



Aboriginal adults comprise approx. **3%** of the NSW population but are over-represented at each stage of the *Criminal Justice System*



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POLICE COURT ACTIONS

21%

of adults brought to court
by police are Aboriginal
8 x higher than other adults

Total 36,252
10 year change **↑ 75%**

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7,198

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COURT BAIL DECISIONS

34%

of adults that are refused
bail at their first court bail
appearance are Aboriginal
16 x higher than other adults

Total 7,198
10 year change **↑ 95%**



FOUND GUILTY IN COURT

19%

of adults who are found
guilty are Aboriginal
7 x higher than other adults

Total 24,115
10 year change **↑ 59%**

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SENTENCED TO CUSTODY

33%

of adults sentenced to
custody are Aboriginal
15 x higher than other adults

Total 4,132
10 year change **↑ 35%**



CUSTODY POPULATION

34%

of adults in custody
are Aboriginal
15 x higher than other adults

Total 4,452
10 year change **↑ 43%**

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*Aboriginal adults comprise approx. 3% of
the NSW adult population (ABS 2021)

*Data in this infographic is from 2025

For any questions about this infographic or the data
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