

**Abstract**

The focus for the third set of statistics in this series is upon the Indigenous and non-Indigenous prison populations in each Australian State and Territory.

**Indigenous and non-Indigenous prison population by state or territory**

**Australian Capital Territory [ACT]**

*Table 1: ACT population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. of State/Territory	Indig. Pop. of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. of State/Territory
2012	274	48	226	17.5	82.5	7,001	735,833	0.95
2013	263	52	211	19.8	80.2	7,138	751,680	0.95
2014	333	59	274	17.7	82.3	7,261	767,096	0.95
2015	345	77	268	22.3	77.7	7,386	782,745	0.94
2016	400	96	304	24.0	76.0	7,513	798,365	0.94
2017	453	95	358	21.0	79.0	7,723	813,784	0.95
2018	480	111	369	23.1	76.9	7,941	829,776	0.96
2019	476	108	368	22.7	77.3	8,169	846,368	0.97
2020	447	109	338	24.4	75.6	8,405	863,576	0.97
2021	374	100	274	26.7	73.3	8,650	881,412	0.98

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022:Table 3; ABS 2021:Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## New South Wales [NSW]

*Table 2: NSW population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. of State/Territory	Indig. Pop. of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. of State/Territory
2012	9442	2,172	7,270	23.0	77.0	242,442	735,833	32.95
2013	9775	2,331	7,444	23.8	76.2	248,260	751,680	33.03
2014	10677	2,589	8,088	24.2	75.8	253,891	767,096	33.10
2015	11574	2,845	8,729	24.6	75.4	259,711	782,745	33.18
2016	12553	3,081	9,472	24.5	75.5	265,685	798,365	33.28
2017	13052	3,233	9,819	24.8	75.2	270,611	813,784	33.25
2018	13642	3,418	10,224	25.1	74.9	275,754	829,776	33.23
2019	13453	3,433	10,020	25.5	74.5	281,128	846,368	33.22
2020	12745	3,361	9,384	26.4	73.6	286,732	863,576	33.20
2021	13098	3,570	9,528	27.3	72.7	292,569	881,412	33.19

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022:Table 3; ABS 2021:Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## Northern Territory [NT]

*Table 3: NT population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. Of State/Territory	Indig. Pop. Of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. Of State/Territory
2012	1422	1,190	232	83.7	16.3	69,556	735,833	9.45
2013	1496	1,292	204	86.4	13.6	70,851	751,680	9.43
2014	1521	1,303	218	85.7	14.3	72,100	767,096	9.40
2015	1633	1,382	251	84.6	15.4	73,365	782,745	9.37
2016	1687	1,414	273	83.8	16.2	74,546	798,365	9.34
2017	1648	1,383	265	83.9	16.1	75,314	813,784	9.25
2018	1776	1,494	282	84.1	15.9	76,091	829,776	9.17
2019	1729	1,432	297	82.8	17.2	76,874	846,368	9.08
2020	1675	1,406	269	83.9	16.1	77,666	863,576	8.99
2021	1802	1,539	263	85.4	14.6	78,461	881,412	8.90

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022:Table 3; ABS 2021:Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## Queensland [QLD]

*Table 4: QLD population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory	Indig. Pop. Of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory
2012	5638	1,668	3,970	29.6	70.4	203,405	735,833	27.64
2013	6036	1,881	4,155	31.2	68.8	207,979	751,680	27.67
2014	7084	2,264	4,820	32.0	68.0	212,436	767,096	27.69
2015	7323	2,314	5,009	31.6	68.4	216,969	782,745	27.72
2016	7751	2,494	5,257	32.2	67.8	221,276	798,365	27.72
2017	8479	2,724	5,755	32.1	67.9	226,228	813,784	27.80
2018	8792	2,792	6,000	31.8	68.2	231,356	829,776	27.88
2019	8886	2,886	6,000	32.5	67.5	236,666	846,368	27.96
2020	8801	3,102	5,699	35.2	64.8	242,162	863,576	28.04
2021	9954	3,480	6,474	35.0	65.0	247,856	881,412	28.12

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022: Table 3; ABS 2021: Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## South Australia [SA]

*Table 5: SA population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory	Indig. Pop. Of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory
2012	2076	484	1,592	23.3	76.7	39,344	735,833	5.35
2013	2201	502	1,699	22.8	77.2	40,117	751,680	5.34
2014	2395	568	1,827	23.7	76.3	40,836	767,096	5.32
2015	2577	617	1,960	23.9	76.1	41,554	782,745	5.31
2016	2875	670	2,205	23.3	76.7	42,265	798,365	5.29
2017	2881	704	2,177	24.4	75.6	43,087	813,784	5.29
2018	2866	675	2,191	23.6	76.4	43,935	829,776	5.29
2019	2690	673	2,017	25.0	75.0	44,811	846,368	5.29
2020	2727	688	2,039	25.2	74.8	45,718	863,576	5.29
2021	2975	752	2,223	25.3	74.7	46,656	881,412	5.29

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022: Table 3; ABS 2021: Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## Tasmania [TAS]

*Table 6: TAS population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory	Indig. Pop. Of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory
2012	506	68	438	13.4	86.6	26,347	735,833	3.58
2013	464	67	397	14.4	85.6	26,870	751,680	3.57
2014	466	78	388	16.7	83.3	27,399	767,096	3.57
2015	505	75	430	14.9	85.1	27,955	782,745	3.57
2016	540	84	456	15.6	84.4	28,537	798,365	3.57
2017	585	114	471	19.5	80.5	28,974	813,784	3.56
2018	608	113	495	18.6	81.4	29,430	829,776	3.55
2019	668	136	532	20.4	79.6	29,905	846,368	3.53
2020	664	148	516	22.3	77.7	30,401	863,576	3.52
2021	638	153	485	24.0	76.0	30,919	881,412	3.51

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022:Table 3; ABS 2021:Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## Victoria [VIC]

*Table 7: VIC population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory	Indig. Pop. Of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory
2012	4837	351	4,486	7.3	92.7	53,749	735,833	7.30
2013	5222	396	4,826	7.6	92.4	54,788	751,680	7.29
2014	5945	466	5,479	7.8	92.2	55,771	767,096	7.27
2015	6165	500	5,665	8.1	91.9	56,718	782,745	7.25
2016	6355	512	5,843	8.1	91.9	57,767	798,365	7.24
2017	6987	615	6,372	8.8	91.2	59,171	813,784	7.27
2018	7385	653	6,732	8.8	91.2	60,644	829,776	7.31
2019	8033	820	7,213	10.2	89.8	62,189	846,368	7.35
2020	7418	773	6,645	10.4	89.6	63,807	863,576	7.39
2021	7088	779	6,309	11.0	89.0	65,497	881,412	7.43

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022:Table 3; ABS 2021:Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

## Western Australia [WA]

*Table 8: WA population data (2012-21)*

Year	Prison Pop. (full-time custody)	Indig. Prison Pop.	Non-Indig. Prison Pop.	% Indig. Inmates	% Non-Indig. Inmates	Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory	Indig. Pop. Of Australia (30 Jun)	% Indig. Pop. Of State/ Territory
2012	4950	1,965	2,985	39.7	60.3	93,731	735,833	12.74
2013	4981	2,011	2,970	40.4	59.6	95,418	751,680	12.69
2014	5200	2,077	3,123	39.9	60.1	97,140	767,096	12.66
2015	5509	2,130	3,379	38.7	61.3	98,825	782,745	12.63
2016	6193	2,367	3,826	38.2	61.8	100,512	798,365	12.59
2017	6757	2,542	4,215	37.6	62.4	102,402	813,784	12.58
2018	6898	2,707	4,191	39.2	60.8	104,317	829,776	12.57
2019	6944	2,689	4,255	38.7	61.3	106,257	846,368	12.55
2020	6930	2,713	4,217	39.1	60.9	108,224	863,576	12.53
2021	6726	2,689	4,037	40.0	60.0	110,222	881,412	12.51

**SOURCES:** ABS 2022:Table 3; ABS 2021:Tables 7.1-7.9, 25

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