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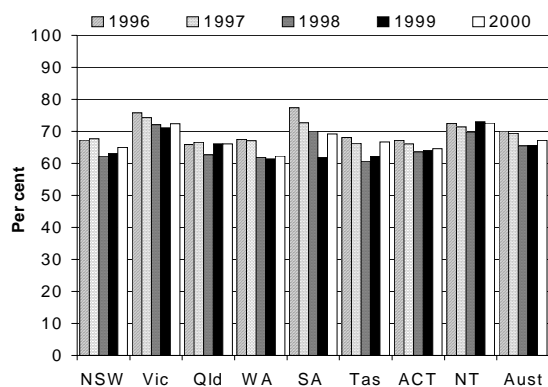
POLICE SERVICES (CHAPTER 8)

- 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 billion or \$225 per person in 2000-01. Police agencies employed 53 912 people in 2000-01.

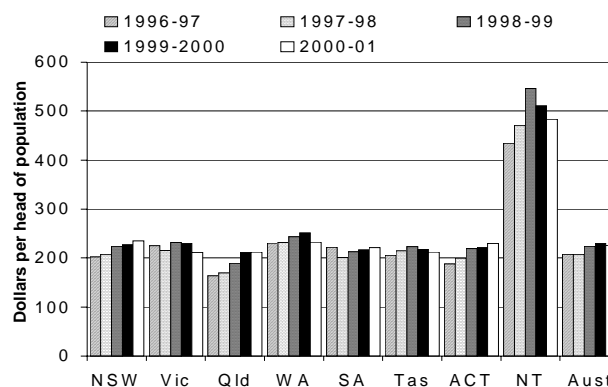
Selection of results

Persons aged 18 years and over who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services^a (p. 393)

Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources, for police services^{b, c, d, e, f} (p. 377)



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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. 410), public perceptions of problems with motor vehicle theft (p. 406) and the proportion of motor vehicle theft investigations that were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police (p. 416).
- There were 949 recorded victims of crimes against the person per 100 000 people in Australia in 2000 (compared with 912 in 1999). The rate ranged from 1737 victims per 100 000 in the NT to 475 victims per 100 000 in Victoria (p. 383/table 8A.14).
- Nationally, 43 per cent of persons surveyed aged 18 years and over felt 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking or jogging locally after dark. This response ranged from 45 per cent in Tasmania and the ACT to 37 per cent in WA (p. 404).
- There were 14 road deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in Australia in 2000-01 (compared with 15 last year). This ranged from 51 deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in the NT to 10 in the ACT (p. 422).
- Nationally, in 2000, there were 25 deaths in police custody and custody-related operations (p.426). This ranged from 14 deaths in NSW to zero deaths in Tasmania, the ACT and the NT (table 8A.78).

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Progress in 2000-01

This Report continues to refine and improve the indicators that are reported in the Police chapter.

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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									
1996	67.3	75.8	65.9	67.5	77.4	68.1	67.2	72.5	70.1
1997	67.7	74.3	66.6	67.1	72.7	66.3	66.1	71.4	69.4
1998	62.3	72.1	62.7	61.9	70.1	60.7	63.6	69.8	65.5
1999	63.2	71.1	66.1	61.4	61.9	62.3	64.1	73.0	65.6
2000	65.0	72.4	66.1	62.3	69.2	66.7	64.6	72.6	67.2
Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources, for police services (2000-01 \$ per head of population) ^{b, c, d, e, f}									
1996-97	202	225	164	230	222	206	188	434	207
1997-98	208	215	170	232	201	215	200	470	207
1998-99	223	232	190	243	213	223	219	546	224
1999-2000	227	231	212	251	216	217	221	511	230
2000-01	235	212	212	232	221	212	230	483	225

^a Caution should be used when comparing differences in results across jurisdictions and over time. The size of the sample may have an affect 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 2000-01 would have increased by \$10 per head of population in WA and \$12 in the ACT. ^e In 2000-01 in the ACT, as a result of a comprehensive review of enabling costs applicable to ACT Policing, the formula previously applied to the calculation of staffing and expenditure data has been significantly revised. This methodological shift means that material in this Report is not directly comparable with that for previous years. ^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.

Sources: tables 8A.20 and 8A.11 (pp. 393 and 377).

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