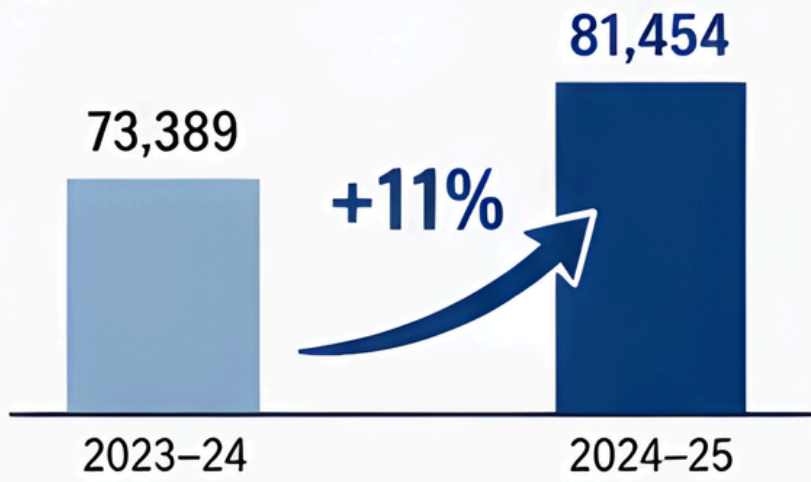


WA CRIMINAL COURTS IN 2024-25

KEY STATISTICS

1 The number of individual defendants before WA Criminal Courts increased by 11 per cent in 2024–25 to

81,454  defendants.



2 The number of defendants charged with weapons and explosive offences increased

36.9%

from 12 months ago.



3 The median age of defendants was

35

years old

72.4% 

were male.

4 Courts took an average of

15.2
weeks



in 2024–25 to process a defendant (from charges being lodged to a court outcome).

5 **87.2 per cent**

defendants charged with sexual offences were found/pled guilty

which is the highest proportion of the last 10 years.



6 Some **5.9 per cent**

of guilty defendants received a custodial sentence

which is the highest result in 3 years.



7 The rate of young people appearing before the WA Childrens' Court has fallen by

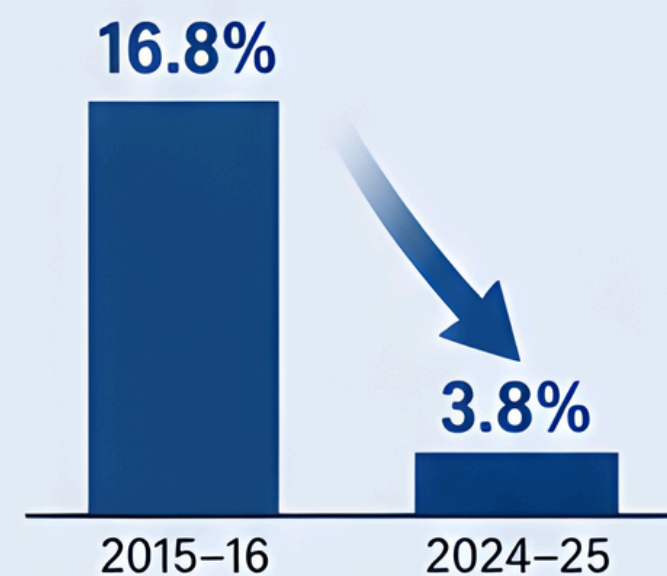
21.6%

since 2015–16.



8 The proportion of guilty defendants in the Childrens' Court receiving a custodial sentence has more than halved since 2015–16.

The main reason for this the proportion of defendants found guilty of burglary receiving a custodial sentence has decreased from 16.8% to 3.8%.



9 The number of defendants charged with family and domestic violence offences increased by more than one-third in 2024–25 to a record

12,464 defendants.



A record

18.8%

of FDV defendants were female.

