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## NOTES

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### ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents monthly information on persons in custody. The statistics are derived from information collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from administrative records held by corrective services agencies in each State and Territory. Details are provided for each State and Territory, together with numbers and imprisonment rates by type of custody (i.e. open or secure custody or periodic detention). Information is also presented on prisoner numbers by legal status (sentenced or unsentenced) and by sentence type, for all prisoners and for Indigenous prisoners, together with the number of sentenced receptions into custody and the number of federal prisoners.

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### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ERP	Estimated Resident Population
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not published
r	figures or series revised since previous issue
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero

Where figures have been rounded discrepancies may occur between the sum of component items and the total.

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

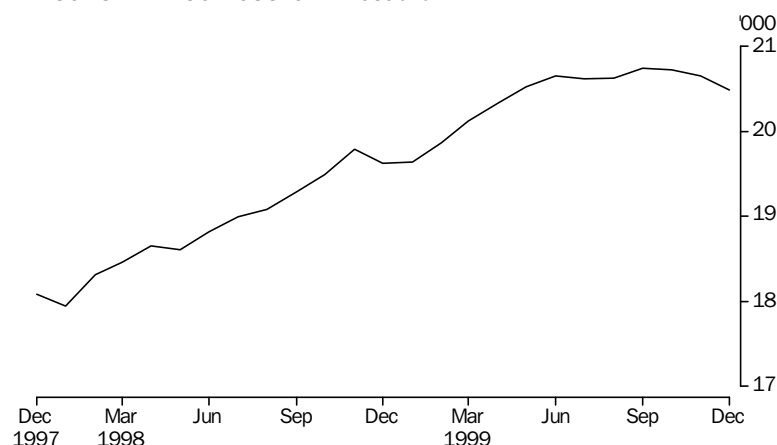
### NUMBER OF PRISONERS

In the December quarter 1999 the average daily number of prisoners in Australia was 20,619, a decrease of 40 (less than 1%) on the September quarter 1999. Victoria and Queensland recorded the greatest increases, rising by 117 prisoners (4%) and 45 prisoners (1%) respectively. The number of prisoners in Western Australia and New South Wales was down by 94 (3%) and 59 (1%) respectively.

In the December quarter 1999, 7,221 prisoners (35%) were in New South Wales. Queensland accounted for another 5,094 prisoners (25%), followed by Victoria and Western Australia with 3,088 (15%) and 2,896 (14%) prisoners respectively.

The average daily number of prisoners in Australia increased by 988 (5%) over the year from the December quarter 1998. The largest increases from the December quarter 1998 were recorded in New South Wales and Western Australia, rising by 420 (6%) and 311 (12%) respectively. South Australia recorded the greatest decrease (50, or 4%).

#### PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY—Australia



### RATES PER 100,000 ADULTS

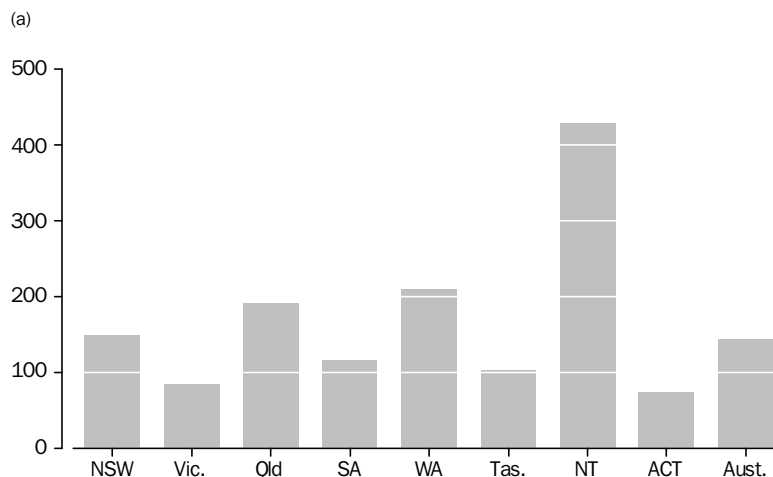
Nationally, the average daily imprisonment rate was 144 prisoners per 100,000 adult population during the December quarter 1999, unchanged since the September quarter 1999. However, the average daily imprisonment rate increased by 5 from the December quarter 1998. The Northern Territory had the highest imprisonment rate per 100,000 adult population (429). This is substantially greater than the next highest jurisdictions, Western Australia and Queensland, with rates of 210 and 192 prisoners per 100,000 adult population respectively (see graph on page 4).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

### RATES PER 100,000 ADULTS *continued*

From the September quarter 1999 to the December quarter 1999, most States and Territories reported only small variations in rates of imprisonment. The greatest variations were found in the Australian Capital Territory (including Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons) and Tasmania, with the Australian Capital Territory recording an increase of 8% and Tasmania recording an increase of 6%.

#### AVERAGE DAILY IMPRISONMENT RATE



(a) Rate per 100,000 adult population.

### SEX

Of the average daily number of prisoners in Australia during the December quarter 1999, 19,335 (94%) were males and 1,285 (6%) were females. The proportion of female prisoners remained unchanged from the September quarter 1999 to the December quarter 1999. For the December quarter 1999 this proportion varied only slightly between States and Territories.

### TYPE OF CUSTODY

In the December quarter 1999 the average daily number of prisoners in secure prison custody in Australia was 14,732 (71%). The remaining 5,887 prisoners (29%) were held in open prison custody. The highest proportion of prisoners held in secure prisons was recorded in Victoria (89%), followed by South Australia (87%). The State or Territory with the lowest proportion of prisoners in secure prison custody was the Australian Capital Territory (including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons), with 46%. All female prisoners in South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory were held in secure prison custody.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

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### LEGAL STATUS AND SENTENCE TYPE

On 1 December 1999, there were 20,455 prisoners in Australia. Of these, 17,077 (83%) were sentenced and 3,378 (17%) were unsentenced. The Australian Capital Territory, including Australian Capital Territory prisoners held in New South Wales prisons, had the highest proportion of unsentenced persons in prison custody (26%), followed by South Australia (24%) and Tasmania (21%). Queensland and Western Australia recorded the lowest proportion of unsentenced persons in prison custody (13%).

### SENTENCED RECEPTIONS

There were 10,038 sentenced receptions in Australia during the December quarter 1999. Queensland reported the highest number of sentenced receptions with 4,710 prisoners followed by 2,099 in New South Wales and 1,021 in Victoria. Of all sentenced receptions in Australia during this quarter, 2,198 (22%) were of persons received into custody for default of fines and no other sentence (fine default only), with Queensland reporting 1,462 (67%) of these fine default only receptions.

During the December quarter 1999, the sentenced reception rate for Australia was 70 per 100,000 adult population. The highest sentenced reception rates were recorded in the Northern Territory and Queensland (330 and 177 persons per 100,000 adult population respectively). The lowest rate was recorded for the Australian Capital Territory, where there were 6 sentenced receptions per 100,000 adult population.

### INDIGENOUS PRISONERS

On 1 December 1999, there were 3,916 Indigenous prisoners in Australia (19% of the Australian prisoner population). The rate of imprisonment for Indigenous persons was 1,727 per 100,000 adult Indigenous population. Nationally, the Indigenous rate of imprisonment was 15 times the non-Indigenous rate.

The highest number of Indigenous prisoners was recorded in New South Wales (1,117). The Northern Territory recorded the highest proportion of Indigenous prisoners, where 67% of all prisoners were Indigenous. The highest rate of imprisonment for Indigenous persons was recorded in Western Australia (2,972 Indigenous persons per 100,000 adult Indigenous population). The highest ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous rates of imprisonment was recorded in Western Australia, which had an Indigenous rate of imprisonment 21 times the non-Indigenous rate.

### PERIODIC DETENTION

Periodic Detention is a form of custody only used in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. There was an average daily number of 1,321 persons in New South Wales and 65 persons in the Australian Capital Territory held in periodic detention during the December quarter 1999.

### FEDERAL PRISONERS

On 1 December 1999, there were 657 federal sentenced prisoners in Australia. Of these, 303 (46%) were sentenced in New South Wales, followed by Western Australia with 111 (17%) and Queensland with 104 (16%) respectively.

# 1 PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>NSW(b)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(c)</i>	<i>ACT(d)</i>	<i>Aust.(c)</i>
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
<b>1997</b>	6 330	2 566	4 169	1 473	2 234	259	593	118	37	17 661
<b>1998</b>	6 516	2 796	4 874	1 403	2 389	302	607	118	37	18 923
<b>1999</b>	7 117	2 947	5 095	1 363	2 903	343	615	105	36	20 418
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	6 801	2 857	5 037	1 377	2 585	332	602	123	40	19 631
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	6 834	2 827	5 101	1 370	2 765	318	629	127	35	19 878
June quarter	7 127	2 899	5 137	1 369	2 959	339	642	124	31	20 504
September quarter	7 280	2 971	5 049	1 384	2 990	347	603	128	35	20 659
December quarter	7 221	3 088	5 094	1 327	2 896	367	585	135	42	20 619
<b>1998</b>										
October	6 705	2 836	5 020	1 424	2 523	341	597	121	43	19 488
November	6 875	2 884	5 044	1 379	2 617	341	611	118	40	19 791
December	6 825	2 853	5 047	1 329	2 617	313	598	130	38	19 620
<b>1999</b>										
January	6 796	2 827	5 041	1 343	2 665	319	614	129	38	19 642
February	6 803	2 813	5 097	1 389	2 782	316	633	131	38	19 870
March	6 900	2 840	5 164	1 379	2 851	317	640	121	30	20 122
April	7 050	2 892	5 143	1 354	2 890	330	642	123	30	20 332
May	7 127	2 895	5 155	1 349	2 972	343	650	122	33	20 524
June	7 205	2 911	5 111	1 406	3 015	345	634	127	30	20 656
July	7 234	2 928	5 061	1 388	3 011	346	615	126	35	20 617
August	7 287	2 961	5 027	1 394	2 984	343	594	127	36	20 626
September	7 319	3 027	5 059	1 370	2 973	352	601	131	36	20 737
October	7 267	3 107	5 107	1 334	2 922	364	573	132	48	20 721
November	7 238	3 096	5 111	1 340	2 891	363	573	133	41	20 653
December	7 160	3 060	5 064	1 306	2 876	375	608	141	36	20 485

(a) Includes Work Outreach Camps and Community Custody Centres in Qld—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 8.

(b) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. These persons are included in the NSW figures, as well as being reported separately under 'ACT in NSW'.

(c) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (b) above. The figures are a single count taken on a specific day of the month and are not an average of the daily prisoner population for that month. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(d) Refers to unsentenced persons in ACT prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

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## PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY(a) *continued*

<i>Period</i>	<i>NSW(b)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(c)</i>	<i>ACT(d)</i>	<i>Aust.(c)</i>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>1997</b>	134.6	72.6	162.6	131.2	168.4	73.0	449.1	50.4	11.8	126.1
<b>1998</b>	137.5	78.5	188.2	124.4	177.9	85.0	455.7	50.4	15.8	134.3
<b>1999</b>	148.1	81.5	193.0	120.0	211.6	96.4	453.9	54.7	15.3	142.8
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	142.8	79.7	193.2	121.8	190.9	93.3	450.2	52.7	17.2	138.6
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	142.9	78.6	194.6	120.9	203.1	89.3	467.6	54.3	15.1	139.8
June quarter	148.5	80.3	195.0	120.7	216.2	95.4	475.5	52.9	13.2	143.6
September quarter	151.2	82.0	190.9	121.8	217.4	97.5	444.3	54.4	15.1	144.2
December quarter	149.5	84.9	191.6	116.6	209.8	103.2	428.7	57.4	17.6	143.5
<b>1998</b>										
October	140.8	79.1	192.5	125.9	186.3	95.8	446.5	51.8	18.2	137.6
November	144.4	80.5	193.4	121.9	193.2	95.9	456.9	50.5	17.2	139.7
December	143.3	79.6	193.5	117.5	193.3	88.2	447.3	55.6	16.3	138.5
<b>1999</b>										
January	142.1	78.6	192.4	118.6	195.7	89.7	456.4	55.2	16.0	138.2
February	142.3	78.2	194.5	122.6	204.3	88.9	470.7	56.0	16.3	139.8
March	144.3	78.9	197.1	121.7	209.3	89.3	476.2	51.8	13.0	141.5
April	146.9	80.1	195.3	119.3	211.1	92.9	475.7	52.5	12.8	142.4
May	148.5	80.2	195.7	118.9	217.1	96.4	481.4	52.0	14.1	143.8
June	150.1	80.6	194.0	123.9	220.2	96.9	469.3	54.2	12.8	144.7
July	150.2	80.8	191.3	122.2	218.9	97.2	453.1	53.6	14.8	143.9
August	151.3	81.7	190.0	122.7	217.0	96.4	437.3	54.0	15.2	144.0
September	152.0	83.5	191.3	120.6	216.2	98.9	442.6	55.5	15.2	144.8
October	150.5	85.4	192.1	117.3	211.6	102.2	420.0	56.1	20.2	144.2
November	149.9	85.1	192.3	117.8	209.4	102.1	420.1	56.4	17.2	143.7
December	148.2	84.2	190.5	114.8	208.3	105.4	445.8	59.8	15.4	142.5

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## PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Sex and Type of Prison Custody

Prison custody and sex	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT(c)	Aust.(b)
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
<b>Males</b>										
<b>Secure prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	3 381	2 341	3 716	1 137	1 462	198	465	32	34	12 733
<b>1999</b>	3 744	2 465	3 844	1 100	1 758	235	476	39	33	13 654
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	3 636	2 401	3 826	1 117	1 588	221	454	32	38	13 280
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	3 661	2 371	3 851	1 103	1 706	207	478	38	33	13 409
June quarter	3 734	2 416	3 858	1 105	1 775	236	493	39	29	13 646
September quarter	3 826	2 482	3 812	1 121	1 783	243	466	38	33	13 766
December quarter	3 753	2 589	3 853	1 071	1 768	253	468	40	36	13 790
October	3 790	2 594	3 854	1 073	1 797	248	452	40	40	13 849
November	3 760	2 591	3 880	1 086	1 764	246	457	37	35	13 819
December	3 709	2 583	3 826	1 053	1 742	264	493	44	33	13 702
<b>Open prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	2 792	301	892	187	766	93	113	79	..	5 142
<b>1999</b>	2 953	301	943	188	930	91	113	82	..	5 520
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	2 776	294	922	182	817	98	118	86	..	5 208
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	2 779	283	959	193	848	99	122	82	..	5 282
June quarter	2 970	305	968	191	970	85	121	78	..	5 612
September quarter	3 020	310	929	190	983	90	112	81	..	5 635
December quarter	3 038	305	915	179	918	92	98	85	..	5 545
October	3 046	305	939	183	908	92	100	83	..	5 573
November	3 045	321	912	181	919	95	98	86	..	5 572
December	3 022	290	895	173	926	88	97	87	..	5 490
<b>Total prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	6 172	2 641	4 607	1 324	2 228	290	579	112	34	17 875
<b>1999</b>	6 697	2 766	4 786	1 288	2 688	326	590	121	33	19 174
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	6 412	2 695	4 748	1 300	2 405	319	572	117	38	18 488
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	6 440	2 653	4 810	1 296	2 554	305	600	120	33	18 691
June quarter	6 705	2 721	4 826	1 296	2 745	321	614	117	29	19 257
September quarter	6 846	2 792	4 741	1 310	2 767	333	579	119	33	19 401
December quarter	6 791	2 894	4 768	1 249	2 685	345	566	126	36	19 335
October	6 836	2 899	4 793	1 256	2 705	341	552	123	40	19 422
November	6 805	2 912	4 792	1 267	2 683	341	555	123	35	19 391
December	6 731	2 873	4 721	1 226	2 667	352	590	131	33	19 192

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<i>Prison custody and sex</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(b)</i>	<i>ACT(c)</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
<b>Females</b>										
<b>Secure prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	223	125	195	79	100	12	28	—	3	764
<b>1999</b>	277	148	216	74	142	17	25	—	3	903
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	259	132	205	78	119	13	30	—	3	837
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	265	143	199	74	142	13	29	—	3	866
June quarter	279	146	206	73	139	18	28	—	2	891
September quarter	283	146	222	74	144	14	25	—	3	910
December quarter	279	159	237	77	144	23	19	—	6	943
October	281	176	228	78	151	23	21	—	8	965
November	279	149	232	73	141	22	18	—	5	919
December	277	151	250	80	140	23	19	—	4	943
<b>Open prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	122	30	71	—	61	—	—	6	..	284
<b>1999</b>	144	33	92	—	73	—	—	8	..	342
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	130	30	84	—	61	—	—	6	..	306
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	129	31	91	—	70	—	—	7	..	321
June quarter	143	33	105	—	75	—	—	7	..	356
September quarter	150	33	85	—	80	—	—	9	..	348
December quarter	152	34	89	—	67	—	—	10	..	342
October	150	32	86	—	67	—	—	9	..	335
November	154	35	87	—	66	—	—	10	..	342
December	152	36	93	—	68	—	—	10	..	349
<b>Total prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	344	155	267	79	161	12	28	6	3	1 048
<b>1999</b>	421	181	309	74	215	17	25	8	3	1 245
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	389	162	289	78	180	13	30	6	3	1 143
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	394	174	290	74	211	13	29	7	3	1 187
June quarter	423	178	310	73	214	18	28	7	2	1 247
September quarter	434	179	308	74	223	14	25	9	3	1 258
December quarter	431	193	325	77	211	23	19	10	6	1 285
October	431	208	314	78	217	23	21	9	8	1 300
November	433	184	319	73	208	22	18	10	5	1 262
December	429	187	343	80	208	23	19	10	4	1 292

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<i>Prison custody and sex</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(b)</i>	<i>ACT(c)</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER										
<b>Persons</b>										
<b>Secure prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	3 603	2 465	3 911	1 216	1 562	209	493	32	37	13 497
<b>1999</b>	4 021	2 614	4 060	1 174	1 901	252	501	39	36	14 557
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	3 895	2 533	4 031	1 195	1 707	234	484	32	40	14 118
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	3 926	2 514	4 051	1 177	1 847	219	507	38	35	14 275
June quarter	4 014	2 561	4 064	1 178	1 915	254	521	39	31	14 537
September quarter	4 109	2 628	4 034	1 194	1 927	257	491	38	35	14 676
December quarter	4 032	2 748	4 090	1 148	1 912	276	487	40	42	14 732
October	4 071	2 770	4 082	1 151	1 948	271	473	40	48	14 814
November	4 039	2 740	4 112	1 159	1 905	268	475	37	41	14 739
December	3 986	2 734	4 076	1 133	1 882	287	511	44	36	14 645
<b>Open prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	2 913	331	963	187	827	93	113	85	..	5 427
<b>1999</b>	3 097	333	1 035	188	1 003	91	113	90	..	5 861
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	2 906	324	1 006	182	878	98	118	91	..	5 513
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	2 908	313	1 050	193	918	99	122	89	..	5 603
June quarter	3 114	338	1 073	191	1 044	85	121	85	..	5 967
September quarter	3 171	343	1 015	190	1 063	90	112	90	..	5 983
December quarter	3 190	339	1 004	179	985	92	98	95	..	5 887
October	3 196	337	1 025	183	975	92	100	92	..	5 908
November	3 199	356	999	181	986	95	98	96	..	5 914
December	3 174	326	988	173	994	88	97	97	..	5 840
<b>Total prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	6 516	2 796	4 874	1 403	2 389	302	607	118	37	18 923
<b>1999</b>	7 117	2 947	5 095	1 363	2 903	343	615	129	36	20 418
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	6 801	2 857	5 037	1 377	2 585	332	602	123	40	19 631
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	6 834	2 827	5 101	1 370	2 765	318	629	127	35	19 878
June quarter	7 127	2 899	5 137	1 369	2 959	339	642	124	31	20 504
September quarter	7 280	2 971	5 049	1 384	2 990	347	603	128	35	20 659
December quarter	7 221	3 088	5 094	1 327	2 896	367	585	135	42	20 619
October	7 267	3 107	5 107	1 334	2 922	364	573	132	48	20 721
November	7 238	3 096	5 111	1 340	2 891	363	573	133	41	20 653
December	7 160	3 060	5 064	1 306	2 876	375	608	141	36	20 485

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RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>Males</b>										
<b>Secure prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	145.2	134.4	288.9	206.2	218.1	114.2	656.4	28.1	29.5	183.6
<b>1999</b>	158.4	139.3	293.3	198.2	256.5	135.6	659.6	33.5	28.1	193.8
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	155.3	137.0	295.5	202.1	234.8	127.7	636.8	27.5	32.5	190.4
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	155.8	134.8	296.0	199.2	250.7	119.2	667.4	33.0	28.2	191.4
June quarter	158.2	136.8	295.0	199.3	259.6	136.2	684.8	33.7	25.1	194.0
September quarter	161.5	140.0	290.2	201.8	259.5	140.5	644.4	32.8	28.2	195.0
December quarter	157.9	145.6	291.9	192.5	256.1	146.2	642.4	34.7	30.8	194.7
October	159.5	145.8	292.0	192.9	260.4	143.5	621.7	34.6	33.9	195.5
November	158.2	145.7	294.0	195.3	255.6	142.2	628.1	31.7	30.3	195.1
December	156.1	145.2	289.9	189.3	252.4	152.7	677.0	37.7	28.0	193.4
<b>Open prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	119.9	17.3	69.3	33.9	114.3	53.5	159.5	69.0	..	74.1
<b>1999</b>	124.9	17.0	72.0	33.9	135.7	52.8	157.3	70.3	..	78.3
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	118.6	16.8	71.2	33.0	120.8	56.6	166.2	74.3	..	74.7
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	118.2	16.1	73.7	34.9	124.7	56.9	170.4	71.1	..	75.4
June quarter	125.8	17.3	74.1	34.5	141.8	49.3	168.8	67.4	..	79.8
September quarter	127.5	17.5	70.8	34.2	143.1	51.9	155.1	69.4	..	79.8
December quarter	127.8	17.2	69.4	32.2	133.0	53.0	135.1	73.1	..	78.3
October	128.2	17.1	71.1	32.9	131.6	53.4	137.2	71.1	..	78.7
November	128.1	18.0	69.1	32.5	133.2	54.8	135.0	73.7	..	78.7
December	127.2	16.3	67.8	31.1	134.1	50.7	133.0	74.6	..	77.5
<b>Total prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	265.0	151.7	358.2	240.1	332.3	167.8	815.9	97.1	29.5	257.7
<b>1999</b>	283.2	156.3	365.2	232.1	392.2	188.4	816.9	103.8	28.1	272.1
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	273.9	153.8	366.7	235.1	355.7	184.3	803.0	101.8	32.5	265.0
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	274.0	150.9	369.7	234.2	375.4	176.1	837.8	104.1	28.2	266.8
June quarter	284.0	154.1	369.1	233.8	401.4	185.5	853.6	101.0	25.1	273.8
September quarter	289.1	157.5	361.0	235.9	402.6	192.4	799.4	102.2	28.2	274.8
December quarter	285.7	162.7	361.3	224.7	389.1	199.2	777.5	107.8	30.8	272.9
October	287.6	163.0	363.1	225.8	392.0	196.9	758.9	105.7	33.9	274.2
November	286.3	163.7	363.1	227.8	388.8	197.1	763.1	105.4	30.3	273.7
December	283.2	161.5	357.7	220.4	386.5	203.4	810.0	112.3	28.0	270.9

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<i>Prison custody and sex</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(b)</i>	<i>ACT(c)</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>Females</b>										
<b>Secure prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	9.2	6.8	15.0	13.8	14.9	6.3	44.9	—	2.5	10.7
<b>1999</b>	11.3	8.0	16.3	12.8	20.7	9.2	39.7	—	2.7	12.4
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	10.7	7.2	15.6	13.4	17.5	6.9	47.8	—	2.4	11.7
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	10.9	7.8	15.1	12.7	20.8	6.9	45.7	—	2.2	12.0
June quarter	11.4	7.9	15.5	12.6	20.3	10.0	44.4	—	1.7	12.3
September quarter	11.6	7.9	16.7	12.7	20.9	7.4	39.0	—	2.2	12.5
December quarter	11.4	8.5	17.7	13.2	20.9	12.3	29.8	—	4.7	12.9
October	11.5	9.5	17.0	13.4	21.8	12.5	32.3	—	6.7	13.2
November	11.4	8.0	17.3	12.6	20.5	12.1	27.8	—	4.4	12.6
December	11.3	8.1	18.7	13.8	20.3	12.4	29.2	—	3.0	12.9
<b>Open prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	5.0	1.7	5.5	—	9.1	—	—	5.1	..	4.0
<b>1999</b>	5.9	1.8	6.9	—	10.6	—	—	6.8	..	4.7
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	5.4	1.7	6.4	—	9.0	—	—	4.8	..	4.3
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	5.3	1.7	6.9	—	10.2	—	—	5.6	..	4.4
June quarter	5.9	1.8	7.9	—	10.9	—	—	5.9	..	4.9
September quarter	6.1	1.8	6.4	—	11.6	—	—	7.6	..	4.8
December quarter	6.2	1.8	6.6	—	9.7	—	—	8.1	..	4.7
October	6.1	1.7	6.4	—	9.7	—	—	7.5	..	4.6
November	6.3	1.9	6.5	—	9.6	—	—	8.4	..	4.7
December	6.2	1.9	6.9	—	9.9	—	—	8.4	..	4.8
<b>Total prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	14.3	8.5	20.4	13.8	23.9	6.3	44.9	5.1	2.5	14.7
<b>1999</b>	17.2	9.8	23.2	12.8	31.3	9.2	39.7	6.8	2.7	17.1
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	16.0	8.9	22.0	13.4	26.6	6.9	47.8	4.8	2.4	15.9
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	16.2	9.4	22.0	12.7	31.0	6.9	45.7	5.6	2.2	16.5
June quarter	17.3	9.7	23.4	12.6	31.3	10.0	44.4	5.9	1.7	17.2
September quarter	17.7	9.7	23.1	12.7	32.4	7.4	39.0	7.6	2.2	17.3
December quarter	17.6	10.4	24.3	13.2	30.6	12.3	29.8	8.1	4.7	17.6
October	17.6	11.2	23.5	13.4	31.5	12.5	32.3	7.5	6.7	17.8
November	17.6	9.9	23.8	12.6	30.1	12.1	27.8	8.4	4.4	17.3
December	17.5	10.1	25.6	13.8	30.2	12.4	29.2	8.4	3.0	17.7

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RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>Persons</b>										
<b>Secure prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	76.0	69.2	151.0	107.8	116.3	58.9	370.7	13.8	15.8	95.8
<b>1999</b>	83.6	72.2	153.8	103.4	138.5	70.7	370.1	16.6	15.3	101.8
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	81.8	70.7	154.6	105.6	126.1	65.7	361.6	13.6	17.2	99.7
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	82.1	69.9	154.6	103.9	135.7	61.6	376.9	16.3	15.1	100.4
June quarter	83.6	70.9	154.3	103.8	139.9	71.4	385.6	16.6	13.2	101.8
September quarter	85.3	72.5	152.5	105.1	140.1	72.2	361.7	16.2	15.1	102.5
December quarter	83.5	75.6	153.9	100.9	138.4	77.5	356.7	17.1	17.6	102.5
October	84.3	76.2	153.6	101.2	141.1	76.2	346.8	17.1	20.2	103.1
November	83.6	75.4	154.7	101.9	138.0	75.4	348.1	15.7	17.2	102.6
December	82.5	75.2	153.3	99.6	136.3	80.7	374.9	18.6	15.4	101.9
<b>Open prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	61.5	9.3	37.2	16.6	61.6	26.1	85.0	36.6	..	38.5
<b>1999</b>	64.4	9.2	39.2	16.6	73.1	25.7	83.8	38.2	..	41.0
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	61.0	9.0	38.6	16.1	64.9	27.6	88.6	39.1	..	38.9
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	60.8	8.7	40.1	17.1	67.4	27.7	90.8	38.0	..	39.4
June quarter	64.9	9.4	40.7	16.9	76.3	24.0	89.9	36.2	..	41.8
September quarter	65.9	9.5	38.4	16.7	77.3	25.3	82.7	38.1	..	41.8
December quarter	66.0	9.3	37.8	15.7	71.3	25.8	72.1	40.3	..	41.0
October	66.2	9.3	38.6	16.1	70.6	26.0	73.2	39.0	..	41.1
November	66.2	9.8	37.6	15.9	71.4	26.7	72.0	40.7	..	41.2
December	65.7	9.0	37.2	15.2	72.0	24.7	70.9	41.1	..	40.6
<b>Total prison custody</b>										
<b>1998</b>	137.5	78.5	188.2	124.4	177.9	85.0	455.7	50.4	15.8	134.3
<b>1999</b>	148.1	81.5	193.0	120.0	211.6	96.4	453.9	54.7	15.3	142.8
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	142.8	79.7	193.2	121.8	190.9	93.3	450.2	52.7	17.2	138.6
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	142.9	78.6	194.6	120.9	203.1	89.3	467.6	54.3	15.1	139.8
June quarter	148.5	80.3	195.0	120.7	216.2	95.4	475.5	52.9	13.2	143.6
September quarter	151.2	82.0	190.9	121.8	217.4	97.5	444.3	54.4	15.1	144.2
December quarter	149.5	84.9	191.6	116.6	209.8	103.2	428.7	57.4	17.6	143.5
October	150.5	85.4	192.1	117.3	211.6	102.2	420.0	56.1	20.2	144.2
November	149.9	85.1	192.3	117.8	209.4	102.1	420.1	56.4	17.2	143.7
December	148.2	84.2	190.5	114.8	208.3	105.4	445.8	59.8	15.4	142.5

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## PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT(c)	Aust.(b)
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
<b>Unsentenced</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	1 115	434	523	256	309	51	81	..	37	2 806
<b>1999(d)</b>	1 321	451	616	277	377	56	91	3	41	3 231
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	1 221	419	561	252	351	60	84	..	42	2 991
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	1 268	460	603	269	381	55	99	5	42	3 178
June quarter(d)	1 327	441	615	265	356	44	85	2	35	3 146
September quarter(d)	1 331	436	631	283	378	55	76	2	40	3 229
December quarter(d)	1 356	468	617	293	394	70	106	2	47	3 351
October	1 366	451	606	282	408	70	96	2	48	3 327
November	1 362	485	601	277	394	77	106	2	47	3 349
December	1 341	469	643	321	379	63	116	2	46	3 378
<b>Sentenced</b>										
<b>Fine default only</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	1	n.a.	171	50	44	3	19	—	..	n.a.
<b>1999(d)</b>	1	5	234	43	71	21	20	2	..	395
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	1	8	238	52	59	5	20	—	..	384
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	—	4	257	61	82	17	23	5	..	444
June quarter(d)	—	5	213	47	80	29	23	2	..	397
September quarter(d)	1	4	178	37	68	27	18	—	..	334
December quarter(d)	1	7	288	27	54	12	16	—	..	405
October	1	6	252	31	59	17	13	—	..	379
November	1	8	325	29	53	12	16	—	..	444
December	—	7	288	21	50	6	20	—	..	392
<b>Other sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	5 390	n.a.	4 147	1 097	2 018	248	507	116	..	n.a.
<b>1999(d)</b>	5 796	2 482	4 213	1 043	2 438	257	497	125	..	16 725
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	5 575	2 429	4 193	1 089	2 160	277	499	123	..	16 222
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	5 554	2 360	4 200	1 045	2 243	261	492	120	..	16 155
June quarter(d)	5 789	2 449	4 294	1 047	2 492	274	531	120	..	16 875
September quarter(d)	5 946	2 519	4 199	1 066	2 551	250	512	126	..	17 043
December quarter(d)	5 896	2 600	4 157	1 013	2 466	243	451	133	..	16 827
October	5 946	2 607	4 212	1 016	2 498	241	468	130	..	16 988
November	5 864	2 604	4 196	1 014	2 433	249	448	131	..	16 808
December	5 879	2 590	4 064	1 009	2 467	238	438	139	..	16 685

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## PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type *continued*

<i>Legal status and sentence type</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(b)</i>	<i>ACT(c)</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
<b>Total sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	5 391	2 349	4 318	1 147	2 063	251	526	116	..	16 045
<b>1999(d)</b>	5 797	2 487	4 447	1 086	2 509	278	517	127	..	17 120
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	5 577	2 437	4 431	1 141	2 218	282	519	123	..	16 606
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	5 554	2 365	4 457	1 106	2 325	278	515	125	..	16 600
June quarter(d)	5 789	2 453	4 507	1 094	2 572	303	554	122	..	17 272
September quarter(d)	5 947	2 523	4 377	1 103	2 619	277	530	126	..	17 377
December quarter(d)	5 897	2 607	4 446	1 040	2 520	254	468	133	..	17 232
October	5 947	2 613	4 464	1 047	2 557	258	481	130	..	17 367
November	5 865	2 612	4 521	1 043	2 486	261	464	131	..	17 252
December	5 879	2 597	4 352	1 030	2 517	244	458	139	..	17 077
<b>Total</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	6 506	2 784	4 841	1 403	2 372	302	608	116	37	18 851
<b>1999(d)</b>	7 118	2 939	5 063	1 363	2 886	334	608	129	41	20 351
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	6 798	2 857	4 993	1 393	2 569	342	603	123	42	19 597
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	6 823	2 825	5 059	1 375	2 706	333	614	130	42	19 777
June quarter(d)	7 116	2 894	5 122	1 359	2 927	347	639	124	35	20 439
September quarter(d)	7 278	2 959	5 008	1 386	2 998	332	605	128	40	20 606
December quarter(d)	7 253	3 076	5 062	1 333	2 914	324	574	135	47	20 583
October	7 313	3 064	5 070	1 329	2 965	328	577	132	48	20 694
November	7 227	3 097	5 122	1 320	2 880	338	570	133	47	20 601
December	7 220	3 066	4 995	1 351	2 896	307	574	141	46	20 455

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Legal status and sentence type	NSW(a)	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT(c)	Aust.(b)
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>Unsentenced</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	23.5	12.2	20.2	22.7	23.0	14.3	61.2	..	15.9	19.9
<b>1999(d)</b>	27.5	12.5	23.4	24.4	27.5	15.8	67.4	0.4	17.5	22.6
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	25.6	11.7	21.5	22.3	25.9	16.9	62.6	..	18.0	21.1
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	26.5	12.8	23.0	23.7	28.0	15.6	73.4	1.9	18.1	22.4
June quarter(d)	27.6	12.2	23.3	23.3	26.0	12.4	63.0	0.9	14.9	22.0
September quarter(d)	27.6	12.0	23.9	24.9	27.5	15.5	55.7	0.7	17.0	22.5
December quarter(d)	28.1	12.9	23.2	25.8	28.5	19.7	77.7	0.9	19.9	23.3
October	28.3	12.4	22.8	24.8	29.5	19.7	70.4	1.0	20.3	23.2
November	28.2	13.3	22.6	24.3	28.5	21.6	77.7	0.8	19.9	23.3
December	27.8	12.9	24.2	28.2	27.4	17.7	85.0	0.8	19.5	23.5
<b>Sentenced</b>										
<b>Fine default only</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	—	n.a.	6.6	4.5	3.3	0.9	14.4	—	..	n.a.
<b>1999(d)</b>	—	0.1	8.8	3.8	5.2	6.0	14.8	0.7	..	2.8
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	—	0.2	9.1	4.6	4.3	1.5	15.2	—	..	2.7
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	—	0.1	9.8	5.4	6.0	4.8	17.1	2.0	..	3.1
June quarter(d)	—	0.1	8.1	4.2	5.8	8.2	17.0	1.0	..	2.8
September quarter(d)	—	0.1	6.7	3.2	5.0	7.7	13.0	—	..	2.3
December quarter(d)	—	0.2	10.8	2.4	3.9	3.3	12.0	—	..	2.8
October	—	0.2	9.5	2.7	4.3	4.8	9.5	—	..	2.6
November	—	0.2	12.2	2.5	3.8	3.4	11.7	—	..	3.1
December	—	0.2	10.8	1.8	3.6	1.7	14.7	—	..	2.7
<b>Other sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	113.7	n.a.	160.1	97.3	150.3	69.8	380.9	49.6	..	n.a.
<b>1999(d)</b>	120.6	68.6	159.6	91.8	177.7	72.2	366.9	53.2	..	117.0
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	117.1	67.8	160.8	96.3	159.5	77.8	373.2	52.6	..	114.5
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	116.2	65.6	160.3	92.2	164.7	73.4	366.2	51.4	..	113.6
June quarter(d)	120.6	67.8	163.0	92.2	182.1	77.0	393.4	51.2	..	118.2
September quarter(d)	123.5	69.5	158.7	93.8	185.5	70.2	376.9	53.8	..	119.0
December quarter(d)	122.1	71.5	156.4	89.0	178.6	68.2	330.9	56.5	..	117.1
October	123.1	71.7	158.5	89.3	180.9	67.7	343.1	55.1	..	118.2
November	121.4	71.6	157.9	89.1	176.2	70.0	328.4	55.5	..	117.0
December	121.7	71.2	152.9	88.7	178.7	66.9	321.1	58.9	..	116.1

(a) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. These persons are included in the NSW figures, as well as being reported separately under 'ACT in NSW'.

(b) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(c) Refers to unsentenced persons in ACT prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(d) Figures for the quarter and year for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.



# 3

## PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type *continued*

<i>Legal status and sentence type</i>	<i>NSW(a)</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT in NSW(b)</i>	<i>ACT(c)</i>	<i>Aust.(b)</i>
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>Total sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	113.8	65.9	166.7	101.7	153.6	70.7	395.3	49.7	..	113.9
<b>1999(d)</b>	120.6	68.7	168.4	95.6	182.9	78.2	381.6	54.0	..	119.7
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	117.1	68.0	169.9	100.9	163.8	79.3	388.4	52.6	..	117.3
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	116.2	65.7	170.1	97.6	170.7	78.2	383.3	53.4	..	116.8
June quarter(d)	120.6	67.9	171.1	96.4	187.9	85.3	410.4	52.2	..	121.0
September quarter(d)	123.5	69.6	165.4	97.0	190.5	77.9	389.9	53.8	..	121.3
December quarter(d)	122.1	71.7	167.2	91.4	182.5	71.5	342.9	56.5	..	119.9
October	123.1	71.9	167.9	92.0	185.2	72.5	352.6	55.1	..	120.8
November	121.4	71.8	170.1	91.7	180.0	73.4	340.2	55.5	..	120.0
December	121.7	71.4	163.7	90.5	182.3	68.6	335.8	58.9	..	118.8
<b>Total</b>										
<b>1998(d)</b>	137.3	78.1	186.9	124.4	176.6	85.1	456.4	49.7	15.9	133.8
<b>1999(d)</b>	148.1	81.2	191.8	120.1	210.4	94.0	449.1	55.1	17.5	142.4
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(d)	142.8	79.7	191.5	123.2	189.8	96.2	451.0	52.6	18.0	138.4
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(d)	142.7	78.5	193.1	121.4	198.7	93.7	456.7	55.3	18.1	139.1
June quarter(d)	148.3	80.2	194.5	119.7	213.9	97.6	473.4	53.0	14.9	143.2
September quarter(d)	151.2	81.6	189.3	121.9	218.0	93.4	445.6	54.5	17.0	143.9
December quarter(d)	150.2	84.6	190.4	117.2	211.0	91.2	420.6	57.4	19.9	143.2
October	151.4	84.3	190.7	116.8	214.7	92.2	423.0	56.1	20.3	144.0
November	149.6	85.2	192.7	116.0	208.6	95.0	417.9	56.4	19.9	143.4
December	149.5	84.3	187.9	118.7	209.7	86.3	420.8	59.8	19.5	142.3

(a) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. These persons are included in the NSW figures, as well as being reported separately under 'ACT in NSW'.

(b) The ACT in NSW figures refer to the persons described in (a) above. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia.

(c) Refers to unsentenced persons in ACT prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(d) Figures for the quarter and year for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

# 4

## SENTENCED RECEPTIONS INTO PRISON CUSTODY, By Type of Sentence

Sentence type	NSW	Vic.(a)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT	Aust.(b)
NUMBER										
<b>Fine default only</b>										
<b>1998</b>	55	70	3 813	1 810	533	292	824	5	..	7 397
<b>1999</b>	44	47	4 696	1 712	644	267	939	3	..	8 349
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	12	20	1 385	519	158	14	220	—	..	2 376
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	11	15	1 076	510	195	51	294	2	..	2 152
June quarter	12	11	1 006	483	168	90	219	—	..	1 989
September quarter	10	6	1 152	430	142	86	184	—	..	2 010
December quarter	11	15	1 462	289	139	40	242	1	..	2 198
October	5	6	505	110	48	20	84	—	..	778
November	3	6	504	106	47	12	96	—	..	774
December	3	3	453	73	44	8	62	1	..	646
<b>Other sentenced</b>										
<b>1998</b>	7 173	3 192	9 434	2 215	2 634	715	1 021	130	..	26 384
<b>1999</b>	8 293	3 959	10 854	1 537	3 373	610	896	115	..	29 522
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	1 940	991	2 833	878	720	169	254	25	..	7 785
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	1 911	905	2 568	437	907	144	292	22	..	7 164
June quarter	2 087	949	2 406	363	869	166	213	26	..	7 053
September quarter	2 207	1 099	2 632	392	814	138	183	25	..	7 465
December quarter	2 088	1 006	3 248	345	783	162	208	42	..	7 840
October	664	333	1 053	121	242	43	70	10	..	2 526
November	739	302	1 009	124	308	62	56	17	..	2 600
December	685	371	1 186	100	233	57	82	15	..	2 714
<b>Total sentenced</b>										
<b>1998</b>	7 228	3 262	13 247	4 025	3 167	1 007	1 845	135	..	33 781
<b>1999</b>	8 337	4 006	15 550	3 249	4 017	877	1 835	118	..	37 871
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	1 952	1 011	4 218	1 397	878	231	474	25	..	10 161
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	1 922	920	3 644	947	1 102	195	586	24	..	9 316
June quarter	2 099	960	3 412	846	1 037	256	432	26	..	9 042
September quarter	2 217	1 105	3 784	822	956	224	367	25	..	9 475
December quarter	2 099	1 021	4 710	634	922	202	450	43	..	10 038
October	669	339	1 558	231	290	63	154	10	..	3 304
November	742	308	1 513	230	355	74	152	17	..	3 374
December	688	374	1 639	173	277	65	144	16	..	3 360

- (a) For the June quarter in 1998, persons reclassified from unsentenced to sentenced status during the month were not included in the reception figures for Victoria. Information on sentenced receptions for Victoria for these two quarters is therefore not comparable with information for other States and Territories. From July 1998 persons reclassified from unsentenced to sentenced status have been included and Victorian information is thus comparable for subsequent quarters.
- (b) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

Sentence type	NSW	Vic.(a)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(b)	ACT	Aust.(b)
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION										
<b>Fine default only</b>										
<b>1998</b>	1.2	2.0	147.1	160.5	39.7	82.2	619.0	2.1	..	52.5
<b>1999</b>	0.9	1.3	177.8	150.8	47.0	74.9	693.8	1.0	..	58.3
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	0.3	0.6	53.1	45.9	11.7	17.4	164.5	—	..	16.8
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	0.2	0.4	41.1	45.0	14.3	14.3	218.7	0.9	..	15.1
June quarter	0.3	0.3	38.2	42.6	12.3	25.3	162.2	—	..	13.9
September quarter	0.2	0.2	43.5	37.8	10.3	24.1	135.5	—	..	14.0
December quarter	0.2	0.4	55.0	25.4	10.1	11.2	177.4	0.1	..	15.3
October	0.1	0.2	19.0	9.7	3.5	5.6	61.6	—	..	5.4
November	0.1	0.2	19.0	9.3	3.4	3.4	70.4	—	..	5.4
December	0.1	0.1	17.0	6.4	3.2	2.2	45.5	0.4	..	4.5
<b>Other sentenced</b>										
<b>1998</b>	151.4	89.5	364.1	196.3	196.1	201.4	767.1	55.7	..	187.3
<b>1999</b>	172.5	109.5	411.0	135.3	246.1	171.5	662.3	37.1	..	206.5
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	40.7	27.6	108.6	77.6	53.2	47.5	190.0	10.7	..	55.0
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	40.0	25.2	98.0	38.6	66.6	40.5	217.2	9.4	..	50.4
June quarter	43.5	26.3	91.3	32.0	63.5	46.7	157.8	11.1	..	49.4
September quarter	45.8	30.3	99.5	34.4	59.3	38.8	134.8	10.7	..	52.1
December quarter	43.2	27.7	122.2	30.3	56.7	45.5	152.5	5.9	..	54.6
October	13.7	9.2	39.6	10.6	17.5	12.1	51.3	4.2	..	17.6
November	15.3	8.3	38.0	10.9	22.3	17.4	41.1	7.2	..	18.1
December	14.2	10.2	44.6	8.8	16.9	16.0	60.1	6.4	..	18.9
<b>Total sentenced</b>										
<b>1998</b>	152.5	91.4	511.2	356.7	235.8	283.7	1 386.1	57.8	..	239.7
<b>1999</b>	173.4	110.8	588.8	286.2	293.1	246.5	1 356.1	35.2	..	264.7
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter	41.0	28.2	161.8	123.5	64.8	65.0	354.5	10.7	..	71.8
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter	40.2	25.6	139.1	83.7	80.9	54.8	435.9	7.3	..	65.5
June quarter	43.7	26.6	129.5	74.6	75.8	72.0	320.0	11.1	..	63.3
September quarter	46.0	30.5	143.0	72.2	69.6	62.9	270.3	10.7	..	66.1
December quarter	43.5	28.1	177.2	55.7	66.8	56.8	329.9	6.1	..	69.8
October	13.9	9.3	58.6	20.3	21.0	17.7	112.9	4.2	..	23.0
November	15.4	8.5	56.9	20.2	25.7	20.8	111.4	7.2	..	23.5
December	14.2	10.3	61.7	15.2	20.1	18.3	105.6	6.8	..	23.4

(a) For the March and June quarters in 1998, persons reclassified from unsentenced to sentenced status during the month were not included in the reception figures for Victoria. Information on sentenced receptions for Victoria for these two quarters is therefore not comparable with information for other States and Territories. From July 1998 persons reclassified from unsentenced to sentenced status have been included and Victorian information is thus comparable for subsequent quarters.

(b) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

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## INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Sex(a) (b)

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.(d)
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
<b>Males</b>										
1998(f)	n.a.	n.a.	999	198	715	29	421	n.a.	5	n.a.
1999(f)	n.a.	115	1 044	191	883	36	430	n.a.	6	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	116	1 003	191	769	31	418	n.a.	5	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	114	1 031	192	834	34	447	n.a.	7	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	122	1 034	191	912	39	464	n.a.	7	n.a.
September quarter(f)	1 066	113	1 055	199	908	33	427	n.a.	4	3 805
December quarter(f)	1 031	109	1 058	181	877	36	381	n.a.	5	3 677
October	1 050	99	1 087	187	888	33	377	n.a.	3	3 724
November	1 032	112	1 078	180	864	38	390	n.a.	4	3 698
December	1 011	116	1 008	176	878	38	375	n.a.	7	3 609
<b>Females</b>										
1998(f)	n.a.	n.a.	67	15	71	2	18	n.a.	—	n.a.
1999(f)	n.a.	8	71	14	94	2	17	n.a.	1	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	9	65	15	74	1	19	n.a.	—	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	9	68	14	92	2	20	n.a.	1	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	6	70	15	99	1	19	n.a.	1	n.a.
September quarter(f)	101	8	70	14	99	1	17	n.a.	1	312
December quarter(f)	101	7	76	13	88	2	13	n.a.	1	301
October	92	7	68	15	95	2	15	n.a.	2	296
November	104	6	79	13	84	2	12	n.a.	1	301
December	106	8	81	12	85	2	12	n.a.	1	307
<b>Persons</b>										
1998(f)	n.a.	n.a.	1 065	213	785	30	439	n.a.	5	n.a.
1999(f)	n.a.	122	1 116	205	977	37	447	n.a.	7	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	125	1 069	206	843	32	437	n.a.	5	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	123	1 099	206	926	36	467	n.a.	7	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	128	1 104	206	1 011	41	483	n.a.	8	n.a.
September quarter(f)	1 167	122	1 126	214	1 006	34	444	n.a.	5	4 116
December quarter(f)	1 132	116	1 134	194	965	38	394	n.a.	6	3 978
October	1 142	106	1 155	202	983	35	392	n.a.	5	4 020
November	1 136	118	1 157	193	948	40	402	n.a.	5	3 999
December	1 117	124	1 089	188	963	40	387	n.a.	8	3 916

(a) Some rates and ratios in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 11-13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February 1998, are unavailable—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10.

(d) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in ACT prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter and year for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.(d)
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION										
<b>Males</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	3 470.0	3 354.9	4 710.4	675.9	2 802.2	n.a.	584.1	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	1 727.9	3 504.6	3 178.8	5 662.1	814.4	2 772.1	n.a.	610.3	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	1 774.8	3 440.9	3 217.1	5 019.3	726.2	2 748.4	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	1 744.2	3 534.6	3 239.6	5 443.5	788.6	2 938.9	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	1 834.1	3 444.6	3 164.1	5 819.3	896.4	2 973.6	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	3 588.3	1 699.2	3 515.7	3 307.9	5 791.6	744.5	2 736.5	n.a.	n.p.	3 491.0
December quarter(f)	3 471.6	1 634.2	3 523.4	3 003.7	5 593.8	828.0	2 439.5	n.a.	n.p.	3 373.9
October	3 535.6	1 484.3	3 621.2	3 103.2	5 666.2	752.1	2 416.0	n.a.	n.p.	3 417.0
November	3 475.0	1 679.2	3 591.2	2 987.1	5 513.0	866.0	2 499.4	n.a.	n.p.	3 393.1
December	3 404.3	1 739.1	3 358.0	2 920.7	5 602.3	866.0	2 403.2	n.a.	n.p.	3 311.5
<b>Females</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	211.9	234.0	436.7	37.0	110.1	n.a.	—	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	108.3	218.8	211.3	566.2	36.0	100.4	n.a.	98.0	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	136.0	205.3	233.3	451.9	n.p.	116.1	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	131.1	213.7	213.0	559.8	n.p.	105.7	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	81.5	214.1	222.3	589.5	n.p.	113.5	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	310.8	119.9	215.1	212.4	589.5	n.p.	103.4	n.a.	n.p.	264.6
December quarter(f)	309.7	100.7	232.5	197.6	525.8	42.8	79.0	n.a.	n.p.	255.9
October	283.1	100.7	208.0	222.3	567.6	42.8	91.2	n.a.	n.p.	251.3
November	320.0	86.3	241.6	192.6	501.9	42.8	73.0	n.a.	n.p.	255.6
December	326.2	115.1	247.8	177.8	507.9	42.8	73.0	n.a.	n.p.	260.7
<b>Persons</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	1 769.7	1 719.1	2 502.6	346.1	1 417.7	n.a.	278.6	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	900.7	1 791.2	1 613.2	3 030.2	412.8	1 402.7	n.a.	339.2	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	935.3	1 752.3	1 649.3	2 659.6	362.6	1 396.0	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	917.9	1 801.5	1 649.3	2 920.5	407.9	1 491.3	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	939.9	1 760.5	1 609.9	3 118.6	448.7	1 506.0	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	1 875.7	893.4	1 795.0	1 672.5	3 105.2	371.5	1 385.3	n.a.	n.p.	1 815.3
December quarter(f)	1 819.5	851.8	1 807.8	1 521.2	2 976.6	423.0	1 228.3	n.a.	n.p.	1 754.4
October	1 836.1	778.3	1 841.8	1 581.2	3 033.2	386.2	1 223.1	n.a.	n.p.	1 772.8
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Sex	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.(d)
<b>RATIO OF INDIGENOUS TO NON-INDIGENOUS RATES OF IMPRISONMENT</b>										
<b>Males</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	12.2	16.3	20.6	4.4	9.9	n.a.	27.4	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	11.5	12.1	15.9	21.2	4.9	10.4	n.a.	23.4	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	12.0	11.7	15.7	20.4	4.1	9.9	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	12.1	12.0	16.0	21.6	4.7	12.0	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	12.4	11.6	15.8	21.6	5.3	11.5	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	14.5	11.3	12.4	16.3	20.8	4.4	10.1	n.a.	n.p.	15.6
December quarter(f)	14.1	10.4	12.3	15.3	20.7	5.3	7.9	n.a.	n.p.	15.1
October	14.2	9.5	12.7	16.1	20.6	4.7	7.6	n.a.	n.p.	15.2
November	14.1	10.6	12.4	15.4	20.6	5.3	8.7	n.a.	n.p.	15.1
December	13.9	11.2	11.9	14.5	20.9	5.9	7.5	n.a.	n.p.	14.8
<b>Females</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	13.3	21.0	31.4	n.p.	5.0	n.a.	—	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	11.6	12.2	20.7	32.0	2.2	6.8	n.a.	36.5	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	16.2	12.3	20.8	28.9	n.p.	4.9	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	14.4	12.5	20.4	34.3	n.p.	6.5	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	8.7	11.9	22.3	33.7	n.p.	4.9	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	22.4	12.9	11.9	21.5	31.9	n.p.	6.3	n.a.	n.p.	20.0
December quarter(f)	22.5	10.5	12.4	18.5	28.1	3.4	9.3	n.a.	n.p.	18.8
October	19.9	10.7	11.5	19.4	30.1	3.2	10.8	n.a.	n.a.	18.3
November	24.1	9.0	13.1	18.5	26.6	3.3	8.6	n.a.	n.a.	19.2
December	23.6	11.8	12.6	17.6	27.4	3.8	8.6	n.a.	n.a.	19.0
<b>Persons</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	11.8	16.0	20.4	4.4	8.1	n.a.	9.3	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	11.5	11.7	15.6	21.3	4.8	9.1	n.a.	24.2	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	12.2	11.4	15.6	20.4	4.1	8.6	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	12.2	11.6	15.8	21.8	4.8	10.5	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	12.2	11.3	15.7	21.7	5.1	9.9	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	14.6	11.4	11.9	16.0	20.9	4.3	8.9	n.a.	n.p.	15.5
December quarter(f)	14.2	10.4	11.9	15.0	20.6	5.1	7.1	n.a.	n.p.	14.9
October	14.2	9.5	12.2	15.8	20.6	4.6	6.9	n.a.	n.p.	15.0
November	14.3	10.5	12.1	15.1	20.4	5.1	7.8	n.a.	n.p.	15.0
December	14.0	11.2	11.5	14.2	20.7	5.7	6.7	n.a.	n.p.	14.8

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## INDIGENOUS PERSONS IN PRISON CUSTODY, By Legal Status and Sentence Type(a) (b)

Legal status and sentence type	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.(d)
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
<b>Unsentenced</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	102	50	97	5	51	..	5	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	24	124	52	124	8	53	n.a.	7	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	20	104	47	111	4	51	..	5	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	26	121	58	137	7	66	n.a.	7	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	27	117	52	119	7	58	n.a.	8	n.a.
September quarter(f)	191	20	122	54	116	9	42	n.a.	5	558
December quarter(f)	193	21	136	43	124	8	44	n.a.	6	576
October	192	15	125	43	141	8	37	n.a.	5	566
November	208	23	128	36	120	9	50	n.a.	5	579
December	179	26	156	51	110	6	46	n.a.	8	582
<b>Sentenced</b>										
<b>Fine default only</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	46	14	20	—	13	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	—	54	9	34	1	17	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	1	62	13	26	—	15	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	—	53	13	44	—	19	n.a.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	—	45	10	41	2	19	n.a.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	—	—	45	7	30	—	15	n.a.	..	97
December quarter(f)	—	—	74	6	22	1	14	n.a.	..	116
October	—	—	75	7	18	—	13	n.a.	..	113
November	1	—	87	6	23	—	15	n.a.	..	132
December	—	—	59	4	24	2	15	n.a.	..	104
<b>Other sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	917	150	669	25	374	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	479	98	937	144	819	29	378	n.a.	..	2 884
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	105	902	146	706	28	371	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	97	925	136	745	29	382	n.a.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	101	941	144	850	32	406	n.a.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	976	102	959	152	861	24	387	n.a.	..	3 461
December quarter(f)	938	95	924	145	819	30	335	n.a.	..	3 286
October	950	91	955	152	824	27	342	n.a.	..	3 341
November	927	95	942	151	805	31	337	n.a.	..	3 288
December	938	98	874	133	829	32	326	n.a.	..	3 230

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Legal status and sentence type	NSW(c)	Vic.(c)	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT in NSW(c)(d)	ACT(e)	Aust.(d)
NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH										
<b>Total sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	963	163	688	26	388	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	98	991	153	853	30	394	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	106	964	159	732	28	386	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	97	977	148	789	29	402	n.a.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	101	987	154	891	34	425	n.a.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	976	102	1 004	159	891	24	402	n.a.	..	3 558
December quarter(f)	939	95	997	151	841	31	349	n.a.	..	3 403
October	950	91	1 030	159	842	27	355	n.a.	..	3 454
November	928	95	1 029	157	828	31	352	n.a.	..	3 420
December	938	98	933	137	853	34	341	n.a.	..	3 334
<b>Total</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	1 065	213	785	30	439	n.a.	5	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	122	1 116	205	977	37	447	n.a.	7	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	125	1 069	206	843	32	437	n.a.	5	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	123	1 099	206	926	36	467	n.a.	7	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	128	1 104	206	1 011	41	483	n.a.	8	n.a.
September quarter(f)	1 167	122	1 126	214	1 006	34	444	n.a.	5	4 116
December quarter(f)	1 132	116	1 134	194	965	38	394	n.a.	6	3 978
October	1 142	106	1 155	202	983	35	392	n.a.	5	4 020
November	1 136	118	1 157	193	948	40	402	n.a.	5	3 999
December	1 117	124	1 089	188	963	40	387	n.a.	8	3 916

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<b>RATES PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION</b>										
<b>Unsentenced</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	169.3	403.0	309.6	52.4	164.1	..	278.6	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	175.2	199.4	408.1	384.5	84.2	165.3	n.a.	339.2	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	146.8	171.1	378.4	351.3	41.5	162.9	..	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	196.5	199.0	463.6	431.2	75.5	209.8	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	200.7	187.1	407.0	368.2	73.6	181.0	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
September quarter(f)	306.5	146.9	194.0	422.7	356.9	103.0	132.1	n.a.	n.p.	246.2
December quarter(f)	310.3	156.6	217.4	339.2	381.6	84.6	138.3	n.a.	n.p.	253.9
October	308.7	110.1	199.3	336.6	435.1	88.3	115.4	n.a.	n.p.	249.6
November	334.4	168.9	204.1	281.8	370.3	99.3	156.0	n.a.	n.p.	255.3
December	287.8	190.9	248.8	399.2	339.4	66.2	143.5	n.a.	n.p.	256.7
<b>Sentenced</b>										
<b>Fine default only</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	76.2	108.9	61.9	2.8	43.1	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	—	87.1	70.3	105.9	4.6	52.6	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	5.0	102.2	103.9	81.0	3.8	46.9	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	—	86.4	101.3	137.8	—	61.8	n.a.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	—	72.3	78.3	127.5	11.0	58.2	n.a.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	0.5	—	72.3	57.4	91.5	—	45.8	n.a.	..	42.9
December quarter(f)	0.5	—	117.5	44.4	66.9	7.4	44.7	n.a.	..	51.3
October	—	—	119.6	54.8	55.5	—	40.6	n.a.	..	49.8
November	1.6	—	138.7	47.0	71.0	—	46.8	n.a.	..	58.2
December	—	—	94.1	31.3	74.1	22.1	46.8	n.a.	..	45.9
<b>Other sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	1 524.2	1 207.2	2 131.0	290.9	1 210.6	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	725.5	1 504.7	1 134.8	2 539.8	321.2	1 185.2	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	783.6	1 479.0	1 167.1	2 227.4	317.2	1 186.2	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	721.4	1 516.2	1 084.5	2 351.5	332.4	1 221.4	n.a.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	739.2	1 501.1	1 124.6	2 622.8	353.1	1 266.8	n.a.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	1 568.6	746.5	1 528.7	1 192.4	2 656.8	268.5	1 207.5	n.a.	..	1 526.1
December quarter(f)	1 508.6	695.1	1 472.9	1 137.6	2 528.2	331.0	1 045.2	n.a.	..	1 449.2
October	1 527.4	668.2	1 522.9	1 189.8	2 542.6	297.9	1 067.1	n.a.	..	1 473.4
November	1 490.4	697.6	1 502.1	1 182.0	2 484.0	342.1	1 051.5	n.a.	..	1 450.0
December	1 508.1	719.6	1 393.7	1 041.1	2 558.0	353.1	1 017.2	n.a.	..	1 424.4

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RATES PER 100,000 ADULT INDIGENOUS POPULATION										
<b>Total sentenced</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	1 600.4	1 316.1	2 193.0	293.7	1 253.6	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	725.5	1 591.8	1 205.1	2 645.7	328.6	1 237.9	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	788.6	1 581.2	1 271.0	2 308.4	321.0	1 233.1	n.a.	..	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	721.4	1 602.6	1 185.7	2 489.3	332.4	1 283.1	n.a.	..	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	739.2	1 573.4	1 202.9	2 750.3	375.2	1 325.0	n.a.	..	n.a.
September quarter(f)	1 569.1	746.5	1 601.0	1 249.8	2 748.3	268.5	1 253.3	n.a.	..	1 569.0
December quarter(f)	1 509.2	695.1	1 590.4	1 182.0	2 595.0	338.4	1 090.0	n.a.	..	1 500.5
October	1 527.4	668.2	1 642.5	1 244.6	2 598.1	297.9	1 107.6	n.a.	..	1 523.2
November	1 492.0	697.6	1 640.9	1 229.0	2 554.9	342.1	1 098.3	n.a.	..	1 508.2
December	1 508.1	719.6	1 487.8	1 072.4	2 632.1	375.2	1 064.0	n.a.	..	1 470.3
<b>Total</b>										
<b>1998(f)</b>	n.a.	n.a.	1 769.7	1 719.1	2 502.6	346.1	1 417.7	n.a.	278.6	n.a.
<b>1999(f)</b>	n.a.	900.7	1 791.2	1 613.2	3 030.2	412.8	1 402.7	n.a.	339.2	n.a.
<b>1998</b>										
December quarter(f)	n.a.	935.3	1 752.3	1 649.3	2 659.6	362.6	1 396.0	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
<b>1999</b>										
March quarter(f)	n.a.	917.9	1 801.5	1 649.3	2 920.5	407.9	1 491.3	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
June quarter(f)	n.a.	939.9	1 760.5	1 609.9	3 118.6	448.7	1 506.0	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.
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December quarter(f)	1 819.5	851.8	1 807.8	1 521.2	2 976.6	423.0	1 228.3	n.a.	n.p.	1 754.4
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December	1 795.9	910.5	1 736.5	1 471.6	2 971.5	441.4	1 207.5	n.a.	n.p.	1 726.9

(a) Some rates in this table have not been published—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 22.

(b) Persons in custody are asked their Indigenous status during reception into custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 11-13.

(c) Numbers of Indigenous persons for NSW, and numbers of Indigenous persons for Vic. in February 1998, are unavailable—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 10.

(d) Persons sentenced to full-time custody in the ACT are held in NSW prisons. The figures are a subset of the NSW figures and are NOT included in the totals for Australia—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(e) Refers to unsentenced persons in ACT prison custody—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 14.

(f) Figures for the quarter and year for first day of the month counts are calculated on a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

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## PERSONS IN PERIODIC DETENTION(a)

Sex	NSW	ACT	Aust.
AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER			
<b>Males</b>			
<b>1998</b>	1 333	70	1 403
<b>1999</b>	1 190	62	1 252
<b>1998</b>			
December quarter	1 315	63	1 378
<b>1999</b>			
March quarter	1 296	58	1 354
June quarter	1 154	63	1 218
September quarter	1 107	64	1 171
December quarter	1 206	61	1 266
October	1 180	59	1 239
November	1 219	60	1 279
December	1 218	63	1 281
<b>Females</b>			
<b>1998</b>	123	5	129
<b>1999</b>	114	3	117
<b>1998</b>			
December quarter	126	5	131
<b>1999</b>			
March quarter	119	3	122
June quarter	111	4	115
September quarter	110	2	112
December quarter	115	4	119
October	116	4	120
November	116	4	120
December	114	4	118
<b>Persons</b>			
<b>1998</b>	1 457	75	1 531
<b>1999</b>	1 304	65	1 369
<b>1998</b>			
December quarter	1 441	68	1 510
<b>1999</b>			
March quarter	1 415	61	1 475
June quarter	1 265	67	1 332
September quarter	1 217	67	1 283
December quarter	1 321	65	1 386
October	1 296	63	1 359
November	1 335	64	1 399
December	1 332	67	1 399

(a) See Glossary for definition of Periodic detention. In 1998 and 1999 this was a type of custody used only in NSW and the ACT.

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## PERSONS IN PERIODIC DETENTION(a) *continued*

Sex	NSW	ACT	Aust.
RATE PER 100,000 ADULT POPULATION			
<b>Males</b>			
<b>1998</b>	57.3	60.5	20.2
<b>1999</b>	50.3	53.0	17.8
<b>1998</b>			
December quarter	56.2	54.6	19.8
<b>1999</b>			
March quarter	55.1	49.9	19.3
June quarter	48.9	54.7	17.3
September quarter	46.7	55.4	16.6
December quarter	50.7	52.0	17.9
October	49.7	50.3	17.5
November	51.3	51.6	18.1
December	51.3	54.0	18.1
<b>Females</b>			
<b>1998</b>	5.1	4.5	1.8
<b>1999</b>	4.6	2.8	1.6
<b>1998</b>			
December quarter	5.3	4.6	1.8
<b>1999</b>			
March quarter	4.9	2.5	1.7
June quarter	4.5	3.4	1.6
September quarter	4.5	2.0	1.5
December quarter	4.7	3.4	1.6
October	4.7	3.4	1.6
November	4.7	3.4	1.6
December	4.6	3.4	1.6
<b>Persons</b>			
<b>1998</b>	30.7	32.0	10.9
<b>1999</b>	27.1	27.6	9.6
<b>1998</b>			
December quarter	30.3	29.2	10.7
<b>1999</b>			
March quarter	29.6	25.9	10.4
June quarter	26.4	28.7	9.3
September quarter	25.3	28.4	9.0
December quarter	27.3	27.4	9.6
October	26.8	26.6	9.5
November	27.6	27.2	9.7
December	27.6	28.4	9.7

(a) See Glossary for definition of Periodic detention. In 1998 and 1999 this was a type of custody used only in NSW and the ACT.

## NUMBER ON FIRST DAY OF MONTH.....

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
MALES									
<b>1998</b> (b)	240	59	80	24	70	3	14	3	493
<b>1999</b> (b)	262	72	98	27	101	1	16	4	581
<b>1998</b>									
December quarter(b)	244	66	89	25	89	1	12	4	530
<b>1999</b>									
March quarter(b)	244	65	92	28	90	—	13	4	535
June quarter(b)	257	70	104	31	90	1	15	5	573
September quarter(b)	270	73	102	24	113	1	20	4	608
December quarter(b)	278	81	93	25	111	1	17	3	609
October	273	81	96	24	122	1	21	4	622
November	280	83	92	23	108	1	15	3	605
December	280	79	90	28	103	1	15	3	599
FEMALES									
<b>1998</b> (b)	24	5	10	4	8	1	1	1	54
<b>1999</b> (b)	31	5	13	4	9	2	2	1	66
<b>1998</b>									
December quarter(b)	25	7	11	4	10	1	3	1	61
<b>1999</b>									
March quarter(b)	33	4	12	3	10	—	2	1	66
June quarter(b)	30	6	15	5	9	1	3	—	68
September quarter(b)	33	6	14	5	8	3	1	—	70
December quarter(b)	28	6	12	4	7	2	—	1	61
October	31	7	11	4	7	2	1	1	64
November	30	6	11	3	7	2	—	1	60
December	23	5	14	5	8	2	—	1	58
PERSONS									
<b>1998</b> (b)	263	64	90	27	79	4	15	4	547
<b>1999</b> (b)	293	78	111	31	110	2	18	5	647
<b>1998</b>									
December quarter(b)	269	73	99	30	99	2	15	5	591
<b>1999</b>									
March quarter(b)	277	69	104	31	100	—	15	5	601
June quarter(b)	287	76	118	36	99	2	18	5	641
September quarter(b)	303	79	116	29	121	4	21	5	678
December quarter(b)	306	87	105	29	118	3	17	4	669
October	304	88	107	28	129	3	22	5	686
November	310	89	103	26	115	3	15	4	665
December	303	84	104	33	111	3	15	4	657

(a) See Glossary for definition of Federal sentenced prisoner. 'ACT in NSW' in other tables refers to prisoners held in NSW and sentenced in the ACT. This table shows prisoners by the State or Territory in which they were sentenced, not where they were held in custody, so 'ACT in NSW' is not shown here.

(b) Figures for the quarter and year for first day of the month counts are calculated as a simple average—see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 5.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication presents monthly and quarterly statistical series on persons held in adult corrective services custody in Australia. It contains data on the number of persons in corrective services custody by their sex, type of custody, legal status and sentence type, the number of sentenced persons received into corrective services custody each month, the number of Indigenous persons in corrective services custody by their sex, legal status and sentence type, and the number of federal prisoners each month.

**2** Statistics presented in this publication are compiled in three ways:

- Average daily prisoner population: Counts taken on each day of the month are summed and divided by the number of days in that month to determine the average daily prisoner population for that month. The average daily periodic detainee population is a count of persons on periodic detention on each day a centre is open, divided by the number of days a centre is open.
- Sentenced prisoner reception figures: Counts are taken of the number of receptions where a prisoner is received as a sentenced prisoner plus the number of changes of legal status from unsentenced to sentenced.
- First day of the month prisoner population: Counts of prisoner populations, taken on or near the first day of the month (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 4).

**3** Statistics in this publication are derived from administrative systems maintained by State and Territory corrective services agencies. Although national standards and classifications are used in the compilation of these statistics, some discrepancies remain between the States and Territories. These are due to legislative and procedural differences between jurisdictions. As part of its development strategy, the ABS is working with corrective services agencies to minimise the effect of these differences.

## REFERENCE PERIOD/DATE

**4** For the average daily prisoner population and the sentenced prisoner receptions counts, the reference period is the complete reference month. For all other information in the publication, the reference date is the first day of the month. However, not all States and Territories report strictly according to this 'first day of the month' rule:

- The Western Australian and Victorian prison population and Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons are counted as at midnight on the last day of the month. In these cases the figures provided are taken to represent the prison population at the beginning of the following month to align with practices in other States and Territories.
- The New South Wales prison population is counted on the first Sunday of the month.
- In January 1999 ACT Corrections commenced sending surplus unsentenced prisoners to New South Wales prisons. Table 3 shows these unsentenced ACT in NSW prisoners on a daily average basis.

**5** Calculation of figures for the entire quarter and entire year varies depending on the counting unit and method of counting prisoners:

- Average daily figures: Figures are calculated by weighting the average according to the number of days in each month or year.
- First day of the month: Figures are simple averages. In calculation of quarterly figures, the figures for each month are added and the total is divided by three; for yearly figures, the figures for each month are added and the total divided by twelve.
- Sentenced receptions: Figures are totals of each month.

### SCOPE

**6** The scope of the statistics in this publication includes all persons remanded or sentenced to adult custodial corrective services agencies in each State and Territory in Australia.

**7** In all States and Territories except New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia, persons remanded or sentenced to adult custody are aged 17 years and over. Persons under 17 years are treated as juveniles in most Australian courts and are not remanded or sentenced to custody in adult prisons, other than in exceptional circumstances. However, in New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia 'adult' refers to persons aged 18 years and over.

**8** The statistics include persons in Work Outreach Camps and Community Custody Centres in Queensland. In table 1 these persons have been counted on a first day of the month basis for the year 1997. However, the figures in the rest of the table, and the rest of persons in corrective services custody in Queensland, were counted on an average daily basis.

### DATA SOURCE

**9** Statistics in this publication are derived from information collected by the ABS from administrative records held by corrective services agencies within each State and Territory. Statistics on federal prisoners are derived from records kept by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

**10** Statistics marked 'n.a.' in tables 3, 5 and 6 are not available for inclusion in this publication. New South Wales Department of Corrective Services purchased a new computer system and have undertaken programming work to enable provision of counts of Indigenous persons in custody from July 1999. Australian Capital Territory Corrective Services have advised that the numbers of prisoners sentenced in Australian Capital Territory courts and held in New South Wales prisons had been under reported. Staff from this agency will investigate Indigenous prisoner numbers with a view to resolving this under reporting in the near future. The Victorian computer system was modified to produce counts of Indigenous persons from the first day of March 1998.

### INDIGENOUS IDENTIFICATION

**11** In all States and Territories persons are asked whether they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders during entry into custody. It is uncommon for corrective services agencies to collect Indigenous status information from sources other than the person's own identification.

**12** Some persons in custody are recorded as of unknown Indigenous status on corrective services agencies' information systems, but unknown Indigenous status has not been provided for this collection. It is intended that unknown Indigenous status will be collected from these systems in future.

**13** Table 5 shows the ratio of Indigenous to non-Indigenous rates of imprisonment. To derive these figures the rates per 100,000 adult non-Indigenous population were calculated as if all those persons not identified as Indigenous are non-Indigenous.

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PRISONERS

**14** The Australian Capital Territory has a detention centre for unsentenced prisoners and a periodic detention centre, but does not have a facility to hold persons sentenced to full-time custody. Persons sentenced to full-time custody in Australian Capital Territory criminal courts are held in New South Wales prisons. To provide greater understanding of the number of prisoners attributed to the Australian Capital Territory while presenting an accurate picture of the New South Wales prisoner population, statistics relating to Australian Capital Territory prisoners in New South Wales prisons are presented as a subset of the New South Wales figures.

### RATES AND RATIOS

**15** Imprisonment rates enable comparison of prisoner numbers across States and Territories. Prisoner rates are expressed per 100,000 adult population.

**16** For the purpose of this publication the population figures used in the calculation of rates are for persons aged 17 years and over for all States and Territories except New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia where the population used is persons aged 18 and over (see Explanatory Notes, paragraph 7).

**17** Rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication are based on revised projections for 30 June 1999 (refer *Experimental Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population 30 June 1996 to 30 June 2006* (Cat. no. 3231.0)). These projections are in turn based on the results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

**18** Two series of these projections have been published. The so-called 'higher series' takes into account a possible change in propensity for people to identify themselves as Indigenous since the last Population Census and estimates this from the last inter-censal period. The lower series assumes no such change has taken place since 1996. The lower of the two series was used in calculating rates for the Indigenous adult population in this publication. This is because, after discussions with representatives of Corrective Services agencies, it was felt that the propensity to identify as Indigenous has not increased to the same extent in the prison environment as might have occurred in the wider community.

**19** Rates for the total adult prisoner population are calculated using the Estimated Resident Population (ERP) for each of the States and Territories (refer *Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories* (Cat. no. 3201.0)). As the population changes over time the denominator used for the calculation of rates will vary, depending on the reference period. Rates for the March and June quarters in 1997 used ERP for their respective quarters. From the September quarter 1997 to the March quarter 1998 ERP for the September quarter 1997 was used. All subsequent rates were calculated using ERP for two quarters prior to their respective quarters. Thus for the December quarter 1999, ERP for June quarter 1999 was used in calculation of rates. This approach uses the latest ERP available at the time of publication.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### RATES AND RATIOS *continued*

**20** The ratio of imprisonment rates of Indigenous persons to non-Indigenous persons is calculated by dividing the Indigenous imprisonment rate for each period and State or Territory by the corresponding non-Indigenous imprisonment rate.

**21** The ratio indicates the extent to which the imprisonment rates of Indigenous persons exceed the imprisonment rates of non-Indigenous persons. A ratio of 20.0 indicates that, for the given State or Territory, the imprisonment rate of Indigenous persons per 100,000 adult population is 20 times that of the imprisonment rate of non-Indigenous persons.

**22** In some instances Indigenous rates and ratios have not been published. Where this occurs, the cell concerned contains the symbol 'n.p.' This happens where, firstly, the number of persons in custody is less than 10, and secondly, where the population on which the rate is calculated is less than 5,000. This has been done because such rates and ratios vary widely from month to month with small variations in numbers of persons, and therefore may give an inaccurate reflection of the relative involvement of Indigenous persons in custody.

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Crime Research Centre, University of Western Australia, *Crime and Justice Statistics for Western Australia, 1998*

NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, *Key Trends in Crime and Justice New South Wales, 1997*

Queensland Government Statistician's Office, *Crime and Justice Statistics Queensland, 1997*

UK Home Office Research, Development and Statistics Directorate, *World Prison Population List* (<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/areas/prispsf.htm>)

Victoria, Office of the Correctional Services Commissioner, *Statistical Profile: The Victorian Prison System 1995-96 to 1997-98*

## GLOSSARY

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<b>Corrective services custody</b>	Confinement in a place intended primarily for the purpose of confining prisoners, such as a prison, prison farm, Periodic Detention Centre or Community Custody Centre.
<b>Federal sentenced prisoner</b>	Persons charged and sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. For the purposes of this publication federal sentenced prisoners are those persons who are recognised by the Criminal Law Division of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department as having been charged and sentenced under a Commonwealth statute. Federal sentenced prisoners are counted by the State or Territory in which they were sentenced, not where they were held in custody.
<b>Fine default only</b>	A sentence type indicating that, at the time, the prisoner is serving a sentence for default of a fine and nothing else.
<b>Indigenous prisoner</b>	A prisoner who identifies as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
<b>Legal status</b>	The legal status of an offender reflects the warrant(s) or court order(s) which provide the legal basis for the detention in custody of the offender.
<b>Open custody</b>	A custodial regime for managing prisoners which does not require them to be confined by a secure perimeter physical barrier, irrespective of whether a physical barrier exists.
<b>Other sentenced</b>	A sentence type indicating that, at the time, a person is serving a sentence other than, or in addition to, a fine default sentence.
<b>Periodic detention</b>	A type of custody or order where a sentenced prisoner is required to be held in custody for two consecutive days in a one-week period.
<b>Full-time custody</b>	A type of custody where a prisoner is required to be held in custody on a full-time basis.
<b>Prisoner</b>	A person held in custody. For the purposes of this collection, prisoners are those whose confinement is the responsibility of a corrective services agency.
<b>Secure custody</b>	A custodial regime for managing prisoners that requires them to be confined by a secure physical barrier.
<b>Sentenced</b>	A legal status indicating that a person has received a custodial order from a court in response to a conviction for a criminal offence.
<b>Sentenced prisoner reception</b>	<p>Includes persons who enter corrective services custody from the community, having received a sentence of imprisonment as an outcome of a court proceeding. It also includes persons who are sentenced to custody while in custody on remand (i.e. change status from a remand to a sentenced prisoner). Sentenced prisoners in custody who receive a further sentence of imprisonment are not counted as sentenced receptions.</p> <p>Two types of sentenced prisoner reception are distinguished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A <i>fine default only</i> reception is a sentenced reception where a person enters custody as a result of defaulting on the payment of a fine.</li><li>▪ An <i>other sentenced reception</i> is a sentenced reception (including changes of status from unsentenced to sentenced) for anything other than a fine default only reception.</li></ul> <p>Note that Victorian reception figures do not include prisoners who change status from unsentenced to sentenced in the period.</p>
<b>Unsentenced</b>	A legal status indicating that a person is confined to custody while awaiting the outcome of their trial. Some sentenced prisoners are also remanded in custody, i.e. are unsentenced, in relation to other offences pending a court hearing. In such cases, these prisoners are counted as sentenced.



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