

Juvenile Justice NMDS 2009

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 378088

Registration status:

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 14/09/2009

DSS type: National Minimum Data Set (NMDS)

Scope: The Juvenile Justice NMDS contains information about young people under juvenile justice supervision in Australia. Young people under juvenile justice supervision are defined as those who are under the supervision or case management of a juvenile justice agency because they have:

- committed or allegedly committed an offence between the ages of 10–17 years

OR

- committed or allegedly committed an offence when aged over 17 years and who are treated as young people due to their vulnerability or immaturity.

It does not contain information on young people who are not supervised or case managed by a juvenile justice agency (for example, young people supervised by an adult correctional agency).

Files

The JJ NMDS contains five files: client file, order file, detention file, order types file and centre file.

Client file

The client file contains demographic information on young people under juvenile justice supervision.

Order file

The order file contains information about the supervised orders handed down by courts and parole boards to young people under juvenile justice supervision.

Detention file

The detention file contains information about the periods of detention of young people under juvenile justice supervision. A detention period relates to the period of time a young person is detained in a juvenile justice remand or detention centre in relation to a particular detention type. A new reception into a detention centre, a change in legal status and a transfer to another detention centre all start a new detention period, while a release from a detention centre, a transfer to another centre or another jurisdiction, a change in legal status, an escape and an abscond all end a detention period.

Order types file

The order types file links the orders available in jurisdictions with the national order categories.

Centre file

The centre collection contains details on the centres administered and operated by juvenile justice agencies where young people are detained while under the supervision of the relevant juvenile justice agency on a supervised order or legal arrangement.

Juvenile justice departments

The relevant juvenile justice departments whose clients are included in the JJ NMDS as at May 2009 are:

- Department of Juvenile Justice, New South Wales
- Department of Human Services, Victoria
- Department of Communities, Queensland
- Department of Corrective Services, Western Australia
- Department for Families and Communities, South Australia
- Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania
- Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services, Australian Capital Territory
- Department of Justice, Northern Territory

In addition, other agencies have been included in the JJ NMDS where they supervise or case manage clients who are within the scope of the JJ NMDS, but are not administered by the above mentioned departments. These may include agencies such as police watch houses, for example.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: Juvenile Justice NMDS redevelopment

Previous versions of the JJ NMDS comprised a client file, an episode file and a centre file. The episode file contained information on a young person's most serious supervised order, that is, if a young person was being supervised in relation to more than one order at any one time, only information on the most serious order was collected.

Following the review of the JJ NMDS by KPMG in 2008 and 2009, the JJ NMDS was redeveloped and the episode file was replaced with an order file and a detention file and an order type file was added to the NMDS. The client file and the centre file were not altered. A number of data items were added to the JJ NMDS and existing data item names were updated to match the data item names used in METeOR.

The five files of the JJ NMDS have been replicated in METeOR as DSS clusters, and contain the Data Elements listed as follows:

Juvenile Justice Client file cluster

Person identifier

Letters of family name

Letters of given name

Date of birth

Sex

Indigenous status

First service contact date

Juvenile Justice Order file cluster

Person identifier

Order identifier

Episode start date

Episode end date

Episode type (juvenile justice)

Order cessation reason

Suburb/town/locality name (person)

Postcode - Australian (person)

Juvenile Justice Detention file cluster

Person identifier

Episode start date

Episode end date

Detention type (juvenile justice)

Detention end reason

Suburb/town/locality name (person)

Postcode - Australian (person)

Organisation name

Postcode - Australian (service provider organisation)

Juvenile Justice Order types file cluster

Episode type, local

Episode type (juvenile justice)

Reporting period

Juvenile Justice Centre file cluster

Organisation name

Postcode - Australian (service provider organisation)

Design capacity

Number of detainees

Custody escapes cluster

Custody location

Number of escapes

Reporting period

Implementation start date: 01/07/2009

Comments: Last reviewed September 2011.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Juvenile Justice Data Sub-Committee

Steward: [Australian Youth Justice Administrators \(AYJA\)](#)

Origin: Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set Version 1.3 Data Dictionary. AIHW Nov 2004.

Reference documents: Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set. Data Collection Manual for 2005-06. AIHW July 2006.

Juvenile Justice National Minimum Data Set Version 3 Data Dictionary. AIHW July 2006.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Juvenile Justice NMDS 2007](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 19/05/2010

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Juvenile Justice Client file cluster	Mandatory	1
2	Juvenile Justice Order file cluster	Mandatory	1
3	Juvenile Justice Detention file cluster	Mandatory	1
4	Juvenile Justice Order types file cluster	Mandatory	1
5	Juvenile Justice Centre file cluster	Mandatory	1
6	Custody Escapes cluster	Conditional	1