

Question on Notice

No. 1111

Asked on 25 October 2022

MRS L GERBER asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

With reference to youth justice and youth offenders on the Gold Coast—

Will the Minister advise from 2017 to 2022 (reported separately by month) (a) the total number of youth offenders and (b) how many youth offenders reoffended whilst on bail?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing offending and reoffending and keeping the community safe.

Across Queensland, the number of young people who offend has been decreasing over time. The number of young people with a proven offence decreased 13 per cent in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21, and 28 per cent compared to 2018-19.

For the Gold Coast Local Government Area (LGA), the number of young people with a proven offence has decreased by 17 per cent since 2020-21 and 8 per cent since 2018-19.

This demonstrates the programs, services and interventions designed to intervene early, identify the underlying causes of offending and address those issues, are having an impact.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, Queensland Police Service and Queensland courts all play a significant role in addressing youth crime and assisting young people across Queensland.

(a) The table below provides the total number of young people who have committed offences within the Gold Coast LGA, from January 2017 to June 2022. Young people are counted in a given month, based on the date the offence was finalised in court. Young people are only counted once per month, but can be counted in multiple months.

Distinct young people with a proven offence committed in the Gold Coast LGA, by month, January 2017 to June 2022

Month	Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	32	49	54	56	62	58
February	34	57	65	50	69	50
March	41	72	66	39	74	68
April	61	34	60	19	64	47
May	55	72	55	26	60	70
June	47	71	46	61	78	55
July	35	70	68	73	68	-
August	41	68	46	57	62	-
September	29	52	49	85	85	-
October	58	70	44	70	53	-
November	63	66	50	71	83	-
December	42	52	37	52	58	-

Source: Performance Reporting and Analytics - Youth Justice; Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs - Request reference: YJ_2353

(b) The table below provides the count of distinct young people in Table (a) whose proven offence/s in the relevant month were committed whilst they were on bail for a previous charge. Young people are only counted once per month, but can be counted in multiple months.

Distinct young people with a proven offence committed in the Gold Coast LGA while on bail, by month, January 2017 to June 2022

Month	Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
January	12	14	22	21	27	29
February	16	28	33	23	39	26
March	18	33	33	17	37	34
April	20	11	21	12	36	24
May	24	31	27	18	34	39
June	22	33	16	28	40	26
July	14	37	27	40	37	-
August	18	34	26	32	40	-
September	13	26	28	38	46	-
October	24	35	22	31	27	-
November	31	30	26	28	44	-
December	19	25	21	21	36	-

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