

Community Corrections Information

Question: The number of persons subject to any type of community correction order over the last decade (please break down by type of order).

Answer: This information is publicly available, and can be accessed via the Australian Bureau of Statistics Corrective Services, Australia quarterly publication (see: <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/crime-and-justice/corrective-services-australia>), as well as the Productivity Commission's Corrective Services chapter within the annual Report on Government Services publication (see: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services>). Historical data is available within both of these publications.

Question: The number of Probation Officers/Program Facilitators employed by the Department of Justice/Community Corrections.

Answer: The Department of Justice Annual Report 2021-22 (see: <https://www.justice.tas.gov.au/annual-report>) provides details as to Community Corrections staffing numbers. Historical data is available in previous annual reports. As at 30 June 2022, there were 132.1 full time equivalent employees in the Community Corrections division of the Department. Historically speaking, approximately 90-95% of Community Corrections employees are operational in nature.

Question: The average caseload of Probation Officers/Program Facilitators employed by the Department of Justice/Community Corrections.

Answer: The Report on Government Services publication (see: <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services>) contains data relating to Community corrections offender-to-staff ratios. For 2021-22, the offender-to-operational staff ratio in Tasmania was 17.1. Historical data is available within this publication.

Other than the abovementioned data, Community Corrections does not maintain information of this nature. Staff caseloads can vary for a number of reasons such as;

- staff experience;
- the nature of the order in question (Court Diversion Officers have a maximum capacity of 10 offenders on their caseload due to the intensive nature of Drug Treatment Orders; and
- supervision of offenders in a regional area where staff can manage multiple components of an order such as community service and supervision orders.