

# ADULT RECIDIVISM IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY: OFFENDERS

## OFFENDERS RETURNING TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

- A total of 683 offenders completed a community corrections program in the Northern Territory during 2001-02, of these 17% (or 114) returned to a community corrections program, compared to 17% nationally.
- Indigenous offenders had a return rate of 21% which was 3.5 times that of non-Indigenous offenders at 6%.
- Of those returning to a community corrections program, 99% (or 113) were male. The male offender return rate of 18% was six times that of female offenders at 3%.
- Indigenous offenders aged between 25-34 years had the highest return rate at 25%.

## OFFENDERS RETURNING TO CORRECTIVE SERVICES (PRISON OR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS)

- Of the 683 offenders who completed a community corrections program in the Northern Territory during 2001-02, 31% (or 214) returned to corrective services, compared with 25% nationally.
- Indigenous offenders returned to corrective services at a rate of 40% compared with 11% of non-Indigenous offenders.
- 34% of male offenders returned compared with 3% for female offenders.
- The highest return rate was 45% for Indigenous offenders aged between 18-24 years.

## DEFINITIONS

**Offenders** are adults that have been sentenced by the courts to a community corrections order.

**Community Corrections** supervises the non-custodial court orders of parole, probation, home detention or community work orders.

## DATA SOURCE AND SCOPE

Data for this Fact Sheet came from the Northern Territory Integrated Justice Information System.

It includes those offenders successfully completing a community corrections program in 2001-02 and returning to correctional services within two years of release.

The Fact Sheet is based on the recidivism counting rules used by the Productivity Commission in the Report on Government Services.

Further details may be found at <[www.nt.gov.au/justice/ocp/graphpages/stats.shtml](http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/ocp/graphpages/stats.shtml)>