

Table 1: Number of charges for cannabis related offences, by charge outcome, by year 1990 - 2015

Offence Type	Charge Outcome	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Possess and/or use	Convicted	6,558	6,484	6,103	7,419	7,386	5,935	5,660	6,469	6,976	6,770	6,142	5,549	4,995	4,864	4,279	4,038	4,118	4,168	4,637	5,350	4,924	3,717	3,121	2,387	2,088	1,879
	Youth Court proved	33	44	34	43	32	50	52	95	79	109	97	87	63	68	64	69	89	58	57	79	79	51	35	43	26	27
	Discharge without conviction	55	43	64	74	114	108	122	136	140	191	167	142	123	148	193	128	151	129	120	116	85	73	83	57	49	44
	Adult diversion, Youth Court discharge	11	31	15	35	42	40	45	51	60	64	72	70	63	433	966	761	741	782	775	1,046	868	463	416	267	230	204
	Not proved	1,144	1,469	1,500	1,610	2,055	2,018	2,038	2,085	2,311	2,285	2,237	2,084	1,889	1,463	1,045	856	882	940	971	1,043	870	584	518	396	329	305
	Other	4	3	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	5	0	1	3	1	4	1	3	4	4	3
	Possess and/or Use Offences Total	7,805	8,074	7,716	9,182	9,629	8,151	7,921	8,837	9,567	9,421	8,715	7,933	7,135	6,976	6,549	5,857	5,981	6,078	6,563	7,635	6,830	4,889	4,176	3,154	2,726	2,462
Deal or traffic	Convicted	857	960	997	786	1,497	1,161	1,247	1,218	1,312	1,377	1,532	1,332	1,436	1,252	961	742	836	869	1,244	1,693	2,116	1,632	1,705	1,812	1,291	1,083
	Youth Court proved	2	2	2	3	4	5	13	15	8	28	16	10	6	7	5	5	11	7	11	6	10	5	14	4	5	0
	Discharge without conviction	1	0	1	1	6	1	3	6	5	9	6	4	7	7	9	3	7	5	9	12	10	6	8	10	15	21
	Adult diversion, Youth Court discharge	0	3	0	1	4	11	12	31	21	13	15	8	23	19	30	18	16	17	24	21	28	19	24	21	8	11
	Not proved	397	439	514	491	852	777	748	867	849	896	968	849	947	860	763	714	591	700	938	1,296	1,063	1,038	1,579	1,017	666	540
	Other	2	0	0	2	2	6	2	5	3	2	5	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	1
	Deal or Traffic Offences Total	1,259	1,404	1,514	1,284	2,365	1,961	2,025	2,142	2,198	2,325	2,542	2,205	2,419	2,148	1,768	1,484	1,461	1,601	2,227	3,028	3,230	2,703	3,337	2,865	1,986	1,656
Other	Convicted	2,898	3,211	3,440	4,176	4,451	3,749	3,718	4,225	4,845	4,805	4,575	4,476	3,957	4,122	3,807	3,385	3,291	3,488	3,728	4,328	4,247	3,603	3,165	2,426	1,849	1,791
	Youth Court proved	13	19	12	22	19	23	26	53	62	87	71	76	66	55	61	60	52	62	49	58	66	33	39	36	16	20
	Discharge without conviction	25	20	23	33	41	38	49	42	76	87	79	72	77	89	112	92	78	76	66	90	68	78	59	43	38	41
	Adult diversion, Youth Court discharge	4	5	14	19	10	18	23	37	57	51	64	61	55	306	595	485	484	455	563	691	617	369	333	215	176	180
	Not proved	570	744	873	1,088	1,400	1,412	1,441	1,577	1,871	1,849	1,847	1,841	1,834	1,528	1,267	1,095	1,123	1,079	1,264	1,298	1,107	932	930	563	398	341
	Other	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	1	10	0	2	3	2	2	6	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	2	3	1
Other Offences Total	3,510	3,999	4,363	5,338	5,921	5,241	5,258	5,938	6,912	6,889	6,636	6,528	5,992	6,102	5,844	5,123	5,028	5,160	5,672	6,465	6,106	5,016	4,530	3,285	2,480	2,374	
National Total		12,574	13,477	13,593	15,804	17,915	15,353	15,204	16,917	18,677	18,635	17,893	16,666	15,546	15,226	14,161	12,464	12,470	12,839	14,462	17,128	16,166	12,608	12,043	9,304	7,192	6,492

Table 2a: Number of people charged with cannabis possession and/or use, by charge outcome and year, 1990 - 2015

Charge Outcome	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Convicted	5,637	5,557	5,107	6,172	6,054	4,995	4,775	5,367	5,775	5,672	5,253	4,802	4,403	4,296	3,817	3,588	3,662	3,725	4,162	4,780	4,381	3,367	2,800	2,202	1,894	1,726
Youth Court proved	27	38	26	33	27	45	45	66	65	89	78	75	52	60	57	57	75	51	52	66	59	45	33	36	24	23
Discharge without conviction	53	40	58	69	101	97	115	127	136	174	158	134	116	138	181	119	138	121	112	109	82	69	79	53	46	43
Adult diversion, Youth Court discharge	9	27	13	29	37	34	41	46	54	57	59	64	56	414	918	721	695	753	736	985	819	434	379	254	223	194
Not proved	947	1,157	1,200	1,291	1,601	1,618	1,646	1,694	1,851	1,836	1,826	1,736	1,594	1,216	769	634	649	711	719	765	633	457	422	312	276	246
Other	3	2	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	1	3	1	4	1	3	3	4	3
Possess and/or Use Total	6,676	6,821	6,404	7,595	7,820	6,789	6,626	7,301	7,882	7,829	7,374	6,812	6,223	6,124	5,744	5,123	5,219	5,362	5,784	6,706	5,978	4,373	3,716	2,860	2,467	2,235

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for a cannabis possession and/or use charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for dealing or other cannabis offences these will also be counted in those tables.

Table 2b: Number of people charged with cannabis dealing or trafficking, by charge outcome and year, 1990 - 2015

Charge Outcome	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Convicted	688	685	682	613	933	763	776	883	981	1,001	1,050	962	915	744	677	573	561	574	737	860	1,057	893	971	850	675	555
Youth Court proved	2	2	2	3	3	5	9	11	6	16	14	8	3	7	4	5	7	5	8	5	8	5	9	2	3	0
Discharge without conviction	1	0	1	1	5	1	3	5	4	7	6	3	6	5	9	3	6	4	8	9	9	6	8	10	12	18
Adult diversion, Youth Court discharge	0	3	0	1	2	8	7	15	13	8	12	8	18	18	28	16	13	14	20	19	25	17	18	17	7	10
Not proved	263	250	316	341	476	429	373	475	445	463	526	483	483	426	400	359	298	347	419	475	405	302	312	243	180	151
Other	2	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	3	2	0	1	1
Deal or Traffic Total	956	940	1,001	960	1,421	1,209	1,170	1,391	1,451	1,497	1,610	1,466	1,425	1,202	1,118	957	885	945	1,193	1,368	1,506	1,226	1,320	1,122	878	735

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for a cannabis dealing or trafficking charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for possession or other cannabis offences these will also be counted in those tables.

Table 2c: Number of people charged with other cannabis offences, by charge outcome, 1990 - 2015

Charge Outcome	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Convicted	2,605	2,879	3,041	3,645	3,840	3,249	3,188	3,588	4,105	4,082	3,885	3,834	3,409	3,548	3,273	2,900	2,861	3,049	3,210	3,685	3,620	3,032	2,701	2,080	1,628	1,581
Youth Court proved	11	18	11	17	15	19	19	43	50	67	55	62	53	47	54	50	40	53	41	49	47	27	33	28	15	17
Discharge without conviction	24	18	22	31	37	33	46	42	69	83	73	68	69	85	105	85	74	71	61	83	64	67	56	41	36	37
Adult diversion, Youth Court discharge	3	4	12	17	9	14	18	31	48	44	57	53	47	277	539	449	454	424	525	631	560	335	304	198	162	170
Not proved	403	570	658	761	980	1,056	1,068	1,123	1,362	1,323	1,288	1,267	1,298	1,009	749	652	657	675	730	792	678	513	463	320	277	238
Other	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	5	0	2	2	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	2	3	1
Other Total	3,046	3,489	3,745	4,471	4,881	4,372	4,340	4,829	5,634	5,604	5,358	5,286	4,878	4,967	4,722	4,140	4,086	4,272	4,568	5,240	4,970	3,975	3,561	2,669	2,121	2,044

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for an 'other' type of cannabis offence charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for possession or dealing these will also be counted in those tables.

Table 3a: Number of people convicted of cannabis possession and/or use, by most serious sentence per person per year, 1990 – 2015

Sentence Type	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Imprisonment	363	339	358	377	351	321	311	375	435	400	398	388	347	349	359	363	382	333	324	399	429	331	296	221	231	253
Home Detention, other custodial	39	35	27	39	20	24	26	37	33	22	10	13	2	0	0	0	1	7	70	94	97	69	72	74	76	87
Community Detention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	58	95	159	121	129	101	80	81
Intensive Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	55	68	80	67	62	63	54	52
Community work	1,503	1,772	1,812	2,120	1,899	1,372	1,329	1,525	1,807	1,645	1,432	1,318	1,175	1,223	990	931	941	979	1,157	1,450	1,276	977	820	640	549	490
Supervision	150	133	153	216	207	183	186	215	225	232	191	140	90	80	79	73	94	74	120	152	176	168	136	141	117	96
Monetary	3,339	2,956	2,373	2,997	3,112	2,600	2,486	2,702	2,619	2,751	2,556	2,315	2,205	1,999	1,751	1,534	1,525	1,520	1,498	1,607	1,312	939	762	557	413	349
Deferment	71	119	138	151	138	135	99	106	144	118	114	112	126	129	123	124	126	167	191	195	182	168	105	95	95	62
Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	8	20	1	9	5	2	5	4	8	2	5	4
No sentence recorded	172	203	245	272	327	360	337	406	510	503	551	514	455	516	507	543	589	615	684	718	665	523	410	308	274	252
Possess and/or Use Total	5,637	5,557	5,107	6,172	6,054	4,995	4,775	5,367	5,775	5,672	5,253	4,802	4,403	4,296	3,817	3,588	3,662	3,725	4,162	4,780	4,381	3,367	2,800	2,202	1,894	1,726

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for a cannabis possession and/or use charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for dealing or other cannabis offences these will also be counted in those tables. The Sentencing Act 2007 introduced sentencing options for Home Detention, Community Detention and Intensive Supervision. Prior to 2002, 'Other custodial' (grouped here with Home Detention) included Borstal Training and Corrective Training.

Table 3b: Number of people convicted of cannabis dealing or trafficking, by most serious sentence per person per year, 1990 – 2015

Sentence Type	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Imprisonment	275	246	251	234	313	256	265	346	361	391	464	429	453	448	402	331	338	300	227	261	315	254	262	256	190	163
Home Detention, other custodial	6	5	5	4	4	8	12	6	3	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	164	199	279	231	212	250	193	165
Community Detention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	42	94	125	127	144	130	109	88
Intensive Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	23	16	25	19	27	21	23	14
Community work	286	331	318	295	434	388	367	372	465	445	411	388	353	227	205	188	166	193	219	226	246	205	277	150	136	102
Supervision	26	28	28	27	64	41	47	48	60	55	56	56	21	8	16	9	12	18	15	14	19	14	23	11	9	9
Monetary	87	64	67	47	92	48	63	86	65	77	77	69	70	44	32	35	32	22	35	29	27	28	19	17	7	10
Deferment	4	6	7	2	23	16	12	18	17	18	27	16	10	4	6	1	4	4	5	5	7	7	1	3	2	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	4	0	2	2	0	1	1
No sentence recorded	4	5	6	4	3	6	10	7	10	8	12	2	8	13	15	7	7	5	5	12	14	6	4	12	5	2
Deal or Traffic Total	688	685	682	613	933	763	776	833	981	1,001	1,050	962	915	744	677	573	561	574	737	860	1,057	893	971	850	675	555

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for a cannabis dealing or trafficking charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for possession or other cannabis offences these will also be counted in those tables. The Sentencing Act 2007 introduced sentencing options for Home Detention, Community Detention and Intensive Supervision. Prior to 2002, 'Other custodial' (grouped here with Home Detention) included Borstal Training and Corrective Training.

Table 3c: Number of people convicted of other cannabis offences, by most serious sentence per year, 1990 – 2015

Sentence Type	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Imprisonment	206	233	234	247	299	274	303	382	442	461	491	523	450	523	543	486	443	438	389	415	442	405	345	265	188	196
Home Detention, other custodial	24	14	12	25	18	9	16	27	30	13	8	11	2	0	0	0	1	19	146	209	262	201	224	195	158	160
Community Detention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	10	98	157	256	205	223	201	158	148
Intensive Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	61	78	83	77	60	62	48	59
Community work	1,029	1,309	1,424	1,635	1,649	1,248	1,205	1,380	1,748	1,625	1,499	1,400	1,312	1,338	1,188	1,074	1,019	1,141	1,179	1,403	1,364	1,078	998	703	587	541
Supervision	85	73	105	162	162	137	139	175	202	191	179	142	94	65	76	47	79	65	100	117	122	146	124	104	80	112
Monetary	1,192	1,157	1,139	1,433	1,542	1,371	1,333	1,443	1,422	1,493	1,421	1,440	1,250	1,285	1,129	968	966	949	879	899	722	603	489	354	271	212
Deferment	31	48	74	83	85	113	83	77	96	114	87	88	95	95	95	88	94	126	106	114	116	103	75	59	40	50
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	1	6	3	8	4	3	7	5	5	6	4	2
No sentence recorded	38	45	53	60	85	97	109	104	165	184	200	226	205	242	241	230	255	288	248	290	246	209	158	131	94	101
Other Total	2,605	2,879	3,041	3,645	3,840	3,249	3,188	3,588	4,105	4,082	3,885	3,834	3,409	3,548	3,273	2,900	2,861	3,049	3,210	3,685	3,620	3,032	2,701	2,080	1,628	1,581

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for an 'other' type of cannabis offence charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for possession or dealing these will also be counted in those tables. The Sentencing Act 2007 introduced sentencing options for Home Detention, Community Detention and Intensive Supervision. Prior to 2002, 'Other custodial' (grouped here with Home Detention) included Borstal Training and Corrective Training.

Table 4a: Average imposed sentence amount for people convicted of cannabis possession and/or use, by most serious sentence per person per year, 2004 – 2015

Sentence Type	Sentence Length	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Imprisonment	Average sentence length (days)	56	56	44	48	46	49	45	51	54	44	57	57
	Standard deviation (days)	76	74	77	56	39	52	35	76	63	34	120	94
Home Detention	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	129	129	123	116	121	112	113	110	125
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	57	95	81	92	91	85	90	91	96
Community Detention	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	123	105	110	114	110	108	111	110	110
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	51	45	52	43	46	44	45	52	46
Intensive Supervision	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	485	389	377	409	421	425	457	436	430
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	172	124	113	120	116	127	135	114	108
Community work	Average sentence length (hours)	106	96	93	90	86	86	85	88	89	84	88	85
	Standard deviation (hours)	77	69	69	66	60	64	62	62	59	54	54	49
Supervision	Average sentence length (days)	329	304	343	286	254	258	261	266	266	255	274	271
	Standard deviation (days)	125	108	117	83	68	66	66	64	66	62	63	67
Monetary	Average sentence amount (\$)	193	202	201	202	206	218	219	227	240	252	263	252
	Standard deviation (\$)	102	102	108	114	106	123	111	119	120	139	132	140

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for a cannabis possession and/or use charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for dealing or other cannabis offences these will also be counted in those tables.

Table 4b: Average imposed sentence amount for people convicted of cannabis dealing or trafficking, by most serious sentence per year, 2004 – 2015

Sentence Type	Sentence Length	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Imprisonment	Average sentence length (days)	446	478	444	453	475	454	516	515	532	579	585	562
	Standard deviation (days)	305	338	288	312	354	352	366	389	562	391	410	398
Home Detention	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	240	217	230	216	209	212	223	242	235
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	101	85	82	82	81	81	81	76	78
Community Detention	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	135	135	128	129	130	128	135	145	140
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	49	41	40	41	40	41	43	42	38
Intensive Supervision	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	395	408	398	450	402	418	416	417	494
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	52	158	99	146	92	135	114	139	155
Community work	Average sentence length (hours)	182	172	172	164	167	156	165	161	148	155	147	149
	Standard deviation (hours)	81	77	93	82	83	82	75	81	68	72	69	74
Supervision	Average sentence length (days)	335	353	303	315	265	311	286	285	260	277	303	310
	Standard deviation (days)	99	155	72	140	74	49	56	80	75	78	80	88
Monetary	Average sentence amount (\$)	528	557	601	435	448	473	546	559	549	345	341	765
	Standard deviation (\$)	310	484	516	243	295	376	387	392	382	154	200	509

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for a cannabis dealing or trafficking charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for possession or other cannabis offences these will also be counted in those tables.

Table 4c: Average imposed sentence amount for people convicted of other cannabis offences, by most serious sentence per year, 2004 – 2015

Sentence Type	Sentence Length	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Imprisonment	Average sentence length (days)	311	291	262	240	222	229	259	242	309	340	304	275
	Standard deviation (days)	315	332	314	293	299	304	334	303	523	428	412	350
Home Detention	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	180	195	183	194	188	194	196	211	211
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	118	97	97	94	91	89	101	90	96
Community Detention	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	120	123	119	121	120	115	121	124	123
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	47	45	45	39	44	41	46	44	43
Intensive Supervision	Average sentence length (days)	0	0	0	308	400	381	414	436	435	465	409	410
	Standard deviation (days)	0	0	0	52	134	120	131	127	149	141	120	117
Community work	Average sentence length (hours)	132	123	116	116	112	111	110	109	110	111	113	109
	Standard deviation (hours)	83	76	74	77	73	75	71	69	66	63	59	64
Supervision	Average sentence length (days)	336	332	354	298	252	253	265	263	270	256	279	265
	Standard deviation (days)	131	98	116	66	70	69	67	66	65	62	66	66
Monetary	Average sentence amount (\$)	343	325	316	348	330	325	353	398	389	447	433	438
	Standard deviation (\$)	296	244	231	309	247	232	247	346	261	601	287	392

Please note: This data counts the most serious outcome for an 'other' type of cannabis offence charge per person in a given year. If a person also has charges for possession or dealing these will also be counted in those tables.