

# Youth correctional services, 2010/2011

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On any given day in 2010/2011, there were about 14,800 young people aged 12 to 17 under the supervision of Canada's correctional system. Of these, just over 13,300 (90%) were under supervision in the community, usually on probation. The remaining 1,500 (10%) were in custody.

The youth corrections rate per 10,000 population aged 12 to 17 has generally been on a downward trend in recent years. The 2010/2011 rate was 6% lower than in 2009/2010 and 12% lower than five years earlier.

The number of young people in remand awaiting trial or sentencing outnumbered those in sentenced custody for the fourth consecutive year. Of the 1,500 young people in custody in 2010/2011, 54% (or 820 youth) were in remand, while 44% were in sentenced custody.

Between 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, the rate of youth under community supervision fell 6%, while rates for those in sentenced custody and remand both declined 5%.

## Note to readers

*This release is based on a [Juristat](#) article that presents 2010/2011 information on youth aged 12 to 17 (at the time of the offence) in custody and under community supervision in Canada. Data on youth in custody reflect the average daily count of youth residing in a correctional facility on any given day. These data differ from Census data, published on September 19, 2012, which reflect the number of youth who, on May 10, 2011, had been residing in a correctional facility for a minimum of six months. Youth who had been in correctional facilities for less than six months were counted according to their regular place of residence.*

*Data are drawn from three sources: the Youth Custody and Community Services Survey, the youth component of the Integrated Correctional Services Survey, and the Corrections Key Indicator Report for Youth. The analysis controls for differences in reporting by jurisdiction, which vary depending on the data element being discussed. For full information on coverage, consult the [Juristat](#) article.*



**Table 1**  
**Average counts of youth in correctional services, Canada**

|  | 2010/2011     |                   | Percent change in rate<br>2009/2010 to 2010/2011 <sup>2</sup> |
|--|---------------|-------------------|---|
|  | number        | rate <sup>1</sup> |   |
| <b>Total correctional services<sup>3, 4</sup></b>    | <b>14,820</b> | <b>79</b>         | <b>-6</b>   |
| Custody <sup>3</sup>                                 |               |                   |   |
| Remand   | 820           | 4                 | -5  |
| Sentenced custody                                    | 669           | 3                 | -5  |
| Secure custody                                       | 352           | 2                 | -3  |
| Open custody   | 317           | 2                 | -7  |
| Provincial director remand                           | 16            | 0                 | -6  |
| <b>Total custody</b>                                 | <b>1,505</b>  | <b>8</b>          | <b>-5</b>   |
| Community supervision <sup>3, 4</sup>                |               |                   |   |
| Probation  | 12,141        | 65                | -6  |
| Intensive support and supervision program            | 425           | 2                 | -0  |
| Deferred custody and supervision order               | 422           | 2                 | -4  |
| Community portion of a custody and supervision order | 328           | 2                 | -17   |
| <b>Total community supervision</b>                   | <b>13,315</b> | <b>71</b>         | <b>-6</b>   |

1. Rates are calculated per 10,000 youth population (12 to 17 years).

2. Percent change in rate from 2009/2010 to 2010/2011 for community supervision and total correctional services excludes Nova Scotia and Quebec.

3. Excludes data from Quebec.

4. Excludes data on youth under community supervision in Nova Scotia.

**Note(s):** Counts are based upon the average number of youth in correctional services on any given day. Figures may not add up due to rounding.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 3313 and 3323.**

The *Juristat* article "[Youth correctional statistics in Canada, 2010/2011](#)" (85-002-X, free) is now available. From the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects*, then *Crime and justice*, and *Juristat*. For information on adult correctional statistics, see "[Adult correctional statistics in Canada, 2010/2011](#)".

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