

# Social Indicators October 2020

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The following is a summary of apprentice and trainee activity in the Northern Territory during the March quarter 2020.

- There were 3280 apprentices and trainees in-training at the end of March quarter 2020, a decrease of 4.8 per cent compared to March quarter 2019. Nationally, apprentices and trainees in-training decreased by 2.9 per cent over the same period (Figure 1).
- Of the total number of apprentices and trainees in-training, 2530 or 77.1 per cent were employed on a full-time basis, the second lowest level of the jurisdictions and below the national average of 80.7 per cent.
- The gender ratio of males to females for apprentices and trainees in the Territory was 2:1, compared with the national average of 3.1:1.
- The occupation category that had the most apprentices and trainees was technicians and trade workers with 1710, or 52.1 per cent, followed by community and personal service workers with 725, or 22.1 per cent, and sales workers with 235, or 7.2 per cent (Table 1).
- In comparison, the top ranking national occupation categories were technicians and trade workers with 67.2 per cent, followed by community and personal service workers with 11.2 per cent, and machinery operators and drivers with 6.5 per cent (Table 1).
- The most popular apprentice and trainee training package programs in the Territory were Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician with 335 apprentices and trainees, followed by Certificate III in Carpentry with 160 apprentices and trainees, and Certificate III in Air-conditioning and Refrigeration with 120 apprentices and trainees.
- From March quarter 2019 to March quarter 2020, the number of apprentices and trainees that commenced training decreased from 950 to 615, or 35.3 per cent (Table 2). Nationally, new commencements decreased by 11.1 per cent.
- Of total commencements, 175 or 28.5 per cent were Aboriginal, the highest proportion of all jurisdictions and above the national average of 7.1 per cent.
- Over the same period, completions decreased by 28.3 per cent, while cancellations/withdrawals decreased by 14.0 per cent (Table 2). Nationally, completions and cancellations/withdrawals decreased by 1.3 and 6.1 per cent respectively.

Figure 1: Number of apprentices and trainees in-training, Northern Territory, March quarters, 2016 to 2020

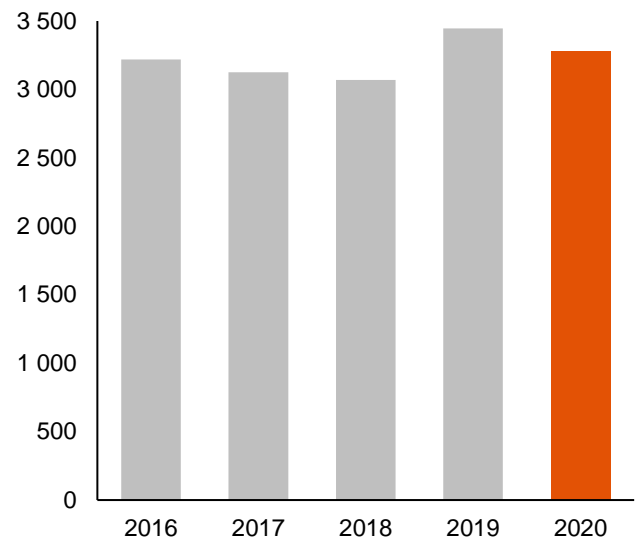


Table 1: Apprentices and trainees in-training by occupation category, March quarter 2020<sup>1,2</sup>

	NT		Australia	
	No.	%	No.	%
Technicians and trades	1 710	52.1	183 180	67.2
Community and personal service	725	22.1	30 475	11.2
Sales workers	235	7.2	12 230	4.5
Clerical and administrative	190	5.8	15 770	5.8
Machinery operators and drivers	175	5.3	17 845	6.5
Labourers	170	5.2	9 610	3.5
Managers	60	1.8	2 700	1.0
Professionals	15	0.5	685	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 280</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>272 505</b>	<b>100.0</b>

1 Not elsewhere classified or not known occupations are included in totals.

2 Figures may not add as all figures are rounded to the nearest five.

Table 2: Number of commencements, cancellations/withdrawals and completions, Northern Territory, March quarters, 2019 and 2020<sup>3</sup>

	Mar qtr 2019	Mar qtr 2020	Change
	No.	No.	%
Commencements	950	615	-35.3
Completions	230	165	-28.3
Cancellations/ Withdrawals	250	215	-14.0

3 Figures are rounded to the nearest five.

Source data in Apprentices and Trainees 2020: March quarter: Department of Treasury and Finance, NCVER

The following is a summary of persons either held in adult corrective services custody or who are serving adult community-based orders in the Northern Territory in the June quarter 2020, unless otherwise stated.

### Full-time custody

- The average daily number of persons in full-time custody was 1675, a decrease of 3.1 per cent compared to the June quarter 2019. Nationally, a 3.5 per cent decrease occurred over the same period, with all jurisdictions except South Australia experiencing a decrease (Table 3).
- The imprisonment rate was 914 per 100 000 adults, the highest rate of all jurisdictions and compares to the national rate of 210.
- Of the average daily number of persons in custody, 1569 or 93.7 per cent were male and 106 or 6.3 per cent female. This compares to the national figures of 92.2 per cent male and 7.8 per cent female.
- Of the average daily number of persons in custody, 1406 or 83.9 per cent were Aboriginal. This is the highest rate of all jurisdictions and compares to the national figure of 29.4 per cent (Table 3).
- The Aboriginal imprisonment rate was 2661 per 100 000 Aboriginal adults. This was the second highest rate after Western Australia, with a rate of 3976, and compares to the national rate of 2325 per 100 000 Aboriginal adults (Figure 2).

### Community-based corrections

- The average first day of the month number of persons serving community-based corrections orders in the June quarter 2020 was 1246, representing an 8.0 per cent decrease compared to the June quarter 2019. Nationally, community-based corrections orders increased by 1.6 per cent over the same period.
- The average first day of the month number of Aboriginal persons serving community-based corrections orders was 939 or 75.4 per cent of all persons in corrections. This was the highest rate of all jurisdictions and compares to the national figure of 21.4 per cent (Table 4).
- The community-based corrections order rate was 680 per 100 000 adults, the highest rate of all jurisdictions and compares to the national rate of 405.

Table 3: Average daily number of persons in full-time custody by Aboriginal status, June quarter 2020<sup>4</sup>

	Total		Aboriginal	
	No.	No.	No.	%
NSW	12 813	3 361		26.2
Vic	7 509	773		10.3
Qld	8 801	3 102		35.2
WA	6 930	2 713		39.1
SA	2 941	688		23.4
Tas	666	148		22.2
ACT	449	109		24.3
NT	1 675	1 406		83.9
<b>Australia</b>	<b>41 784</b>	<b>12 301</b>		<b>29.4</b>

4 Figures may not add due to rounding.

Figure 2: Aboriginal imprisonment rate per 100 000 Aboriginal adults by state, June quarter 2020



Table 4: Average number of persons serving community-based corrections orders by Aboriginal status, June quarter 2020<sup>5,6,7</sup>

	Total		Aboriginal	
	No.	No.	No.	%
NSW	34 431	7 493		21.8
Vic	11 463	860		7.5
Qld	19 156	4 714		24.6
WA	5 812	1 742		30.0
SA	5 132	936		18.2
Tas	2 005	357		17.8
ACT	1 166	187		16.0
NT	1 246	939		75.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>80 411</b>	<b>17 229</b>		<b>21.4</b>

5 Figures may not add due to rounding.

6 Community-based corrections orders are non-custodial orders issued to offenders by criminal courts, including home detention orders, personal violence orders and parole orders.

7 Average number is based on the mean average of the first day of April, May and June in the relevant year.

Source data in Corrective Services, Australia, June quarter 2020: Department of Treasury and Finance, ABS

The following is a summary of information on offence counts in the Northern Territory in the July quarter 2020 compared to the July quarter 2019, unless otherwise stated.

- Recorded offences against property decreased by 1914, or 40.0 per cent, to 2874. This decrease was driven by decreases in all offences related to property (Table 5).
- Commercial break-ins decreased by 61.4 per cent to 183, with decreases across all the regions in the Territory. The largest decreases were in the NT Balance (-138) and Darwin (-70).
- House break-ins decreased by 53.3 per cent to 240, driven by decreases in all regions except Palmerston (6) (Table 6).
- The number of offences against persons increased by 182, or 10.6 per cent, to 1901, primarily driven by an increase in acts intended to cause injury (187) (Table 5).
- The number of acts intended to cause injury increased by 12.7 per cent to 1664 offences. This was primarily due to increases in Palmerston (66), Katherine (47) and Darwin (40).
- Of the total number of acts intended to cause injury, 1657 were assaults. Of these assaults, 59.5 per cent involved domestic violence, 57.9 per cent involved alcohol and 39.0 per cent involved both domestic violence and alcohol.
- Recorded domestic violence assaults increased by 10.5 per cent to 986, driven by increased assaults in Palmerston (38) and Katherine (36), partly offset by a decrease in Darwin (-13).
- Recorded assaults with alcohol involvement increased by 34.6 per cent to 960, driven by increased assaults in Palmerston (55), Katherine (48) and Darwin (45).
- In the year ending July 2020, offence rates for domestic violence assaults increased by 5.7 per cent to 1691 per 100 000 population compared to the year ending July 2019. In the same period, offence rates for alcohol related assaults increased by 7.1 per cent to 1410 (Figure 3).
- The Northern Territory crime statistics are prepared by the Department of Attorney-General and Justice using data recorded by the Northern Territory Police.

Table 5: Selected recorded offences against property and persons, Northern Territory, July quarter, 2019 and 2020<sup>8,9,10</sup>

	Jul qtr 2019 No.	Jul qtr 2020 No.	Annual change %
<b>Offences against property</b>			
House break-ins	514	240	-53.3
Commercial break-ins	474	183	-61.4
Motor vehicle theft and related offences	379	180	-52.5
Theft	1 725	930	-46.1
Property damage	1 696	1 341	-20.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 788</b>	<b>2 874</b>	<b>-40.0</b>
<b>Offences against persons</b>			
Homicide and related offences	2	4	100.0
Acts intended to cause injury	1 477	1 664	12.7
Sexual assault and related offences	98	106	8.2
Other	142	127	-10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 719</b>	<b>1 901</b>	<b>10.6</b>

8 Break-ins include actual and attempted break-ins.

9 Other includes other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons, abduction, harassment and other offences, robbery, extortion and related offences.

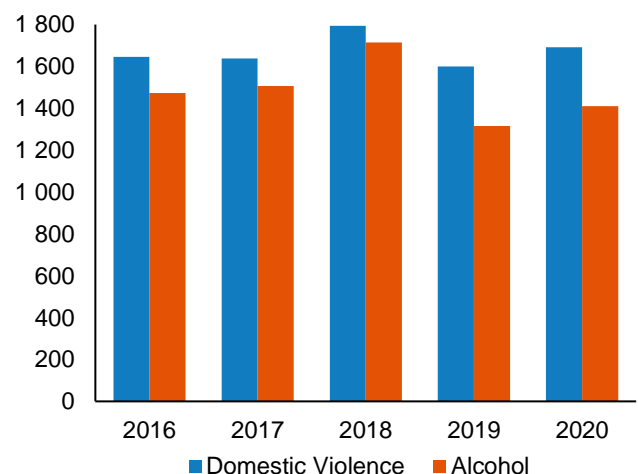
10 Acts intended to cause injury includes assault and related offences.

Table 6: Recorded house break-ins by region, Northern Territory, July quarter, 2019 and 2020<sup>11</sup>

	Jul qtr 2019 No.	Jul qtr 2020 No.	Annual change %
Darwin	165	72	-56.4
Palmerston	53	59	11.3
Alice Springs	105	56	-46.7
Katherine	12	9	-25.0
Tennant Creek	43	6	-86.0
Nhulunbuy	9	7	-22.2
NT Balance	127	31	-75.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>-53.3</b>

11 NT Balance is the area of the Northern Territory that lies outside of the six urban centres of Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.

Figure 3: Assaults with alcohol and domestic violence involved per 100 000 population, Northern Territory, for the 12 months ending July



Source data in Northern Territory Crime Statistics, July 2020: Department of Treasury and Finance, NTPFES