

What does the world look like for Townsville children connected with youth justice?

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have at least 1 diagnosed or suspected disability type (cognitive/intellectual, sensory, physical) (81% report disability causes significant impairment in their day to day life)

81 male

36 female

19

Townsville young people in youth detention centres (Cleveland or Brisbane Youth Detention Centre, or in adult prison)

98

in community-based supervision

41

have at least 1 diagnosed or suspected behavioural disorder

117

young people from Townsville in the youth justice system on 27 March 2017
1,479 young people were connected with the Queensland Youth Justice system

31

have at least 1 diagnosed or suspected mental health disorder

82

known to use at least 1 substance (legal and/or illicit)

88

identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander



12

homeless or have unsuitable accommodation

55 are of compulsory school age

14

of this group are totally disengaged from education, training and employment

62 are not of compulsory school age

29

of this group are totally disengaged from education, training and employment

19

subject to child protection orders* (However, 83% of young people in youth justice are known# to child protection statewide)

This data is sourced from Youth Justice Performance and Reporting, Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women – Youth Justice Census (27 March 2017). Census data may not reflect the current situation.

* A child protection order is an order made by the Childrens Court if it believes a child is in need of protection.
A child is "known" to the child protection system if they have been subject to a child protection advice, child concern report, notification, or substantiation at any time. They may or may not be subject to a child protection order to be known to the child protection system.

From a sample of **50** young offenders:

34 had first come into contact with youth justice system between 10 and 14 years of age

35 have been exposed to domestic and family violence

49 are involved with or living with other people who have histories of offending

This data was sourced from the Townsville Stronger Communities Action Group which includes 2017 Queensland Police Service (QPS) and Youth Justice data, from a sample of 50 young property offenders aged 10-24 years.