

## **Topic: Victorian Adult Prison Population Overview**

### Total Number of People in Victorian Prisons

At latest count (31 May 2008) there were:

- 4,181 people in Victorian adult prisons, 3,940 males and 241 females.
- 546 young people aged under 25 years in Victorian prisons (13.1% of total prisoners), including 524 young men and 22 young women.

### On Remand Not Convicted Awaiting Trial Outcome

- 20% of all people in Victorian prisons (824) are 'on remand' and 'not convicted', ie. they are awaiting commencement of trial or outcome of trial verdict.
- For young people aged under 25, the proportion 'on remand' and 'not convicted' is higher at 31.5% (172 young people out of a total prison population of 546).

### Prisoners who have been in prison previously

- More than half the people in Victorian prisons (53.3%) have been in prison previously.

### Length of sentence

- More than three quarters of people in Victorian prisons (77.5%) are serving a term of less than 5 years. Around one third (30.4%) are serving a term of less than 12 months.

### Comings and Goings from Prison (New 'Receptions' and Releases)

- In the most recent full year for which statistics are available (the 2006-07 financial year) there were 5,364 'new receptions' of people into Victorian prisons. Of these 956 (17.8%) were young people under 25.
- During the same period 5,086 people were released from Victorian prisons, equivalent to an average of 20 each working day (Monday to Friday). Of these, 977 were young people aged under 25 (4 per day).

### **Sources**

Corrections Victoria (2008a) Monthly Prisons Custody Report 31 May 2008, including specially commissioned data tables.

Corrections Victoria (2008b) Statistical Profile of the Victorian Prison System 2002-03 to 2006-07.