

6A Court administration – attachment

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Table 6A.1

Table 6A.1 Lodgments, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme courts (a)										
2005-06	590	627	1 765	433	365	556	295	379	..	5 010
2004-05	623	664	1 628	509	427	560	265	369	..	5 045
2003-04	700	544	1 454	471	426	598	227	403	..	4 823
2002-03	500	550	1 238	545	330	573	174	342	..	4 252
District/county courts (a), (b), (c)										
2005-06	10 115	5 086	7 130	2 380	1 475	..	..	..	..	26 186
2004-05	10 410	4 925	7 090	2 501	1 341	..	..	..	..	26 267
2003-04	9 669	4 812	8 343	2 678	1 584	..	..	..	..	27 086
2002-03	8 891	4 894	8 485	2 825	1 366	..	..	..	..	26 461
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	176 886	134 193	177 040	80 182	69 936	62 827	5 959	11 342	..	718 365
2004-05	181 788	134 000	166 230	71 106	67 917	58 766	4 977	10 883	..	695 667
2003-04	174 994	138 280	160 348	66 577	64 499	60 504	5 945	10 599	..	681 746
2002-03	265 526	132 425	166 782	65 203	65 630	55 775	6 716	11 642	..	769 699
Children's courts (e)										
2005-06	10 805	11 552	10 360	8 595	6 465	1 654	577	963	..	50 971
2004-05	11 319	8 327	10 811	7 532	6 767	1 633	465	1 030	..	47 884
2003-04	12 208	10 779	12 176	7 441	6 622	1 562	655	1 077	..	52 520
2002-03	19 505	10 492	12 183	7 065	7 559	2 119	756	863	..	60 542
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (d), (e)										
2005-06	187 691	145 745	187 400	88 777	76 401	64 481	6 536	12 305	..	769 336
2004-05	193 107	142 327	177 041	78 638	74 684	60 399	5 442	11 913	..	743 551
2003-04	187 202	149 059	172 524	74 018	71 121	62 066	6 600	11 676	..	734 266
2002-03	285 031	142 917	178 965	72 268	73 189	57 894	7 472	12 505	..	830 241

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Table 6A.1

Table 6A.1 Lodgments, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	198 396	151 458	196 295	91 590	78 241	65 037	6 831	12 684	..	800 532
2004-05	204 140	147 916	185 759	81 648	76 452	60 959	5 707	12 282	..	774 863
2003-04	197 571	154 415	182 321	77 167	73 131	62 664	6 827	12 079	..	766 175
2002-03	294 422	148 361	188 688	75 638	74 885	58 467	7 646	12 847	..	860 954
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems (f)										
2005-06	..	741 347	453 040	243 072	142 568	..	..	..	..	1 580 027
2004-05	..	697 991	422 421	194 532	126 112	..	..	..	..	1 441 056
2003-04	..	768 192	388 404	201 095	123 053	..	..	..	..	1 480 744
2002-03	..	882 766	343 276	196 453	122 005	..	..	..	..	1 544 500

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) In Queensland, the number of criminal non-appeal lodgments in 2005-06 is a count of the number of defendants who had an indictment presented in the Supreme or District court.
- (b) In Queensland, some Children's court matters are heard in the District court. As a result, the inclusion of all Children's court matters in the Magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the Magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the District court total.
- (c) In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA.
- (d) In Tasmania, the proportionately higher figure of lodgments in the magistrates court reflects a significant component minor traffic regulatory offences, which are dealt with by electronic infringement and enforcement systems in other states.
- (e) NSW criminal magistrates court and criminal children's court lodgment figures were overstated for years 2002-03 and earlier, due to inclusion of matters out of scope of this collection.
- (f) Fines enforcement registries have the status of a court (so are counted as electronic infringement and enforcement systems) in Victoria, Queensland, WA and SA. Lodgments include infringement notices but exclude unpaid court fines.

.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.2

Table 6A.2 Lodgments, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (a)										
2005-06	13 182	6 672	5 768	2 518	1 203	1 336	1 155	330	6 158	38 322
2004-05	12 903	6 497	5 449	2 952	1 473	1 349	1 113	332	4 517	36 585
2003-04	11 298	6 325	5 228	2 930	1 944	1 627	1 258	402	6 016	37 028
2002-03	10 340	5 511	5 061	2 873	1 879	1 708	1 086	483	4 840	33 781
District/county courts (b), (c)										
2005-06	7 659	4 989	5 875	3 117	3 000	..	..	..	..	24 640
2004-05	7 202	5 488	6 726	3 529	2 959	..	..	..	..	25 904
2003-04	8 418	8 811	7 282	3 416	2 874	..	..	..	..	30 801
2002-03	9 214	7 999	7 206	3 485	3 132	..	..	..	..	31 036
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2005-06	202 793	180 946	86 621	48 344	32 526	10 860	6 546	6 262	..	574 898
2004-05	207 605	181 918	85 392	51 379	31 441	11 654	6 890	6 069	..	582 348
2003-04	196 482	169 495	86 403	54 033	32 823	11 465	7 481	5 756	..	563 938
2002-03	228 248	177 844	85 791	57 791	32 197	12 722	8 405	6 048	..	609 046
Children's courts (e)										
2005-06	6 761	4 506	3 587	738	1 169	357	300	93	..	17 511
2004-05	6 059	3 706	4 066	688	852	203	305	105	..	15 984
2003-04	5 527	3 428	4 468	729	731	153	228	139	..	15 403
2002-03	3 131	2 307	1 157	724	565	173	156	82	..	8 295
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	209 554	185 452	90 208	49 082	33 695	11 217	6 846	6 355	..	592 409
2004-05	213 664	185 624	89 458	52 067	32 293	11 857	7 195	6 174	..	598 332
2003-04	202 009	172 923	90 871	54 762	33 554	11 618	7 709	5 895	..	579 341
2002-03	231 379	180 151	86 948	58 515	32 762	12 895	8 561	6 130	..	617 341

Table 6A.2

Table 6A.2 Lodgments, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	230 395	197 113	101 851	54 717	37 898	12 553	8 001	6 685	6 158	655 371
2004-05	233 769	197 609	101 633	58 548	36 725	13 206	8 308	6 506	4 517	660 821
2003-04	221 725	188 059	103 381	61 108	38 372	13 245	8 967	6 297	6 016	647 170
2002-03	250 933	193 661	99 215	64 873	37 773	14 603	9 647	6 613	4 840	682 158
Family courts (a), (f)										
2005-06	..	..	..	15 713	..	..	..	..	35 436	51 149
2004-05	..	..	..	15 460	..	..	..	..	37 824	53 284
2003-04	..	..	..	15 109	..	..	..	..	46 877	61 986
2002-03	..	..	..	14 906	..	..	..	..	64 960	79 866
Federal Magistrates Court (f)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81 145	81 145
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80 392	80 392
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76 842	76 842
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59 692	59 692
Coronial										
Deaths reported (g)										
2005-06	5 909	4 866	3 056	1 581	2 070	636	347	295	..	18 760
2004-05	5 533	4 616	3 043	1 445	4 024	612	315	319	..	19 907
2003-04	5 916	4 496	2 965	1 287	3 962	617	313	288	..	19 844
2002-03	6 143	4 219	2 540	1 402	3 673	552	317	317	..	19 163
Fires reported (h)										
2005-06	317	1	-	941	1 259
2004-05	236	4	-	1 089	1 329
2003-04	180	2	705	-	751	1 638
2002-03	403	-	1 141	-	1 286	2 830
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Table 6A.2 Lodgments, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Coroners courts (incl. deaths and fires reported) (g), (h)										
2005-06	6 226	4 867	3 056	1 581	2 070	636	1 288	295	..	20 019
2004-05	5 769	4 620	3 043	1 445	4 024	612	1 404	319	..	21 236
2003-04	6 096	4 498	3 670	1 287	3 962	617	1 064	288	..	21 482
2002-03	6 546	4 219	3 681	1 402	3 673	552	1 603	317	..	21 993
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	20 868	15 644	5 405	5 072	4 937	2 101	589	146	..	54 762
2004-05	21 990	15 410	5 763	4 883	4 579	2 068	567	131	..	55 391
2003-04	22 408	15 717	5 387	5 057	4 997	2 078	554	111	..	56 309
2002-03	22 152	15 942	5 921	4 985	5 032	2 216	525	124	..	56 897

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution. In November 2003, a practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia requiring all divorce applications to be lodged in the Federal Magistrates Court. However, a small number of divorce applications were still lodged and processed in the Family Court of Australia.
- (b) The decrease in the number of cases lodged in 2004-05 compared with 2003-04, is in part due to the introduction of changes to the Wrongs Act (Wrongs and Limitations Of Actions Acts (Insurance Reform) Act 2003) which generated an influx of writs filed before the cut off date of 30th September 2003.
- (c) Queensland District court civil lodgments were overstated for years 2003-04 and earlier, due to the inclusion of appeal cases that are out of scope of this collection.
- (d) Victorian data for the Magistrates' court, civil, include a proportion of lodgments from the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. (In 2004-05, Victorian data include 72 055 lodgments in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.)
- (e) The Queensland Children's Courts data for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case. Data were overstated for years 2003-04 and earlier, due to the inclusion of secondary processes in the count of care and protection cases lodged.

Table 6A.2

Table 6A.2 Lodgments, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
(f)	The Family Court of Australia civil lodgment data does not include instances where Family Court of Australia deputy registrars are given delegation to conduct Federal Magistrate Court divorce applications. As well, the Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrate Court excludes responses to final order applications, where this data was included prior to 2002-03.									
(g)	In SA a new Coroners Act 2003 came into effect on 1 July 2005 which has resulted in a decrease in the number of coronial lodgments.									
(h)	NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT report fires to the coroner in these jurisdictions. As of 1 December 2003 fires are no longer reported to the Coroner in Queensland.									

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.3

Table 6A.3 Lodgments, per 100 000 population, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme courts (a)										
2005-06	9	12	44	21	24	114	90	185	..	24
2004-05	9	13	41	25	28	116	81	183	..	25
2003-04	10	11	38	24	28	125	70	202	..	24
2002-03	7	11	33	28	22	121	54	173	..	21
District/county courts (a), (b), (c)										
2005-06	149	101	177	117	95	..	..	..	..	128
2004-05	154	98	181	125	87	..	..	..	..	130
2003-04	144	97	216	136	103	..	..	..	..	135
2002-03	133	100	226	145	90	..	..	..	..	134
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	2 598	2 652	4 401	3 943	4 519	12 879	1 820	5 529	..	3 505
2004-05	2 685	2 676	4 236	3 556	4 415	12 195	1 528	5 403	..	3 435
2003-04	2 604	2 791	4 161	3 376	4 213	12 618	1 830	5 307	..	3 402
2002-03	3 976	2 696	4 436	3 353	4 302	11 754	2 077	5 888	..	3 883
Children's courts										
2005-06	159	228	258	423	418	339	176	469	..	249
2004-05	167	166	276	377	440	339	143	511	..	236
2003-04	182	218	316	377	433	326	202	539	..	262
2002-03	292	214	324	363	496	447	234	436	..	305
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (d), (e)										
2005-06	2 756	2 880	4 659	4 366	4 937	13 218	1 996	5 998	..	3 753
2004-05	2 852	2 842	4 512	3 933	4 855	12 534	1 670	5 914	..	3 672
2003-04	2 785	3 008	4 477	3 754	4 646	12 944	2 032	5 846	..	3 664
2002-03	4 268	2 909	4 760	3 716	4 798	12 200	2 311	6 324	..	4 189

Table 6A.3

Table 6A.3 Lodgments, per 100 000 population, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	2 913	2 993	4 880	4 504	5 056	13 332	2 087	6 183	..	3 906
2004-05	3 015	2 954	4 734	4 083	4 970	12 650	1 752	6 097	..	3 826
2003-04	2 939	3 116	4 731	3 913	4 777	13 069	2 102	6 048	..	3 823
2002-03	4 408	3 020	5 018	3 889	4 909	12 321	2 365	6 497	..	4 344

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) In Queensland, the number of criminal non-appeal lodgments in 2005-06 is a count of the number of defendants who had an Indictment presented in the Supreme or District court.
- (b) In Queensland, some Children's court matters are heard in the District court. As a result, the inclusion of all Children's court matters in the Magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the Magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the District court total.
- (c) In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA.
- (d) NSW criminal magistrates court and criminal children's court lodgment figures were overstated for years 2002-03 and earlier, due to inclusion of matters out of scope of this collection.
- (e) In Tasmania, the proportionately higher figure of lodgments in the magistrates court reflects a significant component minor traffic regulatory offences, which are dealt with by electronic infringement and enforcement systems in other states.

.. Not applicable.

Sources: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.4

Table 6A.4 Lodgments, per 100 000 population, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (a), (b)										
2005-06	194	132	143	124	78	274	353	161	..	187
2004-05	191	130	139	148	96	280	342	165	..	181
2003-04	168	128	136	149	127	339	387	201	..	185
2002-03	155	112	135	148	123	360	336	244	..	170
District/county courts (c)										
2005-06	112	99	146	153	194	..	..	..	..	120
2004-05	106	110	171	176	192	..	..	..	..	128
2003-04	125	178	189	173	188	..	..	..	..	154
2002-03	138	163	192	179	205	..	..	..	..	157
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2005-06	2 978	3 576	2 153	2 377	2 102	2 226	2 000	3 053	..	2 805
2004-05	3 066	3 633	2 176	2 570	2 044	2 418	2 115	3 013	..	2 876
2003-04	2 923	3 421	2 242	2 740	2 144	2 391	2 303	2 882	..	2 814
2002-03	3 417	3 620	2 282	2 972	2 111	2 681	2 600	3 059	..	3 073
Children's courts (e)										
2005-06	99	89	89	36	76	73	92	45	..	85
2004-05	89	74	104	34	55	42	94	52	..	79
2003-04	82	69	116	37	48	32	70	70	..	77
2002-03	47	47	31	37	37	36	48	41	..	42
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	3 077	3 665	2 243	2 414	2 177	2 299	2 091	3 098	..	2 890
2004-05	3 156	3 707	2 280	2 604	2 099	2 461	2 208	3 065	..	2 954
2003-04	3 005	3 490	2 358	2 777	2 192	2 423	2 373	2 951	..	2 891
2002-03	3 464	3 667	2 312	3 009	2 148	2 717	2 648	3 100	..	3 115

Table 6A.4

Table 6A.4 Lodgments, per 100 000 population, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	3 383	3 895	2 532	2 691	2 449	2 573	2 444	3 259	..	3 197
2004-05	3 453	3 946	2 590	2 928	2 387	2 741	2 550	3 230	..	3 263
2003-04	3 299	3 795	2 683	3 099	2 506	2 762	2 761	3 153	..	3 229
2002-03	3 757	3 942	2 639	3 336	2 476	3 077	2 984	3 344	..	3 442

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) The total column is derived as the weighted average number of lodgments for all state and territory supreme court lodgments, and the Federal Court (not shown separately in the Aus cts column), per 100 000 population for Australia.

(b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution. In November 2003, a practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia requiring all divorce applications to be lodged in the Federal Magistrates Court. However, a small number of divorce applications were still lodged and processed in the Family Court of Australia.

(c) Queensland District court civil lodgments were overstated for years 2003-04 and earlier, due to the inclusion of appeal cases that are out of scope of this collection.

(d) Victorian data for the Magistrates' court, civil, include a proportion of lodgments from the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. (Victorian data for 2004-05 includes 72 055 lodgments in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.) In Victoria, applications for an intervention order in the children's court have been reported under Magistrates' court lodgments.

(e) The Queensland Children's Courts data for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case. Data were overstated for years 2003-04 and earlier, due to the inclusion of secondary processes in the count of care and protection cases lodged.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Sources: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.5

Table 6A.5 Finalisations, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme courts										
2005-06	607	608	1 625	412	437	558	254	418	..	4 919
2004-05	706	625	1 428	450	421	549	202	401	..	4 782
2003-04	687	578	1 373	495	364	567	200	326	..	4 590
2002-03	859	508	1 090	484	416	660	209	301	..	4 527
District/county courts (a), (b), (c)										
2005-06	9 661	4 323	7 504	2 630	1 306	..	..	..	..	25 424
2004-05	9 935	4 561	6 043	2 690	1 286	..	..	..	..	24 515
2003-04	9 204	5 042	8 165	2 685	1 222	..	..	..	..	26 318
2002-03	9 039	4 611	7 606	2 825	1 180	..	..	..	..	25 261
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	178 655	125 432	169 980	86 563	69 412	45 156	6 776	11 343	..	693 317
2004-05	178 055	130 672	158 027	78 124	57 326	49 763	5 497	11 308	..	668 772
2003-04	171 123	130 890	149 666	72 303	49 960	49 839	5 997	9 535	..	639 313
2002-03	260 114	120 057	161 629	62 110	52 532	38 934	6 216	11 738	..	713 330
Children's courts (b)										
2005-06	10 740	9 357	10 326	8 581	6 628	1 318	546	1 131	..	48 627
2004-05	11 473	8 011	10 466	8 223	5 765	1 330	479	1 189	..	46 936
2003-04	12 333	9 571	11 691	8 147	4 694	1 545	733	945	..	49 659
2002-03	18 676	10 475	11 412	6 689	5 343	1 950	755	826	..	56 126
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (d), (e), (f)										
2005-06	189 395	134 789	180 306	95 144	76 040	46 474	7 322	12 474	..	741 944
2004-05	189 528	138 683	168 493	86 347	63 091	51 093	5 976	12 497	..	715 708
2003-04	183 456	140 461	161 357	80 450	54 654	51 384	6 730	10 480	..	688 972
2002-03	278 790	130 532	173 041	68 799	57 875	40 884	6 971	12 564	..	769 456

Table 6A.5

Table 6A.5 Finalisations, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	199 663	139 720	189 435	98 186	77 783	47 032	7 576	12 892	..	772 287
2004-05	200 169	143 869	175 964	89 487	64 798	51 642	6 178	12 898	..	745 005
2003-04	193 347	146 081	170 895	83 630	56 240	51 951	6 930	10 806	..	719 880
2002-03	288 688	135 651	181 737	72 108	59 471	41 544	7 180	12 865	..	799 244
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems (f)										
2005-06	..	1 073 315	398 583	107 425	124 301	..	..	..	..	1 703 624
2004-05	..	1 027 765	366 367	95 493	92 844	..	..	..	..	1 582 469
2003-04	..	1 053 023	352 532	100 121	89 679	..	..	..	..	1 595 355
2002-03	..	1 127 901	271 175	105 329	92 335	..	..	..	..	1 596 740

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The number of criminal appeal cases finalised in the Queensland District Courts in 2005-06 have been extrapolated based on data for the Courts that were connected to a computerised case management system. These Courts accounted for approximately 72 per cent of the total number of criminal appeals lodged in the District Courts in 2005-06.
- (b) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight over-estimation of the magistrates' court total and an under-estimation in the district court total.
- (c) In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA.
- (d) NSW criminal magistrates court finalisation figures are incorrect for years 2002-03 and earlier due to the inclusion of matters out of scope of this collection.
- (e) In Tasmania, the proportionately higher figure of lodgments reflects the fact that a significant component of lodgments are minor traffic regulatory offences which are dealt with by electronic infringement and enforcement systems in other states.
- (f) Finalisations include infringement notices but exclude unpaid court fines.
- na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (a), (b)										
2005-06	13 638	5 658	5 277	2 471	1 498	1 765	1 053	333	6 516	38 209
2004-05	12 442	6 170	4 834	2 498	932	1 777	1 395	383	4 289	34 720
2003-04	11 091	5 184	6 179	3 374	1 217	2 032	1 158	380	6 063	36 678
2002-03	10 522	3 583	6 252	3 031	1 064	2 108	1 041	443	5 145	33 189
District/county courts (a), (c)										
2005-06	8 452	6 060	7 672	4 076	3 204	..	..	..	..	29 464
2004-05	8 299	8 364	7 238	3 919	3 027	..	..	..	..	30 847
2003-04	10 430	7 273	7 529	3 254	2 756	..	..	..	..	31 242
2002-03	16 645	8 179	7 288	3 477	2 672	..	..	..	..	38 261
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	189 038	152 408	85 946	47 221	38 465	11 195	6 950	5 628	..	536 851
2004-05	183 473	152 735	86 568	50 508	24 818	11 735	7 059	4 098	..	520 994
2003-04	188 278	145 745	91 060	35 367	22 544	11 931	8 016	3 483	..	506 424
2002-03	79 953	152 234	88 395	31 931	28 017	12 797	12 350	3 373	..	409 050
Children's courts (f)										
2005-06	6 621	3 609	3 545	800	1 160	327	283	116	..	16 461
2004-05	5 810	3 454	3 876	671	888	184	269	138	..	15 290
2003-04	5 105	3 159	4 109	885	na	172	190	182	..	na
2002-03	2 498	4 223	na	834	na	39	125	152	..	na
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e), (f)										
2005-06	195 659	156 017	89 491	48 021	39 625	11 522	7 233	5 744	..	553 312
2004-05	189 283	156 189	90 444	51 179	25 706	11 919	7 328	4 236	..	536 284
2003-04	193 383	148 904	95 169	36 252	na	12 103	8 206	3 665	..	na
2002-03	82 451	156 457	na	32 765	na	12 836	12 475	3 525	..	na

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	217 749	167 735	102 440	54 568	44 327	13 287	8 286	6 077	6 516	620 985
2004-05	210 024	170 723	102 516	57 596	29 665	13 696	8 723	4 619	4 289	601 851
2003-04	214 904	161 361	108 877	42 880	na	14 135	9 364	4 045	6 063	na
2002-03	109 618	168 219	na	39 273	na	14 944	13 516	3 968	5 145	na
Family courts (b)										
2005-06	..	..	..	13 570	..	..	..	..	37 915	51 485
2004-05	..	..	..	12 632	..	..	..	..	43 352	55 984
2003-04	..	..	..	13 256	..	..	..	..	52 430	65 686
2002-03	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	57 466	na
Federal Magistrates Court (b)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80 665	80 665
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77 348	77 348
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	62 815	62 815
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 849	52 849
Coroners' courts (g)										
2005-06	5 127	4 556	2 728	1 259	2 239	669	1 237	311	..	18 126
2004-05	4 705	4 321	2 970	1 051	3 400	610	1 398	335	..	18 790
2003-04	5 916	4 112	3 122	1 265	3 793	713	1 046	241	..	20 208
2002-03	6 094	4 060	3 049	1 289	3 544	714	1 576	273	..	20 599

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) Queensland finalisations data for Supreme and District courts have been extrapolated based on data for the Courts that were connected to a computerised case management system. In 2005-06, these courts accounted for approximately 98 per cent and 91 per cent of the total number of civil non-appeal lodgments respectively.

Table 6A.6

Table 6A.6 Finalisations, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
(b)	The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution. In November 2003, a practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia requiring all divorce applications to be lodged in the Federal Magistrates Court. However, a small number of divorce applications were still lodged and processed in the Family Court of Australia.									
(c)	In 2002-03 in Victoria the twelve month deeming rule for inactive cases was not used, and in Queensland not all inactive matters were identified or finalised.									
(d)	Victorian data for the Magistrates' court, civil, include a proportion of finalisations from the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. (Victorian data for the Magistrates' court in 2004-05 include 72 381 finalisations in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.) In Victoria, applications for an intervention order in the children's court have been reported under magistrates' court finalisations.									
(e)	NSW civil magistrates' court finalisation figures are incorrect for years 2002-03 and earlier, due to the inclusion of matters out of scope of this collection.									
(f)	The Queensland Children's Courts data for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case. Data were overstated for years 2003-04 and earlier, due to the inclusion of secondary processes in the count of care and protection cases finalised.									
(g)	NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT include data on the finalisation of reported fires. Queensland included this data until 1 December 2003.									

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.7

Table 6A.7 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme courts										
2005-06	9	12	40	20	28	114	78	204	..	24
2004-05	10	12	36	23	27	114	62	199	..	24
2003-04	10	12	36	25	24	118	62	163	..	23
2002-03	13	10	29	25	27	139	65	152	..	23
District/county courts (a), (b), (c)										
2005-06	142	85	187	129	84	..	..	..	..	124
2004-05	147	91	154	135	84	..	..	..	..	121
2003-04	137	102	212	136	80	..	..	..	..	131
2002-03	135	94	202	145	77	..	..	..	..	127
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2005-06	2 624	2 479	4 226	4 257	4 485	9 257	2 070	5 529	..	3 383
2004-05	2 630	2 609	4 027	3 907	3 727	10 327	1 687	5 614	..	3 302
2003-04	2 546	2 642	3 884	3 667	3 263	10 394	1 846	4 774	..	3 190
2002-03	3 895	2 444	4 299	3 194	3 444	8 205	1 923	5 936	..	3 599
Children's courts (b)										
2005-06	158	185	257	422	428	270	167	551	..	237
2004-05	169	160	267	411	375	276	147	590	..	232
2003-04	183	193	303	413	307	322	226	473	..	248
2002-03	280	213	304	344	350	411	234	418	..	283
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b), (d), (e)										
2005-06	2 781	2 663	4 482	4 679	4 914	9 527	2 237	6 081	..	3 620
2004-05	2 799	2 769	4 294	4 318	4 102	10 603	1 834	6 204	..	3 534
2003-04	2 729	2 835	4 187	4 080	3 570	10 716	2 072	5 247	..	3 438
2002-03	4 174	2 657	4 602	3 538	3 794	8 616	2 156	6 354	..	3 882

Table 6A.7

Table 6A.7 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, criminal

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	2 932	2 761	4 709	4 828	5 026	9 641	2 314	6 284	..	3 768
2004-05	2 957	2 873	4 484	4 475	4 212	10 717	1 896	6 403	..	3 679
2003-04	2 877	2 948	4 435	4 241	3 674	10 835	2 133	5 410	..	3 592
2002-03	4 322	2 761	4 833	3 708	3 899	8 755	2 221	6 506	..	4 033
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	21 209	9 909	5 283	8 032	..	..	..	..	8 312
2004-05	..	20 523	9 337	4 776	6 036	..	..	..	..	7 814
2003-04	..	21 251	9 148	5 077	5 858	..	..	..	..	7 961
2002-03	..	22 959	7 212	5 416	6 053	..	..	..	..	8 056

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The number of criminal appeal cases finalised in the Queensland District Courts in 2005-06 have been extrapolated based on data for the Courts that were connected to a computerised case management system. These Courts accounted for approximately 72 per cent of the total number of criminal appeals lodged in the District Courts in 2005-06.
- (b) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court matters in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.
- (c) In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in WA and SA.
- (d) In Tasmania, the proportionately higher figure of lodgments reflects the fact that a significant component of lodgments are minor traffic regulatory offences which are dealt with by electronic infringement and enforcement systems in other states.
- (e) Excludes finalisations data for committals heard in the children's court (except ACT and the NT).

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (b), (c)										
2005-06	200	112	131	122	97	362	322	162	..	186
2004-05	184	123	123	125	61	369	428	190	..	171
2003-04	165	105	160	171	79	424	357	190	..	183
2002-03	158	73	166	156	70	444	322	224	..	167
District/county courts (d)										
2005-06	124	120	191	200	207	..	..	..	..	144
2004-05	123	167	184	196	197	..	..	..	..	152
2003-04	155	147	195	165	180	..	..	..	..	156
2002-03	249	166	194	179	175	..	..	..	..	193
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (e)										
2005-06	2 776	3 012	2 137	2 322	2 486	2 295	2 123	2 743	..	2 619
2004-05	2 710	3 050	2 206	2 526	1 613	2 435	2 167	2 034	..	2 573
2003-04	2 801	2 941	2 363	1 794	1 473	2 488	2 468	1 744	..	2 527
2002-03	1 197	3 099	2 351	1 642	1 837	2 697	3 820	1 706	..	2 064
Children's courts (f)										
2005-06	97	71	88	39	75	67	86	57	..	80
2004-05	86	69	99	34	58	38	83	69	..	76
2003-04	76	64	107	45	na	36	58	91	..	na
2002-03	37	86	na	43	na	8	39	77	..	na
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e), (f)										
2005-06	2 873	3 083	2 225	2 361	2 560	2 362	2 209	2 800	..	2 699
2004-05	2 796	3 119	2 305	2 560	1 671	2 473	2 249	2 103	..	2 648
2003-04	2 877	3 005	2 470	1 838	na	2 524	2 526	1 835	..	na
2002-03	1 235	3 185	na	1 685	na	2 705	3 858	1 783	..	na

Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	3 198	3 314	2 547	2 683	2 864	2 724	2 531	2 962	..	3 030
2004-05	3 102	3 409	2 613	2 881	1 929	2 842	2 677	2 293	..	2 972
2003-04	3 197	3 256	2 825	2 175	na	2 948	2 883	2 025	..	na
2002-03	1 641	3 424	na	2 019	na	3 149	4 180	2 007	..	na
Family courts (c)										
2005-06	..	..	..	877	..	..	..	..	185	251
2004-05	..	..	..	821	..	..	..	..	214	276
2003-04	..	..	..	866	..	..	..	..	262	328
2002-03	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	290	na
Federal Magistrates Court (c)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	394	394
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	382
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	313	313
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	267	267
Coroners' courts (g)										
2005-06	75	90	68	62	145	137	378	152	..	88
2004-05	69	86	76	53	221	127	429	166	..	93
2003-04	88	83	81	64	248	149	322	121	..	101
2002-03	91	83	81	66	232	150	487	138	..	104

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) Queensland finalisations data for the Supreme and District courts have been extrapolated based on data for the Courts that were connected to a computerised case management system. In 2005-06, these courts accounted for approximately 98 per cent and 91 per cent of the total number of civil non-appeal lodgments respectively.

(b) The total column is derived as the weighted average number of finalisations for all state and territory supreme court lodgments, and the Federal Court (not shown separately in the Aus cts column), per 100 000 population for Australia.

Table 6A.8

Table 6A.8 Finalisations, per 100 000 population, civil

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
(c)	The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution. In November 2003, a practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia requiring all divorce applications to be lodged in the Federal Magistrates Court. However, a small number of divorce applications were still lodged and processed in the Family Court of Australia.									
(d)	In 2002-03 in Victoria the 12 month deeming rule for inactive cases has not been used, and in Queensland not all inactive matters have been identified or finalised.									
(e)	Victorian data for the Magistrates' court, civil, include a proportion of finalisations from the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. (Victorian data for 2004-05 include 72 381 finalisations in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.) In Victoria, applications for an intervention order in the children's court have been reported under magistrates' court finalisations.									
(f)	The Queensland Children's Courts data for 2004-05 and 2005-06 is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case. Data were overstated for years 2003-04 and earlier, due to the inclusion of secondary processes in the count of care and protection cases finalised.									
(g)	NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT include data on the finalisation of reported fires. Queensland included this data until 1 December 2003.									

na Not available. ... Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Children's courts (b)										
2005-06	8 434	1 227	6 283	3 210	2 916	464	814	485	..	23 833
2004-05	8 672	1 081	5 718	5 346	2 713	452	849	549	..	25 380
2003-04	10 163	1 147	7 159	5 571	2 292	480	813	555	..	28 180
2002-03	11 080	1 081	4 323	5 345	2 181	217	830	473	..	25 530
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b)										
2005-06	109 046	47 022	57 969	49 122	27 125	7 871	4 734	7 165	..	310 054
2004-05	111 785	44 907	56 566	39 430	27 626	7 854	4 916	8 098	..	301 182
2003-04	109 060	45 240	55 568	41 756	27 223	7 812	4 604	6 279	..	297 542
2002-03	125 988	44 537	62 057	39 739	25 297	7 349	5 181	7 011	..	317 159
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	180 566	104 117	92 023	79 175	45 908	13 565	7 749	14 460	..	537 563
2004-05	182 927	104 115	93 068	63 369	45 843	12 786	8 249	15 411	..	525 767
2003-04	178 610	100 924	85 834	65 156	46 308	12 362	7 721	10 251	..	507 166
2002-03	199 888	94 052	91 555	63 956	44 373	11 339	8 726	10 844	..	524 733
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	2 022	9 516	5 536	4 041	..	..	..	..	21 115
2004-05	..	2 468	9 919	3 829	4 008	..	..	..	..	20 223
2003-04	..	1 793	9 586	3 976	4 135	..	..	..	..	19 489
2002-03	..	1 895	9 042	3 747	3 802	..	..	..	..	18 486

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.

(b) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court expenditure in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.

(c) In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA.

Table 6A.9

Table 6A.9 Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
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na Not available .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax (a)										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (b)										
2005-06	59 140	26 355	14 459	21 567	10 151	3 308	3 764	4 753	80 638	224 134
2004-05	59 823	26 458	13 985	17 860	10 686	3 460	4 154	4 758	83 893	225 077
2003-04	53 909	23 401	12 095	18 096	10 903	3 194	4 495	7 966	81 064	215 122
2002-03	59 587	18 219	14 435	18 340	11 014	2 790	3 308	5 757	81 770	215 221
District/county courts										
2005-06	26 545	24 368	8 113	14 015	7 577	..	..	..	..	80 617
2004-05	32 608	25 431	7 547	14 214	7 730	..	..	..	..	87 529
2003-04	33 007	24 677	10 964	12 337	8 442	..	..	..	..	89 425
2002-03	31 356	21 646	12 951	13 577	8 378	..	..	..	..	87 908
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c)										
2005-06	59 773	30 442	23 497	15 151	11 279	1 542	4 003	4 708	..	150 394
2004-05	62 634	28 991	23 316	16 338	11 917	1 538	4 144	5 329	..	154 208
2003-04	61 211	28 927	19 836	15 350	13 014	1 391	4 336	3 009	..	147 075
2002-03	55 247	28 808	16 082	16 928	12 251	1 231	4 348	3 426	..	138 321
Children's courts (d)										
2005-06	6 062	4 867	3 847	393	645	-	329	118	..	16 261
2004-05	4 633	4 171	3 568	592	601	-	340	135	..	14 041
2003-04	3 741	4 678	5 146	381	687	-	463	85	..	15 180
2002-03	2 992	4 191	1 279	361	669	836	415	75	..	10 817
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
2005-06	65 835	35 309	27 344	15 544	11 924	1 542	4 332	4 825	..	166 655
2004-05	67 267	33 163	26 884	16 930	12 518	1 538	4 484	5 465	..	168 248
2003-04	64 952	33 605	24 982	15 731	13 701	1 391	4 799	3 094	..	162 255
2002-03	58 239	32 999	17 361	17 289	12 920	2 066	4 763	3 501	..	149 138
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Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	151 519	86 032	49 916	51 126	29 652	4 850	8 095	9 578	80 638	471 406
2004-05	159 698	85 051	48 415	49 004	30 935	4 998	8 639	10 222	83 893	480 854
2003-04	151 867	81 682	48 041	46 164	33 045	4 585	9 293	11 060	81 064	466 803
2002-03	149 182	72 864	44 746	49 205	32 312	4 857	8 071	9 258	81 770	452 267
Family courts (b)										
2005-06	..	..	..	18 002	..	..	..	..	126 182	144 183
2004-05	..	..	..	17 545	..	..	..	..	121 585	139 130
2003-04	..	..	..	16 632	..	..	..	..	117 841	134 474
2002-03	..	..	..	16 568	..	..	..	..	122 887	139 455
Federal Magistrates Court (e)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49 376	49 376
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44 177	44 177
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 118	35 118
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29 681	29 681
Coroners' courts										
2005-06	7 762	5 165	9 557	9 078	5 126	536	970	1 081	..	39 274
2004-05	7 463	5 383	7 947	4 858	4 209	502	1 197	1 050	..	32 608
2003-04	8 497	4 846	7 395	4 661	4 380	628	2 660	899	..	33 965
2002-03	9 026	5 203	2 327	7 089	3 789	546	1 132	838	..	29 950
Probate (f)										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	1 276	252	95	238	524	98	6	18	..	2 508
2004-05	1 324	409	97	274	520	93	6	35	..	2 760
2003-04	1 686	513	97	268	446	90	7	-	..	3 106
2002-03	1 699	528	-	239	440	87	3	30	..	3 027
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Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	156 121	88 087	51 304	51 126	30 824	4 931	8 095	9 842	80 638	480 970
2004-05	164 911	87 387	49 788	49 004	32 135	5 104	8 639	10 471	83 893	491 332
2003-04	157 560	83 841	49 544	46 164	34 266	4 695	9 293	11 397	81 064	477 825
2002-03	153 855	75 147	45 816	49 205	33 501	4 982	8 071	9 543	81 770	461 891
Family courts (b)										
2005-06	..	..	..	18 002	..	..	..	..	126 182	144 183
2004-05	..	..	..	17 545	..	..	..	..	121 585	139 130
2003-04	..	..	..	16 632	..	..	..	..	117 841	134 474
2002-03	..	..	..	16 568	..	..	..	..	122 887	139 455
Federal Magistrates Court (e)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49 376	49 376
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44 177	44 177
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 118	35 118
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29 681	29 681
Coroners' courts (g)										
2005-06	7 922	5 310	9 758	9 078	5 223	544	970	1 110	..	39 915
2004-05	7 608	5 511	8 119	4 858	4 267	510	1 197	1 076	..	33 145
2003-04	8 672	4 973	7 569	4 661	4 443	637	2 660	921	..	34 535
2002-03	9 185	5 340	2 362	7 089	3 848	556	1 132	861	..	30 374
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	1 276	252	95	238	524	98	6	18	..	2 508
2004-05	1 324	409	97	274	520	93	6	35	..	2 760
2003-04	1 686	513	97	268	446	90	7	-	..	3 106
2002-03	1 699	528	-	239	440	87	3	30	..	3 027

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Table 6A.10

Table 6A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
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Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.
- (b) Data for the Family Court of Australia exclude the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Court. Data for the Federal Court exclude the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.
- (c) Victoria's data for the Magistrates' court, civil, includes a proportion of expenditure from the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.
- (d) In Tasmania, civil matters in the children's court (care and protection orders) are dealt with by the criminal registry and therefore the civil expenditure from the children's court has been included in the criminal expenditure figures from 2003-04.
- (e) The Federal Magistrates Court expenditure data include resources received free of charge from the Federal Court of Australia.
- (f) Payroll tax could not be estimated and deducted for probate registries.
- (g) The inclusion of expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories.
- na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Criminal income										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	221	-	170	49	308	-	24	47	..	818
2004-05	311	-	122	97	388	-	17	59	..	994
2003-04	522	-	59	26	481	-	4	51	..	1 144
2002-03	822	-	30	184	454	-	13	72	..	1 576
District/county courts										
2005-06	2 607	-	741	53	605	..	..	..	..	4 007
2004-05	1 782	-	136	73	646	..	..	..	..	2 637
2003-04	1 684	-	133	83	692	..	..	..	..	2 592
2002-03	2 003	-	106	172	595	..	..	..	..	2 876
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b)										
2005-06	9 809	-	1 219	2 906	378	409	683	40	..	15 445
2004-05	6 561	-	868	3 646	383	587	548	44	..	12 636
2003-04	3 431	-	645	3 241	397	441	519	37	..	8 711
2002-03	4 242	-	151	3 180	277	323	714	54	..	8 941
Children's courts										
2005-06	80	-	186	20	53	-	17	2	..	359
2004-05	13	-	83	19	37	-	15	3	..	169
2003-04	4	-	102	59	37	-	18	5	..	225
2002-03	9	-	7	84	27	-	11	3	..	141
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b)										
2005-06	9 889	-	1 405	2 926	431	409	701	43	..	15 804
2004-05	6 573	-	951	3 664	420	587	562	47	..	12 805
2003-04	3 435	-	747	3 300	434	441	537	42	..	8 936
2002-03	4 251	-	158	3 264	304	323	725	57	..	9 082

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Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	12 717	-	2 316	3 028	1 344	409	724	89	..	20 628
2004-05	8 666	-	1 209	3 835	1 453	587	579	106	..	16 436
2003-04	5 641	-	939	3 409	1 606	441	541	94	..	12 671
2002-03	7 076	-	295	3 619	1 352	323	739	130	..	13 534
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems (c)										
2005-06	..	23 213	22 455	14 450	12 187	..	..	..	..	72 304
2004-05	..	28 214	22 878	10 386	11 182	..	..	..	..	72 659
2003-04	..	29 246	21 481	11 379	10 630	..	..	..	..	72 736
2002-03	..	41 072	20 914	10 859	10 008	..	..	..	..	82 853
Civil income										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2005-06	22 291	8 234	3 453	3 309	1 906	654	1 164	177	9 278	50 468
2004-05	23 072	8 251	2 797	3 639	1 980	698	975	204	8 599	50 215
2003-04	20 852	7 867	4 127	3 472	2 123	258	1 001	151	7 691	47 541
2002-03	20 418	7 444	6 110	4 121	1 544	336	904	236	6 769	47 882
District/county courts										
2005-06	10 834	5 122	3 116	2 805	1 786	..	..	..	..	23 663
2004-05	13 218	6 089	4 112	2 947	1 909	..	..	..	..	28 276
2003-04	15 706	7 154	5 641	2 846	1 997	..	..	..	..	33 344
2002-03	15 948	7 021	4 299	3 031	1 263	..	..	..	..	31 563
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (b)										
2005-06	29 452	16 649	9 545	5 878	4 844	887	1 258	384	..	68 896
2004-05	30 971	16 804	10 101	5 060	4 336	888	1 522	402	..	70 085
2003-04	33 546	17 032	9 677	5 236	4 136	1 048	1 626	481	..	72 782
2002-03	29 752	20 450	7 781	5 200	3 795	855	1 544	536	..	69 913
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Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Children's courts										
2005-06	82	-	47	1	4	-	11	1	..	146
2004-05	10	-	61	8	4	-	6	1	..	91
2003-04	4	-	23	5	5	-	7	1	..	45
2002-03	7	-	-	8	-	-	13	1	..	29
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (b)										
2005-06	29 534	16 649	9 592	5 880	4 848	887	1 269	384	..	69 042
2004-05	30 981	16 804	10 162	5 069	4 340	888	1 529	403	..	70 176
2003-04	33 550	17 032	9 700	5 241	4 141	1 048	1 633	482	..	72 827
2002-03	29 759	20 450	7 781	5 208	3 795	855	1 557	537	..	69 942
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	62 659	30 005	16 161	11 994	8 541	1 541	2 433	561	9 278	143 173
2004-05	67 271	31 145	17 070	11 655	8 229	1 586	2 503	607	8 599	148 667
2003-04	70 108	32 052	19 468	11 559	8 260	1 306	2 634	633	7 691	153 712
2002-03	66 125	34 915	18 190	12 360	6 603	1 192	2 461	773	6 769	149 387
Family courts (d)										
2005-06	..	..	..	1 890	..	..	..	..	6 873	8 764
2004-05	..	..	..	1 740	..	..	..	..	5 376	7 116
2003-04	..	..	..	1 733	..	..	..	..	5 594	7 326
2002-03	..	..	..	1 813	..	..	..	..	5 788	7 601
Federal Magistrates Court										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 508	13 508
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13 071	13 071
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 292	12 292
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 367	11 367

Table 6A.11

Table 6A.11 Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Coroners' courts										
2005-06	134	–	121	91	33	2	41	–	..	422
2004-05	165	10	142	101	23	2	23	–	..	466
2003-04	163	15	225	122	25	4	25	–	..	580
2002-03	130	19	26	86	26	10	45	–	..	342
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	16 499	3 851	2 405	2 483	2 887	690	350	44	..	29 208
2004-05	16 503	3 800	2 686	2 358	2 871	612	348	41	..	29 218
2003-04	16 343	3 953	–	2 450	2 948	245	345	36	..	26 320
2002-03	15 443	3 982	–	2 401	2 894	250	330	42	..	25 340

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) The Victorian Magistrates Court is currently unable to differentiate criminal fees from the total civil income. Therefore, the civil income for the Magistrates court in Victoria is slightly over-estimated. Victoria's income data also includes a proportion of fees paid through the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- (c) Victorian electronic infringement and enforcement system income comes from government and non-government filing fees and statutory agency costs.
- (d) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia income time series.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	162 422	101 796	87 205	76 147	42 780	12 899	7 025	13 983	..	504 257
2004-05	168 648	101 683	89 316	59 533	42 723	11 995	7 670	14 944	..	496 513
2003-04	168 196	98 518	81 991	61 747	42 978	11 711	7 180	9 837	..	482 157
2002-03	187 930	91 523	88 637	60 336	41 379	10 665	7 987	10 401	..	498 858
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	- 21 280	- 13 132	- 8 914	- 8 276	..	..	..	..	- 51 602
2004-05	..	- 25 835	- 13 147	- 6 557	- 7 292	..	..	..	..	- 52 831
2003-04	..	- 27 534	- 12 125	- 7 403	- 6 617	..	..	..	..	- 53 679
2002-03	..	- 39 252	- 12 058	- 7 112	- 6 309	..	..	..	..	- 64 731
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	13 726	14 058	7 642	9 682	5 501	5 694	2 992	7 248	..	66 542
2004-05	15 479	13 627	8 498	7 326	5 825	4 932	3 317	7 255	..	66 258
2003-04	19 777	12 695	8 115	7 396	6 264	4 549	3 113	3 921	..	65 830
2002-03	17 378	10 082	8 994	7 294	6 710	3 990	3 531	3 761	..	61 740
District/county courts (c)										
2005-06	54 966	43 037	25 501	20 269	12 369	..	..	..	..	156 142
2004-05	53 570	45 581	27 744	16 442	11 358	..	..	..	..	154 696
2003-04	47 568	42 989	21 959	15 896	11 648	..	..	..	..	140 060
2002-03	53 699	39 433	20 368	16 567	11 317	..	..	..	..	141 383
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2005-06	90 803	45 795	50 467	43 005	23 832	6 998	3 236	6 640	..	270 776
2004-05	96 552	43 826	49 981	30 438	24 530	6 814	3 519	7 505	..	263 166
2003-04	95 466	44 093	47 764	32 943	24 535	6 891	3 272	5 687	..	260 651
2002-03	110 666	43 456	57 583	31 213	22 840	6 809	3 638	6 484	..	282 688

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Table 6A.12

Table 6A.12 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Children's courts										
2005-06	8 353	1 227	6 097	3 191	2 863	464	797	483	..	23 475
2004-05	8 660	1 081	5 635	5 327	2 676	452	834	546	..	25 211
2003-04	10 159	1 147	7 057	5 512	2 255	480	795	550	..	27 955
2002-03	11 071	1 081	4 316	5 262	2 154	217	818	470	..	25 389
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c)										
2005-06	99 156	47 022	56 564	46 196	26 694	7 462	4 033	7 123	..	294 250
2004-05	105 212	44 907	55 616	35 766	27 206	7 266	4 353	8 051	..	288 377
2003-04	105 625	45 240	54 821	38 456	26 790	7 371	4 067	6 236	..	288 606
2002-03	121 737	44 537	61 899	36 475	24 994	7 026	4 456	6 953	..	308 077
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	167 849	104 117	89 707	76 147	44 564	13 156	7 025	14 370	..	516 935
2004-05	174 261	104 115	91 859	59 533	44 389	12 198	7 670	15 306	..	509 331
2003-04	172 969	100 924	84 895	61 747	44 702	11 921	7 180	10 158	..	494 495
2002-03	192 813	94 052	91 261	60 336	43 020	11 016	7 987	10 714	..	511 200
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	- 21 191	- 12 939	- 8 914	- 8 146	..	..	..	..	- 51 190
2004-05	..	- 25 746	- 12 959	- 6 557	- 7 174	..	..	..	..	- 52 436
2003-04	..	- 27 454	- 11 895	- 7 403	- 6 496	..	..	..	..	- 53 247
2002-03	..	- 39 177	- 11 872	- 7 112	- 6 206	..	..	..	..	- 64 366

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).

(b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.

(c) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court expenditure in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.

Table 6A.12 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
(d)	In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in WA and SA.									

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	88 859	56 027	33 755	39 132	21 111	3 309	5 663	9 016	71 360	328 233
2004-05	92 426	53 906	31 345	37 349	22 705	3 411	6 135	9 615	75 294	332 187
2003-04	81 759	49 630	28 572	34 605	24 785	3 279	6 659	10 427	73 373	313 090
2002-03	83 057	37 949	26 556	36 846	25 709	3 665	5 611	8 485	75 002	302 880
Family courts (c), (d)										
2005-06	..	..	..	16 111	..	..	..	..	119 308	135 420
2004-05	..	..	..	15 804	..	..	..	..	116 209	132 014
2003-04	..	..	..	14 900	..	..	..	..	112 248	127 147
2002-03	..	..	..	14 755	..	..	..	..	117 099	131 854
Federal Magistrates Court (f)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 868	35 868
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 106	31 106
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22 826	22 826
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 315	18 315
Coroners' courts (g)										
2005-06	7 628	5 165	9 436	8 988	5 093	534	929	1 081	..	38 853
2004-05	7 298	5 372	7 804	4 758	4 186	499	1 174	1 050	..	32 142
2003-04	8 334	4 831	7 170	4 539	4 355	624	2 635	899	..	33 385
2002-03	8 896	5 184	2 301	7 003	3 763	536	1 087	838	..	29 608
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	- 15 222	- 3 599	- 2 310	- 2 245	- 2 363	- 592	- 344	- 26	..	- 26 700
2004-05	- 15 178	- 3 390	- 2 588	- 2 084	- 2 351	- 519	- 341	- 7	..	- 26 458
2003-04	- 14 657	- 3 440	97	- 2 182	- 2 503	- 155	- 338	- 36	..	- 23 214
2002-03	- 13 743	- 3 454	-	- 2 162	- 2 454	- 163	- 326	- 11	..	- 22 313
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Table 6A.13

Table 6A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	93 462	58 083	35 143	39 132	22 283	3 390	5 663	9 281	71 360	337 797
2004-05	97 640	56 242	32 718	37 349	23 906	3 518	6 135	9 864	75 294	342 665
2003-04	87 452	51 789	30 076	34 605	26 006	3 389	6 659	10 764	73 373	324 113
2002-03	87 731	40 231	27 626	36 846	26 898	3 791	5 611	8 770	75 002	312 504
Family courts (c), (d)										
2005-06	..	..	..	16 111	..	..	..	..	119 308	135 420
2004-05	..	..	..	15 804	..	..	..	..	116 209	132 014
2003-04	..	..	..	14 900	..	..	..	..	112 248	127 147
2002-03	..	..	..	14 755	..	..	..	..	117 099	131 854
Federal Magistrates Court (f)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 868	35 868
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 106	31 106
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22 826	22 826
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 315	18 315
Coroners' courts (g)										
2005-06	7 788	5 310	9 637	8 988	5 190	542	929	1 110	..	39 493
2004-05	7 443	5 501	7 977	4 758	4 244	508	1 174	1 076	..	32 679
2003-04	8 509	4 957	7 344	4 539	4 418	632	2 635	921	..	33 955
2002-03	9 055	5 321	2 336	7 003	3 822	546	1 087	861	..	30 032
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	- 15 222	- 3 599	- 2 310	- 2 245	- 2 363	- 592	- 344	- 26	..	- 26 700
2004-05	- 15 178	- 3 390	- 2 588	- 2 084	- 2 351	- 519	- 341	- 7	..	- 26 458
2003-04	- 14 657	- 3 440	97	- 2 182	- 2 503	- 155	- 338	- 36	..	- 23 214
2002-03	- 13 743	- 3 454	-	- 2 162	- 2 454	- 163	- 326	- 11	..	- 22 313

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Table 6A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Aus cts = Australian courts.										
(a)	Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).									
(b)	To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.									
(c)	The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court will have implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia expenditure time series.									
(d)	Data for the Family Court of Australia exclude a 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Court. Data for the Federal Court of Australia exclude the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.									
(e)	Victoria's data includes a proportion of fees paid through the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and a proportion of expenditure from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.									
(f)	The Federal Magistrates Court expenditure data includes resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.									
(g)	The inclusion of expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In WA the coroners' courts assumed responsibility for all autopsy and chemical analysis work for the first time in 2005-06 resulting in an increase in the cost per finalisation for that year.									
	na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
District/county courts (e)										
2005-06	71 522	62 768	30 717	31 478	18 457	..	..	..	..	214 942
2004-05	74 046	65 407	31 392	27 709	17 522	..	..	..	..	216 076
2003-04	65 835	60 968	27 566	25 386	18 440	..	..	..	..	198 196
2002-03	69 964	54 535	29 359	27 112	18 768	..	..	..	..	199 738
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2005-06	122 883	60 657	65 050	52 278	30 658	7 683	5 981	11 114	..	356 304
2004-05	130 175	57 000	63 821	41 717	32 480	7 499	6 141	12 593	..	351 424
2003-04	125 910	56 917	58 541	43 058	33 799	7 270	5 982	8 328	..	339 805
2002-03	138 234	52 783	66 235	42 941	31 662	7 236	6 442	9 495	..	355 028
Children's courts										
2005-06	14 527	6 253	9 998	3 583	3 529	464	1 115	604	..	40 072
2004-05	13 440	5 382	9 239	5 910	3 299	452	1 168	685	..	39 574
2003-04	14 066	5 961	12 302	5 889	2 966	480	1 251	637	..	43 551
2002-03	14 126	5 414	5 621	5 614	2 852	1 060	1 220	545	..	36 451
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (e)										
2005-06	137 410	66 910	75 048	55 861	34 187	8 147	7 096	11 718	..	396 376
2004-05	143 614	62 381	73 060	47 627	35 778	7 951	7 309	13 278	..	390 998
2003-04	139 976	62 878	70 843	48 946	36 765	7 750	7 232	8 965	..	383 356
2002-03	152 360	58 197	71 855	48 556	34 513	8 296	7 662	10 040	..	391 479
All courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems, the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court, and coroners' courts)										
2005-06	261 311	162 200	124 850	115 279	66 847	16 546	12 688	23 651	..	854 732
2004-05	271 900	160 356	124 576	96 882	68 295	15 716	13 806	25 170	..	851 996
2003-04	260 421	152 712	114 970	96 353	70 708	15 310	13 839	20 922	..	818 608
2002-03	280 543	134 284	118 886	97 182	69 918	14 806	13 598	19 484	..	823 704

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	- 21 191	- 12 939	- 8 914	- 8 146	..	..	..	..	- 51 190
2004-05	..	- 25 746	- 12 959	- 6 557	- 7 174	..	..	..	..	- 52 436
2003-04	..	- 27 454	- 11 895	- 7 403	- 6 496	..	..	..	..	- 53 247
2002-03	..	- 39 177	- 11 872	- 7 112	- 6 206	..	..	..	..	- 64 366
Family courts (c), (d)										
2005-06	16 111	..	..	..	..	119 308	135 420
2004-05	15 804	..	..	..	..	116 209	132 014
2003-04	14 900	..	..	..	..	112 248	127 147
2002-03	14 755	..	..	..	..	117 099	131 854
Federal Magistrates Court (f)										
2005-06	35 868	35 868
2004-05	31 106	31 106
2003-04	22 826	22 826
2002-03	18 315	18 315

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.
- (c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court has implications for the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia expenditure time series.
- (d) Data for the Family Court of Australia excludes the 'free' allocation of the Court's resources to the Federal Magistrates Court. Data for the Federal Court include the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.
- (e) In Queensland, some children's court matters are heard in the district court. As a result, the inclusion of all children's court expenditure in the magistrates' court will lead to a slight overestimation of the magistrates' court total and an underestimation in the district court total.
- (f) The Federal Magistrates Court expenditure data includes resources received free of charge from the Federal Court and Family Court of Australia.
na Not available. ... Not applicable.

Table 6A.14

Table 6A.14 Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal and civil, 2005-06 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
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Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.15

Table 6A.15 Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure (per cent), 2005–06 (a)

	NSW (f)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax (b)										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court	34.1	30.8	22.4	14.4	14.3	15.3	29.7	2.1	7.7	19.6
District/county courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c)	35.9	21.0	36.5	18.9	17.7	..	..	..	..	26.8
Children's courts (d)	47.6	49.2	37.8	28.6	28.2	44.1	9.2	7.6	..	40.7
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d)	0.6	..	–	–	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.2
Family courts (e)	43.3	42.4	32.5	27.8	26.7	44.1	8.5	7.5	..	36.8
Federal Magistrates Court	..	..	..	10.5	..	..	..	..	1.8	8.5
Aus cts = Australian courts.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27.2	27.2

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) Expenditure is real recurrent expenditure with no income or revenue deducted.

(b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.

(c) The Victorian magistrates' court fees figure incorporates both the criminal and civil jurisdictions (though the criminal component is relatively small), and fees paid through the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

(d) Victoria, Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not collect court fees in the civil jurisdiction of the children's courts.

(e) The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Magistrates Court and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible. Many of the Family Court of Australia's applications do not attract a fee.

(f) In NSW, corporations are charged double the fees payable by private individuals. Therefore, the 'average' fees for NSW are higher than the actual fees paid by private individuals.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero. **np** Not published.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 Average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2005-06 dollars (\$)

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2005-06	1 530	1 216	560	1 232	1 204	379	968	305	1 008	1 148
2004-05	1 452	1 196	446	1 060	928	365	804	367	1 108	1 092
2003-04	1 651	1 145	673	1 031	696	119	714	263	783	1 072
2002-03	1 565	1 190	525	1 144	448	119	724	238	871	1 032
District/county courts										
2005-06	1 245	1 027	505	851	446	..	..	..	..	877
2004-05	1 385	1 060	489	659	446	..	..	..	..	877
2003-04	1 289	746	631	670	454	..	..	..	..	832
2002-03	1 066	784	504	704	213	..	..	..	..	736
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (a)										
2005-06	140	83	102	89	98	63	56	57	..	106
2004-05	131	79	101	59	96	55	60	59	..	99
2003-04	152	82	93	55	85	70	60	72	..	105
2002-03	114	75	78	52	76	45	64	76	..	87
Children's courts										
2005-06	5	..	-	-	4	..	..	..	..	2
2004-05	1	..	-	10	5	..	..	..	..	1
2003-04	1	..	-	4	7	..	..	..	..	1
2002-03	1	..	na	5	-	..	..	..	..	na
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (a)										
2005-06	136	81	98	88	95	61	54	57	..	103
2004-05	127	78	97	59	93	54	58	58	..	96
2003-04	148	80	89	54	84	69	58	70	..	102
2002-03	112	74	na	51	75	45	63	75	..	na

Table 6A.16

Table 6A.16 Average civil court fees collected per lodgment, 2005-06 dollars (\$)

	NSW (c)	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Family courts (b)										
2005-06	..	..	..	120	..	..	..	..	66	82
2004-05	..	..	..	101	..	..	..	..	61	72
2003-04	..	..	..	98	..	..	..	..	61	70
2002-03	..	..	..	90	..	..	..	..	54	60
Federal Magistrates Court (b)										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	165
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	152	152
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	146	146
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169	169
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	791	246	445	489	585	328	595	300	..	533
2004-05	717	235	445	461	599	283	586	300	..	504
2003-04	670	231	na	445	542	108	572	300	..	429
2002-03	622	223	na	430	513	101	560	300	..	397
Aus cts = Australian courts.										

(a) The Victorian magistrates' court fees figure incorporates both the criminal and civil jurisdictions, but the civil court fees are likely to encompass a significant proportion. As well, the data includes applications lodged in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal.

(b) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia has reduced fees received by the Family Court of Australia. Many of the Family Court of Australia's applications do not attract a fee. The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Magistrates Court and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible.

(c) In NSW, corporations are charged double the fees payable by private individuals. Therefore, the 'average' fees for NSW are higher than the actual fees paid by private individuals.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. -- Nil or rounded to zero. np Not published.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 Backlog indicator, criminal, as at 30 June 2006 (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts
Supreme courts - non-appeal (c), (d)									
Pending case load (no.)	94	226	514	80	82	185	166	114	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	37	45	89	18	23	30	32	25	..
per cent (%)	39.4	19.9	17.3	22.5	28.0	16.2	19.3	21.9	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	5	19	18	3	5	8	4	16	..
per cent (%)	5.3	8.4	3.5	3.8	6.1	4.3	2.4	14.0	..
Supreme courts - appeal (d)									
Pending case load (no.)	207	306	124	206	77	27	37	15	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	12	53	1	34	2	1	5	4	..
per cent (%)	5.8	17.3	0.8	16.5	2.6	3.7	13.5	26.7	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	4	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	..
per cent (%)	1.9	1.3	-	1.0	-	-	-	-	..
District/County courts - non-appeal (c), (e)									
Pending case load (no.)	1 498	2 042	2 239	1 309	1 141	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	186	354	452	419	319	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	12.4	17.3	20.2	32.0	28.0	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	32	47	157	92	86	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	2.1	2.3	7.0	7.0	7.5	..	..	..	..
District/County courts - appeal (e), (f)									
Pending case load (no.)	1 223	1 064	271	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	27	92	63	..	..	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	2.2	8.6	23.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	3	39	21	..	..	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	0.2	3.7	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 Backlog indicator, criminal, as at 30 June 2006 (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts
Magistrates' courts (g)									
Pending case load (no.)	17 492	27 259	34 626	10 133	22 526	24 956	1 347	na	..
Cases >6 mths (no.)	1 730	5 482	10 706	2 869	7 341	7 018	339	na	..
per cent (%)	9.9	20.1	30.9	28.3	32.6	28.1	25.2	na	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	364	1 477	5 377	1 094	3 384	1 202	139	na	..
per cent (%)	2.1	5.4	15.5	10.8	15.0	4.8	10.3	na	..
Children's courts (g)									
Pending case load (no.)	1 603	2 582	2 385	1 338	1 359	670	188	na	..
Cases >6 mths (no.)	201	342	592	316	302	210	43	na	..
per cent (%)	12.5	13.2	24.8	23.6	22.2	31.3	22.9	na	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	25	42	249	88	139	66	7	na	..
per cent (%)	1.6	1.6	10.4	6.6	10.2	9.9	3.7	na	..

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Backlog is a measure of case processing timeliness. This indicator compares the age (in elapsed time) of a court's pending caseload against agreed time standards. Pending counts are taken at 30 June each year.
- (b) In the criminal jurisdiction, those lodgments that have bench warrants associated with them have been excluded from the count. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an active pending population. Where jurisdictions have diverted from this national counting rule, it is footnoted. NSW supreme courts count the execution of a bench warrant as an initiation however, in 2005-06, no lodgments were initiated by this method.
- (c) In Queensland, the age of pending non-appeal cases that are initiated in the Supreme or District Court as a result of a committal hearing in the Magistrates' Court, have been calculated using the date of presentation of the indictment, not the date of committal order in the Magistrates Court.
- (d) The criminal casemix of the NSW Supreme Court is principally murder and manslaughter cases and therefore not directly comparable with supreme courts in other states and territories.
- (e) The criminal jurisdiction of the District Courts in SA and WA do not have appellate jurisdiction. All appeals from the Magistrates (criminal) court go directly to the Supreme (criminal) courts in these two states.
- (f) Queensland District Court appeals pending have been extrapolated.
- (g) The criminal pending caseload figure for the NSW Magistrates Courts and NSW Children's Courts is extrapolated from 56 computerised Local Courts. These courts represent 83 per cent coverage of the state.

Table 6A.17

Table 6A.17 Backlog indicator, criminal, as at 30 June 2006 (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cfs
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na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.18 Backlog indicator, civil, as at 30 June 2006 (a)

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	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts (€)
Supreme / Federal - non-appeal (b), (c)									
Pending case load (no.)	7 437	5 991	5 140	2 565	558	1 554	1 401	233	3 240
Cases >12 mths (no.)	1 887	1 809	2 018	1 061	116	619	551	132	1 578
per cent (%)	25.4	30.2	39.3	41.4	20.8	39.8	39.3	56.7	48.7
Cases >24 mths (no.)	836	652	1 123	552	38	414	274	92	1 130
per cent (%)	11.2	10.9	21.8	21.5	6.8	26.6	19.6	39.5	34.9
Supreme / Federal - appeal									
Pending case load (no.)	638	271	105	248	50	102	20	58	580
Cases >12 mths (no.)	90	59	2	55	3	19	1	6	77
per cent (%)	14.1	21.8	1.9	22.2	6.0	18.6	5.0	10.3	13.3
Cases >24 mths (no.)	13	20	-	6	2	5	-	4	13
per cent (%)	2.0	7.4	-	2.4	4.0	4.9	-	6.9	2.2
District/County - non-appeal (c), (d)									
Pending case load (no.)	7 348	6 168	5 680	2 713	3 266	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	2 010	2 492	2 245	1 041	882	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	27.4	40.4	39.5	38.4	27.0	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	752	1 467	1 256	462	388	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	10.2	23.8	22.1	17.0	11.9	..	..	..	..
District/County - appeal (c), (d)									
Pending case load (no.)	33	89	113	112	14	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	10	2	26	24	-	..	..	..	..
per cent (%)	30.3	2.2	23.0	21.4	-	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	1	-	12	7	-
per cent (%)	3.0	-	10.6	6.3	-

Table 6A.18 Backlog indicator, civil, as at 30 June 2006 (a)

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	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts (e)
Coroners' courts									
Pending case load (no.)	4 066	2 977	2 200	1 236	1 253	233	246	226	..
Cases >12 mths (no.)	1 638	839	578	332	367	48	63	40	..
per cent (%)	40.3	28.2	26.3	26.9	29.3	20.6	25.6	17.7	..
Cases >24 mths (no.)	na	na	233	89	163	11	33	14	..
per cent (%)	na	na	10.6	7.2	13.0	4.7	13.4	6.2	..

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) Backlog is a measure of case processing timeliness. This indicator compares the age (in elapsed time) of a court's pending caseload against agreed time standards. Pending counts are taken at 30 June each year.

(b) Non appeal matters for the Federal Court include a significant number of Native Title matters which by nature are both long and complex.

(c) Queensland pending data for the Supreme and District courts have been extrapolated based on data for the Courts that were connected to a computerised case management system. In 2005-06, these courts accounted for approximately 98 per cent and 91 per cent of the total number of civil non-appeal lodgments respectively.

(d) NSW pending data for the district court (civil jurisdiction) is extrapolated from Sydney data to derive a state total.

(e) In the civil jurisdiction those lodgments that have not been acted upon in the last 12 months are deemed finalised and excluded from the pending population counts. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an 'active pending' population. The jurisdictions who have not applied this rule are the Australian courts and the Victorian Magistrates Courts.

(f) Excludes children's courts.

(g) Victoria's Magistrates' court data includes a proportion of pending caseload from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

na Not available. .. Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.19

Table 6A.19 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation), 2005–06 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (i)	NT	Aus cts
Criminal – attendances per finalisation									
Supreme court	na	3.5	2.9	3.9	3.8	5.7	5.4	7.1	..
District/county court (b)	na	4.2	3.7	5.1	6.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' court	na	3.4	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.1	3.4	3.1	..
Children's court	na	4.2	2.3	2.8	3.7	5.1	5.2	5.8	..
Civil - attendances per finalisation									
Supreme/Federal Court (c)	na	1.5	1.6	3.5	3.0	na	4.5	3.7	3.0
District/county court (c)	na	2.3	0.7	3.5	4.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' court (d)	na	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.7	na	1.3	1.9	..
Children's court (e)	na	1.7	2.3	5.0	2.8	na	6.0	1.9	..
Family court (f)	..	..	..	1.8	..	..	..	..	3.6
Federal Magistrates Court (g)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.5
Coroners' court (h)	na	1.0	2.4	1.0	2.0	1.3	1.8	1.0	..

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The attendance index is based on a count of the number of times each case actually comes before the court before it is finalised. An attendance is defined as the number of times that parties or their representatives were required to be present in court (including any appointment which is adjourned or rescheduled) for all finalised matters during the year. Unless otherwise noted, a court appearance extending over more than one day is counted as one attendance. Attendances are heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator.
- (b) WA data for the criminal component of the district court are experimental. The criminal case management computer system does not record the number of hearings, which occurred per defendant. Data extracted is based on the number of listings recorded. Information may be refined in future.
- (c) Queensland civil court attendance data for the Supreme and District courts are extrapolated.
- (d) Victoria's Magistrates' court civil data includes a proportion of hearings from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- (e) The Queensland Children's Court finalisation data for 2005-06 is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.
- (f) Data for appeal cases in the Family Court of Australia have been excluded; the number of appeal cases and their associated court events are relatively small and their effect on the attendance indicator is considered to be insignificant.
- (g) Excludes responses to applications.

Table 6A.19

Table 6A.19 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation), 2005–06 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT (i)	NT	Aus cts
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(h) In 2005-06 the coroners' courts attendance index is derived from the number of attendances per finalised inquest only.

(i) In both the criminal and civil jurisdiction, total number of attendances based on total number of listings. i.e. if a case extends over three days, 3 attendances have been counted. For the civil jurisdiction of the ACT Magistrates court, return of subpoena listings have been included.

na Not available. ... Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 Judicial officers, 2005–06 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cfs	Total
Criminal											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
	Supreme court	FTE 13.1	12.3	6.5	7.6	4.6	4.2	2.4	3.6	..	54.2
	District/county court (c)	FTE 45.4	30.9	24.6	16.4	12.8	..	..	..	..	130.0
	Magistrates' court	FTE 104.9	67.0	51.1	33.2	26.7	9.0	3.8	7.2	..	302.8
	Children's court	FTE 7.3	2.0	4.0	3.7	3.8	0.6	1.0	0.7	..	23.1
	Electronic system (d)	FTE ..	–	–	–	–	..	..	..	..	–
	Total	FTE 170.7	112.2	86.1	60.9	47.8	13.8	7.2	11.5	..	510.1
Civil											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
	Supreme/Federal Court	FTE 49.4	28.7	13.9	21.5	10.4	3.3	3.3	4.3	53.0	187.7
	District/county court	FTE 24.7	21.1	5.5	9.3	7.6	..	..	..	..	68.3
	Magistrates' court (e)	FTE 7.1	56.0	16.0	9.8	8.9	1.8	2.6	5.2	..	107.4
	Children's court	FTE 10.7	6.0	2.6	0.7	1.0	..	0.1	0.4	..	21.5
	Family court	FTE ..	..	..	13.6	..	..	..	..	50.0	63.6
	Federal Magistrates Court	FTE ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35.0	35.0
	Coroners' court	FTE 5.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	1.7	0.2	0.4	1.5	..	21.8
	Total	FTE 96.9	116.8	44.0	56.9	29.6	5.3	6.4	11.5	138.0	505.3
Criminal and civil											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
	Supreme/ Federal courts	FTE 62.5	41.0	20.4	29.1	14.9	7.5	5.6	7.9	53.0	241.9
	District/county court	FTE 70.1	52.0	30.1	25.7	20.4	..	..	..	..	198.3
	Magistrates' court (e)	FTE 112.0	123.0	67.0	43.0	35.6	10.8	6.4	12.4	..	410.2
	Children's court	FTE 18.0	8.0	6.6	4.4	4.8	0.6	1.1	1.2	..	44.6
	Total	FTE 262.6	224.0	124.1	102.2	75.7	18.9	13.1	21.4	53.0	895.0

Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 Judicial officers, 2005–06 (a), (b)

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Criminal											
Rate per 100 000 people (f)											
	Supreme court	no.	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.7	1.8	..	0.3
	District/county court (c)	no.	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	..	..	..	..	0.6
	Magistrates' court	no.	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.2	3.5	..	1.5
	Children's court	no.	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	..	0.1
	Electronic system (d)	no.	..	–	–	–	..	..	..	..	–
	Total	no.	2.5	2.2	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.2	5.6	..	2.5
Civil											
Rate per 100 000 people (f)											
	Supreme/Federal Court	no.	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.0	2.1	0.3	0.9
	District/county court	no.	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.5	..	..	..	..	0.3
	Magistrates' court (e)	no.	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.5	..	0.5
	Children's court	no.	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	..	0.0	0.2	..	0.1
	Family court	no.	..	..	0.7	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.3
	Federal Magistrates Court	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.2	0.2
	Coroner's court	no.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	..	0.1
	Total	no.	1.4	2.3	2.8	1.9	1.1	2.0	5.6	0.7	2.5
Criminal and civil											
Rate per 100 000 people (f)											
	Supreme/Federal Court	no.	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.7	3.9	0.3	1.2
	District/county court	no.	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.3	..	..	..	..	1.0
	Magistrates' court (e)	no.	1.6	2.4	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.0	6.0	..	2.0
	Children's court	no.	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.6	..	0.2
	Total	no.	3.9	4.4	5.0	4.9	3.9	4.0	10.4	0.7	4.4

Aus cts = Australian courts.

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Table 6A.20

Table 6A.20 **Judicial officers, 2005–06 (a), (b)**

	Unit	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
(a)	FTE = full time equivalent.										
(b)	A judicial officer is defined as: judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data is provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.										
(c)	Appeals are not heard in the criminal jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in WA and SA.										
(d)	No electronic courts have open court sittings.										
(e)	Victoria's Magistrate's court civil data includes a proportion of judicial officers from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.										
(f)	The financial year population is the average financial years data for 2005–06 (see table AA.2 in the Statistical Appendix).										

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS (unpublished), *Australian Demographic Statistics*, cat. no. 3101.0.

Table 6A.21

Table 6A.21 Clearance rate (finalisations/lodgments), criminal, 2005–06 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Note:	< 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.									
	100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.									
	> 100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.									
Supreme courts										
<i>Appeal</i>	99.6	102.4	97.9	88.2	125.0	45.7	75.3	116.7	..	100.3
<i>Non-appeal</i>	123.5	86.3	90.5	103.6	105.2	104.0	90.2	109.7	..	96.9
All matters	102.9	97.0	92.1	95.2	119.7	100.4	86.1	110.3	..	98.2
District/county courts (b)										
<i>Appeal</i>	94.1	82.3	109.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	91.5
<i>Non-appeal</i>	98.3	87.5	105.1	110.5	88.5	..	..	..	..	100.3
All matters	95.5	85.0	105.2	110.5	88.5	..	..	..	..	97.1
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
All matters	101.0	93.5	96.0	108.0	99.3	71.9	113.7	100.0	..	96.5
Children's courts										
All matters	99.4	81.0	99.7	99.8	102.5	79.7	94.6	117.4	..	95.4
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
All matters	100.9	92.5	96.2	107.2	99.5	72.1	112.0	101.4	..	96.4
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems (c)										
All matters	..	144.8	88.0	44.2	87.2	..	..	..	..	107.8

Aus cts = Australian courts.

Table 6A.21 Clearance rate (finalisations/lodgments), criminal, 2005–06 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
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(a) The clearance rate is derived by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period, by the number of lodgments in the same period. The result is multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage. The clearance rate should be interpreted alongside lodgment and finalisation data, and the backlog indicator, reported earlier. Trends over time should also be considered. The clearance rate can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator: • a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload is the same as was 12 months earlier, • a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload has decreased, • a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload has increased.

(b) Queensland District Court appeals finalised have been extrapolated.

(c) Includes infringement notices, but excludes unpaid court fines.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.22

Table 6A.22 Clearance rate (finalisations/ldgments), civil, 2005–06 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Note:	< 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.									
	100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.									
	>100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.									
Supreme/Federal Court (b)										
<i>Appeal</i>	112.5	112.8	94.3	97.4	157.7	59.6	113.6	84.8	100.8	103.9
<i>Non-appeal</i>	102.8	83.4	91.4	98.2	121.4	138.9	90.0	117.0	107.2	99.3
All matters	103.5	84.8	91.5	98.1	124.5	132.1	91.2	100.9	105.8	99.7
District/county courts (b)										
<i>Appeal</i>	118.0	84.1	129.5	114.7	138.6	..	..	..	..	110.8
<i>Non-appeal</i>	110.3	122.9	130.6	131.3	106.2	..	..	..	..	119.8
All matters	110.4	121.5	130.6	130.8	106.8	..	..	..	..	119.6
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c)										
All matters	93.2	84.2	99.2	97.7	118.3	103.1	106.2	89.9	..	93.4
Children's courts (d)										
All matters	97.9	80.1	98.8	108.4	99.2	91.6	94.3	124.7	..	94.0
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
All matters	93.4	84.1	99.2	97.8	117.6	102.7	105.7	90.4	..	93.4
Family courts										
<i>Appeal</i>	..	..	..	53.2	..	..	..	..	78.9	75.2
<i>Non-appeal</i>	..	..	..	86.5	..	..	..	..	107.3	100.9
All matters	..	..	..	86.4	..	..	..	..	107.0	100.7
Federal Magistrates Court										
All matters	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.4	99.4
Coroners' courts										
All matters	82.3	93.6	89.3	79.6	108.2	105.2	96.0	105.4	..	90.5
Aus cts = Australian courts.										
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Table 6A.22

Table 6A.22 Clearance rate (finalisations/lodgments), civil, 2005–06 (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
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- (a) The clearance rate is derived by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period, by the number of lodgments in the same period. The result is multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage. The clearance rate should be interpreted alongside lodgment and finalisation data, and the backlog indicator, reported earlier. Trends over time should also be considered. The clearance rate can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator: • a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload is the same as was 12 months earlier, • a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload has decreased, • a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload has increased.
- (b) Queensland finalisation data for the Supreme (non-appeal only) and District courts have been extrapolated based on data for the Courts that were connected to a computerised case management system in 2005-06, these Courts accounted for approximately 98 per cent and 91 per cent of the total number of civil non-appeal lodgments respectively.
- (c) Victoria's Magistrates' court data includes a proportion of finalisations and lodgments from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- (d) The Queensland Children's Courts data for 2005-06 is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.

na Not available .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax (b)										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	21 936	22 880	4 572	23 499	12 085	10 034	11 779	16 943	..	13 273
2004-05	21 268	21 298	5 777	16 280	13 307	8 862	16 420	17 781	..	13 554
2003-04	27 901	21 490	5 686	14 941	16 552	7 905	15 565	11 738	..	13 995
2002-03	19 691	19 258	8 039	15 071	15 522	5 941	16 895	12 134	..	13 324
District/county courts (c), (d)										
2005-06	5 530	9 784	3 310	7 707	9 086	..	..	..	..	6 006
2004-05	5 237	9 832	4 470	6 112	8 477	..	..	..	..	6 169
2003-04	5 012	8 360	2 598	5 920	9 150	..	..	..	..	5 189
2002-03	5 793	8 362	2 604	5 864	9 214	..	..	..	..	5 470
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2005-06	491	354	288	497	330	152	478	567	..	380
2004-05	524	325	307	390	413	134	640	644	..	383
2003-04	543	327	308	456	473	136	546	575	..	397
2002-03	415	351	346	503	419	168	585	536	..	386
Children's courts										
2005-06	749	127	575	372	414	343	1 460	414	..	469
2004-05	730	130	524	648	445	334	1 742	446	..	524
2003-04	802	116	589	677	460	304	1 085	560	..	551
2002-03	575	100	368	787	386	107	1 084	551	..	442
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c)										
2005-06	505	338	305	486	337	157	551	553	..	386
2004-05	536	314	321	414	416	140	728	625	..	392
2003-04	561	313	328	478	472	141	604	573	..	408
2002-03	426	331	347	530	416	165	639	537	..	390

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Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	813	729	460	776	550	..	..	..	..	653
2004-05	843	707	508	665	659	..	..	..	..	666
2003-04	870	674	480	738	764	..	..	..	..	670
2002-03	651	675	488	837	696	..	..	..	..	624
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	- 20	- 33	- 83	- 67	..	..	..	..	- 30
2004-05	..	- 25	- 36	- 69	- 79	..	..	..	..	- 33
2003-04	..	- 26	- 34	- 74	- 74	..	..	..	..	- 34
2002-03	..	- 35	- 44	- 68	- 68	..	..	..	..	- 41
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts and electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	..	20	72	184	87	..	..	..	..	..
2004-05	..	15	76	161	121	..	..	..	..	..
2003-04	..	14	79	172	133	..	..	..	..	..
2002-03	..	3	108	169	118	..	..	..	..	..
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2005-06	22 614	23 122	4 703	23 499	12 588	10 204	11 779	17 339	..	13 528
2004-05	21 925	21 803	5 951	16 280	13 835	8 984	16 420	18 091	..	13 856
2003-04	28 787	21 963	5 910	14 941	17 209	8 024	15 565	12 029	..	14 342
2002-03	20 230	19 847	8 251	15 071	16 131	6 045	16 895	12 495	..	13 638
District/county courts (c), (d)										
2005-06	5 689	9 955	3 398	7 707	9 471	..	..	..	..	6 142
2004-05	5 392	9 994	4 591	6 112	8 832	..	..	..	..	6 310
2003-04	5 168	8 526	2 689	5 920	9 532	5 322
2002-03	5 941	8 552	2 678	5 864	9 590	5 597
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Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2005-06	508	365	297	497	343	155	478	585	..	391
2004-05	542	335	316	390	428	137	640	664	..	394
2003-04	558	337	319	456	491	138	546	596	..	408
2002-03	425	362	356	503	435	175	585	552	..	396
Children's courts										
2005-06	778	131	590	372	432	352	1 460	427	..	483
2004-05	755	135	538	648	464	340	1 742	459	..	537
2003-04	824	120	604	677	480	311	1 085	582	..	563
2002-03	593	103	378	787	403	112	1 084	569	..	452
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c)										
2005-06	524	349	314	486	351	161	551	571	..	397
2004-05	555	324	330	414	431	142	728	644	..	403
2003-04	576	322	340	478	490	143	604	595	..	419
2002-03	437	341	358	530	432	172	639	553	..	400
All criminal courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	841	745	474	776	573	280	927	1 115	..	669
2004-05	871	724	522	665	685	236	1 242	1 187	..	684
2003-04	895	691	497	738	795	229	1 036	940	..	687
2003-04	668	693	502	837	723	265	1 112	833	..	640
Electronic infringement and enforcement systems										
2005-06	..	- 20	- 32	- 83	- 66	..	..	..	..	- 30
2004-05	..	- 25	- 35	- 69	- 77	..	..	..	..	- 33
2003-04	..	- 26	- 34	- 74	- 72	..	..	..	..	- 33
2002-03	..	- 35	- 44	- 68	- 67	..	..	..	..	- 40

Table 6A.23

Table 6A.23 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts and electronic infringement and enforcement systems)										
2005-06	..	21	75	184	93	..	..	..	..	..
2004-05	..	16	80	161	128	..	..	..	..	..
2003-04	..	15	84	172	141	..	..	..	..	..
2002-03	..	4	113	169	125	..	..	..	..	..

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure.
- (c) In the criminal court jurisdiction in Queensland, some children's court expenditure and finalisations are heard in the district court. This has not been taken into account in the above analysis.
- (d) In NSW, Vic and Qld the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in WA and SA.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax (b)										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (c)										
2005-06	2 702	3 203	2 086	7 389	5 503	1 504	2 469	13 741	10 952	4 545
2004-05	2 954	2 951	2 314	5 693	9 342	1 554	2 279	11 890	17 555	5 036
2003-04	2 980	2 997	1 290	4 334	7 214	1 445	3 017	20 565	12 102	4 569
2002-03	3 723	3 007	1 331	4 691	8 900	1 164	2 310	12 462	14 578	5 042
District/county courts										
2005-06	1 859	3 176	651	2 750	1 808	..	..	..	..	1 933
2004-05	2 336	2 312	475	2 875	1 923	..	..	..	..	1 921
2003-04	1 659	2 409	707	2 917	2 338	..	..	..	..	1 795
2002-03	926	1 788	1 187	3 033	2 663	..	..	..	..	1 473
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2005-06	160	91	162	196	167	59	395	768	..	152
2004-05	173	80	153	223	305	55	371	1 202	..	161
2003-04	147	82	112	286	394	29	338	726	..	147
2002-03	319	55	94	367	302	29	227	857	..	167
Children's courts (e)										
2005-06	903	1 349	1 072	490	552	–	1 124	1 008	..	979
2004-05	796	1 208	905	869	672	–	1 242	974	..	912
2003-04	732	1 481	1 247	425	na	–	2 398	461	..	na
2002-03	1 195	992	na	423	na	21 427	3 211	486	..	na
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	186	120	198	201	179	57	424	773	..	176
2004-05	192	105	185	232	318	55	403	1 195	..	183
2003-04	162	111	161	289	na	28	386	713	..	na
2002-03	345	80	na	369	na	94	257	841	..	na

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Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
District/county courts										
2005-06	1 959	3 256	680	2 750	1 900	..	..	..	..	1 996
2004-05	2 467	2 370	504	2 875	2 036	..	..	..	..	1 990
2003-04	1 751	2 472	745	2 917	2 464	..	..	..	..	1 861
2002-03	977	1 846	1 234	3 033	2 789	..	..	..	..	1 525
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2005-06	170	98	170	196	177	61	395	795	..	159
2004-05	183	86	160	223	320	58	371	1 242	..	169
2003-04	162	88	118	286	411	32	338	758	..	156
2002-03	345	61	98	367	315	33	227	893	..	177
Children's courts (e)										
2005-06	932	1 393	1 100	490	574	-	1 124	1 040	..	1 008
2004-05	823	1 245	930	869	701	-	1 242	1 004	..	939
2003-04	765	1 524	1 276	425	na	-	2 398	479	..	na
2002-03	1 223	1 026	na	423	na	21 599	3 211	493	..	na
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (d), (e)										
2005-06	196	127	207	201	189	59	424	800	..	185
2004-05	203	112	193	232	333	57	403	1 234	..	191
2003-04	178	118	168	289	na	31	386	745	..	na
2002-03	371	87	na	369	na	99	257	876	..	na
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2005-06	429	346	343	717	503	255	683	1 527	10 952	544
2004-05	465	329	319	648	806	257	703	2 136	17 555	569
2003-04	407	321	276	807	na	240	711	2 661	12 102	na
2002-03	800	239	na	938	na	254	415	2 210	14 578	na

Table 6A.24

Table 6A.24 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Family courts (c)										
2005-06	..	..	..	1 187	..	..	..	..	3 147	2 630
2004-05	..	..	..	1 251	..	..	..	..	2 681	2 358
2003-04	..	..	..	1 124	..	..	..	..	2 141	1 936
2002-03	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	2 038	na
Federal Magistrates Court										
2005-06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	445	445
2004-05	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	402	402
2003-04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	363	363
2002-03	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	347	347
Coroners' courts (f)										
2005-06	1 519	1 165	3 533	7 139	2 318	809	751	3 569	..	2 179
2004-05	1 582	1 273	2 686	4 527	1 248	832	840	3 211	..	1 739
2003-04	1 438	1 206	2 352	3 588	1 165	887	2 519	3 824	..	1 680
2002-03	1 486	1 311	766	5 433	1 078	764	690	3 154	..	1 458

Aus cts = Australian courts.

(a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).

(b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax was deducted from expenditure.

(c) The introduction of the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia will have implications for the Family Court of Australia time series. Data for the Federal Court exclude the cost of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Magistrates Court.

(d) From 2002-03, the Victorian data include matters that were finalised in the Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal. Similar types of tribunal matter have been included in past Victorian data.

(e) Expenditure on civil matters in the Children's court in Tasmania is included in the criminal expenditure data. The civil matters (care and protection orders) are dealt with by the criminal registry in Tasmania.

Table 6A.24 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Q/d	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
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(f) The inclusion of expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In WA the coroners' courts assumed responsibility for all autopsy and chemical analysis work for the first time in 2005-06 resulting in an increase in the cost per finalisation for that year.

na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.25

Table 6A.25 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax (b)										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2005-06	3 521	5 112	2 671	9 691	6 990	3 553	4 278	15 523	10 952	5 541
2004-05	3 937	4 638	3 104	7 309	10 576	3 279	4 068	14 903	17 555	6 067
2003-04	4 434	4 852	2 089	5 691	9 364	2 854	4 865	16 489	12 102	5 617
2002-03	4 928	5 025	2 327	6 121	10 762	2 303	4 748	12 329	14 578	6 036
District/county courts (c)										
2005-06	3 817	5 927	1 966	4 694	3 915	..	..	..	..	3 820
2004-05	3 917	4 966	2 293	4 193	3 877	..	..	..	..	3 802
2003-04	3 231	4 846	1 691	4 275	4 431	..	..	..	..	3 347
2002-03	2 639	4 158	1 911	4 302	4 669	..	..	..	..	3 062
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
2005-06	321	209	246	391	272	133	436	634	..	280
2004-05	345	193	253	324	380	119	489	793	..	286
2003-04	336	198	234	400	448	115	427	615	..	287
2002-03	392	185	257	457	378	134	347	608	..	306
Children's courts										
2005-06	808	467	702	382	435	275	1 345	469	..	598
2004-05	752	455	627	665	476	293	1 562	501	..	620
2003-04	782	455	760	652	na	274	1 355	544	..	na
2002-03	648	356	na	746	na	525	1 386	541	..	na
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
2005-06	343	221	269	390	283	137	488	623	..	296
2004-05	364	203	273	346	387	123	549	769	..	302
2003-04	356	209	266	419	na	119	484	610	..	na
2002-03	407	194	na	478	na	148	394	604	..	na

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Table 6A.25 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
All courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems, the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court, and coroners' courts)										
2005-06	602	513	414	755	523	269	800	1 212	..	598
2004-05	636	495	433	659	693	236	926	1 402	..	615
2003-04	612	482	395	762	na	227	849	1 364	..	na
2002-03	680	426	na	873	na	254	657	1 122	..	na
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2005-06	3 677	5 190	2 765	9 691	7 340	3 616	4 278	15 890	10 952	5 644
2004-05	4 125	4 793	3 214	7 309	11 083	3 339	4 068	15 169	17 555	6 200
2003-04	4 637	5 010	2 193	5 691	9 806	2 909	4 865	16 936	12 102	5 744
2002-03	5 115	5 268	2 407	6 121	11 241	2 352	4 748	12 694	14 578	6 164
District/county courts (c)										
2005-06	3 949	6 045	2 024	4 694	4 092	..	..	..	..	3 916
2004-05	4 061	5 061	2 364	4 193	4 062	..	..	..	..	3 903
2003-04	3 353	4 951	1 756	4 275	4 635	..	..	..	..	3 443
2002-03	2 724	4 264	1 971	4 302	4 872	..	..	..	..	3 144
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
2005-06	334	218	254	391	284	136	436	655	..	290
2004-05	360	201	261	324	395	122	489	817	..	295
2003-04	350	206	243	400	466	118	427	640	..	297
2002-03	406	194	265	457	393	140	347	628	..	316
Children's courts										
2005-06	837	482	721	382	453	282	1 345	484	..	616
2004-05	778	469	644	665	496	299	1 562	516	..	636
2003-04	807	468	779	652	na	280	1 355	565	..	na
2002-03	667	368	na	746	na	533	1 386	557	..	na

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Table 6A.25 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2005–06 dollars (\$) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aus cts	Total
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts) (c), (d)										
2005-06	357	230	278	390	296	140	488	643	..	306
2004-05	379	212	282	346	403	126	549	794	..	312
2003-04	371	217	276	419	na	122	484	634	..	na
2002-03	422	203	na	478	na	154	394	624	..	na
All courts (excl. electronic infringement and enforcement systems, the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court, and coroners' courts)										
2005-06	626	528	428	755	547	274	800	1 247	10 952	613
2004-05	663	510	447	659	723	241	926	1 437	17 555	633
2003-04	638	497	411	762	na	232	849	1 409	12 102	na
2002-03	704	442	na	873	na	262	657	1 158	14 578	na

Aus cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded from expenditure.
- (c) In the criminal court jurisdiction in Queensland, some children's court expenditure and finalisations are heard in the district court. This has not been taken into account in the above analysis.
- (d) Victorian data includes finalisations, and associated expenditure from the Victorian Civil Administration Tribunal.
- na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

Table 6A.26

Table 6A.26 Treatment of assets by court administration agencies

Revaluation method (d)	Federal Court of Australia	Family Court of Australia	NSW	Vic	Qld (a)	WA	SA	Tas (b)	ACT	NT (c)
Land	Deprival	Deprival	Deprival or market	na	Deprival	Market	Deprival	Deprival	na	..
Buildings	Deprival	Deprival	DRC	na	Deprival	Market	Deprival	Deprival	na	..
Other assets	Deprival	Deprival	na	na	Deprival	..	Deprival	Deprival	na	..
Frequency of revaluations	3 years	3 years	5 years	5 years	5 years	na	3 years	5 years	5 years	..
Other assets	3 years	3 years	..	..	..	na	3 years	5 years	5 years	..
Useful asset lives (e), (f)	na	na	40 years	40 years	50 years	40–50 years	30–60 years	50 years	na	..
General equip.	na	na	5–16 years	5–10 years	3–7 years	5–10 years	3–10 years	5–20 years	na	..
IT equipment	4 years	4 years	4 years	3–5 years	3 years	3–10 years	3–10 years	na	na	..
Office equipment	8 years	8–10 years	4–10 years	10 years	5 years	5–10 years	10 years	na	na	..
Vehicles	na	na	na	5 years	5 years	2–8 years	na	10 years	na	..
Library material	80 years	80 years	10 years	na	Infinite	na	Infinite	na	na	..
Capitalisation threshold	2 000	2 000	na	na	2 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	2 000	..
Buildings	2 000	2 000	na	na	2 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	2 000	..
IT equipment	1 500	1 500	na	na	2 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	2 000	..
Other assets	2 000	2 000	3 000	3 000	2 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	2 000	..

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- (a) Recognition threshold for revaluation of assets is \$500 000.
 - (b) Declining balance method of depreciation used in contrast to the straight-line method used by other jurisdictions.
 - (c) Services currently report under cash-based accounting.
 - (d) DRC is the depreciated replacement cost; market value is the current (net) value market selling price or exchange value; and deprival value may be either the DRC of an asset of a similar service potential or the stream of its future economic benefits. For some jurisdictions, office equipment includes furniture and fittings.
 - (e) Estimated as 1/depreciation rate.
 - (f) Asset lives for some assets have been grouped with other classifications. For some jurisdictions, IT equipment includes software.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Department annual reports.