

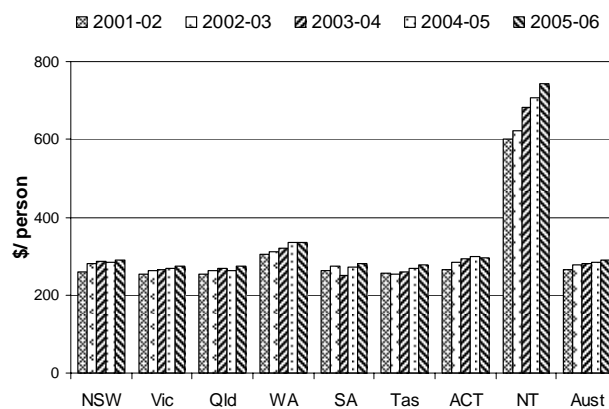
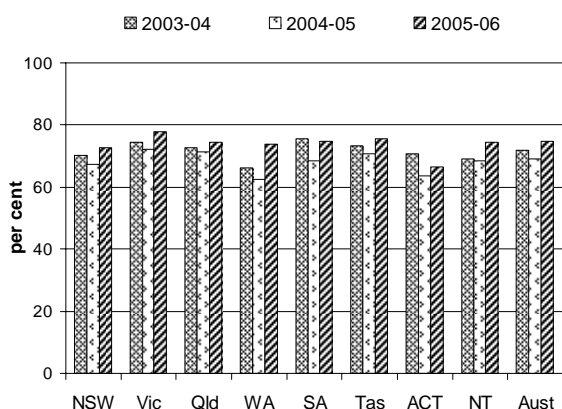
POLICE SERVICES (CHAPTER 5)

- This chapter reports on the operations of the police agencies of each State and Territory Government, including the ACT community policing function performed by the Australian Federal Police.
- Recurrent expenditure on police services across Australia was approximately \$5.9 billion or \$291 per person in 2005-06 (p. 5.8). Police agencies employed 59 587 people in 2005-06 (p. 5.4).

Selection of results

Persons surveyed who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services^a (p. 5.10)

Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources and payroll tax, for police services^{a, b, c} (p. 5.9)



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- Information is available on recorded crime, perceptions of crime and outcome(s) of investigations. For example, data are reported on victims of unlawful entry with intent recorded by police (pp. 5.37-38), public perceptions of 'housebreaking' as a problem (p. 5.23), and the proportion of unlawful entry with intent investigations that were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police (pp. 5.42-43).
- Nationally, 45.9 per cent of persons surveyed felt 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking or jogging locally after dark in 2005-06 (up from 44.5 per cent in 2004-05) (pp. 5.19-22).
- Nationally, in 2005-06, 10.4 per cent of people surveyed who had driven in the previous 6 months indicated that they had 'rarely' or more often ('half the time', 'most of the time' or 'always') driven when possibly over the 0.05 blood alcohol limit (pp. 5.46-47).
- There were 12 road deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in Australia in 2005-06 (the same as 2004-05 and 2003-04) (pp. 5.48-49).
- Expressed as a rate, there were 5300 victims of personal crime per 100 000 people in Australia in 2005, 5300 in 2002 and 4800 in 1998. The rate in 2005 varied across jurisdictions. (p. 5.28; table 5A.38).

Progress since 2006 Report

- A new presentation format has been implemented for the 2007 Report. Since the 2000 Report, the chapter was structured around four service delivery areas (SDAs): community safety and support; crime investigation; road safety and traffic management; and services to the judicial process. An efficiency measure (dollars per person) was allocated to each of these SDAs. The chapter has been restructured this year because of concerns that expenditure could not be accurately allocated to individual SDAs. This year, performance is reported against four activity areas (community safety; crime; road safety; and judicial services) but only a single efficiency measure is reported covering all these activities (expenditure on police services per person).

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People who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services ^a

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2003-04	%	70.2	74.5	72.7	66.2	75.7	73.2	70.6	69.0	71.8
2004-05	%	67.2	72.3	71.3	62.4	68.4	70.8	63.7	68.5	68.9
2005-06	%	72.8	77.8	74.5	73.8	74.7	75.6	66.5	74.5	74.6

^a Data are based on responses from people aged 15 years or over.

Source: Australasian Centre for Policing Research (ACPR) (unpublished); table 5A.12.

Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources and payroll tax, for police services, per person (2005-06 dollars) ^{a, b, c}

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2001-02	259	253	254	304	262	257	265	602	265
2002-03	280	262	263	310	275	255	283	623	278
2003-04	287	265	270	320	251	261	294	681	282
2004-05	283	268	263	334	271	269	298	707	284
2005-06	289	275	274	334	281	277	296	743	291

^a Revenue from own sources includes user charges and other types of revenue (for example, revenue from sale of stores and plant). It excludes fine revenue, money received as a result of warrant execution, and revenue from the issuing of firearm licences.

^b Excludes the user cost of capital. ^c Real expenditure based on the ABS gross domestic product price deflator (2005-06 = 100) .

Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished); table 5A.10.

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