

# NSW Trends in Domestic & Family Violence – Quarterly Report

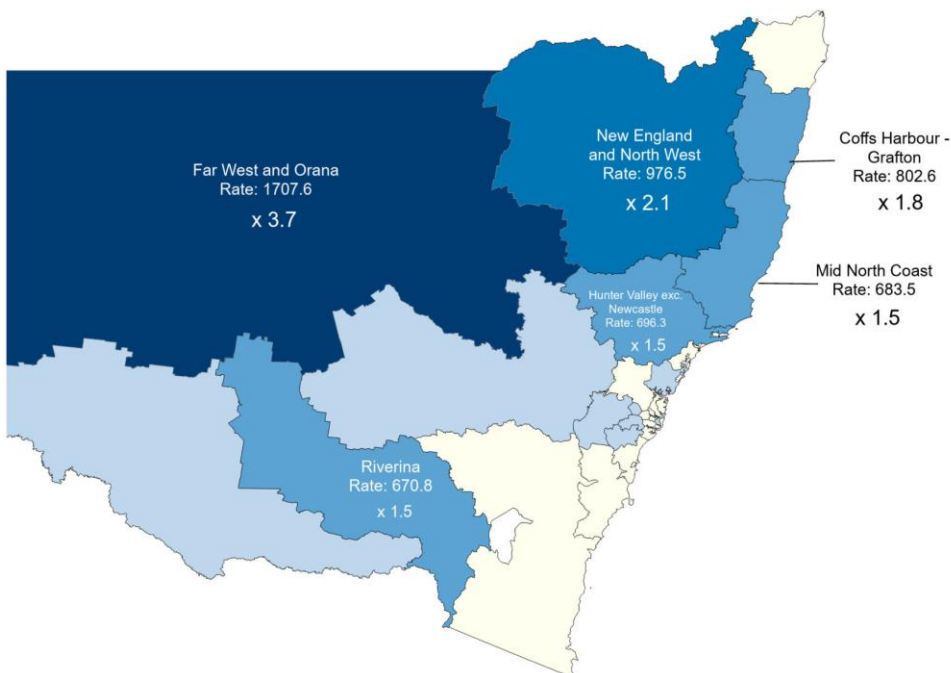
## Data to June 2024

Quarterly update on domestic and family violence recorded by the NSW Police Force. Includes trends in recorded domestic violence (DV) related criminal incidents, police enforcement and victim characteristics.

### Key Insights

- There were 15 adult women who were a victim of a DV murder in the 12 months to June 2024, up 2 from the previous 12-month period, and down 6 from ten years ago (12 months to June 2015).
- DV assaults recorded by NSW Police in the 12 months to June 2024 were up 6.5% compared with the previous 12 months and up 2.8% per year on average over ten years.
- The most serious category of DV assault (Grievous bodily harm) has been stable in the two and ten years to June 2024.
- The increase in recorded DV assaults over the two years to June 2024 is being driven by increases in Greater Sydney, up 6.9%. The increases recorded in South West and Outer South West account for 47.7% of the increase in Greater Sydney over the two years to June 2024.
- During the same period, DV assaults recorded in Regional NSW remained stable overall, despite a significant increase recorded in Far West and Orana (up 12.6%) and New England and North West (up 15.8%).

## DV assault in NSW – Rate map July 2023 - June 2024



### Ratio to NSW average

- Equal to or less than NSW ave.
- Up to 50% higher than NSW ave.
- 50% and higher but < double NSW ave.
- Between 2 and 3 times NSW ave.
- > 3 times NSW ave.

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# Recorded DFV Trends - incidents and victims

## DV assault incidents 12 months to June 2024

**37,332**

Current

**↑ 2,273**

From prior year

**↑ 6.5%**

2 year trend

**↑ 2.8%**

10 year trend  
(annual average)

Figure 1. Two and ten year trends in DV related incidents

	Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	Jul 2019 - Jun 2020	Jul 2020 - Jun 2021	Jul 2021 - Jun 2022	Jul 2022 - Jun 2023	Jul 2023 - Jun 2024	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
DV murder	38	27	31	26	35	32	29	23	28	31	stable	stable
<b>Total DV assault</b>	<b>29,094</b>	<b>29,305</b>	<b>28,753</b>	<b>28,720</b>	<b>30,566</b>	<b>31,888</b>	<b>32,948</b>	<b>31,969</b>	<b>35,059</b>	<b>37,332</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
DV Grievous bodily harm	424	384	370	368	367	373	398	366	362	363	stable	stable
DV Actual bodily harm	7,110	7,326	7,569	7,505	8,096	8,349	8,765	8,796	9,486	9,554	stable	<b>3.3%</b>
DV Common assault	21,553	21,589	20,808	20,840	22,098	23,156	23,774	22,795	25,195	27,403	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
DV Intimidation, stalking & harassment	12,781	13,211	13,420	13,870	15,307	16,982	19,069	19,933	21,593	23,241	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
DV breach AVO	12,629	13,863	14,067	14,273	15,876	18,365	19,505	20,753	22,075	24,063	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
DV Non-criminal episode	77,920	78,851	80,437	79,690	82,864	88,719	86,931	82,408	81,085	88,870	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

Figure 2. DV assault incidents in 12 months (numbers and rate per 100,000 population)

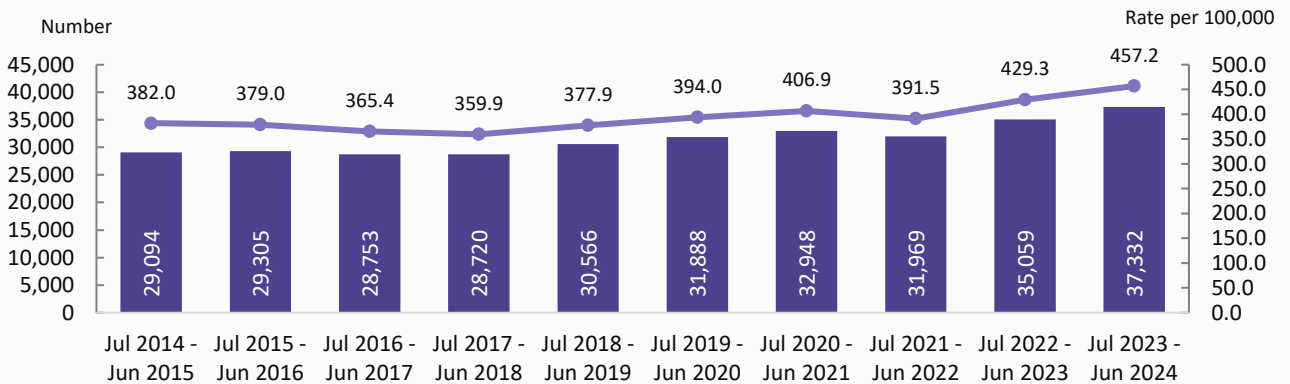
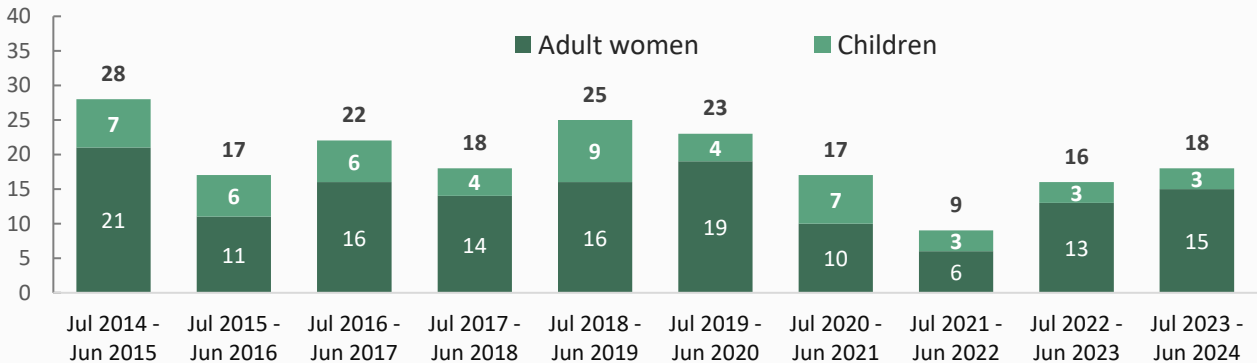


Figure 3. DV murder victims: adult women and children only



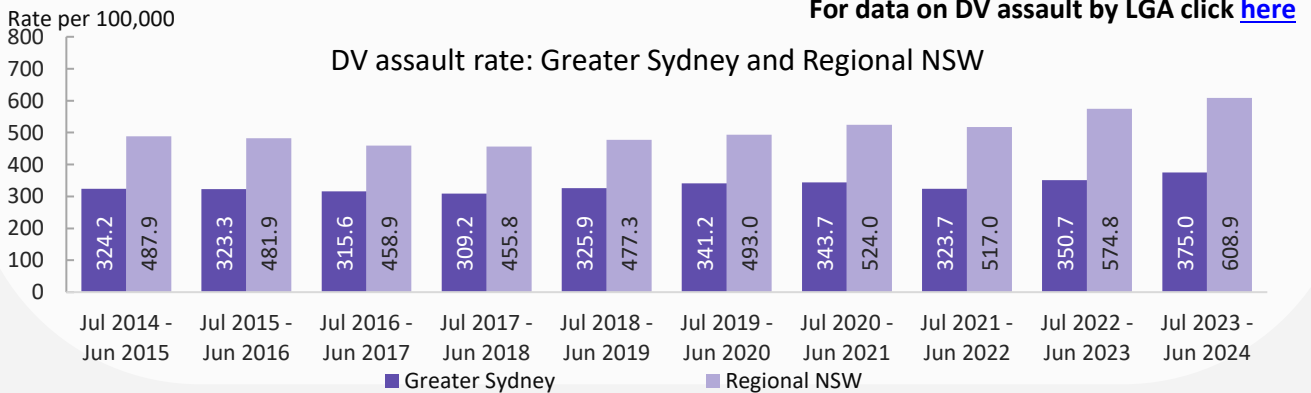
'Domestic Violence' includes incidents flagged by the NSW Police Force as domestic violence related, based on relationship between victim and offender including current and ex intimate partner, family member and other domestic relationships such as household members, carers and ex partner of current partner.

# What are the regional trends for DV assault?

Figure 4. DV assault: Greater Sydney, Regional NSW, NSW and Regional SA4

Region	Two year trends	Ten year trends (annual average % change)	Ratio to NSW	Number (12 months to Jun 2024)	Rate per 100,000 (12 months to Jun 2024)
<b>Greater Sydney</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	0.8	19,886	375.0
<b>Regional NSW</b>	Stable	<b>3.2</b>	1.3	17,434	608.9
<b>NSW</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	1.0	37,332	457.2
<b>Greater Sydney</b>					
Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	Stable	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	434	159.9
Blacktown	Stable	<b>1.4</b>	1.2	2,225	536.0
Central Coast	Stable	<b>2.7</b>	1.1	1,750	501.2
City & Inner South	Stable	<b>2.6</b>	1.1	1,647	484.3
Eastern Suburbs	Stable	<b>1.6</b>	0.6	720	273.2
Inner South West	Stable	<b>2.2</b>	0.9	2,441	401.8
Inner West	Stable	<b>3.4</b>	0.6	819	267.6
North Sydney & Hornsby	<b>15.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	687	161.5
Northern Beaches	<b>26.4</b>	Stable	<b>0.3</b>	321	121.9
Outer South West	<b>26.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	1.2	1,638	538.5
Outer West & Blue Mountains	<b>10.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	1.1	1,723	512.6
Parramatta	Stable	<b>2.0</b>	0.9	2,123	425.8
Ryde	Stable	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	375	183.0
South West	<b>12.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	1.1	2,428	499.7
Sutherland	Stable	<b>2.8</b>	0.5	555	240.0
<b>Regional NSW</b>					
Capital Region	Stable	<b>4.7</b>	0.9	1,023	425.1
Central West	Stable	<b>1.6</b>	1.4	1,415	660.8
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Stable	<b>5.7</b>	1.8	1,185	802.6
Far West & Orana	<b>12.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	2,000	1707.6
Hunter Valley excl. Newcastle	Stable	<b>5.0</b>	1.5	2,086	696.3
Illawarra	Stable	Stable	0.7	998	314.2
Mid North Coast	Stable	<b>5.1</b>	1.5	1,585	683.5
Murray	Stable	<b>4.8</b>	1.4	823	660.7
New England & North West	<b>15.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	1,835	976.5
Newcastle & Lake Macquarie	Stable	<b>1.7</b>	1.0	1,722	434.5
Richmond - Tweed	Stable	<b>1.0</b>	0.9	1,074	415.1
Riverina	Stable	<b>3.3</b>	1.5	1,104	670.8
Southern Highlands & Shoalhaven	Stable	<b>1.3</b>	0.8	584	360.1

Note, red –significant increase, green- significant decrease, black – at least twice as high as the NSW rate, yellow – at least half the NSW rate



# How do NSW Police respond to domestic and family violence?

Figure 5. Total DV assault incidents and % of incidents with a legal action by police commenced within 30 days

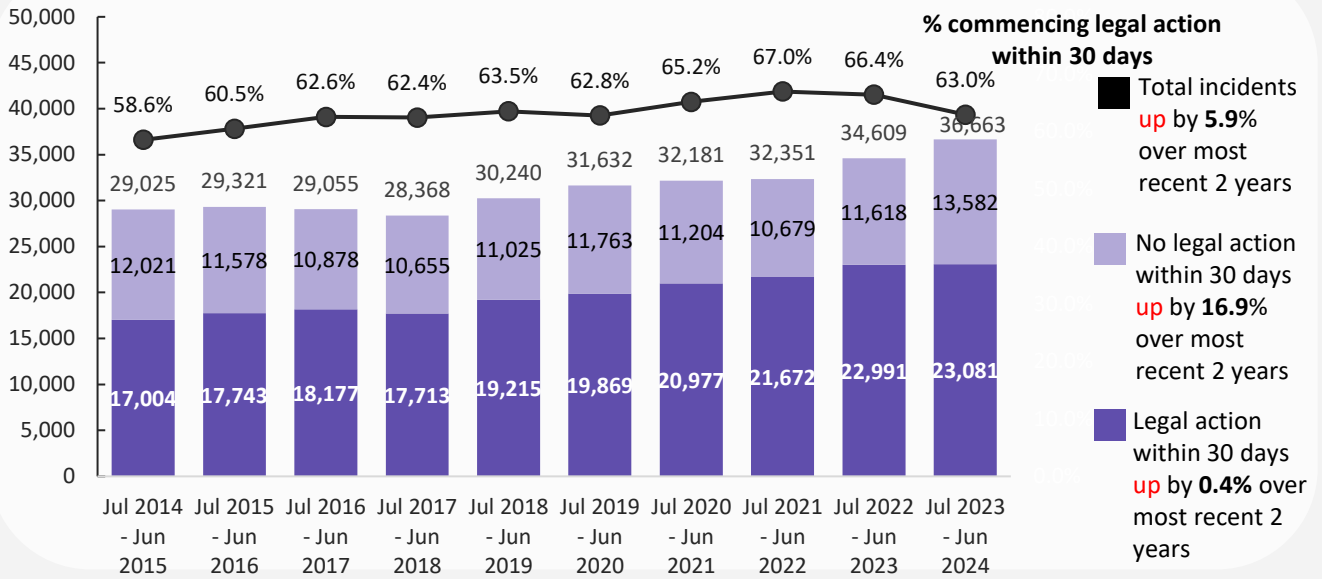


Figure 6. ADVO compliance checks by the NSW Police Force

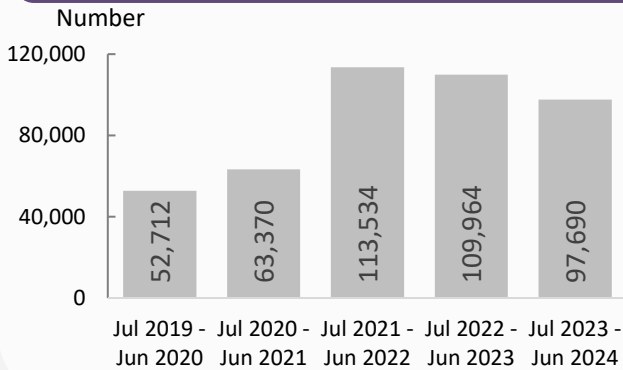


Figure 7. Number of ADVOs commenced

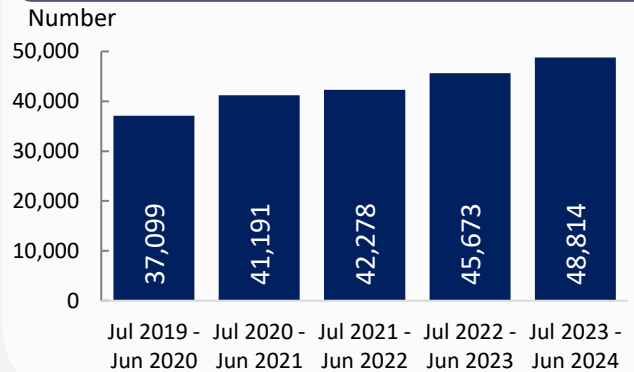
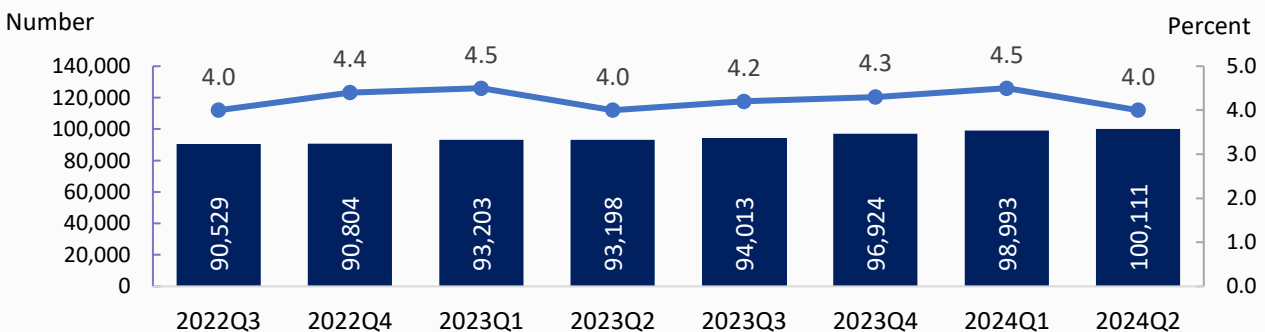


Figure 8. Number of ADVOs in force each quarter and % breached within the quarter



# What are the trends for domestic and family violence assault by victim type?

Figure 9. DV assault victim trends by victim age and gender

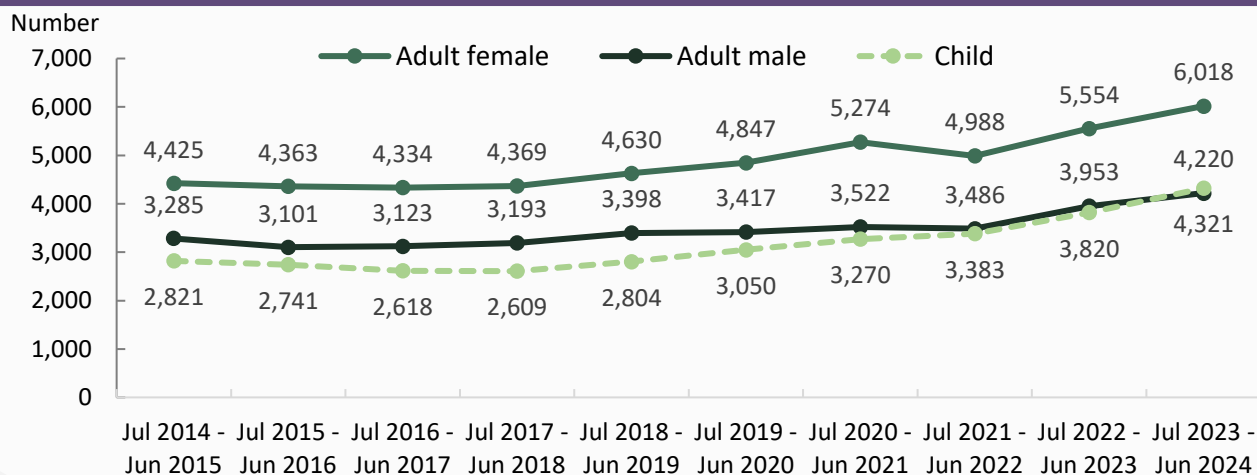
Victim type	Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	Jul 2019 - Jun 2020	Jul 2020 - Jun 2021	Jul 2021 - Jun 2022	Jul 2022 - Jun 2023	Jul 2023 - Jun 2024	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
<b>Total DV assault victims*</b>	31,797	31,711	30,848	31,039	32,735	34,174	35,386	34,404	37,848	40,587	7.2%	2.7%
<b>Adult female victims</b>	19,731	19,981	19,301	19,171	20,287	20,928	21,720	20,554	22,427	23,606	stable	2.0%
<b>Adult male victims</b>	7,989	7,810	7,863	8,128	8,582	9,060	9,235	9,297	10,327	11,172	8.2%	3.8%
<b>Child (0-17 years) victims</b>	3,850	3,716	3,489	3,534	3,669	3,981	4,185	4,302	4,847	5,513	13.7%	4.1%

\*Includes victims with missing/unknown age or gender

Figure 10. DV assault victim trends by victim relationship to perpetrator

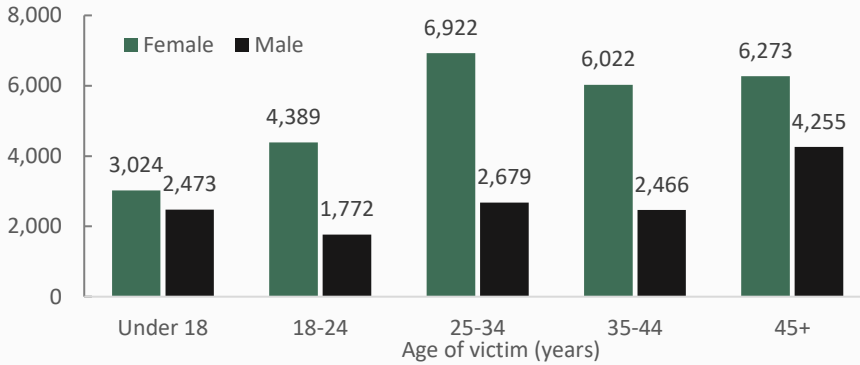
Relationship type	Jul 2014 - Jun 2015	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Jul 2016 - Jun 2017	Jul 2017 - Jun 2018	Jul 2018 - Jun 2019	Jul 2019 - Jun 2020	Jul 2020 - Jun 2021	Jul 2021 - Jun 2022	Jul 2022 - Jun 2023	Jul 2023 - Jun 2024	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
<b>Total</b>	18,159	18,605	17,701	17,458	18,648	19,381	19,970	19,200	20,859	21,922	stable	2.1%
<b>Intimate partner</b>												
<b>Female victim</b>	14,723	15,070	14,283	13,996	14,880	15,291	15,709	14,828	15,991	16,677	stable	1.4%
<b>Male victim</b>	3,388	3,508	3,379	3,436	3,756	4,069	4,233	4,349	4,841	5,225	stable	4.9%
<b>Family</b>	10,643	10,332	10,178	10,285	10,965	11,444	12,214	12,004	13,474	14,729	9.3%	3.7%
<b>Other</b>	2,909	2,702	2,889	3,197	3,048	3,256	3,095	3,049	3,286	3,690	stable	2.7%

Figure 11. DV assault victims of family violence



# Who are the victims and offenders of domestic and family violence assault?

Figure 12. DV assault victims by victim age and gender: 12 months to June 2024



### Summary\*

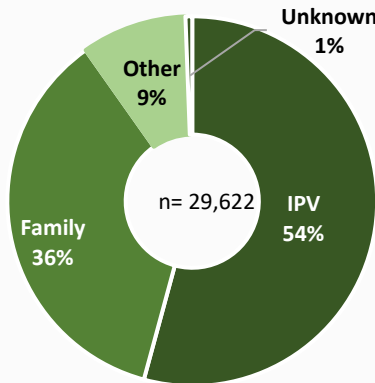
- 66% of victims were female
- 14% of victims were children
- 24% of victims were aged 25-34 yrs
- 55% of child victims were female
- 68% of adult victims were female

\*Excludes 312 victims with missing age or gender

Figure 13. Relationship between offender and victim of DV assault: 12 months to June 2024

**IPV** accounts for over half of DV assault victims; **54%**

**Family violence** accounts for over one third of DV assault victims; **36%**

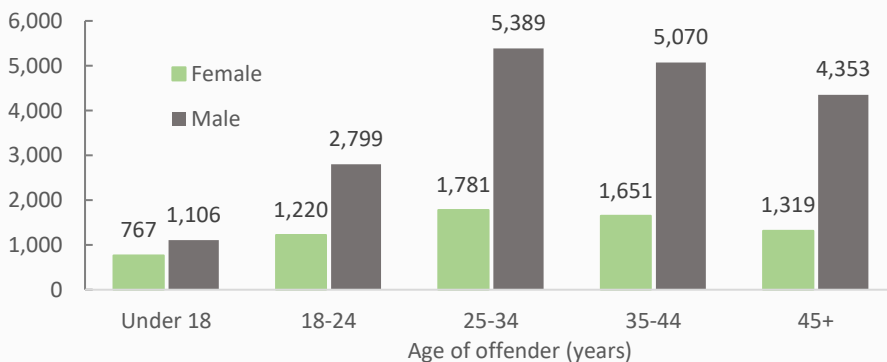


**Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):** current & ex spouse/partner, current & ex boy/girlfriend.

**Family Violence:** child, parent, sibling, other family member.

**Other:** carer, housemate, persons in authority, other (e.g. ex-partner of partner).

Figure 14. DV assault offenders<sup>^</sup>: 12 months to June 2024



### Summary<sup>~</sup>

- 74% of offenders were male
- 93% of offenders were adult
- 28% of offenders were aged 25-34 yrs
- 59% of child offenders were male
- 75% of adult offenders were male

<sup>~</sup>Excludes 43 persons with missing age or gender

<sup>^</sup> The term 'offenders' refers to persons of interest (POI) legally proceeded against by police for a criminal incident rather than a proven offence. Where an individual is involved in multiple criminal incidents throughout the year they will appear as a POI multiple times.