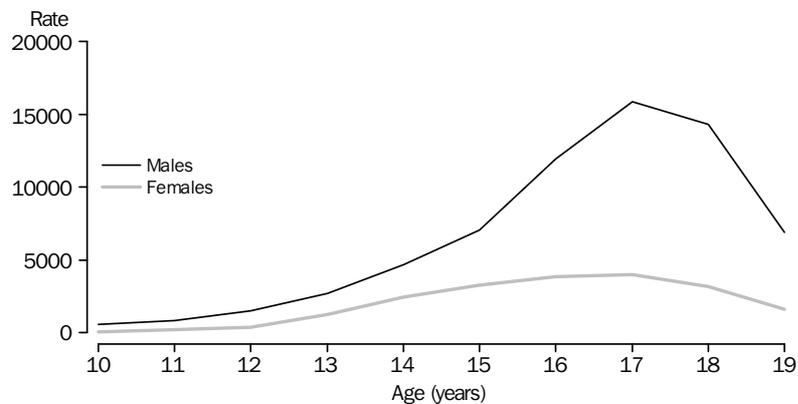
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YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, both males and females aged 17 years of age had the highest offender rates. Males aged 17 years offended at a rate four times higher than the rate for all male offenders (15,855 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 17 years compared to 3,943 male offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over). Females aged 17 years had an offender rate of 4,014 female offenders for every 100,000 females aged 17 years, which was four times the rate of all female offenders (997 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over).

The offender rate for males decreased noticeably after the age of 17 years, compared to a more gradual decrease for female offender rates after this age.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, South Australia



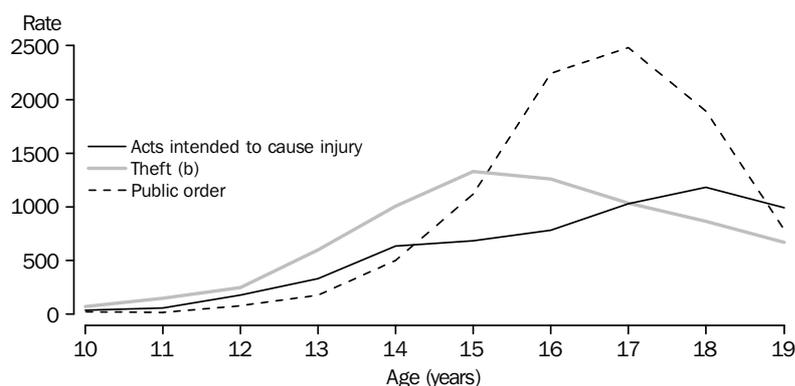
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

YOUTH OFFENDERS

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The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were public order offences (21%), theft (16%) and acts intended to cause injury (13%). The impact of age on offending patterns is further illustrated by the following graph. The peaks in the rate of offending associated with the different offence types occurred at different ages as well as different levels. Rates associated with theft peaked at 15 years compared to 17 years for public order offences and 18 years for acts intended to cause injury. After the age of 17 there was a noticeable decrease in the rate at which offenders had public order offences as their principal offence.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by age, South Australia



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
 (b) Includes related offences.

INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS

For the 2007–08 reference period there were 3,064 Indigenous offenders aged 10 years and over, which represented 9% of the total offender population in South Australia. As at 30 June 2008, less than 2% of persons aged 10 years and over in South Australia were Indigenous.

Of the total male offenders, 8% were Indigenous and 52% were non-Indigenous. Of the total female offenders, 13% were Indigenous and 50% were non-Indigenous.

Caution should be exercised when comparing Indigenous and non-Indigenous data for certain offences. The total unknown Indigenous status for South Australian offenders was 40%. Most of this was attributable to the high level of unknowns for the following principal offences:

- illicit drugs (83%);
- public order (54%); and
- offences against justice (53%).

The high rates of unknown Indigenous status for these offences relates to the large number of penalty notices for these offence types. Indigenous status is not collected for penalty notices. Excluding the above offence divisions with high levels of unknown Indigenous status results in the proportion of the Indigenous offender population increasing from 9% to 15% in South Australia.

As with the overall offender population, acts intended to cause injury (37%) was the most prevalent principal offence for Indigenous offenders.

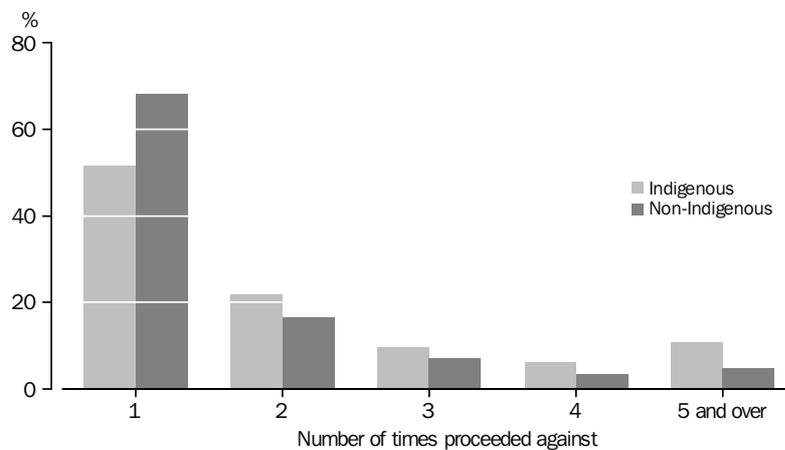
INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS
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Indigenous persons had a higher rate of offending than non-Indigenous persons. For every 100,000 Indigenous persons aged 10 years and over there were 13,906 Indigenous offenders, compared to a rate of 1,283 non-Indigenous offenders per 100,000 non-Indigenous persons aged 10 years and over.

Repeat offenders

Indigenous offenders were, on average, proceeded against by police more often than non-Indigenous offenders during 2007–08 (2.2 times compared to 1.7 times respectively). Of the Indigenous offenders, 52% were proceeded against on one occasion during the 2007–08 reference period, while 11% had been proceeded against on five or more separate occasions.

OFFENDERS, Indigenous status by number of times proceeded against, South Australia



6.1**OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—South Australia**

	Males	Females	Persons(b)
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	64	14	78
Acts intended to cause injury	4 875	1 055	5 930
Sexual assault and related offences	689	22	711
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	66	18	84
Abduction and related offences	11	3	14
Robbery, extortion and related offences	310	59	369
Unlawful entry with intent	943	124	1 067
Theft and related offences	2 071	1 541	3 612
Deception and related offences	412	216	628
Illicit drug offences	7 843	1 706	9 600
Weapons and explosives offences	1 237	137	1 374
Property damage and environmental pollution	1 531	278	1 809
Public order offences	4 794	1 223	6 050
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	2 048	664	2 753
Miscellaneous offences	342	72	421
Total	27 236	7 132	34 500

	PROPORTION (%)		
Homicide and related offences	0.2	0.2	0.2
Acts intended to cause injury	17.9	14.8	17.2
Sexual assault and related offences	2.5	0.3	2.1
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	0.2	0.3	0.2
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1.1	0.8	1.1
Unlawful entry with intent	3.5	1.7	3.1
Theft and related offences	7.6	21.6	10.5
Deception and related offences	1.5	3.0	1.8
Illicit drug offences	28.8	23.9	27.8
Weapons and explosives offences	4.5	1.9	4.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	5.6	3.9	5.2
Public order offences	17.6	17.1	17.5
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	7.5	9.3	8.0
Miscellaneous offences	1.3	1.0	1.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (e)		
Homicide and related offences	9.3	2.0	5.5
Acts intended to cause injury	705.8	147.5	421.8
Sexual assault and related offences	99.8	3.1	50.6
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	9.6	2.5	6.0
Abduction and related offences	1.6	0.4	1.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	44.9	8.3	26.2
Unlawful entry with intent	136.5	17.3	75.9
Theft and related offences	299.8	215.5	256.9
Deception and related offences	59.6	30.2	44.7
Illicit drug offences	1 135.5	238.6	682.9
Weapons and explosives offences	179.1	19.2	97.7
Property damage and environmental pollution	221.7	38.9	128.7
Public order offences	694.1	171.0	430.4
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	296.5	92.9	195.8
Miscellaneous offences	49.5	10.1	29.9
Total	3 943.2	997.4	2 454.2

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(d) Excludes Breach of bail.

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(e) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

6.2 OFFENDERS, Age by sex—South Australia

	NUMBER			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(a)		
	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
10–14	1 079	438	1 517	4.0	6.1	4.4	2 083.7	887.7	1 500.2
15–19	6 170	1 647	7 844	22.7	23.1	22.7	11 229.6	3 180.9	7 349.9
20–24	5 367	1 234	6 639	19.7	17.3	19.2	9 541.7	2 281.7	6 017.3
25–29	3 502	894	4 410	12.9	12.5	12.8	6 837.2	1 807.5	4 380.2
30–34	3 036	775	3 821	11.1	10.9	11.1	6 014.0	1 557.2	3 811.4
35–39	2 830	762	3 596	10.4	10.7	10.4	5 015.4	1 352.1	3 188.4
40–44	2 134	615	2 754	7.8	8.6	8.0	3 763.0	1 082.7	2 426.1
45–49	1 360	412	1 773	5.0	5.8	5.1	2 345.5	695.1	1 512.0
50–54	773	154	927	2.8	2.2	2.7	1 432.8	278.4	848.4
55–59	423	107	534	1.6	1.5	1.5	845.5	205.9	523.5
60–64	271	44	315	1.0	0.6	0.9	625.2	97.3	355.6
65 years and over	268	49	319	1.0	0.7	0.9	249.1	36.1	131.2
Total(c)	27 236	7 131	34 500	100.0	100.0	100.0	3 943.2	997.3	2 454.2
Mean age	28.8	28.4	28.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Median age	26.0	26.0	26.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

6.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—South Australia

Age group (years)	Homicide and related offences	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Deception and related offences	Illicit drug offences
NUMBER								
10–14	—	255	20	26	195	424	4	103
15–19	7	1 000	115	136	362	1 100	66	1 433
20–24	18	1 093	90	82	149	506	113	1 745
25–29	15	814	66	51	110	332	115	1 516
30–34	11	741	59	32	90	309	88	1 438
35–39	12	704	76	17	64	294	99	1 347
40–44	4	568	63	16	51	213	62	965
45–49	5	369	61	4	29	151	34	561
50–54	4	199	48	—	10	89	28	271
55–59	—	92	34	3	6	74	12	110
60–64	—	45	24	—	—	54	3	60
65 years and over	3	50	55	3	—	67	4	33
Total(b)	79	5 930	711	370	1 066	3 613	628	9 600
Mean age	32.1	30.2	36.6	23.2	22.9	27.1	31.9	30.6
Median age	29.0	28.0	35.0	21.0	19.0	22.0	30.0	30.0
PROPORTION (%)								
10–14	—	16.8	1.3	1.7	12.9	27.9	0.3	6.8
15–19	0.1	12.7	1.5	1.7	4.6	14.0	0.8	18.3
20–24	0.3	16.5	1.4	1.2	2.2	7.6	1.7	26.3
25–29	0.3	18.5	1.5	1.2	2.5	7.5	2.6	34.4
30–34	0.3	19.4	1.5	0.8	2.4	8.1	2.3	37.6
35–39	0.3	19.6	2.1	0.5	1.8	8.2	2.8	37.5
40–44	0.1	20.6	2.3	0.6	1.9	7.7	2.3	35.0
45–49	0.3	20.8	3.4	0.2	1.6	8.5	1.9	31.6
50–54	0.4	21.5	5.2	—	1.1	9.6	3.0	29.2
55–59	—	17.2	6.4	0.6	1.1	13.9	2.2	20.6
60–64	—	14.3	7.6	—	—	17.1	1.0	19.0
65 years and over	0.9	15.7	17.2	0.9	—	21.0	1.3	10.3
Total(b)	0.2	17.2	2.1	1.1	3.1	10.5	1.8	27.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

6.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—South Australia *continued*

Age group (years)	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(b)				Miscellaneous offences	Other(c)	Total
			Public order offences						
NUMBER									
10–14	45	259	165	10	11	—	1 517		
15–19	251	583	1 821	897	53	20	7 844		
20–24	191	317	1 271	984	59	21	6 639		
25–29	157	176	769	224	56	9	4 410		
30–34	137	155	504	190	52	15	3 821		
35–39	152	118	509	142	48	14	3 596		
40–44	125	91	423	112	54	7	2 754		
45–49	104	45	295	76	34	5	1 773		
50–54	58	32	125	50	13	—	927		
55–59	53	16	85	28	18	3	534		
60–64	40	8	47	24	6	—	315		
65 years and over	61	7	20	9	9	3	319		
Total(d)	1 374	1 810	6 050	2 753	421	97	34 500		
Mean age	33.7	24.0	27.0	25.0	32.9	30.3	28.7		
Median age	31.0	20.0	23.0	21.0	33.0	25.0	26.0		
PROPORTION (%)									
10–14	3.0	17.1	10.9	0.7	0.7	—	100.0		
15–19	3.2	7.4	23.2	11.4	0.7	0.3	100.0		
20–24	2.9	4.8	19.1	14.8	0.9	0.3	100.0		
25–29	3.6	4.0	17.4	5.1	1.3	0.2	100.0		
30–34	3.6	4.1	13.2	5.0	1.4	0.4	100.0		
35–39	4.2	3.3	14.2	3.9	1.3	0.4	100.0		
40–44	4.5	3.3	15.4	4.1	2.0	0.3	100.0		
45–49	5.9	2.5	16.6	4.3	1.9	0.3	100.0		
50–54	6.3	3.5	13.5	5.4	1.4	—	100.0		
55–59	9.9	3.0	15.9	5.2	3.4	0.6	100.0		
60–64	12.7	2.5	14.9	7.6	1.9	—	100.0		
65 years and over	19.1	2.2	6.3	2.8	2.8	0.9	100.0		
Total(d)	4.0	5.2	17.5	8.0	1.2	0.3	100.0		

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Breach of bail.

(c) Includes Division 05 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

6.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—South Australia

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	725	160	62	31	101	1 079	2.0
15–19	4 661	754	325	167	263	6 170	1.6
20–24	4 139	613	294	133	188	5 367	1.5
25–29	2 614	468	217	93	110	3 502	1.5
30–34	2 274	365	178	92	127	3 036	1.6
35–39	2 185	348	131	70	96	2 830	1.5
40–44	1 706	228	80	53	67	2 134	1.4
45–49	1 076	156	62	35	31	1 360	1.4
50–54	666	71	16	7	13	773	1.3
55–59	368	40	9	4	3	424	1.2
60–64	244	22	4	—	—	270	1.1
65 years and over	243	20	3	—	—	266	1.1
Total(a)	20 924	3 245	1 381	685	999	27 234	1.5
FEMALES							
10–14	342	46	21	12	17	438	1.6
15–19	1 378	132	68	21	48	1 647	1.4
20–24	1 000	134	42	24	34	1 234	1.4
25–29	689	116	37	23	29	894	1.5
30–34	610	92	24	25	24	775	1.5
35–39	610	78	38	14	22	762	1.4
40–44	500	63	22	13	17	615	1.4
45–49	365	26	7	5	9	412	1.2
50–54	131	15	5	—	—	151	1.2
55–59	99	4	—	3	—	106	1.1
60–64	41	—	—	—	—	41	1.1
65 years and over	46	3	3	—	—	52	1.1
Total(a)	5 811	709	267	140	200	7 127	1.4
PERSONS (b)							
10–14	1 067	206	83	43	118	1 517	1.8
15–19	6 066	886	393	188	311	7 844	1.5
20–24	5 177	747	336	157	222	6 639	1.5
25–29	3 317	584	254	116	139	4 410	1.5
30–34	2 894	457	202	117	151	3 821	1.5
35–39	2 799	426	169	84	118	3 596	1.4
40–44	2 211	291	102	66	84	2 754	1.4
45–49	1 441	182	69	40	40	1 772	1.4
50–54	797	86	21	7	13	924	1.3
55–59	471	44	9	7	3	534	1.2
60–64	285	22	4	—	—	311	1.1
65 years and over	289	23	6	—	—	318	1.1
Total(a)	26 865	3 954	1 648	825	1 199	34 491	1.5

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

6.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—South Australia *continued*

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	67.2	14.8	5.7	2.9	9.4	100.0
15–19	75.5	12.2	5.3	2.7	4.3	100.0
20–24	77.1	11.4	5.5	2.5	3.5	100.0
25–29	74.6	13.4	6.2	2.7	3.1	100.0
30–34	74.9	12.0	5.9	3.0	4.2	100.0
35–39	77.2	12.3	4.6	2.5	3.4	100.0
40–44	79.9	10.7	3.7	2.5	3.1	100.0
45–49	79.1	11.5	4.6	2.6	2.3	100.0
50–54	86.2	9.2	2.1	0.9	1.7	100.0
55–59	86.8	9.4	2.1	0.9	0.7	100.0
60–64	90.4	8.1	1.5	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	91.4	7.5	1.1	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	76.8	11.9	5.1	2.5	3.7	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	78.1	10.5	4.8	2.7	3.9	100.0
15–19	83.7	8.0	4.1	1.3	2.9	100.0
20–24	81.0	10.9	3.4	1.9	2.8	100.0
25–29	77.1	13.0	4.1	2.6	3.2	100.0
30–34	78.7	11.9	3.1	3.2	3.1	100.0
35–39	80.1	10.2	5.0	1.8	2.9	100.0
40–44	81.3	10.2	3.6	2.1	2.8	100.0
45–49	88.6	6.3	1.7	1.2	2.2	100.0
50–54	86.8	9.9	3.3	—	—	100.0
55–59	93.4	3.8	—	2.8	—	100.0
60–64	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	88.5	5.8	5.8	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	81.5	9.9	3.7	2.0	2.8	100.0
PERSONS (b)						
10–14	70.3	13.6	5.5	2.8	7.8	100.0
15–19	77.3	11.3	5.0	2.4	4.0	100.0
20–24	78.0	11.3	5.1	2.4	3.3	100.0
25–29	75.2	13.2	5.8	2.6	3.2	100.0
30–34	75.7	12.0	5.3	3.1	4.0	100.0
35–39	77.8	11.8	4.7	2.3	3.3	100.0
40–44	80.3	10.6	3.7	2.4	3.1	100.0
45–49	81.3	10.3	3.9	2.3	2.3	100.0
50–54	86.3	9.3	2.3	0.8	1.4	100.0
55–59	88.2	8.2	1.7	1.3	0.6	100.0
60–64	91.6	7.1	1.3	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	90.9	7.2	1.9	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	77.9	11.5	4.8	2.4	3.5	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

6.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—South Australia

Age (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage	Public order offences	Other(b)(c)	Total
NUMBER								
10	7	15	14	—	22	5	3	66
11	12	24	30	—	27	4	7	104
12	37	32	51	6	38	16	18	198
13	69	47	123	12	65	37	59	412
14	130	77	206	25	107	103	89	737
15	144	84	279	31	134	235	183	1 090
16	166	91	267	56	134	475	513	1 702
17	221	64	222	65	112	532	960	2 176
18	255	65	187	54	110	409	857	1 937
19	214	58	145	45	93	170	214	939
Youth offenders	1 255	557	1 524	294	842	1 986	2 903	9 361
<i>All offenders(d)</i>	5 930	1 067	3 613	1 372	1 810	6 050	14 659	34 501
PROPORTION (%)								
10	10.6	22.7	21.2	—	33.3	7.6	4.5	100.0
11	11.5	23.1	28.8	—	26.0	3.8	6.7	100.0
12	18.7	16.2	25.8	3.0	19.2	8.1	9.1	100.0
13	16.7	11.4	29.9	2.9	15.8	9.0	14.3	100.0
14	17.6	10.4	28.0	3.4	14.5	14.0	12.1	100.0
15	13.2	7.7	25.6	2.8	12.3	21.6	16.8	100.0
16	9.8	5.3	15.7	3.3	7.9	27.9	30.1	100.0
17	10.2	2.9	10.2	3.0	5.1	24.4	44.1	100.0
18	13.2	3.4	9.7	2.8	5.7	21.1	44.2	100.0
19	22.8	6.2	15.4	4.8	9.9	18.1	22.8	100.0
Youth offenders	13.4	6.0	16.3	3.1	9.0	21.2	31.0	100.0
<i>All offenders(d)</i>	17.2	3.1	10.5	4.0	5.2	17.5	42.5	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (e)								
10	35.7	76.5	71.4	—	112.1	25.5	15.3	336.4
11	59.9	119.8	149.7	—	134.7	20.0	34.9	519.0
12	180.7	156.3	249.1	29.3	185.6	78.2	87.9	967.2
13	337.1	229.6	600.9	58.6	317.6	180.8	288.3	2 012.9
14	633.3	375.1	1 003.6	121.8	521.3	501.8	433.6	3 590.6
15	687.5	401.1	1 332.1	148.0	639.8	1 122.0	873.7	5 204.1
16	783.7	429.6	1 260.6	264.4	632.6	2 242.6	2 422.0	8 035.5
17	1 031.8	298.8	1 036.5	303.5	522.9	2 483.8	4 482.0	10 159.2
18	1 180.7	301.0	865.8	250.0	509.3	1 893.7	3 968.0	8 968.4
19	991.7	268.8	671.9	208.5	431.0	787.8	991.7	4 351.5
Youth offenders	603.8	268.0	733.2	141.5	405.1	955.5	1 396.7	4 503.8
<i>All offenders(d)</i>	421.8	75.9	257.0	97.6	128.8	430.4	1 042.8	2 454.3

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(e) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

6.6 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by sex—South Australia

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons(a)
NUMBER			
10	58	6	64
11	85	21	106
12	160	38	198
13	285	127	412
14	491	246	737
15	755	335	1 090
16	1 302	394	1 702
17	1 749	417	2 176
18	1 596	330	1 937
19	768	171	939
Youth offenders	7 249	2 085	9 361
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	27 236	7 131	34 500

PROPORTION (%)			
10	0.8	0.3	0.7
11	1.2	1.0	1.1
12	2.2	1.8	2.1
13	3.9	6.1	4.4
14	6.8	11.8	7.9
15	10.4	16.1	11.6
16	18.0	18.9	18.2
17	24.1	20.0	23.2
18	22.0	15.8	20.7
19	10.6	8.2	10.0
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders(b)</i>	26.6	29.2	27.1

OFFENDER RATE (c)			
10	579.0	62.5	326.2
11	826.9	215.1	528.9
12	1 516.7	383.0	967.2
13	2 721.5	1 270.5	2 012.9
14	4 691.4	2 445.3	3 590.6
15	7 036.3	3 279.5	5 204.1
16	11 937.3	3 834.9	8 035.5
17	15 855.3	4 014.2	10 159.2
18	14 307.5	3 160.0	8 968.4
19	6 905.9	1 635.1	4 351.5
Youth offenders	6 792.0	2 062.0	4 503.8
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	3 943.2	997.3	2 454.2

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

6.7 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by Indigenous status(a)(b)—South Australia

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
NUMBER				
Homicide and related offences	12	57	9	78
Acts intended to cause injury	1 137	4 529	264	5 930
Sexual assault and related offences	77	614	20	711
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	20	58	6	84
Abduction and related offences	—	13	—	13
Robbery, extortion and related offences	84	270	15	369
Unlawful entry with intent	226	791	50	1 067
Theft and related offences	411	2 974	228	3 613
Deception and related offences	50	540	38	628
Illicit drug offences	49	1 573	7 978	9 600
Weapons and explosives offences	161	1 109	104	1 374
Property damage and environmental pollution	215	1 453	141	1 809
Public order offences	420	2 383	3 247	6 050
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	160	1 126	1 467	2 753
Miscellaneous offences	42	272	107	421
Total	3 064	17 762	13 674	34 500

	PROPORTION (%)			
Homicide and related offences	15.4	73.1	11.5	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury	19.2	76.4	4.5	100.0
Sexual assault and related offences	10.8	86.4	2.8	100.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	23.8	69.0	7.1	100.0
Abduction and related offences	—	100.0	—	100.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	22.8	73.2	4.1	100.0
Unlawful entry with intent	21.2	74.1	4.7	100.0
Theft and related offences	11.4	82.3	6.3	100.0
Deception and related offences	8.0	86.0	6.1	100.0
Illicit drug offences	0.5	16.4	83.1	100.0
Weapons and explosives offences	11.7	80.7	7.6	100.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	11.9	80.3	7.8	100.0
Public order offences	6.9	39.4	53.7	100.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	5.8	40.9	53.3	100.0
Miscellaneous offences	10.0	64.6	25.4	100.0
Total	8.9	51.5	39.6	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (c)			
Homicide and related offences	54.5	4.1	..	5.5
Acts intended to cause injury	5 163.7	327.3	..	421.8
Sexual assault and related offences	349.7	44.4	..	50.6
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	90.8	4.2	..	6.0
Abduction and related offences	—	0.9	..	0.9
Robbery, extortion and related offences	381.5	19.5	..	26.2
Unlawful entry with intent	1 026.4	57.2	..	75.9
Theft and related offences	1 866.6	214.9	..	257.0
Deception and related offences	227.1	39.0	..	44.7
Illicit drug offences	222.5	113.7	..	682.9
Weapons and explosives offences	731.2	80.1	..	97.7
Property damage and environmental pollution	976.4	105.0	..	128.7
Public order offences	1 907.4	172.2	..	430.4
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	726.6	81.4	..	195.8
Miscellaneous offences	190.7	19.7	..	29.9
Total	13 915.3	1 283.6	..	2 454.2

.. not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14, Subdivision 041 and Group 1512 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Caution should be exercised when comparing some principal offences (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 32, 34 and 37–38).

(c) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 27–29).

6.8 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by Indigenous status—South Australia

Age group (years)	NUMBER				PROPORTION (%)			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
MALES								
10–14	210	726	143	1 079	19.5	67.3	13.3	100.0
15–19	466	3 119	2 585	6 170	7.6	50.6	41.9	100.0
20–24	398	2 488	2 481	5 367	7.4	46.4	46.2	100.0
25–29	282	1 781	1 439	3 502	8.1	50.9	41.1	100.0
30–34	237	1 541	1 258	3 036	7.8	50.8	41.4	100.0
35–39	212	1 421	1 197	2 830	7.5	50.2	42.3	100.0
40–44	168	1 115	851	2 134	7.9	52.2	39.9	100.0
45–49	99	782	479	1 360	7.3	57.5	35.2	100.0
50–54	35	511	227	773	4.5	66.1	29.4	100.0
55–59	16	295	112	423	3.8	69.7	26.5	100.0
60–64	8	200	63	271	3.0	73.8	23.2	100.0
65 years and over	5	232	31	268	1.9	86.6	11.6	100.0
Total(a)	2 136	14 214	10 887	27 237	7.8	52.2	40.0	100.0
Mean age	26.9	29.7	28.0	28.8	..	..	..	..
Median age	24.0	26.0	25.0	26.0	..	..	..	..
FEMALES								
10–14	85	302	51	438	19.4	68.9	11.6	100.0
15–19	188	910	549	1 647	11.4	55.3	33.3	100.0
20–24	154	534	546	1 234	12.5	43.3	44.2	100.0
25–29	137	379	378	894	15.3	42.4	42.3	100.0
30–34	119	333	323	775	15.4	43.0	41.7	100.0
35–39	106	362	294	762	13.9	47.5	38.6	100.0
40–44	89	286	240	615	14.5	46.5	39.0	100.0
45–49	30	196	186	412	7.3	47.6	45.1	100.0
50–54	14	102	38	154	9.1	66.2	24.7	100.0
55–59	4	70	33	107	3.7	65.4	30.8	100.0
60–64	—	35	8	43	—	81.4	18.6	100.0
65 years and over	—	39	9	48	—	81.3	18.8	100.0
Total(a)	926	3 548	2 655	7 129	13.0	49.8	37.2	100.0
Mean age	27.3	28.3	28.9	28.4	..	..	..	..
Median age	26.0	25.0	27.0	26.0	..	..	..	..
PERSONS (b)								
10–14	295	1 028	194	1 517	19.4	67.8	12.8	100.0
15–19	654	4 029	3 160	7 843	8.3	51.4	40.3	100.0
20–24	552	3 022	3 065	6 639	8.3	45.5	46.2	100.0
25–29	419	2 160	1 831	4 410	9.5	49.0	41.5	100.0
30–34	356	1 874	1 591	3 821	9.3	49.0	41.6	100.0
35–39	318	1 783	1 495	3 596	8.8	49.6	41.6	100.0
40–44	257	1 401	1 096	2 754	9.3	50.9	39.8	100.0
45–49	129	978	668	1 775	7.3	55.1	37.6	100.0
50–54	49	613	265	927	5.3	66.1	28.6	100.0
55–59	20	365	149	534	3.7	68.4	27.9	100.0
60–64	8	235	71	314	2.5	74.8	22.6	100.0
65 years and over	5	271	40	316	1.6	85.8	12.7	100.0
Total(a)	3 062	17 762	13 674	34 498	8.9	51.5	39.6	100.0
Mean age	27.0	29.4	28.1	28.7	..	..	..	..
Median age	25.0	26.0	25.0	26.0	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

6.9 OFFENDER RATE(a), Sex and age by Indigenous status—South Australia

Age group
(years)

Males Females Persons

INDIGENOUS (b)

10–14	12 273.5	5 208.3	8 824.4
15–19	28 466.7	11 640.9	20 110.7
20–24	27 486.2	11 015.7	19 395.6
25–29	26 062.8	13 022.8	19 634.5
30–34	23 212.5	11 194.7	17 082.5
35–39	22 894.2	10 143.5	16 133.9
40–44	21 621.6	9 652.9	15 126.5
45–49	14 645.0	3 821.7	8 829.6
50–54	7 142.9	2 418.0	4 583.7
55–59	4 166.7	997.5	2 547.8
60–64	3 319.5	—	1 541.4
65 years and over	1 479.3	—	584.1
Total	19 904.9	8 203.4	13 906.2

NON-INDIGENOUS (c)

10–14	1 449.9	633.0	1 051.3
15–19	5 851.0	1 814.1	3 893.9
20–24	4 540.1	1 013.6	2 811.6
25–29	3 552.2	782.9	2 191.9
30–34	3 115.6	683.7	1 909.0
35–39	2 560.4	654.5	1 609.0
40–44	1 993.5	511.8	1 253.0
45–49	1 364.6	335.1	844.6
50–54	955.9	186.3	566.5
55–59	594.2	135.7	360.6
60–64	464.0	77.9	266.9
65 years and over	216.3	28.9	111.8
Total	2 089.9	504.2	1 283.4

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

- (a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
- (b) Calculated using experimental projections of the Indigenous population for 2007 based on the 2001 Census of Population and Housing (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 27).
- (c) Calculated using 2007 preliminary ERP based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, less the experimental projections of the Indigenous population (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 29).

6.10 OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and age by number of times proceeded against—South Australia

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
INDIGENOUS							
10–14	144	57	24	15	55	295	2.9
15–19	312	130	72	46	94	654	2.5
20–24	277	125	58	38	54	552	2.1
25–29	225	96	41	29	28	419	2.0
30–34	169	84	40	22	41	356	2.3
35–39	168	73	30	15	32	318	2.1
40–44	153	54	19	17	14	257	1.8
45–49	79	30	11	4	5	129	1.7
50–54	29	14	3	3	—	49	1.6
55–59	15	3	—	—	—	18	1.4
60–64	7	—	—	—	—	7	1.3
65 years and over	—	4	—	—	—	4	2.0
Total(a)	1 578	670	298	189	323	3 058	2.2
NON-INDIGENOUS							
10–14	753	135	56	26	58	1 028	1.7
15–19	2 717	676	304	128	205	4 030	1.7
20–24	1 896	587	269	112	158	3 022	1.8
25–29	1 335	433	204	80	108	2 160	1.8
30–34	1 203	329	144	93	105	1 874	1.8
35–39	1 199	314	122	64	84	1 783	1.7
40–44	1 002	210	76	48	65	1 401	1.6
45–49	721	135	54	35	33	978	1.5
50–54	509	66	18	6	14	613	1.3
55–59	310	38	10	5	3	366	1.2
60–64	209	21	3	—	—	233	1.1
65 years and over	249	17	3	3	—	272	1.1
Total(a)	12 106	2 961	1 263	600	833	17 763	1.7

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

6.10 OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and age by number of times proceeded against—South Australia *continued*

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
INDIGENOUS						
10–14	48.8	19.3	8.1	5.1	18.6	100.0
15–19	47.7	19.9	11.0	7.0	14.4	100.0
20–24	50.2	22.6	10.5	6.9	9.8	100.0
25–29	53.7	22.9	9.8	6.9	6.7	100.0
30–34	47.5	23.6	11.2	6.2	11.5	100.0
35–39	52.8	23.0	9.4	4.7	10.1	100.0
40–44	59.5	21.0	7.4	6.6	5.4	100.0
45–49	61.2	23.3	8.5	3.1	3.9	100.0
50–54	59.2	28.6	6.1	6.1	—	100.0
55–59	83.3	16.7	—	—	—	100.0
60–64	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	—	100.0	—	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	51.6	21.9	9.7	6.2	10.6	100.0
NON-INDIGENOUS						
10–14	73.2	13.1	5.4	2.5	5.6	100.0
15–19	67.4	16.8	7.5	3.2	5.1	100.0
20–24	62.7	19.4	8.9	3.7	5.2	100.0
25–29	61.8	20.0	9.4	3.7	5.0	100.0
30–34	64.2	17.6	7.7	5.0	5.6	100.0
35–39	67.2	17.6	6.8	3.6	4.7	100.0
40–44	71.5	15.0	5.4	3.4	4.6	100.0
45–49	73.7	13.8	5.5	3.6	3.4	100.0
50–54	83.0	10.8	2.9	1.0	2.3	100.0
55–59	84.7	10.4	2.7	1.4	0.8	100.0
60–64	89.7	9.0	1.3	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	91.5	6.3	1.1	1.1	—	100.0
Total(a)	68.2	16.7	7.1	3.4	4.7	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by Tasmanian police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex and age as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3-7 and 9-17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

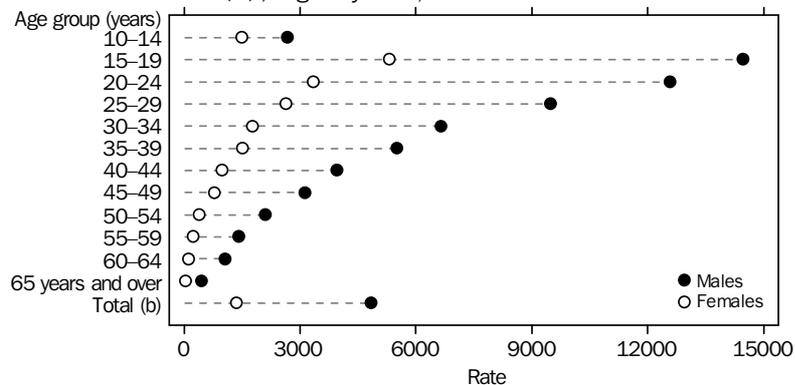
For the 2007-08 reference period, police in Tasmania proceeded against 13,255 offenders. This equated to a rate of 3,065 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in Tasmania.

There were more than three times as many male offenders (77% or 10,269 males) as female offenders (23% or 2,986 females). Males had an offender rate of 4,845 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 1,354 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age for males was 25 years, while for female offenders the median age was 23 years.

As illustrated by the following graph, males had higher offender rates for all groups compared to females. The age group with the highest offender rate, for both sexes, was the 15-19 year age group.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Tasmania



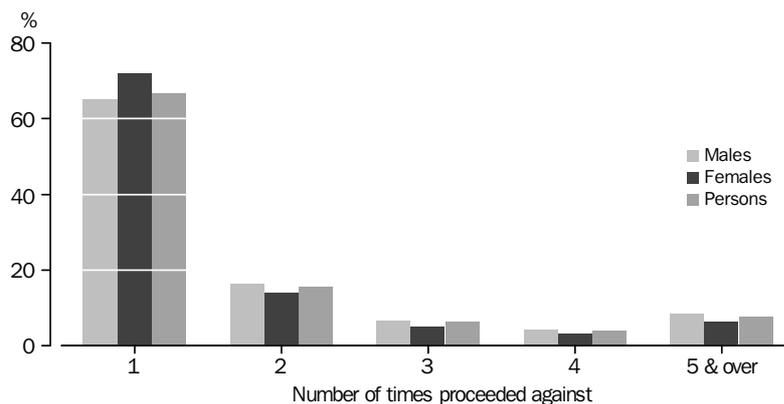
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).
 (b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

REPEAT OFFENDERS

During 2007–08, the majority (67%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on one occasion. A further 16% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007–08 comprised 8% (1,022 offenders) of all offenders.

There were more male offenders than female offenders who were proceeded against more than once during the reference period (35% compared to 28% respectively).

OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by sex (a), Tasmania



(a) Persons includes offenders with an unknown sex.

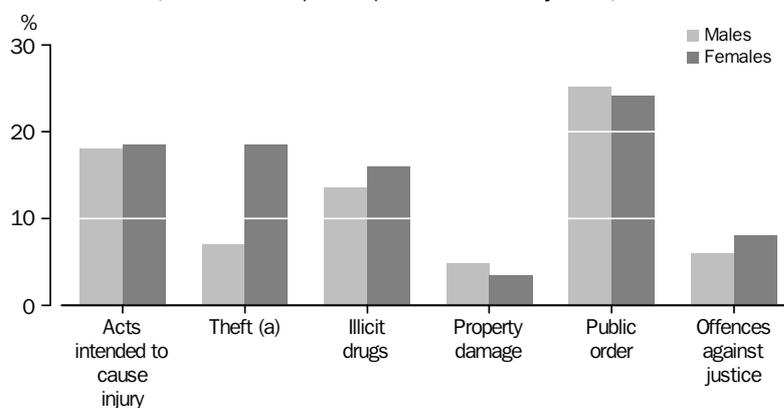
Male offenders aged 15–19 years were proceeded against on average 2.3 times per offender during the reference period, compared to 1.9 times for all offenders, which was the highest for any age group.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against in 2007–08 was public order offences (25% of all offenders). The next most prevalent principal offences were acts intended to cause injury (18%) and illicit drug offences (14%).

There were similar principal offence patterns between male and female offenders in terms of the relative importance for nearly all offences. The exception was theft which was the principal offence for 19% of female offenders compared to 7% of male offenders.

OFFENDERS, Selected principal offence by sex, Tasmania

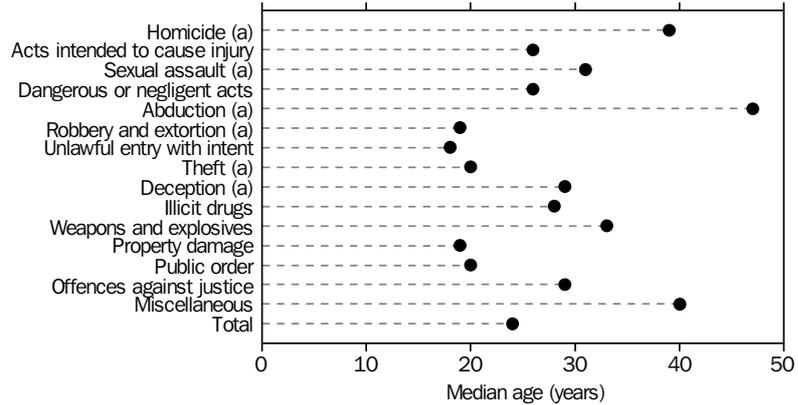


(a) Includes related offences.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE
continued

Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were younger for principal offences relating to unlawful entry with intent (median age 18 years), robbery and extortion and property damage and environmental pollution (both with a median age of 19 years). Offenders were much older for abduction (median age 47 years) and miscellaneous offences (median age 40 years).

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, Tasmania

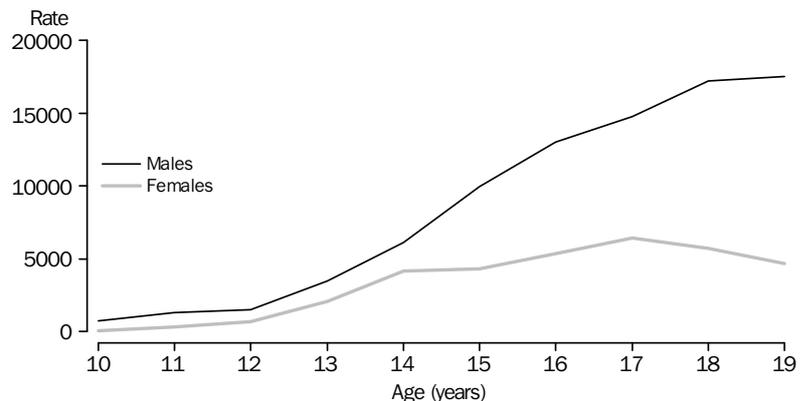


(a) Includes related offences.

YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, the highest offender rate for males occurred at age 19 years and for females it was at age 17 years. Males aged 19 years offended at a rate more than three times higher than the rate for all male offenders (17,502 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 19 years compared to 4,845 male offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over). Females aged 17 years had an offender rate of 6,441 per 100,000 females aged 17 years which was almost five times the rate for all female offenders (1,354 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over).

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Tasmania

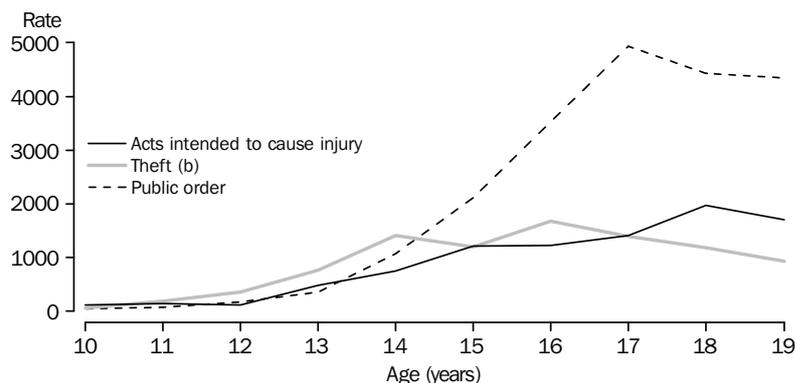


(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

YOUTH OFFENDERS
continued

The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were public order offences (35%), theft and acts intended to cause injury (both 15%). The impact of age on patterns of offending is further illustrated by the following graph. The peaks in the rate of offending associated with the different offence types occurred at different ages as well as different levels. From the age of 13 years, there was a noticeable increase in public order offences as a principal offence until the peak at age 17 years. Rates associated with theft peaked at age 16 years, while the highest rate for acts intended to cause injury occurred at age 18.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by age, Tasmania



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
(b) Includes related offences.

7.1 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—Tasmania

	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	13	3	16
Acts intended to cause injury	1 845	552	2 397
Sexual assault and related offences	127	—	127
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	6	9	15
Abduction and related offences	3	—	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	89	19	108
Unlawful entry with intent	423	56	479
Theft and related offences	734	551	1 285
Deception and related offences	150	115	265
Illicit drug offences	1 399	478	1 877
Weapons and explosives offences	200	13	213
Property damage and environmental pollution	494	105	599
Public order offences	2 588	720	3 308
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	617	242	859
Miscellaneous offences	1 583	121	1 704
Total	10 271	2 984	13 255

	PROPORTION (%)		
Homicide and related offences	0.1	0.1	0.1
Acts intended to cause injury	18.0	18.5	18.1
Sexual assault and related offences	1.2	—	1.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	0.1	0.3	0.1
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	0.9	0.6	0.8
Unlawful entry with intent	4.1	1.9	3.6
Theft and related offences	7.1	18.5	9.7
Deception and related offences	1.5	3.9	2.0
Illicit drug offences	13.6	16.0	14.2
Weapons and explosives offences	1.9	0.4	1.6
Property damage and environmental pollution	4.8	3.5	4.5
Public order offences	25.2	24.1	25.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	6.0	8.1	6.5
Miscellaneous offences	15.4	4.1	12.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (d)		
Homicide and related offences	6.1	1.4	3.7
Acts intended to cause injury	870.5	250.3	554.2
Sexual assault and related offences	59.9	—	29.4
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	2.8	4.1	3.5
Abduction and related offences	1.4	—	0.7
Robbery, extortion and related offences	42.0	8.6	25.0
Unlawful entry with intent	199.6	25.4	110.8
Theft and related offences	346.3	249.9	297.1
Deception and related offences	70.8	52.1	61.3
Illicit drug offences	660.0	216.8	434.0
Weapons and explosives offences	94.4	5.9	49.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	233.1	47.6	138.5
Public order offences	1 221.0	326.5	764.9
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	291.1	109.7	198.6
Miscellaneous offences	746.8	54.9	394.0
Total	4 845.7	1 353.1	3 064.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

7.2 OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Tasmania

Age group (years)	NUMBER			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(a)		
	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
10–14	467	245	712	4.5	8.2	5.4	2 670.2	1 491.0	2 099.0
15–19	2 549	883	3 432	24.8	29.6	25.9	14 472.3	5 314.8	10 027.2
20–24	1 974	510	2 484	19.2	17.1	18.7	12 568.4	3 342.1	8 021.7
25–29	1 303	375	1 679	12.7	12.6	12.7	9 474.3	2 642.1	6 008.0
30–34	934	259	1 193	9.1	8.7	9.0	6 646.3	1 761.1	4 148.1
35–39	907	260	1 167	8.8	8.7	8.8	5 503.3	1 502.4	3 454.0
40–44	655	169	824	6.4	5.7	6.2	3 954.6	975.9	2 432.0
45–49	575	148	723	5.6	5.0	5.5	3 129.9	777.2	1 932.5
50–54	365	68	433	3.6	2.3	3.3	2 102.4	381.8	1 231.1
55–59	232	39	271	2.3	1.3	2.0	1 410.0	233.3	817.0
60–64	156	17	173	1.5	0.6	1.3	1 059.9	115.7	588.3
65 years and over	151	13	164	1.5	0.4	1.2	452.1	32.1	222.1
Total(c)	10 269	2 986	13 256	100.0	100.0	100.0	4 844.8	1 354.0	3 065.1
Mean age	29.0	26.5	28.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Median age	25.0	23.0	24.5	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

7.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Tasmania

Age group (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Deception and related offences	Illicit drug offences
.....							
NUMBER							
10–14	112	7	7	67	192	7	34
15–19	513	22	48	207	439	41	331
20–24	440	9	19	83	193	37	362
25–29	322	19	16	54	146	49	317
30–34	263	15	7	40	80	41	225
35–39	263	11	6	18	74	37	213
40–44	202	10	—	4	53	21	145
45–49	136	6	3	6	49	13	121
50–54	70	5	—	—	31	9	68
55–59	39	7	—	—	15	6	35
60–64	20	7	—	—	7	3	11
65 years and over	17	11	—	—	6	3	15
Total(b)	2 397	129	106	479	1 285	267	1 877
Mean age	29.2	35.8	22.6	20.9	24.3	30.9	30.2
Median age	26.0	31.0	19.0	18.0	20.0	29.0	28.0
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PROPORTION (%)							
10–14	15.7	1.0	1.0	9.4	27.0	1.0	4.8
15–19	14.9	0.6	1.4	6.0	12.8	1.2	9.6
20–24	17.7	0.4	0.8	3.3	7.8	1.5	14.6
25–29	19.2	1.1	1.0	3.2	8.7	2.9	18.9
30–34	22.0	1.3	0.6	3.4	6.7	3.4	18.9
35–39	22.5	0.9	0.5	1.5	6.3	3.2	18.3
40–44	24.6	1.2	—	0.5	6.4	2.6	17.6
45–49	18.8	0.8	0.4	0.8	6.8	1.8	16.7
50–54	16.2	1.2	—	—	7.2	2.1	15.7
55–59	14.4	2.6	—	—	5.6	2.2	13.0
60–64	11.5	4.0	—	—	4.0	1.7	6.3
65 years and over	10.3	6.7	—	—	3.6	1.8	9.1
Total(b)	18.1	1.0	0.8	3.6	9.7	2.0	14.2

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

7.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Tasmania *continued*

Age group (years)	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Public order offences	Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(b)	Other(c)	Total
NUMBER						
10–14	8	125	117	6	30	712
15–19	37	209	1 324	120	141	3 432
20–24	30	91	851	189	180	2 484
25–29	18	53	403	133	149	1 679
30–34	18	33	201	111	159	1 193
35–39	25	29	173	106	212	1 167
40–44	20	22	92	70	183	822
45–49	20	16	80	61	213	724
50–54	13	9	37	28	163	433
55–59	10	9	19	11	119	270
60–64	6	3	6	13	98	174
65 years and over	8	—	5	11	89	165
Total(d)	213	599	3 308	859	1 739	13 258
Mean age	34.3	22.6	23.5	31.2	39.8	28.5
Median age	33.0	19.0	20.0	29.0	40.0	24.0

PROPORTION (%)						
10–14	1.1	17.6	16.4	0.8	4.2	100.0
15–19	1.1	6.1	38.6	3.5	4.1	100.0
20–24	1.2	3.7	34.3	7.6	7.2	100.0
25–29	1.1	3.2	24.0	7.9	8.9	100.0
30–34	1.5	2.8	16.8	9.3	13.3	100.0
35–39	2.1	2.5	14.8	9.1	18.2	100.0
40–44	2.4	2.7	11.2	8.5	22.3	100.0
45–49	2.8	2.2	11.0	8.4	29.4	100.0
50–54	3.0	2.1	8.5	6.5	37.6	100.0
55–59	3.7	3.3	7.0	4.1	44.1	100.0
60–64	3.4	1.7	3.4	7.5	56.3	100.0
65 years and over	4.8	—	3.0	6.7	53.9	100.0
Total(d)	1.6	4.5	25.0	6.5	13.1	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Breach of bail.

(c) Includes Divisions 01, 05, 16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

7.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Tasmania

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	329	61	20	22	35	467	1.9
15–19	1 494	448	187	129	291	2 549	2.3
20–24	1 169	359	145	92	209	1 974	2.1
25–29	752	223	125	71	132	1 303	2.2
30–34	597	158	70	32	77	934	1.9
35–39	617	147	53	37	53	907	1.7
40–44	485	99	27	21	23	655	1.5
45–49	450	83	21	9	12	575	1.4
50–54	313	42	7	—	3	365	1.2
55–59	201	21	4	3	3	232	1.2
60–64	136	14	5	—	—	155	1.2
65 years and over	145	5	—	—	—	150	1.0
Total	6 688	1 660	664	416	838	10 266	2.0
FEMALES							
10–14	203	25	3	7	8	246	1.4
15–19	655	110	43	26	49	883	1.7
20–24	336	82	40	14	38	510	2.0
25–29	248	60	23	11	33	375	1.9
30–34	167	43	13	19	17	259	1.9
35–39	175	42	14	7	22	260	1.9
40–44	123	20	10	5	11	169	1.7
45–49	124	15	3	—	6	148	1.3
50–54	56	10	3	—	—	69	1.2
55–59	35	3	—	—	—	38	1.2
60–64	15	3	—	—	—	18	1.4
65 years and over	12	—	—	—	—	12	1.1
Total	2 149	413	152	89	184	2 987	1.7
PERSONS							
10–14	532	86	23	29	43	713	1.8
15–19	2 149	558	230	155	340	3 432	2.1
20–24	1 505	441	185	106	247	2 484	2.1
25–29	1 000	283	148	82	165	1 678	2.1
30–34	764	201	83	51	94	1 193	1.9
35–39	792	189	67	44	75	1 167	1.8
40–44	608	119	37	26	34	824	1.6
45–49	574	98	24	9	18	723	1.4
50–54	369	52	10	—	3	434	1.2
55–59	236	24	4	3	3	270	1.2
60–64	151	17	5	—	—	173	1.2
65 years and over	157	5	—	—	—	162	1.0
Total	8 837	2 073	816	505	1 022	13 253	1.9

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

7.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Tasmania

continued

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	70.4	13.1	4.3	4.7	7.5	100.0
15–19	58.6	17.6	7.3	5.1	11.4	100.0
20–24	59.2	18.2	7.3	4.7	10.6	100.0
25–29	57.7	17.1	9.6	5.4	10.1	100.0
30–34	63.9	16.9	7.5	3.4	8.2	100.0
35–39	68.0	16.2	5.8	4.1	5.8	100.0
40–44	74.0	15.1	4.1	3.2	3.5	100.0
45–49	78.3	14.4	3.7	1.6	2.1	100.0
50–54	85.8	11.5	1.9	—	0.8	100.0
55–59	86.6	9.1	1.7	1.3	1.3	100.0
60–64	87.7	9.0	3.2	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	96.7	3.3	—	—	—	100.0
Total	65.1	16.2	6.5	4.1	8.2	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	82.5	10.2	1.2	2.8	3.3	100.0
15–19	74.2	12.5	4.9	2.9	5.5	100.0
20–24	65.9	16.1	7.8	2.7	7.5	100.0
25–29	66.1	16.0	6.1	2.9	8.8	100.0
30–34	64.5	16.6	5.0	7.3	6.6	100.0
35–39	67.3	16.2	5.4	2.7	8.5	100.0
40–44	72.8	11.8	5.9	3.0	6.5	100.0
45–49	83.8	10.1	2.0	—	4.1	100.0
50–54	81.2	14.5	4.3	—	—	100.0
55–59	92.1	7.9	—	—	—	100.0
60–64	83.3	16.7	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
Total	71.9	13.8	5.1	3.0	6.2	100.0
PERSONS						
10–14	74.6	12.1	3.2	4.1	6.0	100.0
15–19	62.6	16.3	6.7	4.5	9.9	100.0
20–24	60.6	17.8	7.4	4.3	9.9	100.0
25–29	59.6	16.9	8.8	4.9	9.8	100.0
30–34	64.0	16.8	7.0	4.3	7.9	100.0
35–39	67.9	16.2	5.7	3.8	6.4	100.0
40–44	73.8	14.4	4.5	3.2	4.1	100.0
45–49	79.4	13.6	3.3	1.2	2.5	100.0
50–54	85.0	12.0	2.3	—	0.7	100.0
55–59	87.4	8.9	1.5	1.1	1.1	100.0
60–64	87.3	9.8	2.9	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	96.9	3.1	—	—	—	100.0
Total	66.7	15.6	6.2	3.8	7.7	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

7.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Tasmania

Age (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage	Public order offences	Other(b) (c)	Total
NUMBER								
10	8	3	4	3	7	3	3	31
11	10	6	13	—	14	5	5	53
12	8	7	25	—	17	12	7	76
13	34	18	53	—	42	25	24	196
14	52	34	97	4	45	74	52	358
15	83	47	82	9	51	145	79	496
16	86	47	117	9	44	247	96	646
17	99	39	98	12	25	347	136	756
18	134	45	81	5	42	302	189	798
19	111	29	61	—	47	283	203	734
Youth offenders	625	275	631	42	334	1 443	794	4 144
<i>All offenders(d)</i>	2 397	480	1 285	210	599	3 310	4 977	13 258

PROPORTION (%)								
10	25.8	9.7	12.9	9.7	22.6	9.7	9.7	100.0
11	18.9	11.3	24.5	—	26.4	9.4	9.4	100.0
12	10.5	9.2	32.9	—	22.4	15.8	9.2	100.0
13	17.3	9.2	27.0	—	21.4	12.8	12.2	100.0
14	14.5	9.5	27.1	1.1	12.6	20.7	14.5	100.0
15	16.7	9.5	16.5	1.8	10.3	29.2	15.9	100.0
16	13.3	7.3	18.1	1.4	6.8	38.2	14.9	100.0
17	13.1	5.2	13.0	1.6	3.3	45.9	18.0	100.0
18	16.8	5.6	10.2	0.6	5.3	37.8	23.7	100.0
19	15.1	4.0	8.3	—	6.4	38.6	27.7	100.0
Youth offenders	15.1	6.6	15.2	1.0	8.1	34.8	19.2	100.0
<i>All offenders(d)</i>	18.1	3.6	9.7	1.6	4.5	25.0	37.5	100.0

OFFENDER RATE (e)								
10	122.9	46.1	61.4	46.1	107.5	46.1	46.1	476.1
11	149.6	89.8	194.5	—	209.4	74.8	74.8	792.8
12	116.9	102.2	365.2	—	248.3	175.3	102.2	1 110.1
13	487.9	258.3	760.5	—	602.7	358.7	344.4	2 812.5
14	752.5	492.0	1 403.8	57.9	651.2	1 070.9	752.5	5 180.9
15	1 208.3	684.2	1 193.8	131.0	742.5	2 110.9	1 150.1	7 220.8
16	1 229.3	671.8	1 672.4	128.6	628.9	3 530.6	1 372.2	9 233.8
17	1 408.7	554.9	1 394.4	170.7	355.7	4 937.4	1 935.1	10 757.0
18	1 967.7	660.8	1 189.4	73.4	616.7	4 434.7	2 775.3	11 718.1
19	1 701.4	444.5	935.0	—	720.4	4 337.8	3 111.6	11 250.8
Youth offenders	917.1	403.5	925.9	61.6	490.1	2 117.5	1 165.1	6 080.9
<i>All offenders(d)</i>	554.2	111.0	297.1	48.6	138.5	765.3	1 150.8	3 065.5

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(e) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

7.6 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Tasmania

Age (years) Males Females Persons(a)

NUMBER

10	24	3	27
11	44	11	55
12	54	22	76
13	126	70	196
14	219	139	358
15	351	145	496
16	461	185	646
17	537	219	756
18	613	185	798
19	587	149	736
Youth offenders	3 016	1 128	4 144
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	10 269	2 986	13 256

PROPORTION (%)

10	0.8	0.3	0.7
11	1.5	1.0	1.3
12	1.8	2.0	1.8
13	4.2	6.2	4.7
14	7.3	12.3	8.6
15	11.6	12.9	12.0
16	15.3	16.4	15.6
17	17.8	19.4	18.2
18	20.3	16.4	19.3
19	19.5	13.2	17.8
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders(b)</i>	29.4	37.8	31.3

OFFENDER RATE(c)

10	718.3	94.6	414.7
11	1 286.2	337.0	822.7
12	1 530.6	663.1	1 110.1
13	3 487.4	2 085.8	2 812.5
14	6 107.1	4 181.7	5 180.9
15	9 957.4	4 336.1	7 220.8
16	13 000.6	5 362.3	9 233.8
17	14 801.5	6 441.2	10 757.0
18	17 219.1	5 692.3	11 718.1
19	17 501.5	4 700.3	11 281.4
Youth offenders	8 592.1	3 413.4	6 080.9
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	4 844.8	1 354.0	3 065.1

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by Northern Territory police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex, age and Indigenous status as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3-7 and 9-17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

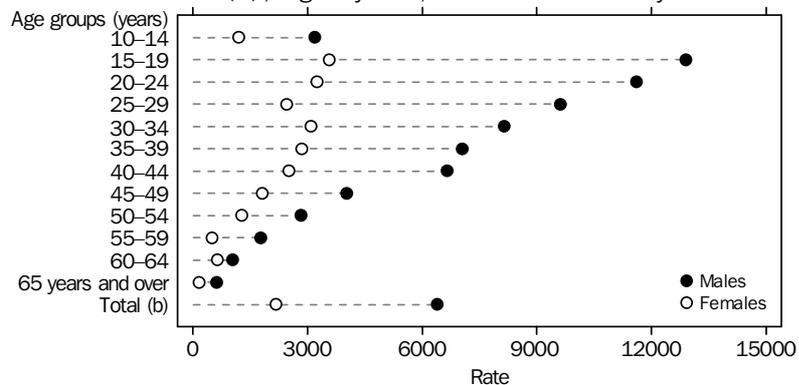
For the 2007-08 reference period, police in the Northern Territory proceeded against 7,961 offenders. This equated to a rate of 4,372 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in the Northern Territory.

There were more than three times as many male offenders (76% or 6,053 males) as female offenders (24% or 1,902 females). Males had an offender rate of 6,398 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 2,176 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age of male offenders was younger than that for females (28 years and 31 years respectively).

As illustrated by the following graph, males had higher offender rates for all age groups compared to females. The highest offender rates for both sexes was the 15-19 year age group.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Northern Territory



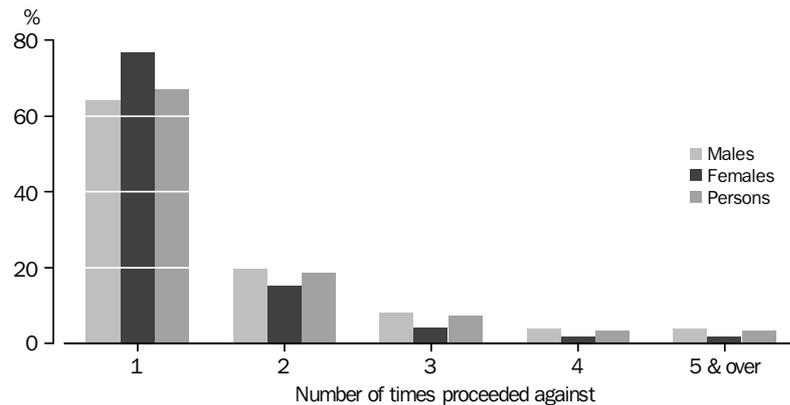
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).
 (b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

REPEAT OFFENDERS

During 2007–08, the majority (67%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on one occasion. A further 19% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007–08 comprised over 3% (273 offenders) of all offenders.

There were more male offenders than female offenders who were proceeded against more than once during the reference period (36% compared to 23% respectively).

OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by sex (a), Northern Territory



(a) Persons includes offenders with an unknown sex.

Male offenders aged 35–39 years were proceeded against on average 1.9 times per offender during the reference period, compared to 1.6 times for all offenders, which was the highest for any age group.

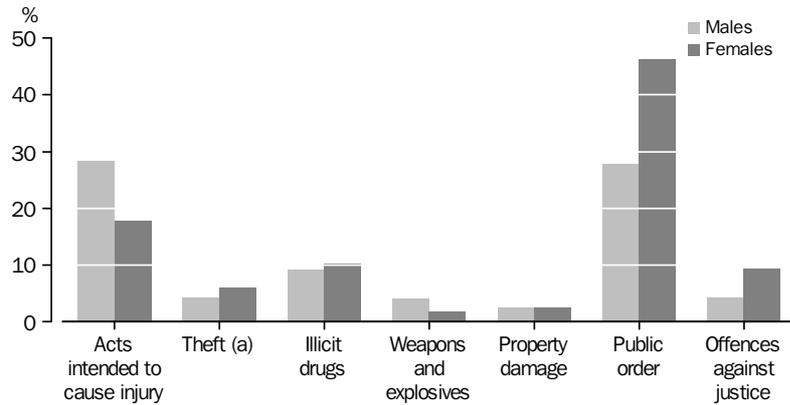
PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against in 2007–08 was public order offences (32% of all offenders). The next most prevalent principal offences were acts intended to cause injury (26%) followed by illicit drug offences (9%).

While public order offences and acts intended to cause injury were the two main principal offences for both males and females, there was a notable difference in the female proportion for each offence type. Females were more commonly proceeded against than males for public order offences as their principal offence (46% of females compared to 28% of males). Males were more commonly proceeded against than females for acts intended to cause injury as their principal offence (28% of males compared to 18% of females).

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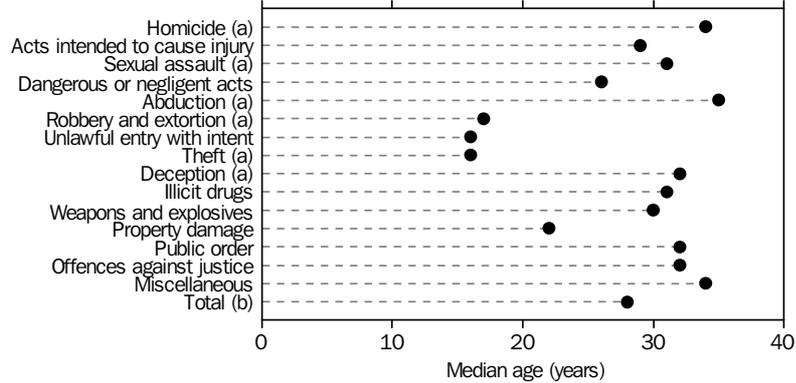
OFFENDERS, Selected principal offence by sex, Northern Territory



(a) Includes related offences.

Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were younger for principal offences relating to theft and unlawful entry with intent (median age 16 years for both offence types), and much older for homicide and miscellaneous offences (median age 34 years for both offence types).

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, Northern Territory



(a) Includes related offences.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

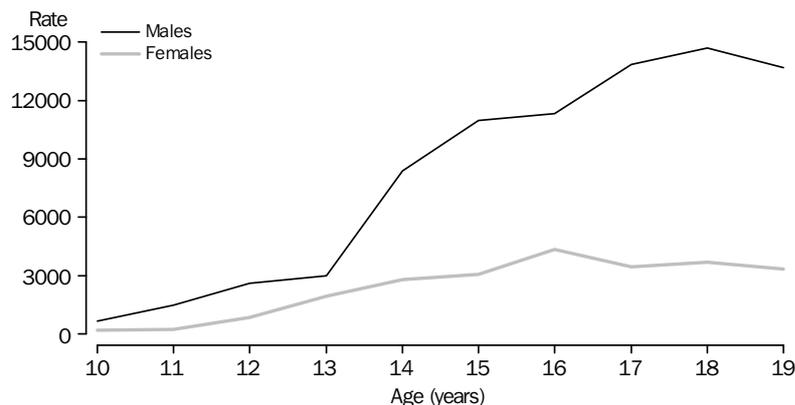
YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, the highest offender rate for males occurred at age 18 years and for females it was at age 16 years. Males aged 18 years offended at a rate twice that for all male offenders (14,695 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 18 years compared to 6,397 male offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over). Females aged 16 years had an offender rate of 4,340 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 16 years, which was twice the rate for all female offenders (2,177 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over).

YOUTH OFFENDERS

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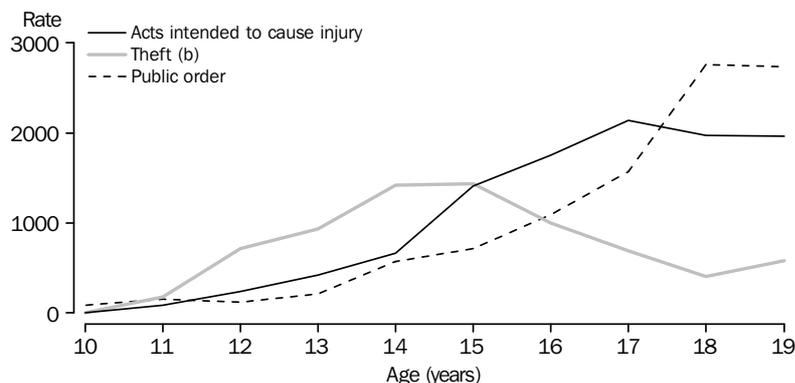
YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Northern Territory



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were acts intended to cause injury (20%) and public order offences (19%). The impact of age on patterns of offending is further illustrated by the following graph. The peaks in the rate of offending associated with the different offence types occurred at different ages as well as different levels. Theft experienced a large increase in offender rates after age 11 years before peaking at age 15 years. The rates associated with acts intended to cause injury increased noticeably after 14 years of age before reaching its highest rate at age 17 years. While rates associated with both theft and acts intended to cause injury were decreasing after age 17 years, between 17 and 18 years of age the rate for public order offences showed a substantial increase.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by age, Northern Territory



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
(b) Includes related offences.

INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS

For the 2007-08 reference period there were 4,890 Indigenous offenders aged 10 years and over, which represented 61% of the total offender population in the Northern Territory. As at 30 June 2008, 27% of persons aged 10 years and over in the Northern Territory were Indigenous.

Of the total male offenders, 64% were Indigenous, 21% were non-Indigenous and 15% had an unknown Indigenous status. Of the total female offenders, 55% were Indigenous, 13% were non-Indigenous and 32% had an unknown Indigenous status.

INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS
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Caution should be exercised when comparing Indigenous and non-Indigenous data for certain offences as the Indigenous status of almost one in five offenders (19%) was unknown. Offenders proceeded against by way of penalty and/or infringement notices have higher rates of unknown Indigenous status as these methods of proceedings are less likely to capture Indigenous status information. High levels of unknown Indigenous status are likely for the following offences: public order, illicit drug offences and offences against justice procedures. In the Northern Territory, almost half (47%) of the offenders with a principal offence related to public order offences had an unknown Indigenous status.

Excluding those offence divisions with high levels of unknown Indigenous status (illicit drug offences, public order offences and offences against justice procedures) results in the total proportion of the offender population who were Indigenous increasing from 61% to 74% in the Northern Territory.

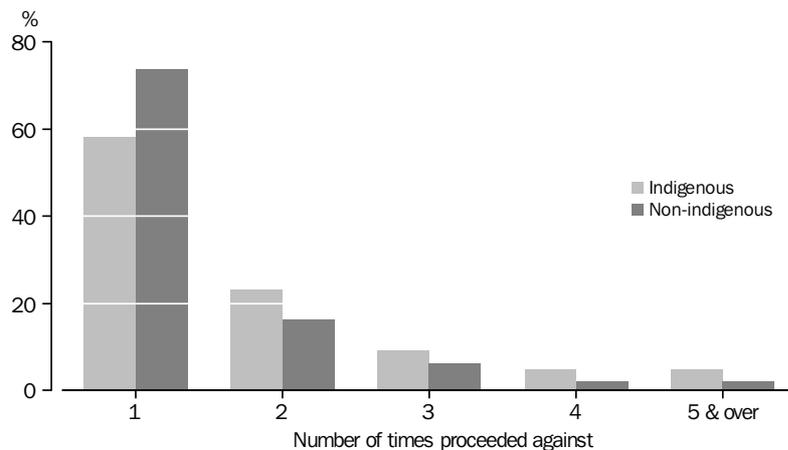
As with the overall offender population, the following principal offences were the most prevalent for Indigenous offenders: acts intended to cause injury (34%) and public order offences (24%).

Indigenous persons had a higher rate of offending than non-Indigenous persons. For every 100,000 Indigenous persons aged 10 years and over there were 10,112 Indigenous offenders. For the non-Indigenous population, the rate was 1,149 non-Indigenous offenders per 100,000 non-Indigenous persons aged 10 years and over.

Repeat offenders

Indigenous offenders were, on average, proceeded against by police more often than non-Indigenous offenders during 2007–08 (1.8 times compared to 1.5 times respectively). Of the Indigenous offenders, 58% were proceeded against on one occasion during the 2007–08 reference period, while 5% had been proceeded against on five or more separate occasions.

OFFENDERS, Indigenous status by number of times proceeded against, Northern Territory



8.1

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—Northern Territory

	Males	Females	Persons(b)
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	19	9	28
Acts intended to cause injury	1 714	336	2 050
Sexual assault and related offences	125	—	125
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	25	5	30
Abduction and related offences	3	—	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	40	7	47
Unlawful entry with intent	288	43	331
Theft and related offences	262	115	377
Deception and related offences	50	14	64
Illicit drug offences	550	194	744
Weapons and explosives offences	244	35	279
Property damage and environmental pollution	155	50	205
Public order offences	1 688	883	2 576
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	262	87	349
Miscellaneous offences	117	29	146
Total(e)	6 054	1 901	7 960
PROPORTION (%)			
Homicide and related offences	0.3	0.5	0.4
Acts intended to cause injury	28.3	17.7	25.8
Sexual assault and related offences	2.1	—	1.6
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	0.4	0.3	0.4
Abduction and related offences	—	—	—
Robbery, extortion and related offences	0.7	0.4	0.6
Unlawful entry with intent	4.8	2.3	4.2
Theft and related offences	4.3	6.0	4.7
Deception and related offences	0.8	0.7	0.8
Illicit drug offences	9.1	10.2	9.3
Weapons and explosives offences	4.0	1.8	3.5
Property damage and environmental pollution	2.6	2.6	2.6
Public order offences	27.9	46.4	32.4
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	4.3	4.6	4.4
Miscellaneous offences	1.9	1.5	1.8
Total(e)	100.0	100.0	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (f)			
Homicide and related offences	20.1	10.3	15.4
Acts intended to cause injury	1 811.4	384.3	1 126.1
Sexual assault and related offences	132.1	—	68.7
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(c)	26.4	5.7	16.5
Abduction and related offences	3.2	—	1.6
Robbery, extortion and related offences	42.3	8.0	25.8
Unlawful entry with intent	304.4	49.2	181.8
Theft and related offences	276.9	131.5	207.1
Deception and related offences	52.8	16.0	35.2
Illicit drug offences	581.3	221.9	408.7
Weapons and explosives offences	257.9	40.0	153.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	163.8	57.2	112.6
Public order offences	1 783.9	1 010.0	1 415.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(d)	276.9	99.5	191.7
Miscellaneous offences	123.6	33.2	80.2
Total(e)	6 398.1	2 174.4	4 372.4

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(d) Excludes Breach of bail.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

8.2 OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Northern Territory

	NUMBER			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(a)		
	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
10–14	277	97	375	4.6	5.1	4.7	3 187.9	1 213.0	2 247.4
15–19	1 096	278	1 375	18.1	14.6	17.3	12 901.7	3 576.5	8 452.2
20–24	1 073	276	1 349	17.7	14.5	16.9	11 601.3	3 249.7	7 603.4
25–29	903	232	1 135	14.9	12.2	14.3	9 620.7	2 466.2	6 039.5
30–34	759	277	1 036	12.5	14.6	13.0	8 152.5	3 102.3	5 680.1
35–39	652	253	906	10.8	13.3	11.4	7 060.1	2 854.2	5 005.8
40–44	562	197	759	9.3	10.4	9.5	6 658.8	2 515.3	4 664.5
45–49	328	138	468	5.4	7.3	5.9	4 025.0	1 825.9	2 979.6
50–54	204	87	291	3.4	4.6	3.7	2 845.6	1 293.5	2 094.3
55–59	111	27	138	1.8	1.4	1.7	1 778.8	511.9	1 198.5
60–64	47	23	70	0.8	1.2	0.9	1 049.8	654.5	876.0
65 years and over	37	9	46	0.6	0.5	0.6	639.8	177.8	424.2
Total(c)	6 053	1 902	7 961	100.0	100.0	100.0	6 397.0	2 175.5	4 373.0
Mean age	29.7	31.2	30.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Median age	28.0	31.0	28.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

8.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Northern Territory

Age group (years)	Homicide and related offences	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Deception and related offences
NUMBER							
10–14	—	47	5	7	94	110	3
15–19	—	300	24	27	186	135	5
20–24	6	361	25	7	24	45	10
25–29	3	350	7	3	15	39	12
30–34	4	320	17	—	6	17	8
35–39	4	285	11	—	3	7	12
40–44	8	187	14	—	3	12	8
45–49	—	106	5	—	3	8	4
50–54	—	53	4	—	—	3	3
55–64	—	34	8	—	—	—	3
65 years and over	—	7	7	—	—	—	—
Total(b)	25	2 050	127	44	334	376	68
Mean age	32.3	30.2	32.7	19.0	17.0	20.0	32.4
Median age	34.0	29.0	31.0	17.0	16.0	16.0	32.0

PROPORTION (%)							
10–14	—	12.6	1.3	1.9	25.1	29.4	0.8
15–19	—	21.8	1.7	2.0	13.5	9.8	0.4
20–24	0.4	26.8	1.9	0.5	1.8	3.3	0.7
25–29	0.3	30.8	0.6	0.3	1.3	3.4	1.1
30–34	0.4	30.9	1.6	—	0.6	1.6	0.8
35–39	0.4	31.5	1.2	—	0.3	0.8	1.3
40–44	1.1	24.6	1.8	—	0.4	1.6	1.1
45–49	—	22.6	1.1	—	0.6	1.7	0.9
50–54	—	18.3	1.4	—	—	1.0	1.0
55–64	—	16.3	3.8	—	—	—	1.4
65 years and over	—	14.9	14.9	—	—	—	—
Total(b)	0.3	25.8	1.6	0.6	4.2	4.7	0.9

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

8.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Northern Territory *continued* . .

Age group (years)	Illicit drug offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Public order offences	Offences against justice procedures, govt security and operations(b)	Other(c)	Total(d)
NUMBER							
10–14	—	5	15	37	—	—	374
15–19	68	35	66	285	32	27	1 373
20–24	155	46	40	416	52	32	1 349
25–29	125	52	19	372	61	13	1 135
30–34	101	38	22	348	66	24	1 036
35–39	97	33	16	318	47	26	905
40–44	83	24	13	305	58	16	759
45–49	56	19	11	203	21	15	470
50–54	38	12	3	142	10	8	289
55–64	15	12	—	113	3	13	208
65 years and over	4	3	—	23	—	3	47
Total(e)	745	279	205	2 573	350	177	7 959
Mean age	32.3	32.3	25.7	33.2	32.2	33.5	30.1
Median age	31.0	30.0	22.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	28.0

PROPORTION (%)							
10–14	—	1.3	4.0	9.9	—	—	100.0
15–19	5.0	2.5	4.8	20.8	2.3	2.0	100.0
20–24	11.5	3.4	3.0	30.8	3.9	2.4	100.0
25–29	11.0	4.6	1.7	32.8	5.4	1.1	100.0
30–34	9.7	3.7	2.1	33.6	6.4	2.3	100.0
35–39	10.7	3.6	1.8	35.1	5.2	2.9	100.0
40–44	10.9	3.2	1.7	40.2	7.6	2.1	100.0
45–49	11.9	4.0	2.3	43.2	4.5	3.2	100.0
50–54	13.1	4.2	1.0	49.1	3.5	2.8	100.0
55–64	7.2	5.8	—	54.3	1.4	6.3	100.0
65 years and over	8.5	6.4	—	48.9	—	6.4	100.0
Total(e)	9.4	3.5	2.6	32.3	4.4	2.2	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Breach of bail.

(c) Includes Divisions 05, 16 and Subdivisions 040 and 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

8.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Northern Territory

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	195	36	19	10	17	277	1.7
15–19	720	204	86	42	44	1 096	1.7
20–24	671	216	96	51	39	1 073	1.7
25–29	554	205	77	38	29	903	1.7
30–34	467	159	66	36	31	759	1.7
35–39	397	120	63	32	40	652	1.9
40–44	357	121	50	14	20	562	1.7
45–49	222	71	18	9	8	328	1.5
50–54	137	38	9	8	12	204	1.7
55–59	85	16	7	—	—	108	1.4
60–64	37	8	3	—	—	48	1.3
65 years and over	31	4	3	—	—	38	1.2
Total(a)	3 877	1 198	497	240	240	6 052	1.7
FEMALES							
10–14	74	14	3	5	—	96	1.4
15–19	223	41	9	3	3	279	1.3
20–24	203	44	13	9	7	276	1.5
25–29	174	40	10	5	3	232	1.4
30–34	212	47	12	—	5	276	1.4
35–39	188	44	14	3	4	253	1.4
40–44	152	25	9	5	6	197	1.5
45–49	107	16	6	4	5	138	1.5
50–54	66	15	3	3	—	87	1.3
55–59	25	—	—	—	—	25	1.1
60–64	19	3	—	—	—	22	1.2
65 years and over	9	—	—	—	—	9	1.0
Total(a)	1 460	289	79	37	33	1 898	1.4
PERSONS (b)							
10–14	269	50	22	15	17	373	1.6
15–19	946	245	95	45	47	1 378	1.6
20–24	874	260	109	60	46	1 349	1.7
25–29	728	245	87	43	32	1 135	1.6
30–34	679	206	78	36	36	1 035	1.6
35–39	585	164	77	35	44	905	1.7
40–44	509	146	59	19	26	759	1.6
45–49	332	87	24	13	13	469	1.5
50–54	203	53	12	11	12	291	1.6
55–59	110	16	7	—	—	133	1.3
60–64	56	11	3	—	—	70	1.2
65 years and over	40	4	3	—	—	47	1.2
Total(a)	5 343	1 487	576	277	273	7 956	1.6

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

8.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Northern Territory *continued*

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	70.4	13.0	6.9	3.6	6.1	100.0
15–19	65.7	18.6	7.8	3.8	4.0	100.0
20–24	62.5	20.1	8.9	4.8	3.6	100.0
25–29	61.4	22.7	8.5	4.2	3.2	100.0
30–34	61.5	20.9	8.7	4.7	4.1	100.0
35–39	60.9	18.4	9.7	4.9	6.1	100.0
40–44	63.5	21.5	8.9	2.5	3.6	100.0
45–49	67.7	21.6	5.5	2.7	2.4	100.0
50–54	67.2	18.6	4.4	3.9	5.9	100.0
55–59	78.7	14.8	6.5	—	—	100.0
60–64	77.1	16.7	6.3	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	81.6	10.5	7.9	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	64.1	19.8	8.2	4.0	4.0	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	77.1	14.6	3.1	5.2	—	100.0
15–19	79.9	14.7	3.2	1.1	1.1	100.0
20–24	73.6	15.9	4.7	3.3	2.5	100.0
25–29	75.0	17.2	4.3	2.2	1.3	100.0
30–34	76.8	17.0	4.3	—	1.8	100.0
35–39	74.3	17.4	5.5	1.2	1.6	100.0
40–44	77.2	12.7	4.6	2.5	3.0	100.0
45–49	77.5	11.6	4.3	2.9	3.6	100.0
50–54	75.9	17.2	3.4	3.4	—	100.0
55–59	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
60–64	86.4	13.6	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	76.9	15.2	4.2	1.9	1.7	100.0
PERSONS (b)						
10–14	72.1	13.4	5.9	4.0	4.6	100.0
15–19	68.7	17.8	6.9	3.3	3.4	100.0
20–24	64.8	19.3	8.1	4.4	3.4	100.0
25–29	64.1	21.6	7.7	3.8	2.8	100.0
30–34	65.6	19.9	7.5	3.5	3.5	100.0
35–39	64.6	18.1	8.5	3.9	4.9	100.0
40–44	67.1	19.2	7.8	2.5	3.4	100.0
45–49	70.8	18.6	5.1	2.8	2.8	100.0
50–54	69.8	18.2	4.1	3.8	4.1	100.0
55–59	82.7	12.0	5.3	—	—	100.0
60–64	80.0	15.7	4.3	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	85.1	8.5	6.4	—	—	100.0
Total(a)	67.2	18.7	7.2	3.5	3.4	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

8.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Northern Territory

Age (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Public order offences	Other(b) (c)	Total(d)
NUMBER								
10	—	5	—	—	3	3	—	14
11	3	10	6	—	—	5	—	28
12	8	14	24	—	3	4	—	59
13	14	17	31	3	—	7	—	83
14	22	48	47	3	9	19	11	187
15	47	45	48	—	16	24	18	237
16	58	62	33	5	10	36	30	264
17	71	49	23	5	15	52	41	294
18	63	19	13	10	13	88	52	302
19	61	11	18	14	12	85	44	277
Youth offenders	347	280	243	40	81	323	196	1 745
All offenders(e)	2 050	331	374	279	207	2 574	1 535	7 957

PROPORTION (%)								
10	—	35.7	—	—	21.4	21.4	—	100.0
11	10.7	35.7	21.4	—	—	17.9	—	100.0
12	13.6	23.7	40.7	—	5.1	6.8	—	100.0
13	16.9	20.5	37.3	3.6	—	8.4	—	100.0
14	11.8	25.7	25.1	1.6	4.8	10.2	5.9	100.0
15	19.8	19.0	20.3	—	6.8	10.1	7.6	100.0
16	22.0	23.5	12.5	1.9	3.8	13.6	11.4	100.0
17	24.1	16.7	7.8	1.7	5.1	17.7	13.9	100.0
18	20.9	6.3	4.3	3.3	4.3	29.1	17.2	100.0
19	22.0	4.0	6.5	5.1	4.3	30.7	15.9	100.0
Youth offenders	19.9	16.0	13.9	2.3	4.6	18.5	11.2	100.0
All offenders(e)	25.8	4.2	4.7	3.5	2.6	32.3	19.3	100.0

OFFENDER RATE (f)								
10	—	148.5	—	—	89.1	89.1	—	415.9
11	90.3	301.0	180.6	—	—	150.5	—	842.9
12	237.4	415.4	712.2	—	89.0	118.7	—	1 750.7
13	422.5	513.0	935.4	90.5	—	211.2	—	2 504.5
14	663.9	1 448.4	1 418.2	90.5	271.6	573.3	331.9	5 642.7
15	1 409.3	1 349.3	1 439.3	—	479.8	719.6	539.7	7 106.4
16	1 752.8	1 873.7	997.3	151.1	302.2	1 087.9	906.6	7 978.2
17	2 139.8	1 476.8	693.2	150.7	452.1	1 567.2	1 235.7	8 860.8
18	1 973.1	595.1	407.1	313.2	407.1	2 756.0	1 628.6	9 458.2
19	1 959.5	353.4	578.2	449.7	385.5	2 730.5	1 413.4	8 898.2
Youth offenders	1 053.0	849.7	737.4	121.4	245.8	980.2	594.8	5 295.3
All offenders(e)	1 126.1	181.8	205.4	153.3	113.7	1 413.9	843.2	4 370.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 040 and 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(e) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(f) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

8.6 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Northern Territory

Age (years) Males Females Persons(a)

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NUMBER

10	12	3	15
11	26	4	30
12	46	14	60
13	52	31	83
14	141	46	187
15	187	50	240
16	195	69	264
17	239	55	294
18	246	56	302
19	229	48	277
Youth offenders	1 373	376	1 752
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	6 053	1 903	7 962

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PROPORTION (%)

10	0.9	0.8	0.9
11	1.9	1.1	1.7
12	3.4	3.7	3.4
13	3.8	8.2	4.7
14	10.3	12.2	10.7
15	13.6	13.3	13.7
16	14.2	18.4	15.1
17	17.4	14.6	16.8
18	17.9	14.9	17.2
19	16.7	12.8	15.8
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders(b)</i>	22.7	19.8	22.0

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OFFENDER RATE (c)

10	674.2	189.2	445.6
11	1 498.6	252.0	903.1
12	2 607.7	871.7	1 780.4
13	3 014.5	1 950.9	2 504.5
14	8 368.0	2 823.8	5 642.7
15	10 967.7	3 067.5	7 196.4
16	11 343.8	4 339.6	7 978.2
17	13 863.1	3 450.4	8 860.8
18	14 695.3	3 686.6	9 458.2
19	13 688.0	3 333.3	8 898.2
Youth offenders	7 990.0	2 384.3	5 316.5
<i>All offenders(b)</i>	6 397.0	2 176.6	4 373.5

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(a) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(c) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

8.7 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by Indigenous status(a)(b)—Northern Territory . . .

	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>Non-Indigenous</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
NUMBER				
Homicide and related offences	24	4	—	28
Acts intended to cause injury	1 642	379	30	2 051
Sexual assault and related offences	77	49	—	126
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	20	10	—	30
Abduction and related offences	—	3	—	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	34	13	—	47
Unlawful entry with intent	269	61	3	333
Theft and related offences	266	107	4	377
Deception and related offences	30	34	—	64
Illicit drug offences	316	219	209	744
Weapons and explosives offences	178	89	12	279
Property damage and environmental pollution	143	55	7	205
Public order offences	1 159	200	1 217	2 576
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	251	89	9	349
Miscellaneous offences	45	66	35	146
Total (c)	4 890	1 537	1 537	7 964
PROPORTION (%)				
Homicide and related offences	85.7	14.3	—	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury	80.1	18.5	1.5	100.0
Sexual assault and related offences	61.1	38.9	—	100.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	66.7	33.3	—	100.0
Abduction and related offences	—	100.0	—	100.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	72.3	27.7	—	100.0
Unlawful entry with intent	80.8	18.3	0.9	100.0
Theft and related offences	70.6	28.4	1.1	100.0
Deception and related offences	46.9	53.1	—	100.0
Illicit drug offences	42.5	29.4	28.1	100.0
Weapons and explosives offences	63.8	31.9	4.3	100.0
Property damage and environmental pollution	69.8	26.8	3.4	100.0
Public order offences	45.0	7.8	47.2	100.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	71.9	25.5	2.6	100.0
Miscellaneous offences	30.8	45.2	24.0	100.0
Total (c)	61.4	19.3	19.3	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (d)				
Homicide and related offences	49.6	3.0	..	15.4
Acts intended to cause injury	3 395.4	283.5	..	1 126.6
Sexual assault and related offences	159.2	36.7	..	69.2
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	41.4	7.5	..	16.5
Abduction and related offences	—	2.2	..	1.6
Robbery, extortion and related offences	70.3	9.7	..	25.8
Unlawful entry with intent	556.2	45.6	..	182.9
Theft and related offences	550.0	80.0	..	207.1
Deception and related offences	62.0	25.4	..	35.2
Illicit drug offences	653.4	163.8	..	408.7
Weapons and explosives offences	368.1	66.6	..	153.3
Property damage and environmental pollution	295.7	41.1	..	112.6
Public order offences	2 396.6	149.6	..	1 415.0
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations	519.0	66.6	..	191.7
Miscellaneous offences	93.1	49.4	..	80.2
Total (c)	10 111.7	1 149.7	..	4 374.6

.. not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14, Subdivision 041 and Group 1512 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Caution should be exercised when comparing some principal offences (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 32, 34 and 37–38).

(c) Includes offenders with an unknown principal offence.

(d) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 27–29).

8.8 OFFENDERS, Sex by age by Indigenous status—Northern Territory

Age group (years)	NUMBER				PROPORTION (%)			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Not stated	Total
MALES								
10–14	226	48	3	277	81.6	17.3	1.1	100.0
15–19	723	251	122	1 096	66.0	22.9	11.1	100.0
20–24	659	233	181	1 073	61.4	21.7	16.9	100.0
25–29	592	164	147	903	65.6	18.2	16.3	100.0
30–34	494	146	119	759	65.1	19.2	15.7	100.0
35–39	444	126	82	652	68.1	19.3	12.6	100.0
40–44	356	115	91	562	63.3	20.5	16.2	100.0
45–49	162	97	69	328	49.4	29.6	21.0	100.0
50–54	112	50	42	204	54.9	24.5	20.6	100.0
55–59	50	31	30	111	45.0	27.9	27.0	100.0
60–64	15	14	18	47	31.9	29.8	38.3	100.0
65 years and over	10	18	9	37	27.0	48.6	24.3	100.0
Total(a)	3 843	1 293	917	6 053	63.5	21.4	15.1	100.0
Mean age	28.8	30.6	32.3	29.7	..	..	..	..
Median age	27.0	28.0	30.0	28.0	..	..	..	..
FEMALES								
10–14	70	19	8	97	72.2	19.6	8.2	100.0
15–19	151	63	64	278	54.3	22.7	23.0	100.0
20–24	153	34	89	276	55.4	12.3	32.2	100.0
25–29	136	29	67	232	58.6	12.5	28.9	100.0
30–34	155	22	100	277	56.0	7.9	36.1	100.0
35–39	144	23	86	253	56.9	9.1	34.0	100.0
40–44	105	13	79	197	53.3	6.6	40.1	100.0
45–49	73	14	51	138	52.9	10.1	37.0	100.0
50–54	34	13	40	87	39.1	14.9	46.0	100.0
55–59	12	6	9	27	44.4	22.2	33.3	100.0
60–64	8	7	8	23	34.8	30.4	34.8	100.0
65 years and over	4	—	5	9	44.4	—	55.6	100.0
Total(a)	1 045	243	614	1 902	54.9	12.8	32.3	100.0
Mean age	30.4	29.0	33.3	31.2	..	..	..	..
Median age	30.0	26.0	33.5	31.0	..	..	..	..
PERSONS (b)								
10–14	296	67	12	375	78.9	17.9	3.2	100.0
15–19	875	314	186	1 375	63.6	22.8	13.5	100.0
20–24	812	267	270	1 349	60.2	19.8	20.0	100.0
25–29	728	193	214	1 135	64.1	17.0	18.9	100.0
30–34	649	168	219	1 036	62.6	16.2	21.1	100.0
35–39	588	149	169	906	64.9	16.4	18.7	100.0
40–44	461	128	170	759	60.7	16.9	22.4	100.0
45–49	236	111	121	468	50.4	23.7	25.9	100.0
50–54	146	63	82	291	50.2	21.6	28.2	100.0
55–59	62	37	39	138	44.9	26.8	28.3	100.0
60–64	23	21	26	70	32.9	30.0	37.1	100.0
65 years and over	14	18	14	46	30.4	39.1	30.4	100.0
Total(a)	4 890	1 536	1 535	7 961	61.4	19.3	19.3	100.0
Mean age	29.1	30.4	32.7	30.1	..	..	..	..
Median age	28.0	28.0	32.0	28.0	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Includes offenders with an unknown age.

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

8.9 OFFENDER RATE(a), Sex and age by Indigenous status—Northern Territory

Age group (years)	Males	Females	Persons(b)
INDIGENOUS (c)			
10–14	6 106.5	2 067.3	4 176.7
15–19	20 799.8	4 717.3	13 104.7
20–24	21 528.9	5 094.9	13 390.5
25–29	21 598.0	5 153.5	13 531.6
30–34	19 752.1	6 131.3	12 905.2
35–39	20 045.1	6 070.8	12 818.8
40–44	19 679.4	5 432.0	12 319.6
45–49	11 257.8	4 617.3	7 814.6
50–54	11 133.2	2 987.7	6 809.7
55–59	6 476.7	1 324.5	3 694.9
60–64	2 970.3	1 403.5	2 139.5
65 years and over	1 251.6	371.1	745.9
Total	15 995.8	4 294.2	10 111.7
NON-INDIGENOUS (d)			
10–14	962.3	412.1	698.0
15–19	5 001.0	1 378.0	3 273.9
20–24	3 765.4	619.3	2 286.4
25–29	2 468.0	428.5	1 438.9
30–34	2 144.2	343.7	1 271.8
35–39	1 794.9	354.3	1 102.7
40–44	1 734.3	220.4	1 021.5
45–49	1 445.6	234.2	874.9
50–54	811.3	232.6	536.1
55–59	566.9	137.4	376.2
60–64	352.5	237.8	303.6
65 years and over	361.2	—	200.7
Total	1 831.5	385.1	1 148.9

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

(b) Includes offenders with an unknown sex.

(c) Calculated using experimental projections of the Indigenous population for 2007 based on the 2001 Census of Population and Housing (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 27).

(d) Calculated using 2007 preliminary ERP based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, less the experimental projections of the Indigenous population (see Explanatory Notes paragraph 29).

8.10 OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and age by number of times proceeded against—Northern Territory

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
INDIGENOUS							
10–14	206	45	18	15	12	296	1.6
15–19	546	180	74	37	38	875	1.7
20–24	444	198	81	51	38	812	1.9
25–29	403	189	68	37	31	728	1.8
30–34	354	161	71	29	34	649	1.9
35–39	323	136	61	30	38	588	2.0
40–44	263	110	48	16	24	461	1.8
45–49	138	57	18	12	11	236	1.8
50–54	85	35	8	10	8	146	1.9
55–59	43	11	6	—	—	60	1.5
60–64	16	6	—	—	—	22	1.3
65 years and over	13	3	—	—	—	16	1.1
Total	2 834	1 131	453	237	234	4 889	1.8
NON-INDIGENOUS							
10–14	53	4	4	—	6	67	1.7
15–19	220	58	20	7	9	314	1.5
20–24	180	48	24	8	7	267	1.6
25–29	136	38	13	5	3	195	1.4
30–34	124	29	6	8	—	167	1.4
35–39	110	18	12	4	5	149	1.5
40–44	104	18	4	—	—	126	1.3
45–49	86	20	4	—	—	110	1.3
50–54	52	6	3	—	3	64	1.4
55–59	31	4	3	—	—	38	1.2
60–64	16	4	—	—	—	20	1.3
65 years and over	17	—	—	—	—	17	1.1
Total	1 129	247	93	32	33	1 534	1.5

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

8.10**OFFENDERS, Indigenous status and age by number of times proceeded against—Northern Territory *continued***

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
INDIGENOUS						
10–14	69.6	15.2	6.1	5.1	4.1	100.0
15–19	62.4	20.6	8.5	4.2	4.3	100.0
20–24	54.7	24.4	10.0	6.3	4.7	100.0
25–29	55.4	26.0	9.3	5.1	4.3	100.0
30–34	54.5	24.8	10.9	4.5	5.2	100.0
35–39	54.9	23.1	10.4	5.1	6.5	100.0
40–44	57.0	23.9	10.4	3.5	5.2	100.0
45–49	58.5	24.2	7.6	5.1	4.7	100.0
50–54	58.2	24.0	5.5	6.8	5.5	100.0
55–59	71.7	18.3	10.0	—	—	100.0
60–64	72.7	27.3	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	81.3	18.8	—	—	—	100.0
Total	58.0	23.1	9.3	4.8	4.8	100.0
NON-INDIGENOUS						
10–14	79.1	6.0	6.0	—	9.0	100.0
15–19	70.1	18.5	6.4	2.2	2.9	100.0
20–24	67.4	18.0	9.0	3.0	2.6	100.0
25–29	69.7	19.5	6.7	2.6	1.5	100.0
30–34	74.3	17.4	3.6	4.8	—	100.0
35–39	73.8	12.1	8.1	2.7	3.4	100.0
40–44	82.5	14.3	3.2	—	—	100.0
45–49	78.2	18.2	3.6	—	—	100.0
50–54	81.3	9.4	4.7	—	4.7	100.0
55–59	81.6	10.5	7.9	—	—	100.0
60–64	80.0	20.0	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
Total	73.6	16.1	6.1	2.1	2.2	100.0

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INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents information about the characteristics of those persons aged 10 years and over who allegedly committed an offence and were proceeded against by Australian Capital Territory police during the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. Characteristics of the offender include sex and age as well as the principal offence for which an offender has been proceeded against by police.

Certain offences are excluded from the Recorded Crime - Offenders collection. For further information about the scope and counting methodology of the collection refer to paragraphs 3-7 and 9-17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDERS

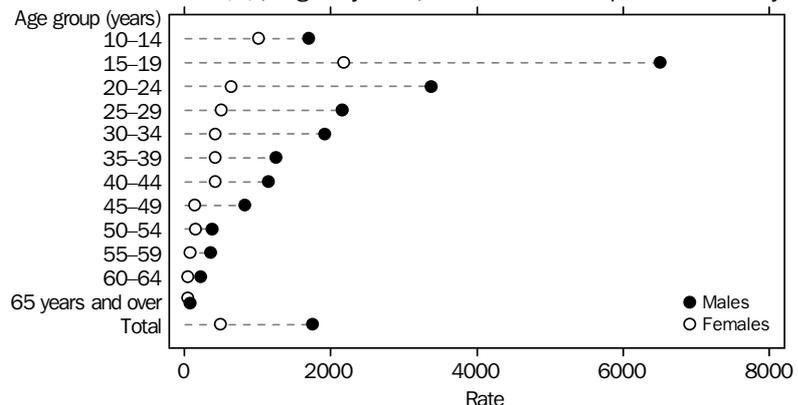
For the 2007-08 reference period, police in the Australian Capital Territory proceeded against 3,347 offenders. This equated to a rate of 1,117 offenders per 100,000 persons aged 10 years and over in the Australian Capital Territory.

There were more than three times as many male offenders (77% or 2,593 males) as female offenders (23% or 754 females). Males had an offender rate of 1,754 offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over, compared to a rate of 497 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over.

The median age for all female offenders was 20 years compared to 22 years for males.

As illustrated by the following graph, males had higher offender rates for all age groups compared to females. The age group with the highest offender rate for both sexes was the 15-19 year age group.

OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Australian Capital Territory



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24-26).

REPEAT OFFENDERS

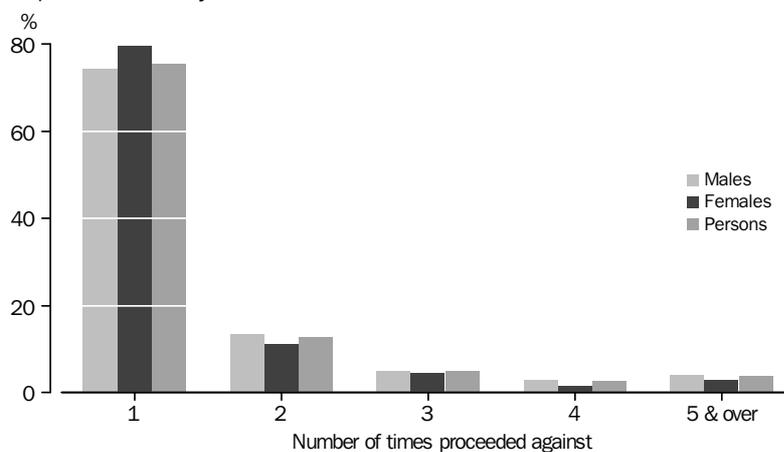
During 2007-08, the majority (76%) of all offenders were proceeded against by police on one occasion. A further 13% were proceeded against by police on two separate occasions. Offenders proceeded against by police on five or more separate occasions during 2007-08 comprised 4% (128 offenders) of all offenders.

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There were more male offenders than female offenders who were proceeded against more than once during the reference period (26% compared to 20% respectively).

OFFENDERS, Number of times proceeded against by sex, Australian Capital Territory



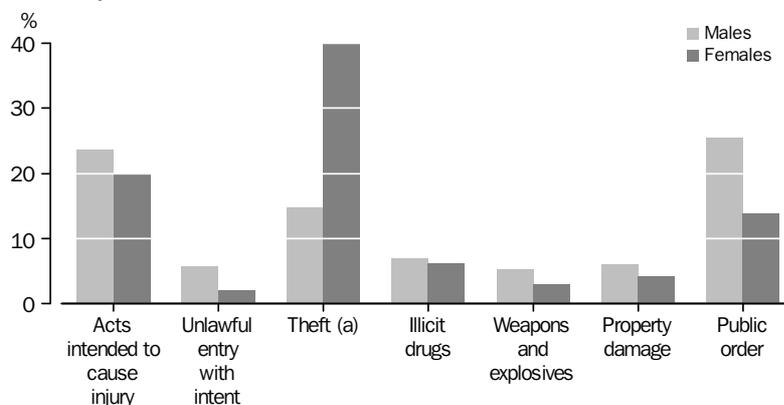
Female offenders aged 10–14 years and 25–29 years were proceeded against on average 1.8 times per offender during 2007-08, compared to 1.5 times for all offenders; the highest for any age groups.

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE

The predominant principal offence that offenders were proceeded against in 2007–08 were public order offences and acts intended to cause injury (both 23% of all offenders), followed by theft (21%).

While both male and female offenders had the same most prevalent principal offences, there were notable contrasts in the proportions for each sex against the various offence types. Male offenders were more commonly proceeded against than females for a public order offence as their principal offence (26% of male offenders compared to 14% of female offenders), whereas 40% of female offenders were proceeded against for theft as their principal offence compared to 15% of male offenders.

OFFENDERS, Selected principal offence by sex, Australian Capital Territory

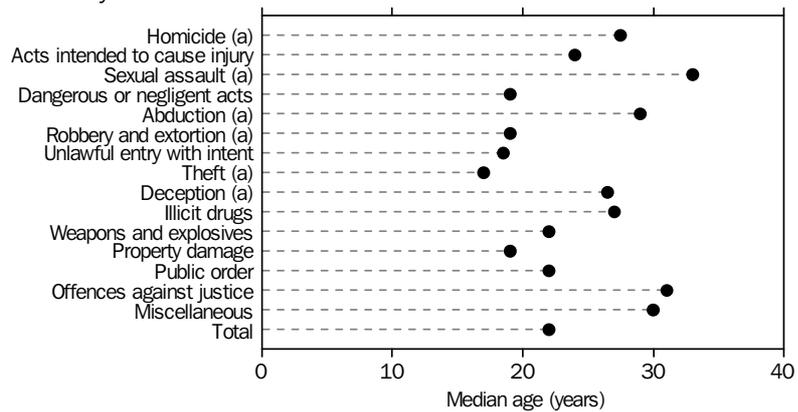


(a) Includes related offences.

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Age was a factor when considering the type of principal offence that someone was proceeded against by police. Based on the median age of offenders by each principal offence type, offenders were younger for principal offences relating to theft (median age 17 years) and unlawful entry with intent (median age 18 years). Offenders were older for sexual assault (median age 33 years) and offences against justice (median age 31 years).

OFFENDERS, Principal offence by median age, Australian Capital Territory

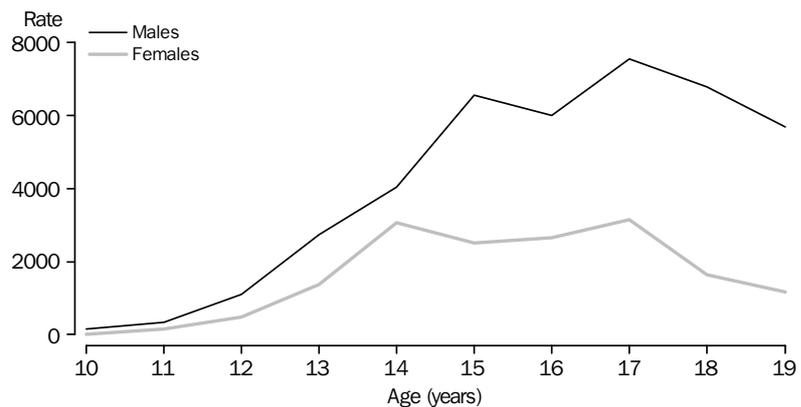


(a) Includes related offences.

YOUTH OFFENDERS

Of the young offenders aged 10 to 19 years, both males and females aged 17 years had the highest offender rates. Males aged 17 years offended at a rate four times higher than the rate for all male offenders (7,557 male offenders for every 100,000 males aged 17 years compared to 1,754 male offenders per 100,000 males aged 10 years and over). The rate for females aged 17 years was 3,152 female offenders for every 100,000 females aged 17 years, which was more than six times the rate for all female offenders (497 female offenders per 100,000 females aged 10 years and over).

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Age by sex, Australian Capital Territory



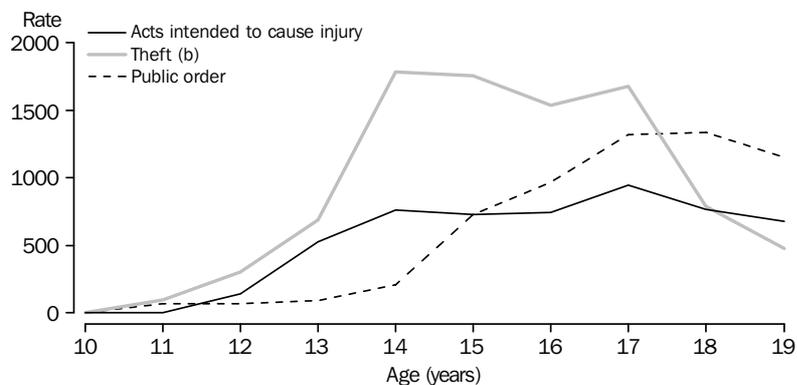
(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

The predominant principal offences for youth offenders were theft (31%), public order offences (21%) and acts intended to cause injury (19%). The impact of age on patterns of offending is further illustrated by the following graph. The peaks in the rate of offending associated with the different offence types occurred at different ages as well as different levels. For theft the offender rate peaked at age 14 years. After age 17 years, the rate for

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theft decreased rapidly, replaced by public order offences as the most prevalent offence, reaching its highest rate at age 18 years. The rate for acts intended to cause injury peaked at age 17 years.

YOUTH OFFENDER RATE (a), Selected principal offence by age, Australian Capital Territory



(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).
(b) Includes related offences.

9.1 OFFENDERS, Principal offence by sex(a)—Australian Capital Territory

	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER			
Homicide and related offences	3	3	6
Acts intended to cause injury	614	150	764
Sexual assault and related offences	63	—	63
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	8	3	11
Abduction and related offences	3	—	3
Robbery, extortion and related offences	46	5	51
Unlawful entry with intent	147	16	163
Theft and related offences	385	301	686
Deception and related offences	94	32	126
Illicit drug offences	181	47	228
Weapons and explosives offences	138	22	160
Property damage and environmental pollution	159	32	191
Public order offences	660	105	765
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	71	33	104
Miscellaneous offences	21	6	27
Total	2 593	755	3 348

	PROPORTION (%)		
Homicide and related offences	0.1	0.4	0.2
Acts intended to cause injury	23.7	19.9	22.8
Sexual assault and related offences	2.4	—	1.9
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	0.3	0.4	0.3
Abduction and related offences	0.1	—	0.1
Robbery, extortion and related offences	1.8	0.7	1.5
Unlawful entry with intent	5.7	2.1	4.9
Theft and related offences	14.8	39.9	20.5
Deception and related offences	3.6	4.2	3.8
Illicit drug offences	7.0	6.2	6.8
Weapons and explosives offences	5.3	2.9	4.8
Property damage and environmental pollution	6.1	4.2	5.7
Public order offences	25.5	13.9	22.8
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	2.7	4.4	3.1
Miscellaneous offences	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

	OFFENDER RATE (d)		
Homicide and related offences	2.0	2.0	2.0
Acts intended to cause injury	415.3	98.8	254.9
Sexual assault and related offences	42.6	—	21.0
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons(b)	5.4	2.0	3.7
Abduction and related offences	2.0	—	1.0
Robbery, extortion and related offences	31.1	3.3	17.0
Unlawful entry with intent	99.4	10.5	54.4
Theft and related offences	260.4	198.2	228.9
Deception and related offences	63.6	21.1	42.0
Illicit drug offences	122.4	31.0	76.1
Weapons and explosives offences	93.4	14.5	53.4
Property damage and environmental pollution	107.6	21.1	63.7
Public order offences	446.5	69.1	255.3
Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(c)	48.0	21.7	34.7
Miscellaneous offences	14.2	4.0	9.0
Total	1 754.0	497.2	1 117.2

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Dangerous/negligent operation of a vehicle.

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Rate per 100,000 population aged 10 years and over (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

9.2 OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Australian Capital Territory

Age group (years)	PERSON LEVEL			PROPORTION (%)			OFFENDER RATE(a)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
10–14	184	107	291	7.1	14.2	8.7	1 705.6	1 019.9	1 367.5
15–19	806	258	1 064	31.1	34.2	31.8	6 500.5	2 176.3	4 386.9
20–24	525	93	618	20.2	12.3	18.5	3 376.6	646.8	2 065.1
25–29	312	73	385	12.0	9.7	11.5	2 162.6	504.4	1 332.1
30–34	253	55	308	9.8	7.3	9.2	1 918.3	421.6	1 174.0
35–39	166	56	222	6.4	7.4	6.6	1 258.3	419.5	836.4
40–44	139	53	192	5.4	7.0	5.7	1 150.9	426.2	783.3
45–49	100	19	119	3.9	2.5	3.6	827.1	148.5	478.2
50–54	42	18	60	1.6	2.4	1.8	385.5	154.1	265.8
55–59	36	9	45	1.4	1.2	1.3	358.6	85.4	218.7
60–64	18	4	22	0.7	0.5	0.7	226.6	48.7	136.2
65 years and over	12	9	21	0.5	1.2	0.6	78.7	48.4	62.0
Total	2 593	754	3 347	100.0	100.0	100.0	1 754.0	496.5	1 116.8
Mean age	25.8	25.1	25.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Median age	22.0	20.0	22.0	..	..	..	..	..	..

.. not applicable

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

9.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Australian Capital Territory . .

Age group (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Sexual assault and related offences	Robbery, extortion and related offences	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Deception and related offences	Illicit drug offences
NUMBER							
10–14	63	—	10	21	125	3	4
15–19	187	10	17	69	293	28	41
20–24	140	9	13	23	66	26	52
25–29	104	8	3	19	48	22	39
30–34	85	8	3	11	44	15	27
35–39	57	6	3	6	34	15	21
40–44	50	6	—	6	25	9	25
45–49	42	6	—	5	18	3	10
50–54	12	4	—	—	13	4	6
55–64	20	6	—	—	10	—	3
65 years and over	4	3	—	—	10	—	—
Total	764	66	49	160	686	125	228
Mean age	27.3	34.6	21.3	22.5	23.0	27.8	28.9
Median age	24.0	33.0	19.0	18.0	17.0	26.5	27.0

PROPORTION (%)							
10–14	21.7	—	3.4	7.2	43.1	1.0	1.4
15–19	17.6	0.9	1.6	6.5	27.5	2.6	3.9
20–24	22.7	1.5	2.1	3.7	10.7	4.2	8.4
25–29	27.0	2.1	0.8	4.9	12.5	5.7	10.1
30–34	27.6	2.6	1.0	3.6	14.3	4.9	8.8
35–39	25.7	2.7	1.4	2.7	15.3	6.8	9.5
40–44	26.6	3.2	—	3.2	13.3	4.8	13.3
45–49	35.0	5.0	—	4.2	15.0	2.5	8.3
50–54	20.3	6.8	—	—	22.0	6.8	10.2
55–64	30.3	9.1	—	—	15.2	—	4.5
65 years and over	18.2	13.6	—	—	45.5	—	—
Total	22.9	2.0	1.5	4.8	20.5	3.7	6.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

9.3 OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Australian Capital Territory

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Age group (years)	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage and environmental pollution	Public order offences	Offences against justice procedures, gov't security and operations(b)	Other(c)	Total
NUMBER						
10–14	13	26	17	3	5	290
15–19	52	71	270	16	10	1 064
20–24	33	35	198	17	6	618
25–29	19	15	92	12	4	385
30–34	16	14	59	19	7	308
35–39	9	11	44	9	7	222
40–44	6	7	39	15	—	188
45–49	5	9	14	5	3	120
50–54	3	—	13	4	—	59
55–64	3	3	14	4	3	66
65 years and over	—	—	5	—	—	22
Total	159	191	765	104	45	3 342
Mean age	25.2	23.2	25.2	31.4	27.1	25.7
Median age	22.0	19.0	22.0	31.0	26.0	22.0

PROPORTION (%)						
10–14	4.5	9.0	5.9	1.0	1.7	100.0
15–19	4.9	6.7	25.4	1.5	0.9	100.0
20–24	5.3	5.7	32.0	2.8	1.0	100.0
25–29	4.9	3.9	23.9	3.1	1.0	100.0
30–34	5.2	4.5	19.2	6.2	2.3	100.0
35–39	4.1	5.0	19.8	4.1	3.2	100.0
40–44	3.2	3.7	20.7	8.0	—	100.0
45–49	4.2	7.5	11.7	4.2	2.5	100.0
50–54	5.1	—	22.0	6.8	—	100.0
55–64	4.5	4.5	21.2	6.1	4.5	100.0
65 years and over	—	—	22.7	—	—	100.0
Total	4.8	5.7	22.9	3.1	1.3	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Excludes Breach of bail.

(c) Includes Divisions 01, 05, 16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

9.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Australian Capital Territory

Age group (years)	NUMBER					Total	Mean
	1	2	3	4	5 and over		
MALES							
10–14	133	25	12	5	9	184	1.7
15–19	603	110	34	24	35	806	1.6
20–24	383	68	32	20	22	525	1.6
25–29	244	34	14	7	13	312	1.5
30–34	179	41	16	5	12	253	1.6
35–39	119	24	10	7	6	166	1.6
40–44	108	13	6	8	4	139	1.5
45–49	71	18	3	4	4	100	1.6
50–54	31	7	3	—	—	41	1.4
55–59	29	6	3	—	—	38	1.2
60–64	16	—	—	—	—	16	1.2
65 years and over	10	—	—	—	—	10	1.3
Total	1 926	346	133	80	105	2 590	1.6
FEMALES							
10–14	80	13	4	—	8	105	1.8
15–19	216	25	13	3	—	257	1.2
20–24	75	9	3	—	5	92	1.6
25–29	49	13	5	3	4	74	1.8
30–34	41	6	3	3	3	56	1.7
35–39	43	8	3	—	3	57	1.4
40–44	42	7	3	—	—	52	1.3
45–49	16	3	—	3	—	22	1.3
50–54	17	—	—	—	—	17	1.2
55–59	9	—	—	—	—	9	1.0
60–64	4	—	—	—	—	4	1.0
65 years and over	9	—	—	—	—	9	1.0
Total	601	84	34	12	23	754	1.5
PERSONS							
10–14	213	38	16	5	17	289	1.7
15–19	819	135	47	27	35	1 063	1.5
20–24	458	77	35	20	27	617	1.6
25–29	293	47	19	10	17	386	1.5
30–34	220	47	19	8	15	309	1.6
35–39	162	32	13	7	9	223	1.5
40–44	150	20	9	8	4	191	1.4
45–49	87	21	3	7	4	122	1.5
50–54	48	7	3	—	—	58	1.3
55–59	38	6	3	—	—	47	1.2
60–64	20	—	—	—	—	20	1.1
65 years and over	19	—	—	—	—	19	1.1
Total	2 527	430	167	92	128	3 344	1.5

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

9.4 OFFENDERS, Sex and age by number of times proceeded against—Australian Capital Territory *continued*

Age group (years)	PROPORTION (%)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5 and over	
MALES						
10–14	72.3	13.6	6.5	2.7	4.9	100.0
15–19	74.8	13.6	4.2	3.0	4.3	100.0
20–24	73.0	13.0	6.1	3.8	4.2	100.0
25–29	78.2	10.9	4.5	2.2	4.2	100.0
30–34	70.8	16.2	6.3	2.0	4.7	100.0
35–39	71.7	14.5	6.0	4.2	3.6	100.0
40–44	77.7	9.4	4.3	5.8	2.9	100.0
45–49	71.0	18.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	100.0
50–54	75.6	17.1	7.3	—	—	100.0
55–59	76.3	15.8	7.9	—	—	100.0
60–64	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
Total	74.4	13.4	5.1	3.1	4.1	100.0
FEMALES						
10–14	76.2	12.4	3.8	—	7.6	100.0
15–19	84.0	9.7	5.1	1.2	—	100.0
20–24	81.5	9.8	3.3	—	5.4	100.0
25–29	66.2	17.6	6.8	4.1	5.4	100.0
30–34	73.2	10.7	5.4	5.4	5.4	100.0
35–39	75.4	14.0	5.3	—	5.3	100.0
40–44	80.8	13.5	5.8	—	—	100.0
45–49	72.7	13.6	—	13.6	—	100.0
50–54	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
55–59	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
60–64	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
Total	79.7	11.1	4.5	1.6	3.1	100.0
PERSONS						
10–14	73.7	13.1	5.5	1.7	5.9	100.0
15–19	77.0	12.7	4.4	2.5	3.3	100.0
20–24	74.2	12.5	5.7	3.2	4.4	100.0
25–29	75.9	12.2	4.9	2.6	4.4	100.0
30–34	71.2	15.2	6.1	2.6	4.9	100.0
35–39	72.6	14.3	5.8	3.1	4.0	100.0
40–44	78.5	10.5	4.7	4.2	2.1	100.0
45–49	71.3	17.2	2.5	5.7	3.3	100.0
50–54	82.8	12.1	5.2	—	—	100.0
55–59	80.9	12.8	6.4	—	—	100.0
60–64	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
65 years and over	100.0	—	—	—	—	100.0
Total	75.6	12.9	5.0	2.8	3.8	100.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

9.5 YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by selected principal offence(a)—Australian Capital Territory

Age (years)	Acts intended to cause injury	Unlawful entry with intent	Theft and related offences	Weapons and explosives offences	Property damage	Public order offences	Other(b)(c)	Total
NUMBER								
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	—	—	4	—	—	3	—	7
12	6	—	13	3	5	3	3	33
13	23	5	30	5	14	4	9	90
14	33	14	77	3	6	9	12	154
15	32	19	77	10	15	32	16	201
16	34	16	70	8	13	44	14	199
17	45	14	80	8	22	63	26	258
18	39	13	40	10	14	68	32	216
19	37	7	26	16	7	63	34	190
Youth offenders	249	88	417	63	96	289	146	1 348
<i>All offenders</i>	763	161	685	158	190	767	616	3 340
PROPORTION (%)								
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	—	—	57.1	—	—	42.9	—	100.0
12	18.2	—	39.4	9.1	15.2	9.1	9.1	100.0
13	25.6	5.6	33.3	5.6	15.6	4.4	10.0	100.0
14	21.4	9.1	50.0	1.9	3.9	5.8	7.8	100.0
15	15.9	9.5	38.3	5.0	7.5	15.9	8.0	100.0
16	17.1	8.0	35.2	4.0	6.5	22.1	7.0	100.0
17	17.4	5.4	31.0	3.1	8.5	24.4	10.1	100.0
18	18.1	6.0	18.5	4.6	6.5	31.5	14.8	100.0
19	19.5	3.7	13.7	8.4	3.7	33.2	17.9	100.0
Youth offenders	18.5	6.5	30.9	4.7	7.1	21.4	10.8	100.0
<i>All offenders</i>	22.8	4.8	20.5	4.7	5.7	23.0	18.4	100.0
OFFENDER RATE (d)								
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	—	—	95.4	—	—	71.6	—	167.0
12	140.8	—	305.1	70.4	117.3	70.4	70.4	774.5
13	530.1	115.2	691.4	115.2	322.7	92.2	207.4	2 074.2
14	763.9	324.1	1 782.4	69.4	138.9	208.3	277.8	3 564.8
15	728.8	432.7	1 753.6	227.7	341.6	728.8	364.4	4 577.5
16	746.4	351.3	1 536.8	175.6	285.4	966.0	307.4	4 368.8
17	944.6	293.9	1 679.3	167.9	461.8	1 322.4	545.8	5 415.6
18	767.7	255.9	787.4	196.9	275.6	1 338.6	629.9	4 252.0
19	677.2	128.1	475.8	292.8	128.1	1 153.0	622.3	3 477.3
Youth offenders	546.9	193.3	915.8	138.4	210.8	634.7	320.6	2 960.5
<i>All offenders</i>	254.6	53.7	228.6	52.7	63.4	255.9	205.5	1 114.5

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Excludes Division 14 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(b) Includes Divisions 01, 03, 05–06, 09–10, 15–16 and Subdivision 049 of the ASOC (see Appendix 3).

(c) Excludes Breach of bail.

(d) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

9.6**YOUTH OFFENDERS, Age by sex—Australian Capital Territory**

Age (years)	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER			
10	3	—	3
11	7	3	10
12	24	10	34
13	61	29	90
14	89	65	154
15	147	54	201
16	140	59	199
17	185	73	258
18	175	41	216
19	159	31	190
Youth offenders	990	365	1 355
<i>All offenders</i>	2 593	754	3 347

PROPORTION (%)			
10	0.3	—	0.2
11	0.7	0.8	0.7
12	2.4	2.7	2.5
13	6.2	7.9	6.6
14	9.0	17.8	11.4
15	14.8	14.8	14.8
16	14.1	16.2	14.7
17	18.7	20.0	19.0
18	17.7	11.2	15.9
19	16.1	8.5	14.0
Youth offenders	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Proportion of all offenders</i>	38.2	48.4	40.5

OFFENDER RATE (a)			
10	142.6	—	72.0
11	334.1	143.1	238.6
12	1 109.6	476.6	797.9
13	2 744.0	1 370.5	2 074.2
14	4 039.9	3 070.4	3 564.8
15	6 556.6	2 512.8	4 577.5
16	5 995.7	2 657.7	4 368.8
17	7 557.2	3 152.0	5 415.6
18	6 788.2	1 638.7	4 252.0
19	5 686.7	1 161.9	3 477.3
Youth offenders	4 269.6	1 633.4	2 975.9
<i>All offenders</i>	1 754.0	496.5	1 116.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Rate per 100,000 population (see Explanatory Notes paragraphs 24–26).

treated and counted in this collection.

10 The main counting unit for this collection is the offender.

Date of Action

11 Data are compiled on the basis of the date that police initiated action or proceeded against an offender (e.g. the date the offender was charged, the date the offender was cautioned, etc). The date the offender was proceeded against by police may not be the date when the offence occurred, or the date when the offender came to the attention of police. In some jurisdictions the data may reflect the date of record creation rather than date of action, however, this does not have a significant impact on the comparability of data across jurisdictions for offenders as there are no major lags between the two dates.

Offender counts

12 For the offender population, an offender is only counted once irrespective of how many offences they committed within the same incident or how many times they were dealt with by police during the reference period. All methods of proceedings are included in these counts (ie: court and non-court actions).

Police proceeding counts

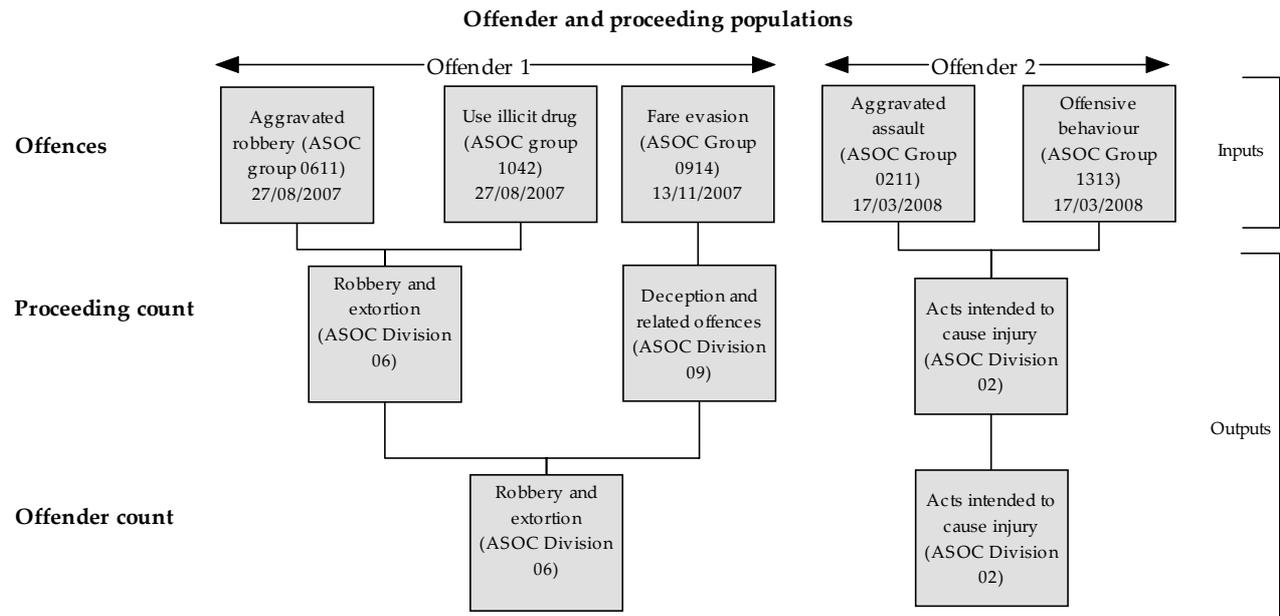
13 For the police initiated proceeding population an offender may be counted more than once if proceeded against on separate occasions by police in the reference period. Data are only presented for court proceedings; non-court proceedings are excluded from these counts.

Principal offence

14 Offence information presented in this publication relates to the most serious offence or principal offence allegedly committed by an individual offender during the reference period. These statistics are not designed to provide a count of the total number of individual offences that come to the attention of police.

15 For the offender counts, where a single offence is processed by police on a single date, the offender is assigned that offence as their principal offence. Where multiple offences are committed within the same incident on a single date by an offender, the offender is assigned a principal offence based on the most serious offence using the ABS National Offence Index (NOI). For more information about the NOI refer to paragraph 22. Offenders proceeded against by police on more than one occasion in the reference period are also assigned a principal offence on this same basis.

16 For the police initiated court proceeding counts, offenders who are proceeded against more than once in the reference period are assigned a principal offence for each separate date of police action. The following diagram provides an illustration of the assigning of a principal offence and the resulting counts for both populations.



Principal method of proceeding

17 As a person may be proceeded against for multiple offences, either in a single day or on different occasions, the various offences linked to that offender may result in different legal actions; that is, both court and non-court actions. For offender counts the method of proceeding will be determined by the principal offence assigned to that offender. For police proceeding counts, as offenders who are proceeded against more than once in the reference period are assigned a principal offence for each separate date of police action, they are also assigned the appropriate method linked to each principal offence.

18 For more information about these classifications refer to paragraphs 19–23 of the Explanatory Notes.

CLASSIFICATIONS

19 The national classifications used to collect and produce data about offenders are:

- ASOC;
- NOI; and
- Method of Proceeding.

Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC)

20 ASOC provides a uniform national classificatory framework for classifying offences across Australia for statistical purposes. The classification is a hierarchical structure allowing for varying degrees of detail to be published depending on the level of detail in the source information. Associated with each classification are coding rules which ensure that the counting of information is consistent across states and territories. The offence information in this publication relates to the 1997 edition of the ASOC. For further information about ASOC refer to *Australian Standard Offence Classification* (cat. no 1234.0).

21 The ABS released a revised edition of the ASOC in 2008 (second edition). Offence information on the revised ASOC is expected to be implemented for the 2008–09 offenders collection.

National Offence Index (NOI)

22 The NOI is a tool which provides an ordinal ranking of all ASOC Groups in ASOC according to perceived seriousness in order to determine a principal offence. The purpose of NOI is to enable the representation of an offender by a single offence in instances where multiple offences occur within the same incident or where offenders offend on more than one occasion in the reference period. For further information about NOI refer to *National Offence Index, 2009* (cat. no 1234.0.55.001).

Method of Proceeding

23 The method of proceeding describes the type of legal action (court or non-court) initiated by police against a person as a result of an investigation of an offence(s). The method of proceeding classification is a hierarchical classification. For detailed information about the classification refer to Appendix 2. For information about the counting methodology used for method of proceedings refer to paragraph 17 of the Explanatory Notes.

OFFENDER RATES

24 Offender rates enable comparison of offenders across the states and territories. Offender rates are expressed as offenders per 100,000 of the Estimated Resident Population (ERP). These rates generally accord with international and state and territory practice.

25 Rates for the offender population are calculated using the midpoint of the reference period (i.e. 31 December 2007). The ERP used in the calculation of these rates are for persons aged 10 years and over for all states and territories.

26 For more information on ERP, see *Australian Demographic Statistics, December quarter, 2008* (cat. no. 3101.0). For the offenders collection, all estimates and projections for the Australian Capital Territory exclude Jarvis Bay Territory.

Indigenous offender rates

27 Indigenous offender rates are expressed per 100,000 Indigenous population aged 10 years or over. Rates for the Indigenous population in this publication are based on the low series projections for 30 June 2008 from *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 30 June 1991 to 30 June 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0). These projections are based on the 2001 Census of Population and Housing. The new series of Indigenous population projections are scheduled for release in September 2009 and will be based on the 2006 Census of Population and Housing.

28 The low series are one of two series of these projections that have been published for the years 2002 to 2009.

- The low series assumes no 'unexplained growth' - that is, the Indigenous population recorded in the 2001 Census of Population and Housing is projected to change only as a result of births and deaths (natural increase) and, for the states and territories, as a result of interstate migration. According to the low series, the projected population at June 2008 for New South Wales was 150,971, South Australia 29,185 and the Northern Territory 62,932.
- The high series assumes that there will be 'unexplained growth' in the Indigenous population - that is, the Indigenous population is projected to change as a result of an unexplained component in addition to the effects of natural increase and interstate migration. The size of the unexplained component is based on the 'unexplained growth' observed between the 1996 and 2001 censuses. According to the high series, the projected population at June 2008 for New South Wales was 176,072, South Australia 31,290 and the Northern Territory 63,848.

29 Rates for the non-Indigenous population are calculated using the total ERP of persons aged 10 years and over for each state or territory minus the projected Indigenous population aged 10 years and over.

INDIGENOUS OFFENDERS

30 This publication presents data on Indigenous offenders only for New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Based on an ABS assessment, Indigenous data for offenders for other jurisdictions are not of sufficient quality for national reporting in 2007–08. Further work is underway with other jurisdictions to improve the quality of the Indigenous data for offender statistics.

31 Indigenous status is based on self-identification by the individual who comes into contact with police. The quality of the data is dependant on police asking individuals to self-identify.

32 Indigenous identification is difficult to ascertain for offences that largely are actioned by way of summons, infringement and/or penalty notices, therefore certain offences will have high rates of unknown Indigenous status. High rates of unknown Indigenous status are prevalent for public order, illicit drugs, justice procedures, government security and operations and miscellaneous offences. This should be taken into account when comparing Indigenous and non-Indigenous data.

DATA COMPARABILITY

33 National offender statistics are compiled in order to maximise comparability across states and territories. The Offenders collection has been designed to facilitate comparisons of states and territories though the application of common national statistical standards and counting rules. However, some legislative and processing differences remain. The following information highlights those processes unique to a jurisdiction that may have had an impact on the data for this collection. This may include recording practices, legislation or policy to combat particular types of crime.

New South Wales

34 The high rate of unknown Indigenous status for homicide offences is mostly due to the high proportion of summonses related to driving causing death offences. Almost all of the 'not stated' counts for justice offences are due to the issuing of penalty notices.

Victoria

35 Victoria has a lower rate of public order offences, property damage and environmental pollution, and offences against justice than other jurisdictions as all Victorian penalty/infringement notices are not included in these offence counts. These data are not included as they reside with a third party. The total offender rate for Victoria is also likely to be underestimated as a result of this issue.

South Australia

36 Caution should be exercised with counts of offenders with a principal offence of illicit drug offences for South Australia as the data may be overstated. Data relating to offenders issued with Cannabis Expiation Notices (CEN) are stored on a separate infringements database and this information cannot be linked to other databases that store information about offenders. Offenders with CEN's are effectively assigned a principal offence of illicit drugs. As offenders cannot be linked across the databases, if an offender has committed an offence in addition to a CEN then that offender may be counted twice. General Expiation Notices (GEN), usually issued for public order and justice offences, are stored in an infringement database and cannot be linked, however, the impact to the offender counts and the associated principal offence are likely to be minimal.

37 The high rate of unknown Indigenous status for illicit drug offences relates to the large number of penalty notices (CEN's) issued for these offence types. Public order and offences against justice also have high rates of unknowns due to the large number of penalty notices (GEN's) issued for these offence types. Indigenous status and other demographic variables (country of birth, language spoken, occupation) are not collected for penalty notices.

Northern Territory

38 The high rate of unknown Indigenous status for illicit drug offences, public order offences and miscellaneous offences are due to the large number of penalty notices issued for these offence types.

COMPARISONS TO OTHER

ABS DATA

Recorded Crime - Victims

39 There are strong links between victims and offenders recorded by police in their administrative systems as once a victim is recorded by police an investigation may ensue which could result, although not always, in an offender being proceeded against by police. However, a number of limitations exist between the offenders collection and data from the Recorded Crime - Victims collection:

- data cannot be directly linked;
- counting units vary as the concept of a principal offence is not applied in the victims collection. Victims may be counted more than once if multiple offences reside in different ASOC divisions;
- the reference period used in the victims collection is based on a calendar year, while the offenders collection is based on a financial year;
- police may detect offending without a victim reporting a crime, or in instances of 'victimless' crimes, such as illicit drug offences or regulatory offences. These are excluded from the victims collection; and
- statistics about victims of assault and sexual assault are not strictly comparable across the jurisdictions in the victims collection. As a result, comparisons should not be made using assault and sexual assault counts from both collections. For more information about the victims collection, refer to *Recorded Crime - Victims, Australia* (cat no. 4510.0).

40 Despite these differences broad comparisons can be made between the two collections.

Criminal Courts Data

41 Data relating to the number of court initiated police proceedings are not strictly comparable to the number of defendants sourced from the Criminal Courts collection. Not all court related actions initiated by police will proceed to a criminal court as police proceedings may be withdrawn or changed to other legal actions by police during the course of an investigation. Furthermore, a defendant appearing in a criminal court in Australia may be prosecuted via charges initiated by authorities other than police. There will also be lags between when the police initiate action via a court method of proceeding and when a criminal court finalises a defendants case. In most cases the offender counts should be higher than defendant counts, however this may not be the case for all offence types due to charges laid by other authorities. For more information about criminal courts see *Criminal Courts, Australia* (cat. no. 4513.0) .

CONFIDENTIALITY

42 Table cells containing small values have been randomly adjusted to avoid releasing confidential information. Due to the randomisation process, totals may vary slightly across tables.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

ABS publications

43 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- *Australian Demographic Statistics* (cat. no. 3101.0) – issued quarterly
- *Australian Social Trends* (cat. no. 4102.0) – issued quarterly
- *Australian Standard Offence Classification* (cat. no. 1234.0) – irregular
- *Conceptual Framework for Family and Domestic Violence* (cat. no. 4529) - single issue
- *Corrective Services, Australia* (cat. no. 4512.0) – issued quarterly
- *Crime and Safety, Australia* (cat. no. 4509.0) – irregular
- *Crime and Safety, New South Wales* (cat. no. 4509.1) – irregular
- *Criminal Courts, Australia* (cat. no. 4513.0) – issued annually
- *Experimental Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 30 June 1991 to 30 June 2009* (cat. no. 3238.0) – issued five yearly
- *General Social Survey: Summary Results, Australia* (cat. no. 4159.0) – four yearly
- *Information Paper: National Information Development Plan for Crime and Justice Statistics 2005* (cat. no. 4520.0) – single issue

ABS publications continued

- *Information Paper: National Criminal Justice Statistical Framework* (cat. no. 4525) - single issue
- *Measures of Australia's Progress* (cat. no. 1370.0) – issued biennially
- *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey* (cat.no.4714.0) – irregular
- *Personal Safety Survey* (cat. no. 4906.0) – irregular
- *Prisoners in Australia* (cat. no. 4517.0) – issued annually
- *Year Book Australia* (cat. no. 1301.0) – biennial

44 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are available from the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the website that details products to be released in the week ahead. The National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics within the ABS releases *Crime and Justice News* (cat. no. 4500.0), an annual newsletter that is published on the ABS website. The National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics can be contacted by email <crime.justice@abs.gov.au>.

Non-ABS publications

45 Non-ABS sources which may be of interest include:

- Australian Crime Commission, Australian Illicit Drug Report
- Australian Federal Police, Annual Report
- Australian Institute of Criminology, List of Publications <<http://www.aic.gov.au>>
- Crime Research Centre, University of Western Australia, Crime and Justice Statistics for Western Australia
- NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, New South Wales Recorded Crime Statistics
- Office of Crime Prevention, Northern Territory Government, Northern Territory Quarterly Crime and Justice Statistics
- Office of Crime Statistics and Research, South Australia, Crime and Justice in South Australia
- Queensland Police Service, Statistical Review
- Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision, Report on Government Services
- South Australian Police Department, Statistical Review Annual Report
- Tasmanian Department of Police and Public Safety, Annual Report
- Victoria Police, Crime Statistics

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF SUPPLEMENTARY DATA CUBES

STATE AND TERRITORY
DETAIL

The following supplementary data cubes are available for free from the ABS website:

Sex and age

1. Offenders, Sex by age, New South Wales
2. Offenders, Sex by age, Victoria
3. Offenders, Sex by age, Queensland
4. Offenders, Sex by age, South Australia
5. Offenders, Sex by age, Tasmania
6. Offenders, Sex by age, Northern Territory
7. Offenders, Sex by age, Australian Capital Territory

Principal offence and age

1. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, New South Wales
2. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, Victoria
3. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, Queensland
4. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, South Australia
5. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, Tasmania
6. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, Northern Territory
7. Offenders, Selected principal offence by age, Australian Capital Territory

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Code	<i>Method of proceeding</i>
100	Court action, not further defined
110	Charge and bail/remand
120	Charge and summons
190	Other court action, not elsewhere classified
200	Non-court action, not further defined
210	Informal caution or informal warning
220	Formal caution or formal warning
230	Conference
240	Counselling (includes drug diversion schemes)
250	Penalty notices
290	Other non-court action, not elsewhere classified
999	Not stated

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Code	<i>Division/Subdivision/Group</i>
01	Homicide and related offences
011	Murder
0111	Murder
012	Conspiracies and attempts to murder
0121	Conspiracy to murder
0122	Attempted murder
013	Manslaughter and driving causing death
0131	Manslaughter
0132	Driving causing death
02	Acts intended to cause injury
021	Assault
0211	Aggravated assault
0212	Non-aggravated assault
029	Other acts intended to cause injury
0299	Other acts intended to cause injury, nec
03	Sexual assault and related offences
031	Sexual assault
0311	Aggravated sexual assault
0312	Non-aggravated sexual assault
032	Non-assaultive sexual offences
0321	Non-assaultive sexual offences against a child
0329	Non-assaultive sexual offences, nec
04	Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons
041	Dangerous or negligent operation of a vehicle
0411	Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
0412	Dangerous or negligent operation (driving) of a vehicle
049	Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons
0491	Neglect of person under care
0499	Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons, nec
05	Abduction and related offences
051	Abduction and kidnapping
0511	Abduction and kidnapping
052	Deprivation of liberty/False imprisonment
0521	Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment
06	Robbery, extortion and related offences
061	Robbery
0611	Aggravated robbery
0612	Non-aggravated robbery
062	Blackmail and extortion
0621	Blackmail and extortion
07	Unlawful entry with intent/Burglary, break and enter
071	Unlawful entry with intent/Burglary, break and enter
0711	Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter
08	Theft and related offences
081	Motor vehicle theft and related offences
0811	Theft of a motor vehicle
0812	Illegal use of a motor vehicle
0813	Theft of motor vehicle parts or contents

- 08 Theft and related offences *cont.*
- 082 Theft (except motor vehicles)
 - 0821 Theft from a person (excluding by force)
 - 0822 Theft of intellectual property
 - 0823 Theft from retail premises
 - 0829 Theft (except motor vehicles), nec
 - 083 Receiving or handling proceeds of crime
 - 0831 Receiving or handling proceeds of crime
 - 084 Illegal use of property (except motor vehicles)
 - 0841 Illegal use of property (except motor vehicles)
- 09 Deception and related offences
- 091 Fraud, forgery or false financial instruments
 - 0911 Cheque or credit card fraud
 - 0912 Make, use or possess equipment to make false/illegal financial instrument
 - 0913 Fraudulent trade practices
 - 0914 Prescription drug fraud
 - 0915 Fare evasion
 - 0919 Fraud, nec
 - 092 Counterfeiting currency and related offences
 - 0921 Counterfeiting currency and related offences
 - 093 Dishonest conversion
 - 0931 Dishonest conversion
 - 094 Bribery
 - 0941 Bribery involving government officials
 - 0949 Bribery, nec
 - 099 Other deception offences
 - 0991 Misrepresentation of professional status
 - 0992 Non-fraudulent trade practices
 - 0999 Deception offences, nec
- 10 Illicit drug offences
- 101 Import or export illicit drugs
 - 1011 Import illicit drugs
 - 1012 Export illicit drugs
 - 102 Deal or traffic in illicit drugs
 - 1021 Deal or traffic in illicit drugs - commercial quantity
 - 1022 Deal or traffic in illicit drugs - non-commercial quantity
 - 103 Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs
 - 1031 Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs
 - 104 Possess and/or use illicit drugs
 - 1041 Possess illicit drug
 - 1042 Use illicit drug
 - 109 Other illicit drug offences
 - 1099 Illicit drug offences, nec
- 11 Weapons and explosives offences
- 111 Prohibited weapons/Explosives offences
 - 1111 Import or export prohibited weapons/explosives
 - 1112 Sell, possess and/or use prohibited weapons/explosives
 - 1119 Prohibited weapons/explosives offences, nec
 - 112 Regulated weapons/Explosives offences
 - 1121 Unlawfully obtain or possess regulated weapons/explosives
 - 1122 Misuse of regulated weapons/explosives
 - 1123 Deal or traffic regulated weapons/explosives offences
 - 1129 Regulated weapons/explosives offences, nec
- 12 Property damage and environmental pollution
- 121 Property damage
 - 1211 Property damage by fire or explosion
 - 1212 Graffiti
 - 1219 Property damage, nec

- 12 Property damage and environmental pollution *cont.*
 - 122 Environmental pollution
 - 1221 Air pollution offences
 - 1222 Water pollution offences
 - 1223 Noise pollution offences
 - 1229 Environmental pollution offences, nec
- 13 Public order offences
 - 131 Disorderly conduct
 - 1311 Trespass
 - 1312 Offensive language
 - 1313 Offensive behaviour
 - 1314 Criminal intent
 - 1315 Conspiracy
 - 1319 Disorderly conduct, nec
 - 132 Regulated public order offences
 - 1321 Betting and gambling offences
 - 1322 Liquor and tobacco offences
 - 1323 Censorship offences
 - 1324 Prostitution offences
 - 1325 Offences against public order sexual standards
 - 1329 Regulated public order offences, nec
- 14 Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences
 - 141 Driving licence offences
 - 1411 Driving while licence cancelled or suspended
 - 1412 Driving without a licence
 - 1419 Driving licence offences, nec
 - 142 Road vehicle registration and road worthiness offences
 - 1421 Registration offences
 - 1422 Roadworthiness offences
 - 143 Regulatory driving offences
 - 1431 Exceeding the prescribed content of alcohol limit
 - 1432 Exceeding legal speed limit
 - 1433 Parking offences
 - 1439 Regulatory driving offences, nec
 - 144 Pedestrian offences
 - 1441 Pedestrian offences
- 15 Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations
 - 151 Breach of justice order
 - 1511 Escape custody offences
 - 1512 Breach of bail
 - 1513 Breach of parole
 - 1514 Breach of domestic violence order
 - 1515 Breach of other restraining order
 - 1519 Breach of justice order, nec
 - 152 Other offences against justice procedures
 - 1521 Subvert the course of justice
 - 1522 Resist or hinder police officer or justice official
 - 1523 Prison regulation offences
 - 1529 Offences against justice procedures, nec
 - 153 Offences against government security
 - 1531 Resist or hinder government officer concerned with government security
 - 1539 Offences against government security, nec
 - 154 Offences against government operations
 - 1541 Resist or hinder government official (excluding police officer, justice official or government security officer)
 - 1549 Offences against government operations, nec
- 16 Miscellaneous offences
 - 161 Harassment and related offences
 - 1611 Harassment and private nuisance
 - 1612 Offences against privacy
 - 1613 Threatening behaviour
 - 1614 Defamation and libel

- 16 Miscellaneous offences *cont.*
- 162 Public health and safety offences
- 1621 Sanitation offences
- 1622 Disease prevention offences
- 1623 Occupational health and safety offences
- 1624 Transport offences
- 1625 Dangerous substances offences
- 1626 Licit drug offences
- 1629 Public health and safety offences, nec
- 163 Commercial/Industry/Financial regulation
- 1631 Commercial/industry/financial regulation
- 169 Other miscellaneous offences
- 1691 Environmental regulation offences
- 1692 Immigration regulation offences
- 1693 Quarantine offences
- 1694 Import/export regulations
- 1695 Procure or commit illegal abortion
- 1699 Miscellaneous offences, nec

GLOSSARY

Abduction and related offences	Acts intended to unlawfully deprive another person of their freedom of movement against that person's will or against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person. This offence category is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Abduction and kidnapping (051), and Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment (052).
Acts intended to cause injury	Acts, excluding homicide and related offences, which are intended to cause non-fatal injury or harm to another person and where there is no sexual or acquisitive element. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Assault (021) and Other acts intended to cause injury (029).
Age	Age is calculated at the earliest date a person was proceeded against by police during the reference period.
Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC)	The ASOC is a hierarchical classification developed by the ABS for use in the collection and publication of crime and justice statistics. It provides a classificatory framework for the comparison of statistics on offences across Australia. Within the classificatory structure of ASOC, divisions represent the broadest categories of offences. The subdivision and group levels provide increasingly detailed dissections of the broad categories. The 1997 version of ASOC is used to classify offence data within this publication.
Dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	Dangerous or negligent acts which, though not intended to cause harm, actually or potentially, result in injury to oneself or another person. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Dangerous or negligent operation of a vehicle (041) and Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons (049).
Deception and related offences	The use of deception, secret agreements or the making of false instruments with the intent of dishonestly obtaining property, services or other advantage. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Fraud, forgery or false financial instruments (091), Counterfeiting currency and related offences (092), Dishonest conversion (093), Bribery (094) and Other deception offences (099).
Homicide and related offences	The unlawful killing, attempted unlawful killing or conspiracy to kill another person. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Murder (011), Conspiracies and attempts to murder (012), and Manslaughter and driving causing death (013).
Illicit drug offences	The possession, sale, dealing or trafficking, importing or exporting, manufacture or cultivation of drugs or other substances prohibited under legislation. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Import or export illicit drugs (101), Deal or traffic in illicit drugs (102), Manufacture or cultivate illicit drugs (103), Possess and/or use illicit drugs (104) and Other illicit drug offences (109).
Indigenous	An offender who identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, or both, on at least one occasion that they are proceeded against by police.
Method of proceeding	The method of proceeding describes the type of legal action (court or non court) initiated by police against a person as a result of an investigation of an offence(s). For details of the classification hierarchy, refer to Appendix 2.

Miscellaneous offences	Offences involving the breach of statutory rules or regulations governing activities that are prima facie legal, where such offences are not explicitly dealt with under any other Division of ASOC. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Harassment and related offences (161), Public health and safety offences (162), Commercial/industry/financial regulation (163) and Other miscellaneous.
National Offence Index (NOI)	The National Offence Index is a seriousness ranking of the ASOC codes and is used to determine a principal offence where a person is proceeded against for more than one offence type. Offences are allocated a ranking and the highest ranking offence (i.e. the offence closest to 1) is selected as the principal offence. The 2002 version of the NOI has been used for this publication.
Non-Indigenous	Offenders who identify as neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander origin.
Not stated Indigenous status	Indigenous status of the offenders is not able to be identified, therefore status is unknown.
Offence	Any act or omission by a person or persons for which a penalty could be imposed by the Australian legal system.
Offences against justice procedures, government security and government operations	An act or omission that is deemed to be prejudicial to the effective carrying out of justice procedures or any government operations including those specifically concerned with maintaining government security. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Breach of Justice Order (151), Other offences against justice procedures (152), Offences against government security (153) and Offences against government operations (154).
Offender	A person aged 10 years and over allegedly involved in a criminal incident who is proceeded against and recorded by police for one or more offences. An offender is only counted once during the reference period irrespective of the number offences committed.
Police proceeding	A proceeding is a legal action initiated against an alleged offender for an offence(s). Police proceedings represent a count for each separate occasion on which police initiate a legal action against an offender. Each proceeding is classified to a principal offence and principal method of proceeding. It does not represent a count of offences.
Police proceedings - court actions	A type of legal action initiated by police against an offender. Court actions largely comprise the laying of charges against an alleged offender that must be answered in court. Offenders may be taken into custody, granted bail or issued with a summons for these charges pending an appearance in court.
Police proceedings - non-court actions	A type of legal action initiated by police against an offender. Non-court actions comprise legal actions such as informal or formal cautions/warnings, conferencing, counselling such as drug diversionary schemes, or the issuing of penalty or infringement notices, which do not require an appearance in court.
Principal method of proceeding	The main legal action (court or non-court) initiated by police for an offender based on the hierarchy of the Method of Proceeding Classification (see Appendix 2).
Principal offence	The offence category, based on ASOC (1997), that describes the most serious offence type that a person has been proceeded against by police during the reference period. The principal offence is determined by the rankings in the NOI. (see National Offence Index).
Property damage and environmental pollution	The wilful and unlawful destruction, damage or defacement of public or private property, or the pollution of property or a definable entity held in common by the community. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Property damage (121) and Environmental pollution (122).

Public order offences	Offences involving personal conduct that involves or may lead to a breach of public order and decency, or that is indicative of criminal intent, or that is otherwise regulated or prohibited on moral or ethical grounds. The 'victim' of these offences is generally the public at large. However, some offences such as offensive language and offensive behaviour may occur in a private place. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Disorderly conduct (131) and Regulated public order activities (132).
Road traffic and motor vehicle regulatory offences	Offences relating to vehicles and most forms of road traffic, including offences pertaining to licensing, motor vehicle registration, roadworthiness or use of vehicles, bicycle offences and pedestrian offences. This is a regulatory Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Driving licence offences (141), Road vehicle registration and roadworthiness offences (142), Regulatory driving offences (143) and Pedestrian offences (144).
Robbery, extortion and related offences	Acts intended to unlawfully gain money, property or any other thing of value from, or cause detriment to, and another person by using the threat of force or any other coercive measure. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Robbery (061) and Blackmail and extortion (062).
Sexual assault and related offences	Acts of a sexual nature against another person which are non-consensual or consent is proscribed. This offence category is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Sexual assault (031) and Non-assaultive sexual offences (032).
Theft and related offences	The unlawful taking or obtaining of money or goods not involving the use of force, threat of force or violence, coercion or deception, with the intent to permanently or temporarily deprive the owner or possessor of the use of the money or goods, or the receiving or handling of money or goods obtained unlawfully. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Motor vehicle theft and related offences (081), Theft (except motor vehicles) (082), Receiving or handling proceeds of crime (083) and Illegal use of property (except motor vehicles) (084).
Unlawful entry with intent/burglary, break and enter	The unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit an offence where the entry is either forced or unforced. This is a Division of ASOC which includes burglary and break and enter offences (071).
Weapons and explosives offences	Offences relating to weapons or explosives which are either prohibited or legalised/regulated by legislation. This is a Division of ASOC which includes the following Subdivisions: Prohibited weapons/explosives offences (111) and regulated weapons/explosives offences (112).
Youth offenders	Alleged offenders aged 10 to 19 years proceeded against by police during the reference period.

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