

NSW Trends in Domestic & Family Violence – Quarterly Report

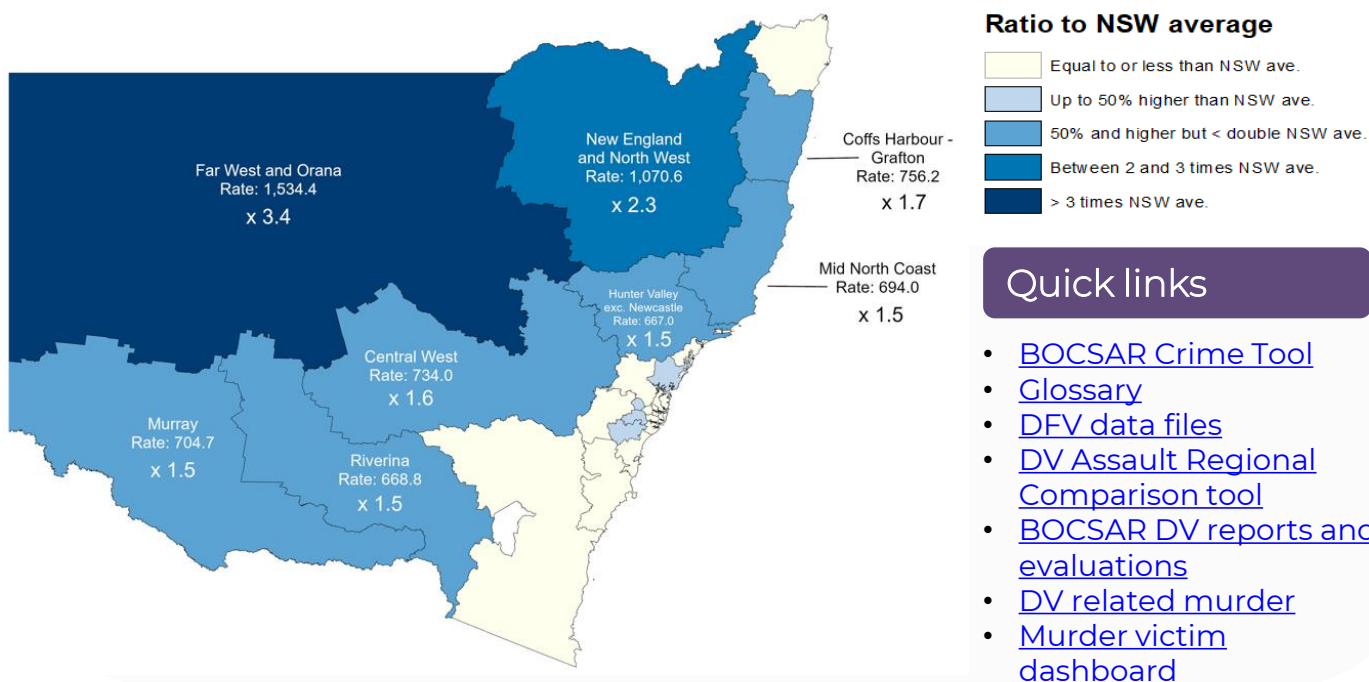
Data to March 2025

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

- 14 adult women were a victim of a DV murder in the 12 months to March 2025. This is two less than in the previous year (12 months to March 2024). Of the 14, ten involved an intimate partner, three involved a family member and one involved another relationship type ([Murder Victim Dashboard](#)).
- 11 children were a victim of DV murder in the 12 months to March 2025. This is the highest number recorded in the ten years from April 2015 to March 2025. All 11 DV child murders involved a family member.
- In NSW as a whole, Regional NSW and Greater Sydney, DV assaults recorded by NSW Police increased in the two years to March 2025, up 3.6%, 4.1% and 3.2% respectively.
- The Far West and Orana region had the highest rate of DV assault in the 12 months to March 2025 (1,534.4 per 100,000 population), over three times higher than the average rate for NSW.

DV assault in NSW – Rate map April 2024 - March 2025



Recorded DFV Trends - incidents and victims

**DV assault incidents
12 months to March 2025**

38,108
Current

↑ 3.6%
2 year trend

↑ 3.0%
10 year trend (annual average)

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

	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
DV murder	29	34	18	41	26	34	26	21	33	34	stable	stable
Total DV assault	29,319	29,052	28,368	30,237	31,626	32,179	32,351	34,618	36,779	38,108	3.6%	3.0%
DV Grievous bodily harm	406	364	371	364	354	412	370	355	384	315	stable	stable
DV Actual bodily harm	7,325	7,554	7,468	8,027	8,267	8,589	8,782	9,391	9,524	9,742	2.3%	3.2%
DV Common assault	21,583	21,126	20,523	21,842	22,997	23,165	23,187	24,857	26,857	28,033	4.4%	2.9%
DV Intimidation, stalking & harassment	13,275	13,373	13,734	14,766	16,755	18,284	19,825	21,404	22,536	24,433	8.4%	7.0%
DV breach AVO	13,447	14,266	13,937	15,587	17,468	19,209	20,569	21,901	23,471	25,040	6.7%	7.2%
DV Non-criminal episode	78,032	80,906	79,740	81,426	86,453	88,441	83,716	80,704	87,111	89,431	2.7%	1.5%

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

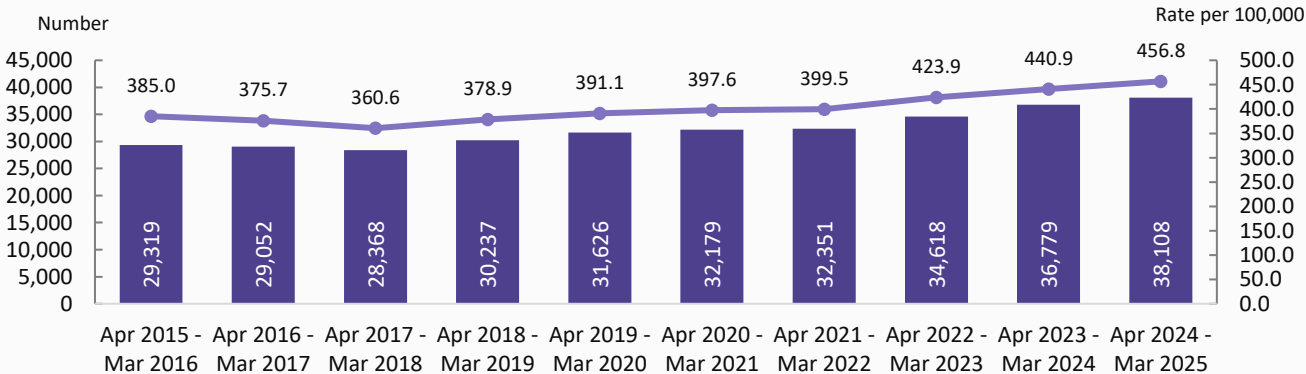
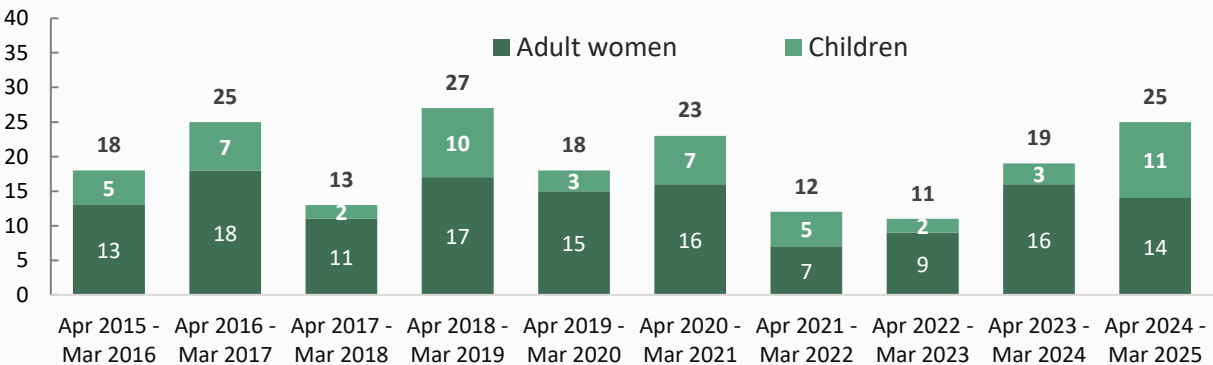


Figure 3. DV murder victims: adult women and children only



‘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

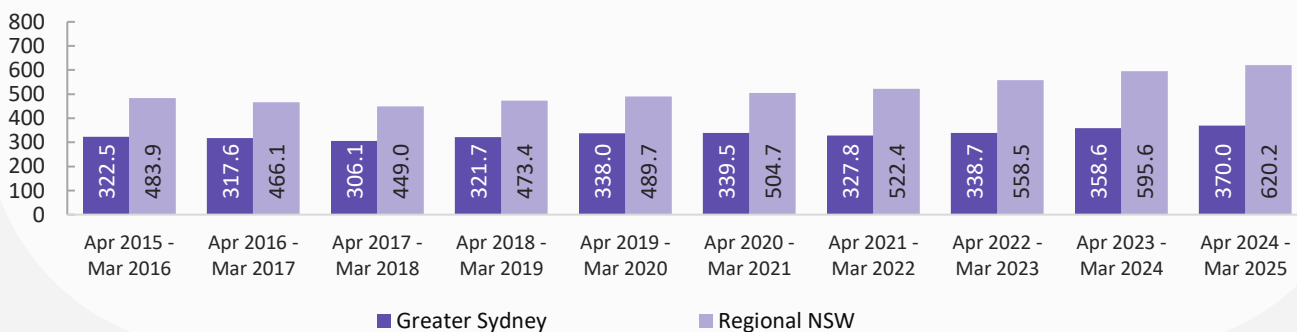
Region	Two year trends	Ten year trends (annual average % change)	Ratio to NSW	Number (12 months to Mar 2025)	Rate per 100,000 (12 months to Mar 2025)
Greater Sydney	3.2	2.5	0.8	20,169	370.0
Regional NSW	4.1	3.5	1.4	17,936	620.2
NSW	3.6	3.0	1.0	38,108	456.8
Greater Sydney					
Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	Stable	2.6	0.4	470	167.8
Blacktown	10.6	2.0	1.2	2,416	561.2
Central Coast	4.5	2.1	1.2	1,875	532.8
City & Inner South	Stable	2.7	1.0	1,610	452.0
Eastern Suburbs	Stable	Stable	0.5	651	238.3
Inner South West	Stable	2.2	0.9	2,546	408.4
Inner West	Stable	2.7	0.6	806	256.1
North Sydney & Hornsby	Stable	3.7	0.3	662	151.4
Northern Beaches	Stable	Stable	0.3	327	122.1
Outer South West	Stable	2.6	1.1	1,627	522.6
Outer West & Blue Mountains	Stable	Stable	1.0	1,557	456.4
Parramatta	Stable	2.6	0.9	2,090	405.9
Ryde	Stable	4.9	0.4	390	184.8
South West	7.8	4.5	1.1	2,512	500.3
Sutherland	Stable	3.7	0.6	630	268.7
Regional NSW					
Capital Region	Stable	2.9	0.9	989	406.8
Central West	13.6	3.3	1.6	1,577	734.0
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Stable	5.2	1.7	1,127	756.2
Far West & Orana	Stable	3.9	3.4	1,809	1534.4
Hunter Valley excl. Newcastle	Stable	4.1	1.5	2,035	667.0
Illawarra	7.1	Stable	0.7	1,059	329.1
Mid North Coast	5.0	5.1	1.5	1,626	694.0
Murray	12.4	6.1	1.5	888	704.7
New England & North West	14.8	5.0	2.3	2,027	1070.6
Newcastle & Lake Macquarie	12.9	3.3	1.0	1,921	478.0
Richmond - Tweed	12.7	3.3	1.0	1,141	438.1
Riverina	Stable	1.6	1.5	1,105	668.8
Southern Highlands & Shoalhaven	9.3	1.8	0.8	632	388.3

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

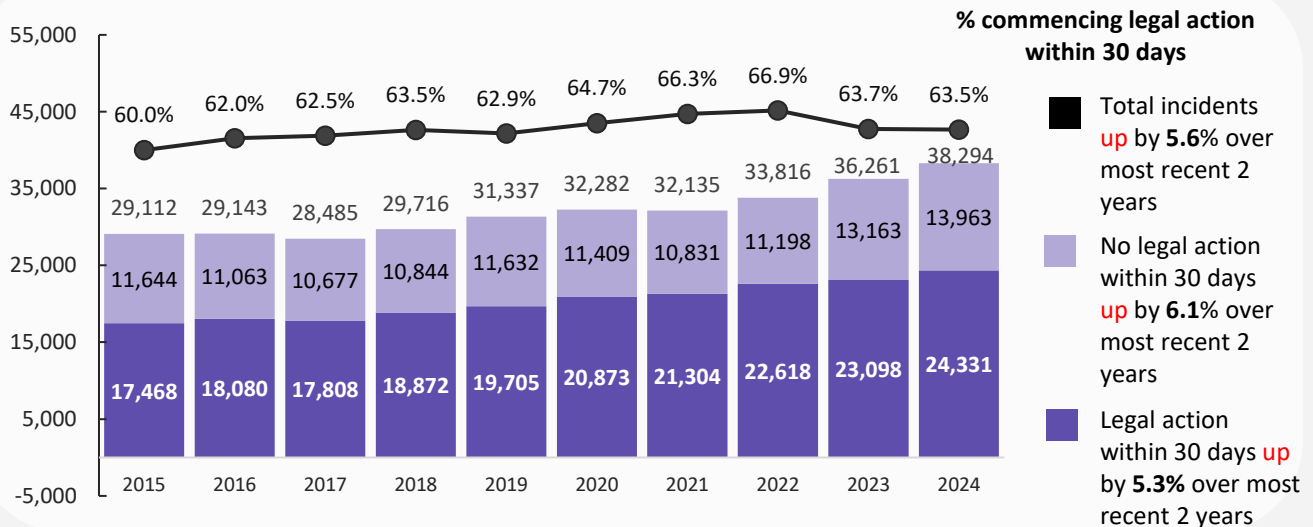


Figure 6. ADVO compliance checks by the NSW Police Force

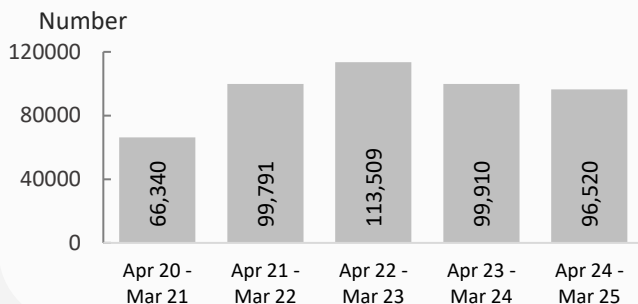


Figure 7. Number of ADVOs commenced

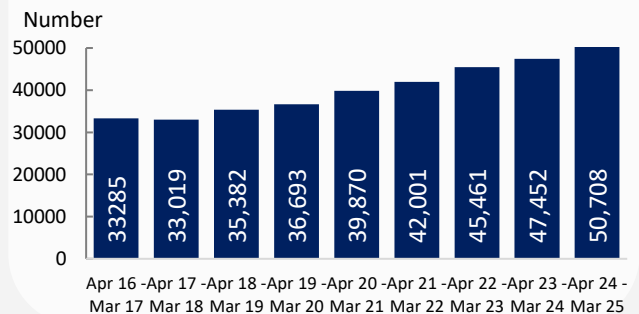
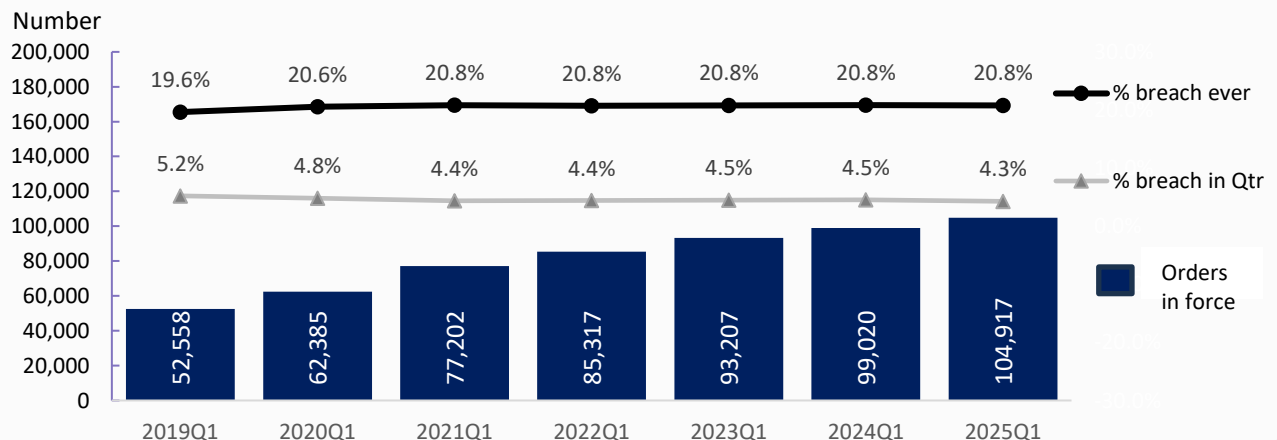


Figure 8. Number of ADVOs in force each quarter and % breached



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	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
Total DV assault victims*	31,842	31,191	30,651	32,438	33,870	34,597	34,763	37,340	39,917	41,543	4.1%	3.0%
Adult female victims	20,022	19,514	18,986	20,133	20,719	21,268	20,847	22,198	23,268	24,131	3.7%	2.1%
Adult male victims	7,811	7,887	7,974	8,509	8,914	9,066	9,336	10,018	11,070	11,294	2.0%	4.2%
Child (0-17 years) victims	3,787	3,579	3,479	3,583	4,005	4,015	4,282	4,870	5,246	5,746	9.5%	4.7%

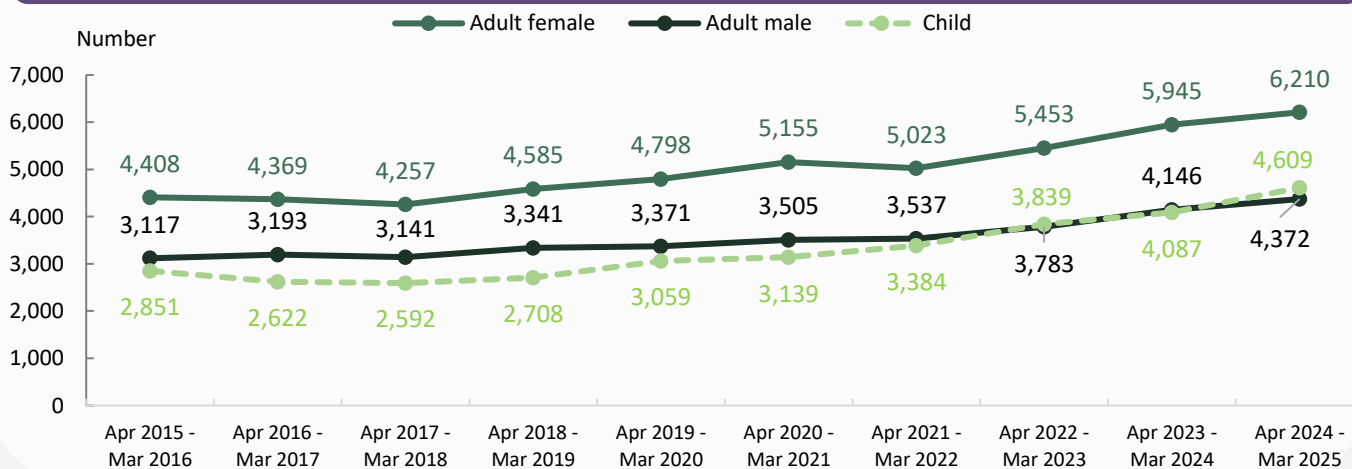
*Includes victims with missing/unknown age or gender

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

Relationship type		Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
Intimate partner	Total	18,562	17,987	17,307	18,472	19,228	19,512	19,407	20,641	21,629	22,694	4.9%	2.3%
	Female victim	15,033	14,582	13,886	14,774	15,157	15,377	15,061	15,852	16,409	17,252	5.1%	1.5%
	Male victim	3,477	3,360	3,381	3,666	4,033	4,099	4,290	4,748	5,180	5,397	4.2%	5.0%
Family		10,504	10,302	10,101	10,771	11,358	11,963	12,096	13,220	14,365	15,416	7.3%	4.4%
Other		2,708	2,819	3,148	3,123	3,195	3,015	3,119	3,259	3,686	3,186	stable	1.8%

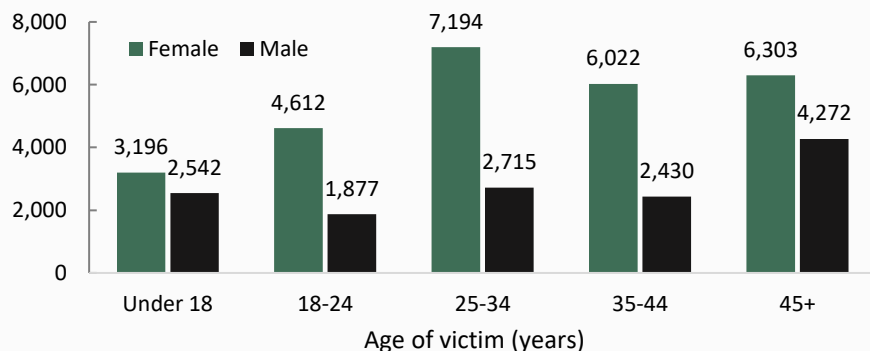
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Figure 11. DV assault victims of family violence



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 March 2025



Summary*

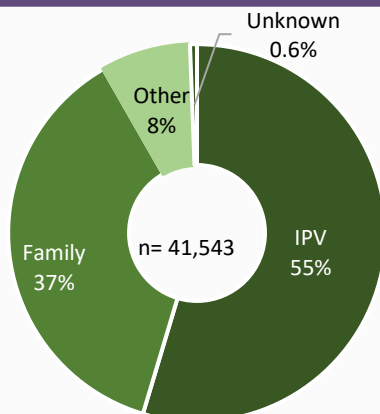
- **66%** of victims were female
- **14%** of victims were children
- **24%** of victims were aged 25-34 yrs
- **56%** of child victims were female
- **68%** of adult victims were female

*Excludes 380 victims with missing age or gender

Figure 13. Relationship between offender and victim of DV assault: 12 months to March 2025

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

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

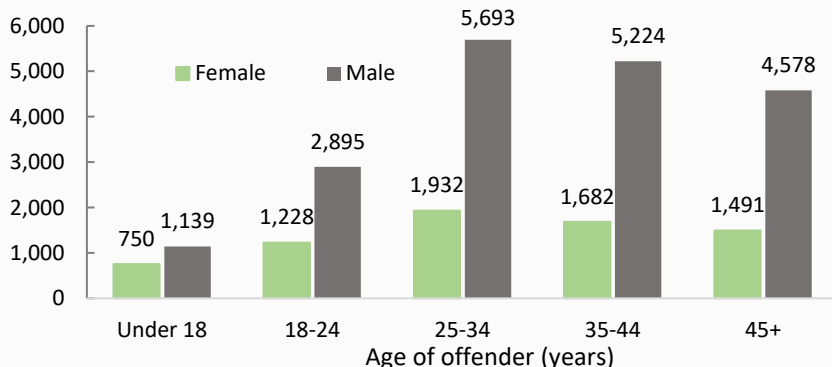


Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): current & ex spouse/partner, current & ex boy/girlfriend.

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 March 2025



Summary~

- **73%** of offenders were male
- **93%** of offenders were adult
- **29%** of offenders were aged 25-34 yrs
- **60%** of child offenders were male
- **74%** of adult offenders were male

~Excludes 51 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.