

# Sentencing Spotlight on...manslaughter

Manslaughter is generally referred to as the unlawful killing of a person without intent. This *Sentencing Spotlight* looks at sentencing outcomes for the offence of manslaughter finalised in the Queensland Courts between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2016.

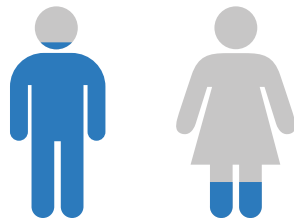
## Summary of offences 2005–06 to 2015–16



**224 offenders**

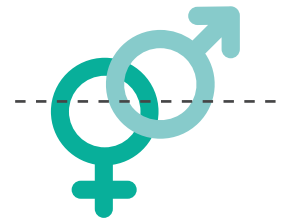
**8 offenders under 17 years**

**216 17 years and over**



**83.5% male**

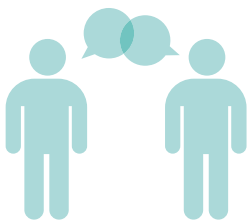
**16.5% female**



Average age at sentencing **34.5 years**

Male average age **33.9 years**

Female average age **36.7 years**



**70.5%**

of cases the offender known to victim



**75.5%**

plead guilty



**21.4% offenders**  
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people  
(3.8% population)



**92% immediate prison sentence**

**6.2% partially suspended sentence**

**1.8% wholly suspended sentence**



**95.7% males imprisoned**

**4.3% males partially or wholly suspended sentence**

**73.0% females imprisoned**

**27% females partially or wholly suspended sentence**



**most common period of imprisonment imposed**

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 from sentencing remarks direct from the courts.