

NSW Trends in Domestic & Family Violence – Quarterly Report

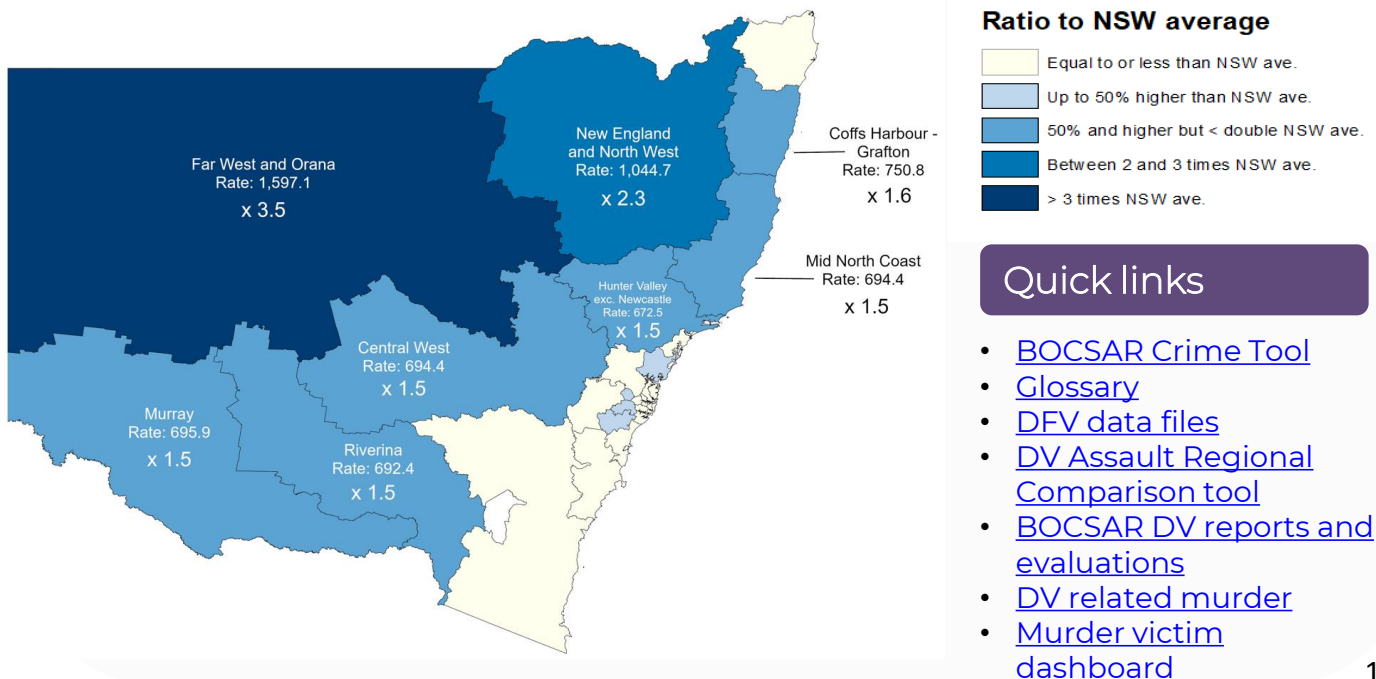
Data to December 2024

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

- 16 adult women were a victim of a DV murder in the 12 months to December 2024. This is the same number as in the previous year (12 months to December 2023). Of the 16, nine involved an intimate partner, five involved a family member and two involved another relationship type ([Murder Victim Dashboard](#)).
- 10 children were a victim of DV murder in the 12 months to December 2024. This is the highest number recorded in the ten years from 2015 to 2024. All ten DV child murders involved a family member.
- In both NSW as a whole and in Regional NSW, DV assaults recorded by NSW Police remained stable in the two years to December 2024. DV assaults in Greater Sydney increased by 6.2% in the two years to December 2024.
- Over the ten years to December 2024, DV assault increased significantly in NSW (up 3.1% per year on average), Regional NSW (up 3.5%) and Greater Sydney (up 2.7%).

DV assault in NSW – Rate map January 2024 - December 2024



Recorded DFV Trends - incidents and victims

DV assault incidents
12 months to Dec 2024

38,272

Current

— Stable
2 year trend

↑ 3.1%
10 year trend (annual average)

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

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
DV murder	31	34	24	32	32	31	23	25	30	39	stable	stable
Total DV assault	29,113	29,146	28,485	29,716	31,336	32,281	32,137	33,815	36,246	38,272	stable	3.1%
DV Grievous bodily harm	430	356	388	343	358	405	363	366	386	329	-14.8%	-2.9%
DV Actual bodily harm	7,261	7,432	7,520	7,867	8,203	8,643	8,620	9,212	9,517	9,813	stable	3.4%
DV Common assault	21,416	21,350	20,575	21,498	22,770	23,221	23,141	24,221	26,328	28,118	6.8%	3.1%
DV Intimidation, stalking & harassment	13,000	13,377	13,559	14,540	16,171	17,893	19,414	20,934	22,362	24,125	7.9%	7.1%
DV breach AVO	13,082	14,368	13,692	15,148	17,054	18,977	20,099	21,401	23,039	24,866	7.9%	7.4%
DV Non-criminal episode	77,475	81,054	79,594	80,462	85,239	89,842	84,825	79,830	85,564	89,625	stable	1.6%

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

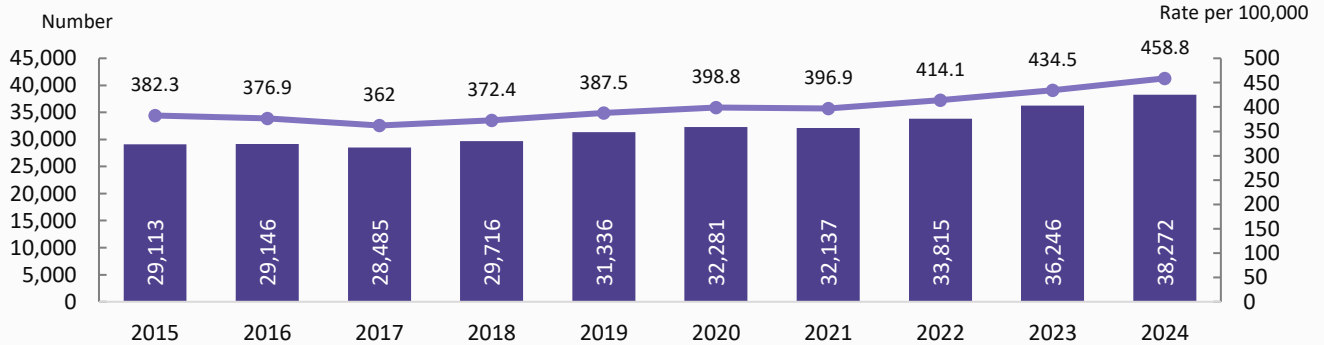
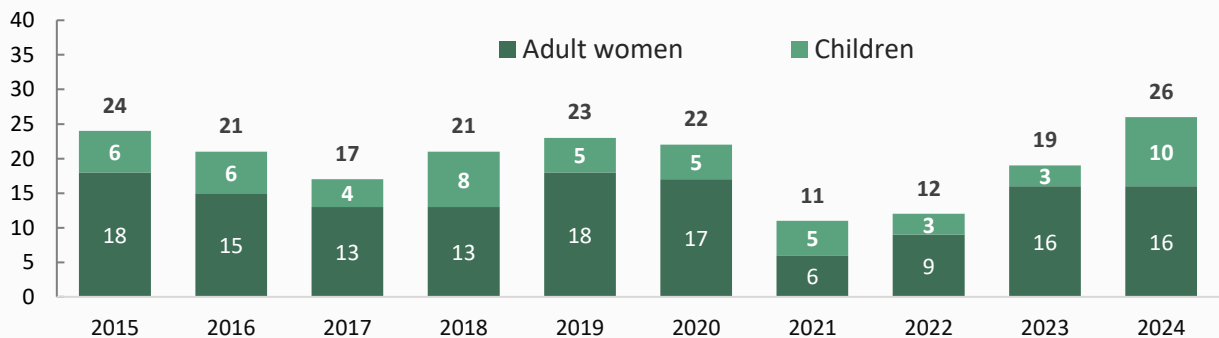


Figure 3. DV murder victims: adult women and children only



'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 SA4s

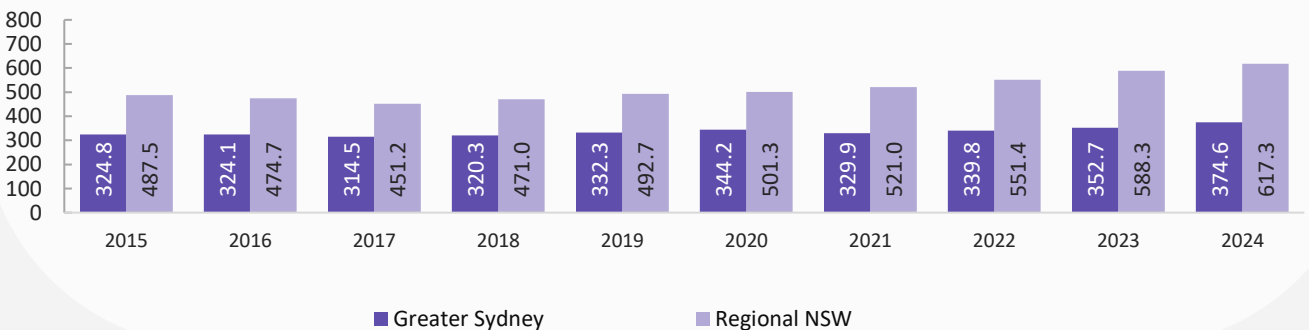
Region	Two year trends	Ten year trends (annual average % change)	Ratio to NSW	Number (12 months to Dec 2024)	Rate per 100,000 (12 months to Dec 2024)
Greater Sydney	6.2	2.7	0.8	20,417	374.6
Regional NSW	Stable	3.5	1.3	17,850	617.3
NSW	Stable	3.1	1.0	38,272	458.8
Greater Sydney					
Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	Stable	3.1	0.4	481	171.7
Blacktown	14.1	2.2	1.2	2,401	557.7
Central Coast	Stable	2.8	1.1	1,850	525.7
City & Inner South	Stable	2.6	1.0	1,654	464.4
Eastern Suburbs	-11.8	Stable	0.5	680	249.0
Inner South West	Stable	2.3	0.9	2,563	411.1
Inner West	Stable	3.4	0.6	813	258.3
North Sydney & Hornsby	Stable	4.8	0.3	684	156.4
Northern Beaches	20.9	Stable	0.3	330	123.2
Outer South West	23.4	3.5	1.2	1,700	546.0
Outer West & Blue Mountains	Stable	1.3	1.0	1,623	475.7
Parramatta	Stable	2.9	0.9	2,149	417.3
Ryde	Stable	6.0	0.4	402	190.5
South West	Stable	4.1	1.1	2,492	496.3
Sutherland	Stable	3.1	0.6	595	253.8
Regional NSW					
Capital Region	Stable	3.4	0.9	1,013	416.7
Central West	Stable	2.5	1.5	1,492	694.4
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Stable	5.4	1.6	1,119	750.8
Far West & Orana	Stable	3.5	3.5	1,883	1597.1
Hunter Valley excl. Newcastle	Stable	4.2	1.5	2,052	672.5
Illawarra	8.2	Stable	0.7	1,056	328.1
Mid North Coast	Stable	5.0	1.5	1,627	694.4
Murray	16.5	6.7	1.5	877	695.9
New England & North West	18.7	5.0	2.3	1,978	1044.7
Newcastle & Lake Macquarie	Stable	2.6	1.0	1,844	458.8
Richmond - Tweed	Stable	2.8	1.0	1,144	439.2
Riverina	Stable	2.4	1.5	1,144	692.4
Southern Highlands & Shoalhaven	Stable	2.2	0.8	621	381.5

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

For data on DV assault by LGA click [here](#)

Rate per 100,000

DV assault rate: Greater Sydney and Regional NSW



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

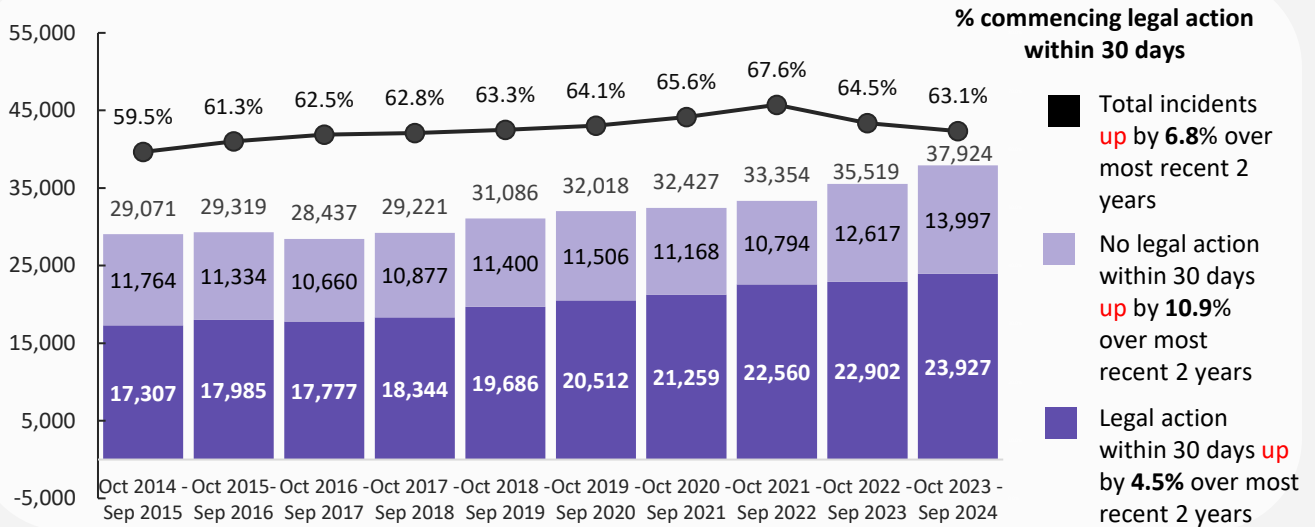


Figure 6. ADVO compliance checks by the NSW Police Force

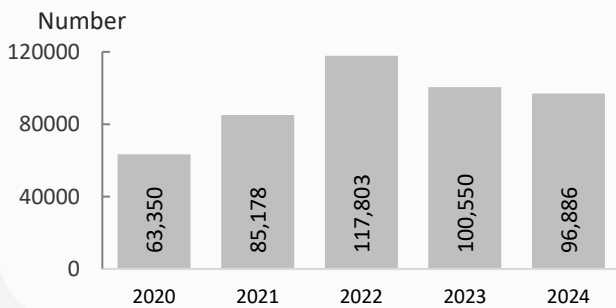


Figure 7. Number of ADVOs commenced

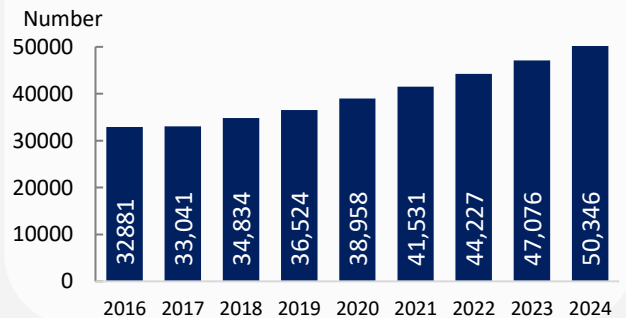
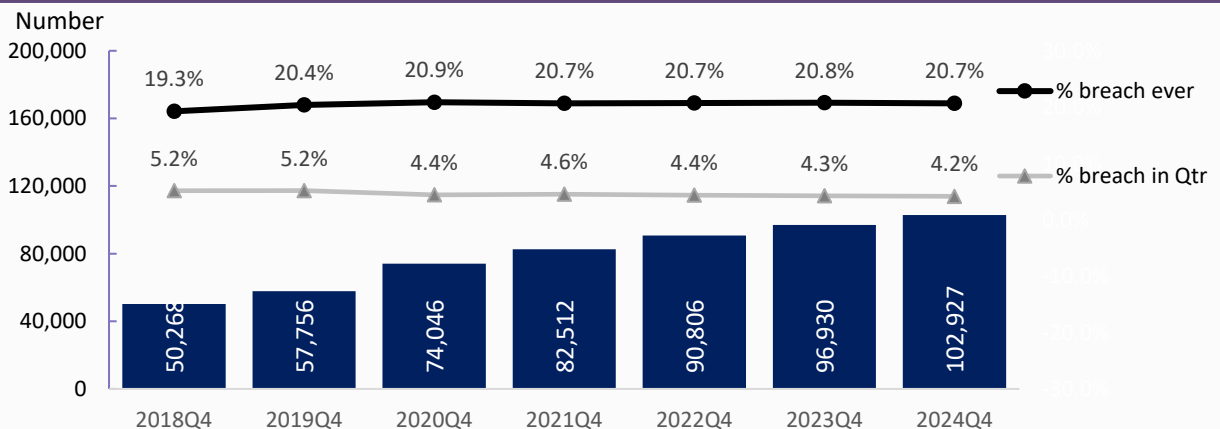


Figure 8. Number of ADVOs in force each quarter and % breached



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

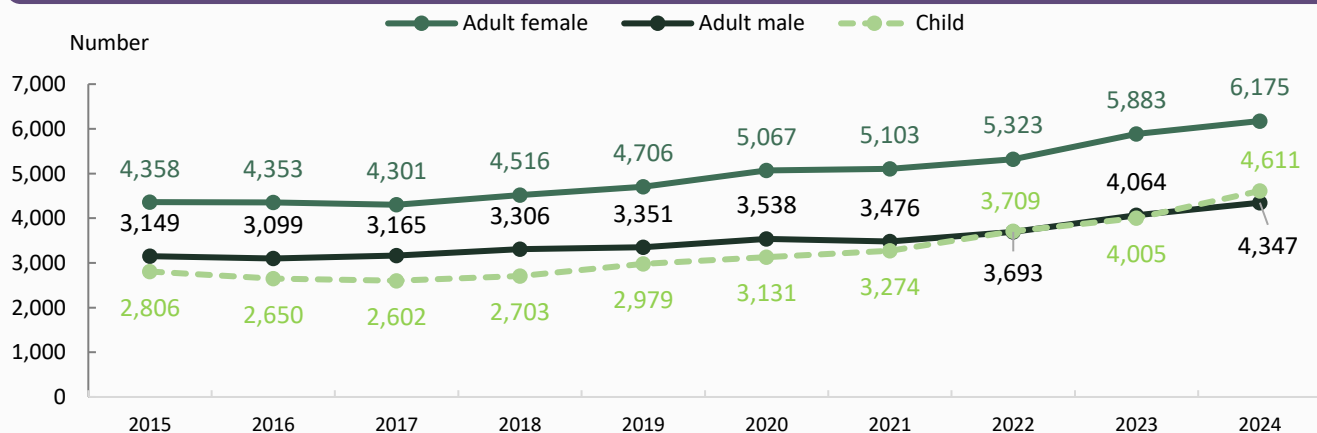
Figure 9. DV assault victim trends by victim age and gender

Victim type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
Total DV assault victims*	31,691	31,316	30,720	31,995	33,517	34,748	34,434	36,456	39,317	41,688	6.0%	3.1%
Adult female victims	19,803	19,816	19,013	19,771	20,643	21,305	20,858	21,649	23,080	24,256	5.1%	2.3%
Adult male victims	7,851	7,725	7,989	8,420	8,745	9,183	9,083	9,846	10,802	11,293	stable	4.1%
Child (0-17 years) victims	3,804	3,566	3,494	3,588	3,899	4,008	4,201	4,695	5,136	5,766	12.3%	4.7%

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

Relationship type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)	
Intimate partner	Total*	18,431	18,310	17,301	18,105	19,148	19,631	19,232	20,200	21,355	22,757	6.6%	2.4%
	Female victim	14,884	14,887	13,885	14,483	15,207	15,479	14,999	15,512	16,285	17,338	6.5%	1.7%
	Male victim	3,491	3,385	3,363	3,591	3,912	4,107	4,185	4,642	5,035	5,368	stable	4.9%
Family	10,433	10,230	10,180	10,655	11,169	11,896	12,008	12,877	14,117	15,354	8.8%	4.4%	
Other	2,754	2,693	3,146	3,157	3,120	3,123	3,059	3,186	3,605	3,336	stable	2.2%	

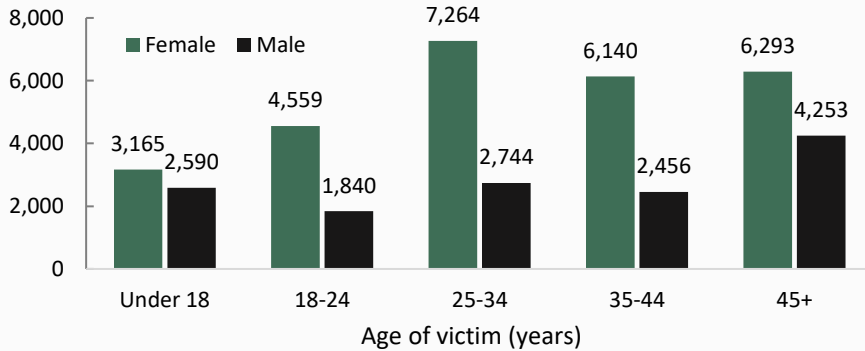
Figure 11. DV assault victims of family violence



*Includes victims with missing/unknown age or gender

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 December 2024



Summary*

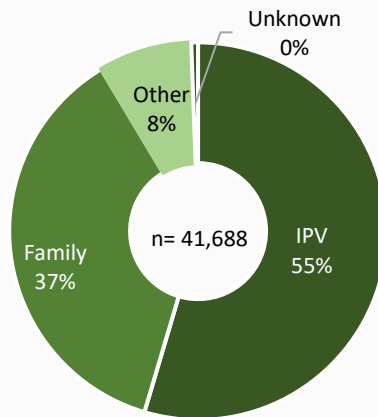
- 66% of victims were female
- 14% of victims were children
- 24% of victims were aged 25-34 yrs
- 55% of child victims were female
- 68% of adult victims were female

*Excludes 384 victims with missing age or gender

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

IPV accounts for over half of DV assault victims; **55%**

Family violence accounts for over one third of DV assault victims; **37%**

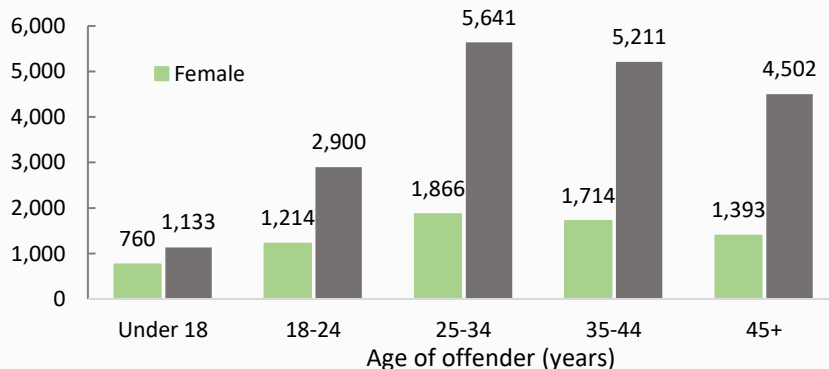


Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): current & ex spouse/partner, current & ex boy/girlfriend.

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[^]: 12 months to December 2024



Summary[~]

- 74% of offenders were male
- 93% of offenders were adult
- 29% of offenders were aged 25-34 yrs
- 60% of child offenders were male
- 75% of adult offenders were male

[~]Excludes 50 persons with missing age or gender

[^] 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.