

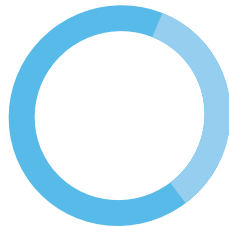
Sentencing Spotlight on... possession of dangerous drugs

This *Sentencing Spotlight* looks at sentencing outcomes for the offence of possessing dangerous drugs finalised in Queensland courts between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2016.

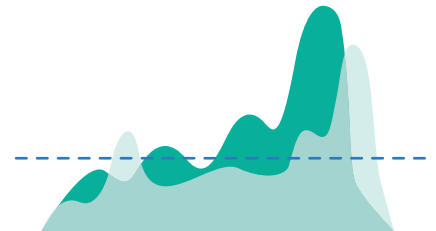
Summary of offences 2005–06 to 2015–16



151,186
offenders in total



98,414
possessing dangerous drugs as
most serious offence (MSO)



Average age
30.7 years

52,772

another offence as MSO



78.8%
male offenders



21.2%
female offenders



9.4%
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islander
offenders



97.1%
pleaded guilty



93.2%
non-custodial sentence
of which
56.4% received a fine
(\$554.60 average)



Number drug
possession offences
as MSO
more than doubled
2005–06 to 2015–16

Source: Department of Justice and Attorney-General's Queensland Wide Inter-linked Courts (QWIC) database, as maintained by the Queensland Government Statistician (GovStats). Additional details about cases were sourced, where available, from sentencing remarks direct from the courts.