

Youth Justice DSS 2020–

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 743989

Registration status:

- [Youth Justice](#), Standard 15/02/2022

DSS type: Data Set Specification (DSS)

Scope: The Youth Justice Data Set Specification (YJ DSS) 2020– contains information about young people under youth justice supervision in Australia. Young people under youth justice supervision are defined as those who are under the supervision or case management of a youth 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 supervised or case managed by organisations other than a youth justice agency (for example, young people supervised by an adult correctional agency).

The YJ DSS 2020– contains the Youth Justice National Minimum Data Set (YJ NMDS) 2020–, two additional data element clusters, and one additional data element.

The YJ NMDS 2020– contains four data element clusters all of which contain unit record level data:

- Youth Justice Client file cluster
- Youth Justice Order file cluster
- Youth Justice Detention file cluster
- Youth Justice Order types file cluster.

The two additional, optional data element clusters are:

The Youth Justice Charge file cluster, which contains the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) code of all charges relating to unsentenced supervised orders (e.g. supervised bail, remand).

The Youth Justice Offence file cluster, which contains the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) code of all offences relating to sentenced supervised orders (e.g. sentenced detention, probation).

The additional data element is:

Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN is an optional item which can be collected as part of the client file

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: Person

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Comments: In April 2019 the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators (AYJA), previously the Australasian Juvenile Justice Administrators (AJJA) changed their name and the name of the youth justice collection, replacing 'juvenile justice' with 'youth justice'.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Youth Justice Data and Information Group

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

Origin: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2004. Juvenile justice national minimum data set version 1.3 data dictionary. Canberra: AIHW.

Reference documents: AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2021. Juvenile justice national minimum data set, data collection manual 2020–21. Canberra: AIHW.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Youth Justice DSS 2018–20](#)

- [Youth Justice](#), Recorded 23/05/2022

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	Youth Justice NMDS 2020–	Mandatory	1
2	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2016) NNNN	Optional	1
3	Youth Justice Charge file cluster	Optional	99
4	Youth Justice Offence file cluster	Optional	99