

**How many deaths in custody occurred during 2005/06?<sup>1</sup>**

10 (comprising 5 by natural causes, and 5 from apparent unnatural causes. There were no recorded deaths relating to aboriginal/TSI inmates.

**How many inmates have escaped from Departmental custody (including periodic detention), and how many have been recaptured at time of publication? <sup>a</sup> Rate per 100 inmates**

Year	Number	Rate <sup>a</sup>	Recaptured
2001/02	79	1.0	77 (97.5%)
2002/03	31	0.4	31 (100.0%)
2003/04	22	0.3	22 (100.0%)
2004/05	32	0.3	32 (100.0%)
2005/06	27	0.3	27 (100.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191</b>		<b>189 (98.9%)</b>

**What is the daily cost of an inmate in full-time custody?<sup>2</sup>**

Open Custody (plus Periodic Detention) ..... \$182.96  
 Secure Custody..... \$194.18

**How many correctional facilities is the Department currently responsible for?<sup>2</sup>**

- 29 - publicly operated Correctional Centres throughout NSW
- 1 - privately operated centre at Junee
- 1 - Juvenile Correctional Centre at Kariong
- 8 - Periodic Detention Centres (PDC's)
- 2 - Transitional Centres for female inmates (Parramatta and Bolwara House)
- 1 - Residential facility for female offenders with a mental health disorder (Biyani)
- 14 - 24 hour Court cell centres

**How many correctional centres are only for women?<sup>4</sup>**

- 4 - Correctional Centres (Mulawa, Emu Plains, Berrima and Dillwynia)

**What was the average number of staff (equivalent full-time positions) employed by the Department during 2005/06?<sup>4</sup>**

Operational - Custodial ..... 4317.63  
 Operational - Community Supervision ..... 615.72  
 Professional / Administrative ..... 1252.68  
**TOTAL ..... 6186.03**

**What was the total annual cost of correctional services in NSW for 2005/06?<sup>2</sup>**

Capital ..... \$229 million  
 Recurrent ..... \$646 million  
**TOTAL ..... \$875 million**

**Community Offender Services Statistics**

**How many Community Offender Services offices are there?<sup>4</sup>**

There are 65 district offices and 4 regional offices throughout New South Wales.

**What is the daily average number of persons supervised by the Department under community based orders?<sup>2</sup>**

Male ..... 15310 (84.8%)  
 Female ..... 2684 (14.9%)  
 Gender not recorded ..... 53 (0.3%)  
**TOTAL ..... 18047 (100.0%)**

**What is the daily average number of orders supervised by the Department under community based orders?<sup>2</sup>**

Restricted Movement (Home Detention & Drug Court Orders) ..... 211  
 Reparation (Community Service Orders & Fine Default) ..... 4754  
 Supervision (Parole & Bonds) ..... 14663  
**TOTAL <sup>±</sup> ..... 19628**

<sup>±</sup> As some offenders may be subject to more than one order, the total number of persons under each order is not equal to the total number of persons under supervision.

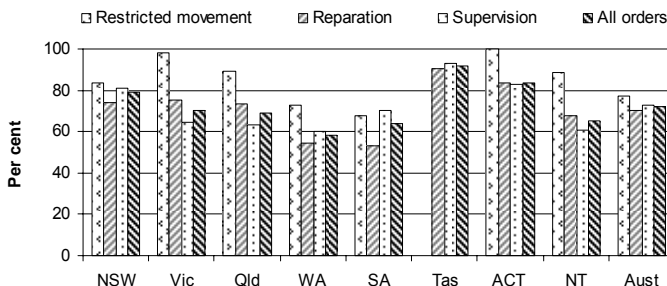
**Successful Completion of Community Corrections Orders by type of order, 2005/06 as a percentage.<sup>2</sup>**

Restricted movement (Home Detention & Drug Court Orders) ..... 83.5%  
 Reparation (Community Service Orders & Fine Default) ..... 74.0%  
 Supervision (Parole & Bonds) ..... 81.3%  
 All Orders ..... 79.4%

**What is the daily cost of supervision for a community based offender<sup>2</sup>**

Community Supervision ..... \$10.40

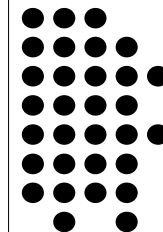
**Successful completion of community corrections orders, by type of order, in NSW compared to other states in 2005/06a, b.<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> Tasmania did not have restricted movement orders in 2005-06. <sup>b</sup> The ACT rates are based on only a small number of restricted movement orders that remained to be completed following the removal of home detention as a sentencing option in June 2005. Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 7A.19.

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## Introduction

Corporate Research, Evaluation and Statistics (CRES) aims to deliver research, evaluation and statistical information to the NSW Department of Corrective Services through:

- Use of up to date methodology
- Efficient project and resource management
- Development of working partnerships

This brochure is designed to provide clear answers to the most commonly asked questions about Custodial Corrections and Community Offender Services in New South Wales.

The role of the New South Wales Department of Corrective Services is to carry out the orders of the courts by managing inmates in custody and under supervision in the community. Our mission - Manage offenders in a safe, secure and humane manner and reduce risks of re-offending. Our vision - Contribute to a safer community through quality correctional services.

## Custodial Statistics

### Explanatory Notes

All information contained in this brochure refers to adult corrections. Additionally since the 20th of December 2005, the Department of Corrective Services has been responsible for the operation of Kariang Juvenile Correctional Centre; figures for this centre are included in this brochure.

Unless otherwise stated, the figures in this brochure are for the 2005/06 financial year and relate to the total offender population (full-time inmates, periodic detainees\* and community based offenders).

Figures are sourced from:

1. The NSW Department of Corrective Services Statistical Report 2005/06
2. The Report on Government Services 2007
3. The NSW Inmate Census June 30, 2006
4. The NSW Department of Corrective Services Annual Report 2005/06

\*Periodic Detention: Detainees are sentenced to two days per week (weekends or mid-week) in a correctional centre environment, Periodic Detention Centre (PDC) for a period of up to 3 years.

† As of 2002/03, NSW rates exclude Act prisoners held in NSW prisons.

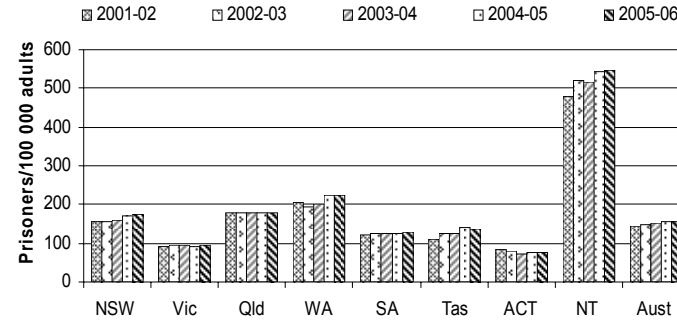
△ Based on average of monthly imprisonment rates published in *Corrective Services Quarterly* (ABS 4512.0).

**What was the average<sup>△</sup> number of people in full-time custody each day during 2005/06?<sup>1</sup>** ..... 9101

**What was the average number of people with periodic detention\* orders during 2005/06?<sup>1</sup>** ..... 802

**What was NSW's<sup>†</sup> full-time custody imprisonment rate?<sup>2</sup> (per 100,000 adults)** ..... 173.4

**How does the full-time custody imprisonment rate in NSW compare with other states?<sup>2</sup>**



$$\text{Imprisonment rate} = \frac{\text{State's inmate population} \times 100,000}{\text{Adult population of state}}$$

**What was the highest number of people in full-time custody in NSW during 2005/06?<sup>1</sup>** (Including correctional centres, & court cells) ..... 9354

**How many people were remanded into a NSW correctional centre during 2005/06?<sup>1</sup>**

Total Unsented ..... 10488

**How many people in NSW commenced a sentence of full-time imprisonment during 2005/06?<sup>1</sup>**

Total Sentenced ..... 7453

**What percentage of inmates who were released in 2003/04 returned with a correctional sanction within two years?<sup>2</sup>**

To Prison ..... 43.3%

**What is the percentage of females in NSW full-time custody?<sup>3</sup>**

Females ..... 7.2%

**What is the breakdown of full-time NSW inmates by age and gender?<sup>3</sup>**

	Male		Female		TOTAL	
<b>Under 18</b>	21	0.3%	-	-	21	0.2%
<b>18-24 years</b>	1767	21.0%	125	19.2%	1892	20.9%
<b>25-34- years</b>	3124	37.2%	276	42.4%	3400	37.6%
<b>35-44 years</b>	2106	25.0%	162	24.9%	2268	25.1%
<b>45 + years</b>	1382	16.5%	88	13.5%	1470	16.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8400</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9051</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**What is the breakdown by maximum imprisonment period for full-time inmates?<sup>3</sup>**

Unsented	2100	(23.2%)
< 2 years	2659	(29.4%)
2 to <5 years	1558	(17.2%)
5 to <20 years	2250	(24.9%)
20 years +	282	(3.1%)
Life <sup>o</sup> or Forensic Patient	202	(2.2%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9051</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>

<sup>o</sup>Includes 35 inmates serving Natural Life terms

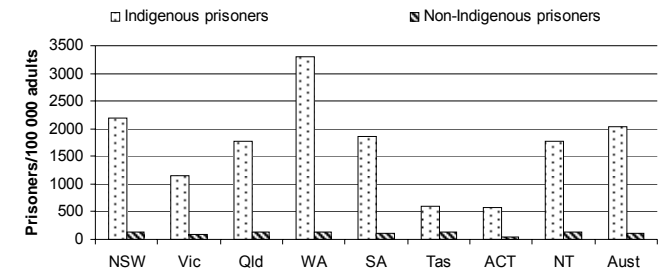
**What is the full-time inmate security classification breakdown?<sup>3</sup>**

Maximum security	1672	(18.5%)
Medium security	2027	(22.4%)
Minimum security	4991	(55.1%)
Unclassified (Remand)	361	(4.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9051</b>	<b>(100.0%)</b>

**How many full-time inmates are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?<sup>3</sup>**

Male	1688	(20.1%) of total full-time male population
Female	209	(32.1%) of total full-time female population
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1897</b>	<b>(21.0%) of total full-time inmate population</b>

**Indigenous and non-Indigenous imprisonment rates, compared to other states 2005/06.<sup>2</sup>**



a Non-age standardised rates based on the daily average prisoner population numbers supplied by State and Territory governments, calculated against adult Indigenous and non-Indigenous population estimates (population data supplied by the ABS National Centre for Crime and Justice Statistics). b The ACT rates include ACT prisoners held in the ACT and in NSW prisons. NSW rates exclude ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons. c Excludes prisoners whose Indigenous status was reported as unknown. Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished) Australian Demographic Statistics, December quarter, 2005 (preliminary); ABS (unpublished) Indigenous population projections (low series); table 7A.4.

**How many full-time inmates were born outside Australia?<sup>3</sup> †**

Born outside Australia ..... 2019 (22.3%)

**What are the major countries of birth for full-time inmates born outside Australia?<sup>3</sup>**

Vietnam	286	(3.2%) of total full-time inmate population
New Zealand	274	(3.0%) of total full-time inmate population
United Kingdom	151	(1.7%) of total full-time inmate population
Lebanon	147	(1.6%) of total full-time inmate population
China (excluding Taiwan)	101	(1.1%) of total full-time inmate population