

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

	Number	Percentage
< 6 months	43	5.9%
6 months - < 1 year	116	16.1%
1 - < 5 years	199	27.6%
5 - < 10 years	101	14.0%
10 years +	42	5.8%
Indeterminate	11	1.5%
Unsentenced	210	29.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>722</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
2004/05	6	0.9	6 (100.0%)
2005/06	6	0.9	6 (100.0%)
2006/07	0	0.0	0 (100.0%)
2007/08	0	0.0	0 (100.0%)
2008/09	1	0.1	1 (100.0%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>(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 2008?<sup>6</sup>

Low .....	63	8.7%
Medium to Low .....	90	12.5%
Medium .....	181	25.0%
Medium to High .....	147	20.4%
High .....	43	6.0%
Pending .....	198	27.4%

### Community Offender Services Statistics

What was the daily average number of females supervised by the Department under community based orders in 2008/09?<sup>2\*</sup>

Females ..... 2798 15.4% 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>

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
2632	2724	2729	2786	2798

What was the daily average number of females supervised by the department under community based orders in 2008-09?<sup>2\*</sup>

Restricted movement (Home Detention & Drug Court Orders).....	26	1.1%
Reparation (Community Service Orders & Fine Default) .....	643	24.3%
Supervision (Parole & Bonds) .....	2272	77.3%

\* 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 2007-08)<sup>5</sup> ..... 85.7%

### What is the percentage breakdown of community based female offenders by ATSI & Age as at 30 June 2008<sup>5</sup>

Age	Non ATSI	ATSI	Unknown	TOTAL
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-24 Years	19.2%	27.7%	21.6%	21.6%
25-34 years	35.8%	34.2%	35.4%	35.4%
35-44 years	28.8%	29.8%	29.1%	29.1%
45+ years	16.2%	8.3%	14.0%	14.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Most Serious Offence - community based female offenders<sup>5</sup>

Most Serious Offence - community based female offenders <sup>5</sup>	Number	%
Homicide and related offences	19	1.7%
Assault and related offences	739	28.9%
Sexual Assault offences	3	0.1%
Robbery and related offences	56	2.2%
Theft and related offences	760	29.8%
Drug offences	214	8.4%
Driving offences	452	17.7%
Offences against justice procedures	149	5.9%
Other offences	161	6.3%
<b>Total All</b>	<b>2553</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

	Females	Percentage
Less than 1 month	1	0.1%
1 to < 6 months	59	2.3%
6 months to < 1 year	221	8.6%
1 year to < 5 years	2271	88.9%
More than 5 years	1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2553</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 Corrective Services New South Wales 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 Corrective Services New South Wales is to carry out the orders of the courts by managing inmates in custody and under supervision in the community. Our Statement of Purpose is - Corrective Services New South Wales delivers professional correctional services to reduce re-offending and enhance community safety. Our Planned Results are - Reduced risks of re-offending. Safe, secure and humane management of offenders. Community support and successful re-integration. Effective Corporate governance, systems and resource management

Female offenders constitute a relatively small but significant population managed by Corrective Services New South Wales .

## 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 based on financial years 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 2007/08
2. Productivity Commission, Report on Government Services 2010
3. NSW Department of Corrective Services NSW Inmate Census 30 June, 2008
4. The NSW Department of Corrective Services Annual Report 2007/08
5. NSW Community Offender Census 2008
6. Corrective Services New South Wales, 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 2008/09?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 716

**What was the average number of female offenders with periodic detention orders during 2008/09?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 71

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

**How many unsentenced female offenders were received into a NSW correctional centre during 2007/08?**<sup>6</sup> .....1387

**How many female offenders commenced a sentence of full-time imprisonment during 2007/08?**<sup>6</sup> ..... 909

**How many female offenders were released from full-time custody during 2007/08 on completion of a sentence?**<sup>6</sup> ..... 769

**In 2008/09 the rate of female prisoners returning to prison within 2 years was?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 40.9%

**In 2008/09 the rate of female prisoners returning to Corrective Services within 2 years was?**<sup>2</sup> ..... 43.1%

**What percentage of female inmates have an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background?**<sup>3</sup> ..... 28.2%

Trends in the average full-time female offender population by Aboriginality/TSI status <sup>2</sup>				
	ATSI	Non ATSI	ATSI Unknown	Total
<b>2004-05</b>	183	428	23	634
<b>2005-06</b>	180	444	24	648
<b>2006-07</b>	202	455	42	699
<b>2007-08</b>	220	471	24	715
<b>2008-09</b>	218	502	25	745
<b>Average annual percentage increase</b>	4.9%	4.1%	-	4.2%
<b>Total percentage increase</b>	19.1%	17.3%	-	17.5%

The above table shows the number of full-time ATSI female inmates has increased at a faster rate than non-ATSI female inmates. The number of ATSI female inmates has increased by 19.1% over the last 5 years (2004-05 to 2008-09) an increase of 4.9% a year. In contrast the number of non-ATSI female inmates has increased by 4.1% over the last 5 years, an annual increase of 4.1%.

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>	12.6%	18.7%	14.5%
<b>25-34 years</b>	35.6%	47.4%	39.2%
<b>35-44 years</b>	30.4%	25.8%	29.0%
<b>45 + years</b>	21.4%	8.1%	17.3%
<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 two thirds (66.1%) of the ATSI population under 35 years of age compared with just under one half (48.2%) of the non-ATSI population.

**What percentage of full-time female inmates were born outside of Australia?**<sup>3</sup> ..... 23.7%

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

- Vietnam ..... 52 (7.2%)
- Cambodia ..... 14 (1.9%)
- New Zealand ..... 14 (1.9%)
- China ..... 10 (1.4%)
- England ..... 8 (1.1%)

Trends in Classification of All Female Offenders 30th June <sup>3</sup>						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Cat 5</b>	Maximum	-	-	-	-	-
<b>E1</b>	Maximum	-	-	-	-	2
<b>E2</b>	Medium	33	33	34	32	30
<b>Cat 4</b>	Medium	44	48	70	76	90
<b>Cat 3</b>	Minimum	97	84	124	139	150
<b>Cat 2</b>	Minimum	331	395	382	377	386
<b>Cat 1</b>	Minimum	47	35	39	31	43
<b>Unclassified</b>		47	26	31	53	21
<b>Total Full-time</b>		<b>599</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>722</b>
<b>PDC</b>		59	72	60	79	59
<b>Total</b>		<b>658</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>781</b>

Most Serious Offence - Females in full-time custody 30th June 2008 <sup>3</sup>	Number	Percentage
<b>Homicide &amp; related offences</b>	66	9.1%
<b>Assault &amp; related offences</b>	126	17.5%
<b>Sexual Assault offences</b>	8	1.1%
<b>Robbery &amp; related offences</b>	51	7.1%
<b>Theft &amp; related offences</b>	164	22.7%
<b>Drug offences</b>	160	22.2%
<b>Public Order</b>	25	3.5%
<b>Driving offences</b>	23	3.2%
<b>Offences against justice procedures</b>	82	11.3%
<b>Other offences</b>	17	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**How many deaths in custody occurred during 2007/08?**<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.