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# Courts of Petty Sessions

## Western Australia

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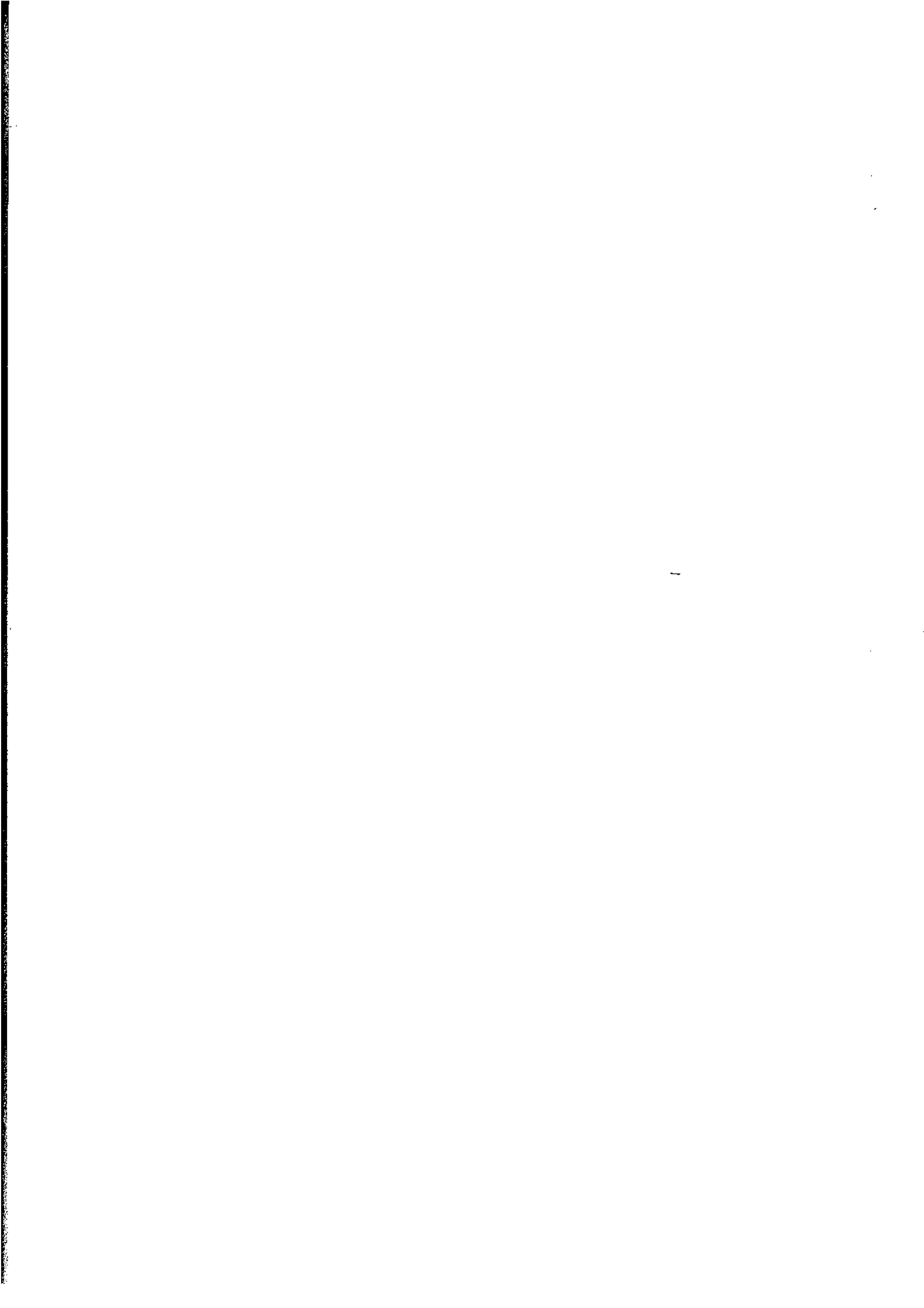
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# PREFACE

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## COURT DATA INFORMATION

The Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) ceased production of statistics on criminal court proceedings in October 1994 following release of data relating to 1992-93

The Western Australian State Statistics Committee (SSC), comprising representatives from State Treasury and the ABS, Perth Office, received requests for the continuation of court data processing from the Chief Justice of Western Australia, Crime Research Centre of the University of Western Australia and the Ministry of Justice.

In July 1996 the SSC and the ABS, Perth Office, agreed to resume processing Courts of Petty Sessions data for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 using the same data source as used in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 publications, *Summary of Criminal Court Proceedings*, catalogue number 4504.5. This is to provide continuity in the statistical series until the Ministry of Justice can provide an equivalent level of statistical information for public release.

The crime statistics contained within this series of publications are derived from the Western Australian Police Service records relating to complaints finalised in the Courts of Petty Sessions of Western Australia during the twelve months ended 30 June 1995.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### CONVICTIONS

In Western Australia in 1994-95 there were 77,374 *charges* finalised in Courts of Petty Sessions resulting in 74,567 *convictions* against 30,688 *individuals*. Compared with 1993-94 the total *charges* were down 1,802 (2.3%), *convictions* were down 1566 (2.1%) and the number of *individuals convicted* increased by 367 (1.2%).

For all *males* there were decreases of 2.2% for *charges* and 2.0% for *convictions*, and an increase of 1.2% for *individuals convicted*. For *Non-Indigenous males*, *charges* were down 1.6%, *convictions* were down 1.6% and *individuals convicted* increased by 1.2%. For *Indigenous males*, *charges* decreased by 4.7%, *convictions* by 4.4%, and *individuals convicted* increased by 1.1%.

### FEMALES

For all *females* there was a decrease of 3.8% for *charges*, 3.6% for *convictions* and an increase of one person for *individuals convicted*. For *Non-Indigenous females*, *charges* were down 7.9%, *convictions* were down 7.2% and *individuals convicted* decreased by 1.1%. For *Indigenous females*, *charges* increased by 4.2%, *convictions* were up 3.6% and *individuals convicted* rose 5.2%.

### COURTS

During 1994-95 the Courts of Petty Sessions at New Norcia, Balgo, Kalumburu, La Grange, Warakurna and Wickiepin, reported nil activity. During 1994-95 the Court of Petty Sessions for the external territory of Cocos Island was included..

### CHARGES

Total charges decreased by 2.3% in 1994-95 while *Individuals charged* increased by 1.4%. *Charges* finalised in the Wiluna Court of Petty Sessions decreased from 1,249 to 689 (44.8%) in 1994-95 and *Individuals charged* decreased by 27.9%. The figures for Wiluna have returned to the levels prior to 1993-94.

### OFFENCES

The largest decreases in *convictions* in 1994-95 occurred in the offence groups *Drug offences*, down 10.2% to 8,023, and *Breaking and entering, fraud etc*, down 9.5% to 19,516. Similar percentage drops for both of these categories were recorded in 1993-94. The number of *convictions* for *Offences against the person* increased by 4.6% to 3,856. Within this group, the number of *convictions* for *other assault* increased from 2,507 to 2,616. *Convictions* for *Motor vehicle and traffic offences* were up 8.6% to 24,058. Within this category *convictions* for *drink driving offences* increased 11.4% to 12,600.

### AGE

For *Appearances on conviction by most serious matter* the 20 to 24 year age group recorded the highest level of *imprisonments*, accounting for 33.3% of total *imprisonments*. In 1994-95 there was a 33.2% increase in the number of *imprisonments* in the 30 years and over age group for *Indigenous* persons.





**COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS**

**1 — SUMMARY COUNTS BY YEAR AND SEX**

<i>Summary of counts</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total (a)</i>
<b>1992-93</b>			
Charges	64,276	15,524	79,875
Distinct persons charged	33,196	7,232	40,471
Individuals charged	24,673	5,758	30,473
Convictions	61,547	14,934	76,549
Distinct persons convicted	32,009	7,008	39,057
Individuals convicted	24,005	5,609	29,653
<b>1993-94</b>			
Charges	63,496	15,561	79,176
Distinct persons charged	33,396	7,605	41,058
Individuals charged	24,993	5,945	30,994
Convictions	61,008	15,048	76,133
Distinct persons convicted	32,484	7,426	39,963
Individuals convicted	24,444	5,825	30,321
<b>1994-95</b>			
Charges	62,088	14,971	77,374
Distinct persons charged	32,941	7,357	40,454
Individuals charged	25,310	5,989	31,440
Convictions	59,758	14,509	74,567
Distinct persons convicted	32,164	7,169	39,480
Individuals convicted	24,728	5,826	30,688

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes corporate bodies and matters where the sex of the person was not recorded.

**COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS**

**2 — SUMMARY COUNTS BY INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS PERSONS BY SEX, 1994-95**

<i>Summary of counts</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total (a)</i>
<b>NON-INDIGENOUS</b>			
Charges	46,685	9,917	56,858
Distinct persons charged	25,749	4,928	30,817
Individuals charged	20,893	4,399	25,419
Convictions	44,927	9,627	54,795
Distinct persons convicted	25,082	4,793	30,006
Individuals convicted	20,395	4,276	24,791
<b>INDIGENOUS</b>			
Charges	14,092	4,229	18,346
Distinct persons charged	7,000	2,363	9,376
Individuals charged	4,230	1,524	5,765
Convictions	13,572	4,089	17,686
Distinct persons convicted	6,895	2,313	9,221
Individuals convicted	4,150	1,487	5,648
<b>UNKNOWN</b>			
Charges	1,311	825	2,168
Distinct persons charged	192	66	259
Individuals charged	187	66	254
Convictions	1,259	793	2,084
Distinct persons convicted	187	63	251
Individuals convicted	183	63	247
<b>TOTAL</b>			
Charges	62,088	14,971	77,374
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COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

3 — APPEARANCES ON CONVICTION BY MOST SERIOUS MATTER, AGE AND PENALTY TYPE, 1994-95

Age group	Penalties								Two or more penalties (b)
	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	
Under 20 years	288	—	291	455	214	1,711	4,329	217	1,903
20 — 24	681	4	350	537	329	4,662	10,329	234	4,884
25 — 29	429	6	192	295	219	3,046	6,440	123	3,177
30 — 34	293	8	96	177	206	2,113	4,436	80	2,172
35 — 39	206	9	82	141	180	1,399	2,991	69	1,452
40 — 49	112	16	73	126	198	1,470	3,091	92	1,536
50 — 59	34	5	20	32	90	500	995	65	517
60 and over	3	1	7	10	48	142	351	65	147
Not stated	—	—	—	1	5	—	38	2	—
Other (c)	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>15,043</b>	<b>33,002</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>15,788</b>

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes parental good behaviour bond. (b) For each offence type and group, this is the number of appearances that attracted more than one penalty. (c) Corporate bodies.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

4 — APPEARANCES ON CONVICTION OF INDIGENOUS PERSONS BY MOST SERIOUS MATTER, AGE AND PENALTY TYPE, 1994-95

Age group	Penalties								Two or more penalties (b)
	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	
Under 20 years	175	—	77	92	55	197	750	38	245
20 — 24	392	—	112	136	110	604	2,083	50	678
25 — 29	244	1	56	78	72	519	1,457	34	555
30 — 34	166	2	28	49	71	366	1,088	21	382
35 — 39	106	—	29	32	47	214	683	15	220
40 — 49	56	1	19	27	37	183	687	18	193
50 — 59	20	1	5	7	10	45	168	10	47
60 and over	1	—	—	—	4	4	49	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>2,132</b>	<b>6,965</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2,324</b>

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes parental good behaviour bond. (b) For each offence type and group, this is the number of appearances that attracted more than one penalty.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

5 — CHARGES, APPEARANCES AND INDIVIDUALS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, COURT AND SEX, 1994-95

Statistical division and court	Charges			Distinct persons charged			Individuals charged (a)		
	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)
Perth —									
Armadale	2,310	421	2,742	1,251	240	1,499	1,113	221	1,342
Fremantle	4,961	1,091	6,062	2,817	609	3,434	2,487	568	3,063
Joondalup	3,393	789	4,198	1,863	358	2,233	1,698	344	2,053
Midland	3,219	771	4,003	1,805	383	2,197	1,581	340	1,929
Perth	22,012	6,583	28,799	10,476	2,515	13,061	8,809	2,215	11,091
Rockingham	1,744	293	2,046	1,010	189	1,207	879	177	1,063
Total	37,639	9,948	47,850	19,222	4,294	23,631	15,423	3,685	19,212
South West —									
Augusta	2	—	2	2	—	2	2	—	2
Boyup Brook	45	8	55	29	6	36	24	6	31
Bridgetown	166	27	193	105	20	125	96	19	115
Brunswick Junction	31	3	34	24	3	27	21	3	24
Bunbury	1,393	304	1,698	709	145	855	623	135	759
Busselton	468	111	579	282	54	336	250	53	303
Collie	330	58	388	176	41	217	142	33	175
Donnybrook	276	40	316	181	30	211	161	28	189
Dwellingup	11	4	15	9	2	11	9	2	11
Harvey	154	28	182	105	19	124	90	19	109
Mandurah	916	150	1,067	525	116	642	478	110	589
Manjimup	217	26	243	131	22	153	116	21	137
Margaret River	203	19	222	107	15	122	99	15	114
Nannup	5	—	5	4	—	4	4	—	4
Pemberton	37	6	43	24	4	28	22	4	26
Pinjarra	108	21	129	63	11	74	56	10	66
Waroona	39	2	41	24	1	25	24	1	25
Yarloop	22	5	27	14	5	19	14	5	19
Total	4,423	812	5,239	2,514	494	3,011	2,147	456	2,606
Lower Great Southern —									
Albany	1,034	171	1,210	557	96	657	446	89	538
Cranbrook	4	2	6	2	2	4	2	2	4
Denmark	104	23	127	54	13	67	48	13	61
Gnowangerup	10	—	10	8	—	8	8	—	8
Katanning	329	83	415	175	42	219	139	39	179
Kojonup	79	10	89	50	6	56	40	5	45
Mount Barker	63	6	70	40	6	47	35	5	41
Ongerup	47	4	51	29	3	32	27	3	30
Tambellup	29	13	42	11	7	18	8	7	15
Total	1,699	312	2,020	926	175	1,108	731	158	894
Upper Great Southern —									
Boddington	44	1	45	34	1	35	32	1	33
Brookton	20	4	25	15	2	18	12	2	15
Corrigin	45	4	49	29	2	31	28	1	29
Dumbleyung	11	2	13	8	1	9	7	1	8
Kondinin	20	2	22	12	2	14	12	2	14
Kulin	16	6	22	11	4	15	11	3	14
Lake Grace	15	5	20	11	3	14	11	3	14
Narrogin	304	70	376	188	46	235	147	40	188
Pingelly	54	14	68	34	9	43	31	6	37
Wagin	60	27	87	37	19	56	35	16	51
Williams	26	7	33	17	5	22	16	5	21
Total	615	142	760	396	94	492	334	78	414

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

5 — CHARGES, APPEARANCES AND INDIVIDUALS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, COURT AND SEX, 1994-95 — continued

Statistical division and court	Charges			Distinct persons charged			Individuals charged (a)		
	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)
<b>Midlands —</b>									
Bencubbin	9	—	9	6	—	6	6	—	6
Beverley	35	8	43	24	6	30	21	6	27
Bruce Rock	35	4	39	21	3	24	20	3	23
Cunderdin	32	1	34	22	1	24	22	1	24
Dalwallinu	46	7	53	31	5	36	28	5	33
Dowerin	13	3	16	10	2	12	10	2	12
Gingin	53	9	65	28	6	35	28	6	35
Goomalling	25	4	29	14	2	16	13	2	15
Jurien Bay	60	3	63	33	3	36	29	3	32
Kellerberrin	101	17	118	62	12	74	56	10	66
Koorda	2	—	2	2	—	2	2	—	2
Lancelin	49	9	58	38	9	47	35	9	44
Merredin	233	24	257	100	19	119	89	17	106
Moora	110	14	124	76	9	85	63	9	72
Mukinbudin	7	3	10	5	3	8	5	3	8
Narembeen	13	1	14	11	1	12	10	1	11
Northam	641	133	777	332	65	398	274	61	336
Quairading	26	7	33	18	4	22	16	3	19
Southern Cross	96	28	124	73	16	89	67	14	81
Toodyay	67	11	78	41	6	47	41	6	47
Trayning	4	1	5	4	1	5	4	1	5
Wongan Hills	59	—	59	32	—	32	27	—	27
Wundowie	19	2	21	11	1	12	11	1	12
Wyalkatchem	36	6	42	23	3	26	18	3	21
York	28	2	30	17	2	19	17	2	19
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,799</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>2,103</i>	<i>1,034</i>	<i>179</i>	<i>1,216</i>	<i>882</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>1,048</i>
<b>South Eastern —</b>									
Coolgardie	107	22	129	70	13	83	58	13	71
Esperance	262	44	306	152	27	179	136	23	159
Eucla	356	52	409	201	28	230	198	27	226
Kalgoorlie	2,208	546	2,757	1,199	278	1,480	951	202	1,156
Kambalda	171	23	194	115	16	131	93	16	109
Laverton	407	139	547	226	94	321	148	58	207
Leinster	70	13	84	45	8	54	43	7	51
Leonora	321	56	378	194	40	235	136	27	164
Menzies	14	5	19	8	3	11	8	3	11
Norseman	141	19	164	77	10	89	71	8	81
Ravensthorpe	47	5	52	30	3	33	27	3	30
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,104</i>	<i>924</i>	<i>5,039</i>	<i>2,317</i>	<i>520</i>	<i>2,846</i>	<i>1,802</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>2,189</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

5—CHARGES, APPEARANCES AND INDIVIDUALS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, COURT AND SEX, 1994-95—continued

Statistical division and court	Charges			Distinct persons charged			Individuals charged (a)		
	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)	Males	Females	Total (b)
Central —									
Carnamah	3	—	3	3	—	3	3	—	3
Carnarvon	856	210	1,068	459	127	588	353	107	461
Cue	80	14	94	48	12	60	44	7	51
Dongara	106	12	118	72	7	79	63	7	70
Eneabba	68	8	76	44	5	49	42	5	47
Exmouth	76	11	90	52	10	65	49	10	62
Gascoyne Junction	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1
Geraldton	2,019	394	2,416	984	245	1,231	778	210	990
Kalbarri	36	5	41	24	5	29	23	4	27
Meekatharra	389	92	481	181	47	228	148	34	182
Mingenew	14	3	17	10	1	11	10	1	11
Morawa	21	—	21	12	—	12	11	—	11
Mount Magnet	88	17	105	63	12	75	53	10	63
Mullewa	157	32	189	89	18	107	62	13	75
Northampton	57	20	77	36	15	51	32	13	45
Perenjori	14	1	15	9	1	10	9	1	10
Shark Bay	50	5	55	32	3	35	28	3	31
Three Springs	38	3	42	26	2	29	23	2	26
Warburton	171	34	205	97	19	116	78	17	95
Wiluna	457	232	689	285	160	445	129	65	194
Yalgoo	28	3	31	18	3	21	15	3	18
<i>Total</i>	<i>4,729</i>	<i>1,096</i>	<i>5,834</i>	<i>2,545</i>	<i>692</i>	<i>3,245</i>	<i>1,875</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>2,380</i>
Pilbara —									
Dampier	36	5	42	24	3	28	22	3	26
Karratha	472	62	534	254	43	297	234	41	275
Marble Bar	79	2	81	43	2	45	37	2	39
Newman	443	138	581	242	88	330	196	55	251
Nullagine	112	113	225	95	90	185	37	29	66
Onslow	159	46	206	90	32	123	67	24	92
Pannawonica	20	3	23	15	2	17	13	2	15
Paraburdoo	102	9	111	64	9	73	54	8	62
Port Hedland	1,061	239	1,301	539	131	671	438	113	552
Roebourne	455	96	551	238	52	290	180	43	223
Telfer	25	—	25	4	—	4	4	—	4
Tom Price	121	30	151	78	11	89	70	11	81
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,085</i>	<i>743</i>	<i>3,831</i>	<i>1,686</i>	<i>463</i>	<i>2,152</i>	<i>1,289</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>1,607</i>
Kimberley —									
Broome	1,396	238	1,636	782	168	952	630	139	771
Derby	405	119	525	260	50	311	219	49	269
Fitzroy Crossing	725	110	835	401	78	479	290	65	355
Halls Creek	539	81	621	322	60	383	240	55	296
Kalumburu	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	1
Kununurra	674	108	784	385	57	444	296	53	351
Wyndham	237	41	278	144	33	177	109	29	138
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,977</i>	<i>697</i>	<i>4,680</i>	<i>2,295</i>	<i>446</i>	<i>2,747</i>	<i>1,699</i>	<i>383</i>	<i>2,088</i>
External Territories (c) —									
Christmas Island	13	—	13	2	—	2	2	—	2
Cocos Island	5	—	5	4	—	4	4	—	4
<i>Total</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>6</i>
<b>Western Australian Total</b>	<b>62,088</b>	<b>14,971</b>	<b>77,374</b>	<b>32,941</b>	<b>7,357</b>	<b>40,454</b>	<b>25,310</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>31,440</b>

See Explanatory Notes. (a) An individual, who appeared at more than one court location, will be included in the counts for each of those court locations but only once in the total. (b) Includes corporate bodies and matters where the sex of the person was not recorded. (c) Christmas Island and Cocos Island are External Territories included for statistical purposes.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

6 — PENALTIES IMPOSED BY OFFENCE CLASS AND PENALTY TYPE, 1994-95

Offence class	Penalties									
	Total convictions	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	Two or more penalties (b)
Offences against the person —										
115 Driving causing death	6	—	—	—	1	—	6	5	—	6
121 Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm	45	7	—	1	4	—	39	33	1	40
122 Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1,125	228	—	92	179	112	71	580	11	147
129 Other assault	2,616	351	1	170	314	289	2	1,577	57	143
136 Sexual assault according to State or Territory law	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1
137 Sexual offences (consent proscribed)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
191 Kidnapping and abduction	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0
192 Illtreatment of children	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
193 Hijacking of & other acts endangering life (aircraft etc)	16	—	—	—	1	—	—	15	—	0
198 Defamation and libel	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
199 Other offences against the person	44	11	—	3	9	5	—	17	—	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,856</i>	<i>597</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>267</i>	<i>509</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>2,229</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>338</i>
Robbery and extortion —										
211 Armed robbery	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
212 Other robbery	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
Breaking and entering, fraud etc —										
311 Breaking and entering	2,198	955	—	330	551	56	86	594	6	359
321 Fraud, forgery and false pretences	8,614	1,783	1,205	1,855	1,955	3,122	2	3,120	23	3,320
322 Misappropriation	861	206	—	153	265	38	—	317	19	137
323 Counterfeiting	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
331 Receiving	957	154	—	95	199	60	12	521	10	94
332 Unlawful possession of stolen goods	279	29	—	25	40	8	2	194	6	25
339 Handling of stolen goods, other	5	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	0
351 Theft or illegal use of a motor vehicle	892	374	—	85	151	40	175	314	1	225
399 Other theft	5,709	568	—	523	1,029	590	65	3,118	306	477
<i>Total</i>	<i>19,516</i>	<i>4,070</i>	<i>1,205</i>	<i>3,067</i>	<i>4,190</i>	<i>3,914</i>	<i>342</i>	<i>8,182</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>4,637</i>
Property and environment offences —										
411 Arson	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	0
419 Other property damage	1,980	104	—	104	172	82	6	1,545	59	92
423 Flora and fauna	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,988</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1,553</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>92</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

6 — PENALTIES IMPOSED BY OFFENCE CLASS AND PENALTY TYPE, 1994-95—continued

Offence class	Penalties									
	Total convictions	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	Two or more penalties (b)
Offences against good order —										
511 Offences against Government security and operations	29	—	—	—	3	—	—	26	—	0
524 Contempt of court, other	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0
525 Pervert the course of justice, including perjury	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
526 Breach of community service order	216	64	—	17	12	—	—	131	—	8
527 Breach of other probation, parole etc orders	3,913	768	1	112	300	47	2	2,706	72	93
528 Escape from custody	293	146	—	5	17	8	1	120	1	5
533 Resist / hinder police	3,591	201	—	63	134	50	105	3,108	78	144
549 Other offences against justice procedures	500	27	—	12	14	36	1	412	23	25
551 Possession and/or use of firearms	702	24	—	2	8	4	1	648	31	16
552 Possession and/or use of bombs	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	0
558 Possession and/or use of other weapons	280	12	—	7	14	6	—	236	10	5
559 Possession, use and handling weapons, other	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	0
571 Child pornography	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	0
572 Censorship	5	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	0
591 Liquor licensing	1,200	2	—	5	2	19	—	1,135	39	2
592 Betting and gambling	108	3	—	—	—	—	—	105	—	0
593 Trespassing and vagrancy	719	67	—	18	45	26	—	523	50	10
595 Prostitution	28	—	—	—	1	—	—	27	—	0
599 Other offences against good order	4,628	217	—	55	118	161	10	3,884	224	41
<i>Total</i>	<i>16,227</i>	<i>1,533</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>669</i>	<i>358</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>13,071</i>	<i>532</i>	<i>349</i>
Drug offences —										
613 Possess and/or use opium	59	4	—	2	4	1	—	50	—	2
615 Possess and/or use other narcotics	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	0
617 Possess and/or use cannabis, all forms	3,098	41	—	42	83	16	—	2,895	52	31
618 Possess and/or use other drugs	1,074	38	—	28	72	10	—	926	22	22
648 Import/export other drugs	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	0
653 Deal and traffic in opium and its derivatives	8	1	—	—	1	—	—	6	—	0
657 Deal and traffic in cannabis, all forms	261	13	—	12	22	1	—	218	1	6
658 Deal and traffic in other drugs	119	9	—	9	18	—	—	91	—	8
667 Manufacture/grow cannabis, all forms	1,041	5	—	11	23	4	—	995	11	8
668 Manufacture/grow other drugs	80	—	—	3	5	—	—	73	1	2
699 Other drug offences	2,279	30	—	25	54	21	—	2,131	33	15
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,023</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>7,389</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>94</i>

See footnotes at end of table.

COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

6 — PENALTIES IMPOSED BY OFFENCE CLASS AND PENALTY TYPE, 1994-95—continued

Offence class	Penalties									
	Total convictions	Imprisonment	Suspended sentence or CRO	CSO	Probation	Good behaviour bond (a)	Loss or suspended MDL	Fine	Other	Two or more penalties (b)
<b>Motor vehicle and traffic offences —</b>										
711 Drink driving offences	12,600	175	—	121	143	—	12,157	12,220	2	12,156
724 Dangerous and reckless driving	1,177	76	—	15	34	—	910	1,061	3	909
725 Negligent driving	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
732 Driving while licence suspended or cancelled	2,497	197	—	83	151	—	2,309	2,143	46	2,355
733 Driving without a licence (excluding Group 732)	4,782	359	—	65	162	3	2,310	4,237	10	2,310
739 Other driving offences	406	—	—	—	1	1	16	402	6	20
749 Traffic offences (excluding parking)	1,734	38	—	17	26	—	192	1,664	7	200
751 Registration offences (including Third Party insurance)	815	—	—	3	2	1	5	808	2	6
752 Roadworthiness	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	0
799 Other motor vehicle, traffic and related offences	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>24,058</i>	<i>845</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>519</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>17,899</i>	<i>22,582</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>17,956</i>
<b>Other offences —</b>										
821 Banking, financial institutions and insurance	6	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	0
831 Taxation and stamp duty (excluding excise)	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
832 Posts and telecommunications	248	114	—	—	1	16	—	129	—	12
833 Customs, excise etc	67	—	—	—	—	3	—	64	—	0
834 Immigration, passports etc	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	—	0
835 Electoral	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
836 Air navigation, airports and aircraft operations	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	0
837 Health, mental health, quarantine, food standards, etc	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
838 Bankruptcy	24	9	—	4	6	4	—	13	—	8
839 Copyright and patents	8	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	0
842 Births, deaths, marriages etc	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1
844 Railways and other transport	276	6	—	3	8	—	—	254	8	3
845 Marine navigation, coastal, inland waterways etc	103	—	—	—	—	38	—	65	—	0
847 Agriculture and stock, pasture protection, guano etc	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	0
848 Fisheries	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	0
852 Marketing boards etc, control	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	5	0
853 Dangerous drugs and poisons (excluding Division 6)	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	0
854 Secret commissions, trade practices etc	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
856 Explosives	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	0
861 Dog control	12	—	—	—	—	1	—	11	—	0
889 Other offences, nec	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	0
891 Prison security	38	7	—	1	2	1	—	27	1	1
892 Contraband/drug related	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>896</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>670</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>31</i>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>74,567</b>	<b>7,436</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>6,360</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>18,485</b>	<b>55,676</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>23,498</b>

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes parental good behaviour bond. (b) For each offence type and group, this is the number of convictions that attracted more than one penalty.



COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

7 — CONVICTIONS BY SEX, OFFENCE GROUP AND AGE, 1994-95

Offence group	Age group									Total
	Under 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 and over	Not stated	
<b>MALES</b>										
Offences against the person	436	936	671	453	315	318	92	25	—	3,246
Robbery and extortion	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Breaking and entering, fraud etc	2,161	3,496	2,203	1,846	1,329	1,250	658	197	—	13,140
Property and environment offences	423	586	322	191	107	90	23	3	—	1,745
Offences against good order	2,004	4,424	2,562	1,615	1,017	1,140	359	92	—	13,213
Drug offences	1,058	2,281	1,384	916	580	388	76	11	—	6,694
Motor vehicle and traffic offences	2,453	6,715	4,290	2,903	1,812	1,903	653	165	1	20,895
Other offences	91	132	167	90	76	205	29	9	24	823
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,628</b>	<b>18,570</b>	<b>11,599</b>	<b>8,014</b>	<b>5,236</b>	<b>5,294</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>59,758</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>										
Offences against the person	75	165	137	86	61	57	11	3	—	595
Robbery and extortion	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Breaking and entering, fraud etc	613	1,502	1,162	1,064	671	749	333	172	—	6,266
Property and environment offences	26	64	63	45	20	18	1	2	—	239
Offences against good order	366	943	592	470	252	223	73	14	1	2,934
Drug offences	153	394	279	207	137	107	17	3	—	1,297
Motor vehicle and traffic offences	376	984	677	428	325	257	46	13	—	3,106
Other offences	7	8	11	13	14	14	2	2	—	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>4,060</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14,509</b>
<b>TOTAL (a)</b>										
Offences against the person	513	1,103	811	542	377	379	103	28	—	3,856
Robbery and extortion	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
Breaking and entering, fraud etc	2,774	5,002	3,408	2,915	2,002	2,051	991	372	1	19,516
Property and environment offences	449	650	385	239	128	108	24	5	—	1,988
Offences against good order	2,373	5,370	3,154	2,100	1,274	1,374	432	109	39	16,227
Drug offences	1,213	2,676	1,664	1,139	719	497	96	15	4	8,023
Motor vehicle and traffic offences	2,830	7,703	4,975	3,346	2,147	2,176	702	178	1	24,058
Other offences	98	140	178	103	90	219	31	11	26	896
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,252</b>	<b>22,644</b>	<b>14,575</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>6,737</b>	<b>6,804</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74,567</b>

See Explanatory Notes. (a) Includes corporate bodies and matters where the sex of the person was not reported.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## INTRODUCTION

1. The statistics contained in this publication relate to complaints finalised in the Courts of Petty Sessions of Western Australia during the twelve months ended 30 June 1995.
2. It should be noted that a computerised collection and coding system was introduced for processing data for recent editions. As a result the Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) code for each offence was automatically derived solely from the Act details which the offence contravened. This is in contrast to Courts of Petty Sessions statistics published prior to 1991 when clerical coding of offences was used. Care should therefore be exercised when comparing the offence classification for 1994-95 with those for years prior to 1991-92.

## COURTS OF PETTY SESSIONS

3. Established under the Justices Act 1902. In Western Australia, Courts of Petty Sessions deal with:
  - charges of simple offences against adult persons, e.g. traffic offences, disorderly behaviour
  - indictable offences triable summarily e.g. assault and theft
  - preliminary proceedings relating to indictable offences which are not triable summarily, or on which the defendant has an election and chooses to be dealt with on indictment, and
  - matters of an administrative and licensing nature.
4. The statistics for Courts of Petty Sessions are derived from administrative byproduct data on court proceedings supplied by the Western Australian Police Service.

## SCOPE

5. Included in the collection are complaints and indictable offences triable summarily for which proceedings were commenced during 1994-95 or earlier years and finalised during 1994-95.
6. Excluded are:
  - complaints and indictable offences triable summarily for which proceedings were commenced but not finalised in 1994-95.
  - matters relating to the administration of criminal cases formerly dealt with by the court, e.g. conversion of fines to a community service order.
  - matters where the only outcome during 1994-95 was the issue of a bench warrant.

## CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES

7. Offences are classified according to the Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) 1985.
8. In the ANCO, acts of attempting, conspiring or inciting others to commit a crime, aiding in the commission of a crime, or participating as an accessory before the fact to a crime are classified to the offence group to which the crime itself belongs. Accessory after the fact is classified to Division 5 as an offence against good order.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### PENALTIES

9. The total number of penalties imposed may exceed the total number of charges for which convictions were recorded. This is because, once proven, an offence may attract more than one penalty.

### UNDER COUNTING OF INDIGENOUS PERSONS

10. Statistics relating to Indigenous people are no more than indicators of the incidence of charges involving Indigenous persons. Many source documents do not state whether the person charged was Indigenous or Non-Indigenous. The system of identification is based on observation by the person preparing records used for statistical compiling rather than through a process of self identification.

### DATA ITEMS COLLECTED

11. More detailed statistics relating to the following data items are available upon request.

- court of finalisation
- date of finalisation
- sex
- indigenous
- age
- type of offence
- outcome
- type of penalty
- severity of penalty

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

12. The following symbol, where shown in columns of figures or elsewhere in the tables, means

- nil or rounded to zero

## GLOSSARY

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Appearance	For the purposes of this report, an Appearance is an appearance by an accused person in court, during which at least one complaint against that person is finalised.
Complaint	A complaint is a written charge preferred against a person in order to initiate court proceedings.
Complaint Finalised	<p>For statistical purposes a complaint is regarded as finalised when it is removed, with or without a court hearing, from the list of complaints awaiting hearing in a Courts of Petty Sessions.</p> <p>Finalisation may occur:</p> <p>(a) Prior to commencement of the court hearing or trial due to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ administrative or executive action (e.g. decline to prosecute, charges dropped), or</li><li>▪ other reasons (e.g. accused died).</li></ul> <p>(b) after commencement of court hearing of trial because</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ there is a finding of guilty, and conviction and sentencing takes place, or</li><li>▪ the defendant is committed to a higher court for sentencing, or</li><li>▪ no conviction is recorded under certain circumstances, or</li><li>▪ the matter is an indictable offence and is committed to higher court for hearing, or</li><li>▪ the matter relates to an offence by or against a minor and is remitted to the Children's Court, or</li><li>▪ the defendant is unfit to plead, or</li><li>▪ the case is not proceeded with, or</li><li>▪ the matter is not proven and the defendant is acquitted, or</li><li>▪ other reasons (e.g. accused is of unsound mind, accused died).</li></ul>
Conditional Release Order (CRO)	Offenders receiving this penalty are required to undertake unpaid work in the community for periods ranging from four to twelve weeks. Work is performed under strict supervision and failure to attend as required results in the penalty reverting to detention.
Distinct Person	The number of distinct persons is compiled by summing one offence (the most serious) for each separate person appearing in court on a particular day. In effect, if an offender were to be involved in one court action early in a year and subsequently in a completely separate action later in the year the count would be two distinct persons.
Indictment	Indictment means a written charge preferred against an accused person in order to action a trial before some court other than justices exercising summary jurisdiction.

## GLOSSARY *continued*

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Indictable Offence	An indictable offence means an offence, a complaint of which is , <b>unless</b> otherwise expressly stated by the Criminal Code, triable by jury.
Indigenous	Persons who identify as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
Most Serious Offence	For statistical purposes the most serious offence is the one attracting the most serious penalty. In accordance with Australian standards for court statistics, the order of severity of penalties impose in Western Australia is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Imprisonment</li><li>▪ Conditional Release Order (CRO)</li><li>▪ Community Service Order (CSO)</li><li>▪ Probation</li><li>▪ Recognisance (bond)</li><li>▪ Loss or suspension of Motor Driver's Licence (MDL)</li><li>▪ Fine</li><li>▪ Compensation</li><li>▪ Restitution</li><li>▪ Other order</li></ul>
Total charges	The number of total charges is compiled by summing the counts of each offence for which a complaint is finalised during the year.





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