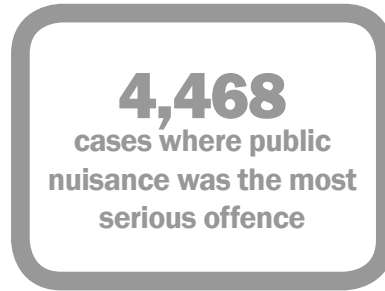
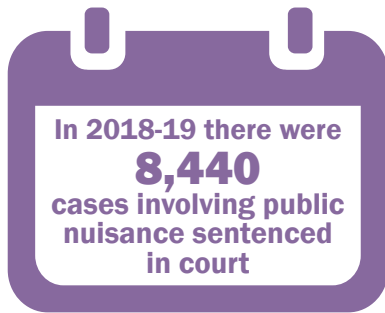


PUBLIC NUISANCE:

Behaviour that is disorderly, offensive, threatening or violent, and interferes (or is likely to interfere) with a member of the public peacefully passing through or enjoying a public place. Can include using offensive, obscene, indecent, abusive or threatening language.

Maximum penalty – \$3,336 fine or 6 months' imprisonment if the offence is committed within, or in the vicinity of, licenced premises. Otherwise, maximum penalty is a \$1,334 fine or 6 months' imprisonment.



7,527
offenders
sentenced



Average fine
\$469.32

Police officers can issue infringement notices for public nuisance offences, which means the person does not have to go to court if they pay the infringement amount. Officers use their discretion in deciding whether to issue an infringement notice or to instead choose the court process. The issuing of infringements is a common way of dealing with public nuisance offences. Other non-court actions include cautioning, conferencing and referral to support services.

ADULTS

Most common penalty:
Monetary order

Monetary	– 2,940
Recognisance	– 368
Community service	– 256
Probation	– 178
Imprisonment	– 160
Wholly suspended	– 153
Convicted, not further punished	– 101
Partially suspended	– 5
Intensive correction order	– 2



JUVENILES

Most common penalty:
Reprimand

Reprimand	– 152
Recognisance	– 59
Court ordered conference	– 41
Community service	– 28
Probation	– 20
Monetary	– 4
Convicted, not further punished	– 1



73.2%
sentenced were
male



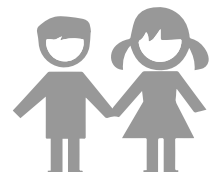
32.5
average age



Oldest
sentenced
was 81



Youngest
sentenced
was 10



6.8%
sentenced as a
child under the
Youth Justice Act

Source: QSAC draws data from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office (QGSO), Queensland Treasury (Courts Database, extracted November 2019). Data used covers the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. Only cases that proceeded to court are included.

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