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FIRE EVENTS (CHAPTER 9)

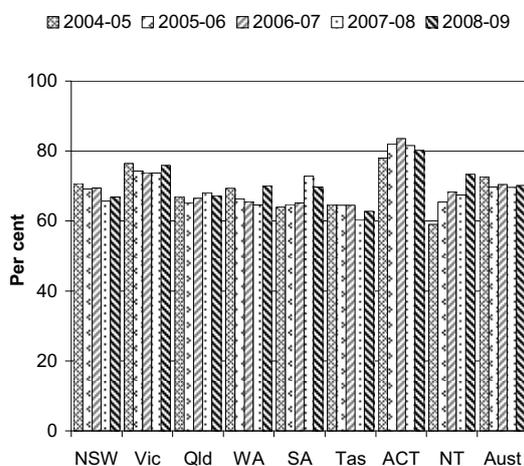
- Reporting in the emergency management chapter focuses on emergency management services provided for fire, road rescue and ambulance events. Fire events are the focus of this factsheet.
- Fire events include (but are not limited to): structure fires (fires inside a building or structure), regardless of whether there is damage to the structure; landscape fires, including bushfires and grass fires, regardless of the size of the area burnt; other fires, including vehicle and other mobile property fires, and outside rubbish fires (p. 9.12). Nationally, fire service organisations (FSOs) attended more than 112 thousand fire incidents in 2008-09 (p. 9.15).
- Performance reporting for fire events includes information on FSOs as the primary agencies involved in providing emergency management services for fire events. Recurrent expenditure on FSOs across Australia was more than \$3.0 billion (or approximately \$138 per person) in 2008-09 (pp. 9.13 and 9.32). Nationally, there were 17 833 full time equivalent paid personnel and 217 672 volunteers in FSOs in 2008-09 (pp. 9.8 and 9.14).

Objectives of emergency management

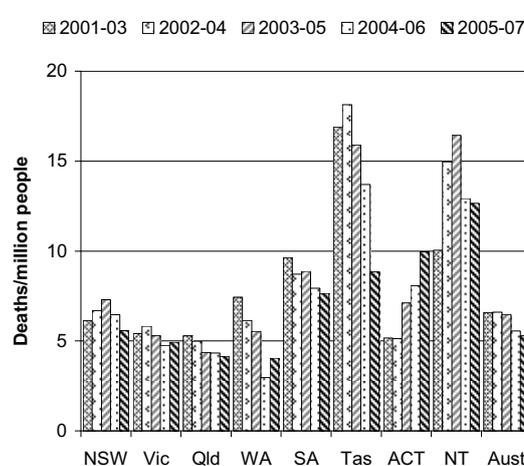
- To reduce the adverse effects of emergencies and disasters on the Australian community (including people, property, infrastructure, economy and environment).
- To contribute to the management of risks to the Australian community.
- To enhance public safety (p. 9.10).

Selection of results

Structure fires contained to the object/room of origin^a (p. 9.29)

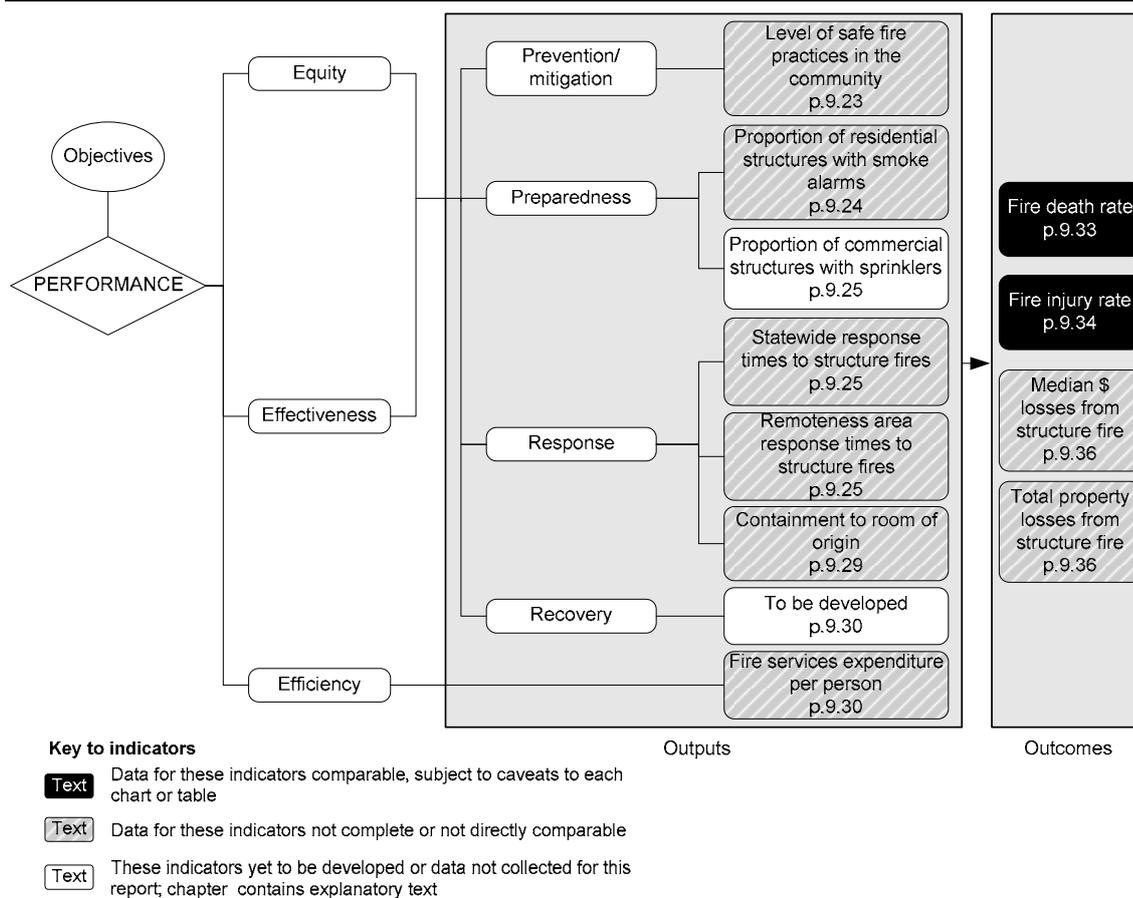


Annual fire death rate, three year rolling average^a (p. 9.34)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically on the CD-ROM enclosed with the Report and from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2010). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for Fire events (figure 9.6, p. 9.21)



Developments in reporting since the 2009 Report

- Revised fire deaths data incorporating ABS revisions.
- Inclusion of fire injuries data for all states and territories for the latest reference year.

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