

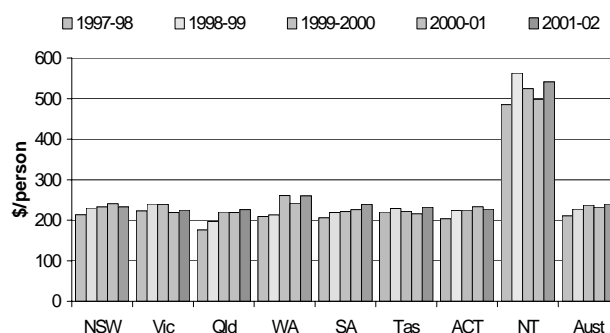
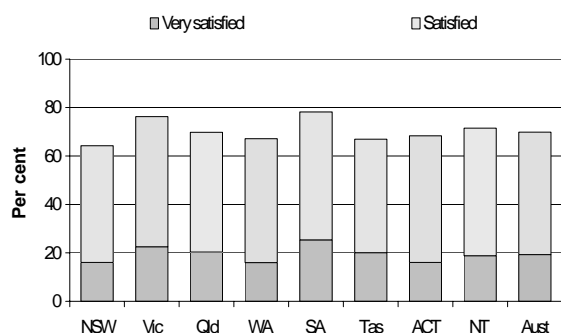
POLICE SERVICES (CHAPTER 5)

- The focus is 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 \$4.6 billion or \$240 per person in 2001-02. Police agencies employed 55 108 people in 2001-02 (p. 5.3).

Selection of results

Persons aged 18 years and over who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services^a (p. 5.18)

Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources, for police services^{b, c, d, e, f} (p. 5.3)



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- Information is available on recorded crime, perceptions of crime and outcome of investigations. For example, data are reported on motor vehicle thefts recorded by police (p. 5.36), public perceptions of problems with motor vehicle theft (p. 5.32) and the proportion of motor vehicle theft investigations that were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police (p. 5.41).
- There were 1016 recorded victims of crimes against people per 100 000 people in Australia in 2001 (compared with 949 in 2000). The rate ranged from 1664 victims per 100 000 in the NT to 491 victims per 100 000 in Victoria (table 5A.15).
- Nationally, 40 per cent of persons surveyed aged 18 years and over felt 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking or jogging locally after dark in 2001-02. This response ranged from 44 per cent in SA to 37 per cent in WA (p. 5.29).
- There were 14 road deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in Australia in 2001-02 (the same as last year). This ranged from 43 deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in the NT to six in the ACT (p. 5.46).
- Nationally, in 2001, there were 35 deaths in police custody and custody-related operations. This ranged from 15 deaths in NSW to zero deaths in the ACT and the NT (p. 5.52).

Progress in 2001-02

This Report continues to refine and improve the indicators that are reported in the Police chapter, including the introduction of data on land transport hospitalisations rates and associated indicators for the first time.

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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Persons aged 18 years and over who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services (per cent) ^a									
Very satisfied	16.0	22.5	20.4	15.9	25.3	20.2	16.0	18.7	19.3
Satisfied	48.2	53.8	49.4	51.2	52.9	46.9	52.3	52.3	50.6
Neither	22.1	16.9	22.3	21.2	14.8	22.4	22.6	18.1	20.2
Dissatisfied	8.0	4.0	4.4	8.2	4.7	7.1	5.7	7.1	6.0
Very dissatisfied	3.6	1.6	1.9	2.2	1.0	2.9	1.2	2.2	2.4
Don't know	2.0	1.2	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.4	2.2	1.5	1.6
Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources, for police services (2001-02 \$ per head of population) ^{b, c, d, e, f}									
1997-98	214	223	176	209	206	220	204	485	211
1998-99	230	240	197	213	219	229	224	563	227
1999-2000	233	239	220	261	221	222	225	525	237
2000-01	241	219	219	242	226	216	233	498	232
2001-02	233	225	226	260	238	232	227	541	240

^a Caution should be used when comparing differences in results across jurisdictions. The size of the sample may have an effect on the accuracy of the results. ^b 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. ^c Excludes the user cost of capital. ^d Includes payroll tax for all jurisdictions, except WA and the ACT (which are exempt from payroll tax). If WA and the ACT were liable for paying payroll tax, then real recurrent expenditure (less revenue from own sources) in 2001-02 would have increased by \$11 per head of population in WA and \$12 in the ACT. ^e As a result of a comprehensive review of enabling costs applicable to ACT Policing in 2000-01, the formula previously applied to the calculation of staffing and expenditure data has been significantly revised. This methodological shift means that data relating to staffing and expenditure from 2000-01 onwards are not directly comparable to data prior to 2000-01. ^f The inclusion of superannuation costs for the first time in the NT in 1998-99 accounted for two thirds of the increase in expenditure data from 1997-98 to 1998-99. ^g Real expenditure based on ABS GDP price deflator 2001-02=100 (table A.26)

Sources: tables 5A.22 and 5A.11

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