

### Sentence Length for full-time custody - Most Serious Offence<sup>3</sup>

	Number	Percentage
< 6 months	38	5.3%
6 months - < 1 year	88	12.4%
1 - < 5 years	224	31.6%
5 - < 10 years	92	13.0%
10 years +	37	5.2%
Indeterminate	14	2.0%
Unsentenced	215	30.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

How many female offenders have escaped from Departmental custody (including periodic detention), and how many have been recaptured at time of publication?<sup>4</sup> Rate per 100 inmates

Year	Number	Rate <sup>4</sup>	Recaptured
2002/03	4	0.7	4 (100.0%)
2003/04	1	0.2	1 (100.0%)
2004/05	6	0.9	6 (100.0%)
2005/06	6	0.9	6 (100.0%)
2006/07	0	0.0	0 (100.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>17 (100.0%)</b>

### Level of Service Inventory (LSI-R)

The department currently uses a risk of re-offending instrument known as the LSI-R.

What was the assessed level of risk for women in full-time custody as at 30th June 2007?<sup>6</sup>

Low .....	6.1%
Medium to Low .....	11.9%
Medium .....	23.0%
Medium to High .....	21.0%
High .....	7.2%
No assessment .....	30.8%

### Community Offender Services Statistics

What was the daily average number of females supervised by the Department under community based orders in 2006/07?<sup>2\*</sup>

Females ..... 2729 14.9% of total offenders supervised

What was the daily average number of women supervised by the Department under community-based orders over the last five years?<sup>5</sup>

2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
2630	2494	2632	2724	2729

What was the daily average number of females supervised by the department under community based orders?<sup>2\*</sup>

Restricted movement (Home Detention & Drug Court Orders).....	32	1.1%
Reparation (Community Service Orders & Fine Default) .....	678	24.3%
Supervision (Parole & Bonds) .....	2136	76.5%

\* 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.

How many female offenders completed their community based orders (for orders completed in January 2008)<sup>5</sup>.....79%

### What is the percentage breakdown of female offenders by ATSI & Age as at 30 June 2007<sup>5</sup>

Age	Non ATSI	ATSI	Unknown	TOTAL
Under 18	0	0.1%	0	< 0
18-24 Years	19.3%	26.8%	30.2%	21.7%
25-34 years	36.1%	38.9%	27.8%	36.4%
35-44years	28.4%	26.5%	23.5%	27.7%
45+ years	16.2%	7.7%	18.5%	14.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

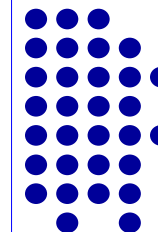
Most Serious Offence - Female Offenders <sup>5</sup>	Number	%
Homicide and related offences	25	1.0%
Assault and related offences	651	27.1%
Sexual Assault offences	3	0.1%
Robbery and related offences	54	2.3%
Theft and related offences	804	33.5%
Drug offences	156	6.5%
Driving offences	391	16.3%
Offences against justice procedures	150	6.3%
Other offences	165	6.9%
<b>Total All</b>	<b>2399</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Length of aggregate community orders (including parole)<sup>5</sup>

	Females	Percentage
Less than 1 month	1	*0.0%
1 to < 6 months	61	2.5%
6 months to < 1 year	191	8.0%
1 year to < 5 years	2134	89.0%
More than 5 years	12	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2399</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Female Offenders: A Statistical Profile

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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 fact sheet is designed to provide clear answers to the most commonly asked questions about female offenders in custody or under supervision in the community.

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.

Female offenders constitute a relatively small but significant population managed by the NSW Department of Corrective Services.

## Explanatory Notes

The information contained in this fact sheet refers to female adult corrections in NSW.

Unless otherwise stated, the figures in this fact sheet are for the 2006/07 financial year and relate to the total offender population (full-time inmates, \*periodic detainees and community-based offenders).

Figures are sourced from:

1. NSW Department of Corrective Services Statistical Report 2006/07
2. Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2008
3. NSW Department of Corrective Services NSW Inmate Census 30 June, 2007
4. The NSW Department of Corrective Services Annual Report 2006/07
5. NSW Community Offender Census 2007
6. NSW Department of Corrective Services, CRES maintained data sets

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

## Custodial Statistics

**What was the daily average number of females in full-time custody in 2006/07?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 699

**What was the average number of female offenders with periodic detention orders during 2006/07?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 72

**What is the percentage of female offenders in NSW full-time custody?**<sup>2</sup> .....7.4%

**How many unsentenced female offenders were held in a NSW correctional centre during 2006/07?**<sup>6</sup> .....1465

**How many female offenders commenced a sentence of full-time imprisonment during 2006/07?**<sup>6</sup> ..... 814

**How many female offenders were released from full-time custody during 2006/07 on completion of a sentence?**<sup>6</sup> ..... 538

**What percentage of sentenced female inmates who were released from full-time custody in 2004/05 returned with a correctional sanction within 2 years?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 37.6%

**What percentage of female inmates have an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background?**<sup>3</sup> ..... 31.0%

Trends in the average full-time female offender population by Aboriginality/TSI status <sup>2</sup>				
	ATSI	Non ATSI	ATSI Unknown	Total
<b>1998-99</b>	92	319	0	411
<b>2002-03</b>	150	381	17	548
<b>2006-07</b>	202	455	42	699
<b>Average annual percentage increase</b>	10.9%	5.0%	-	6.9%
<b>Total percentage increase</b>	120.0%	43.0%	-	70.0%

The above table shows the number of full-time ATSI female inmates has increased at a much faster rate than non-ATSI female inmates. The number of ATSI female inmates has increased by 120% over the last 8 years (1998-99 to 2006-07) an increase of almost 11% (10.9%) a year. In contrast the number of non-ATSI female inmates has increased by 43% over the last 8 years, an annual increase of 5.0%.

What is the percentage of full-time female inmates by age and ATSI? <sup>3</sup>			
Age	Non ATSI	ATSI	TOTAL
<b>Under 18</b>	nil	nil	nil
<b>18-24 years</b>	13.0%	26.6%	17.1%
<b>25-34 years</b>	40.9%	46.8%	42.6%
<b>35-44 years</b>	26.7%	21.0%	25.0%
<b>45 + years</b>	19.4%	5.6%	15.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The above table shows that the female ATSI population is considerably younger than the non-ATSI population, with almost three quarters (73.4%) of the ATSI population under 35 years of age compared with just one half (53.9%) of the non-ATSI population.

**What percentage of full-time female inmates were born outside of Australia?**<sup>3</sup> ..... 25.5%

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

- Vietnam .....51 (7.2%)
- England .....7 (1.4%)
- Cambodia .....5 (0.7%)
- China .....4 (0.6%)
- Spain .....3 (0.4%)

Trends in Classification of All Female Offenders 30th June <sup>3</sup>						
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Cat 5</b>	Maximum	-	-	-	-	-
<b>E2</b>	Medium	27	33	33	34	32
<b>Cat 4</b>	Medium	27	44	48	70	76
<b>Cat 3</b>	Minimum	66	97	84	124	139
<b>Cat 2</b>	Minimum	318	331	395	382	377
<b>Cat 1</b>	Minimum	58	47	35	39	31
<b>Unclassified</b>		33	47	26	31	53
<b>Total Full-time</b>		<b>529</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>PDC</b>		63	59	72	60	79
<b>Total</b>		<b>592</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>787</b>

Most Serious Offence - Females in full-time custody 30th June <sup>3</sup>	Number	Percentage
<b>Homicide &amp; related offences</b>	56	7.9%
<b>Assault &amp; related offences</b>	124	17.5%
<b>Sexual Assault offences</b>	6	0.9%
<b>Robbery &amp; related offences</b>	58	8.2%
<b>Theft &amp; related offences</b>	200	28.3%
<b>Drug offences</b>	114	16.1%
<b>Driving offences</b>	20	2.8%
<b>Offences against justice procedures</b>	84	11.8%
<b>Other offences</b>	46	6.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**How many deaths in custody occurred during 2006/07?**<sup>6</sup>

- 1 - by apparent natural causes

**How many correctional facilities for women is the Department currently responsible for?**<sup>4</sup>

- 4 - Correctional Centres (Silverwater Women's, Emu Plains, Berrima and Dillwynia).
- 5 - Female only units (at Broken Hill, Grafton, and Wellington Correctional Centres, Long Bay Hospital and the Metropolitan Special Programs Centre )
- 2 - Transitional Centres (Parramatta and Bolwara House)
- 1 - Residential facility for female offenders with a mental health disorder (Biyani)

Female offenders serve periodic detention at Bathurst, Mannus, Tomago and Wollongong PDC's.

Bathurst and Junee Correctional Centres can temporarily hold very small numbers of newly received females when required.