

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mrs Lambley to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice:

**Breakdown of crime statistics into adult offenders and youth offenders**

1. Please provide a breakdown of Police Crime Statistics for adults charged with crimes in Alice Springs during the calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021.
2. Please provide a breakdown of Police Crime Statistics for youths charged with crimes in Alice Springs during the calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021.
3. What percentage of crime during the calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021 in Alice Springs was committed by youths?

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**Note:**

Crime can be reported from three different perspectives: offences, victims, and offenders. Your request seeks data from the offence perspective broken down by the offender perspective. Data from the offence perspective, such as the NT crime statistics, cannot be reported by the offender perspective for several reasons.

- The NT crime statistics are derived from the Police PROMIS system, while data on offenders charged with offences are derived from the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS).
- Not all offences in PROMIS have an offender identified, and one offence in PROMIS may involve multiple offenders in IJIS.
- The offences identified by the officer in PROMIS may differ from the offences with which an offender is ultimately charged in IJIS.

Offender data has been provided for the two groups of offences reported in the NT crime statistics (offences against the person and offences against property).

## ANSWER

1. Below is a count of apprehensions for relevant offences allegedly committed by adults (aged 18+ at the time of the offence) in Alice Springs during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Adult apprehensions for	2019	2020	2021
Offences against the person	553	681	715
Offences against property	239	247	297
Total adult apprehensions for these offences	740	843	929

Note that the total is less than the sum of the two types of offences, as some individuals were apprehended for offences against the person and offences against property at the same time.

2. Below is a count of apprehensions for relevant offences allegedly committed by youths (aged 10-17 at the time of the offence) in Alice Springs during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Apprehensions for offences committed as youths	2019	2020	2021
Offences against the person	90	107	108
Offences against property	241	303	429
Total apprehensions for these offences	302	374	506

Note that the total is less than the sum of the two types of offences, as some individuals were apprehended for offences against the person and offences against property at the same time.

3. Below is a table showing the proportion of apprehensions for the relevant offences allegedly committed by youths (aged 10-17 at the time the offence was committed) in Alice Springs in the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Youths: percentage of apprehensions for	2019	2020	2021
Offences against the person	14%	14%	13%
Offences against property	50%	55%	59%
Youths: percentage of total apprehensions	29%	31%	35%