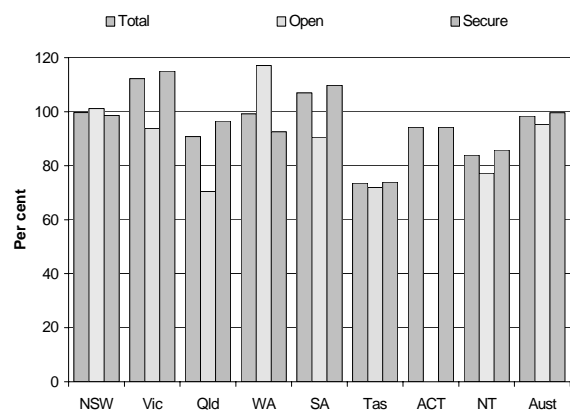


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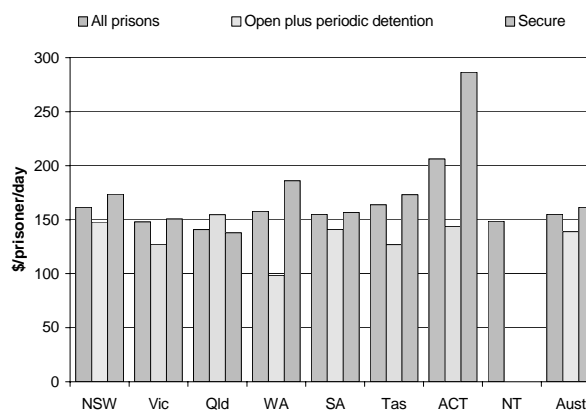
- The focus of this chapter is on prison custody and a range of community corrections orders and programs for adult offenders. Nationally, expenditure on corrective services (net of revenue from own sources) was \$1.6 billion in 2001-02. Expenditure on prisons was \$1.4 billion, community corrections \$161.9 million and prisoner transport and escort services \$46.1 million (p. 7.3).
- In 2001-02, on average 21 672 people per day were held in Australian prisons during the year and an additional 1054 people on average were serving periodic detention orders in NSW and the ACT. Nationally, 16.8 per cent of the total prisoner population (excluding periodic detainees) were held in privately operated facilities.(p. 7.4).
- Nationally, the total imprisonment rate (prisoners per 100 000 adults) was 145.5, with the rate ranging from 480.1 in the NT to 83.6 in the ACT (p. 7.4). The national Indigenous imprisonment rate (per 100 000 Indigenous adults) was 1746.3 compared with a rate of 115.5 for non-Indigenous prisoners (p. 7.5).
- On average, 52 305 offenders per day were serving community corrections orders in Australia in 2001-02 (p. 7.7). Nationally, the community corrections rate (offenders per 100 000 adults) was 351.0, and the rate ranged from 669.0 in the NT to 177.0 in Victoria (p. 7.7).

Selection of results

Prison capacity utilisation rates, 2001-02 (p. 7.28)



Recurrent cost per prisoner per day, 2001-02 (p 7.24)



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- Both recurrent (see chart above) and capital costs per prisoner are reported. Nationally, the capital cost per prisoner per day was \$41.6 in 2001-02 (p. 7.25). The capital cost per prisoner for the ACT was relatively low, partly offsetting the high recurrent cost shown above.
- Other indicators include unnatural deaths in custody (p. 7.15), escape rates (p. 7.17), out-of-cell hours (p. 7.17), completion of community orders (p. 7.18), prisoner employment (p. 7.19), community work by offenders (p. 7.20), prisoner education (p. 7.21), offender to staff ratios (p. 7.28), and recurrent and capital cost per offender (p. 7.26).

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Progress since 2002 Report

The scope of the efficiency measures for corrective services has been improved. For the first time, recurrent and capital costs per prisoner are reported separately, enabling consideration of the full cost to government of imprisonment and the variations in capital costs across jurisdictions. Capital costs are also reported for community corrections.

Data for charts on previous page

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT ^a	NT	Aust
<i>Prison design capacity use rates, 2001-02 (per cent)</i>									
Total	99.7	112.2	90.7	99.3	107.0	73.5	94.2	83.9	98.4
Open	101.2	93.8	70.5	117.1	90.6	72.0	..	77.2	95.3
Secure	98.6	115.0	96.6	92.6	109.7	73.9	94.2	85.8	99.6

^a ACT data are based on prisoners held in the ACT Remand Centre. ... Not applicable.

Source: table 7A.22.

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT ^b	Aust
<i>Recurrent cost per prisoner per day, 2001-02 (dollars) ^a</i>									
All prisons	161.5	148.1	140.8	157.9	154.8	163.8	206.4	148.6	154.9
Open plus periodic detention	147.8	127.3	154.8	98.5	140.9	126.8	143.9	na	139.0
Secure	173.6	150.6	137.9	186.0	156.7	173.1	286.6	na	161.4

^a Includes payroll tax (including estimated amounts for WA (\$4.1/prisoner/day for all prisons) and the ACT (\$3.3/prisoner/day for all prisons)) and excludes capital asset charges and associated expenses. Costs are net of recurrent receipts (own source revenues).

^b The NT did not report on open and secure custody costs separately in 2001-02. **na** Not available.

Source: table 7A.7.

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