

Justice and Community Safety Directorate

ACT Criminal Justice Statistical Profile 2013 Consultation Review

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For the first half of 2013, the Legislation, Policy and Programs Branch expanded its ongoing review of the content and presentation of the Criminal Justice Statistical Profile (Profile) by conducting a consultation process with Government and community stakeholders.

The stated aim of the consultation process was to consider the following key questions:

- how useful is the data set currently in the Profile?
- are there particular data sets that could be removed?
- what new data could be incorporated into the Profile?
- could the data in the Profile be better presented? If so, how?
- what analysis could enhance the presentation of the information contained in the Profile.

Public submissions were invited after tabling of the December 2012 Profile on 28 February 2013 and remained open until 30 April 2013. In addition, a series of stakeholder meetings were held with various internal and external fora. The following agencies were invited to make submissions about the Profile:

- Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT
- ACT Council of Social Services
- ACT Indigenous Elected Body (ACT IEB)
- Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT
- ANU Centre for Excellence in Policing and Security
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Federal Police (National Office)
- Australian Institute of Criminology
- Crime Prevention and Community Safety Forum
- ACT Law Society
- School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University
- School of Law, University of Canberra
- Sexual Assault Reform Program (SARP) Reference Group

In addition, all data contributing agencies were consulted along with a number of additional ACT Government agencies that had an interest in the Profile:

- ACT Policing
- Office of Children, Youth and Family Support, Community Services Directorate
- Restorative Justice Unit

- Galambany "Circle Sentencing" Court
- ACT Corrective Services
- ACT Magistrates Court
- Supreme Court of the ACT
- Victim Support ACT
- ACT Health
- Director of Public Prosecutions
- Government ICT Services

Following research into statistical publications from other jurisdictions and an assessment of the submissions made to the review 14 recommendations were developed and endorsed by the Attorney General. Thirteen of the 14 recommendations were introduced into the [September 2013 Profile](#) [PDF 6.6 MB].

Summary of changes to the Profile made in September 2013 - overview

The [2013 Review of the Criminal Justice Statistical Profile Report](#) [PDF 2.2 MB] (2013 Review), endorsed by the Attorney-General in July 2013, contained 14 recommendations which resulted in a broad range of changes to the Profile including: the incorporation of additional criminal justice data; the provision of more analysis on the data set; the amalgamation and expansion of the explanatory notes that support the Profile; and, an improved format and presentation. As a consequence of the 2013 Review, the September 2013 Profile contained a total of 74 tables - including 24 new tables and 27 revised tables containing additional data or improved table structure.

Based on the 2013 Review's 14 recommendations, the following changes were made to the Profile and its publication:

- inclusion of additional data including:
 - expanding the age and gender breakdown across most data sets;
 - police apprehension and offender based data;
 - youth justice community services and adult community based supervision data;
 - more 5 year timeline data which provides the capacity to look at data trends;
 - two additional topic-specific data sets, on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's contact with the justice system and victims of crime. These not only improve the evidence base on which to respond to key priorities (such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander over-representation in the justice system) but also provide a more transparent view of ACT-based criminal justice data;
- presentation of the data in the Profile in both PDF and excel spreadsheet formats to allow people greater flexibility in how they use and analyse the Profile's data;
- the addition of a Key Highlights Summary, with graphics included to illustrate particular data trends;
- the addition of a Statement of Purpose in the Profile's introductory section to describe the Profile's

role in presenting whole of justice system data that, in turn, can be used as an evidence led decision making tool for social policy programs in the ACT;

- centralisation and expansion of the explanatory notes in the Profile to improve usability. These notes include enhanced data descriptors, source standards and codes and references to other ACT based data sources such as geographical data;
- expansion of the Profile"s web page to provide improved data access and explanation. The webpage now also includes an email address so Profile users can [subscribe to email alerts](#) on the release dates for the Profile;
- improved data breakdowns, particularly in relation to age and gender to provide more granularity in the data sets and a broader evidence base on which to inform policy and program decisions;
- amendment of the Profile"s existing data sets to improve data quality. 27 tables now include additional data or improved breakdowns of existing data.

The following 24 new tables were included in the Profile in the September 2013 quarter: [\[1\]](#)

ACT POLICING TABLES	
ACT Policing Table 2	Person and property offences by quarter - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 5	Charges from apprehensions by offence type, sex and age
ACT Policing Table 6	Charges from apprehensions by selected offence type, sex and age
ACT YOUTH JUSTICE TABLES	
Sub-section: Young people in detention	
Youth Justice Table 3	Total young people detained in Bimberi Youth Justice Centre by gender, age and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status
Youth Justice Table 4	Custody days of young people in detention in Bimberi Youth Justice Centre

Sub-section: Young people under community supervision

Youth Justice Table 5

Total young people under community-based supervision by gender, age and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

Youth Justice Table 6

Total young people under community-based supervision by offence and age

CORRECTIVE SERVICES TABLES**Sub-section: People under community supervision**Corrective Services Table
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Community Supervision Orders for the current quarter

Corrective Services Table
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Completion status of Community Supervision Orders

Corrective Services Table
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Community based corrections - monthly average by gender and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

Corrective Services Table
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Probation and parole: expected completions and breaches by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Status

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SPECIFIC TABLES

ACT Policing Table 10

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People apprehended by ACT Policing by age - 5 year trends

ACT Policing Table 11	Number of charges by clearance type for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people apprehended by ACT Policing - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 12	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People apprehended by ACT Policing by gender - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 13	Charges from the apprehension of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 14	Selected charges from the apprehension of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 15	Number of charges by clearance type for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people apprehended by ACT Policing - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 16	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people apprehended by ACT Policing by gender - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 17	Charges from the apprehension of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 18	Selected charges from the apprehension of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people - 5 year trends
VICTIMS OF CRIME SPECIFIC TABLES	
ACT Policing Table 19	Victims in the Australian Capital Territory by crime type
ACT Policing Table 20	Victims by age and sex (where both are known)

ACT Policing Table 21	Victims in the Australian Capital Territory by selected crime type and how the incident was cleared
SupportLink Table 1	Referrals from ACT Policing to SupportLink - 5 year trends

In addition to the new tables included in the Profile, the following tables contain modifications that range from additional data (for example age, gender and historical trend data) to improved data labeling (such as clearer table titles).

ACT POLICING TABLES	
ACT Policing Table 1	Number of incidents and offences by quarter - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 3	Reported offences by ANZSOC 2011 Divisions - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 4	Selected reported offences (excluding drug and traffic) using ANCO 1985 codes - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 7	Traffic and transport information - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 8	Drug summary information - 5 year trends
ACT Policing Table 9	Number of each drug type seized - 5 year trends
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE UNIT TABLES	
Restorative Justice Table 1	Summary of Restorative Justice Unit activity - 5 year trends

Restorative Justice Table 2	Young people referred to restorative justice by referring entity - 5 year trends
Restorative Justice Table 3	Young people referred to restorative justice by gender - 5 year trends
Restorative Justice Table 4	Young people referred to restorative justice by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status - 5 year trends
Restorative Justice Table 5	Referrals to restorative justice by offence type - 5 year trends
Restorative Justice Table 6	Restorative Justice Conferences held - 5 year trends
Restorative Justice Table 7	Compliance with individual restorative justice agreements - 5 year trends
ACT COURTS TABLES	
ACT Courts Table 2	Pleas by principal charge - Magistrates Court
ACT Courts Table 3	Pleas by principal charge - Childrens Court
ACT Courts Table 4	Pleas by principal charge - Supreme Court
ACT Courts Table 8	Findings by principal charge - Magistrates Court

ACT Courts Table 9	Findings by principal charge - Childrens Court
ACT Courts Table 10	Findings by principal charge - Supreme Court
ACT Courts Table 11	Sentence outcome by principle charge - Magistrates Court
ACT Courts Table 12	Sentence outcome by principle charge - Childrens Court
ACT Courts Table 13	Sentence outcome by principle charge - Supreme Court
ACT YOUTH JUSTICE TABLES	
Sub-section: Young people in detention	
Youth Justice Table 1	Admissions of young people to Bimberi Youth Justice Centre by gender and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status - trend data from March 2009
Youth Justice Table 2	Admissions of young people to Bimberi Youth Justice Centre by age and offence
Sub-section: Young people under community supervision	
Youth Justice Table 7	Youth justice reports submitted to court
CORRECTIVE SERVICES TABLES	
Sub-section: People in detention	

<p>Corrective Services Table 1</p>	<p>Admissions to the Alexander Maconochie Centre by gender and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status - trend data since June 2009</p>
<p>Corrective Services Table 2</p>	<p>Daily average prisoner/detainee population at Alexander Maconochie Centre by gender and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Status</p>

[1] Note that some of these table titles have been updated since their initial release in September 2013.