

COERCIVE CONTROL MONITORING REPORT

Preliminary report – 1 July 2024 – 31 August 2024

A new offence of coercive control commenced in NSW on 1 July 2024 ([s54D, Crimes Act 1900](#))

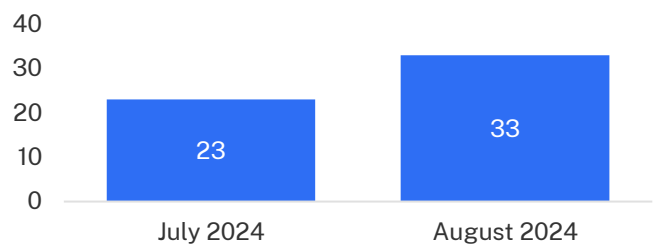
The offence of coercive control relates to the use of abusive behaviours directed towards a current or former intimate partner with the intention to coerce or control them. The criminal offence captures repeated patterns of physical or non-physical abuse used to hurt, scare, intimidate, threaten or control someone. The law applies to abusive behaviour from 1 July 2024.



Recorded incidents of coercive control

56 incidents of coercive control were recorded by NSW Police in July and August 2024

27 occurred in Greater Sydney (48%)
29 occurred in Regional NSW (52%)



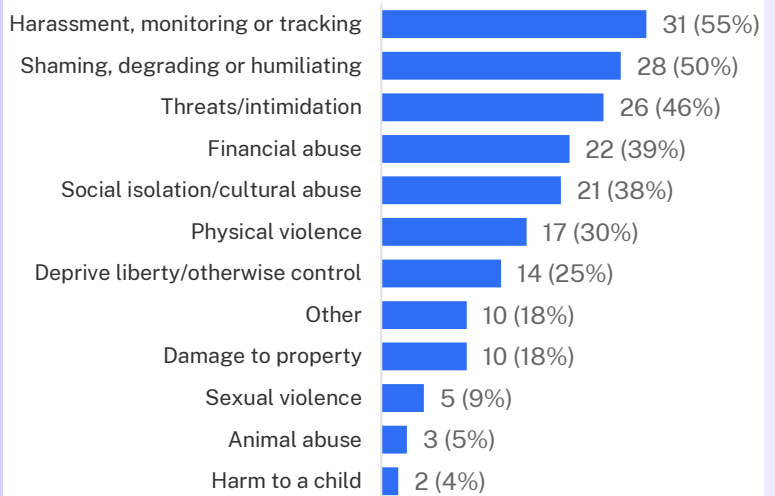
Nature of coercive control incidents

Coercive control incidents can include one or more types of controlling behaviour.

On average, **3.4** types of controlling behaviours were recorded per incident.

The most common behaviours recorded:

- Harassment, monitoring or tracking
- Shaming, degrading or humiliating
- Threats or intimidation
- Financial abuse
- Social isolation or cultural abuse



Victims of coercive control



53 (95%) were female and 3 (5%) were male



8 victims were Aboriginal (14%) and 46 were Non-Aboriginal (82%)*

*2 victims had an unknown Aboriginal status



Legal action for coercive control



2 incidents had court legal actions commenced by 31 August 2024.

As at 31 August 2024 no coercive control charge had been finalised in court.