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## Summary of main features

1. The overall number of trial cases registered in the NSW Higher Criminal Courts has fallen from 4,216 in 1989 to 4,059 in 1990, a decrease of 4%.
2. There were decreases in the number of trials registered at Dubbo, Lismore, Sydney, Sydney West and Wagga Wagga District Courts. There were increases in the number of trial cases registered in the Supreme Court and in the Newcastle and Wollongong District Courts.
3. The overall number of trial cases disposed of in the NSW Higher Criminal Courts has risen from 3,145 in 1989 to 3,866 in 1990, an increase of 23%.
4. There were increases in the number of trials disposed of in all NSW District Courts.
5. The overall number of sentence cases registered in the NSW Higher Criminal Courts has fallen from 2,090 in 1989 to 1,667 in 1990, a decrease of 20%.
6. There were decreases in the number of sentence cases registered at Lismore, Newcastle, Sydney and Sydney West District Courts. There were increases in the number of sentence cases registered in the Supreme Court and in Dubbo, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong District Courts.
7. The overall number of sentence cases disposed of in the NSW Higher Criminal Courts has risen from 1,602 to 1,666 an increase of 4%.
8. There were increases in the number of sentence cases disposed of in Dubbo, Lismore, Newcastle, Sydney West, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong District Courts. There were decreases in the number of sentence cases disposed of in the Supreme Court and in the Sydney District Court.
9. The median delay from arrest to committal, where the accused is held on remand but eventually acquitted of all charges, has risen from 87 days in 1989 to 105 days in 1990, an increase of 21%.
10. The median delay from committal to outcome, where the accused is held on remand but eventually acquitted of all charges, has risen from 252 days in 1989 to 255 days in 1990, an increase of 1%.
11. The percentage of cases in which convicted offenders were sentenced to a term of imprisonment has fallen from 52% to 47%.
12. The three most common categories of offence dealt with by the NSW Higher Criminal Courts are drug offences, assault, and break, enter and steal.

## Introduction

This publication reports on all criminal cases, including appeals to the District Court, finalised in the NSW District and Supreme Courts in 1990.

In September 1989 the Sentencing Act 1989 was introduced. This Act replaced the Probation and Parole Act 1983. Under the Sentencing Act, the system of remissions previously in operation has been abolished and prison sentences are now specified in terms of a minimum term (which must be served in prison) and an additional term (which may be served on parole, subject to approval) instead of a total sentence length with a specified non-parole period. In this report, matters dealt with under Commonwealth legislation in the early part of 1990, to which the Sentencing Act did not apply, have been excluded from the imprisonment duration tables.

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**Director**

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## Explanatory notes

Explanatory notes are given for data items in the order in which they first appear in the tables.

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### Tables 1 and 2: Cases appearing in higher criminal courts

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<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<p>There are two jurisdictions in NSW Higher Courts, the Supreme Court which hears cases in Sydney and on circuit in country centres periodically, and the District Court which has a number of metropolitan and country sites. The Supreme Court deals only with the most serious matters. The District Court deals with all other matters on indictment and appeals against conviction or sentence arising from Local Court cases.</p>
<b>Registry</b>	<p>Registries handle the administrative work involved in preparing a case for trial. The District Court is regionalised into a number of Registries. Appendix 1 lists the various courts which fall within each Registry's administrative area.</p>
<b>Case</b>	<p>Court workload is usually measured by the number of cases where a case is defined to be all matters, involving one or more accused persons, each with one or more charges, which are recorded together on a single court file.</p> <p>A finalised case is a case where one or more charges against one or more accused were completed in the reporting period.</p> <p>For cases where there are remaining defendants with outstanding charges or where there are outstanding charges against an accused, a new case would be counted in a subsequent counting period.</p> <p>For this reason there is not necessarily a direct relationship between the incoming cases registered, shown in Table 1 and finalised cases shown in Table 2.</p>
<b>Committal</b>	<p>Cases normally appear before the Higher Courts following a committal hearing in the Local Courts. A committal involves a preliminary hearing by a magistrate of the evidence against the accused. If the accused pleads guilty at the committal hearing he or she may be committed for sentencing to a Higher Court. Alternatively, if the defendant pleads not guilty, or reserves his or her defence, he or she is committed for trial. Cases which do not proceed beyond committal are not included in this report.</p>

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### Tables 3 and 4: Persons and charges in trial and sentence cases

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#### Persons charged

In these and subsequent tables, information is shown for individual persons within finalised cases. As described in the section on cases, a case may involve one or more accused persons. Thus, the total number of persons indicated in these tables is greater than the total number of cases.

This report does not distinguish 'distinct' persons within the counting period. If a person is a defendant in more than one case during the counting period, such a person will be counted more than once in the report.

Note that Table 4, which shows the number of persons charged with offences within a particular offence group, counts individuals more than once, in all cases where the accused was charged with more than one offence and those offences fall within different groups.

#### Year of committal

Year of committal is included to provide some indication of the length of time cases normally require to be processed in the Higher Courts. More detailed information on this subject is provided in Tables 14a to 14h.

#### Type of offence

Offence groups in Table 4 and subsequent tables are based on the Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) issued by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS catalogue number 1234.0). The ANCO system has three hierarchical levels of offences. The first level has 9 general groupings. There is a more detailed breakdown within these groups, at the second level of the hierarchy, and a third level of detail within the second level groupings. Tables in this report generally use the offence groupings at the second ANCO level.

Note: The classifications used in this report have been altered slightly from those used in the ANCO system, and in previous reports. The changes are as follows:

a) Sexual offences against children have been separated from other sexual offences.

b) The drug offence categories now include substance type as a part of the offence category. This is so that sentences for offences involving different drug types can be separately examined. The offence of drug importation has been separated from other import/export offences, and has been included in the drug categories.

c) The categories of 'environmental offences', 'offences against government security', 'company offences' and 'banking, financial offences' have

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all been merged into the category of 'other offences'. This is due to the small numbers of cases which are normally present in these categories. Information on these offence categories can be obtained by contacting the Information Officer.

Note: The Bureau's data collection has information on offences with sufficient detail to determine charges by individual Act and Section. Information on specific charges can be obtained by contacting the Bureau.

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**Table 5: Number of offences charged**

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Table 5 indicates the number of distinct offences charged against each accused. Where there were multiple counts of the same offence (i.e. charged under the same Act and Section) and each count had the same outcome, the multiple counts are counted as a single offence. Where charges of the same type had different outcomes, they are counted as separate charges.

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**Table 6: Outcome of charges**

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Table 6 presents the major outcome of the court process for each defendant. Those cases which involved a jury trial are separated from those where the accused pleaded guilty to all charges, where the charges were not proceeded with, or where the charges were otherwise disposed of. Possible outcome types are as follows:

### **Proceeded to trial**

*1. Acquitted of all charges.* Cases in this category involved the accused being found not guilty of any offence, following a jury trial. Such cases may have included some charges not being proceeded with or being otherwise disposed of.

*2. Found guilty of at least one charge.* In this category, cases proceeded to a trial, and the defendant was found guilty by the jury of at least one of the offences charged.

*3. Other.* Cases in the 'Other' category are those where the accused was acquitted of one or more charges following a trial, but pleaded guilty to at least one other charge.

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### Proceeded to sentence only

Cases in this category involved a plea of guilty by the defendant to at least one charge. Other offences may have been disposed of other than by trial or not proceeded with.

### No charges proceeded with

Cases in this category did not proceed to trial. The charges were not proceeded with by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

### All charges otherwise disposed of

Included in this category are cases where the accused died or absconded.

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## Tables 7 to 9: Penalties imposed for principal offence

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### Principal offence

Appendix 2 provides explanations of the penalty types. Penalties shown in the tables indicate the *principal penalty* imposed on the *principal offence*. The *principal offence* is defined to be that offence charged which received the most serious penalty according to the following rules:

- a) Where an offender was found guilty of more than one offence, that offence which received the most serious penalty type is the principal offence. Appendix 3 lists the hierarchy of penalty type seriousness used for this calculation.
- b) Where there were two or more offences which received the same penalty type, that offence which received the greatest quantum of that penalty type is the principal offence. (Note that for this calculation, if multiple counts of the same offence type received different penalties, they are treated as separate offences.)
- c) If there was more than one offence which received the same quantum of the same penalty type, the last of these offences recorded on the indictment is selected as the principal offence.
- d) Where an offence received more than one penalty, a *principal penalty* for that offence is first calculated following the rules set out above. The determination of principal offence is thus calculated on the principal penalty for each offence.

### Amount of fine

Table 8 shows the dollar amount of fines imposed, where a fine was the principal penalty imposed for the principal offence. Note that where imprisonment or a recognizance were imposed in addition to a fine, the fine amount is not included in this table.

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### Duration of imprisonment

Duration of imprisonment in Table 9 is the length of time in years of the minimum or fixed term of imprisonment imposed on the principal offence. As imprisonment is the most serious penalty which can be imposed, Table 9 includes all charges where an imprisonment penalty was imposed. Excluded from this table are sentences of cumulative imprisonment. In those cases where a cumulative term was imposed, only the penalty for the principal offence is shown.

Table 9 does not report on cases where the prison sentence was not imposed under the Sentencing Act 1989 (see Introduction).

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### Table 10: Duration of aggregate sentence and minimum/fixed term

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Table 10 shows the aggregate minimum and fixed term of imprisonment imposed, against this aggregate plus the relevant additional term on the other axis. Note that under the Sentencing Act 1989, each offence must receive either a fixed term or a minimum and additional term. Where imprisonment penalties are made cumulative, the relevant additional term is that imposed on the minimum term which expires on the latest date. Where the imprisonment term with the latest date is a fixed term of imprisonment, there will be no additional term to be served. Table 10 thus provides information on the total sentence to be served by an individual, with the time to be served in prison shown separately from the time to be served on parole. As the aggregate sentence can include cumulative imprisonment penalties, the maximum durations for cases in this table can be greater than in Table 9.

Excluded from this table are cases where the offender was on probation or parole at the time of the offence, cases where the offender was in custody or subject to a bond and cases where the offender had an existing penalty upon which the new sentence was made cumulative. For this reason, some durations from Table 9 are missing from this table.

Also excluded from Table 10 are prison sentences which were not imposed under the Sentencing Act 1989 (see Introduction).

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### Table 11: Prior convictions

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Table 11 provides information on the history of prior convictions of those persons found guilty. The following categories are used:

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### No prior convictions

Persons in this category had no prior convictions of any kind at the time of sentencing.

### Prior convictions, not of the same type

Persons in this category had a history of prior convictions, but none of these convictions was of the same general type as the principal offence receiving sentence on this occasion. This category can include convictions which resulted in a gaol term as well as non-custodial penalties.

### Prior convictions of the same type

In this category are persons who had been convicted of an offence of the same general type as the principal offence, on a previous occasion.

### Prior convictions of the same type, with imprisonment

Persons in this category were convicted of an offence of the same general type as the principal offence, on a previous occasion, and in addition, had received a custodial penalty on at least one occasion, for an offence of this type.

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#### Table 13: Bail status

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Table 13 indicates the bail status of the defendant at the hearing which disposed of the matter. The bail categories distinguish broadly between defendants who were at large or in custody, and additionally for those at large, whether or not they were supervised.

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#### Table 14: Duration of proceedings

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These tables give an indication of the time taken to dispose of a case for defended and undefended cases by bail status at final appearance. They show the median number of days taken at each stage of proceedings. The median duration is used in preference to the average duration because there may be a small number of cases with very long duration times. (The definition of median is such that half the cases had duration times less than the median duration time and the other half of the cases had longer duration times.) Where a person's bail status changed in the course of the trial the duration of proceedings may have been affected.

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The outcome categories are used to distinguish those cases which involved a trial. The stages of proceedings are categorised as follows:

### **Arrest to committal**

The time from date of arrest to date committed.

### **Committal to outcome**

The time from date committed to latest date of determination of charges. (Note that it is not possible to distinguish whether the defendant altered his or her plea during the course of proceedings. Such a change of plea would be expected to alter the time taken to dispose of the case.)

### **Outcome to sentence**

The time from latest date of determination of charges (guilty plea or verdict) to date of sentence. (This category is applicable only to those defendants who were found guilty.)

Those who were in custody for another offence during the course of the trial, were excluded from the duration calculations, as were those who absconded at some stage in proceedings.

The category 'proceeded to sentence only' includes cases where the plea was changed from not guilty to guilty in the course of the trial. Some of these matters could, therefore, be expected to take longer to dispose of than matters originally committed for sentence.

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### **Tables 15 and 16: Appeals against conviction and severity of sentence**

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Tables 15 and 16 present the outcomes for appeals to the District Court against convictions or severity of sentences imposed in the Local Courts.

The appeal outcome categories are as follows:

#### **Appeal upheld for all matters**

This category indicates that:

1) the conviction was overturned, for an appeal against conviction; or 2) the penalty was varied, for a severity appeal for all charges appealed against.

#### **Appeal dismissed/withdrawn for all matters**

This indicates that the court dismissed the appeal for all the charges appealed against or that the appellant withdrew the appeal.

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### **Appeal upheld for some matters**

This indicates that the court dismissed the appeal on some charges but upheld the appeal for at least one charge.

### **Other**

This indicates that the appeal was dismissed due to non-appearance of the appellant or that a bench warrant was issued or that the appellant died.

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## Convention for table headings

All table headings in this report follow the following format. The data items counted in each table are the first variables named in the table headings and are followed by a colon. Data variables used to classify the data items counted are listed after the colon.

For example Table 6 gives counts of persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised in 1989, within different categories of outcome of charges, the classifying variable.

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**TABLE 1*****Trial and sentence cases registered:  
Registry, Type of committal***

<b>Registry</b>	<b>Type of committal</b>					
	<b>Committed for trial</b>		<b>Committed for sentence</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Supreme Court</b>	225	5.5	25	1.5	250	4.4
<b>District Court:</b>						
Dubbo	220	5.4	70	4.2	290	5.1
Lismore	256	6.3	100	6.0	356	6.2
Newcastle	770	19.0	326	19.6	1096	19.1
Sydney	1091	26.9	494	29.6	1585	27.7
Sydney West	955	23.5	388	23.2	1343	23.5
Wagga Wagga	173	4.3	56	3.4	229	4.0
Wollongong	369	9.1	208	12.5	577	10.1
<b>Total</b>	4059	100.0	1667	100.0	5726	100.0

**TABLE 2*****Trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Registry, Type of committal***

<i>Registry</i>	<i>Type of committal</i>					
	<i>Committed for trial</i>		<i>Committed for sentence</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Supreme Court	172	4.4	17	1.0	189	3.4
District Court:						
Dubbo	214	5.5	70	4.2	284	5.1
Lismore	273	7.1	111	6.7	384	6.9
Newcastle	628	16.2	294	17.6	922	16.7
Sydney	1155	29.9	429	25.8	1584	28.6
Sydney West	1010	26.1	522	31.3	1532	27.7
Wagga Wagga	147	3.8	43	2.6	190	3.4
Wollongong	267	6.9	180	10.8	447	8.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3866</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5532</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 3**

*Trial and sentence cases finalised and Persons charged:  
Year of committal, Jurisdiction, Type of committal*

<i>Year of committal</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>				<i>District Court</i>				<i>Total</i>			
	<i>Committed for trial</i>		<i>Committed for sentence</i>		<i>Committed for trial</i>		<i>Committed for sentence</i>		<i>Committed for trial</i>		<i>Committed for sentence</i>	
	<i>Cases finalised</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Cases finalised</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Cases finalised</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Cases finalised</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Cases finalised</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Cases finalised</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>
1986 or earlier	1	1	-	-	90	93	10	10	91	94	10	10
1987	3	6	-	-	335	375	6	6	338	381	6	6
1988	32	37	2	3	1011	1128	46	47	1043	1165	48	50
1989	111	125	6	6	1648	1806	605	642	1759	1931	611	648
1990	24	26	9	10	601	630	982	1030	625	656	991	1040
Unknown	1	2	-	-	9	9	-	-	10	11	-	-
<b>Total</b>	172	197	17	19	3694	4041	1649	1735	3866	4238	1666	1754

**TABLE 4**

**Persons charged and Charges in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Type of offence charged**

<b>Type of offence charged</b>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Charges</i>
	Number	Number
<b>Against the person:</b>		
Murder	81	81
Manslaughter	87	87
Attempt, intent to murder	31	34
Assault	1307	2136
Sexual assault	467	759
Sexual offences against children	624	1472
Other	116	131
<b>Robbery and extortion:</b>		
Robbery	691	955
Blackmail and extortion	63	73
<b>Theft:</b>		
Breaking and entering	1013	1390
Fraud and misappropriation	548	959
Receiving and unlawful possession	296	347
Vehicle theft	433	524
Other	342	402
<b>Property damage</b>	212	266
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	208	226
<b>Weapons</b>	151	208
<b>Against good order</b>	111	118
<b>Drug:</b>		
Possession and/or use		
- opiates	16	20
- cannabis	37	40
- other drug	23	23
Dealing and trafficking		
- opiates	192	243
- cannabis	232	295
- other drug	216	272
Manufacturing and/or growing		
- cannabis	183	192
- other drug	51	57
Import/export	61	98
<b>Driving:</b>		
Cause death by driving	179	214
Cause injury by driving	161	187
Other	11	11
<b>Against prison rules</b>	150	151
<b>Other</b>	73	84

**TABLE 5*****Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Number of offences charged***

<i>Number of offences charged</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	
	Number	%
1	2755	46.0
2	1818	30.3
3	756	12.6
4	332	5.5
5	172	2.9
6	70	1.2
7	40	0.7
8	18	0.3
9	10	0.2
10 or more	21	0.4

**TABLE 6*****Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Outcome of charges***

<i>Outcome of charges</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	
	Number	%
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>		
Acquitted of all charges	739	12.3
Found guilty of at least one charge	677	11.3
Other	25	0.4
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	3317	55.4
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	573	9.6
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	661	11.0
<b>Total</b>	5992	100.0

**TABLE 7**

**Persons found guilty in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Type of principal offence, Penalty for principal offence**

Note: 6 people had a missing penalty on their principal offence.

Type of principal offence	Penalty for principal offence												Total	
	Imprisonment	Detention in juvenile institution	Periodic detention	Community Service Order	Recognizance with supervision	Recognizance without supervision	Recognizance without conviction	Fine	Licence disqualification	Compensation order made	Fining of the Court	No conviction recorded		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Total
<b>Against the person:</b>														
Murder	30	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Manslaughter	35	8	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	49
Attempt, intent to murder	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Assault	161	8	38	90	132	135	21	6	-	-	6	4	601	
Sexual assault	74	5	12	9	28	28	5	-	-	-	-	-	161	
Sexual offences against children	138	1	44	21	59	41	5	-	-	-	-	-	309	
Other	17	2	3	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1192</b>	
<b>Robbery and extortion:</b>														
Robbery	233	8	23	29	52	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	355
Blackmail and extortion	16	-	5	4	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>Theft:</b>														
Breaking and entering	373	1	17	44	107	15	1	1	-	-	1	5	565	
Fraud and misappropriation	94	-	32	50	50	104	7	4	-	-	-	-	2	343
Receiving and unlawful possession	62	-	12	14	16	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128
Vehicle theft	99	2	10	12	20	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	153
Other	51	-	7	11	23	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1299</b>	

<b>Property damage</b>	36	1	4	19	17	13	3	1	-	-	-	-	94
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	26	-	2	18	15	12	3	2	-	-	-	1	79
<b>Weapons</b>	21	-	-	5	6	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	41
<b>Against good order</b>	6	1	1	5	4	14	1	3	-	-	-	1	36
<b>Drug:</b>													
Possession and/or use													
- opiates	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
- cannabis	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
- other drug	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dealing and trafficking													
- opiates	71	-	14	9	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	109
- cannabis	46	-	11	26	24	8	-	2	-	-	-	-	117
- other drug	66	-	16	11	23	10	1	1	-	-	-	-	128
Manufacturing and/or growing													
- cannabis	23	-	11	38	25	31	1	-	-	-	1	-	130
- other drug	14	-	1	7	6	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Import/export	47	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
<b>Total</b>	270	-	53	91	91	65	2	3	-	-	1	-	576
<b>Driving:</b>													
Cause death by driving	17	-	28	20	7	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	98
Cause injury by driving	14	1	15	18	5	28	3	1	-	-	-	-	85
Other	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total</b>	31	1	43	38	14	53	5	2	-	-	-	-	187
<b>Against prison rules</b>	82	-	1	-	5	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	94
<b>Other</b>	5	-	3	7	-	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	24
<b>Total</b>	1867	41	313	469	653	561	61	24	-	-	11	13	4013

**TABLE 8**

**Persons fined as principal penalty for principal offence  
in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Type of principal offence, Amount of fine**

Type of principal offence	Amount of fine														Total	
	\$150	\$200	\$500	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
<b>Against the person:</b>																
Assault	-	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Theft:</b>																
Breaking and entering	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fraud and misappropriation	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Property damage</b>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Against good order</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3
<b>Drug:</b>																
Dealing and/or trafficking																
- cannabis	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
- other drug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
<b>Driving/motor vehicle:</b>																
Cause injury by driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	1	1	4	1	5	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	24	

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<b>Property damage</b>	11	15	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	8	7	6	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	
<b>Weapons</b>	3	7	6	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	
<b>Against good order</b>	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
<b>Drug:</b>																			
Possession and/or use																			
- opiates	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
- cannabis	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
- other drug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dealing and trafficking																			
- opiates	10	21	20	10	1	4	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	71	
- cannabis	16	14	10	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	
- other drug	16	14	18	13	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	
Manufacturing and/or growing																			
- cannabis	6	10	5	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	
- other drug	5	4	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	
Import/export	2	5	2	6	3	4	6	1	1	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	36	
<b>Total</b>	56	69	58	35	7	11	11	2	2	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	1	259	
<b>Driving:</b>																			
Cause death by driving	4	8	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	
Cause injury by driving	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	11	14	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	
<b>Against prison rules</b>	58	14	4	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	
<b>Other</b>	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
<b>Total</b>	452	543	346	224	103	50	45	14	13	4	11	2	5	2	2	4	2	24	1846

**TABLE 10**

**Persons sentenced to prison in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Duration of aggregate sentence, Duration of minimum/fix term**

**Notes:** a Cases have been excluded from this table where the offender was under supervision, in custody, or had an existing sentence at the time of the offence (see explanatory notes).  
b 21 people who received an imprisonment penalty which was not under the Sentencing Act 1989, have been excluded from the table.

Duration of aggregate sentence	Duration of minimum/fix term																			Total
	Under 1 year	1 year, under 2 years	2 years, under 3 years	3 years, under 4 years	4 years, under 5 years	5 years, under 6 years	6 years, under 7 years	7 years, under 8 years	8 years, under 9 years	9 years, under 10 years	10 years, under 11 years	11 years, under 12 years	12 years, under 13 years	13 years, under 14 years	14 years, under 15 years	15 years, under 16 years	16 years, under 17 years	17 years, under 18 years	18 years, under 19 years	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Under 1 year	230	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	230
1 year, under 2 years	87	203	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	290
2 years, under 3 years	5	131	145	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	281
3 years, under 4 years	4	31	110	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165
4 years, under 5 years	1	7	11	122	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146
5 years, under 6 years	-	1	8	11	58	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
6 years, under 7 years	-	2	1	2	14	28	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53
7 years, under 8 years	-	-	1	1	3	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
8 years, under 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	3	24	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
9 years, under 10 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
10 years, under 11 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
11 years, under 12 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
12 years, under 13 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
13 years, under 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
14 years, under 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
15 years, under 16 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
16 years, under 17 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
18 years, under 19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
20 years, under 21 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3
21 years, under 22 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
24 years, under 25 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1346</b>

**TABLE 11****Persons found guilty in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Type of principal offence, Prior convictions**

*Note:* a The principal offence categories in this table are more general than in previous tables. This is due to a limitation in the Case Tracking System.  
b 6 people had a missing penalty on their principal offence.

<b>Type of principal offence</b>	<b>Prior convictions</b>									
	<b>No prior convictions</b>		<b>Prior convictions not of same type</b>		<b>Prior convictions of same type</b>		<b>Prior convictions of same type with imprisonment</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Against the person	275	24.7	265	23.8	384	34.5	189	17.0	1113	100.0
Driving	99	52.9	31	16.6	52	27.8	5	2.7	187	100.0
Drug	176	32.7	128	23.7	175	32.5	60	11.1	539	100.0
Fraud	182	53.1	85	24.8	51	14.9	25	7.3	343	100.0
Property	122	11.6	67	6.4	304	28.8	561	53.2	1054	100.0
Sex	212	45.1	192	40.9	39	8.3	27	5.7	470	100.0
Other	78	25.4	229	74.6	-	-	-	-	307	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>4013</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 12****Persons found guilty in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Sex, Type of principal offence, Age**

Note: 6 people had a missing principal offence

Type of principal offence	Sex: Total male and female											
	Age (years)											
	Under 18	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-65	Over 65	Un- known	Total
<b>Against the person:</b>												
Murder	3	2	1	9	6	5	4	3	-	-	-	33
Manslaughter	8	1	-	11	10	10	5	3	-	1	-	49
Attempt, intent to murder	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	7
Assault	22	30	46	197	118	119	57	10	-	1	1	601
Sexual assault	9	7	14	26	27	38	22	15	2	1	-	161
Sexual offences against children	11	6	11	26	29	101	64	36	16	9	-	309
Other	3	1	3	6	5	7	5	1	1	-	-	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1192</b>
<b>Robbery and extortion:</b>												
Robbery	19	28	37	140	65	54	10	2	-	-	-	355
Blackmail and extortion	-	3	-	9	13	10	-	1	-	-	-	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>Theft:</b>												
Breaking and entering	5	20	46	244	134	100	10	3	1	-	2	565
Fraud and misappropriation	-	2	10	59	56	88	83	23	3	1	18	343
Receiving and unlawful possession	3	-	9	31	31	33	17	4	-	-	-	128
Vehicle theft	3	12	21	59	31	20	7	-	-	-	-	153
Other	2	6	7	35	24	25	4	7	-	-	-	110
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1299</b>
<b>Property damage</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>79</b>

<b>Weapons</b>	-	1	-	7	14	12	3	3	-	-	1	41
<b>Against good order</b>	3	1	6	11	9	2	1	1	1	-	1	36
<b>Drug:</b>												
Possession and/or use												
- opiates	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
- cannabis	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
- other drug	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dealing and/or trafficking												
- opiates	-	-	1	19	24	49	12	3	1	-	-	109
- cannabis	-	2	1	21	34	41	13	5	-	-	-	117
- other drug	1	-	1	26	37	46	16	1	-	-	-	128
Manufacturing and/or growing												
- cannabis	-	4	6	21	26	49	20	3	1	-	-	130
- other drug	-	-	-	8	7	13	4	3	-	-	2	37
Import/export	-	-	1	2	7	25	7	2	-	-	5	49
<b>Total</b>	1	6	10	97	137	227	72	17	2	-	7	576
<b>Driving:</b>												
Cause death by driving	3	4	8	32	17	14	12	3	2	1	2	98
Cause injury by driving	3	2	2	23	17	22	10	6	-	-	-	85
Other	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total</b>	6	6	11	56	34	37	23	9	2	1	2	187
<b>Against prison rules</b>	-	3	3	44	24	17	3	-	-	-	-	94
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	2	7	10	1	-	-	4	24
<b>Total</b>	112	147	248	1117	810	936	418	144	28	14	39	4013

**TABLE 12a**

**Persons found guilty in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Sex, Type of principal offence, Age**

Type of principal offence	Sex: Female										Total
	Age (years)										
	Under 18	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Over 65	Un-known	
<b>Against the person:</b>											
Murder	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Manslaughter	2	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	6
Attempt, intent to murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assault	1	3	1	17	11	15	2	-	-	-	50
Sexual assault	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sexual offences against children	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
Other	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Robbery and extortion:</b>											
Robbery	3	3	1	13	2	2	-	-	-	-	24
Blackmail and extortion	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Theft:</b>											
Breaking and entering	-	-	3	13	12	6	-	-	-	-	34
Fraud and misappropriation	-	-	2	12	11	19	20	6	1	5	76
Receiving and unlawful possession	1	-	-	7	3	2	2	-	-	-	15
Vehicle theft	-	1	1	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	9
Other	1	2	-	7	5	3	-	-	-	-	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Property damage</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Weapons</b>	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Against good order</b>	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Drug:</b>											
Possession and/or use											
- opiates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- cannabis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- other drug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dealing and/or trafficking											
- opiates	-	-	-	7	4	4	-	1	-	-	16
- cannabis	-	1	1	4	2	1	2	1	-	-	12
- other drug	-	-	-	6	5	9	4	-	-	-	24
Manufacturing and/or growing											
- cannabis	-	1	-	2	3	5	1	1	-	-	13
- other drug	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Import/export	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	9
<b>Total</b>	-	2	1	20	18	27	7	3	-	-	78
<b>Driving:</b>											
Cause death by driving	-	1	-	4	2	1	2	-	1	-	11
Cause injury by driving	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	6
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	1	1	-	5	4	2	2	1	1	-	17
<b>Against prison rules</b>	-	-	-	4	5	2	-	-	-	-	11
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	12	14	10	113	88	91	35	10	2	5	380

**TABLE 12b**

**Persons found guilty in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Sex, Type of principal offence, Age**

Type of principal offence	Sex: Male											Total
	Age (years)											
	Under 18	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-65	Over 65	Un-known	
<b>Against the person:</b>												
Murder	3	2	1	9	6	4	4	3	-	-	-	32
Manslaughter	6	1	-	11	9	8	4	3	-	1	-	43
Attempt, intent to murder	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	1	-	-	-	7
Assault	21	27	45	180	107	104	55	10	-	1	1	551
Sexual assault	9	7	14	26	27	37	22	15	2	1	-	160
Sexual offences against children	10	6	11	26	28	100	64	36	16	9	-	306
Other	3	1	3	6	4	5	5	1	1	-	-	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1128</b>
<b>Robbery and extortion:</b>												
Robbery	16	25	36	127	63	52	10	2	-	-	-	331
Blackmail and extortion	-	3	-	8	10	10	-	1	-	-	-	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Theft:</b>												
Breaking and entering	5	20	43	231	122	94	10	3	1	-	2	531
Fraud and misappropriation	-	2	8	47	45	69	63	17	3	-	13	267
Receiving and unlawful possession	2	-	9	24	28	31	15	4	-	-	-	113
Vehicle theft	3	11	20	54	30	19	7	-	-	-	-	144
Other	1	4	7	28	19	22	4	7	-	-	-	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1147</b>
<b>Property damage</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Against justice procedures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>64</b>

<b>Weapons</b>	-	1	-	6	13	11	3	3	-	-	1	38
<b>Against good order</b>	3	1	6	11	6	2	1	1	1	-	1	33
<b>Drug:</b>												
Possession and/or use												
- opiates	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
- cannabis	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
- other drug	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dealing and/or trafficking												
- opiates	-	-	1	12	20	45	12	2	1	-	-	93
- cannabis	-	1	-	17	32	40	11	4	-	-	-	105
- other drug	1	-	1	20	32	37	12	1	-	-	-	104
Manufacturing and/or growing												
- cannabis	-	3	6	19	23	44	19	2	1	-	-	117
- other drug	-	-	-	8	3	13	4	3	-	-	2	33
Import/export	-	-	1	1	7	17	7	2	-	-	5	40
<b>Total</b>	1	4	9	77	119	200	65	14	2	-	7	498
<b>Driving:</b>												
Cause death by driving	3	3	8	28	15	13	10	3	2	-	2	87
Cause injury by driving	2	2	2	22	15	21	10	5	-	-	-	79
Other	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total</b>	5	5	11	51	30	35	21	8	2	-	2	170
<b>Against prison rules</b>	-	3	3	40	19	15	3	-	-	-	-	83
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	1	7	9	1	-	-	4	22
<b>Total</b>	100	133	238	1004	722	845	383	134	28	12	34	3633

**TABLE 13****Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised:  
Outcome of charges, Bail status**

<b>Outcome of charges</b>	<b>Bail status</b>																
	<i>Bail dispensed with</i>		<i>In gaol bail not met</i>		<i>In gaol bail refused</i>		<i>On bail conditional</i>		<i>On bail unconditional</i>		<i>Shelter</i>		<i>Unknown</i>		<i>Total</i>		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>																	
Acquitted of all charges	35	22.7	1	2.2	78	5.5	329	12.5	283	17.0	-	-	13	15.7	739	12.3	
Found guilty of at least one charge	16	10.4	-	-	151	10.7	292	11.1	212	12.7	2	28.6	4	4.8	677	11.3	
Other	-	-	-	-	9	0.6	14	0.5	2	0.1	-	-	-	-	25	0.4	
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	77	50.0	32	69.6	1055	74.8	1329	50.6	797	47.8	5	71.4	22	26.5	3317	55.4	
<b>All charges not proceeded with</b>	15	9.7	4	8.7	64	4.5	283	10.8	195	11.7	-	-	12	14.5	573	9.6	
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	11	7.1	9	19.6	53	3.8	377	14.4	179	10.7	-	-	32	38.6	661	11.0	
<b>Total</b>	154	100.0	46	100.0	1410	100.0	2624	100.0	1668	100.0	7	100.0	83	100.0	5992	100.0	

**TABLE 14**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 13 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
b Total includes 4 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
c Total includes 22 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
d Total includes 12 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
e Total includes 32 people for whom bail status was unknown.

Outcome of charges	All registries											
	On bail				Bail status In gaol/shelter				Total			
	Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings			
	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence
	Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)		
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	647	199.0	538.0	N/A	79	105.0	255.0	N/A	739 <sup>a</sup>	192.0	498.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	520	194.0	556.0	7.0	153	87.0	277.0	19.5	677 <sup>b</sup>	164.5	480.5	8.0
Other	16	149.0	563.0	2.0	9	81.0	306.5	2.0	25	146.0	465.0	2.0
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	2203	129.0	292.5	-	1092	37.0	115.0	-	3317 <sup>c</sup>	91.0	201.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	493	174.0	405.0	N/A	68	106.0	212.0	N/A	573 <sup>d</sup>	164.0	370.5	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	567	140.0	413.0	N/A	62	47.0	174.0	N/A	661 <sup>e</sup>	133.0	370.0	N/A

TABLE 14a

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

<i>Outcome of charges</i>	<b>Registry: Supreme Court</b>											
	<i>On bail</i>				<i>Bail status In gaol/shelter</i>				<i>Total</i>			
	<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>			
	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>
Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all trials	25	111.0	344.0	N/A	8	109.5	348.0	N/A	33	111.0	344.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	31	194.0	459.0	9.0	47	101.0	326.5	15.0	78	140.0	370.0	11.0
Other	1	154.0	639.0	-	2	69.0	221.5	-	3	81.0	378.0	-
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	41	149.0	230.0	-	37	78.0	259.0	1.0	78	100.0	244.5	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	21	178.0	378.0	N/A	1	143.0	431.0	N/A	22	167.0	378.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	2	151.0	163.0	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	2	151.0	163.0	N/A

**TABLE 14b**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 1 person for whom bail status was unknown.  
b Total includes 1 person for whom bail status was unknown.  
c Total includes 5 people for whom bail status was unknown.

**Registry: Dubbo**

Outcome of charges	Bail status											
	On bail				In gaol/shelter				Total			
	Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings			
	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence
	Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)		
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	61	243.0	440.0	N/A	6	116.5	131.5	N/A	68 <sup>a</sup>	243.0	414.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	38	199.5	431.5	1.0	9	45.0	153.0	1.5	47	171.0	383.5	1.0
Other	1	254.0	568.0	272.0	-	-	-	-	1	254.0	568.0	272.0
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	108	157.0	320.0	-	54	32.0	85.0	-	162	104.0	214.5	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	19	269.0	442.0	N/A	3	117.0	187.5	N/A	23 <sup>b</sup>	269.0	441.5	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of<sup>c</sup></b>	16	145.5	341.0	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	21 <sup>c</sup>	178.0	369.0	N/A

**TABLE 14c**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 3 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
b Total includes 2 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
c Total includes 6 people for whom bail status was unknown.

<b>Outcome of charges</b>	<b>Registry: Lismore</b>											
	<b>On bail</b>				<b>Bail status In gaol/shelter</b>				<b>Total</b>			
	<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>			
	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>
Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	46	276.0	500.0	N/A	2	18.0	205.5	N/A	48	269.0	489.5	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	31	203.0	443.0	2.0	3	195.0	-	-	34	196.5	443.0	2.0
Found not guilty, had other guilty plea	3	146.0	526.0	2.0	-	-	-	-	3	146.0	526.0	2.0
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	201	139.0	269.0	-	62	31.0	80.0	-	266 <sup>a</sup>	97.0	207.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	41	213.0	297.0	N/A	2	63.5	99.5	N/A	45 <sup>b</sup>	208.5	255.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	23	147.0	278.0	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	29 <sup>c</sup>	206.5	266.0	N/A

**TABLE 14d**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 2 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
b Total includes 7 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
c Total includes 3 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
d Total includes 4 people for whom bail status was unknown.

**Registry: Newcastle**

Outcome of charges	On bail		Bail status In gaol/shelter				Total					
	Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings			
	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence
	Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)		
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	111	191.0	268.0	N/A	12	104.0	173.0	N/A	123	189.0	262.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	86	205.0	308.5	1.0	12	46.0	209.0	4.0	100 <sup>a</sup>	182.0	295.0	1.0
Found not guilty, had other guilty plea	1	106.0	140.0	-	2	141.0	184.5	10.0	3	131.0	140.0	3.0
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	411	141.0	170.5	-	174	29.0	79.0	-	592 <sup>b</sup>	100.5	141.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	71	163.5	213.0	N/A	5	50.0	149.0	N/A	79 <sup>c</sup>	163.5	211.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	78	130.0	175.0	N/A	8	32.0	119.0	N/A	90 <sup>d</sup>	118.5	166.0	N/A

**TABLE 14e**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 5 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
b Total includes 7 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
c Total includes 2 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
d Total includes 7 people for whom bail status was unknown.

<b>Outcome of charges</b>	<b>Registry: Sydney</b>											
	<b>On bail</b>				<b>Bail status In gaol/shelter</b>				<b>Total</b>			
	<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>			
	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>
Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	151	223.0	738.5	N/A	26	115.0	277.5	N/A	182 <sup>a</sup>	220.0	705.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	139	197.0	729.0	13.0	40	95.0	289.0	26.0	179	164.0	631.0	16.0
Found not guilty, had other guilty plea	4	133.0	606.0	24.5	3	156.0	-	-	7	152.0	606.0	24.5
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	583	138.0	483.0	-	309	54.0	136.0	-	899 <sup>b</sup>	101.0	279.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	152	161.0	517.0	N/A	24	154.5	275.0	N/A	178 <sup>c</sup>	161.5	472.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	242	148.0	453.5	N/A	19	67.0	198.0	N/A	268 <sup>d</sup>	141.5	448.0	N/A

**TABLE 14f**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

**Note:** a Total includes 6 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
b Total includes 1 person for whom bail status was unknown.  
c Total includes 5 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
d Total includes 4 people for whom bail status was unknown.  
e Total includes 9 people for whom bail status was unknown.

**Registry: Sydney West**

Outcome of charges	On bail				Bail status In gaol/shelter				Total			
	Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings			
	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence
	Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)		
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	149	158.0	710.0	N/A	20	85.5	257.0	N/A	175 <sup>a</sup>	157.0	671.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	117	160.0	737.0	29.0	37	58.5	251.0	30.0	155 <sup>b</sup>	137.0	648.0	29.0
Found not guilty, had other guilty plea	4	171.5	485.5	16.0	2	22.5	353.0	35.0	6	82.0	378.5	16.5
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	568	105.0	370.0	-	347	31.0	137.5	-	920 <sup>c</sup>	68.0	213.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	133	178.0	559.0	N/A	26	57.0	225.0	N/A	163 <sup>d</sup>	161.5	499.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	177	122.0	458.0	N/A	30	46.0	183.5	N/A	216 <sup>e</sup>	111.0	423.5	N/A

**TABLE 14g****Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:****Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 1 person for whom bail status was unknown.  
 b Total includes 1 person for whom bail status was unknown.

<b>Outcome of charges</b>	<b>Registry: Wagga Wagga</b>											
	<b>On bail</b>				<b>Bail status In gaol/shelter</b>				<b>Total</b>			
	<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>				<i>Duration of proceedings</i>			
	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>	<i>Persons charged</i>	<i>Arrest to committal</i>	<i>Committal to outcome</i>	<i>Outcome to sentence</i>
Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	39	121.0	434.0	N/A	1	1.0	266.0	N/A	40	120.5	430.5	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	24	216.0	545.0	5.0	-	-	-	-	25 <sup>a</sup>	221.0	538.0	4.0
Other	1	406.0	566.0	-	-	-	-	-	1	406.0	566.0	-
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	99	128.0	290.0	-	21	15.0	55.0	1.0	120	94.0	229.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	19	120.0	297.0	N/A	2	63.0	100.0	N/A	21	105.0	295.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	6	214.0	603.0	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	7 <sup>b</sup>	344.0	559.0	N/A

**TABLE 14h**

**Persons charged in trial and sentence cases finalised  
and Duration of proceedings:  
Registry, Outcome of charges, Bail status**

Note: a Total includes 1 person for whom bail status was unknown.

**Registry: Wollongong**

Outcome of charges	Bail status											
	On bail				In gaol/shelter				Total			
	Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings				Duration of proceedings			
	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence	Persons charged	Arrest to committal	Committal to outcome	Outcome to sentence
	Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)			Number	Median duration (days)		
<b>Proceeded to trial:</b>												
Acquitted of all charges	65	237.5	474.0	N/A	4	122.5	-	N/A	70 <sup>a</sup>	233.5	474.0	N/A
Found guilty of at least one charge	54	223.0	469.0	1.0	5	124.0	117.0	33.0	59	221.5	454.0	1.0
Other	1	201.0	607.0	-	-	-	-	-	1	201.0	607.0	-
<b>Proceeded to sentence only</b>	192	143.5	266.0	-	88	29.0	76.0	-	280	95.0	174.0	-
<b>No charges proceeded with</b>	37	204.0	340.0	N/A	5	117.0	67.0	N/A	42	199.0	303.0	N/A
<b>All charges otherwise disposed of</b>	23	180.0	315.0	N/A	5	81.0	57.0	N/A	28	177.0	262.0	N/A

**TABLE 15****Appeals against conviction finalised:  
Outcome of appeal, Bail status**

<i>Outcome of appeal</i>	<i>Bail status</i>							
	<i>On bail</i>		<i>In gaol/shelter</i>		<i>Unknown</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Appeal upheld for all matters	493	26.5	24	14.4	4	9.8	521	25.2
Appeal dismissed/withdrawn for all matters	1258	67.5	123	73.7	37	90.2	1418	68.5
Appeal upheld for some matters	76	4.1	10	6.0	-	-	86	4.2
Other	36	1.9	10	6.0	-	-	46	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1863</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2071</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 16****Appeals against sentence finalised:  
Outcome of appeal, Bail status**

<b>Outcome of appeal</b>	<b>Bail status</b>							
	<i>On bail</i>		<i>In gaol/shelter</i>		<i>Unknown</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Appeal upheld for all matters	54	1.9	4	0.6	2	6.7	60	1.7
Appeal dismissed/withdrawn for all matters	2685	94.5	603	96.5	25	83.3	3313	94.7
Appeal upheld for some matters	12	0.4	12	1.9	-	-	24	0.7
Other	91	3.2	6	1.0	3	10.0	100	2.9
<b>Total</b>	2842	100.0	625	100.0	30	100.0	3497	100.0

# Appendix 1

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## District Courts in Registry Regions

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### 1. Sydney Registry

Sydney District Court

### 2. Sydney West Registry

Campbelltown District Court  
Lithgow District Court  
Liverpool District Court  
Parramatta District Court  
Penrith District Court  
Katoomba District Court

### 3. Newcastle Registry

Cessnock District Court  
East Maitland District Court  
Gosford District Court  
Gunnedah District Court  
Moree District Court  
Muswellbrook District Court  
Newcastle District Court  
Port Macquarie District Court  
Singleton District Court  
Tamworth District Court  
Taree District Court

### 4. Wollongong Registry

Bega District Court  
Cooma District Court  
Goulburn District Court  
Moruya District Court  
Moss Vale District Court  
Nowra District Court  
Queanbeyan District Court  
Wollongong District Court

**5. Lismore Registry**

Armidale District Court  
Coffs Harbour District Court  
Glen Innes District Court  
Grafton District Court  
Inverell District Court  
Kempsey District Court  
Lismore District Court  
Murwillumbah District Court

**6. Dubbo Registry**

Bathurst District Court  
Bourke District Court  
Broken Hill District Court  
Cobar District Court  
Condobolin District Court  
Coonamble District Court  
Dubbo District Court  
Forbes District Court  
Mudgee District Court  
Narrabri District Court  
Nyngan District Court  
Orange District Court  
Parkes District Court

**7. Wagga Wagga Registry**

Albury District Court  
Cootamundra District Court  
Cowra District Court  
Deniliquin District Court  
Griffith District Court  
Gundagai District Court  
Hay District Court  
Leeton District Court  
Narrandera District Court  
Wagga Wagga District Court  
Wentworth District Court  
Wyalong District Court  
Yass District Court  
Young District Court

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## Appendix 2

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### Notes on penalties

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As well as the self-explanatory penalties, such as fines and imprisonment, the following court actions may need some explanation.

#### **Held in custody (Mental Health (Criminal Procedure) Act 1990)**

This is the term used for the detention of a mentally ill person who has been charged with offences but has been found by the court to be either unfit to plead or 'not guilty by reason of mental illness'. Such persons may be held in custody for an indeterminate period.

#### **Periodic detention**

The offender is held in custody in prison periodically (at weekends for example) for a specified period.

#### **Community Service Order**

The offender is ordered to perform a specified number of hours of unpaid community service work.

#### **Recognizance**

There are several different types of recognizances, or 'bonds', which may be imposed by a court. Generally speaking they all require the offender to be 'of good behaviour' for a certain length of time and may impose other conditions as well. Common conditions include that the offender:

- report to the Probation and Parole Service on a regular basis (recognizance with supervision);
- attend alcohol counselling;
- reside in a certain area; etc.

Depending on the kind of recognizance the court imposes, a sum of money is usually fixed at the time of sentencing by the court and indicates the amount the offender will be liable to pay if any conditions of the recognizance are breached. Such payment by the offender will, of course, be in addition to any other sanction which breach of the recognizance might attract.

#### **S.20 (Commonwealth) Conditional release after sentence**

This is a form of recognizance imposed after a prison term has been served.

**Deferred sentences**

Under Section 558 of the Crimes Act 1900, a certain type of recognizance may be imposed which is referred to as a 'deferred sentence'. In addition to having to pay any monetary penalty, a breach of the conditions of the recognizance may lead to the offender being called upon for sentencing on the original offence.

**556A dismissal/recognizance**

Under Section 556A of the Crimes Act 1900, the court may, where it finds a charge proved, elect not to proceed to a conviction, but to either discharge the offender with no penalty, with some nominal penalty, or with a recognizance to be of good behaviour (see above).

**Rising of the Court**

This is a nominal penalty where the offender is held in custody until the court adjourns.

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## Appendix 3

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### Penalty hierarchy for principal offence

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The penalty hierarchy for the calculation of the principal offence is shown below. Penalties applicable to both adults and children are shown in the hierarchy. The penalties are listed from the most to the least serious.

1. Held in custody (Mental Health (Criminal Procedure) Act 1990)
  2. Imprisonment
  3. S.20 (Cwth) Conditional release after sentence
  4. Detention in juvenile institution
  5. Periodic detention
  6. Detention - not otherwise specified
  7. Community Service Order
  8. Community Service Order - children
  9. S.432(2) Recognizance with supervision
  10. Sentence deferred, with supervision
  11. Sentence deferred
  12. Recognizance to appear, with supervision
  13. S.556A Recognizance
  14. Caution and dismissal (Children's Court only)
  15. Recognizance not otherwise specified
  16. Fine
  17. Disqualified/suspended from driving
  18. Compensation
  19. Rising of the Court
  20. S.556A Offence proved, no conviction recorded
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