

# Corrections Victoria

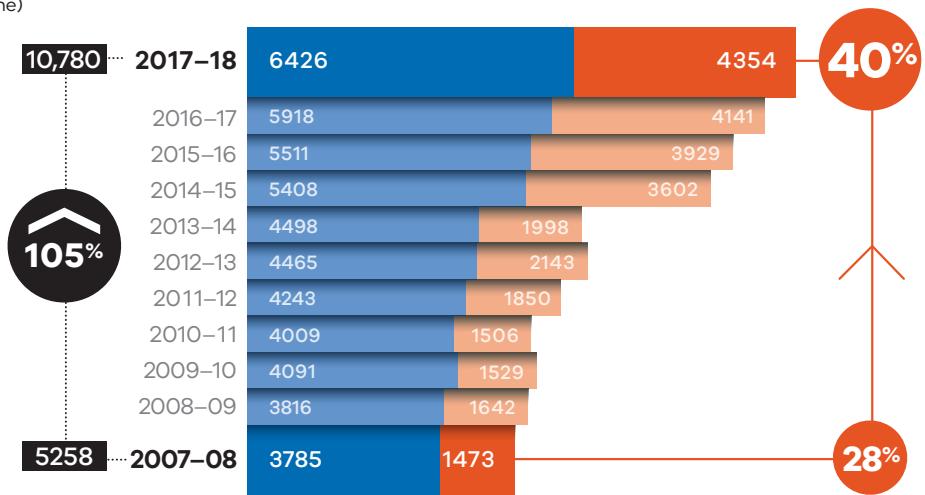
## PRISON DISCHARGES

The number of prisoners released from custody each financial year

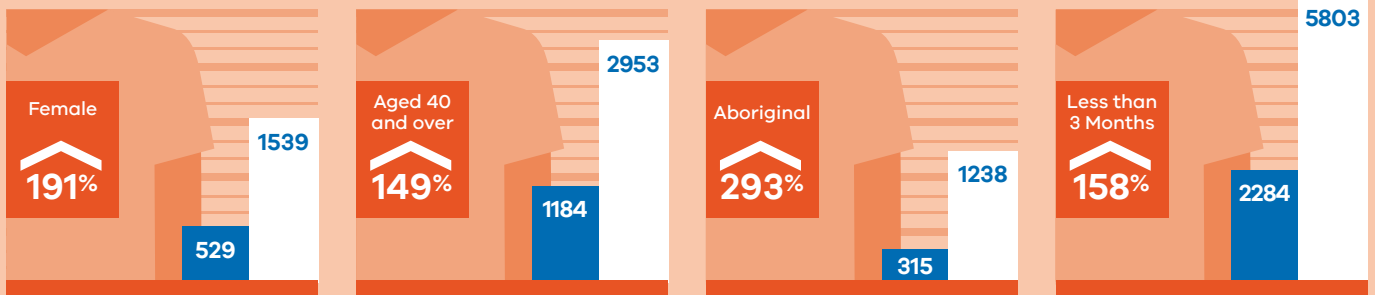
Figures relate to financial year (1 July to 30 June)

Prison discharges have more than doubled over the last 10 years, and prisoners released without serving any time under sentence now account for 40 per cent of all discharges (an increase from 28 per cent in 2007-08).

**Sentenced episode**  
**Unsentenced episode**



### Some prisoner cohorts now account for a greater proportion of prison discharges than ten years ago



The number of women discharged from prison each year has almost tripled, and has increased from 10 to 14 per cent of all discharges.

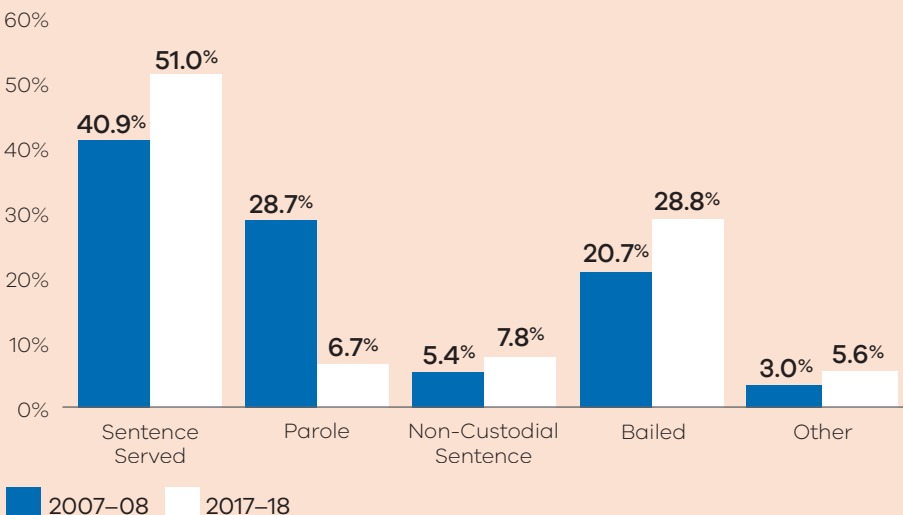
Prisoners aged 40 and over account for around 27 per cent of all prison discharges (an increase from 23 per cent). Prisoners aged less than 25 dropped from 18 to 16 per cent of all discharges.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoner discharges increased from six per cent to 12 per cent of all prison discharges. In 2017-18, 46 per cent of Aboriginal prisoners were discharged from an unsentenced episode.

The proportion of prisoners who spend less than three months in prison has increased from 43 per cent to 54 per cent of all prison discharges. In 2017-18, 61 per cent of those prisoners who spent this length of time in prison were discharged from an unsentenced episode.

■ 2007-08 ■ 2017-18

### Types of prison discharges have changed significantly over the last ten years



■ 2007-08 ■ 2017-18

Sentence served includes prisoners released with pre-sentence detention (time served) after a period on remand.

Between 2007-08 and 2017-18, prisoner discharges to parole decreased from 29 per cent to seven per cent of total discharges. Over the same time, those discharged with sentence served increased from 41 per cent to 51 per cent. The increase in prisoners being released after an unsentenced episode has been driven by an increase in discharges to bail, from 21 per cent to 29 per cent. A larger proportion of female than male prisoners are discharged to bail (40 per cent compared with 27 per cent respectively in 2017-18).

For more information, see [Corrections Victoria's Annual Prisoner Statistics](#)