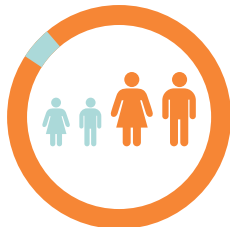


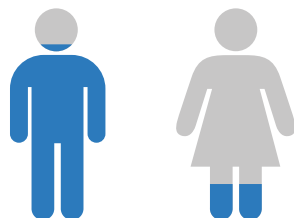
Sentencing Spotlight on...murder

Murder is generally referred to as the unlawful killing of a person with intent. This *Sentencing Spotlight* looks at sentencing outcomes for the offence of murder finalised in the Queensland Courts between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2016.

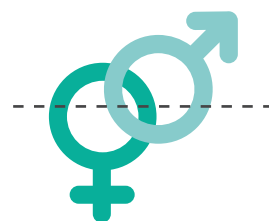
Summary of offences 2005–06 to 2015–16



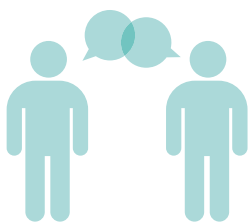
195 offenders
185 17 years and over
10 offenders under 17 years



83.3% male
16.7% female



Average age **37** years
Male average age
36.6 years
Female average age
42.8 years



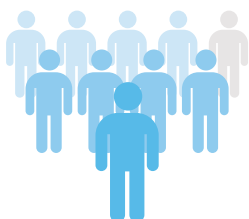
82.1%
of cases the offender
known to victim



27.7%
plead guilty



18.5% offenders
Aboriginal or Torres
Strait Islander people
(3.8% population)



10%
offenders charged
with multiple
murders



Most common
additional offence
**deprivation of liberty
or false imprisonment**



All adult offenders
received **life in
prison**; young
offenders
ranged between
8 years and life