



Prison (sentence, remand and post-prison), community-sentence and completed community work offender population statistics

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Abstract

Prison (sentence, remand and post-prison), community-sentence and completed community work offender population tables for fiscal and calendar years are available in NZ.Stat – our free web tool for creating, finding, customising, and downloading datasets. These tables include data on:

- Annual community sentence offender population
- Annual completed community work offender population
- Annual post-prison offender population
- Annual remand prisoner throughput
- Annual sentenced prison throughput

Prison (sentence, remand and post-prison), community-sentence and completed community work offender population statistics: Fiscal and Calendar year

Prison (sentence, remand and post-prison), community-sentence and completed community work offender population tables are available in NZ.Stat – our free web tool for creating, finding, customising, and downloading datasets. These tables include data on:

- Annual community sentence offender population for the latest fiscal and calendar years
- Annual completed community work offender population for the latest fiscal and calendar years
- Annual post-prison offender population for the latest fiscal and calendar years
- Annual remand prisoner throughput for the latest fiscal and calendar years
- Annual sentenced prison throughput for the latest fiscal and calendar years

Methodology

About the data

This section gives the source of the data in the annual prison (sentence, remand and post-prison), community-sentence and successfully completed community work offender population tables for fiscal and calendar years (based on offence types in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC)), and explains what statistics are included or excluded. It also provides important information about data quality, the effect of appeals, and describes situations where published data may be revised.

Quality of data

Statistics in this release have been produced in accordance with the *Official Statistics System principles and protocols for producers of Tier 1 statistics*. They conform to the Stats NZ Methodological Standard for Reporting of Data Quality.

Data in the tables are simplified and categorised for high-level analysis. Like all operational data, they could contain anomalies that would not affect its day-to-day use but could cause errors for statistical analysis.

For example, incorrect coding of some data items may not affect how an offender's sentence is managed. However, coding errors can affect how the data is categorised and counted when reporting statistical summaries.

The chance of such anomalies occurring is minimal. Rigorous processes are in place to verify and ensure that operational data is accurate and suitable for statistical analysis.

Revision of published data

The data in these tables is the same information used in tables published by the Department of Corrections. See *Department of Corrections Corrections Volumes report*.

Changes in legislation, improved analysis methods, or corrections to earlier data may mean that the statistics are slightly different to those published in previous years. Each year's release recalculates figures from previous years and may not be comparable with previous releases.

Random-rounding method used

The standard version of Stats NZ's method of base 3 random rounding is applied to protect the confidentiality of individuals. Values rounded to 0 are reported as '...'.
Identifying details are also removed, and data are aggregated.

Due to rounding, individual figures may not always sum to the stated total(s).

Annual Community Sentence Offender Population for the latest Fiscal or Calendar Years

Source

The community sentence offender tables contain data from the Department of Corrections' data warehouse. All data has been sourced from the Department of Corrections' Integrated Offender Management System.

Identifying details are removed, and data are aggregated to ensure information is anonymous.

Inclusions and exclusions

The community sentence offender tables contain information on offenders who were sentenced to a community sentence. If more than one type of the same sentence type starts on the same day, they are aggregated and counted once only. If more than one type of sentence starts on the same day, they are all counted.

Effect of appeals

A community sentence that is subsequently cancelled on appeal is excluded in these statistics, as the offender typically does not begin to serve the sentence till the appeal decision is handed down.

Annual Completed Community Work Offender Population for the latest Fiscal or Calendar Years

Source

The completed community work offender tables contain data from the Department of Corrections' data warehouse. All data has been sourced from the Department of Corrections' Integrated Offender Management System.

Identifying details are removed, and data are aggregated to ensure information is anonymous.

Inclusions and exclusions

The completed community work offender tables contain information on offenders who successfully completed their aggregate Community Work sentence. All completed aggregate sentences are counted. Each aggregate sentence could be an amalgamation of multiple convictions given a sentence of Community Work, even if it is the second, third, or subsequent sentence of a single charge.

Effect of appeals

A community work sentence that is subsequently cancelled on appeal is excluded in these statistics, as the offender typically does not begin to serve the sentence till the appeal decision is handed down.

Annual Post-prison Offender Population for the latest Fiscal or Calendar Years

Source

The post-prison offender tables contain data from the Department of Corrections' data warehouse. All data has been sourced from the Department of Corrections' Integrated Offender Management System.

Identifying details are removed, and data are aggregated to ensure information is anonymous.

Inclusions and exclusions

The post-prison offender tables contain information on offenders who are under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, after a period in prison. Such offenders have typically served less than 100 percent of the imposed sentence. Offenders who have completed a Home Detention (community) sentence can also be subject to a period of supervision and are therefore counted.

Note: The order type 'Returning offender order' cannot be broken down by offence type, as this information is recorded overseas.

Annual Remand Prisoner Population for the latest Fiscal or Calendar Years (ANZSOC)

Source

The custodial remand tables contain data from the Department of Corrections' statistical reporting datasets. All data has been sourced from the Department of Corrections' Integrated Offender Management System (IOMS).

Identifying details are removed, and data are aggregated to ensure information is anonymous.

Inclusions and exclusions

The custodial remand tables contain information on offenders who were held in prison as a result of being remanded in custody.

Annual Sentenced Prisoner Population for the latest Fiscal or Calendar Years (ANZSOC)

Source

The prison sentence tables contain data from the Department of Corrections' statistical reporting datasets. All data has been sourced from the Department of Corrections' Integrated Offender Management System (IOMS).

Identifying details are removed, and data are aggregated to ensure information is anonymous.

Inclusions and exclusions

The prison sentence tables contain information on offenders who were held in prison as a result of receiving a custodial sentence.

Effect of appeals

A prison sentence that is subsequently cancelled on appeal is still included in these statistics, as the offender had spent time in prison.

Frequency

4 Annual

Related Materials

Other

- [Corrections Volumes Report](#)
- [Offence categories](#)
- [Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification \(ANZSOC\) 2011](#)

Variables

Concepts

Prison and community-sentence population (series)

Name	Description
Age, sex, and ethnicity	Age, sex, and ethnicity Information on the sex and ethnicity of an offender is recorded by Corrections. Age is calculated based on the birth date as collected by the prosecuting authority (mostly New Zealand Police) at the time a person is arrested or prosecuted.
Community sentences	Community sentences The community sentence offender tables contain information on offenders who were given a community sentence. The data is sourced from the Department of Corrections and covers fiscal years and calendar years. They also include information on offence type, duration of sentence and demographic information.
Fiscal year	Fiscal year Fiscal year statistics cover 1 July to 30 June.
Calendar year	Calendar year Calendar year statistics cover 1 January to 31 December.

Length of sentence or remand	<p>Length of sentence or remand</p> <p>**For community sentence offender population tables:**</p> <p>The length of sentence is the court-imposed length, and is recorded under the year that sentence was imposed. If an offender is re-sentenced on a different day, they are counted twice or more.</p> <p>**For post-prison offender population tables:**</p> <p>The length of the post-prison order is the remainder of the court imposed sentence, and is recorded under the year that order began. If an offender is paroled and then recalled, they are counted twice or more.</p> <p>**For remand prisoner population tables:**</p> <p>The length of remand is based on the actual time spent on remand for a consecutive remand period. This is recorded under the year when the remand period ended.</p> <p>A person on remand can be counted more than once if they are bailed between episodes of custodial remand. However, if the bailed period is less than 48 hours, the two custodial remand episodes are joined.</p> <p>The remand data presented here only includes those remanded in a Corrections prison.</p> <p>**For sentenced prisoner population tables:**</p> <p>The length of sentence is the court-imposed length, and is recorded under the year that sentence was imposed.</p>
Main offence	<p>Main offence</p> <p>A person is counted once for the offence which attracted the longest sentence length. The Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) 2011 is used to categorise offences.</p>
Post-prison population	<p>Post-prison population</p> <p>The post-prison offender tables contain information on offenders who are under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, after a period in prison. Such offenders have typically served less than 100 percent of the imposed sentence.</p> <p>The data are sourced from the Department of Corrections and covers fiscal years and calendar years. They also include information on offence type, duration of order, and demographic information.</p>
Remand prisoners	<p>Remand prisoners</p> <p>Remand prisoner statistics count people held in custody awaiting trial or sentencing</p> <p>The data are sourced from the Department of Corrections and covers fiscal years and calendar years. They also include information on offence type, duration of remand, and demographic information.</p>
Sentenced prisoners	<p>Sentenced prisoners</p> <p>Sentenced prisoner statistics count people in prison for a custodial sentence. Sentenced prisoners are those convicted of a crime and sentenced to imprisonment.</p> <p>The data are sourced from the Department of Corrections and covers fiscal years and calendar years. They also include information on offence type, duration of sentence, and demographic information.</p>