
7 Court administration

This chapter in the *Report on Government Services 2008* (2008 Report) covers the performance of court administration for State and Territory supreme, district/county and magistrates' (including children's) courts, electronic infringement and enforcement systems, coroners' courts and probate registries. It also covers the performance of court administration for the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of WA and the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia. This chapter does not include information on the High Court of Australia, and broadly excludes tribunals and specialist jurisdiction courts (for example, Indigenous and circle sentencing courts and drug courts are excluded). The focus of this chapter is on the administration of the courts, not the outcomes of legal processes.

Court administration agencies throughout Australia provide a range of services integral to the effective performance of the judicial system. The primary functions of court administration agencies are to:

- manage court facilities and staff, including buildings, security and ancillary services such as registries, libraries and transcription services
- provide case management services, including client information, scheduling and case flow management
- enforce court orders through the sheriff's department or a similar mechanism.

Indigenous data in the court administration chapter

The court administration chapter in the 2008 Report contains no specific data items on Indigenous people.