

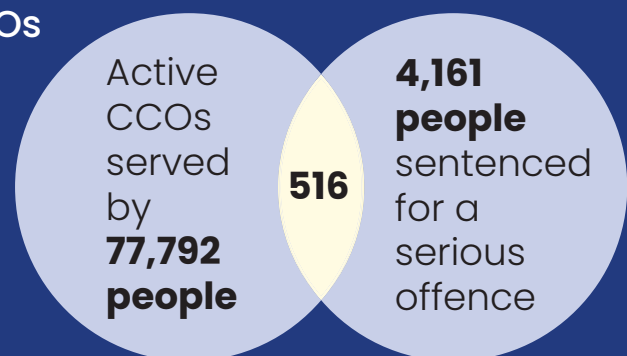
Serious Offending by People Serving a Community Correction Order: 2022–23

This factsheet identifies the number of people sentenced in 2022–23 for a serious offence committed while the person was serving a community correction order (CCO).^{*} It addresses the following requirement in section 104AA of the *Corrections Act 1986* (Vic):

For each financial year commencing on or after 1 July 2016, the Sentencing Advisory Council must report for that year the number of persons convicted during that year of a serious offence committed while subject to a community correction order.

A serious offence includes serious violent offences and sexual offences

Between 16 January 2012 (when CCOs were introduced) and 30 June 2023, there were **77,792** people serving a CCO. In the 2022–23 financial year, **4,161** people were sentenced in Victoria for a 'serious offence' (as defined in section 104AA(3) of the *Corrections Act 1986* (Vic)). Of those, **516** people were sentenced for a serious offence committed while serving a CCO.



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Number of people serving active CCOs from 16 January 2012 to 30 June 2023

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Number of people sentenced for a serious offence from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

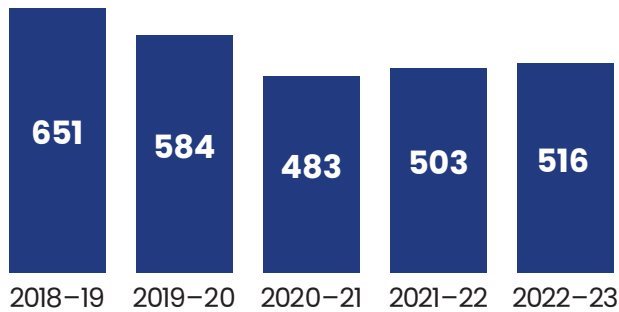
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Number of people sentenced in 2022–23 for a serious offence committed while serving a CCO

^{*} This factsheet uses the same methodology and counting rules as the Council's *Serious Offending by People Serving a Community Correction Order* series of reports and factsheets, which cover every year since 2016–17.

Number of people sentenced each financial year for serious offending while serving a CCO

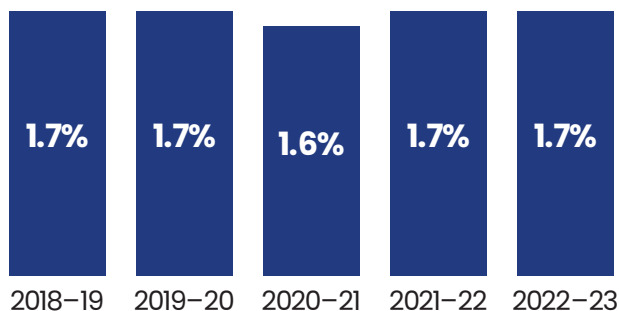
Since 2016–17 (the first year of reporting), the lowest number of people sentenced for committing a serious offence while serving a CCO was 483 (in 2020–21). This is likely due to the effect of COVID-19 on court operations, reducing the number of cases dealt with that year.



Estimated rate of contravention of a CCO by serious offending each financial year

It is not possible to calculate an accurate rate of CCO contravention by serious offending because the required reference period to report on is based on the *date of sentence* for a serious offence, not the *offence date*.

However, in 2022–23, using just CCOs imposed in the three years to 30 June 2023 as a proxy, the estimated rate of CCO contravention by serious offending was 1.7%, effectively identical to previous years.



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Types of serious offences committed by people serving a CCO

In 2022–23, courts sentenced 742 charges of serious offences committed by 516 people who were serving a CCO at the time.

The three most common serious offences in 2022–23 were:

- make threat to kill (216 charges)
- aggravated burglary (130 charges)
- make threat to inflict serious injury (120 charges)

These have been the three most common serious offences each financial year since 2016–17. However, 2022–23 is the first year that aggravated burglary has overtaken make threat to inflict serious injury as the second most common serious offence.

Courts sentenced very few homicide and rape offences committed by people serving a CCO in 2022–23: murder (3 charges), manslaughter (4 charges) and rape (6 charges).

The five most common serious offences sentenced in 2022–23 committed by people serving a CCO, by number of charges per financial year

