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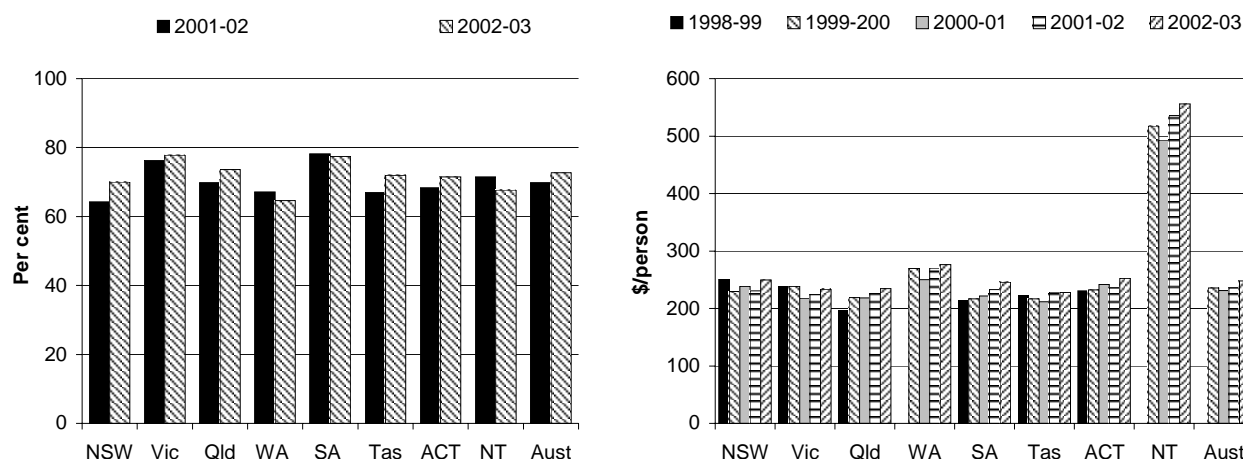
POLICE SERVICES (CHAPTER 5)

- This chapter reports on the operations of the police agencies of each State and Territory Government, including the ACT community policing function performed by the Australian Federal Police.
- Recurrent expenditure on police services across Australia was approximately \$4.9 billion or \$248 per person in 2002-03 (p. 5.3). Police agencies employed 56 081 people in 2002-03 (p. 5.11).

Selection of results

People who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services (p. 5.19)

Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources and payroll tax, for police services (2002-03 dollars) (p. 5.3)



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- There were 1016 recorded victims of crimes against people per 100 000 people in Australia in 2002 (compared to 1019 per 100 000 people in 2001). The rate ranged from 1877 victims per 100 000 in the NT to 493 victims per 100 000 in Victoria (p. 5.10).
- Nationally, 41.5 per cent of people surveyed felt 'safe' or 'very safe' when walking or jogging locally after dark in 2002-03 (compared to 39.8 per cent in 2001-02). This response ranged from 45.3 per cent in Tasmania to 35.3 per cent in the NT (p. 5.30).
- Information is available on recorded crime, perceptions of crime and outcome of investigations. For example, data are reported on motor vehicle thefts recorded by police (p. 5.37), public perceptions of problems with motor vehicle theft (p. 5.32) and the proportion of motor vehicle theft investigations that were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police (p. 5.47).
- There were 13 road deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in Australia in 2002-03 (compared to 14 per 100 000 in 2002-03). This ranged from 59 deaths per 100 000 registered vehicles in the NT to six in the ACT (p. 5.53).
- Nationally, in 2002, there were 19 deaths (of which 13 were non Indigenous deaths and six were Indigenous deaths) in police custody and custody-related operations. This ranged from 9 deaths in NSW to zero deaths in SA and the ACT (p. 5.59).

Progress since the 2003 Report

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

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People who were 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with police services^{a, b}

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
2001-02										
Very satisfied	%	16.0	22.5	20.4	15.9	25.3	20.2	16.0	18.7	19.3
Satisfied	%	48.2	53.8	49.4	51.2	52.9	46.9	52.3	52.3	50.6
Total satisfied	%	64.2	76.3	69.8	67.1	78.2	67.1	68.3	71.0	69.9
2002-03										
Very satisfied	%	21.0	28.7	24.2	18.0	27.4	22.9	19.9	21.2	23.7
Satisfied	%	49.0	49.1	49.4	46.6	50.0	49.1	51.6	46.5	49.0
Total satisfied	%	70.0	77.8	73.6	64.6	77.4	72.0	71.5	67.6	72.7

^a Data for 2001-02 are based on responses from people aged 18 years and over, whereas data for 2002-03 are based on responses from people aged 15 years or over. ^b The 2001-02 data contains some minor weighting errors.

Source: table 5A.24

Real recurrent expenditure, less revenue from own sources and payroll tax, for police services, (2002-03 dollars)^{a, b, c, d}

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (e)	NT	Aust
1998-99	251	239	196	na	214	223	231	na	na
1999-2000	230	238	219	270	217	217	233	517	235
2000-01	238	218	218	250	222	211	242	493	231
2001-02	230	224	226	270	233	229	236	536	235
2002-03	250	234	234	276	246	228	252	556	248

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

^b Excludes the user cost of capital. ^c Population based on ABS estimates for December 2002. ^d Real expenditure based on ABS GDP price deflator 2002-03=100 ^e As a result of a comprehensive review of enabling costs applicable to ACT Policing in 2000-01, the formula previously applied to the calculation of staffing and expenditure data has been significantly revised. This methodological shift means that data relating to staffing and expenditure from 2000-01 onwards are not directly comparable to data prior to 2000-01. **na** Not available

Sources: table 5A.11

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