Ministère de la Sécurité publique

Profile of First Nations People in Correctional Services

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Number of people 1,357

accused or convicted First Nations people were taken in charge by Québec Correctional Services [+ 9%]¹ Average age

77% OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE AGED 25 TO 54

The proportion of young adults fell by eight percentage points compared to 2015-2016



629 people
In detention centres [+ 5%]



406 people In the community [+ 40%]



322 people
Both of the above [- 11%]



17% are women



Four nations

are disproportionately representeds:

- Cree Algonquins
- Montagnais (Innus)
 - Atikamekw



Health

One in eight First Nations people
has physical health problems
and one in fifteen has mental
health problems. More than
a quarter take prescription drugs.



Social integration

These people show poor social integration, including a high proportion of single people, a low rate of schooling, and a low proportion with employment income. Just under half have a criminal record.

NOTES

1. 2018- 2019 data.

Information in square brackets indicates variation from 2015-2016 data. Percentage variation is calculated in percentage points (pt. or pts.).



Incarcerated individuals

Number of sentences and of individuals



813 new prison sentences [+ 27%]



1,035 First Nations people were detained for at least one day [+ 17%]

Types of sentences

short sentences [+ 5 pts.]

sentences

Average length of detention

45 days [-7 days] Continuous sentences Intermittent sentences 28 days [+ 5 days] Remand detention 24 days

Incarceration rate

18 First Nations people

/1,000 inhabitants

Single First Nations people and those without a diploma have higher incarceration rates.



Detention-related offences

The most common such offences are failure to comply with a probation order, breach of an undertaking or a recognizance order, and assault.

Average daily count



49%

in pre-trial detention [+ 6 pts.], mostly held in two detention facilities:

- Amos
- Roberval



First Nations people [+12%]



are serving a long sentence [- 6 pts.], entre autres dans les établissements de détention de :

- Amos
- Montréal
- Roberval



Community monitoring

Number of follow-ups and of individuals²

Caseload³





536 probation follow-ups [+ 175 files]



55 follow-ups for other measures



of monitoring stems from probation with supervision [+8 pts.] 728
First Nations people were monitored in the community for at least one day



356 follow-ups of hours of community service [+ 64 files]

Less than a quarter of the follow-ups to conditional sentences and parole releases were revoked.

Professional Correctional Services Directorate (PCSD)

[+11%]

Follow-ups for a sentencing measure⁴ are provided by the Nord-du-Québec, Abitibi-Témiscamingue, and Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean PCSDs.

Three PCSDs carried out most follow-ups for a correctional measure: Côté-Nord, Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean et Abitibi Témiscamingue.



OFFENCES LEADING TO SENTENCING

Three offences stand out:



Assault



Assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm



Failure to comply with a probation order

Sentencing follow-up rate



- Singles
- Me
- First Nations people without a diploma

have higher follow-up rates

NOTES

- 2. A person may have been the subject of several follow-ups during the year (e.g. detention followed by probation).
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- 4. Sentencing measure: probation, conditional sentence, or hours of community service. Correctional measure: temporary absence and parole.

