

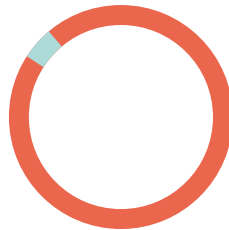
# Sentencing Spotlight on... trafficking in dangerous drugs

This *Sentencing Spotlight* examines sentencing outcomes for trafficking in dangerous drugs offences finalised in Queensland courts between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2016.

## Summary of offences 2005–06 to 2015–16



**2596**  
offenders in total

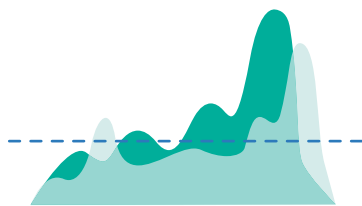


**2498**  
trafficking in dangerous drugs  
as most serious offence (MSO)

**98**  
another offence as MSO



Number of offenders  
sentenced for a  
trafficking in dangerous  
drugs MSO  
increased each year  
since 2009–10



Average age  
**34 years**



**83.7%**  
male offenders



**5%**  
Aboriginal and/or  
Torres Strait Islander  
offenders



**97.8%**  
pleaded guilty



**99.1%**  
of offenders  
received a  
custodial penalty



Average prison  
sentence was  
**4.6 years**

Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office, Queensland Treasury - Courts Database, extracted January 2017