

**Correctional Statistics for
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Table 1: Prisoners by Gender and Imprisonment Rates, mid 2023

Country/Area	Male	Female	Total	General Population	Imprisonment rate (per 100,000 population)	Percentage of foreign nationals/non-locals
Australia	23,908	1,712	25,624	25,978,935	99	NA
Canada	12,407	645	13,054 ¹	39,858,480 ²	33	4.0% ³
Hong Kong (China)	3,982	1,231	5,213 ⁴	7,333,200 ⁵	71	38.1%
Macao (China)	1,026	189	1,215	678,800 ⁶	18	70.5%
Japan	32,352	3,066	35,418	124,630,980	28	6.2%
Nauru	25	0	25	11,500	NA	8.0%
Papua New Guinea	2,931	139	3,070	9,000,000	34	1.2%
Singapore	6,179	643	6,822	5,600,000 ⁷	122	12.4%
Thailand	187,883	24,849	212,732	66,090,475 ⁸	32	3.5%

¹ Includes two intersex offenders

² Statistics Canada, Canada's Population Estimate, April 2023

³ Excludes 26 dual citizens from local prisoners and 218 unknown prisoners from foreign nationals/non-local prisoners

⁴ Excludes 159 detainees and non-local prisoners include all PICs from the Mainland, Macao SAR and Taiwan region

⁵ Data as at end 2022

⁶ This figure includes those who undergo mandatory drug rehabilitation at the Drug Rehabilitation Centre

⁷ Data as of end June 2022

⁸ Data as of 31 Dec 2022

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Table 2a: Prisoners excluding civil prisoners under Sentence by Gender, mid 2023

Country/Area	Male	Female	Total
Australia	23,908	1,712	25,624
Canada	12,407	645	13,054 ¹
Hong Kong (China)	3,982	1,231	5,213
Macao (China)	1,026	189	1,215
Japan	32,352	3,066	35,418
Nauru	NA	NA	NA
Papua New Guinea	NA	NA	NA
Singapore	NA	NA	NA
Thailand	187,883	24,849	212,732

¹ Includes two Intersex offenders

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Table 2b: Unconvicted / Remandees by Gender, mid 2023

Country/Area	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Unconvicted / Remandees
Australia ¹	13,598	1,263	14,864	36.7%
Canada	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hong Kong (China)	2,612	521	3,133	37.5%
Macao (China)	107	17	124	9.3%
Japan	4,921	542	5,463	13.4%
Nauru	11	2	13	34.2%
Papua New Guinea	2,204	99	2,303	0.4%
Singapore	994	81	1,075	13.6%
Thailand	45,838	6,157	51,995	19.6%

¹ The sum of males plus females may be different to total persons as these statistics are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). ABS published statistics are subject to random adjustments (perturbation) to protect the confidentiality of individuals in accordance with the Census and Statistics Act

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Table 3a: Institutional Staff to Prisoner Ratio, mid 2023

Country/Area	Total Institutional Staff	Institutional Staff to Prisoner Ratio
Australia	NA	NA
Canada	15,630	1 to 0.8
Hong Kong (China)	5,594	1 to 1.5
Macao (China)	716	1 to 1.9
Japan	19,750	1 to 2.1
Nauru	54	1 to 0.7
Papua New Guinea	1,275	1 to 2.4
Singapore	1,543	1 to 5.1
Thailand	13,339	1 to 19.8

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Table 3b: Custodial staff to Prisoner Ratio, mid 2023

Country/Area	Total Custodial Staff	Custodial Staff to Prisoner Ratio
Australia	NA	NA
Canada	7,206	1 to 1.8
Hong Kong (China)	5,217	1 to 1.6
Macao (China)	571	1 to 2.3
Japan	17,403	1 to 2.3
Nauru	1	1 to 38
Papua New Guinea	1,275	1 to 2.4
Singapore	1,199	1 to 6.6
Thailand	11,660	1 to 22.7

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Table 4a: Rate of Persons Serving Community-based Supervised Sentences, mid 2023

Country/Area	Total number of persons serving community-based supervised sentences	Rate of Persons serving community-based supervised sentences (per 100,000 population)
Australia	69,986	269
Canada	NA	NA
Hong Kong (China)	2,722	37
Macao (China)	200	29
Japan	8,469	7
Nauru	NA	NA
Papua New Guinea	76	1
Singapore	4	NA
Thailand	170,073	257

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Table 4b: Rate of Persons Subject to Supervised Orders Upon Release from Custodial Sentences, mid 2023

Country/Area	Total number of persons subject to supervised orders upon release from custodial sentences	Rate of persons subject to supervised orders upon release from custodial sentences (per 100,000 population)
Australia	18,318	71
Canada	8,330 ¹	21
Hong Kong (China)	1,080	15
Macao (China)	86	13
Japan	3,719	3
Nauru	NA	NA
Papua New Guinea	164	2
Singapore	2,759	49
Thailand	13,151	20

¹ Includes parole, statutory release and long-term supervision orders

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Table 5: Average daily prison population in 2022

Country/Area	Average daily prison population
Australia ¹	41,176
Canada	12,496
Hong Kong (China)	7,613
Macao (China)	1,444
Japan	43,166
Nauru	35
Papua New Guinea	5,700
Singapore ²	8,545
Thailand	272,627

¹ Average for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

² This refers to FY2021's figures (Apr 2021- Mar 2022)

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Table 6: Number of escape prisoner and assault case in 2022

Country/Area	Number of escape prisoner	Number of assault case
Australia ¹	33	1,000 ²
Canada	9	2,485 ³
Hong Kong (China)	0	361
Macao (China)	0	0
Japan	0	1,497
Nauru	0	8
Papua New Guinea	316	0
Singapore ⁴	0	41
Thailand	86	2,082

¹ Average for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

² Breakdown details : Serious assault on prisone -465 ; Assault on officers - 535. The number of assaults is an approximation only as the number of assaults for Australia is not published. Assault in custody (rate per 100 prisoners) is published for each jurisdiction but the national assault rate is not published due to different reporting practices and variation in service delivery arrangements for prisoner health care. The number of assaults is the calculation of assault rates (2 decimal places) against the average daily prisoner population for each jurisdiction

³ 1,999 among inmates including incidents of “assault on inmate”, “attempted murder”, “inmate fight”, “medical emergency (attributable to assaultive behaviour)”, “murder of an inmate”, and “sexual assault” and 486 against staff including incidents of “assault on staff – fluids/waste” and “assault on staff – physical”

⁴ Data as of 2021 (Apr 2021- Mar 2022)

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Table 7: Number of released prisoner and reimprisoned in 2020

Country/Area	Total number of local prisoners released	Total number of local prisoners released and reimprisoned	Recidivism rate
Australia	NA	NA	42.7% ¹
Canada ²	4,712	558	11.8%
Hong Kong (China) ³	4,055	945	23.3% ⁴
Macao (China)	133	4	3.0%
Japan	18,581	2,863	15.4%
Nauru	20	NA	NA
Papua New Guinea	2,319 ⁵	0	NA
Singapore ⁶	5,064	938	18.5%
Thailand	145,278	33,678	23.2%

¹ The figure provided is the rate of return for prisoner returning to prison as Australia does not publish the numbers of exiting/returning prisoner. The rate refers to prisoners returning between 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

² The Correctional Service of Canada does not track re-incarceration in two-year increments. This value is available with a five-year follow-up period. In 2017, 4,712 offenders reached the end of their sentence. By 2022, 558 of these offenders had been re-admitted to federal custody on a new sentence

³ Recidivism rate is defined as the percentage of re-admission (due to commission of a new offence) of local convicts within two years after discharge from correctional institutions.

⁴ Figures for discharge year of 2020

⁵ Includes head sentence

⁶ Figures for Penal. Penal recidivism rate is defined as the percentage of local offenders under the custody of the Singapore Prison Service, who were subsequently detained or sentenced to imprisonment or day reporting order within 2 years of release into the community. This does not include those who undergo mandatory drug rehabilitation at the Drug Rehabilitation Centre

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Appendix 1: Coverage of Prisoners Under Sentence and Age Definition of Young Prisoners

Country/Area	Whether covering detention facilities for prisoners managed by other government authorities (e.g. police, other factors or organisations, etc.)						Whether covering private prison/ correctional facilities						Age definition of young prisoners under sentence	
	Adult			Young			Adult			Young				
	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No		
Australia	✓			✓				✓			✓			Between 10 and 17
Canada	✓			✓			✓				✓			NA
Hong Kong (China)	✓			✓			✓				✓			Between 14 and 20
Macao (China)	✓			✓			✓				✓			Between 16 and 20
Japan	✓			✓				✓				✓		NA ¹
Nauru			✓			✓		✓						Between 18 and 21
Papua New Guinea		✓			✓				✓				✓	Between 12 and 19
Singapore	✓			✓			✓				✓			Under 21
Thailand	✓			✓					✓				✓	NA
Total	7	1	1	7	1	1	4	3	2	5	1	2		

¹ The age definition of “Young Prisoners” is not stipulated in any law. However, practically, those who are under 26 years old are categorized to the Index Y as young prisoners, and minors who are under 20 years old are categorized to the Index J as juvenile prisoners

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Appendix 2: Coverage of Unconvicted / Remandees and Age Definition of Young Unconvicted / Remandees

Country/Area	Whether covering detention facilities for prisoners managed by other government authorities (e.g. police, other factors or organisations, etc.)						Whether covering private prison/ correctional facilities						Age definition of young unconvicted / remandees			
	Adult			Young			Adult			Young						
	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No				
Australia	✓			✓				✓			✓			Between 10 and 17		
Canada	✓			✓			✓				✓			NA		
Hong Kong (China)	✓			✓			✓				✓			Between 14 and 20		
Macao (China)	✓			✓			✓				✓			Between 16 and 20		
Japan	✓			✓			✓				✓			NA		
Nauru			✓			✓		✓				✓		Between 18 and 21		
Papua New Guinea		✓			✓				✓				✓	Between 12 and 19		
Singapore			✓			✓	✓				✓			Under 21		
Thailand	✓			✓					✓				✓	NA		
Total	6	1	2	6	1	2	5	2	2	6	1	2				

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Appendix 3: Coverage of Institutional Staff to Prisoner Ratio

Country/Area	Whether covering detention facilities for prisoners managed by other government authorities (e.g. police, other forces or organisations, etc.)			Whether covering private prison/ correctional facilities			Whether covering other staff provided by outside agencies to perform perimeter security/escort duties, etc.		
	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No
Australia	✓			✓			✓		
Canada	✓			✓			✓		
Hong Kong (China)	✓			✓			✓		
Macao (China)	✓			✓			✓		
Japan	✓				✓		✓		
Nauru			✓		✓				✓
Papua New Guinea		✓				✓		✓	
Singapore			✓	✓					✓
Thailand	✓			✓			✓		
Total	6	1	2	6	2	1	6	1	2

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Appendix 4: Coverage of Custodial Staff to Prisoner Ratio

Country/Area	Whether covering detention facilities for prisoners managed by other government authorities (e.g. police, other forces or organisations, etc.)			Whether covering private prison/ correctional facilities			Whether covering other staff provided by outside agencies to perform perimeter security/escort duties, etc.		
	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No	N.A.	Yes	No
Australia	✓			✓			✓		
Canada	✓			✓			✓		
Hong Kong (China)	✓			✓			✓		
Macao (China)	✓			✓			✓		
Japan	✓				✓		✓		
Nauru			✓		✓				✓
Papua New Guinea	✓			✓			✓		
Singapore			✓	✓					✓
Thailand	✓			✓			✓		
Total	7	0	2	7	2	0	7	0	2