
6A Police services attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 6A.3
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6A.1 Descriptors

Table 6A.1 New South Wales, descriptors

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	980 942	1 080 061	1 179 328	1 214 298	1 267 967
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries	\$'000	777 015	860 910	909 074	928 516	1 019 915
— Other recurrent	\$'000	180 237	189 856	234 636	249 950	216 301
— Depreciation	\$'000	23 690	29 295	35 618	35 832	31 751
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	23 292	19 621	31 451	45 932	38 715
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	957 650	1 060 440	1 147 877	1 168 366	1 229 252
Capital expenditure	\$'000	51 688	40 533	31 451	44 112	34 072
Total expenditure	\$'000	1 009 338	1 100 973	1 179 328	1 212 478	1 263 324
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	50 714	54 911	58 268	59 556	63 033
Average non-police staff costs	\$	37 605	45 980	43 619	38 386	43 557
Total number of staff, by operational status	FTE	na	na	na	na	17 421

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	11 942	12 316	14 875
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	12 688
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	2 187
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	2 546
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	719
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	1 827
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
Indigenous FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	85
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	52
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	33
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	540 348	539 951	544 013	551 782	783 391
Buildings, land, fittings	\$'000	465 445	453 756	457 666	462 043	586 167
Other	\$'000	74 903	86 195	86 347	89 739	197 224

na Not available.

Table 6A.2 **Victoria, descriptors**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	702 420	844 305	930 345	964 394	941 751
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries	\$'000	537 752	672 250	719 744	783 453	748 230
— Other recurrent	\$'000	135 793	152 735	193 735	163 924	177 038
— Depreciation	\$'000	28 875	19 320	16 866	17 017	16 483
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	5 761	5 995	5 493	8 599	6 154
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	696 659	838 310	924 852	955 795	935 597
Capital expenditure	\$'000	12 214	33 286	43 735	51 746	40 871
Total expenditure	\$'000	708 874	871 596	968 587	1 007 541	976 468
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	48 168	59 511	64 066	70 604	69 067
Average non-police staff costs	\$	29 213	35 361	31 542	33 512	36 077
Total number of staff, by operational status	FTE	na	na	na	na	11 824
Operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	9 184	9 109	8 970
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	8 806
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	32
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	132

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	2 854
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	944
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	1 810
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	100
Indigenous FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	318 901	290 874	276 902	288 334	263 345
Buildings, land, fittings	\$'000	217 114	222 449	206 370	208 275	233 488
Other	\$'000	101 787	68 425	70 532	80 059	29 857

na Not available.

Table 6A.3 Queensland, descriptors

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	429 374	460 724	502 949	550 065	582 265
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries	\$'000	363 580	378 509	414 430	434 730	481 596
— Other recurrent	\$'000	65 794	82 215	88 519	95 944	100 669
— Depreciation	\$'000	na	na	na	19 391	na
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	13 259	16 382	42 868	37 238	35 453
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	416 115	444 342	460 081	512 827	546 812
Capital expenditure	\$'000	35 002	36 553	77 901	84 319	81 643
Total expenditure	\$'000	451 117	480 895	537 982	597 146	628 455
<i>Staffing costs</i>						
Average police staff costs	\$	51 851	52 481	56 351	55 106	41 629
Average non-police staff costs	\$	25 771	25 079	26 775	31 650	32 660
Total number of staff, by operational status	FTE	na	na	na	na	9 478
Operational FTE staff ^a	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	na

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
Indigenous FTE staff ^b	FTE	na	na	na	na	186
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	na
<i>Assets</i>						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	119 683	106 096	105 129	461 040	518 145
Buildings, land, fittings	\$'000	na	na	na	375 180	418 235
Other	\$'000	119 683	106 096	105 129	85 860	99 910

^a A count of operational/nonoperational staff was not possible. ^b Relies on employees self declaring their aboriginality. **na** Not available.

Table 6A.4 **Western Australia, descriptors**

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	307 615	313 988	353 563	392 668	408 322
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries ^a	\$'000	243 143	243 870	267 215	299 688	316 656
— Other recurrent ^b	\$'000	58 763	65 393	75 773	83 193	83 015
— Depreciation ^c	\$'000	5 709	4 725	10 575	9 787	8 651
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	7 718	6 700	6 818	11 304	12 118
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	299 897	307 288	346 745	381 364	396 204
Capital expenditure	\$'000	5 220	12 279	21 363	20 327	28 959
Total expenditure	\$'000	305 117	319 567	368 108	401 691	425 163
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	50 911	49 960	50 981	53 460	56 164
Average non-police staff costs	\$	31 350	31 798	23 486	32 606	37 194
Total number of staff, by operational status ^d	FTE	na	5 255	6 099	6 157	6 114
Operational FTE staff ^e	FTE	na	na	4 181	4 288	4 252
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	3 894
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	130
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	228

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	1 862
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	811
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	995
— Other ^f	FTE	na	na	na	na	56
Indigenous FTE staff ^g	FTE	na	na	na	na	122
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	116
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	6
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	178 535	175 584	180 903	207 651	224 464
Buildings, land, fittings ^h	\$'000	150 001	150 149	154 873	181 359	197 775
Other	\$'000	28 534	25 435	26 030	26 292	26 689

^a Payroll Tax was not payable by the WA Police Service. ^b Included road safety promotion from the road safety trust. ^c Depreciation was calculated on either the reducing balance or straight line basis, depending on the expected pattern of use of the asset. ^d The determination of operational staff versus non-operational staff has been based on functional area rather than the individual, that is, an area may be deemed to be operational but may have some staff who may be considered to be non-operational. ^e Includes 33 recruits and re-engagees in training. ^f Wages staff. ^g Aboriginal Liaison Officers and those who have volunteered information about their indigenous status. ^h Buildings were revalued on 1 July 1995. Land was revalued on 1 July 1996. **na** Not available.

Table 6A.5 **South Australia, descriptors**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	259 059	276 935	289 301	317 236	304 698
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries	\$'000	199 116	213 999	219 706	226 093	243 721
— Other recurrent	\$'000	59 943	62 936	69 595	85 429	53 169
— Depreciation	\$'000	na	na	na	5 714	7 808
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	19 968	22 933	14 999	14 456	26 337
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	239 091	254 002	274 302	302 780	278 361
Capital expenditure	\$'000	25 844	20 942	21 246	9 918	9 656
Total expenditure	\$'000	264 935	274 944	295 548	312 698	288 017
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	48 642	53 279	56 816	60 114	64 125
Average non-police staff costs	\$	31 395	32 335	37 448	35 547	32 837
Total number of staff, by operational status	FTE	na	na	na	na	4 147
Operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	2 774	2 729	2 842
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	2 755
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	52
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	35

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	1 305
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	682
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	566
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	57
Indigenous FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	45
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	40
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	5
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	na	na	na	134 326	144 573
Buildings, land, fittings	\$'000	na	na	na	122 859	120 254
Other	\$'000	na	na	na	11 467	24 319

na Not available.

Table 6A.6 **Tasmania, descriptors**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	65 584	74 446	81 661	92 921	97 805
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries	\$'000	50 587	59 160	64 321	71 613	74 783
— Other recurrent	\$'000	14 997	15 286	17 340	18 832	20 433
— Depreciation	\$'000	na	na	na	2 476	2 589
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	196	657	491	3 132	3 148
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	65 388	73 789	81 170	89 789	94 657
Capital expenditure	\$'000	6 471	2 076	1 803	300	676
Total expenditure	\$'000	71 859	75 865	82 973	90 089	95 333
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	39 941	46 058	51 446	57 145	50 920
Average non-police staff costs	\$	24 048	26 045	24 386	31 194	31 813
Total number of staff, by operational status	FTE	na	na	na	na	1 440
Operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	900	950	1 048
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	945
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	103
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	0

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	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	392
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	73
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	246
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	73
Indigenous FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	24
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	24
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	71 488	81 667	85 192	67 143	64 064
Buildings, land, fittings	\$'000	63 815	74 141	84 581	60 544	58 574
Other	\$'000	7 673	7 526	611	6 599	5 490

na Not available.

Table 6A.7 Australian Capital Territory, descriptors

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	50 544	49 281	52 172	53 682	58 294
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries ^a	\$'000	40 578	40 715	40 723	41 441	43 944
— Other recurrent ^a	\$'000	9 966	8 566	11 449	12 241	14 350
— Depreciation	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Revenue from own sources ^a	\$'000	2 177	1 022	142	301	817
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	48 367	48 259	52 030	53 381	57 477
Capital expenditure	\$'000	7 650	8 020	616	2 800	0
Total expenditure	\$'000	56 017	56 279	52 646	56 181	57 477
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	57 305	58 466	57 799	59 326	62 225
Average non-police staff costs	\$	36 298	33 371	38 768	40 224	40 355
Total number of staff, by operational status ^b	FTE	na	na	na	na	728
Operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	481	555	584
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	584
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	0

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Table 6A.7 (Continued)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	144
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	82
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	62
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
Indigenous FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	3
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	3
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	na	13 497	29 838	26 510	32 540
Buildings, land, fittings	\$'000	na	11 420	25 912	22 584	30 421
Other	\$'000	na	2 077	3 926	3 926	2 119

^a Relates only to funds provided by the ACT Government to the ACT for the provision of community policing services. It excludes an additional 14 per cent for police services provided by the Commonwealth Government to meet national policing expenditure in the provision of ACT Police Services. ^b Included a notional 129 staff for corporate support functions attributed to ACT community policing provided by the Australian Federal Police. **na** Not available.

Table 6A.8 Northern Territory, descriptors

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Expenditure ^a						
Total recurrent expenditure, comprising:	\$'000	58 073	64 108	71 701	77 839	86 818
— Salaries and payments in the nature of Salaries ^b	\$'000	45 822	50 961	56 966	61 370	67 563
— Other recurrent	\$'000	12 251	13 147	14 735	16 469	19 255
— Depreciation ^c	\$'000	na	na	na	na	na
Revenue from own sources	\$'000	3 543	3 580	4 183	2 985	3 399
Total Recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources	\$'000	54 530	60 528	67 518	74 854	83 419
Capital expenditure	\$'000	5 205	4 215	5 004	4 812	6 038
Total expenditure	\$'000	59 735	64 743	72 522	79 666	89 457
Staffing costs						
Average police staff costs	\$	53 955	53 476	58 906	63 178	65 870
Average non-police staff costs	\$	29 061	36 714	43 829	44 450	49 623
Total number of staff, by operational status	FTE	na	na	na	na	1 078
Operational FTE staff ^{d, e}	FTE	na	na	688	874	795
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	728
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	66
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	1

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Table 6A.8 (Continued)

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>1993-94</i>	<i>1994-95</i>	<i>1995-96</i>	<i>1996-97</i>	<i>1997-98</i>
Non-operational FTE staff	FTE	na	na	na	na	283
— Sworn	FTE	na	na	na	na	138
— Civilian	FTE	na	na	na	na	145
— Other	FTE	na	na	na	na	0
Indigenous FTE staff ^f	FTE	na	na	na	na	57
— Operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	48
— Non-operational	FTE	na	na	na	na	9
Assets						
Total value of assets, comprising:	\$'000	na	122 000	104 812	na	na
Buildings, land, fittings ^g	\$'000	na	108 000	93 272	na	na
Other	\$'000	na	14 000	11 540	na	na

^a The NT Police are part of a tri-service agency incorporating the NT Fire and Rescue Service, and the NT Emergency Service. Where possible, all expenditure directly relating to the nonpolice arms of the department has been excluded. ^b The employer's contribution to superannuation is not included in the figures. ^c The department operates on a cash accounting system which does not require depreciation of assets. ^d Does not include staff unavailable due to training and development activities. ^e Includes Police Auxiliaries and Recruits. ^f Includes Police Auxiliaries and Aboriginal Community Police Officers. ^g Capital expenditure includes an amount of \$929 000 expended on our behalf by the Department of Transport and Works. **na** Not available.

6A.2 Effectiveness indicators

Protect, help, and reassure the public

Satisfaction with police services

Table 6A.9 **Persons aged 18 years and over: General satisfaction with services provided by the police, 1997-98 (per cent)^a**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Very satisfied	13	19	14	13	16	14	13	15	15
Satisfied	54	53	52	50	56	47	52	55	53
Neither	16	15	18	19	16	18	22	18	17
Dissatisfied	10	7	11	12	7	13	8	8	9
Very dissatisfied	2	2	3	4	3	4	1	2	3
Don't know	6	4	2	2	3	4	4	2	4
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	66	72	66	63	72	61	65	70	68
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	12	9	14	16	10	17	9	10	12
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	22	19	20	21	18	22	26	20	21

^a May not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished)..

Table 6A.10 **Persons aged 18 years and over: General satisfaction with police by sex, 1997-98 (per cent)^a**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Males									
Very satisfied	12	16	14	11	14	13	12	14	13
Satisfied	55	54	52	51	57	45	50	56	54
Neither	15	17	17	19	16	19	24	17	17
Dissatisfied	12	9	12	11	8	15	9	9	11
Very dissatisfied	2	2	3	5	4	6	1	2	3
Don't know	4	3	1	2	2	3	4	1	3
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	67	70	67	62	71	58	62	71	67
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	14	11	15	17	12	21	10	11	14
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	19	19	19	22	17	21	28	19	19
Females									
Very satisfied	13	22	13	15	18	15	14	15	16
Satisfied	52	52	52	49	55	50	54	54	52
Neither	17	13	18	19	16	18	21	19	17
Dissatisfied	8	6	10	12	5	12	7	7	8
Very dissatisfied	2	1	4	3	2	2	1	3	2
Don't know	7	6	3	2	4	4	4	2	5
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	66	74	65	65	73	64	67	69	68
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	10	7	13	14	7	14	8	10	10
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	25	19	21	21	20	22	25	21	22

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.11 Persons aged 18 years and over: General satisfaction with police, by age, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
18-29 years									
Very satisfied	7	13	9	7	7	8	12	9	9
Satisfied	54	54	50	51	55	44	46	52	53
Neither	23	20	24	25	25	27	28	25	23
Dissatisfied	9	7	11	11	5	14	10	9	9
Very dissatisfied	2	3	4	4	5	4	1	4	3
Don't know	5	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	3
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	60	67	59	58	62	52	58	61	62
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	11	10	15	15	11	19	12	13	12
Neither' or 'Don't know'	28	24	26	27	28	30	31	27	27
30-64 years									
Very satisfied	14	19	14	14	17	13	12	16	16
Satisfied	52	52	51	50	56	47	54	56	52
Neither	15	15	18	18	15	18	21	16	16
Dissatisfied	11	8	12	12	8	14	7	8	10
Very dissatisfied	2	2	4	3	3	4	1	1	3
Don't know	5	4	2	2	2	4	4	2	4
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	66	72	65	64	73	61	66	73	67
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	13	9	15	16	10	18	8	9	13
Neither' or 'Don't know'	21	19	20	21	17	21	26	18	20
65 and over									
Very satisfied	17	29	18	22	24	23	21	25	21
Satisfied	58	54	63	50	58	52	59	56	57
Neither	8	6	8	10	6	7	9	6	8
Dissatisfied	7	6	6	10	5	10	5	10	7
Very dissatisfied	1	0	2	5	1	3	0	2	1
Don't know	9	5	2	3	5	4	6	1	6
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	75	82	82	72	83	76	80	81	79
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	8	6	8	15	6	13	5	11	8
Neither' or 'Don't know'	17	12	10	13	11	11	15	7	14

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.12 Persons aged 18 years and over: General satisfaction with police by birthplace, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Australian born									
Very satisfied	14	21	14	12	17	14	14	14	16
Satisfied	54	52	52	53	56	48	52	55	53
Neither	17	16	18	19	11	18	22	20	17
Dissatisfied	9	7	11	11	6	13	8	7	9
Very dissatisfied	2	2	3	3	3	4	1	2	2
Don't know	4	3	1	1	2	3	3	1	3
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	68	72	67	66	73	62	66	69	69
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	11	8	14	14	9	17	9	10	11
Neither' or 'Don't know'	21	19	19	20	13	21	25	21	20
Born outside Australia									
Very satisfied	10	16	11	14	14	12	11	16	13
Satisfied	52	56	52	45	55	42	51	56	52
Neither	16	12	16	19	15	19	22	14	15
Dissatisfied	11	9	12	13	8	14	7	11	11
Very dissatisfied	2	1	4	5	4	7	1	1	3
Don't know	10	6	5	3	4	7	8	2	7
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	62	71	63	59	69	54	62	71	65
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	13	10	15	18	12	21	9	12	13
Neither' or 'Don't know'	25	19	21	23	19	26	29	16	22

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.13 Persons aged 18 years and over: Satisfaction with police in dealing with public order problems, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Very satisfied	5	9	6	6	8	5	4	7	7
Satisfied	44	49	43	41	50	41	45	45	45
Neither	18	19	21	19	17	20	23	21	19
Dissatisfied	20	13	22	25	17	24	18	21	19
Very dissatisfied	6	3	5	6	4	6	4	4	5
Don't know	8	7	3	2	5	5	6	3	6
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	49	58	50	47	58	45	50	52	52
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	25	16	27	31	20	31	21	24	23
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	26	26	24	22	22	24	29	24	25

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.14 Persons aged 18 years and over: Satisfaction with police support for community programs, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Very satisfied	12	23	22	24	24	21	13	29	19
Satisfied	51	52	54	54	53	54	52	53	52
Neither	14	12	11	11	11	10	19	11	13
Dissatisfied	6	4	4	4	2	4	6	2	4
Very dissatisfied	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Don't know	16	9	8	6	8	11	9	6	11
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	63	75	76	78	78	75	65	82	71
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	7	4	5	5	3	5	7	2	5
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	30	21	19	17	19	20	28	16	23

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.15 Persons aged 18 years and over: Opinion on police, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Police perform job professionally:									
Strongly agree	7	12	11	10	11	10	9	13	10
Agree	64	64	64	61	69	65	67	62	64
Neither	17	15	15	17	13	16	16	17	16
Disagree	8	6	6	9	5	6	6	7	7
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	1
Don't know	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	2
'Agree' or 'Strongly agree'	71	75	75	70	80	75	75	75	74
'Disagree or 'Strongly disagree'	9	8	8	11	6	7	7	7	8
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	20	17	17	19	15	18	18	18	18
Police treat people fairly and equally:									
Strongly agree	3	6	6	6	6	5	4	8	5
Agree	51	47	48	41	51	49	45	43	48
Neither	20	25	21	23	20	22	27	26	22
Disagree	18	16	19	22	15	17	15	19	18
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	4	2	3	4	2	3
Don't know	5	5	3	3	5	4	6	2	5
'Agree' or 'Strongly agree'	54	52	54	48	58	54	49	51	53
'Disagree or 'Strongly disagree'	21	18	22	26	18	20	19	20	21
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	25	30	24	27	25	26	32	29	26

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.16 Persons aged 18 years and over: Contact with police in the past 12 months, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Yes	42	52	47	56	49	53	58	56	48
No	58	48	53	44	51	48	42	44	52

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.17 Persons aged 18 years and over: Distribution in number of contacts with police, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who had contact with police in the past 12 months number of contacts:									
One	41	36	39	32	43	34	38	34	38
Two	21	22	26	25	24	24	26	25	23
Three	14	15	13	15	13	16	16	13	14
Four	8	8	8	8	7	8	6	11	8
Five	4	4	3	7	5	3	5	4	4
Six	6	6	5	6	4	7	4	5	6
Seven	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Eight	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Nine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ten or more	4	7	4	5	4	6	5	6	5
Don't know	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.18 Persons aged 18 years and over: Initiation of most recent contact, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who had contact with police in the past 12 months, initiation of most recent contact:									
Respondent	53	35	41	41	47	43	41	50	44
Police	48	65	59	59	53	57	59	50	57

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.19 Persons aged 18 years and over: Reason for respondent contacting police in most recent contact, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who contacted police in the past 12 months, reason for most recent contact:									
Report a crime	33	34	42	35	33	46	36	40	35
Report accident	15	7	7	11	19	2	18	9	11
Report suspicion	14	9	10	11	11	10	11	8	12
Give other information	4	7	4	4	3	4	6	5	5
Get assistance	16	24	16	19	14	14	14	21	18
Neighb'hood watch meeting	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	1	2
Lost/found property	5	6	6	5	6	4	7	7	6
Other	13	12	13	14	10	18	7	9	12

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.20 Persons aged 18 years and over: Reason for police contacting respondent in most recent contact, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who were contacted by police in the past 12 months, reason for most recent contact:									
Random breath test	62	70	59	64	61	63	70	50	64
Traffic accident	2	3	3	4	3	2	3	4	3
Traffic violation	11	9	12	12	14	9	10	11	11
Noise/disturbance	3	1	1	3	2	3	1	3	2
Arrested you	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Asked for information	10	9	11	6	11	9	7	13	9
Informal contact	3	3	2	4	1	2	1	4	3
Other	9	5	10	9	8	11	8	15	8

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.21 Persons aged 18 years and over: Satisfaction with police in most recent contact, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who had contact with police in the past 12 months, satisfaction with police in most recent contact:									
Very satisfied	39	45	41	42	41	45	39	37	41
Satisfied	37	38	37	38	37	35	40	43	38
Neither	9	6	8	10	7	7	9	8	8
Dissatisfied	9	6	7	6	9	8	8	9	8
Very dissatisfied	6	5	7	5	6	5	4	4	6
Don't know	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
'Satisfied' or 'Very satisfied'	76	83	78	79	78	80	79	80	79
'Dissatisfied' or 'Very dissatisfied'	15	12	14	11	15	12	12	13	13
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	9	6	8	10	8	7	9	8	8

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.22 Persons aged 18 years and over: Reason for satisfaction with police in most recent contact, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police contact in the past 12 months, reasons for satisfaction with police in most recent contact:									
Approachable/friendly	48	40	50	43	46	45	45	49	45
Helpful	35	24	30	25	29	26	30	31	29
Courteous	49	48	53	49	45	50	51	45	49
Professional/fair	38	31	37	32	35	33	45	37	35
Handled well	31	23	33	25	29	29	33	36	28
Took appropriate action	36	23	29	29	31	26	32	37	29
Efficient	22	22	21	22	22	25	27	28	22
Recovered property	2	3	3	1	2	4	3	4	3
Prompt service	28	28	23	26	30	24	29	30	27
Respondent kept informed	12	6	11	8	8	9	11	8	9
Communicated clearly	18	15	18	16	13	16	23	19	17
Other	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1
Don't know	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

^a The sum of the percentages is larger than 100 per cent for each State as more than one reason could be chosen.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.23 Persons aged 18 years and over: Reason for dissatisfaction with police in most recent contact, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Of those respondents who were 'dissatisfied' or 'very dissatisfied' with police contact in the past 12 months, reasons for dissatisfaction with police in most recent contact:									
Took no action	48	45	36	30	29	38	26	38	41
No interest shown	28	28	22	24	25	30	33	31	26
Kept waiting	30	25	26	21	22	31	19	25	26
Unfriendly/impolite	28	29	32	23	38	13	30	29	29
Unhelpful	30	29	21	24	19	29	25	24	26
Unprofessional/unfair	26	33	27	26	26	23	29	25	28
Not kept informed	22	15	22	16	17	22	27	26	19
Made false accusation	12	10	19	14	14	4	9	8	13
Used unnecessary force	3	7	6	0	4	2	1	6	4
Used complex language	5	5	2	5	3	1	2	7	4
Other	13	8	7	16	13	13	10	9	11
Don't know	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0

^a The sum of the percentages is larger than 100 per cent for each State as more than one reason could be chosen.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Reporting rates

Table 6A.24 Reporting rates for major offences, 1993 to 1997 (per cent)^{a, b}

Data item		NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Break & Enter	1993	73	83	75	85	81	81	72	na	79
	1994	76	84	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	74	77	78	80	82	na	88	na	na
	1996	77	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	71	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Attempted Break & Enter	1993	29	40	29	33	32	38	27	na	32
	1994	35	37	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	31	37	29	31	33	na	38	na	na
	1996	24	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	26	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Motor Vehicle theft	1993	96	94	97	87	90	94	88	na	94
	1994	95	94	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	91	97	94	94	97	na	*100	na	na
	1996	97	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	97	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Robbery	1993	46	52	54	57	67	59	40	na	52
	1994	53	68	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	52	57	55	61	54	na	63	na	na
	1996	59	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	54	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Assault	1993	32	35	29	35	32	32	31	na	32
	1994	39	35	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	30	33	37	41	39	na	32	na	na
	1996	31	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	43	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Sexual Assault	1993	*29	*33	*15	*55	0	0	na	na	25
	1994	*26	12	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	na	*15	*16	na	*26	na	na	na	na
	1996	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	19	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

* Estimate was subject to a relative standard error of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent. ^a Surveys were not necessarily conducted in all jurisdictions in all years. ^b Figures were for the 12 months to April of the specified year, except for figures for WA in 1995, which were for the 12 months to October of that year. na Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Crime and Safety Australia*, cat. no. 4509.0; *Crime and Safety New South Wales*, cat. no. 4509.1; *Crime and Safety Victoria*, cat. no. 4509.2; *Crime and Safety Queensland*, cat. no. 4509.3; *Crime and Safety South Australia*, cat. no. 4509.4; *Crime and Safety Western Australia*, cat. no. 4509.5).

Complaints

Table 6A.25 Complaints, 1993-94 to 1997-98 (index, 1993=100)

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT ^a	NT
1993-94	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1994-95	99	115	93	106	115	129	110	97
1995-96	116	108	81	95	118	121	140	99
1996-97	107	75	78	95	111	147	170	113
1997-98	61	72	64	99	101	93	158	144

^a The figure represented the number of complaints made against any member of the AFP located in the ACT, and therefore included complaints made against National AFP members not located in the ACT Region Police Service.

Deaths in custody

Table 6A.26 Number of deaths in police custody and custody related incidents, 1992-93 to 1997-98^a

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
1992-93	15	14	3	0	4	0	0	0	36
1993-94	7	10	5	0	2	2	1	1	28
1994-95	8	5	3	3	0	1	0	0	21
1995-96	6	7	5	4	0	3	1	1	27
1996-97	16	2	2	6	2	1	0	5	34
1997-98	11	7	1	2	0	0	0	2	23

^a Deaths in police custody include: deaths in institutional settings (for example, police stations/lockups, police vehicles, etc. or during transfer to or from such an institution, or in hospitals following transfer from an institution); and other deaths in police operations where officers were in close contact with the deceased (for example, most raids and shootings by police). Deaths in custody related operations cover situations where officers did not have such close contact with the person as to be able to significantly influence or control the person's behaviour (for example, most sieges, and most cases where officers were attempting to detain a person, such as pursuits).

Source: AIC (1998).

Table 6A.27 Number of indigenous deaths in police custody and custody related incidents, 1997-98^a

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
1997-98	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	5

^a Deaths in police custody include: deaths in institutional settings (for example, police stations/lockups, police vehicles, etc. or during transfer to or from such an institution, or in hospitals following transfer from an institution); and other deaths in police operations where officers were in close contact with the deceased (for example, most raids and shootings by police). Deaths in custody related operations cover situations where officers did not have such close contact with the person as to be able to significantly influence or control the person's behaviour (for example, most sieges, and most cases where officers were attempting to detain a person, such as pursuits).

Source: AIC (1998).

Perceptions of safety in public places

Table 6A.28 Persons aged 18 years and over: Feeling safe in the following situations, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Home alone during day:									
Very safe	45	55	53	43	49	55	57	58	50
Safe	48	39	40	44	46	40	37	36	43
Neither	3	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3
Unsafe	4	2	3	6	2	2	2	3	3
Very unsafe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not applicable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
'Safe' or 'Very safe'	93	95	93	88	95	95	95	94	93
'Unsafe or 'Very unsafe'	4	2	3	7	2	2	2	3	4
'Neither' or 'Not applicable'	3	3	4	6	3	3	3	3	4
Home alone after dark:									
Very safe	29	37	33	26	32	35	37	37	32
Safe	50	45	47	46	50	45	47	44	48
Neither	7	8	8	11	8	9	8	9	8
Unsafe	11	8	9	12	8	10	6	8	10
Very unsafe	2	2	2	5	2	3	2	3	2
Not applicable	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
'Safe' or 'Very safe'	79	81	81	72	81	79	84	81	80
'Unsafe or 'Very unsafe'	13	10	11	17	10	12	8	10	12
'Neither' or 'Not applicable'	8	9	9	11	9	9	8	9	9
Walking or jogging locally during day:									
Very safe	31	36	36	30	34	38	40	37	34
Safe	57	52	53	56	55	53	50	53	55
Neither	4	5	4	8	4	5	6	4	5
Unsafe	5	4	4	5	4	3	3	4	4
Very unsafe	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Not applicable	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2
'Safe' or 'Very safe'	88	88	89	85	89	90	90	90	88
'Unsafe or 'Very unsafe'	5	5	5	5	5	4	3	4	5
'Neither' or 'Not applicable'	7	7	6	9	6	6	8	6	7

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Walking or jogging locally after dark:									
Very safe	10	12	12	11	11	11	12	11	11
Safe	29	26	26	23	28	30	28	29	27
Neither	13	14	12	12	12	12	16	15	13
Unsafe	30	29	32	33	30	29	29	31	30
Very unsafe	11	11	11	15	10	9	9	10	11
Not applicable	8	8	7	5	9	9	6	4	7
'Safe' or 'Very safe'	38	38	38	34	39	41	40	40	38
'Unsafe or 'Very unsafe'	41	40	43	49	40	38	38	41	42
'Neither' or 'Not applicable'	20	22	19	18	21	21	22	19	20
Travelling on public transport during day:									
Very safe	16	22	26	15	20	21	33	20	20
Safe	51	50	46	49	47	42	42	36	49
Neither	6	6	4	6	4	3	3	4	5
Unsafe	6	4	2	5	2	2	1	1	4
Very unsafe	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Not applicable	22	17	21	24	26	33	22	40	22
'Safe' or 'Very safe'	66	71	71	64	68	62	75	55	68
'Unsafe or 'Very unsafe'	6	5	3	5	3	2	1	1	5
'Neither' or 'Not applicable'	28	24	25	31	30	36	24	44	27
Travelling on public transport after dark:									
Very safe	3	5	6	4	4	8	9	7	4
Safe	16	16	20	11	19	19	29	24	17
Neither	10	13	12	12	10	8	14	8	11
Unsafe	27	28	25	28	22	17	15	13	26
Very unsafe	15	16	10	16	9	6	4	3	13
Not applicable	29	24	28	30	35	43	29	45	28
'Safe' or 'Very safe'	19	21	26	15	24	27	39	31	21
'Unsafe or 'Very unsafe'	42	43	35	44	32	23	19	16	39
'Neither' or 'Not applicable'	39	36	39	41	45	50	42	53	40

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Perception of crime problem

Table 6A.29 Persons aged 18 years and over: Problems in neighbourhood, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>Housebreaking:</i>									
Major problem	19	18	23	28	15	27	13	26	20
Somewhat a problem	44	43	41	43	48	42	48	43	43
Not a problem	32	34	32	24	32	28	33	29	32
Don't know	6	6	5	5	5	4	6	3	5
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	62	60	63	71	63	68	60	68	63
<i>Motor vehicle theft:</i>									
Major problem	15	15	15	18	13	18	7	16	15
Somewhat a problem	35	41	32	38	37	35	35	40	37
Not a problem	42	37	45	36	40	41	48	40	40
Don't know	8	8	8	8	10	6	10	5	8
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	50	56	47	56	50	53	42	55	52
<i>Speeding cars or dangerous, noisy driving:</i>									
Major problem	27	29	33	28	27	29	28	31	29
Somewhat a problem	41	39	38	40	41	40	41	40	40
Not a problem	30	31	28	30	29	29	30	28	30
Don't know	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	68	68	71	68	69	69	69	71	69
<i>Family violence^b</i>									
Major problem	28	35	45	35	33	33	37	45	34
Somewhat a problem	46	49	45	49	48	49	53	46	47
Not a problem	13	8	6	10	10	9	4	5	10
Don't know	13	8	5	6	9	9	6	3	9
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	75	84	89	84	81	82	90	92	82
<i>Sexual assault^b</i>									
Major problem	30	43	49	49	39	31	39	48	40
Somewhat a problem	41	39	41	39	39	48	50	41	40
Not a problem	14	9	6	9	12	12	6	8	10
Don't know	16	9	5	4	10	9	6	4	10
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	71	83	90	88	78	79	88	89	80
<i>Other physical assault^b</i>									
Major problem	35	41	45	52	37	33	36	47	40
Somewhat a problem	44	43	45	39	45	48	52	44	44
Not a problem	12	8	6	7	11	11	7	6	9
Don't know	10	8	4	2	8	8	5	3	7
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	78	84	90	91	82	81	88	91	84

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Table 6A.29 (Continued)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>Graffiti or other vandalism:</i>									
Major problem	11	11	13	17	14	9	13	10	12
Somewhat a problem	33	33	29	35	39	23	40	34	33
Not a problem	53	55	56	46	45	65	45	54	53
Don't know	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat of a problem'	44	43	42	52	53	33	53	44	45
<i>Louts or gangs:</i>									
Major problem	9	7	10	8	8	6	6	10	9
Somewhat a problem	27	24	25	26	25	24	24	25	25
Not a problem	59	65	62	62	64	67	65	63	62
Don't know	5	4	3	3	4	3	5	2	4
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat a problem'	36	31	35	34	32	30	30	35	34
Drunken or disorderly behaviour:									
Major problem	6	6	6	8	4	5	4	16	6
Somewhat a problem	24	22	21	22	22	21	17	30	23
Not a problem	66	68	70	67	72	71	74	53	68
Don't know	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	2	4
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat a problem'	30	28	27	30	26	26	22	46	29
Illegal drugs ^b									
Major problem	62	72	68	74	62	61	68	56	67
Somewhat a problem	23	19	24	20	27	26	26	33	22
Not a problem	7	4	5	4	6	7	4	7	5
Don't know	8	6	4	2	5	6	2	5	6
'Major problem' or 'Somewhat a problem'	85	91	92	94	90	88	94	89	89

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The question in the survey related to this data changed in February 1998. The change made the data incompatible with previously collected data. These data relate to the six months (February and May surveys) and not a full year.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Perception of police integrity

Table 6A.30 **Opinions on police, 1997-98 (per cent)^a**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>Most police are honest:</i>									
Strongly agree	6	7	8	10	7	6	7	9	7
Agree	64	61	62	61	66	65	60	62	63
Neither	15	18	17	15	15	16	18	18	16
Disagree	8	8	9	10	7	7	9	6	8
Strongly disagree	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2
Don't know	6	5	3	3	4	4	5	3	4
'Agree' or 'Strongly agree'	70	68	69	71	73	71	67	71	70
'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree'	10	10	11	12	8	9	10	8	10
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	20	23	19	17	19	20	23	22	20
<i>Sometimes police have to break the rules:</i>									
Strongly agree	3	5	6	5	5	5	3	6	5
Agree	50	50	47	49	47	49	38	43	49
Neither	15	16	17	16	18	14	21	20	16
Disagree	20	17	21	21	19	21	26	23	20
Strongly disagree	4	5	5	6	4	5	7	4	5
Don't know	8	7	5	4	6	6	5	4	7
'Agree' or 'Strongly agree'	53	55	53	53	52	55	41	49	53
'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree'	24	21	26	27	24	25	33	27	24
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	23	24	21	20	24	20	26	24	23
<i>Always will be police corruption:</i>									
Strongly agree	13	15	17	15	11	11	13	13	14
Agree	72	70	72	72	71	75	69	67	71
Neither	5	7	6	6	9	6	9	10	6
Disagree	4	4	3	5	5	3	6	7	4
Strongly disagree	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Don't know	5	4	2	2	3	3	3	2	4
'Agree' or 'Strongly agree'	85	84	89	86	82	86	82	80	86
'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree'	5	5	4	5	6	4	7	8	5
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	10	11	7	8	12	9	11	12	10
<i>Do not have confidence in the police:</i>									
Strongly agree	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
Agree	9	8	9	8	5	6	6	7	8
Neither	14	13	15	14	12	13	15	15	14
Disagree	67	65	64	64	70	69	68	66	66
Strongly disagree	6	11	10	11	10	8	9	10	9
Don't know	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
'Agree' or 'Strongly agree'	11	9	10	11	7	8	8	8	10
'Disagree' or 'Strongly disagree'	73	76	75	74	80	78	77	76	75
'Neither' or 'Don't know'	16	15	15	15	14	15	16	16	15

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Law enforcement and crime prevention — crimes against the person

Reported crimes

Table 6A.31 Number of reported victims per 100 000 population, 1993 to 1997^a

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Murder	1993	2.0	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.2	1.3	0.7	7.1	1.7
	1994	1.8	1.3	1.3	2.3	1.8	1.1	1.0	5.8	1.6
	1995	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.5	1.5	1.3	0.3	12.7	1.8
	1996	1.6	1.1	2.0	1.1	1.4	7.8 ^b	0.3	9.4	1.7
	1997	1.8	1.4	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	4.3	1.7
Attempted Murder	1993	1.4	1.5	4.6	0.8	3.6	0.6	1.0	4.1	2.1
	1994	1.0	1.3	4.4	1.7	2.5	1.3	0.7	2.3	1.9
	1995	1.0	1.1	3.6	1.2	2.7	2.1	1.3	2.3	1.7
	1996	1.3	0.8	4.0	1.3	1.9	4.9 ^b	0.7	3.9	1.8
	1997	1.6	0.9	3.3	1.3	2.2	0.2	0.7	2.1	1.7
Manslaughter	1993	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.2
	1994	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
	1995	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.2
	1996	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.2
	1997	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.2
Driving causing death	1993	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.0	3.5	1.3
	1994	1.9	0.4	0.5	1.9	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.1
	1995	3.0	0.5	1.3	2.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.7
	1996	3.7	0.5	0.9	1.7	1.7	0.2	0.0	0.6	1.9
	1997	na	0.5	1.2	2.0	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	na
Assault	1995	619.1	351.1	536.6	634.0	913.0	430.0	456.8	1 141.0	560.3
	1996	770.9	359.7	528.9	699.3	899.7	468.0	585.1	1 466.6	623.4
	1997	892.5	361.2	518.8	763.9	927.7	415.4	540.4	1 368.6	668.8

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Table 6A.31 (Continued)

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Sexual Assault	1993	63.3	71.6	74.5	75.3	107.5	26.7	27.1	115.2	71.1
	1994	76.2	63.3	62.9	80.7	100.8	29.6	32.9	105.2	71.3
	1995	66.1	62.2	75.4	102.8	92.1	33.8	24.7	73.0	71.0
	1996	81.2	61.4	90.9	99.5	92.1	34.1	37.6	154.6	79.4
	1997	74.3	61.5	96.6	89.0	82.3	40.8	31.6	133.1	76.3
Kidnapping / Abduction	1993	5.2	1.5	3.9	2.0	5.1	2.8	1.0	1.8	3.6
	1994	3.7	2.2	2.7	2.4	4.7	3.6	0.3	5.3	3.1
	1995	2.9	2.1	2.2	2.0	5.3	0.2	0.3	6.3	2.6
	1996	3.5	2.1	2.1	3.1	2.4	1.5	0.7	0.0	2.6
	1997	4.3	2.0	3.1	2.1	2.5	0.8	2.6	0.5	3.0
Armed Robbery	1993	38.6	22.2	30.3	28.3	33.5	9.6	18.1	8.3	30.2
	1994	36.7	17.3	27.0	34.3	31.8	13.3	21.3	8.2	28.3
	1995	62.3	16.8	26.6	38.7	24.8	12.9	25.7	9.8	36.7
	1996	48.6	18.6	27.2	54.8	23.1	10.1	31.8	14.3	34.1
	1997	79.3	25.7	36.6	58.9	25.3	9.5	36.2	11.2	48.6
Unarmed Robbery	1993	61.5	20.5	32.0	29.7	82.9	12.9	20.4	19.5	42.3
	1994	84.8	19.0	33.5	37.3	71.3	18.0	21.9	22.8	50.0
	1995	94.5	21.1	32.9	42.2	74.4	13.5	27.0	33.4	54.5
	1996	93.6	23.4	36.5	42.3	67.4	20.0	35.1	45.1	55.3
	1997	121.0	27.8	35.0	59.3	57.4	22.0	37.4	26.7	66.1
Blackmail / extortion	1993	0.1	1.3	1.4	0.3	1.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.8
	1994	0.2	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9
	1995	0.3	1.2	1.6	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.8
	1996	0.7	1.8	2.8	2.0	0.9	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.5
	1997	0.9	2.6	2.5	3.5	1.5	0.4	1.0	1.6	1.9
Total ^c	1997	1 176	483	698	980	1 101	491	651	1 549	868

^a Data are based on crimes reported to police. ^b The dramatic increase in reported victims of murder and attempted murder in 1996 was the result of the single incident multiple murders at Port Arthur. ^c Excludes driving causing death. **na** Not available.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Crime victimisation

Table 6A.32 **Estimated total victims of crime, reported and unreported offences per 100 000 population, 1993–97^{a, b}**

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Break and enter	1993	3 700	3 300	5 200	7 500	5 000	4 000	5 000	7 400	4 400
	1994	4 500	3 400	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	5 300	3 200	6 300	8 900	4 600	na	4 500	na	na
	1996	4 600	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	5 600	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Attempted break and enter	1993	2 600	2 600	3 200	4 900	3 800	2 000	4 900	5 400	3 100
	1994	3 000	2 500	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	4 100	2 300	5 500	7 100	4 000	na	4 500	na	na
	1996	4 300	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	3 800	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Break and enter or attempted break and enter	1983	6 700	5 600	5 800	5 700	6 400	*3 600	*5 300	*8 500	6 100
	1993	5 700	5 400	7 500	11 000	8 100	5 600	8 900	10 600	6 800
	1994	6 700	5 300	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	8 500	5 000	10 300	13 600	7 700	na	7 900	na	na
	1996	8 100	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
1997	8 500	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	
Motor vehicle theft	1993	2 000	1 700	1 300	2 200	1 700	1 000	*800	*700	1 700
	1994	2 100	1 900	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	2 100	1 500	1 400	3 000	1 100	na	*1 000	na	na
	1996	2 000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	2 000	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

* Estimate is subject to a relative standard error of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent. ^a Figures derived from surveys of the Australian population. Surveys were not necessarily conducted in all jurisdictions in all years. ^b Figures were for the 12 months to April of the specified year, except for figures for WA in 1995, which were for the 12 months to October. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Crime and Safety Australia*, cat. no. 4509.0; *Crime and Safety New South Wales*, cat. no. 4509.1; *Crime and Safety Victoria*, cat. no. 4509.2; *Crime and Safety Queensland*, cat. no. 4509.3; *Crime and Safety South Australia*, cat. no. 4509.4; *Crime and Safety Western Australia*, cat. no. 4509.5).

Outcome of investigations

Table 6A.33 Murder, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
- 30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	36	34	12	40	17	0	25	0	27
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	6	9	11	0	0	57	25	13	8
- Offender proceeded against	58	57	77	60	83	43	50	88	65
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	28	26	11	37	17	0	0	0	22
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	8	11	11	0	0	57	25	13	9
- Offender proceeded against	64	63	79	63	83	43	75	88	69
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.34 Attempted murder, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	35	17	17	26	21	0	0	25	24
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	50	2
- Offender proceeded against	65	81	81	70	79	100	100	25	75
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	21	14	11	9	15	0	0	25	15
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	2	2	4	6	0	0	50	3
- Offender proceeded against	78	83	88	87	79	100	100	25	82
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.35 Assault, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	47	45	48	47	36	58	47	33	46
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	16	7	9	17	25	3	13	7	14
- Offender proceeded against	38	48	43	36	40	40	40	47	40
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	87	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	44	37	41	39	26	46	44	23	40
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	16	8	12	21	28	5	14	10	16
- Offender proceeded against	40	55	47	40	45	49	42	55	44
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	88	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia*, 1997, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.36 Sexual Assault, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	72	59	51	45	53	69	46	47	59
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	9	15	19	15	17	6	11	13	14
- Offender proceeded against	19	27	29	40	30	24	43	33	27
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	100
90 day status									
- Investigation not finalised	65	49	43	38	37	58	44	29	50
- Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	10	17	23	18	24	9	11	17	17
- Offender proceeded against	25	34	33	44	39	33	45	47	33
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia*, 1997, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.37 Kidnapping/abduction, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	71	65	61	74	68	50	25	100	67
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	9	22	19	24	14	25	13	0	14
- Offender proceeded against	21	13	20	3	19	25	63	0	19
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	70	58	56	61	68	50	25	0	63
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	9	23	25	32	14	25	13	100	16
- Offender proceeded against	21	20	20	8	19	25	63	0	20
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.38 Armed robbery, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	86	71	69	73	69	80	71	48	79
Investigation finalised:									
— No offender proceeded against	2	4	2	2	2	0	0	14	2
— Offender proceeded against	13	25	29	25	30	20	30	24	19
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	86	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	83	64	64	69	67	73	67	48	75
Investigation finalised:									
— No offender proceeded against	2	5	2	2	2	0	0	14	2
— Offender proceeded against	16	31	34	28	31	27	33	24	23
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	86	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.39 Unarmed robbery, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	89	71	77	81	78	81	69	62	84
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	3	5	4	5	7	5	2	6	4
- Offender proceeded against	8	23	19	14	15	14	29	10	12
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	78	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	87	68	74	77	74	76	67	58	82
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	3	6	5	7	8	5	3	6	4
- Offender proceeded against	10	26	21	15	18	19	30	14	14
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	78	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.40 Blackmail/extortion, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	82	63	68	63	50	0	67	33	66
Investigation finalised:									
— No offender proceeded against	4	9	6	10	9	0	33	33	8
— Offender proceeded against	14	28	26	27	41	100	0	33	26
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	71	58	66	52	41	0	67	0	59
Investigation finalised:									
— No offender proceeded against	13	12	6	16	14	0	33	33	12
— Offender proceeded against	16	31	29	32	46	100	0	67	30
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Law enforcement and crime prevention — crimes against property

Reported crimes

Table 6A.41 Number of reported victims per 100 000 population, 1993–97

Data item	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Unlawful entry with intent (UEWI)	1993	1 842	1 804	2 426	3 148	2 842	2 534	1 907	2 178	2 165
	1994	1 984	1 600	2 297	3 287	2 438	2 803	1 661	2 637	2 127
	1995	2 178	1 575	2 061	3 521	2 080	2 400	1 602	3 039	2 132
	1996	2 447	1 551	2 122	3 178	2 033	2 701	1 441	2 895	2 196
	1997	2 632	1 609	2 083	3 145	1 883	2 996	1 414	2 557	2 255
UEWI involving the taking of property	1995	1 796	1 248	1 574	2 535	1 703	1 914	1 183	2 094	1 678
	1996	2 020	1 205	1 585	2 248	1 638	2 118	1 047	2 023	1 714
	1997	2 190	1 246	1 570	2 232	1 536	2 336	1 018	1 831	1 775
UEWI other	1995	383	328	487	986	377	486	420	945	454
	1996	427	347	539	930	395	583	414	872	482
	1997	442	363	513	900	347	660	369	726	480
Motor vehicle theft	1993	651	616	505	967	704	282	561	444	638
	1994	752	612	517	977	636	361	534	448	670
	1995	762	650	561	1 031	677	476	512	588	703
	1996	786	630	518	804	572	608	510	604	671
	1997	872	661	500	845	545	518	504	535	704
Other theft	1995	2 280	2 481	2 584	4 332	3 452	2 334	3 394	3 826	2 713
	1996	2 541	2 615	2 754	4 175	3 313	2 424	3 368	4 109	2 845
	1997	2 633	2 596	2 721	4 204	3 185	2 725	3 003	3 782	2 856
Total	1997	6 137	4 866	5 304	8 194	5 613	6 238	4 921	6 874	5 815

na not available.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia*, 1996, cat. no. 4510.0).

Stolen vehicle recovery

Table 6A.42 Proportion of stolen vehicles recovered in the year which were stolen, 1995 to 1997 (per cent)

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld ^a	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
1995	80	73	87	na	89	na	78	na	na
1996	76	65	69	na	87	na	88	na	na
1997	na	na	na	na	87	na	na	na	na

^a Small sample sizes restrict the accuracy of information for Queensland.

Sources: Office of Crime Statistics 1997; NRMA 1996

Crime victimisation

Table 6A.43 **Estimated total victims of crime per 100 000 population, unreported and reported offences, 1993–97** ^{a, b, c, d}

	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
Robbery	1983	800	400	400	700	*400	**	*700	**	600
	1993	1 300	1 000	1 200	1 300	1 300	800	1 700	1 700	1 200
	1994	1 200	1 100	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	1 700	800	1 900	1 100	na	na	1 300	na	na
	1996	1 800	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	300	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Assault	1983	3 000	3 800	2 900	4 300	4 000	*1 400	*4 800	*6 500	3 400
	1993	2 600	2 200	2 900	2 200	2 500	2 800	3 500	3 600	2 500
	1994	2 400	2 600	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	2 700	2 400	3 200	2 600	2 900	na	3 800	na	na
	1996	2 800	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	3 200	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Sexual Assault	1983	600	*400	*400	*700	*300	**	*900	**	500
	1993	800	500	500	*300	800	*500	*900	*200	600
	1994	700	500	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1995	500	*100	*600	*700	300	na	1 300	na	na
	1996	400	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
	1997	600	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

* Estimate is subject to a relative standard error of between 25 per cent and 50 per cent. ** Estimate is subject to a relative standard error of over 50 per cent. ^a Data are based on crimes reported to police. ^b Figures derived from surveys of the Australian population. Surveys were not necessarily conducted in all jurisdictions in all years. ^c Data was also collected on the incidence of sexual assault, however the high standard error for those figures made them unreliable and accordingly they are not reported here. ^d Figures were for the 12 months to April of the specified year, except for figures for WA in 1995, which were for the 12 months to October. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Crime and Safety Australia*, cat. no. 4509.0; *Crime and Safety New South Wales*, cat. no. 4509.1; *Crime and Safety Victoria*, cat. no. 4509.2; *Crime and Safety Queensland*, cat. no. 4509.3; *Crime and Safety South Australia*, cat. no. 4509.4; *Crime and Safety Western Australia*, cat. no. 4509.5).

Outcomes of investigations

Table 6A.44 Unlawful entry with intent - property, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	95	93	91	93	93	96	94	81	93
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
- Offender proceeded against	4	7	8	6	6	4	5	10	6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	92	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	94	90	89	91	91	93	93	78	92
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
- Offender proceeded against	5	10	10	7	8	7	6	13	7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	92	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.45 Unlawful entry with intent - other, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	95	86	89	94	95	95	95	82	92
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1
- Offender proceeded against	4	13	10	5	5	4	5	11	7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	94	83	88	93	93	94	94	78	90
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	3	1
- Offender proceeded against	4	15	11	6	6	6	5	13	8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	94	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.46 Motor vehicle theft, outcomes of investigations, 1 January to 31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	96	91	83	88	90	98	90	68	91
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	2	5	4	2	0	3	7	2
- Offender proceeded against	4	7	13	8	8	3	7	17	7
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	92	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	95	89	80	87	88	97	88	65	90
Investigation finalised:									
- No offender proceeded against	1	2	5	5	2	0	3	8	2
- Offender proceeded against	4	9	15	9	9	3	9	20	8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Table 6A.47 Other theft, outcomes of investigations, 1 January–31 December 1997 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT^b</i>	<i>Aust</i>
30 day status									
Investigation not finalised	90	83	83	86	86	91	85	83	86
Investigation finalised:									
— No offender proceeded against	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	2	2
— Offender proceeded against	9	16	15	10	12	9	13	10	12
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	100
90 day status									
Investigation not finalised	89	81	81	84	84	88	84	81	85
Investigation finalised:									
— No offender proceeded against	2	1	3	5	3	1	2	2	2
— Offender proceeded against	9	18	17	11	13	11	14	11	13
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	94	100

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b The NT had some cases which could not be classified, so does not sum to 100 per cent.

Source: ABS (*Recorded Crime Australia, 1997*, cat. no. 4510.0).

Law enforcement and crime prevention — road safety

Table 6A.48 **Persons aged 18 years and over: Driven a motor vehicle in the past 12 months, 1997-98 (per cent)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Yes	83	85	88	90	86	85	91	92	86
No	17	16	12	10	14	15	10	8	15

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.49 **Persons aged 18 years and over: Seat belt worn, 1997-98 (per cent)^a**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Always	94	95	93	95	90	91	93	86	94
Most of the time	4	3	4	4	6	6	5	8	4
Half the time	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	1
Sometimes	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Never	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Don't travel by car	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

As a proportion of those who travel by car, those who wear a seat belt:

'Most of the time'/'Always'	98	98	98	99	96	98	97	94	98
'Half the time' or less	2	1	2	1	4	2	3	5	2
'Don't know'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.50 Persons aged 18 years and over: Driven when possibly over 0.05 blood alcohol limit, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Do not drive	17	16	12	10	14	15	10	8	15
Always	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Most of the time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Half the time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sometimes	7	8	8	12	11	10	8	18	8
Never	76	77	79	77	75	74	82	73	77
Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of those who drive, those who have driven when possibly over 0.05 blood alcohol limit:									
'Sometimes' or more	8	9	10	14	13	13	9	20	10
'Never' or 'Refusal'	91	91	90	86	87	87	91	79	90

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.51 Persons aged 18 years and over: Driven over speed limit by 10 km/h or more, 1997-98 (per cent)^a

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Do not drive	17	16	12	10	14	15	10	8	15
Always	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	1
Most of the time	5	4	8	8	3	4	9	13	5
Half the time	7	6	7	8	4	5	10	9	7
Sometimes	44	46	48	51	49	46	47	49	46
Never	26	26	24	22	29	30	22	20	26
Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Of those who drive, Driven over speed limit by 10 km or more:									
'Half the time' or more	16	15	18	18	9	10	23	25	16
'Sometimes'	53	54	54	56	56	55	52	53	54
'Never' 'Refusal' or 'Don't know'	32	31	28	25	34	36	25	22	30

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding.

Source: ABS (*Population Survey Monitor*, cat. no. 4103.0, unpublished).

Table 6A.52 Road fatalities and hospitalisations per 100 000 registered vehicles, 1993-94 to 1997-98

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
1993-94	222	224	257	258	189	196	99	585	229
1994-95	203	227	266	266	173	182	105	500	225
1995-96	204	233	245	252	190	171	120	567	224
1996-97	187	208	223	233	174	149	131	512	202
1997-98 ^a	207	196	216	262	150	128	140	526	206

^a Estimates of hospitalisations are based on data for the two quarters to December 1997.

Sources: ABS (Motor Vehicle Census Australia, cat. no. 9309.0); FORS (1998).

Efficiency indicators

Table 6A.53 New South Wales, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	167	180	190	193	201
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	99	98	85
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.72	0.72	0.85
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	na	na	na
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	22 746	19 568	17 123
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	3 694	3 403	3 281
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	143 637	166 865	173 456	185 877	173 034
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	318	339	354	352	358

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.54 Victoria, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	158	194	213	220	212
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	105	111	109
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.74	0.75	0.76
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.83	0.83
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	47 076	47 613	58 192
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	4 572	4 607	4 358
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	110 416	134 071	145 041	164 658	159 893
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	247	304	338	330	313

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.55 Queensland, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	141	147	160	174	185
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	na	na	na
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	na	na	na
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	na	0.86	0.85
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	24 110	25 604	26 462
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	3 148	3 319	3 483
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	95 092	93 797	109 213	126 657	136 710
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	244	249	267	286	295

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.56 Western Australia, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	179	185	208	223	236
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	88	94	101
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.69	0.70	0.70
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	0.88	0.79	0.84
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	21 971	25 778	24 125
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	2 390	2 789	2 987
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	106 128	104 845	124 361	140 496	127 753
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	274	279	313	334	335

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.57 South Australia, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	180	187	200	210	195
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	107	115	101
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.68	0.68	0.69
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	0.94	0.85	0.85
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	21 136	19 467	17 684
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	3 229	3 587	3 468
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	150 446	167 547	161 944	181 625	193 041
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	284	290	307	323	290

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.58 Tasmania, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	152	160	175	189	201
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	92	95	91
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.66	0.66	0.73
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	0.81	0.86	0.88
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	35 489	34 837	41 021
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	3 364	3 313	3 228
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	117 609	131 939	151 411	187 555	229 166
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	230	240	259	277	293

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.59 Australian Capital Territory, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	186	185	171	181	186
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	109	101	98
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.73	0.85	0.80
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	na	0.91	0.66
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	32 278	26 766	24 807
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	3 143	3 419	3 770
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	119 951	297 772	239 300	231 515	207 498
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	317	312	287	294	291

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

Table 6A.60 Northern Territory, efficiency indicators, 1993-94 to 1997-98

<i>Data item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Total expenditure/population ^a	\$	349	372	408	440	478
Total expenditure/operational FTE	\$	na	na	105	91	113
Operational FTE/ total FTE ^b	ratio	na	na	0.67	0.84	0.74
Available FTE/ total FTE	ratio	na	na	0.86	0.85	0.93
Total expenditure/crimes against the person ^b	\$	na	na	44 356	26 787	30 858
Total expenditure/crimes against property ^c	\$	na	na	5 596	5 770	6 954
Total expenditure/number of road fatalities and casualties	\$	298 675	148 493	141 645	159 120	171 702
Total expenditure/ registered vehicles	\$	710	742	803	879	903

^a State and territory population data is projected. Australian population data for 1993–94 to 1996–97 are sum of state and territory figures. For 1997–98, Australian population data is projected. ^b Ratio calculated as proportion of operational staff to total staff, where total staff is sum of operational and support staff. The data have been revised and are only comparable with data reported in the 1998 Report. ^c Based on reported crime for the twelve months to April in the financial year indicated. Data on property crimes include 'other theft' for the first time, and is only comparable with the 1998 Report. **na** Not available.

Sources: ABS (*Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat no 3101.0; *Projections of the Population of Australia*, cat. no. 3222.0; *Recorded Crime Australia*, cat. no. 4510.0; *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia*, cat. no. 9309.0).

6A.3 Information on sample data

Some of the results reported are estimates obtained by conducting surveys of samples of the group or population in question. Results are therefore subject to *sampling error*. The data obtained from a sample may be different from the ‘true’ data which would have been obtained from the entire group or population — not just a sample — using the same methods. Consequently, when using survey results, it is necessary to be cautious.

The *standard error* is a measure of sampling error. It indicates the extent to which the estimate may differ by chance from the ‘true value’ because only a sample was taken. If the survey is performed repeatedly, the difference between the sample estimate and the population value will be less than one standard error about 68 per cent of the time. The difference will be less than two standard errors 95 per cent of the time. It will be less than three standard errors 99 per cent of the time. Another way of expressing this is to say that, in 68 (95, 99) of every hundred samples, the estimate obtained from a single survey will be within one (two, three) standard errors of the ‘true’ value.

The chance that an estimate falls within a certain range of the true value is known as the confidence of the estimate. For any particular survey, there is a trade-off between the confidence of the estimate (68, 95 or 99 per cent) and the acceptable range of error (in terms of standard errors) attached to the estimate. The appropriate level of confidence chosen depends on the purpose of obtaining the estimate.

The *relative standard error* is the standard error, expressed as a percentage, which should be attached to the estimate. It indicates the margin of error which should be attached to the estimate. The smaller the estimate, the higher is the relative standard error.

In table 6A.61, relative standard errors are presented for various estimates of the number of people. Some tables in this publication present the results as a percentage of the total population. To calculate a relative standard error for these cases, the percentage estimate must be converted back to an estimate of the number of people. Table 6A.62 shows the estimated population sizes for the questions in the survey. For example, 66 per cent of persons were ‘satisfied’ or ‘very satisfied’ with services provided by the police in NSW (table 6A.9). The estimated population size for this question was 4 532 000 (table 6A.62) which means that 2 991 120 persons were satisfied. Table 6A.61 shows that the associated relative standard error is 1.8 per cent. There is a 68 per cent probability that the proportion of the population using the service is within one relative standard error of the estimated proportion. That is, we can be 68 per cent confident that the true value lies between 66 per cent plus or minus 1.8 per cent of 66 per cent — 64.8 to 67.2 per cent. (Note that is not

equivalent to 66 per cent plus or minus 1.8 per cent). We can be 95 per cent confident that the true value lies within two relative standard errors — that is, between 63.6 and 68.4 per cent. The higher the level of confidence, the less precise the estimate is likely to be.

Table 6A.61 Relative standard error of estimates for the *Population Survey Monitor* by jurisdiction^a

<i>Estimate</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Two quarter survey questions^b									
10	61.0	58.0	48.0	35.0	40.0	20.0	16.0	17.0	49.0
20	41.5	39.0	34.0	24.0	26.0	12.0	10.5	11.5	34.5
50	24.6	23.0	19.8	14.0	15.6	6.6	6.6	6.2	21.4
100	16.5	15.3	13.0	9.1	10.2	4.0	4.5	4.1	14.7
200	10.8	10.1	8.7	5.9	6.7	2.4	3.1	2.6	9.9
500	6.1	5.6	4.9	3.3	3.7	1.1	..	..	5.7
800	4.6	4.2	3.6	2.4	2.7	..	..	..	4.3
1 000	3.9	3.6	3.1	2.1	2.4	..	..	..	3.8
1 500	3.0	2.8	2.4	1.6	1.8	..	..	..	2.8
2 000	2.5	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.5	..	..	..	2.4
5 000	1.3	1.2	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	1.3
Four quarter survey questions^b									
2	96.2	91.7	76.1	55.9	62.6	31.3	24.6	26.9	78.3
5	61.0	58.0	48.0	35.4	39.6	19.8	15.6	17.0	49.6
10	43.0	41.0	34.0	25.0	28.0	14.0	11.0	12.0	35.0
20	29.5	27.5	24.0	17.0	18.5	8.5	7.5	8.0	24.5
50	17.4	16.2	14.0	9.9	11.0	4.6	4.6	4.4	15.2
100	11.7	10.8	9.2	6.4	7.2	2.8	3.2	2.9	10.4
200	7.7	7.2	6.1	4.2	4.7	1.7	2.2	1.8	7.0
500	4.3	4.0	3.4	2.3	2.6	0.8	..	..	4.0
800	3.2	3.0	2.6	1.7	1.9	..	..	..	3.0
1 000	2.8	2.6	2.2	1.5	1.7	..	..	..	2.7
1 500	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.1	1.3	..	..	..	2.0
2 000	1.8	1.6	1.4	0.9	1.1	..	..	..	1.7
5 000	1.0	0.9	0.8	..	..	..	..	..	0.9

^a The ABS considers that only estimates with relative standard errors of 25 per cent or less are sufficiently reliable for most purposes. Estimates greater than 25 per cent are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes and should be treated with caution and viewed as merely indicative of the magnitude involved. ^b Police service *Population Survey Monitor* estimates are based on data collected in August 1997, November 1997, February 1998 and May 1998, with the exception of the 'Problem in the neighbourhood' questions on family violence, sexual assault, other physical assault and illegal drugs. (table 6A.29). These results are based on data collected in February 1998 and May 1998. .. Not applicable.

Source: ABS (1998).

**Table 6A.62 Estimated population sizes for police questions in the
Population Survey Monitor ('000)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Two quarter survey questions ^a									
Table 6A.29	4 573.8	3 381.3	2 455.8	1 270.1	1 090.7	338.8	217.2	89.6	13 417.4
Four quarter survey questions ^a									
Tables 6A.9 to 6A.16, 6A.28 to 6A.30 and 6A.48	4 532.0	3 333.1	2 425.7	1 269.1	1 071.5	335.5	216.2	90.6	13 273.6
Tables 6A.17 to 6A.18	1 907.0	1 724.2	1 134.4	704.8	524.9	176.3	124.9	50.7	6 346.9
Table 6A.19	1 002.0	610.3	463.7	286.1	248.2	76.0	51.2	25.7	2 763.2
Tables 6A.20 and 6A.21	905.0	1 114.0	670.4	418.7	276.3	100.2	73.8	25.5	3 583.7

^a Police service *Population Survey Monitor* estimates are based on data collected in August 1997, November 1997, February 1998 and May 1998, with the exception of the 'Problem in the neighbourhood' questions on family violence, sexual assault, other physical assault and illegal drugs. (table 6A.29). These results are based on data collected in February 1998 and May 1998.

Source: ABS (1998).

6A.4 Definitions

Data from the police community satisfaction survey was based on the questions from the survey; no additional information is provided in the definitions below.

Table 6A.63 Terms and indicators

<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Attempted murder	Attempt to unlawfully kill another person by any means act or omission
Available FTE staff	Any FTE staff on duty performing a function. This number was measured using the average staffing level for the whole reporting period.
Average nonpolice staff salaries	Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries paid to civilian and other employees divided by the total number of such employees
Average police salaries	Equals salaries and payments in the nature of salaries paid to sworn police officers divided by the number of sworn officers.
Complaints	The number of statements of complaint by members of the public regarding police conduct when a person was in police custody or had voluntary or involuntary dealing with the police
Crimes against property	Total reported crimes against property that is unlawful entry with intent motor vehicle theft and other theft
Crimes against the person	Murder attempted murder manslaughter assault kidnapping abduction armed robbery unarmed robbery sexual assault and blackmail/extortion
Deaths in police custody and custody related incidents	At least one of the following deaths wherever occurring: death of a person who was in police custody; death caused or contributed to by traumatic injuries while in custody; death of a person who was fatally injured when police officers attempted to detain that person; and/or death of a person who fatally injured when escaping or attempting to escape from police custody
Depreciation	Depreciation where possible based on current asset valuation
Driving causing death	The unlawful killing of a person caused through culpable dangerous or negligent driving
Indigenous FTE staff	Number of staff who both by descent and identification were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
Investigation	The assigning of an investigative officer to look into the reported offence. This may simply involve reading a crime report and determining that an offence is unfounded; or an investigation may proceed by interviewing an offender; or assessing that an investigation is pending/suspended and will only be actively pursued if additional evidence can be brought to the attention of the investigating officer. With these examples some type of process has taken place by an investigating officer to determine what action should be taken to further proceed with the reported offence.
Kidnapping / abduction	The unlawful seizing or taking away of another person by force by deception against that persons will or against the will of any parent guardian or person with lawful custody

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Table 6A.63 (Continued)

<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Manslaughter	The unlawful killing of a person caused: without intent to kill usually as a result of careless reckless or negligent act; or intentionally but due to extreme provocation; or when a state of mind impaired the capacity to understand or control one's actions
Motor vehicle theft	The taking of a motor vehicle unlawfully or without permission
Murder	The wilful killing of a person either intentionally or with reckless indifference to life
Non-indigenous FTE staff	Number of staff who did not satisfy the indigenous staff criteria
Non-operational FTE staff	<p>Any person who did not satisfy the operational staff criteria including both operational support and functional support staff.</p> <p><i>Operational support staff</i> Any person (sworn or unsworn) directly supporting the <i>operational</i> provider (the internal customer). — for example technical staff legal staff unsworn staff supporting investigations communications records staff training staff intelligence staff station and shift supervisors where these persons were not directly providing services to external customers</p> <p><i>Functional support FTE staff</i> Any person (sworn or unsworn) not satisfying the <i>operational</i> or <i>operational support</i> staff criteria — for example finance policy research personnel services building and property services transport services and management above the level of station and shift supervisors</p>
Operation full time equivalent (FTE) staff	<p>Any person (sworn or unsworn) who delivered a police or police related service directly to an external customer (where an external customer referred to members of the public other government departments courts and the government).</p> <p>Operational staff members included patrols beat officers detectives traffic Special Operation Group community policing and station counter staff.</p> <p>A <i>sworn</i> police officer was recognised under each jurisdiction's Police Act.</p> <p><i>Civilian</i> staff were un-sworn staff and included specialists (civilian training and teaching medical and other specialists) and civilian administrative and management staff.</p> <p><i>Other</i> staff were all un-sworn noncivilian staff and included all auxiliary police personnel who were neither sworn officers nor strictly civilians because they were authorised to exercise statutory powers normally restricted to sworn officers. Police cadets police aides special constables for example were all in this category.</p>
Other recurrent expenditure	Maintenance and working expenses; expenditure incurred by other departments on behalf of police; contracted police services; other recurrent costs not elsewhere classified
Other theft	The taking of a person's property but without force the threat of force deceit or unlawful entry to a structure. Excluded <i>attempted</i> other theft.
Outcome of investigations	The stage reached by a police investigation after a period of 30 days and 90 days had elapsed since the recording of the incident

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<i>Descriptor</i>	<i>Definition</i>
Proportion of vehicles recovered	The proportion of vehicles stolen in that year which were recovered
Real expenditure	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices using the GDP(E) price deflator and expressed in terms of final year prices
Registered vehicles	Total registered motor vehicle including motorcycles
Reported crime	Crimes reported to and recorded by police
Reporting rate	The proportion of crime victims who told police about the last crime incident of which they were the victim as measured through a crime victimisation survey
Revenue from own sources	all revenue raised and retained by police services including revenue from the sale of stores plant and vehicles; donations and industry contributions; user charges; and other revenue (excluding fine revenue)
Road deaths and fatalities and casualties	Total expenditure divided by serious and fatal road injury accidents as defined by the Federal Office of Road Safety
Road fatalities and hospitalisations	Serious and fatal road injury accidents as defined by the Federal Office of Road Safety
Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries	Salaries wages and allowances; payments of long service and recreation leave; redundancy payments; overtime; workers compensation; fringe benefits tax; payroll tax; superannuation contributions by employers
Sexual assault	Incidents of a sexual nature involving physical contact including rape attempted rape indecent assault and assault with intent to commit sexual assault. Excludes sexual harassment not leading to assault
Total capital expenditure	All expenditure on the purchase of capital assets
Total crime reported and unreported	Crime measured by direct survey of the Australian population aged 15 years and over about whether they had experienced certain criminal events in the past 12 months
Total expenditure	Total capital expenditure plus total recurrent expenditure less revenue from own sources
Total FTE staff	Operational staff and non-operational staff including FTE staff on paid leave or absences from duty (including secondment and training) as measured using absolute numbers for the whole reporting period.
Total number of staff	Full time equivalent staff directly employed (rather than authorised) on an annual basis (that is excluding labour contracted out)
Total recurrent expenditure	Salaries and payments in the nature of salaries; other recurrent expenditure; depreciation
Unlawful entry with intent	Unlawful entry of a structure with intent to commit an offence excluding trespass or lawful entry with intent
Value of assets (buildings land and fittings)	The value of land buildings and fittings under direct control of police
Value of other assets	The value of motor vehicles computer equipment and general plant and equipment under the direct control of police

