

SNAPSHOT:

YOUTH JUSTICE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Commissioner for Children and Young People
Western Australia

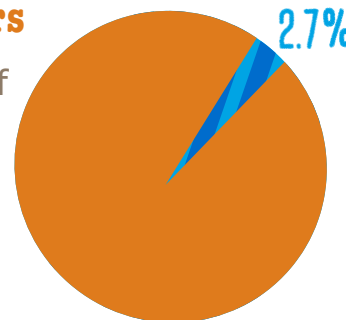


of young people in WA have had no contact with the youth justice system and are contributing to their communities in positive ways

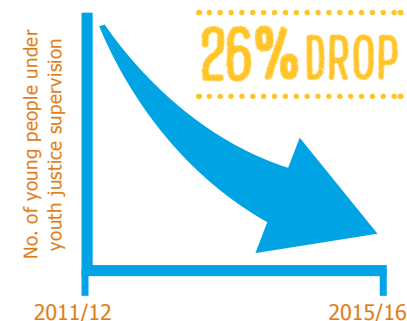


WA Aboriginal young people aged 10 to 17 years

Less than 3% of WA Aboriginal young people are under youth justice supervision

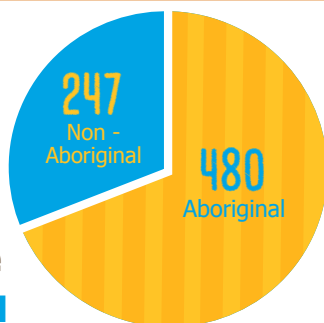


OVERALL TREND



- ON AN AVERAGE DAY -

727
YOUNG PEOPLE
are under youth justice
SUPERVISION



Just over 4 in 5 were male

Where are young people supervised?



DID YOU KNOW?

On average, half of young people in detention return within two years of release



CAUSES:

Social and economic disadvantage



Home and community dysfunction



Alcohol and drug misuse



Violence and abuse



Poverty



Disengagement from education



Social exclusion



Mental health issues

WHAT WORKS

VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

In 2016, 92 young people in the youth justice system told the Commissioner what works in keeping them out of trouble with the law.

