



Aboriginal young people comprise approx. 8% of the NSW population but are over-represented at each stage of the Criminal Justice System



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POLICE COURT ACTIONS

43%

of young people brought to court by police are Aboriginal
9 x higher than other young people

Total 4,718
10 year change ↑ 15%

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FOUND GUILTY IN COURT

38%

of young people who are found guilty are Aboriginal
8 x higher than other young people

Total 1,503
10 year change ↓ 23%

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COURT BAIL DECISIONS

60%

of young people that are refused bail at their first court bail appearance are Aboriginal
18 x higher than other young people

Total 727
10 year change ↑ 13%

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SENTENCED TO CUSTODY

68%

of young people sentenced to custody are Aboriginal
26 x higher than other young people

Total 122
10 year change ↓ 50%

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YOUTH CUSTODY POPULATION

56%

of young people in custody are Aboriginal
16 x higher than other young people

Total 127
5 year change ↓ 7%

*Aboriginal young people comprise approx. 8% of the NSW young people population (ABS 2021)

*Data in this infographic is from 2025

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