

# COERCIVE CONTROL MONITORING REPORT

## Quarterly Report: September 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

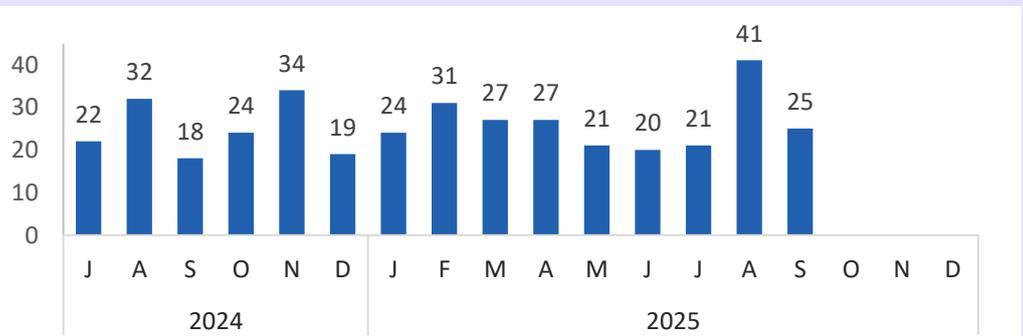
Jul 2024-Sep 2025

#### 1.1 Number of recorded incidents of coercive control

**386**

Coercive control incidents

July 2024 – September 2025



#### 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	Total behaviours Jul 2024-Sep 2025	% of coercive control incidents
Harassment, monitoring or tracking	42	47	51	37	44	<b>221</b>	57%
Threats or intimidation	34	42	42	42	51	<b>211</b>	55%
Financial abuse	31	36	40	37	52	<b>196</b>	51%
Social isolation or cultural abuse	30	32	35	28	48	<b>173</b>	45%
Shaming, degrading or humiliating	33	36	35	33	34	<b>171</b>	44%
Physical violence	21	24	22	21	24	<b>112</b>	29%
Deprive liberty or otherwise control	18	20	16	15	22	<b>91</b>	24%
Damage or destruction of property	10	21	10	12	12	<b>65</b>	17%
Sexual violence	8	11	12	16	18	<b>65</b>	17%
Other coercive behaviour	14	6	8	4	12	<b>44</b>	11%
Harm to a child	3	4	4	4	9	<b>24</b>	6%
Animal abuse	4	5	4	6	3	<b>22</b>	6%
<b>Total incidents</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Region of incident						Jul 2024 to Sep 2025		
	2024Q3	2024Q4	2025Q1	2025Q2	2025Q3	Total number	Rate per 100,000	Ratio to NSW*
<b>NSW total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>386</b>	4.6	1.0
<b>Greater Sydney</b>	37	33	29	28	34	161	3.0	0.6
Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	2	1	0	1	1	5	1.8	0.4
Blacktown	4	1	1	4	4	14	3.3	0.7
Central Coast	6	4	6	4	3	23	6.5	1.4
City and Inner South	4	3	1	3	1	12	3.4	0.7
Eastern Suburbs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
Inner South West	6	3	5	1	3	18	2.9	0.6
Inner West	2	4	3	1	1	11	3.5	0.8
North Sydney and Hornsby	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.2	0.0
Northern Beaches	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.4	0.1
Outer South West	1	1	2	1	0	5	1.6	0.3
Outer West and Blue Mountains	4	5	4	4	4	21	6.2	1.3
Parramatta	4	7	2	2	2	17	3.3	0.7
Ryde	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.9	0.2
South West	3	1	4	3	13	24	4.8	1.0
Sutherland	1	3	0	2	1	7	3.0	0.6
<b>Regional NSW</b>	35	44	53	40	53	225	7.8	1.7
Capital Region	2	4	4	4	5	19	7.8	1.7
Central West	7	7	3	6	11	34	15.8	3.4
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	0	3	1	1	3	8	5.4	1.2
Far West and Orana	2	4	6	1	2	15	12.7	2.7
Hunter Valley exc Newcastle	3	2	11	7	11	34	11.1	2.4
Illawarra	5	3	3	0	4	15	4.7	1.0
Mid North Coast	3	4	4	3	3	17	7.3	1.6
Murray	2	0	3	5	3	13	10.3	2.2
New England and North West	3	6	3	7	3	22	11.6	2.5
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	4	3	6	2	1	16	4.0	0.9
Richmond - Tweed	3	5	5	0	5	18	6.9	1.5
Riverina	1	2	3	3	1	10	6.1	1.3
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	0	1	1	1	1	4	2.5	0.5

\*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=386 incidents)



### Mental health

**13 (3%)** incidents were flagged as mental health related by NSW Police



### Alcohol

**24 (6%)** incidents were flagged as alcohol related by NSW Police

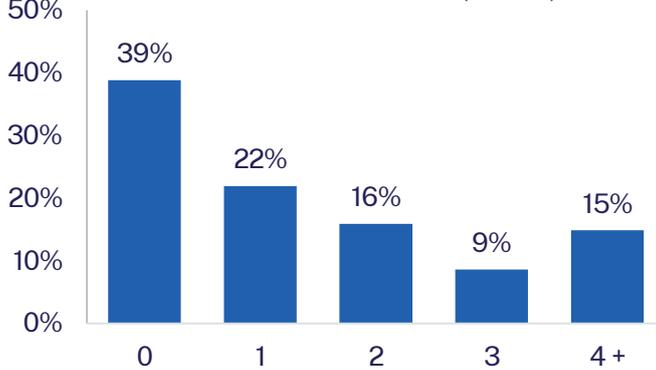


### Translator

**5 (1%)** victims requested a translator from NSW Police

## 1.5 Offences co-occurring with coercive control

Number of criminal offences recorded by police in addition to coercive control (n=386)



**39%** or 149 events: coercive control was the only recorded offence

**61%** or 235 events: multiple offences were recorded in the event. The most common co-occurring offences were:

- **Intimidation/stalking** – recorded in 37% of events
- **DV assault** – recorded in 35% of events
- **Malicious damage** – recorded in 13% of events



## Legal actions commenced

### 1.6 Legal actions commenced for coercive control

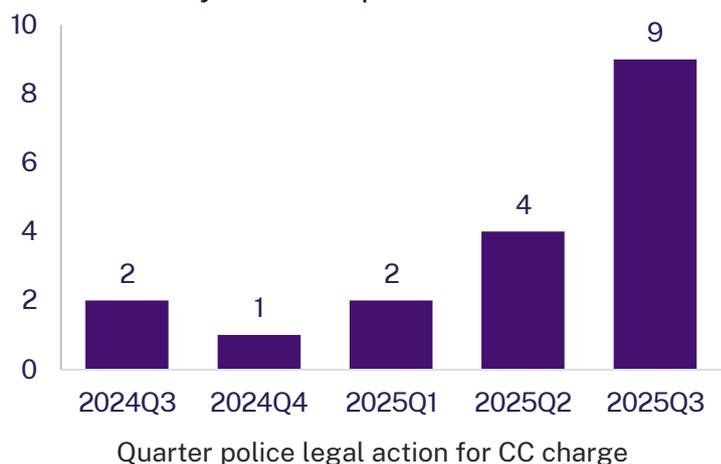
Between July 2024 – Sept 2025, **18** coercive control charges have been laid. Of these:

- **9** were laid by NSW Police, **9** by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- **1** was proven and received an Intensive Correction Order; **2** were withdrawn by the prosecution
- **15** remain pending before the court (as at 30 September 2025).



Median time from coercive control event to charge: **146 days**

Legal action commenced for coercive control, July 2024 – September 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	216	56%
Coercive Control charge only	2	0.5%
Coercive Control charge plus other charge/s	13	3%
No Coercive Control charge but other charge/s	153	40%
<b>Total coercive control events<sup>^</sup></b>	<b>384</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Coercive Control charge plus other charge/s (n=13)

- **10** events included an **intimidation/stalking** charge
- **8** events included a **DV assault** charge
- **4** events included a **property damage** charge
- **3** events included a **breach AVO** charge
- **1** event included a **sexual assault** charge

Other charges on events include a possess/use illicit drug charge, an arson charge, an abduction charge, and other against the person charge



### No Coercive Control charge but other charge/s (n=153)

The most common criminal charges were:

- **97** events with an **intimidation/stalking** charge (63%)
- **94** events with a **DV assault** charge (61%)
- **33** events with a **property damage** charge (22%)
- **26** events with a **breach AVO** charge (17%)

<sup>^</sup> Two coercive control events recorded two separate coercive control incidents on the event.

\*Note: Data on page 3 indicates that 18 coercive control charges have been laid in total. Three of the coercive control charges were not connected to a coercive control incident created by NSW Police. Those three charges do not appear on this page as the focus here is charges arising from NSW Police recorded events that include a coercive control criminal incident.

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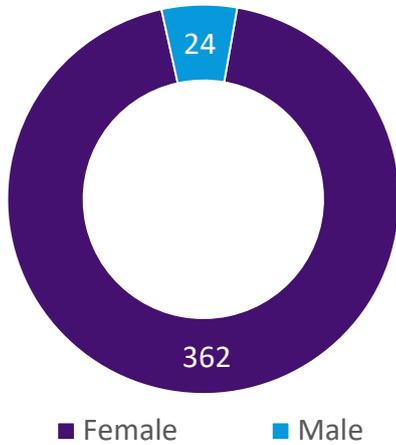
## Victims of coercive control (n=386)

Jul 2024-Sep 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



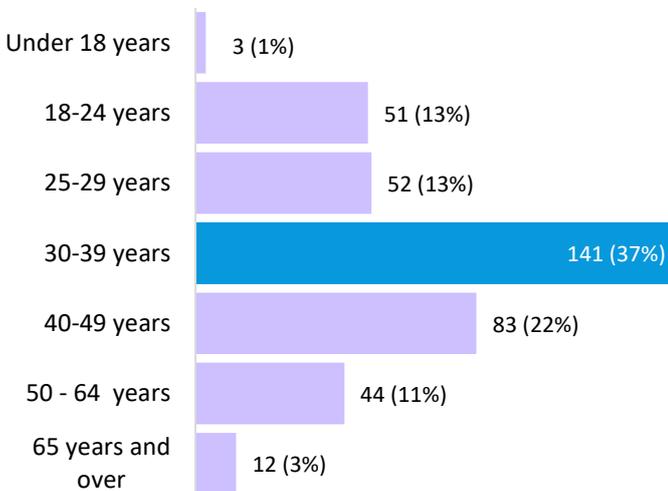
**9%** of victims of coercive control were Aboriginal



### 2.4 Victims by age



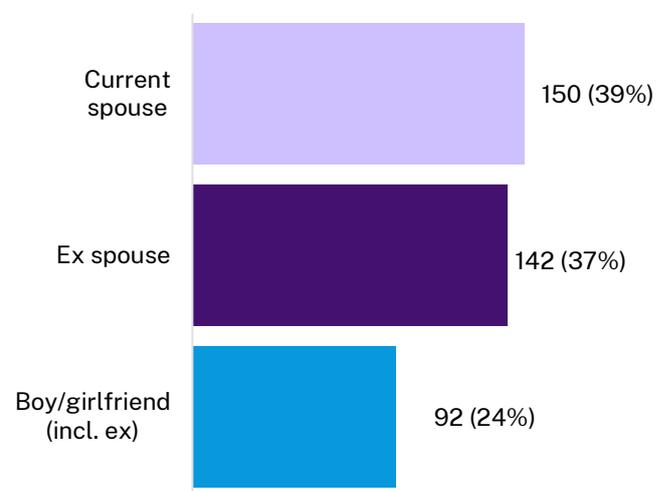
**37%** of victims of coercive control were aged 30 to 39 years



### 2.5 Relationship type of coercive control



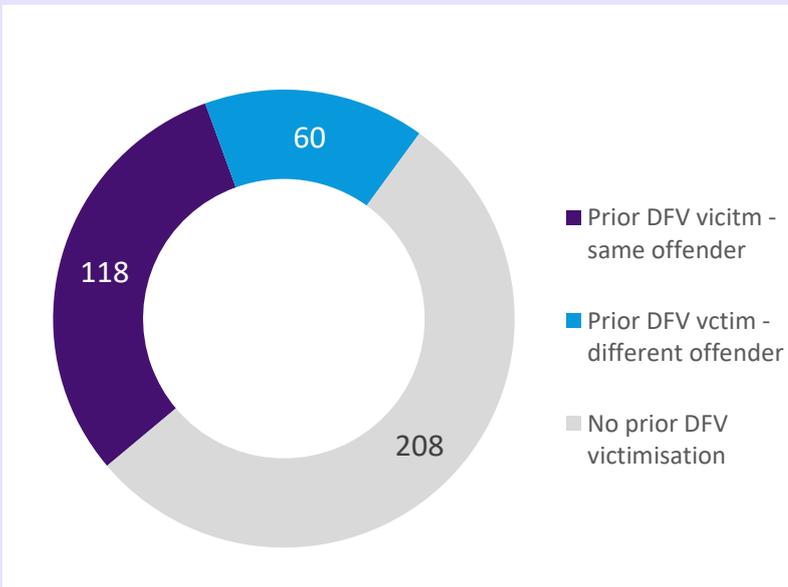
**76%** of victims of coercive control were the current spouse or ex spouse of the alleged offender



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## 2.5 Victims of coercive control recorded as prior victims of any domestic violence offence (n=386)



**54%** of coercive control victims had no prior history of DFV victimisation recorded by NSW Police.

**46%** (178) of coercive control victims had a previous DFV victimisation recorded by NSW Police.

- **31%** (118) by the **same** alleged offender
- **16%** (60) by a **different** alleged offender.



Among the **118** victims with a prior recorded DFV victimisation involving the same alleged offender, **30%** (35) 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=178).



## Persons legally proceeded against for a coercive control charge

Jul 2024-Sep 2025

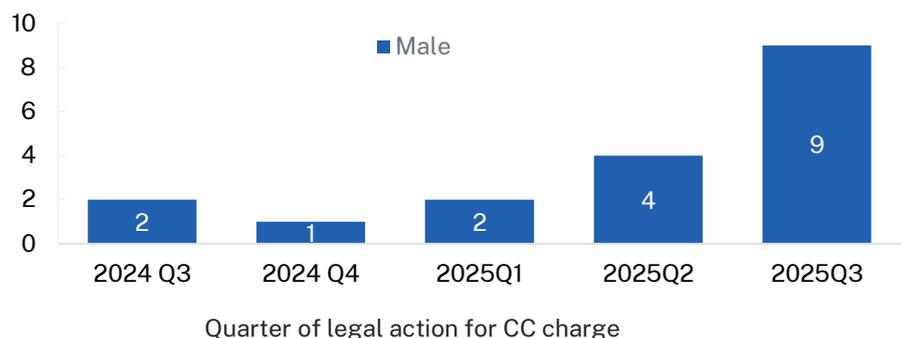
### 3.1 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by gender (n=18)

**18** persons were legally proceeded against in the 15 months to September 2025.



All 18 were **male**, 17 were **non-Aboriginal** and 15 were aged between **30 and 49** years.

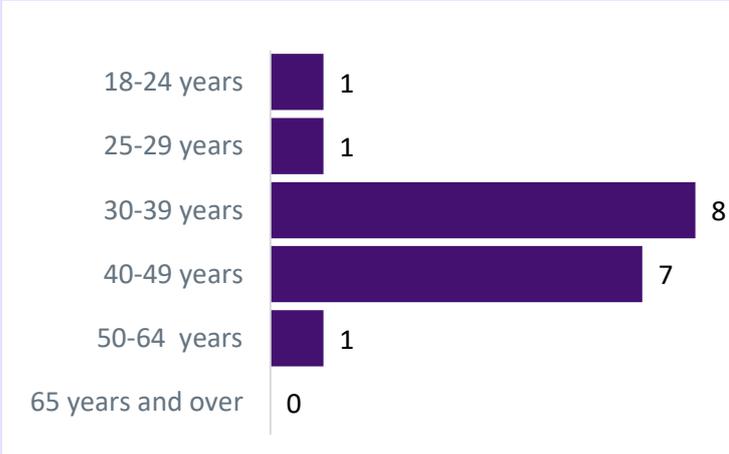
3.1 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by gender, July 2024 – September 2025



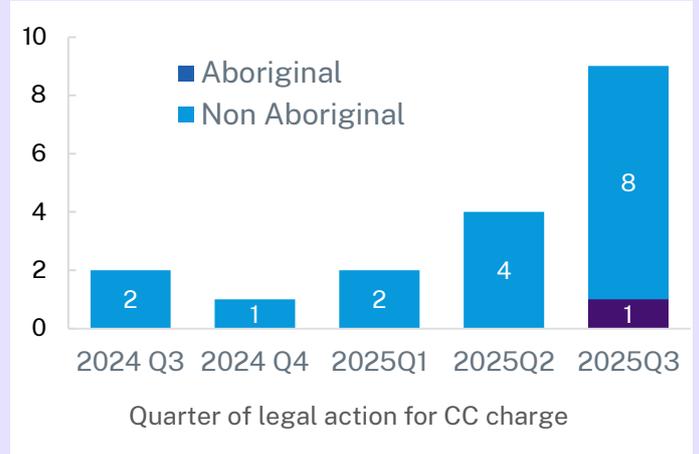
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## 3.2 Persons legally proceeded against for coercive control charge by age



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



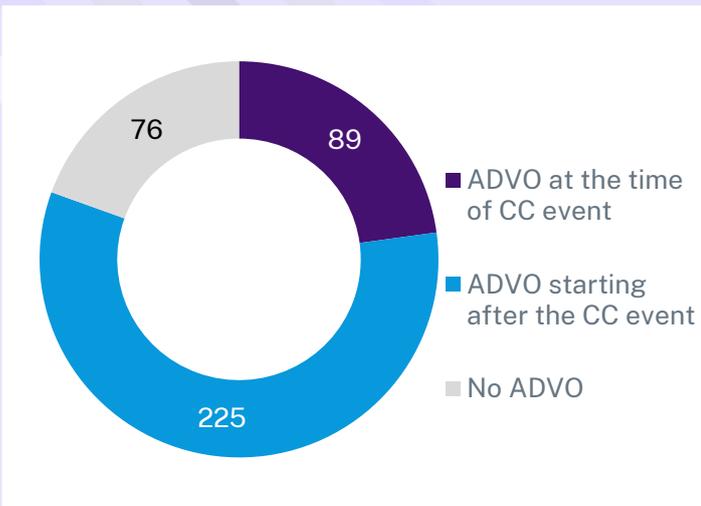
## Apprehended domestic violence orders (ADVOs) & coercive control

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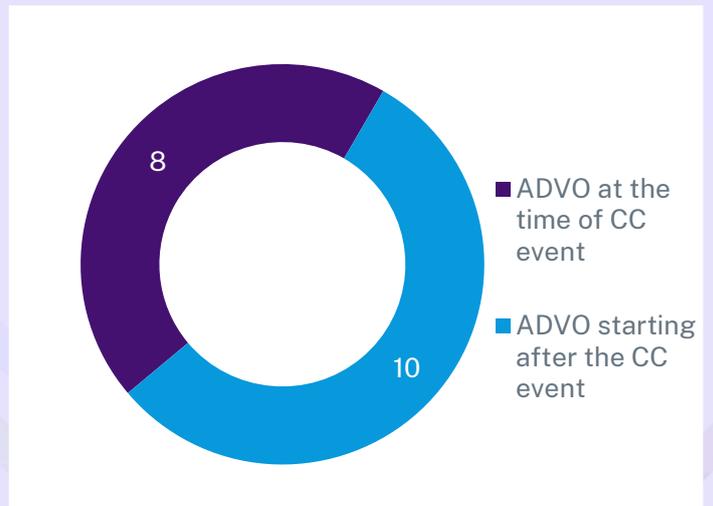
**23%** of coercive control victims had an ADVO in force against the POI at the time of the event.

**58%** 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 where a CC charge was laid



**Note:** includes the three 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.