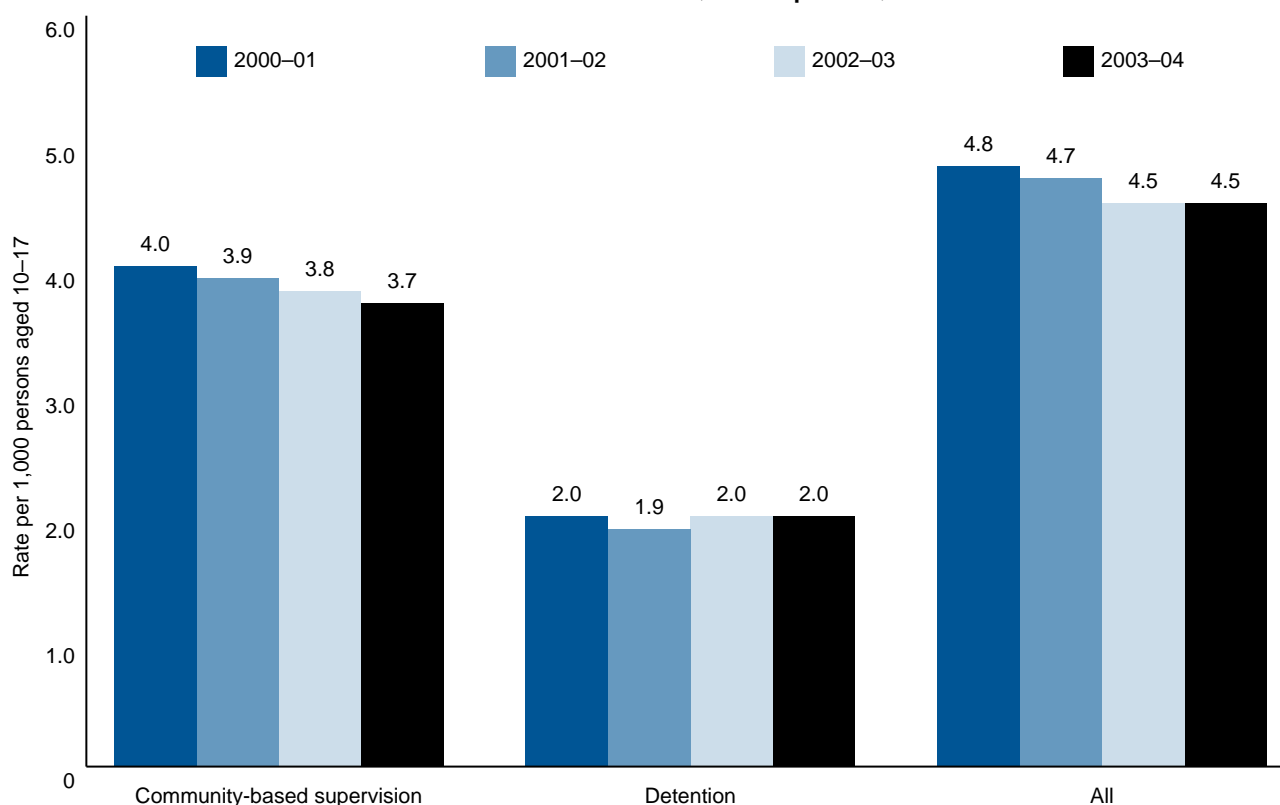


Juvenile justice supervision in Australia

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report *Juvenile justice in Australia 2000–01 to 2003–04* is based on community-based and detention-based supervision data collected from state and territory agencies responsible for juvenile justice. Data from this dataset, available for the first time in 2006, showed that the number of individuals within the juvenile justice system in Australia declined in the period 2000–01 to 2003–04 by five percent, from 13,318 to 12,656 persons. The majority of sentenced supervision was community-based, including probation, recognisance and community service orders. Some juveniles experience episodes of community-based supervision and detention within the course of one year. Of all the young people who experienced juvenile justice supervision each year, over 80 percent had completed only one supervision period. The majority each year were male (83%). The figure below shows that the rate for total juveniles under supervision declined from 4.8 to 4.5 per 1,000 persons aged 10–17 years in the study period. This decline was due to decreases in juveniles under community supervision rather than those in detention. While the rate for juveniles under community-based supervision declined from 4.0 to 3.7 per 1,000, the rate for detention-based supervision was 2.0 per 1,000 in both 2000–01 and 2003–04. ACT figures are not included as data were not available prior to 2003–04.

Persons aged 10–17 years under juvenile justice supervision
2000–01 to 2003–04, rate per 1,000



Note: Data refer to total persons who experienced juvenile justice supervision at least once in the course of each reporting year.

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2006. *Juvenile justice in Australia, 2000–01 to 2003–04*. Canberra: AIHW.
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