# COERCIVE CONTROL MONITORING REPORT

**Quarterly Report:** December 2024

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.

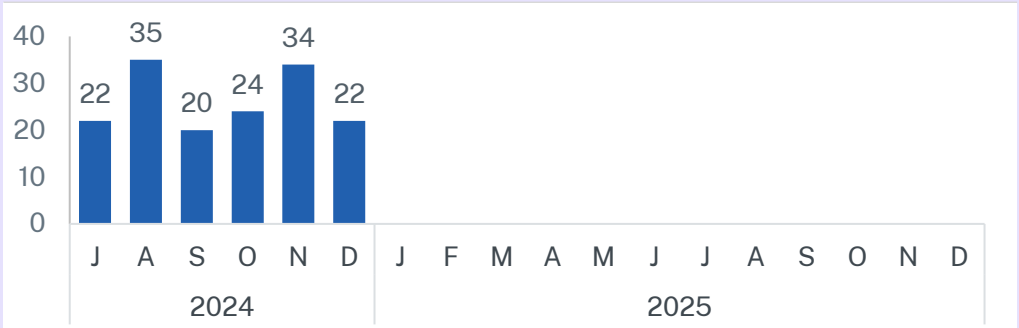
## Coercive control incidents recorded by NSW Police

Jul 2024-Dec 2024

### 1.1 Number of recorded incidents of coercive control

**157**

Coercive control incidents July-December 2024




### 1.2 Nature of controlling behaviours

| Controlling behaviours identified | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Dec-24 | Total behaviours Jul-Dec 2024 | % of coercive control incidents |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harassment, monitoring or tracking | 12 | 21 | 10 | 8 | 26 | 12 | **89** | 57% |
| Threats or intimidation | 12 | 15 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 11 | **75** | 48% |
| Shaming, degrading or humiliating | 12 | 16 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 8 | **71** | 45% |
| Financial abuse | 10 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 12 | **70** | 45% |
| Social isolation or cultural abuse | 8 | 15 | 10 | 9 | 14 | 10 | **66** | 42% |
| Physical violence | 7 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 5 | **43** | 27% |
| Deprive liberty or otherwise control | 6 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 6 | **37** | 24% |
| Damage or destruction of property | 3 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 8 | **30** | 19% |
| Other coercive behaviour | 4 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 5 | **23** | 15% |
| Sexual violence | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | **17** | 11% |
| Animal abuse | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | **9** | 6% |
| Harm to a child | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | **5** | 3% |
| **Total coercive control incidents** | **22** | **35** | **20** | **24** | **34** | **22** | **157** | |



A single incident of coercive control recorded by NSW Police involves a course of conduct of abusive behaviour rather than a specific instance. Each coercive control incident can include more than one type of controlling behaviour.
Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research 2025. Coercive_control_31Jan2025

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## 1.3 Incidents of coercive control recorded by NSW Police by region

| Region of incident | Jul-24 | Aug-24 | Sep-24 | Oct-24 | Nov-24 | Dec-24 | July to December 2024 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Number | Rate per 100,000 * |
| **NSW total** | **22** | **35** | **20** | **24** | **34** | **22** | **157** | **1.9** |
| **Greater Sydney** | 12 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 9 | **76** | **1.4** |
| Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **3** | **1.1** |
| Blacktown | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **5** | **1.2** |
| Central Coast | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | **10** | **2.8** |
| City and Inner South | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | **7** | **2.0** |
| Eastern Suburbs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0.0** |
| Inner South West | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | **10** | **1.6** |
| Inner West | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | **5** | **1.6** |
| North Sydney and Hornsby | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **2** | **0.5** |
| Northern Beaches | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0.0** |
| Outer South West | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **0.3** |
| Outer West and Blue Mountains | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | **9** | **2.6** |
| Parramatta | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | **11** | **2.1** |
| Ryde | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **0.0** |
| South West | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **4** | **0.8** |
| Sutherland | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | **9** | **3.8** |
| **Regional NSW** | 10 | 17 | 10 | 12 | 19 | 13 | **81** | **2.8** |
| Capital Region | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | **5** | **2.1** |
| Central West | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | **13** | **6.1** |
| Coffs Harbour - Grafton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **2** | **1.3** |
| Far West and Orana | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | **7** | **5.9** |
| Hunter Valley exc Newcastle | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **5** | **1.6** |
| Illawarra | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | **8** | **2.5** |
| Mid North Coast | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | **9** | **3.8** |
| Murray | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **5** | **4.0** |
| New England and North West | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | **9** | **4.8** |
| Newcastle and Lake Macquarie | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | **7** | **1.7** |
| Richmond - Tweed | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | **7** | **2.7** |
| Riverina | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | **3** | **1.8** |
| Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | **1** | **0.6** |

* Grey– at least twice as high as the NSW rate, yellow – half the NSW rate or lower

## 1.4 Factors associated with coercive control incidents

Of the 157 coercive control incidents :

**5 (3%)** incidents were flagged as mental health related by NSW Police

**11 (7%)** incidents were flagged as alcohol related by NSW Police

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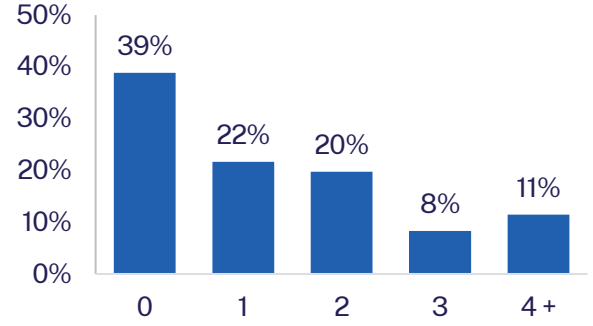
## 1.5 Offences co-occurring with coercive control




**39%** or 61 events: coercive control was the only recorded offence

**61%** or 96 events: multiple offences were recorded in the event, the most common co-occurring offences were:

- DV assault – recorded in 49% of events
- Intimidation/stalking – recorded in 41% of events
- Sexual assault – recorded in 11% of events

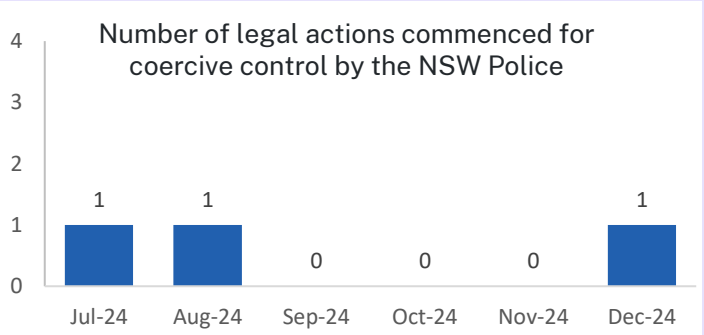
## Legal action taken by NSW Police

**Jul 2024-Dec 2024**

### 1.6 Legal actions commenced for coercive control

**3** charges have been laid for coercive control. Of these charges:

- **1** was later withdrawn by the prosecution
- **1** was proven and received an Intensive Correction Order
- **1** remains pending before the court




### 1.7 Nature of charges laid on the criminal event

| Type of charge laid | Count | % of all coercive control events |
|---|---|---|
| No charges of any type | 91 | **58%** |
| Coercive control charge only | 1 | **1%** |
| Coercive control charge plus other charge/s | 2 | **1%** |
| No coercive control charge but other charge/s | 63 | **40%** |
| Total coercive control events | ***157*** | ***100%*** |

Of the two criminal events with coercive control charges *plus* other charges, both included charges for DV assault, intimidation/stalking and property damage offences. One of the events also had charges for breach AVO and possess/use illicit drug offences.

Of the 63 criminal events where a charge *other* than coercive control was laid, the most common criminal charges were: intimidation/stalking (38 events or 60%), DV assault (35 events or 56%) and property damage offences (13 events or 21%).



Note: A criminal event relates to one or more criminal incidents reported to Police at the one time involving the same alleged offender. A criminal event can include different offence types.

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## Victims of coercive control

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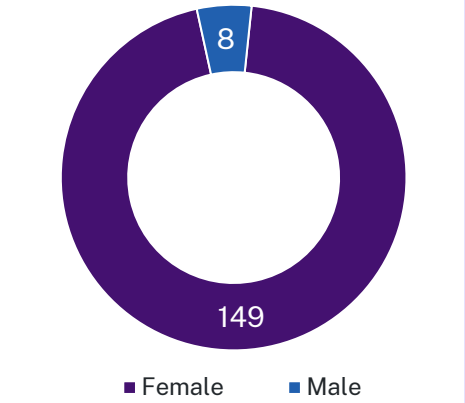
### 2.1 Victims by gender

**95%** of victims of coercive control were female

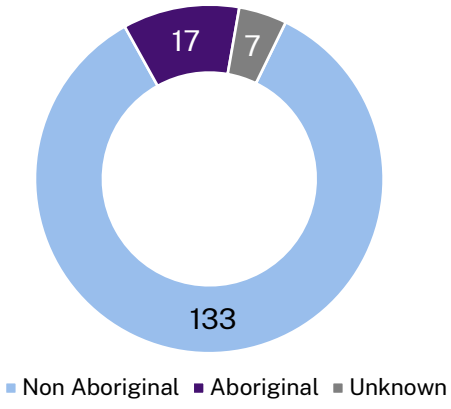



### 2.2 Victims by gender of the alleged offender

**94%** of coercive control incidents involved a female victim and a male alleged offender

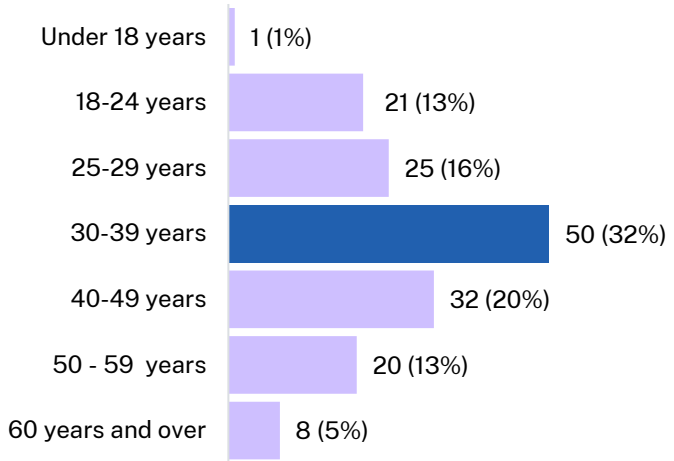
### 2.3 Victims of by Aboriginality

**11%** of victims of coercive control were Aboriginal



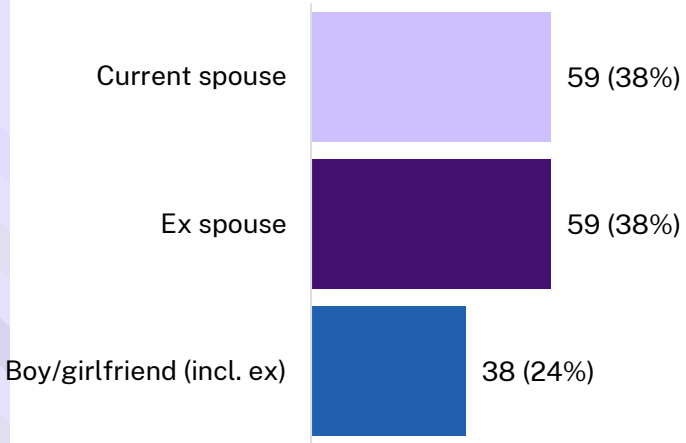

### 2.4 Victims by age

**32%** 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






Note: Alleged offender refers to persons of interests in the coercive control event regardless of whether they were legally proceeded against by police.

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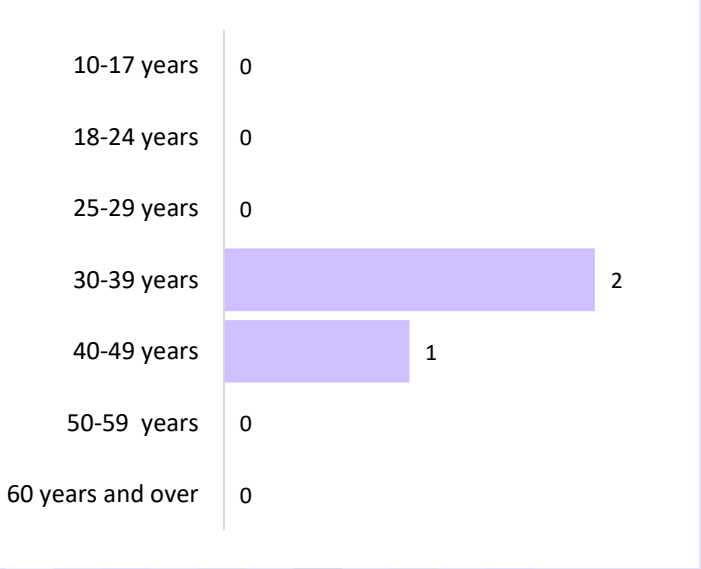
## Persons legally proceeded against for a coercive control charge

Jul 2024-Dec 2024

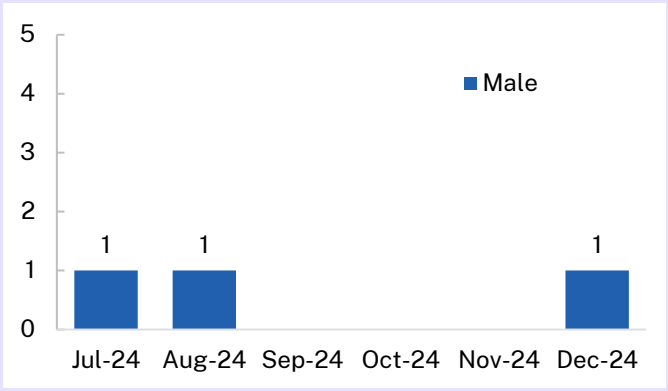
**3** persons were legally proceeded against in the six months to December 2024.

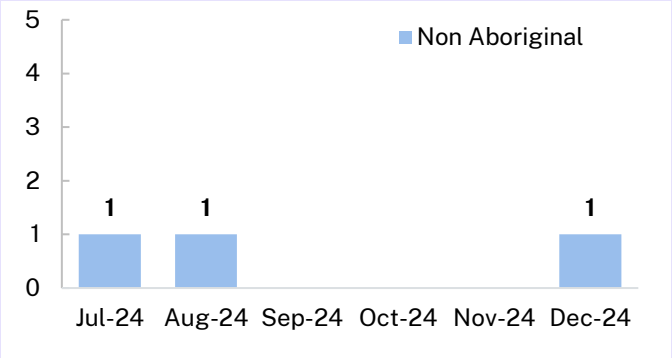
All three were male, non-Aboriginal and aged between 30 and 49 years.

### 3.1 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by age




### 3.2 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by gender




### 3.3 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by Aboriginality