

Serious Offending by People Serving a Community Correction Order **2023–24**

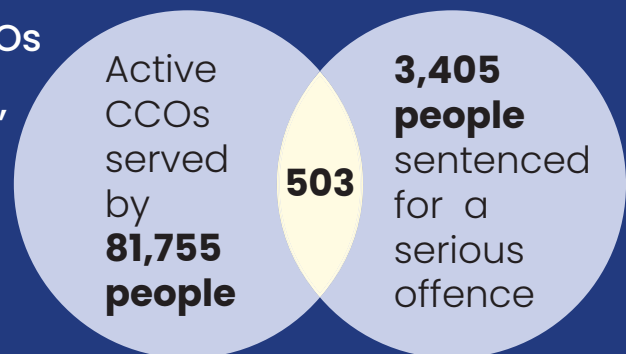


This factsheet identifies the number of people sentenced in 2023–24 for a serious offence committed while the person was serving a community correction order (CCO). It addresses the following requirement in section 104AA of the *Corrections Act 1986* (Vic):

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.*

Serious offences include serious violent offences and sexual offences

Between 16 January 2012 (when CCOs were introduced) and 30 June 2024, there were 81,755 people serving a CCO. In the 2023–24 financial year, 3,405 people were sentenced in Victoria for a serious offence (as defined in section 104AA(3) of the *Corrections Act 1986* (Vic)). Of those, 503 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 2024

3,405

Number of people sentenced for a serious offence from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

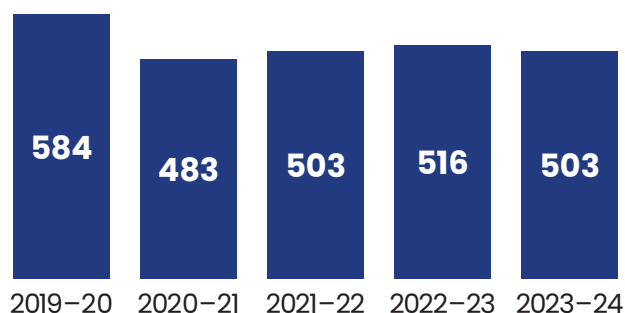
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Number of people sentenced in 2023–24 for a serious offence committed while serving a CCO

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

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

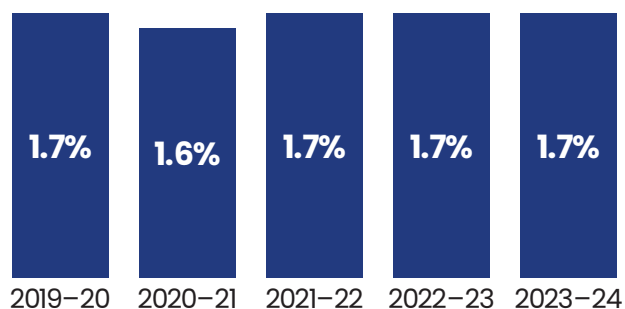
Since 2016–17 (the first year of reporting), the lowest number of people sentenced for committing a serious offence while serving a CCO was 483 (in 2020–21). This is likely due to the effect of COVID-19 on court operations, reducing the number of cases dealt with that year.



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, using just the CCOs imposed in the three years to 30 June 2024 as a proxy, the estimated rate of CCO contravention by serious offending in 2023–24 was 1.7%, effectively identical to previous years.



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Types of serious offences committed by people serving a CCO

In 2023–24, courts sentenced 713 charges of serious offences committed by 503 people who were serving a CCO at the time.

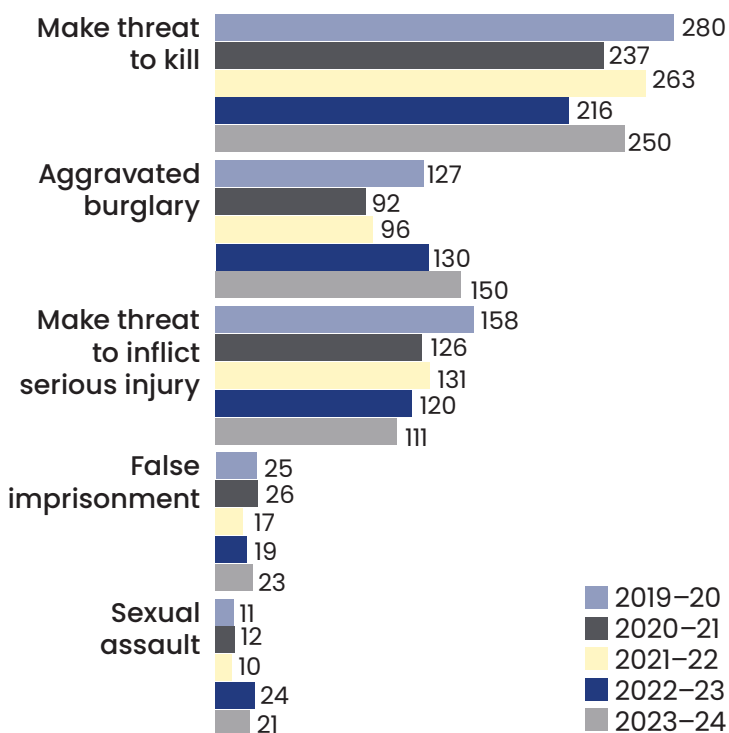
The three most common serious offences in 2023–24 were:

- make threat to kill (250 charges)
- aggravated burglary (150 charges)
- make threat to inflict serious injury (111 charges)

Make threat to kill has consistently been the most common serious offence committed by people serving a CCO since 2016–17.

Aggravated burglary and make threat to inflict serious injury have alternated between being either the second or the third most common offence since 2016–17.

The five most common serious offences sentenced in 2023–24 committed by people serving a CCO, by number of charges per financial year



As to the most serious offences committed by people serving a CCO, courts in 2023–24 sentenced 1 charge of murder, 2 charges of manslaughter, and 17 charges (committed by 11 people) of rape.