

AUSTRALIAN PRISONS PROJECT

Indigenous Imprisonment

Statistics and Charts

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INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS COMPARISON

AUSTRALIAN RATES

IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS, AUSTRALIA 1993–2011

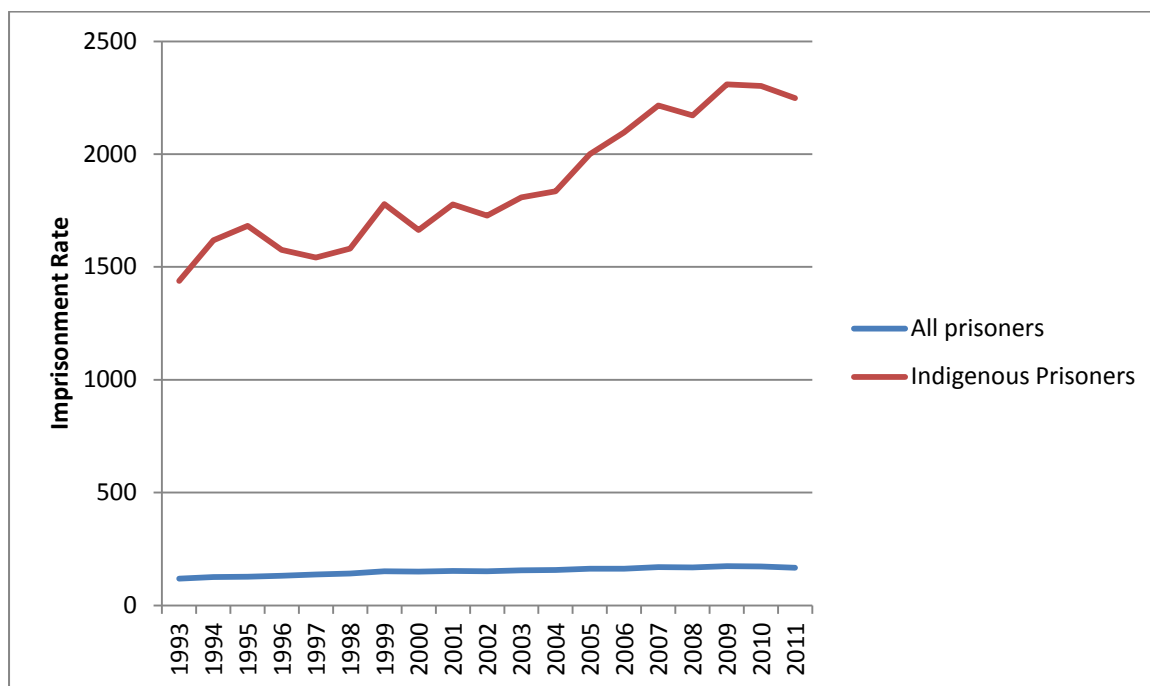
Imprisonment Rates by Indigenous Status, Australia		
	All prisoners¹²	Indigenous Prisoners³
1993	119.2	1438.4
1994	125.5	1617.6
1995	127.3	1681.9
1996	130.9	1576.2
1997	137.3	1,541.0
1998	141.1	1,581.8
1999	150.7	1,778.3
2000	150.2	1,664.2
2001	153.0	1,777.3
2002	150.8	1,727.6
2003	155.5	1,807.8
2004	157.2	1,835.1
2005	162.4	1,999.4
2006	163.2	2,096.6
2007	169.1	2,215.7
2008	168.2	2,171.0
2009	174.7	2,309.8
2010	172.4	2,302.7
2011	166.6	2,247.5
% increase 1993-2003	28.69%	31.28%

¹ Non-Indigenous imprisonment rates prior to 2000 are not available from published catalogues. As a result we have compared total prisoner rates (which includes Indigenous prisoners) with Indigenous imprisonment rates. We are aware that this understates the level of Indigenous over-representation

² Figures for 1997–2010 are from Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners Australia*, “Table 4: Crude Imprisonment Rate, state and territory, (2000–2010), (2001– 2011)”.

³ Figures for 1997–2010 are from Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners Australia*, “Table 3: Crude Imprisonment Rate, Indigenous status by state and territory, (2000–2010), (2001–2011)”.

Figure 1 IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS, AUSTRALIA 1993-2011



SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2003 – 2010).

STATE AND TERRITORIES: CRUDE RATES

Note: these rates are not age standardised and therefore the indigenous rates are not directly comparable with non-indigenous rates, because the indigenous population is on average younger than the non-indigenous population. Age standardised rates follow.

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING NSW INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO NSW TOTAL AND AUSTRALIA TOTAL, PER 100,000, 1982-2011.⁴

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	NSW ⁵	Aust.	NSW	Aust.	NSW ⁶	Aust. ⁷
1982	96.3	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	95.6	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	83.6	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	100.8	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	101.7	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	107.2	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	108.8	100.4	987.4	1233.9	-	-
1989	120.3	103.5	1032	1204.7	-	-
1990	143.1	112.2	1396.2	1308.4	-	-
1991	157.8	116	1208.6	1122.1	-	-
1992	164.5	118.3	1143.8	1112.9	-	-
1993	166.1	119.2	1253.2	1183	-	-
1994	166.1	125.5	1399.8	1340.8	-	-
1995	164.8	127.3	1473.3	1399.2	-	-
1996	161.2	130.9	1568.4	1517.7	-	-
1997	163.4	134.9	1541.5	1572.2	-	-
1998	161.8	141.1	1,592.4	1,581.8	-	-
1999	172.3	150.7	1,816.9	1,778.3	-	-
2000	171.8	149.7	1,743.4	1,653.2	147.6	122.5
2001	175.7	152.5	1,833.7	1,753.5	149.3	122.8
2002	171.8	150.3	2,012.2	1,732.0	142.5	120.4
2003	172.4	154.9	2,047.8	1,818.0	139.7	122.8
2004	179.7	157.1	2,012.2	1,851.9	149.1	124.3
2005	187.6	162.5	2,106.3	2,021.2	152.1	125.3
2006	185.6	163.4	2,382.1	2,126.9	147.0	125.6
2007	195.4	169.4	2,467.4	2,255.5	155.0	129.2
2008	195.3	168.7	2,491.8	2,223.2	153.5	128.6
2009	204.1	174.7	2,591.1	2,309.8	156.3	135.6
2010	196.0	172.4	2,459.2	2,302.7	151.8	129.2
2011	177.7	166.6	2,350.9	2,247.5	139.2	125.0

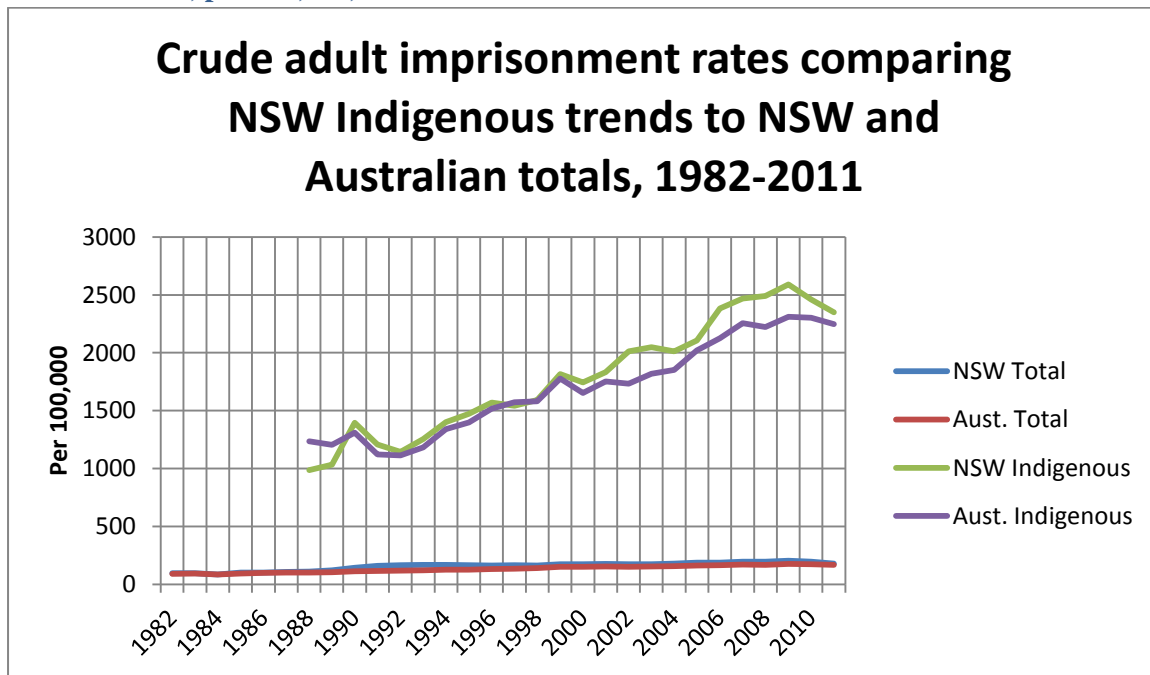
⁴ Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over.

⁵ Excludes prisoners sentenced by Australian Capital Territory (ACT), except for 1982 and 1983.

⁶ Australian Bureau of Statistics publications only record non-Indigenous rates from year 2000.

⁷ Australian Bureau of Statistics publications only record non-Indigenous rates from year 2000.

Figure 2 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing NSW Indigenous trends to NSW total and Australia total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

NSW & Australia 1982-1997

Carcach, C & Grant, A 1999, 'Imprisonment in Australia: Trends in Prison Populations & Imprisonment Rates 1982-1998,' *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.130, p.3.

NSW Indigenous and Australian Indigenous rates 1988-1997

Carcach, C, Grant, A, & Conroy, R 1999, 'Australian Corrections: The imprisonment of Indigenous people', *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.137, p.2

NSW, Australian, NSW Indigenous, Australian Indigenous, NSW Non-Indigenous rates & Australian Non-Indigenous rates 1998-2011

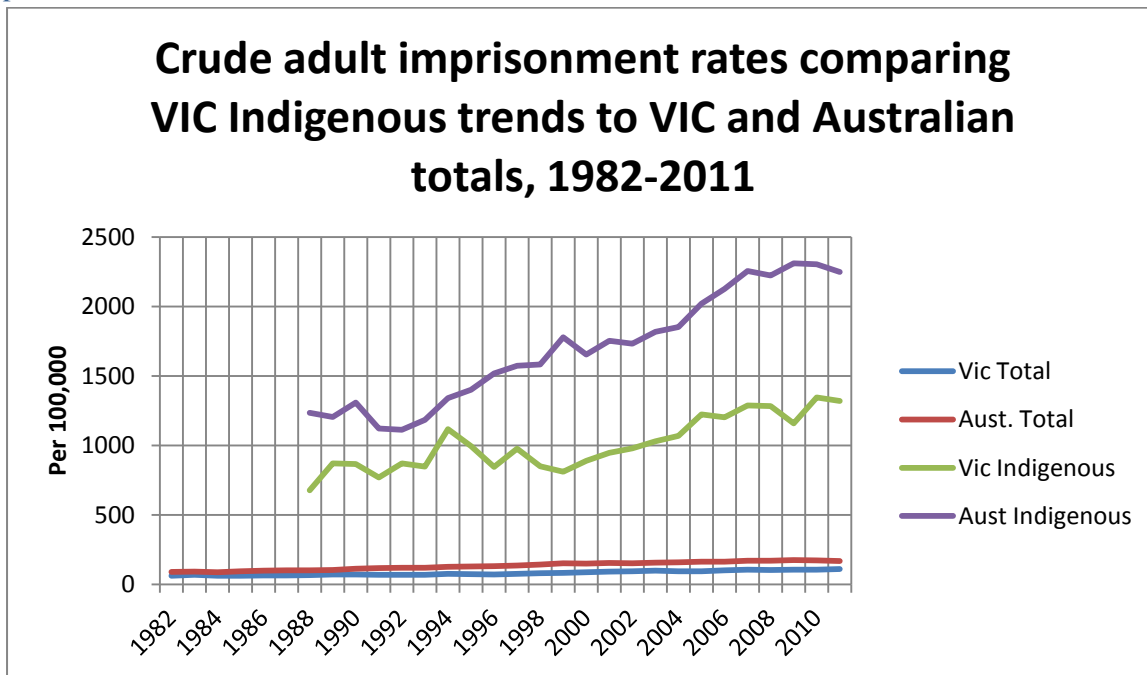
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*, (2008 – 2011).

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING VIC. INDIGENOUS
TRENDS TO VIC. TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN TOTAL, PER 100,000, 1982-2011⁸

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Vic.	Aust.	Vic.	Aust.	Vic.	Aust.
1982	60.8	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	68.1	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	62	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	62.1	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	63.5	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	62.4	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	65	100.4	677.4	1233.9	-	-
1989	69.6	103.5	869.6	1204.7	-	-
1990	70.3	112.2	865.3	1308.4	-	-
1991	69.2	116	767.9	1122.1	-	-
1992	67.5	118.3	871.1	1112.9	-	-
1993	67	119.2	846.9	1183	-	-
1994	73.9	125.5	1115.9	1340.8	-	-
1995	71.8	127.3	994.6	1399.2	-	-
1996	70.2	130.9	845.2	1517.7	-	-
1997	74.6	134.9	977.1	1572.2	-	-
1998	80.2	141.1	848.3	1,581.8	-	-
1999	81.0	150.7	810.9	1,778.3	-	-
2000	86.2	149.7	888.3	1,653.2	82.7	122.5
2001	91.3	152.5	946.0	1,753.5	87.4	122.8
2002	94.0	150.3	978.9	1,732.0	89.2	120.4
2003	98.3	154.9	1,029.3	1,818.0	94.2	122.8
2004	93.6	157.1	1,068.8	1,851.9	89.2	124.3
2005	94.2	162.5	1,223.7	2,021.2	89.0	125.3
2006	99.7	163.4	1,203.0	2,126.9	94.7	125.6
2007	104.6	169.4	1,288.5	2,255.5	99.1	129.2
2008	103.7	168.7	1,283.2	2,223.2	98.1	128.6
2009	104.0	174.7	1,158.8	2,309.8	98.7	130.9
2010	105.5	172.4	1,344.3	2,302.7	99.3	129.2
2011	108.5	166.6	1,320.7	2,247.5	102.2	125.0

⁸ Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over except for Victorian rates prior to 2006 which includes persons aged 17 years. On 1 July 2005, the *Children and Young Persons (Age Jurisdiction) Act 2004* (VIC) came into force and redefined adult as a person 18 years and over

Figure 3 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing VIC Indigenous trends to VIC total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

VIC. & Australia 1982-1997

Carcach, C & Grant, A 1999, 'Imprisonment in Australia: Trends in Prison Populations & Imprisonment Rates 1982-1998,' *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.130, p.3.

VIC Indigenous and Australian Indigenous rates 1988-1997

Carcach, C, Grant, A, & Conroy, R 1999, 'Australian Corrections: The imprisonment of Indigenous people', *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.137, p.2.

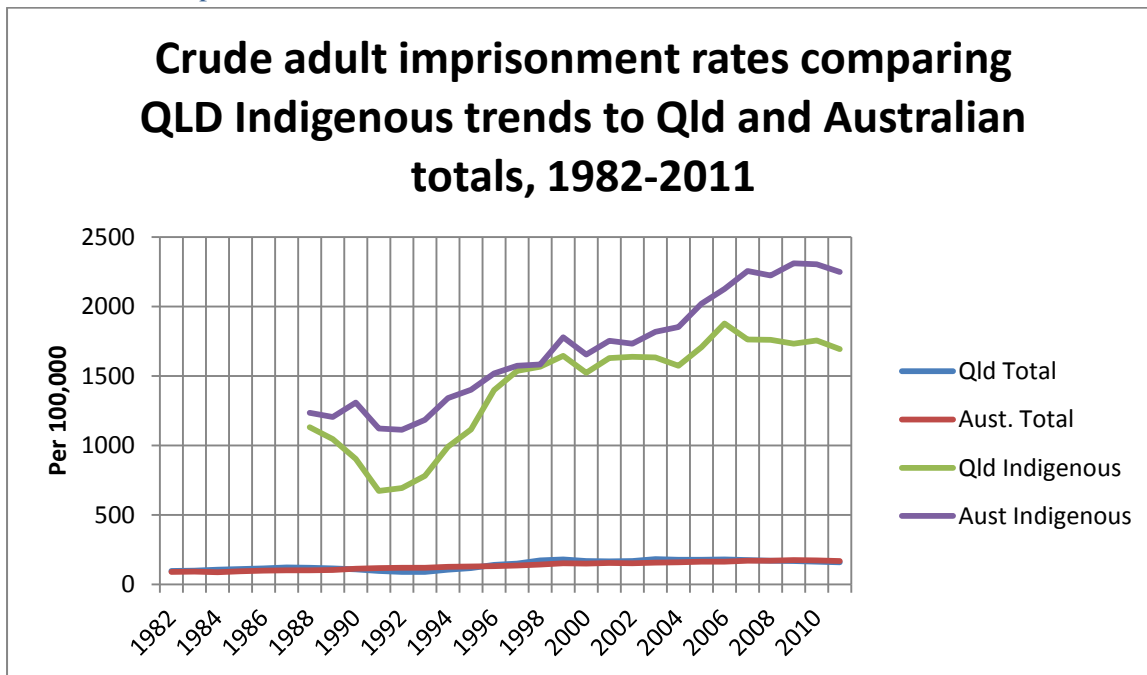
VIC, Australian, VIC Indigenous, Australian Indigenous & VIC Non-Indigenous rates 1998-2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*, (2008 – 2011).

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING QUEENSLAND
INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO QUEENSLAND TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN TOTAL,
PER 100,000, 1982-2011⁹

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	QLD	Aust.	QLD	Aust.	QLD	Aust.
1982	95.4	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	96.9	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	104.4	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	108.4	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	115	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	120.3	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	118.4	100.4	1130.9	1233.9	-	-
1989	115	103.5	1046	1204.7	-	-
1990	107.4	112.2	903.2	1308.4	-	-
1991	95.6	116	672	1122.1	-	-
1992	89.5	118.3	692.4	1112.9	-	-
1993	89	119.2	780.9	1183	-	-
1994	104	125.5	990.2	1340.8	-	-
1995	116.6	127.3	1115.4	1399.2	-	-
1996	139.6	130.9	1397.1	1517.7	-	-
1997	149.2	134.9	1535.9	1572.2	-	-
1998	171.9	141.1	1,565.9	1,581.8	-	-
1999	178.1	150.7	1,644.6	1,778.3	-	-
2000	166.2	149.7	1,523.0	1,653.2	130.1	122.5
2001	164.2	152.5	1,628.0	1,753.5	125.7	122.8
2002	167.2	150.3	1,638.6	1,732.0	128.6	120.4
2003	180.7	154.9	1,632.6	1,818.0	142.6	122.8
2004	177.0	157.1	1,572.2	1,851.9	138.3	124.3
2005	176.7	162.5	1,706.1	2,021.2	134.4	125.3
2006	179.0	163.4	1,877.1	2,126.9	134.0	125.6
2007	174.0	169.4	1,761.4	2,255.5	132.0	129.2
2008	169.2	168.7	1,759.4	2,223.2	126.9	128.6
2009	167.9	174.7	1,732.9	2,309.8	124.5	130.9
2010	161.6	172.4	1,755.4	2,302.7	117.1	129.2
2011	157.8	166.6	1,693.2	2,247.5		125.0

⁹ Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over except for Queensland rates which regard 'adult' as 17 years and over

Figure 4 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing Queensland Indigenous trends to Queensland total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

QLD & Australian 1982-1997

Carcach, C & Grant, A 1999, 'Imprisonment in Australia: Trends in Prison Populations & Imprisonment Rates 1982-1998,' *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.130, p.3.

QLD Indigenous and Australian Indigenous rates 1988-1997

Carcach, C, Grant, A, & Conroy, R 1999, 'Australian Corrections: The imprisonment of Indigenous people', *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.137, p.2.

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QLD, Australian, QLD Indigenous, Australian Indigenous & QLD Non-Indigenous rates 1998-2011

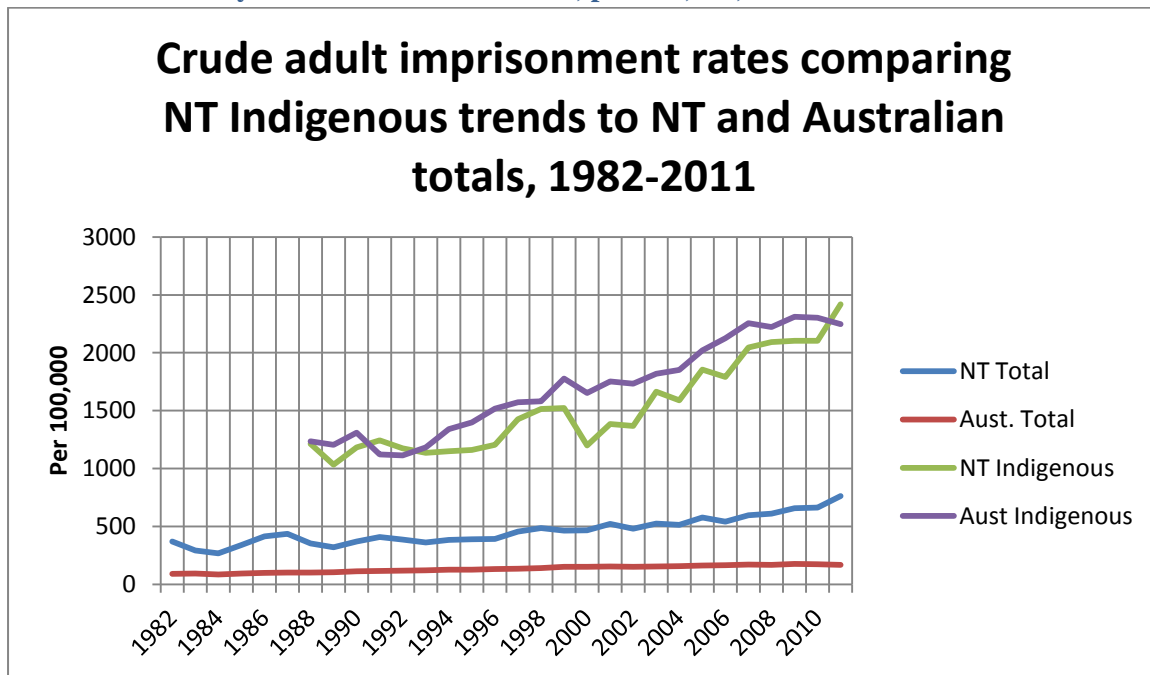
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia*, (2008 – 2011).

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING NORTHERN TERRITORY
INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO NORTHERN TERRITORY TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN
TOTAL, PER 100,000, 1982-2011¹⁰

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	NT	Aust.	NT	Aust.	NT	Aust.
1982	369.3	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	292.9	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	266.3	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	339	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	412.4	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	435.5	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	352.7	100.4	1212.9	1233.9	-	-
1989	319.2	103.5	1031.9	1204.7	-	-
1990	369.9	112.2	1182.6	1308.4	-	-
1991	407.9	116	1244	1122.1	-	-
1992	386.9	118.3	1175.5	1112.9	-	-
1993	360.5	119.2	1135.9	1183	-	-
1994	383.4	125.5	1149.7	1340.8	-	-
1995	389.8	127.3	1159.9	1399.2	-	-
1996	391.1	130.9	1205.3	1517.7	-	-
1997	454.8	134.9	1424.8	1572.2	-	-
1998	485.7	141.1	1,513.1	1,581.8	-	-
1999	463.3	150.7	1,522.0	1,778.3	-	-
2000	467.3	149.7	1,199.8	1,653.2	240.1	122.5
2001	520.7	152.5	1,383.9	1,753.5	250.5	122.8
2002	479.8	150.3	1,367.0	1,732.0	197.8	120.4
2003	524.3	154.9	1,663.5	1,818.0	150.9	122.8
2004	512.6	157.1	1,589.4	1,851.9	152.5	124.3
2005	575.5	162.5	1,855.9	2,021.2	145.2	125.3
2006	542.1	163.4	1,790.5	2,126.9	125.1	125.6
2007	595.2	169.4	2,046.6	2,255.5	127.7	129.2
2008	609.7	168.7	2,092.4	2,223.2	137.1	128.6
2009	657.6	174.7	2,104.2	2,309.8	160.6	130.9
2010	662.6	172.4	2,102.9	2,302.7	172.4	129.2
2011	761.5	166.6	2,418.6	2,247.5	184.3	125.0

¹⁰ Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over

Figure 5 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing Northern Territory Indigenous trends to Northern Territory total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

NT & Australian 1982-1997

Carcach, C & Grant, A 1999, 'Imprisonment in Australia: Trends in Prison Populations & Imprisonment Rates 1982-1998,' *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.130, p.3.

NT Indigenous and Australian Indigenous rates 1988-1997

Carcach, C, Grant, A, & Conroy, R 1999, 'Australian Corrections: The imprisonment of Indigenous people', *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.137, p.2.

NT, Australian, NT Indigenous, Australian Indigenous, NT Non-Indigenous rates & Australian NonIndigenous rates 1998-2011

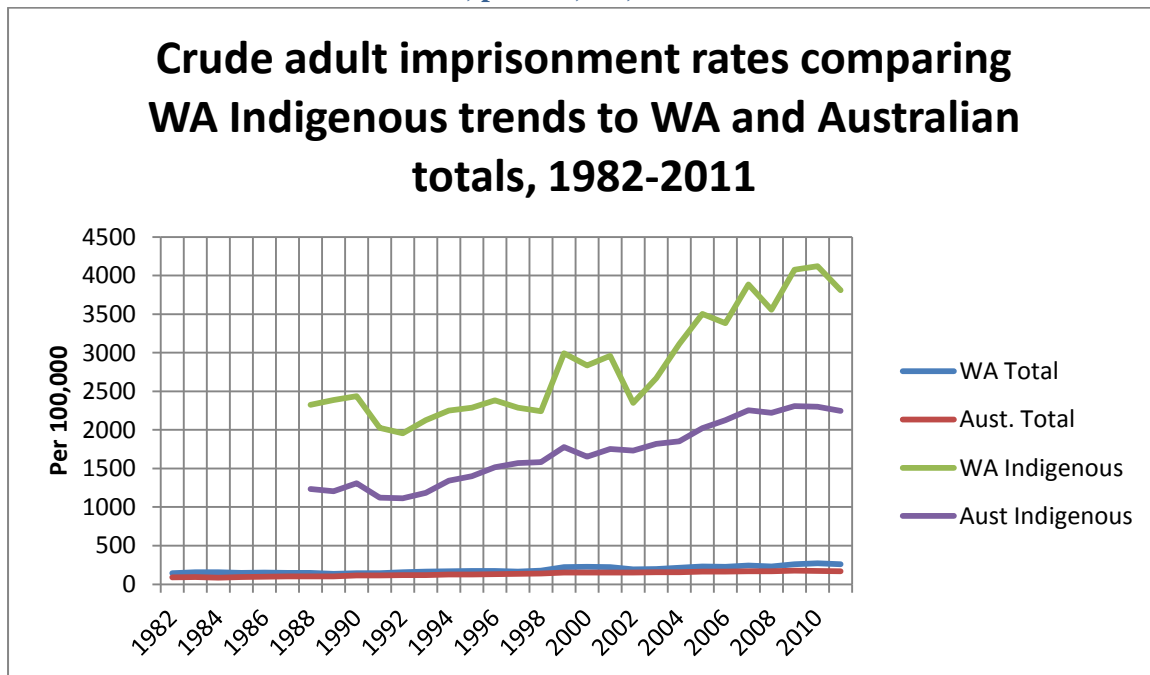
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING WESTERN AUSTRALIA
INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN
TOTAL, PER 100,000, 1982-2011¹¹

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	WA	Aust.	WA	Aust.	WA	Aust.
1982	142.3	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	154.2	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	155	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	146.5	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	152.3	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	149.2	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	147	100.4	2325	1233.9	-	-
1989	135.6	103.5	2387.2	1204.7	-	-
1990	145.2	112.2	2439	1308.4	-	-
1991	143.3	116	2027.5	1122.1	-	-
1992	154.4	118.3	1955.4	1112.9	-	-
1993	163	119.2	2125.9	1183	-	-
1994	168.6	125.5	2249	1340.8	-	-
1995	170.4	127.3	2287.8	1399.2	-	-
1996	170.4	130.9	2383.9	1517.7	-	-
1997	165.4	134.9	2288.5	1572.2	-	-
1998	174.8	141.1	2,243.7	1,581.8	-	-
1999	222.7	150.7	2,994.8	1,778.3	-	-
2000	224.6	149.7	2,835.7	1,653.2	156.5	122.5
2001	224.0	152.5	2,961.7	1,753.5	152.1	122.8
2002	194.5	150.3	2,350.7	1,732.0	137.5	120.4
2003	197.5	154.9	2,671.5	1,818.0	131.6	122.8
2004	212.6	157.1	3,114.4	1,851.9	134.5	124.3
2005	229.3	162.5	3,502.6	2,021.2	140.3	125.3
2006	227.2	163.4	3,385.4	2,126.9	140.7	125.6
2007	241.9	169.4	3,886.2	2,255.5	141.8	129.2
2008	230.3	168.7	3,556.6	2,223.2	139.1	128.6
2009	260.5	174.7	4,075.4	2,309.8	159.1	130.9
2010	272.8	172.4	4,121.9	2,302.7	170.7	129.2
2011	260.1	166.6	3,809.9	2,247.5	165.2	125.0

¹¹ Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over

Figure 6 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing Western Australian Indigenous trends to Western Australian total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

WA & Australia 1982-1997

Carcach, C & Grant, A 1999, 'Imprisonment in Australia: Trends in Prison Populations & Imprisonment Rates 1982-1998,' *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.130, p.3.

WA Indigenous and Australian Indigenous rates 1988-1997

Carcach, C, Grant, A, & Conroy, R 1999, 'Australian Corrections: The imprisonment of Indigenous people', *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.137, p.2.

WA, Australian, WA Indigenous, Australian Indigenous & WA Non-Indigenous rates 1998-2011

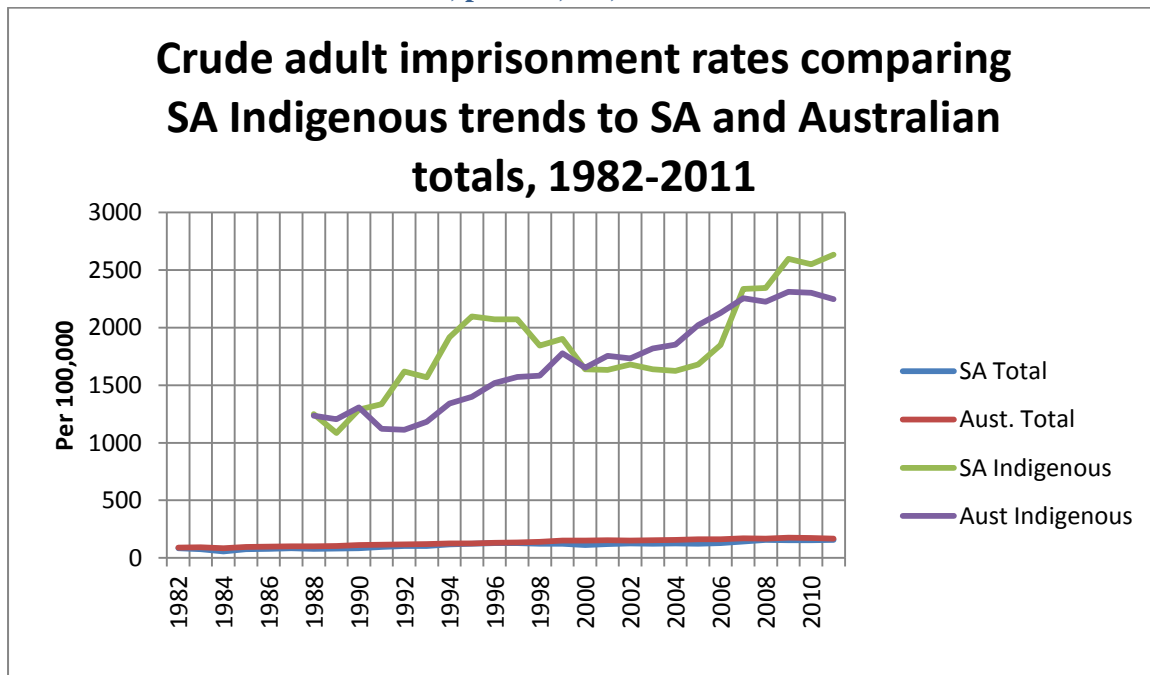
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011)

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING SOUTH AUSTRALIA
INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN
TOTAL, PER 100,000, 1982-2011¹²

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	SA	Aust.	SA	Aust.	SA	Aust.
1982	83.1	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	77	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	56	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	76.7	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	78.1	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	83.4	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	79.4	100.4	1249.5	1233.9	-	-
1989	80.9	103.5	1085.9	1204.7	-	-
1990	85.4	112.2	1287.2	1308.4	-	-
1991	94.4	116	1334.6	1122.1	-	-
1992	103.3	118.3	1618.9	1112.9	-	-
1993	103.7	119.2	1567.9	1183	-	-
1994	118.7	125.5	1916.1	1340.8	-	-
1995	123.1	127.3	2095.8	1399.2	-	-
1996	129.4	130.9	2072.5	1517.7	-	-
1997	130.1	134.9	2072.4	1572.2	-	-
1998	122.3	141.1	1,843.3	1,581.8	-	-
1999	122.4	150.7	1,902.1	1,778.3	-	-
2000	113.0	149.7	1,638.9	1,653.2	86.8	122.5
2001	120.0	152.5	1,632.9	1,753.5	89.8	122.8
2002	125.2	150.3	1,678.9	1,732.0	91.1	120.4
2003	123.5	154.9	1,638.4	1,818.0	90.2	122.8
2004	125.3	157.1	1,623.7	1,851.9	91.4	124.3
2005	123.2	162.5	1,680.6	2,021.2	89.4	125.3
2006	129.8	163.4	1,849.7	2,126.9	104.5	125.6
2007	143.9	169.4	2,334.7	2,255.5	113.6	129.2
2008	155.9	168.7	2,344.6	2,223.2	124.5	128.6
2009	155.1	174.7	2,596.6	2,309.8	121.2	130.9
2010	152.8	172.4	2,549.3	2,302.7	119.1	129.2
2011	156.1	166.6	2,633.9	2,247.5	120.6	125.0

¹² Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over

Figure 7 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing South Australia Indigenous trends to South Australia total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

SA & Australia 1982-1997

Carcach, C & Grant, A 1999, 'Imprisonment in Australia: Trends in Prison Populations & Imprisonment Rates 1982-1998,' *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.130, p.3.

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SA, Australian, SA Indigenous, Australian Indigenous & SA Non-Indigenous rates 1998-2011

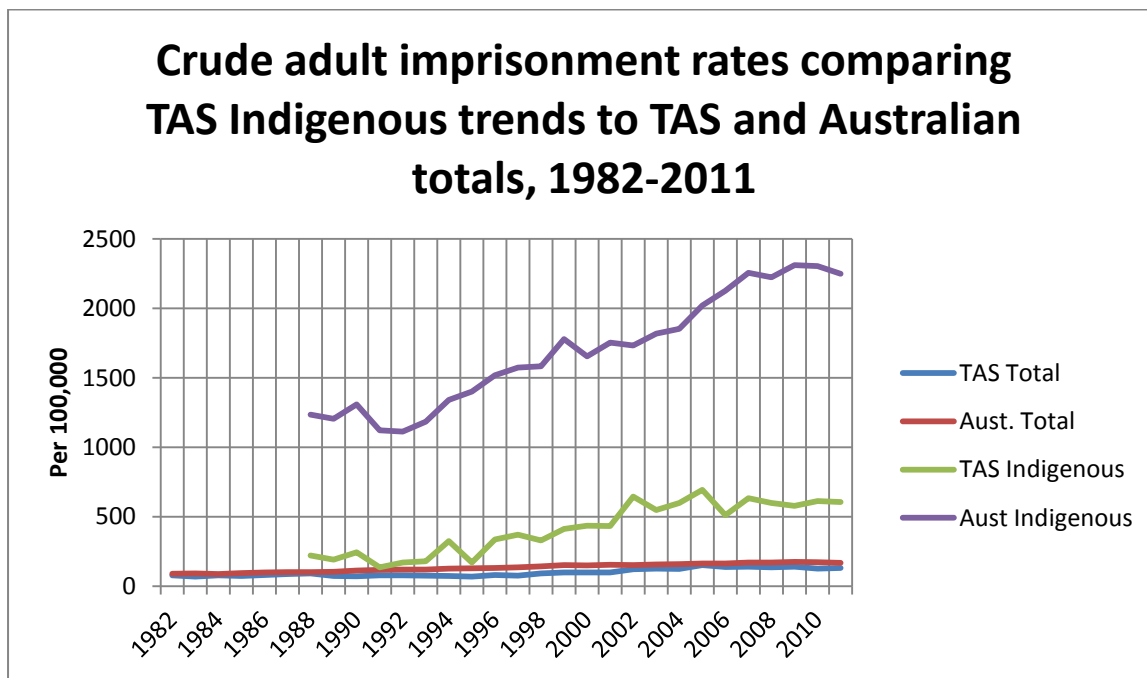
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING TASMANIAN
INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO TASMANIAN TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN TOTAL, PER
100,000, 1982-2011¹³

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	TAS	Aust.	TAS	Aust.	TAS	Aust.
1982	77.7	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	67.7	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	76.9	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	71.6	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	79.7	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	85.6	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	90	100.4	220.5	1233.9	-	-
1989	73.3	103.5	190.1	1204.7	-	-
1990	69.7	112.2	243.2	1308.4	-	-
1991	77	116	135.9	1122.1	-	-
1992	77.4	118.3	170.2	1112.9	-	-
1993	75.7	119.2	178.9	1183	-	-
1994	73.4	125.5	324	1340.8	-	-
1995	69.1	127.3	170.2	1399.2	-	-
1996	80.4	130.9	336	1517.7	-	-
1997	74.2	134.9	369.5	1572.2	-	-
1998	90.1	141.1	327.6	1,581.8	-	-
1999	98.2	150.7	411.5	1,778.3	-	-
2000	98.7	149.7	433.9	1,653.2	102.7	122.5
2001	98.3	152.5	431.1	1,753.5	89.3	122.8
2002	120.6	150.3	644.3	1,732.0	106.2	120.4
2003	126.1	154.9	548.4	1,818.0	114.5	122.8
2004	122.9	157.1	597.2	1,851.9	109.4	124.3
2005	149.9	162.5	691.8	2,021.2	133.2	125.3
2006	137.9	163.4	511.6	2,126.9	127.1	125.6
2007	140.6	169.4	632.7	2,255.5	124.4	129.2
2008	135.7	168.7	599.1	2,223.2	122.1	128.6
2009	139.5	174.7	577.5	2,309.8	126.1	130.9
2010	125.9	172.4	611.0	2,302.7	111.6	129.2
2011	130.0	166.6	605.2	2,247.5	114.7	125.0

¹³ Population of imprisonable age 18 years and over

Figure 8 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing Tasmanian Indigenous trends to Tasmanian total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011



SOURCES:

TAS & Australia 1982-1997

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TAS Indigenous and Australian Indigenous rates 1988-1997

Carcach, C, Grant, A, & Conroy, R 1999, 'Australian Corrections: The imprisonment of Indigenous people', *Australian Institute of Criminology, Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No.137, p.2.

TAS, Australian, TAS Indigenous, Australian Indigenous, TAS Non-Indigenous rates & Australian Non-Indigenous rates 1998-2011

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

CRUDE ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES COMPARING ACT INDIGENOUS TRENDS TO ACT TOTAL AND AUSTRALIAN TOTAL, PER 100,000, 1982-2011¹⁴

	Total		Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	ACT ¹⁵	Aust.	ACT ¹⁹	Aust.	ACT ¹⁹	Aust.
1982	3.2 ¹⁶	89.8	-	-	-	-
1983	9.2 ²⁰	91.6	-	-	-	-
1984	35.4	85.6	-	-	-	-
1985	42	94.1	-	-	-	-
1986	44	97.6	-	-	-	-
1987	43.6	100.8	-	-	-	-
1988	35.5	100.4	125.2	1233.9	-	-
1989	40.3	103.5	0	1204.7	-	-
1990	56	112.2	0	1308.4	-	-
1991	50	116	144.2	1122.1	-	-
1992	45	118.3	205.5	1112.9	-	-
1993	47.6	119.2	263.3	1183	-	-
1994	45	125.5	126.4	1340.8	-	-
1995	45.1	127.3	181.9	1399.2	-	-
1996	53.6	130.9	232.4	1517.7	-	-
1997	62.8	134.9	576.2	1572.2	-	-
1998	86.6	141.1	670.4	1,581.8	-	-
1999	82.6	150.7	398.2	1,778.3	-	-
2000	101.4	149.7	882.4	1,653.2	94.2	122.5
2001	87.9	152.5	928.1	1,753.5	80.3	122.8
2002	98.8	150.3	1,129.2	1,732.0	88.5	120.4
2003	101.5	154.9	698.1	1,818.0	95.8	122.8
2004	112.6	157.1	1,094.7	1,851.9	103.0	124.3
2005	110.4	162.5	1,059.9	2,021.2	97.3	125.3
2006	86.4	163.4	1,031.3	2,126.9	75.3	125.6
2007	90.6	169.4	774.9	2,255.5	83.8	129.2
2008	94.2	168.7	983.4	2,223.2	85.3	128.6
2009	74.8	174.7	965.5	2,309.8	65.8	130.9
2010	100.7	172.4	1,600.9	2,302.7	85.3	129.2
2011	106.6	166.6	1,455.8	2,247.5	90.2	125.0

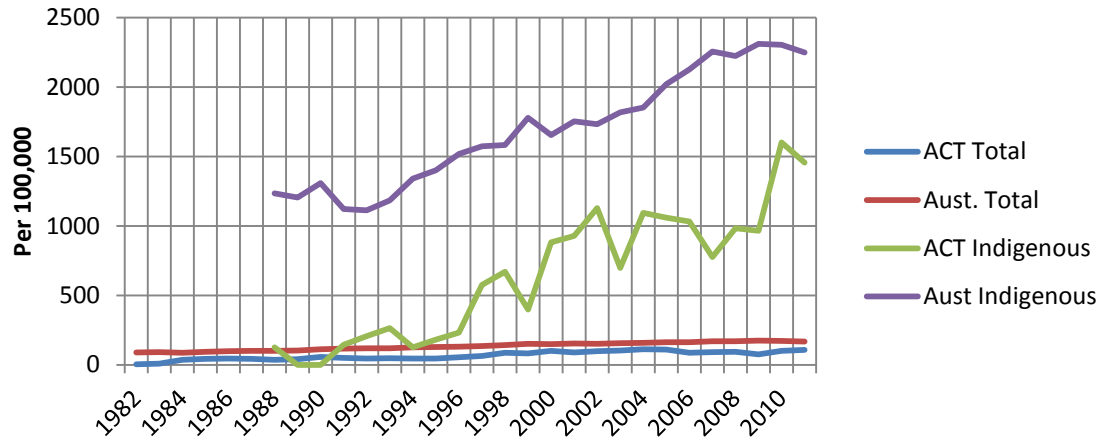
Figure 9 Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing ACT Indigenous trends to ACT total and Australian total, per 100,000, 1982-2011

¹⁴ Population on imprisonable age 18 years and over.

¹⁵ From 1984 onwards, the ACT count includes prisoners sentenced by ACT courts but held in NSW prisons. From 2006 excludes breaches of periodic detention orders greater than three months.

¹⁶ Remanded prisoners only.

Crude adult imprisonment rates comparing ACT Indigenous trends to ACT and Australian totals, 1982-2011



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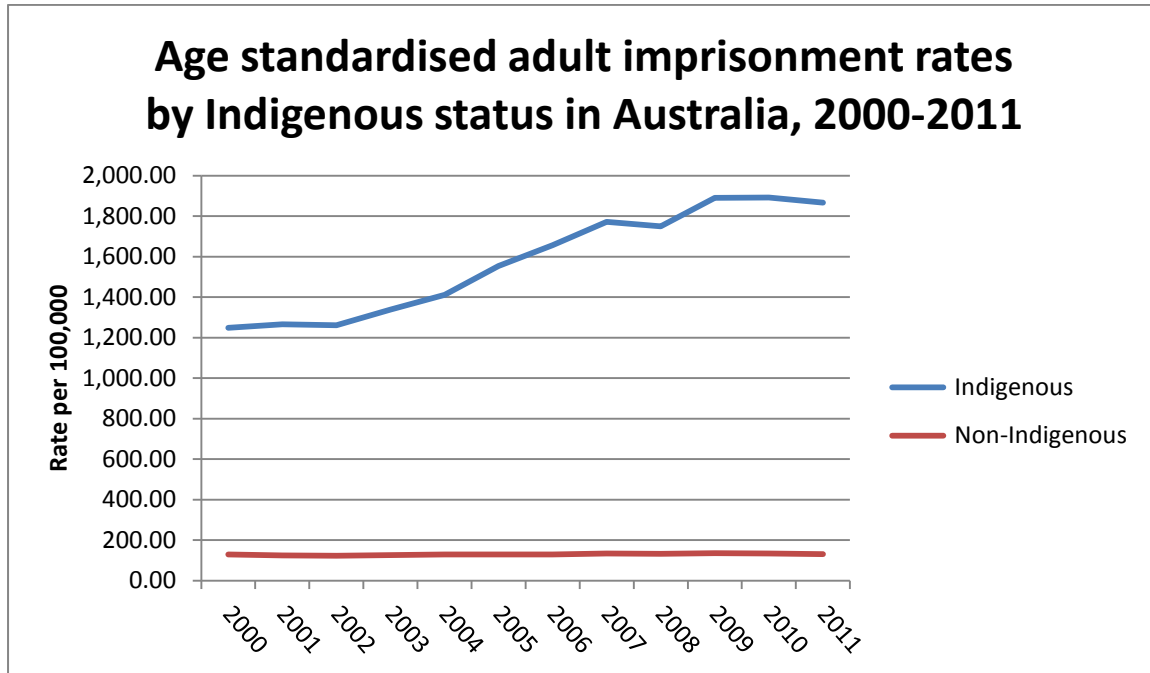
AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS

Note: Age standardised rates take into account the differences in age distribution between Australia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations, which crude rates ignore. Because of this, crude rates are likely to overestimate rates of Indigenous incarceration, since Indigenous populations have significantly larger proportions of young people. ABS age standardised rates begin from the year 2000, and it is believed that ABS will continue to employ this statistical method in the future. The population standardised against is the Total Australian Estimated Resident Population at 30 June 2001.

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Australia		
Year	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	1,248.4	129.5
2001	1,266.5	124.8
2002	1,261.9	123.2
2003	1,339.5	126.5
2004	1,411.3	128.9
2005	1,554.0	128.4
2006	1,656.9	129.1
2007	1,771.9	133.1
2008	1,750.0	132.7
2009	1,890.7	135.6
2010	1,891.5	133.5
2011	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 10 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in Australia, 2000-2011



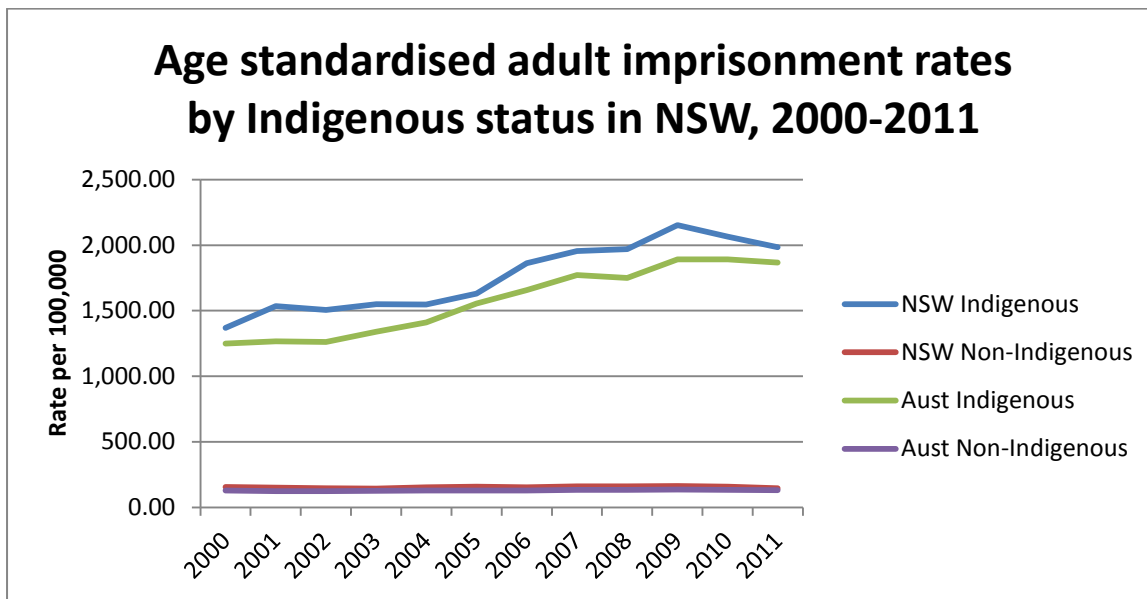
SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 - 2011).

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN NSW AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	NSW ¹⁷		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	1,369.8	155.9	1,248.4	129.5
2001	1,534.7	151.2	1,266.5	124.8
2002	1,506.8	145.3	1,261.9	123.2
2003	1,548.7	143.3	1,339.5	126.5
2004	1,546.1	153.9	1,411.3	128.9
2005	1,631.1	158.0	1,554.0	128.4
2006	1,861.8	153.5	1,656.9	129.1
2007	1,955.0	161.4	1,771.9	133.1
2008	1,969.4	160.2	1,750.0	132.7
2009	2,153.1	163.9	1,890.7	135.6
2010	2,064.4	158.7	1,891.5	133.5
2011	1,985.2	146.4	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 11 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in NSW and Australia, 2000-2011



SOURCE:

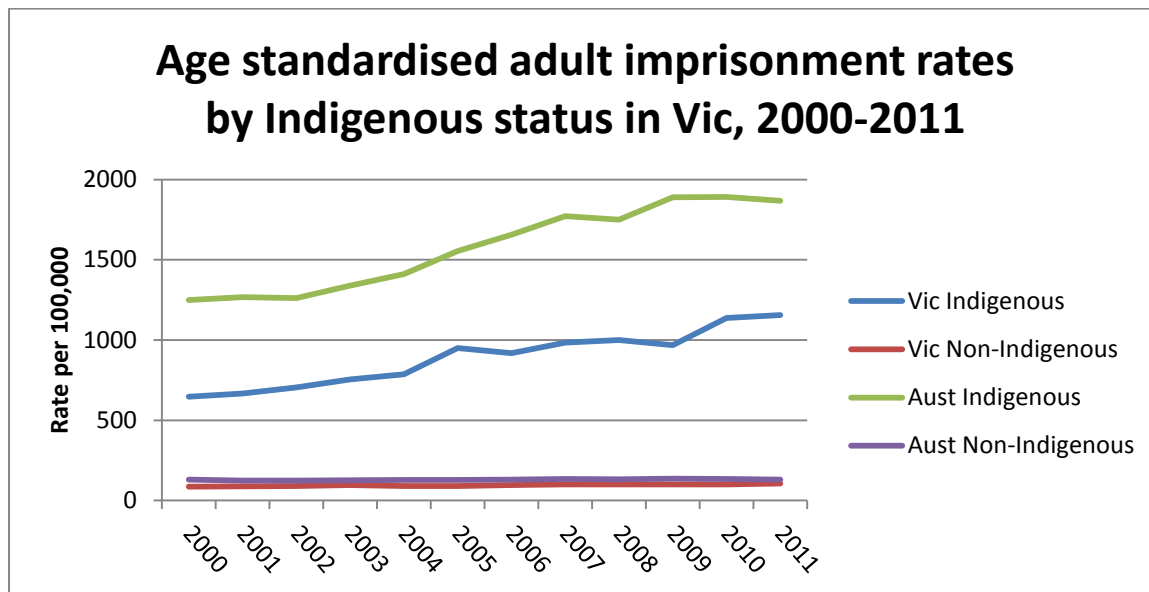
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

¹⁷ Excludes ACT prisoners held in NSW prisons prior to 2009. From 2009 all ACT prisoners were held in ACT prisons.

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	Vic. ¹⁸		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	646.5	85.9	1,248.4	129.5
2001	667.3	87.4	1,266.5	124.8
2002	705.3	89.6	1,261.9	123.2
2003	755.4	95.3	1,339.5	126.5
2004	786.8	91.0	1,411.3	128.9
2005	949.4	90.7	1,554.0	128.4
2006	917.8	95.7	1,656.9	129.1
2007	983.8	100.5	1,771.9	133.1
2008	999.9	99.8	1,750.0	132.7
2009	968.4	100.8	1,890.7	135.6
2010	1,137.2	101.1	1,891.5	133.5
2011	1,155.2	105.4	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 12 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in Victoria and Australia, 2000-2011



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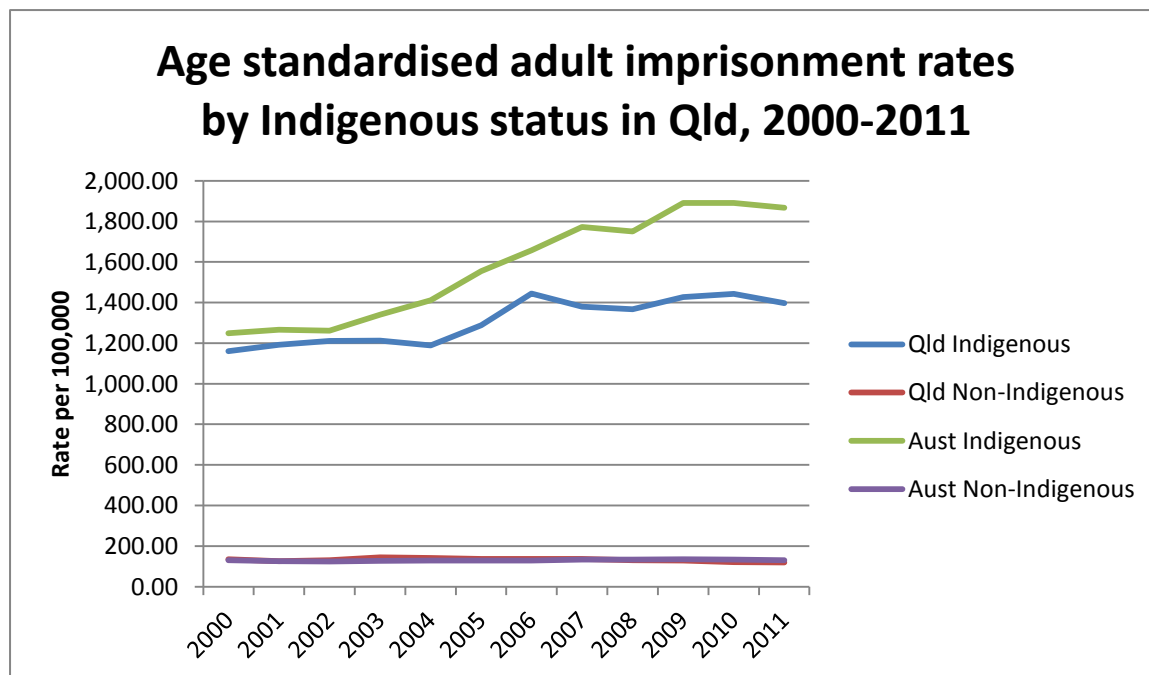
Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 - 2011).

¹⁸ Data prior to 2006 include persons 17 years of age. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 86 at Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia 2008*. >

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN QLD. AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	Qld		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	1,160.2	134.8	1,248.4	129.5
2001	1,192.2	125.9	1,266.5	124.8
2002	1,211.5	130.2	1,261.9	123.2
2003	1,213.2	144.9	1,339.5	126.5
2004	1,188.5	141.1	1,411.3	128.9
2005	1,287.7	137.1	1,554.0	128.4
2006	1,443.6	137.0	1,656.9	129.1
2007	1,379.6	135.8	1,771.9	133.1
2008	1,366.8	130.5	1,750.0	132.7
2009	1,427.2	128.5	1,890.7	135.6
2010	1,442.5	120.8	1,891.5	133.5
2011	1,397.0	118.6	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 13 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in Qld. and Australia, 2000-2011



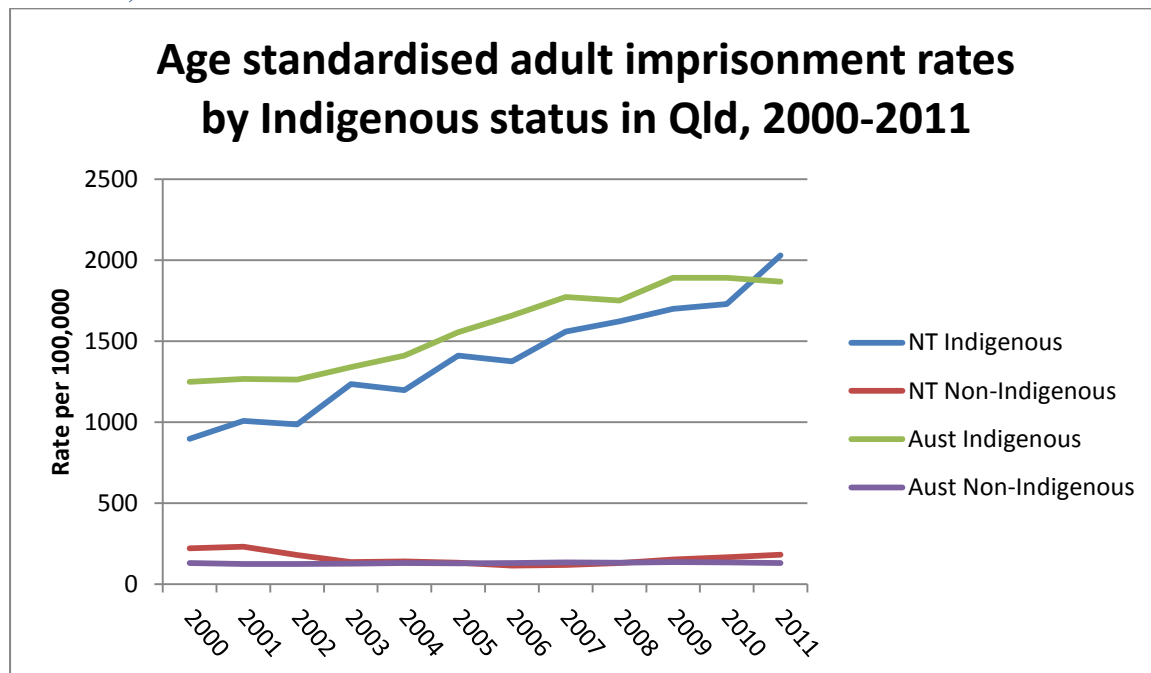
SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	Northern Territory		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	896.8	220.3	1,248.4	129.5
2001	1,007.8	230.1	1,266.5	124.8
2002	986.1	178.6	1,261.9	123.2
2003	1,235.0	135.5	1,339.5	126.5
2004	1,197.9	140.1	1,411.3	128.9
2005	1,410.1	132.6	1,554.0	128.4
2006	1,374.5	113.3	1,656.9	129.1
2007	1,558.8	118.4	1,771.9	133.1
2008	1,621.5	129.3	1,750.0	132.7
2009	1,699.6	152.5	1,890.7	135.6
2010	1,728.9	164.4	1,891.5	133.5
2011	2,028.4	181.7	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 14 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in Northern Territory and Australia, 2000-2011



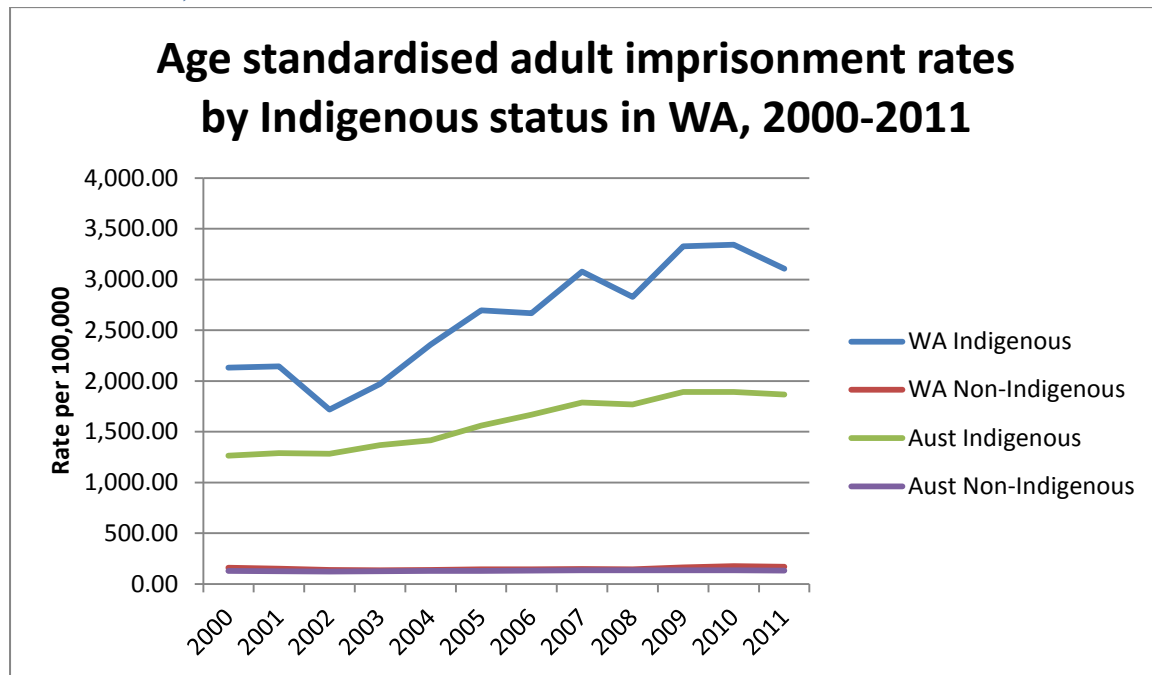
SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

AGE STANDARDISED IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

	WA		Aust.	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	2,131.2	160.8	1264.5	128
2001	2,145.2	150.3	1287.8	123.4
2002	1,718.0	137.5	1283.1	121.8
2003	1,972.0	132.8	1368.4	124.8
2004	2,358.7	136.6	1413.9	126.7
2005	2,697.0	143.9	1560.9	128.8
2006	2,668.4	144.8	1668.2	129.8
2007	3,077.2	146.1	1786.7	133.5
2008	2,827.9	143.1	1769.4	133.3
2009	3,328.7	163.0	1,890.7	135.6
2010	3,343.4	174.5	1,891.5	133.5
2011	3,105.7	170.1	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 15 Age Standardised Imprisonment Rates by Indigenous Status, per 100,000, Western Australia and Australia, 2000-2011



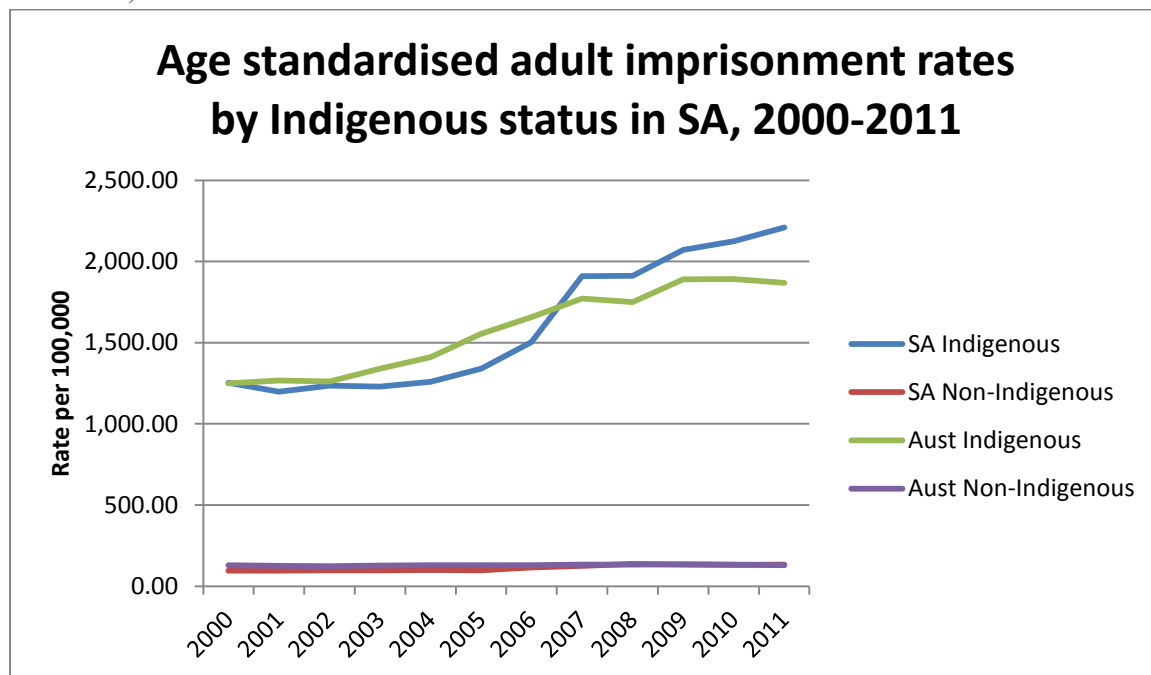
SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 - 2011).

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	SA		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	1,252.9	96.1	1,248.4	129.5
2001	1,198.4	95.5	1,266.5	124.8
2002	1,235.3	97.9	1,261.9	123.2
2003	1,228.8	97.7	1,339.5	126.5
2004	1,258.5	99.5	1,411.3	128.9
2005	1,339.4	97.5	1,554.0	128.4
2006	1,503.1	114.5	1,656.9	129.1
2007	1,910.3	124.8	1,771.9	133.1
2008	1,911.9	136.8	1,750.0	132.7
2009	2,072.4	133.4	1,890.7	135.6
2010	2,124.9	131.1	1,891.5	133.5
2011	2,209.3	132.3	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 16 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in South Australia and Australia, 2000-2011



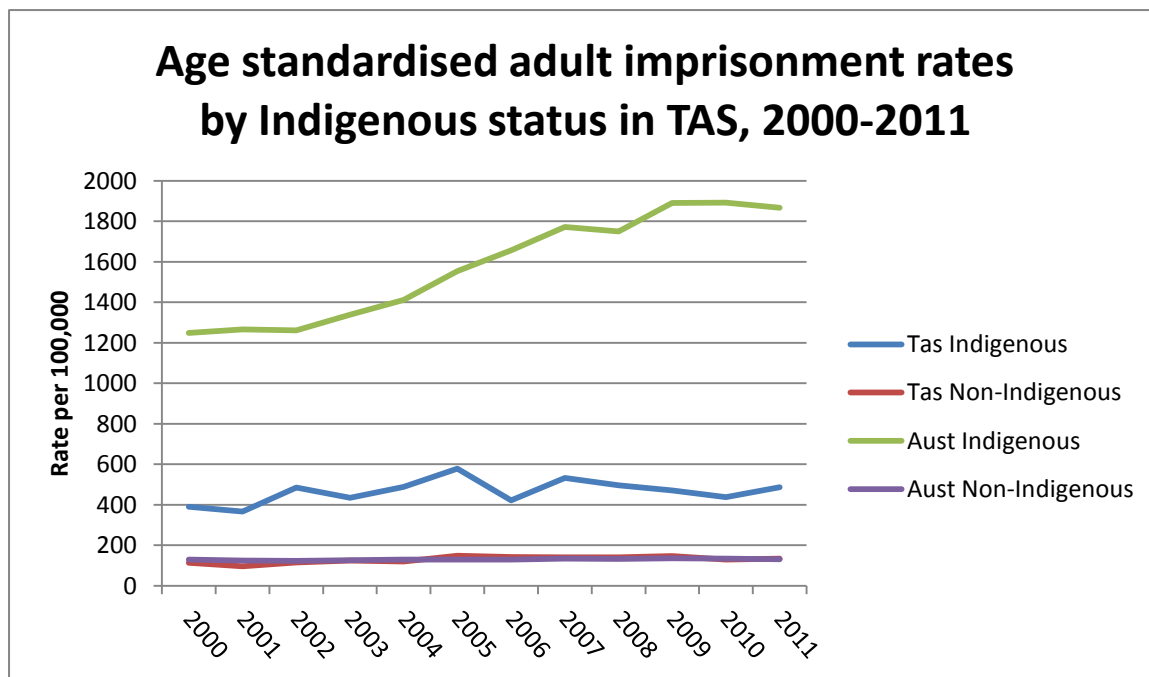
SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN TASMANIA AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	TAS		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	389.5	113.2	1,248.4	129.5
2001	366.0	95.6	1,266.5	124.8
2002	484.2	115.6	1,261.9	123.2
2003	434.6	124.1	1,339.5	126.5
2004	487.3	120.4	1,411.3	128.9
2005	578.0	147.7	1,554.0	128.4
2006	421.6	141.9	1,656.9	129.1
2007	531.8	140.7	1,771.9	133.1
2008	495.8	139.9	1,750.0	132.7
2009	470.7	146.1	1,890.7	135.6
2010	437.6	129.7	1,891.5	133.5
2011	486.3	133.5	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 17 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in TAS and Australia, 2000-2011



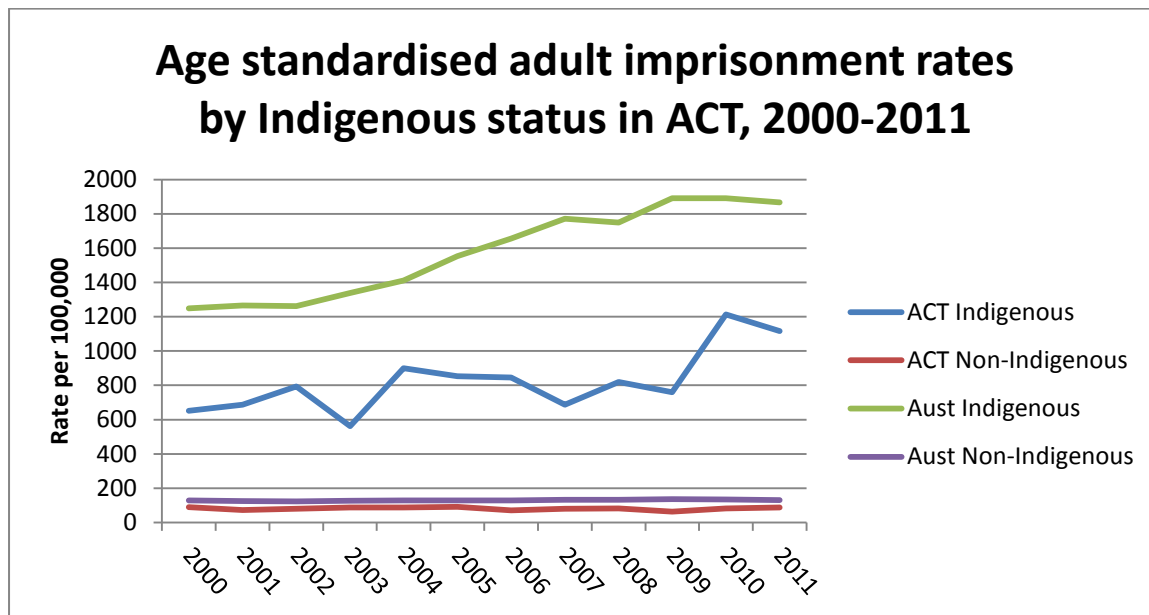
SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 – 2011).

AGE STANDARDISED ADULT IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS IN ACT AND AUSTRALIA, 2000-2011

Year	ACT ¹⁹		Australia	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2000	651.7	89.7	1,248.4	129.5
2001	687.6	72.8	1,266.5	124.8
2002	792.8	80.6	1,261.9	123.2
2003	562.1	87.6	1,339.5	126.5
2004	899.2	87.4	1,411.3	128.9
2005	853.4	90.9	1,554.0	128.4
2006	846.3	70.5	1,656.9	129.1
2007	686.8	80.3	1,771.9	133.1
2008	819.5	81.2	1,750.0	132.7
2009	759.6	63.2	1,890.7	135.6
2010	1,214.4	82.1	1,891.5	133.5
2011	1,116.7	87.5	1,867.6	130.2

Figure 18 Age standardised adult imprisonment rates by Indigenous status in ACT and Australia, 2000-2011



SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2008 - 2011).

IMPRISONMENT RATES BY INDIGENOUS STATUS AND GENDER

¹⁹ Includes ACT prisoners held in ACT as well as ACT prisoners held in NSW prior to 2009. From 2006, excludes breaches of periodic detention orders greater than three months. See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 97. Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia 2008*.

IMPRISONMENT RATES (CRUDE) BY INDIGENOUS STATUS AND GENDER,
AUSTRALIA

Note: Due to differing age profiles in Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations, direct comparison between crude rates may lead to inaccurate conclusions.²⁰

	All male prisoners	Indigenous male prisoners	All female prisoners	Indigenous female prisoners
1996	251.4	3054.9	13.8	192.1
1997	258.2	3161.3	15.3	203.6
1998	266.5	3218.8	15.6	223
1999	269.8	3576	18.6	277
2000	280.3	3317.9	18.6	250.6
2001	284.5	3478.7	19.8	293.7
2002	282.4	3441.4	19.2	284.8
2003	290.8	3600.5	20.4	295.1
2004	297.2	3511.3	21.4	300.9
2005	307.4	3839.3	21.9	332.0 ³⁵
2006	307.9	4006.0	22.7	346.2 ³⁵
2007	320.2	4111.4 ²¹	24.3	384.5 ³⁵
2008	318.4	4201.3	23.6	364.6
2009	328.8	4230.3	24.7	359.1
2010	318.7	4167.1	25.2	373.9
2011	314.1	4227.5	22.9	357.5
% increase 1996-2010	22%	29%	46%	49%

²⁰ Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia 2011*, 70-71 (Explanatory Notes, [33]-[38]).

²¹ Indigenous stats 2005-2007 from Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Corrective Services: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander imprisonment rates, By Sex. (Per 100,000 ADULT Indig.)*.

Figure 19 Imprisonment Rates by Indigenous Status and Gender - Male 1996-2011

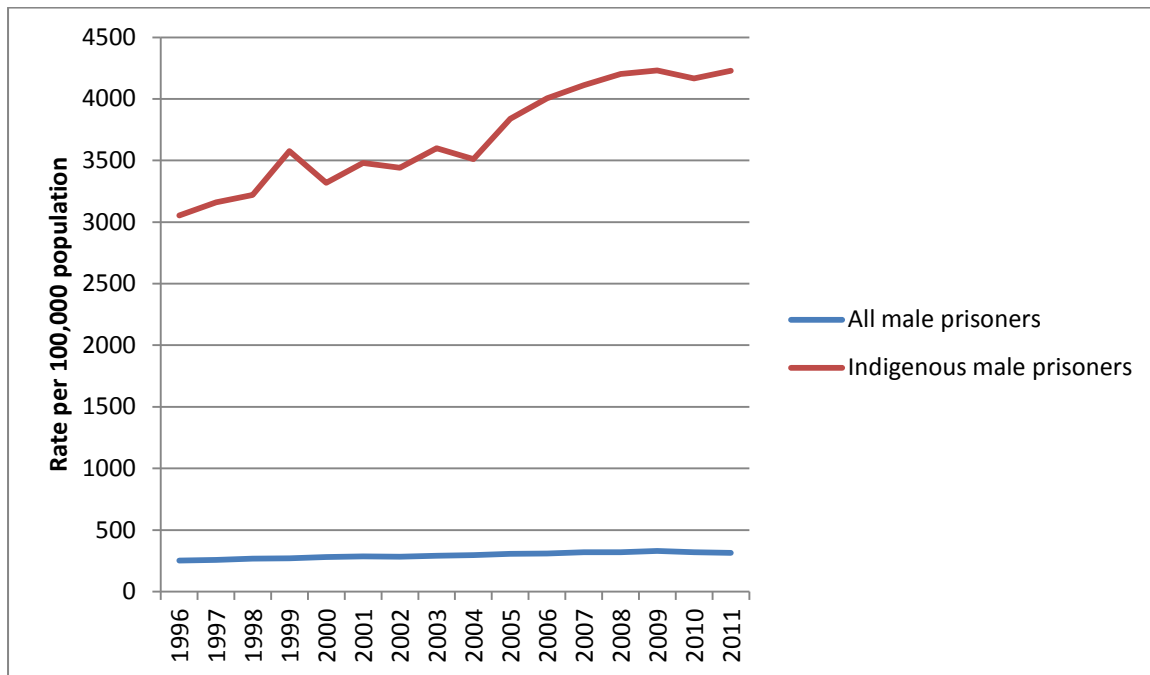
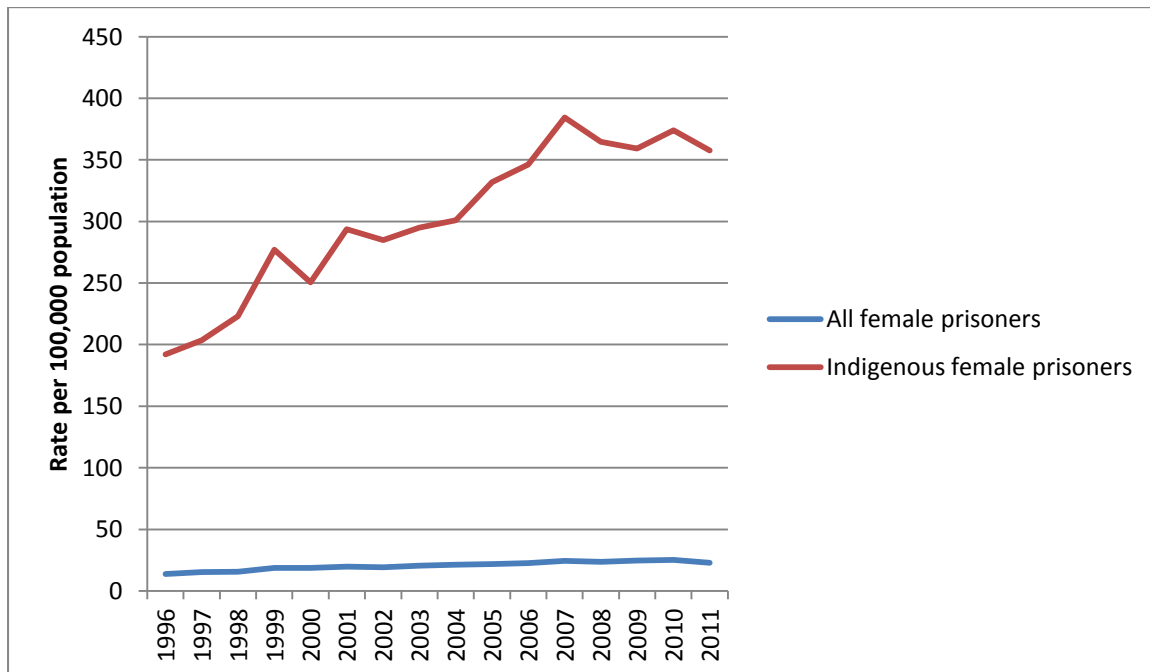


Figure 20 Imprisonment Rates by Indigenous Status and Gender - Female 1996-2011



SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia 2003*.

INDIGENOUS OVER-REPRESENTATION RATIOS

INDIGENOUS OVER-REPRESENTATION RATIO, AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES (CRUDE RATES), AS AT 30 JUNE, 2006-2011

Note: Due to differing age profiles in Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations, direct comparison between crude rates may lead to inaccurate conclusions.²² Age-standardised rates follow.

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
2006	16.2	12.7	14.0	17.7	24.1	4.0	14.1	13.7	16.9
2007	15.9	13.0	13.3	20.6	27.4	5.1	16.2	9.2	17.5
2008	16.2	13.1	13.9	18.8	25.6	4.9	15.5	11.5	17.3
2009	16.6	11.7	13.9	21.4	25.6	4.6	13.1	14.7	17.6
2010	16.2	13.5	15.0	21.4	24.1	5.5	12.2	18.8	17.8
2011	16.9	12.9	14.8	21.8	23.1	5.3	13.1	16.1	18.0

SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia* (2006 - 2010) (Table "Imprisonment rate, by State and Territory").

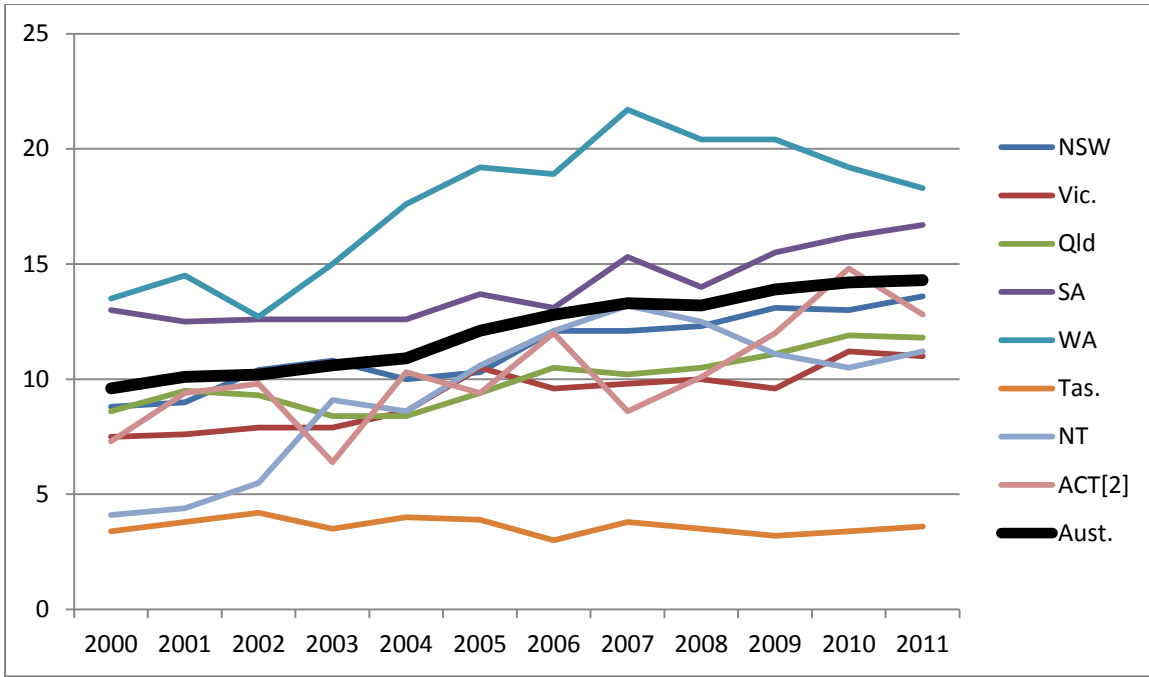
INDIGENOUS OVER-REPRESENTATION RATIO, AUSTRALIAN STATES AND TERRITORIES (AGE-STANDARDISED RATES), AS AT 30 JUNE, 2000-2011

	NSW ²³	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT ²⁴	Aust.
2000	8.8	7.5	8.6	13.0	13.5	3.4	4.1	7.3	9.6
2001	9.0	7.6	9.5	12.5	14.5	3.8	4.4	9.4	10.1
2002	10.4	7.9	9.3	12.6	12.7	4.2	5.5	9.8	10.2
2003	10.8	7.9	8.4	12.6	15.0	3.5	9.1	6.4	10.6
2004	10.0	8.6	8.4	12.6	17.6	4.0	8.6	10.3	10.9
2005	10.3	10.5	9.4	13.7	19.2	3.9	10.6	9.4	12.1
2006	12.1	9.6	10.5	13.1	18.9	3.0	12.1	12.0	12.8
2007	12.1	9.8	10.2	15.3	21.7	3.8	13.2	8.6	13.3
2008	12.3	10.0	10.5	14.0	20.4	3.5	12.5	10.1	13.2
2009	13.1	9.6	11.1	15.5	20.4	3.2	11.1	12.0	13.9
2010	13.0	11.2	11.9	16.2	19.2	3.4	10.5	14.8	14.2
2011	13.6	11.0	11.8	16.7	18.3	3.6	11.2	12.8	14.3

²² Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia 2011*, 70-71 (Explanatory Notes, [33]-[38]).

²³ Excludes ACT prisoners held in NSW.

²⁴ Includes ACT prisoners held in NSW.



SOURCE:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Prisoners in Australia (2010 - 2011)* (Table “Age standardised imprisonment rate, Indigenous status by state and territory, (2000 - 2011”).

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