

COERCIVE CONTROL MONITORING REPORT

Quarterly Report: December 2025

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

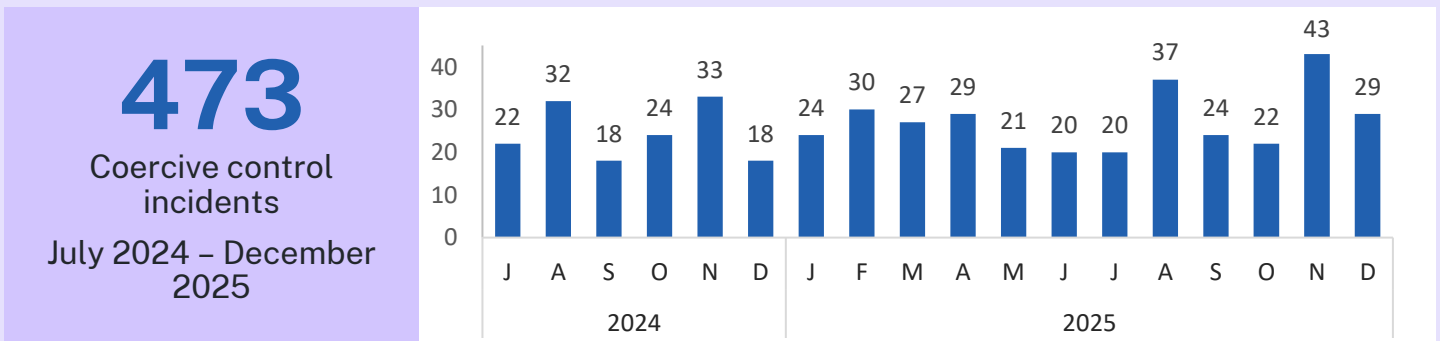
The offence relates to abusive behaviours directed towards a current or former intimate partner with the intention to coerce or control them. The offence captures repeated patterns of physical or non-physical abuse used to hurt, scare, intimidate, threaten or control someone. The law applies to behaviour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



Coercive control incidents recorded by NSW Police

Jul 2024-Dec 2025

1.1 Number of recorded incidents of coercive control



1.2 Nature of controlling behaviours



4 distinct controlling behaviours were involved per coercive control incident, on average.

Controlling behaviours identified	2024Q3	2024Q4	2025Q1	2025Q2	2025Q3	2025Q4	Total behaviours Jul 2024-Dec 2025	% of coercive control incidents
Harassment, monitoring or tracking	42	45	50	38	40	48	263	56%
Threats or intimidation	34	40	41	43	46	48	252	53%
Financial abuse	31	35	39	38	47	58	248	52%
Shaming, degrading or humiliating	33	34	35	35	30	50	217	46%
Social isolation or cultural abuse	30	31	34	29	44	42	210	44%
Physical violence	21	23	23	23	23	30	143	30%
Deprive liberty or otherwise control	18	20	16	15	22	23	114	24%
Sexual violence	8	11	12	17	15	17	80	17%
Damage or destruction of property	10	20	10	12	11	14	77	16%
Other coercive behaviour	14	6	8	4	12	12	56	12%
Harm to a child	3	3	4	4	9	7	30	6%
Animal abuse	4	5	4	6	3	6	28	6%
Total incidents	72	75	81	70	81	94	473	100%

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1.3 Incidents of coercive control recorded by NSW Police by region

Region of incident	2024 to Dec 2025						Jul 2024 to Dec 2025		
	2024Q3	2024Q4	2025Q1	2025Q2	2025Q3	2025Q4	Total number	Rate per 100,000	Ratio to NSW*
NSW total	72	75	81	70	81	94	473	5.6	1.0
Greater Sydney	37	33	29	29	32	24	184	3.3	0.6
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	2	1	0	1	1	3	8	2.8	0.5
Blacktown	4	1	1	4	4	2	16	3.6	0.6
Central Coast	6	4	6	4	3	4	27	7.6	1.4
City and Inner South	4	3	1	3	1	4	16	4.4	0.8
Eastern Suburbs	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.4	0.1
Inner South West	6	3	5	1	3	1	19	3.0	0.5
Inner West	2	4	3	1	1	2	13	4.1	0.7
North Sydney and Hornsby	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0.5	0.1
Northern Beaches	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.4	0.1
Outer South West	1	1	2	1	0	0	5	1.6	0.3
Outer West and Blue Mountains	4	5	4	4	4	1	22	6.4	1.1
Parramatta	4	7	2	2	1	3	19	3.6	0.6
Ryde	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.9	0.2
South West	3	1	4	3	12	3	26	5.0	0.9
Sutherland	1	3	0	2	1	0	7	2.9	0.5
Regional NSW	35	42	52	41	49	70	289	9.9	1.8
Capital Region	2	4	4	4	4	7	25	10.2	1.8
Central West	7	5	3	6	11	6	38	17.6	3.2
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	0	3	2	1	3	4	13	8.6	1.5
Far West and Orana	2	4	6	1	2	4	19	16.1	2.9
Hunter Valley exc Newcastle	3	2	10	7	10	14	46	14.8	2.7
Illawarra	5	3	3	1	4	9	25	7.7	1.4
Mid North Coast	3	4	4	3	3	4	21	8.9	1.6
Murray	2	0	3	5	2	7	19	14.9	2.7
New England and North West	3	6	3	7	3	3	25	13.1	2.4
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	4	3	5	2	1	4	19	4.7	0.8
Richmond - Tweed	3	5	5	0	5	3	21	8.0	1.4
Riverina	1	2	3	3	0	4	13	7.8	1.4
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	1	1	1	1	1	5	3.0	0.5

* The ratio to NSW is a comparison of the rate per 100,000 population of each region to the NSW rate per 100,000 population. A ratio of one indicates parity with the NSW rate. Red indicates the rate is double (or more) the NSW rate, while ratios half the NSW rate (or less) are highlighted in green.

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1.4 Factors associated with coercive control incidents (n=473 incidents)



Mental health

17 (4%) incidents were flagged as mental health related by NSW Police



Alcohol

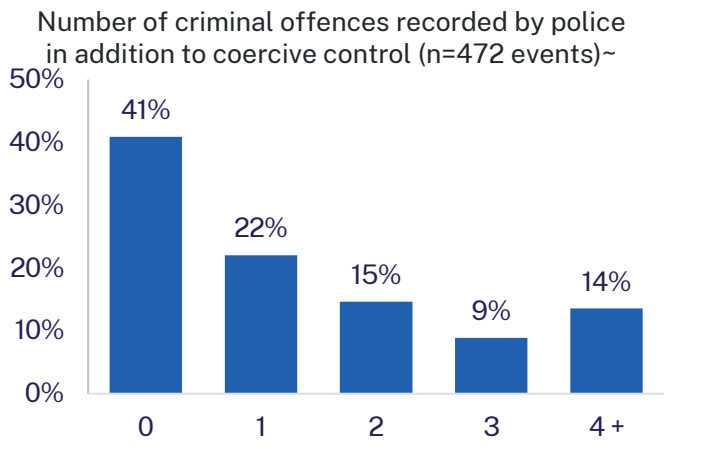
32 (7%) incidents were flagged as alcohol related by NSW Police



Translator

6 (1%) victims requested a translator from NSW Police

1.5 Offences co-occurring with coercive control



41% or 193 events: coercive control was the only recorded offence

59% or 279 events: multiple offences were recorded in the event. The most common co-occurring offences were:

- **Intimidation/stalking** – recorded in 35% of events
- **DV assault** – recorded in 34% of events
- **Malicious damage** – recorded in 12% of events



Legal actions commenced

Jul 2024-Dec 2025

1.6 Legal actions commenced for coercive control

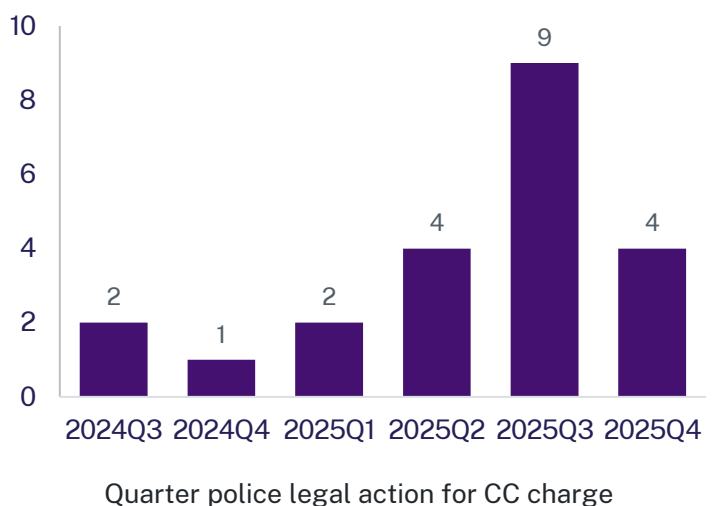
Between 1 July 2024 – 31 December 2025, **22** coercive control charges were laid. Of these:

- **11** were laid by NSW Police, **11** were initiated by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- **4** were not connected to a coercive control incident record created by NSW Police
- **1** was proven and received an Intensive Correction Order; **4** were withdrawn by the prosecution
- **17** remain pending before the court (as at 31 December 2025).



Median time from event to charge: **188 days**

Legal action commenced for coercive control, July 2024 – December 2025



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1.7 Nature of charges laid on the criminal event*

Type of charge laid	Count	% of all coercive control events
No charge of any type	268	56.3%
Coercive Control charge only	2	0.4%
Coercive Control charge plus other charge/s	20	4.2%
No Coercive Control charge but other charge/s	186	39.1%
Total coercive control events[^]	476	100%



Coercive Control charge plus other charge/s (n=20)

- 14 events included an **intimidation/stalking** charge
- 13 events included a **DV assault** charge
- 5 events included a **property damage** charge
- 5 events included a **breach AVO** charge
- 4 events included a **sexual assault** charge
- 3 events included an **abduction** charge

Other charges on events include two events with possess/use illicit drug charges, two with non DV assault charges, a murder charge, an arson charge, a breach of bail charge and other against the person charge.



No Coercive Control charge but other charge/s (n=186)

The most common criminal charges were:

- 121 events with an **intimidation/stalking** charge (65%)
- 112 events with a **DV assault** charge (60%)
- 41 events with a **property damage** charge (22%)
- 29 events with a **breach AVO** charge (16%)
- 10 events with a **sexual assault** charge (5%)

Other charges on events include charges for weapons offences, criminal intent, abduction, break and enter, fraud, possess/use illicit drug offences, and sexual touching and other sexual offences.

* **Note:** Table 1.7 includes one coercive control event record with two separate coercive control incidents on the event and four events resulting in a coercive control charge arising from NSW Police records of domestic violence related criminal events that did not include a record of a coercive control offence.

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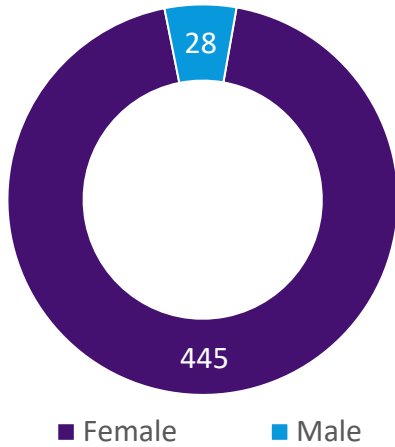
Victims of coercive control (n=473)

Jul 2024-Dec 2025

2.1 Victims by gender



94% of victims of coercive control were female



2.2 Victims by gender of the alleged offender

92% of coercive control incidents involved a female victim and a male alleged offender



2.3 Aboriginality of victims and alleged offender



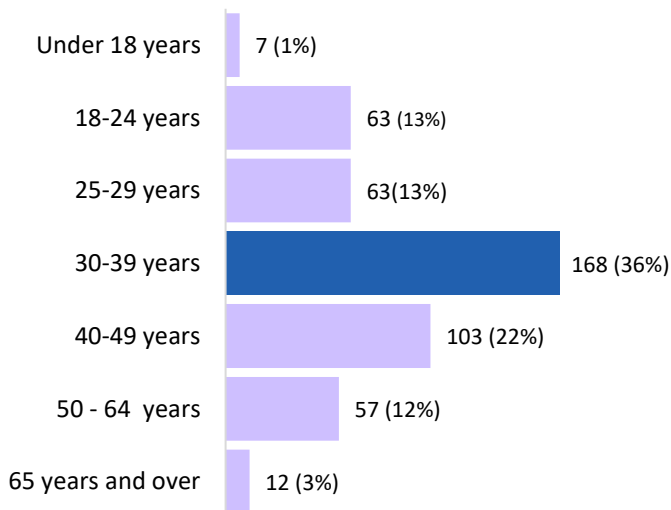
8% of victims of coercive control were Aboriginal



2.4 Victims by age



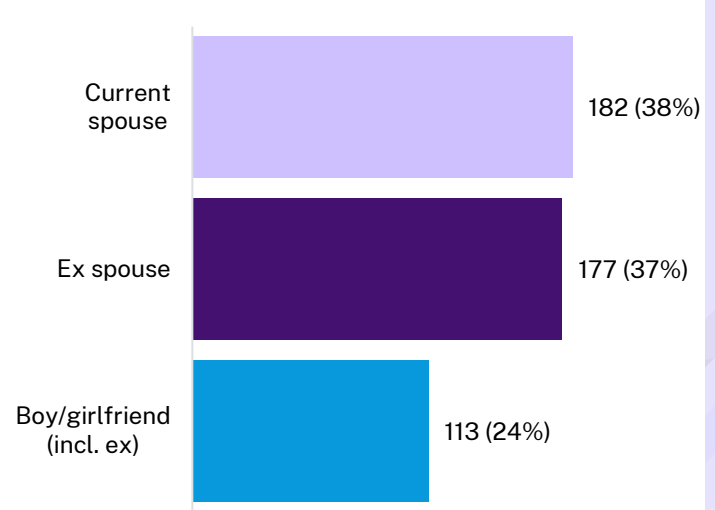
36% of victims of coercive control were aged 30 to 39 years



2.5 Relationship type of coercive control



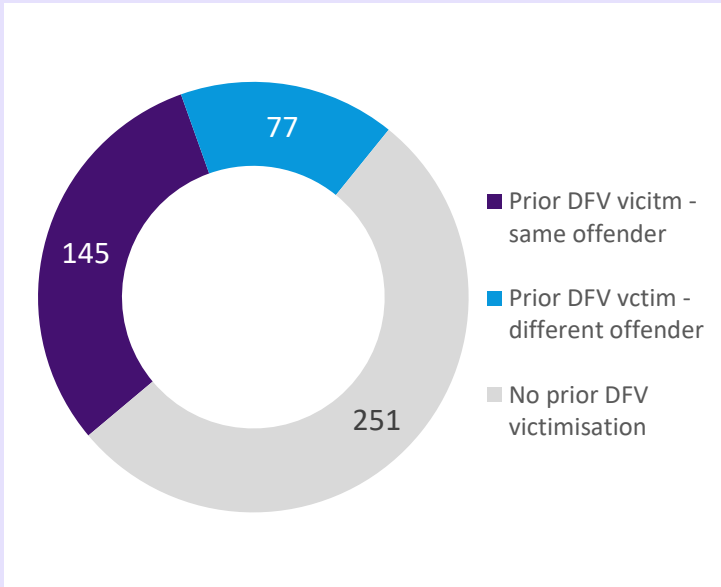
76% of victims of coercive control were the current spouse or ex spouse of the alleged offender



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2.5 Victims of coercive control recorded as prior victims of any domestic violence offence (n=473)



53% of coercive control victims had no prior history of DFV victimisation recorded by NSW Police.

47% (222) of coercive control victims had a previous DFV victimisation recorded by NSW Police.

- **31%** (145) by the **same** alleged offender
- **16%** (77) by a **different** alleged offender.



Among the **145** victims with a prior recorded DFV victimisation involving the same alleged offender, **28%** (41) had at least 3 records of prior DV victimisation involving that offender.

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average number of prior victimisations among victims with a prior DFV victimisation record (n=222).



Persons legally proceeded against for a coercive control charge

Jul 2024-Dec 2025

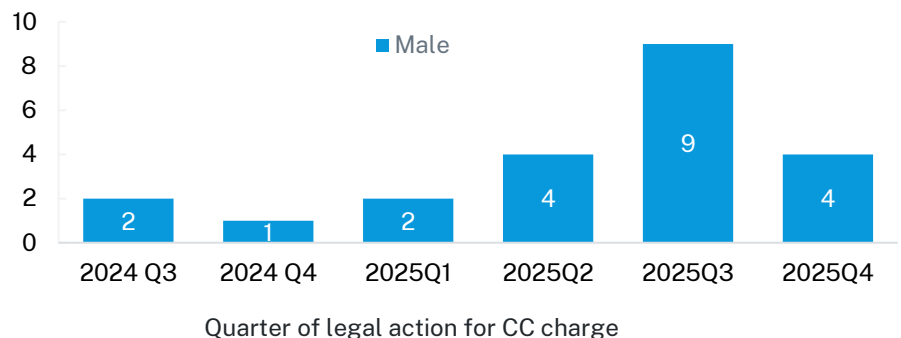
3.1 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by gender (n=22)

22 persons were legally proceeded against in the 18 months to December 2025.



All 22 were **male**, 19 were **non-Aboriginal** and 16 were aged between **30 and 49** years.

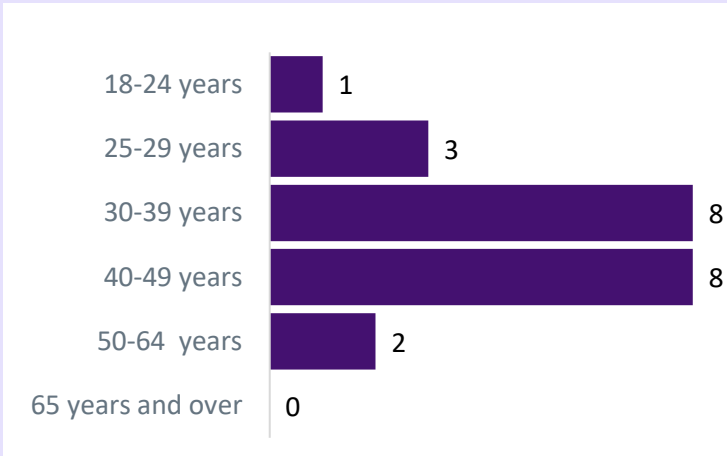
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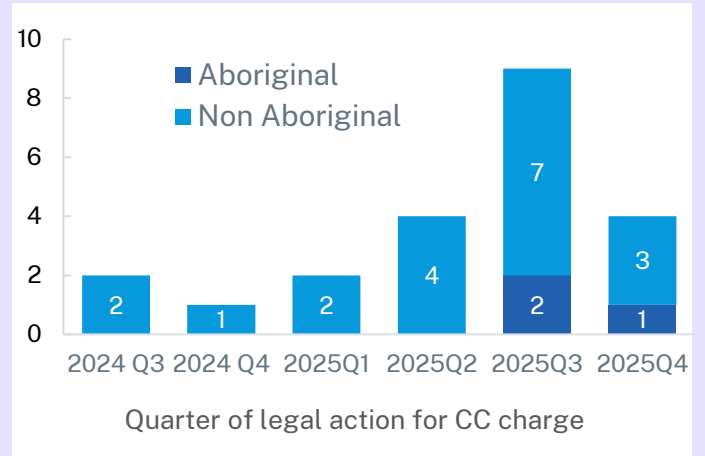
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3.2 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by age



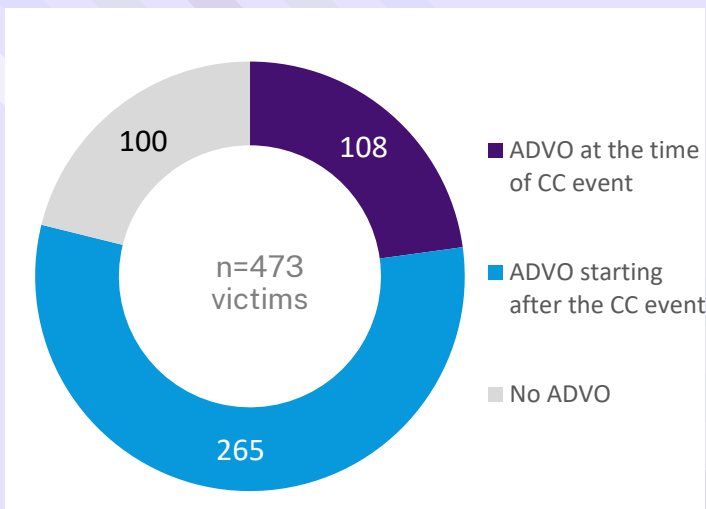
3.3 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by Aboriginality



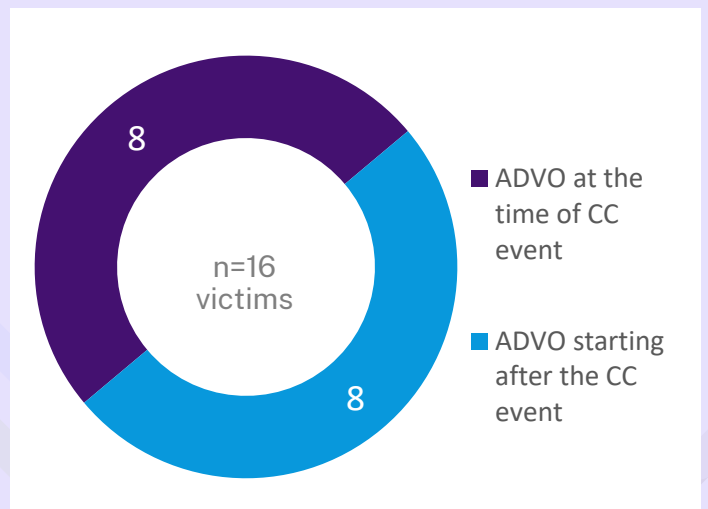
23% of coercive control victims had an ADVO in force against the POI at the time of the event.

56% had an ADVO commence after the coercive control event

4.1 Whether coercive control victims had an ADVO against the POI



4.2 Whether coercive control victims had an ADVO when the CC charge was laid



Note: Chart 4.1 and 4.2 only include victims of a criminal event where a coercive control incident was recorded. Chart 4.2 excludes two victims of coercive control incidents where the coercive control charge was laid after a charge on the same event was laid for a different offence.