

NSW Trends in Domestic & Family Violence – Quarterly Report



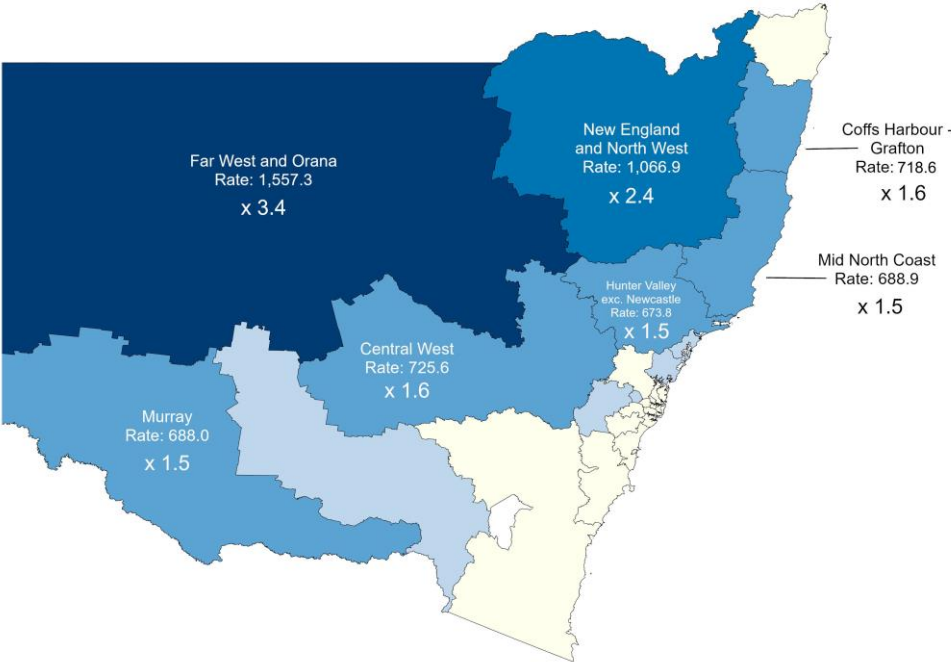
Data to September 2025

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

- **35** people were victims of DV murder in the 12 months to September 2025: **16** adult women , **11** adult men and **8** children. This was the highest number of DV murder victims in a 12-month period in the previous 10 years and the highest number of adult women victims since the 12-months to September 2020 (16 adult women victims).
- Of the **16** adult women DV murder victims, ten involved an intimate partner and six involved a family member. Of the **11** adult male DV murder victims, one involved an intimate partner, eight involved a family member and two in involved another DV relationship ([Murder Victim Dashboard](#)).
- The two year trend for DV assault recorded by NSW Police continue to be **stable** in Greater Sydney and Regional NSW, but significantly up over **up** over ten years in both regions.
- The Far West and Orana region had the highest rate of DV assault in the 12 months to September 2025 (**1,557.3 per 100,000 population**), over three times the average rate for NSW.

DV assault in NSW – Rate map October 2024 - September 2025



Ratio to NSW average

- Equal to or less than NSW ave.
- Up to 50% higher than NSW ave.
- 50% and higher but < double NSW ave.
- Between 2 and 3 times NSW ave.
- > 3 times NSW ave.

Quick links

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Recorded DFV Trends - incidents and victims

DV assault incidents

12 months to September 2025

37,823

Current

-104

From prior year

stable

2 year trend

↑ 2.9%

10 year trend
(annual average)

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

	Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	Oct 2019 - Sep 2020	Oct 2020 - Sep 2021	Oct 2021 - Sep 2022	Oct 2022 - Sep 2023	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
DV murder	28	29	29	34	33	25	23	30	33	35	stable	stable
Total DV assault	29,316	28,437	29,222	31,087	32,020	32,430	33,357	35,538	37,927	37,823	stable	2.9%
DV grievous bodily harm	372	378	363	356	400	374	367	381	345	318	stable	-1.7%
DV actual bodily harm	7,420	7,447	7,674	8,186	8,497	8,732	9,056	9,526	9,659	9,734	stable	3.1%
DV common assault	21,518	20,609	21,176	22,542	23,110	23,315	23,920	25,615	27,909	27,745	stable	2.9%
Coercive control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	314	n.c.	n.c.
DV intimidation, stalking & harassment	13,432	13,221	14,196	15,871	17,366	19,106	20,774	21,957	23,751	24,779	stable	7.0%
DV breach AVO	14,174	13,757	14,701	16,452	18,792	19,666	21,218	22,633	24,477	25,520	stable	6.8%
DV non-criminal episode	80,846	79,328	80,538	83,885	89,645	85,897	80,708	83,877	89,497	88,711	stable	1.0%

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

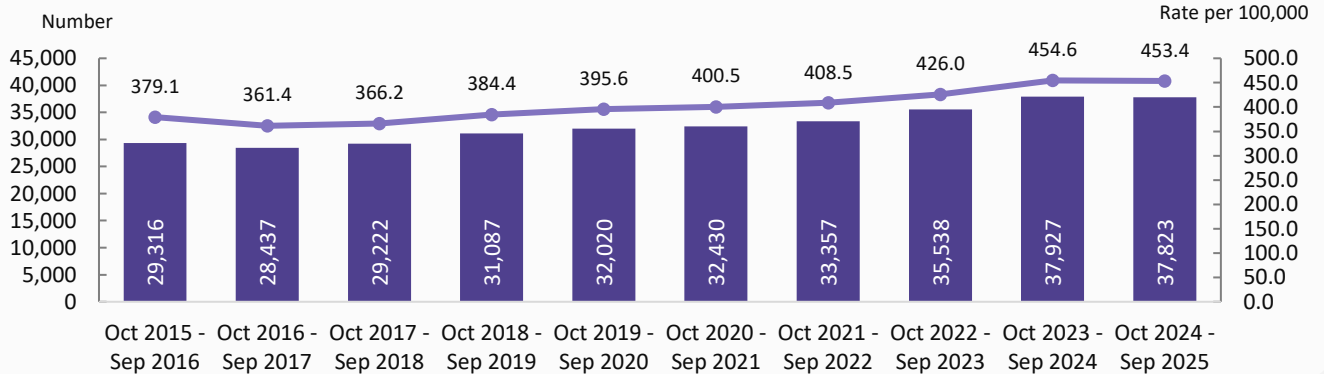
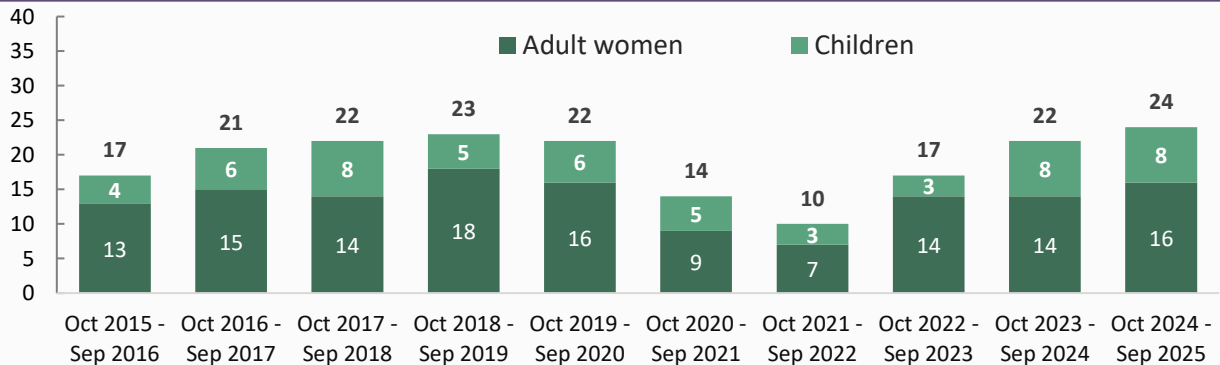


Figure 3. DV murder victims: adult women and children only



What are the regional trends for DV assault?

Figure 4. DV assault: Greater Sydney, Regional NSW, NSW and Regional SA4s

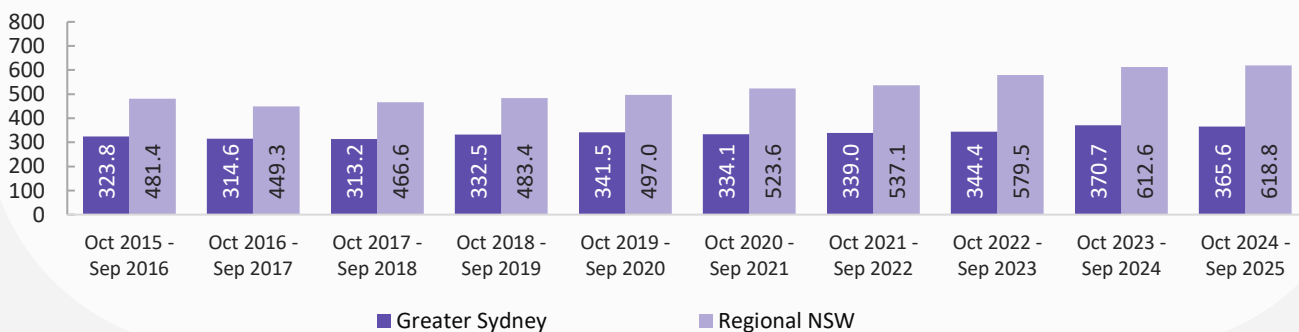
Region	Two year trends	Ten year trends (annual average % change)	Ratio to NSW	Number (12 months to Sep 2025)	Rate per 100,000 (12 months to Sep 2025)
Greater Sydney	Stable	2.3	0.8	19,926	365.6
Regional NSW	Stable	3.6	1.4	17,893	618.8
NSW	Stable	2.9	1.0	37,823	453.4
Greater Sydney					
Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	Stable	3.7	0.4	467	166.7
Blacktown	Stable	2.4	1.3	2,491	578.6
Central Coast	Stable	Stable	1.2	1,957	556.1
City & Inner South	Stable	2.5	1.0	1,577	442.7
Eastern Suburbs	Stable	Stable	0.5	648	237.2
Inner South West	-6.5	1.2	0.8	2,321	372.3
Inner West	Stable	3.2	0.6	789	250.7
North Sydney & Hornsby	Stable	3.7	0.3	670	153.2
Northern Beaches	Stable	Stable	0.3	421	157.1
Outer South West	-15.9	1.3	1.0	1,431	459.6
Outer West & Blue Mountains	Stable	Stable	1.1	1,633	478.6
Parramatta	Stable	2.4	0.9	2,080	403.9
Ryde	Stable	4.4	0.4	414	196.2
South West	Stable	3.9	1.0	2,369	471.8
Sutherland	Stable	3.8	0.6	658	280.6
Regional NSW					
Capital Region	Stable	3.0	0.9	977	401.9
Central West	Stable	3.8	1.6	1,559	725.6
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	-8.1	3.8	1.6	1,071	718.6
Far West & Orana	-6.2	4.4	3.4	1,836	1557.3
Hunter Valley excl. Newcastle	Stable	4.2	1.5	2,056	673.8
Illawarra	Stable	Stable	0.8	1,120	348.0
Mid North Coast	Stable	5.0	1.5	1,614	688.9
Murray	Stable	6.4	1.5	867	688.0
New England & North West	Stable	5.4	2.4	2,020	1066.9
Newcastle & Lake Macquarie	Stable	3.3	1.1	1,944	483.7
Richmond - Tweed	Stable	3.3	0.9	1,109	425.8
Riverina	-8.3	Stable	1.4	1,060	641.5
Southern Highlands & Shoalhaven	Stable	2.9	0.9	660	405.5

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

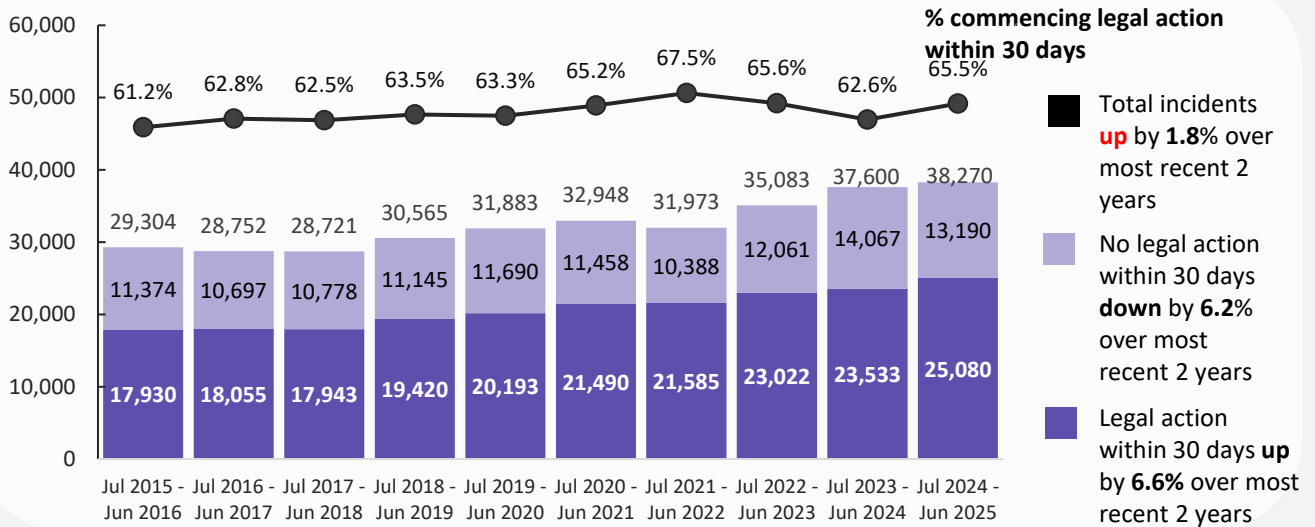


Figure 6. ADVO compliance checks by the NSW Police Force

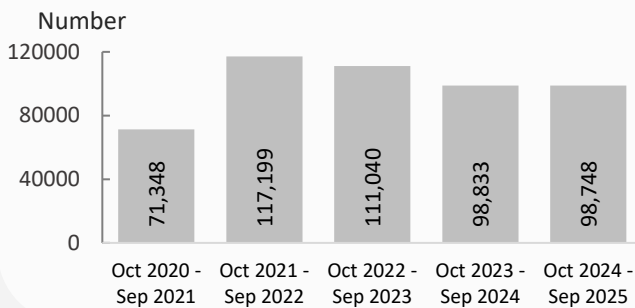


Figure 7. Number of ADVOs commenced

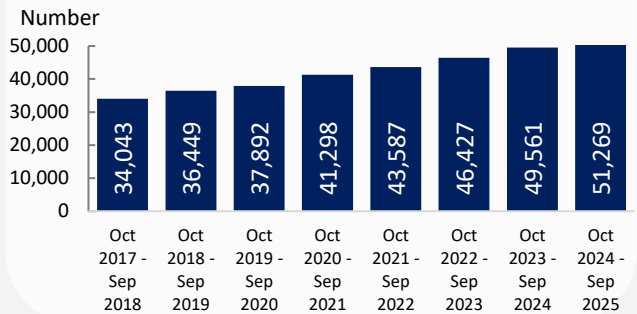
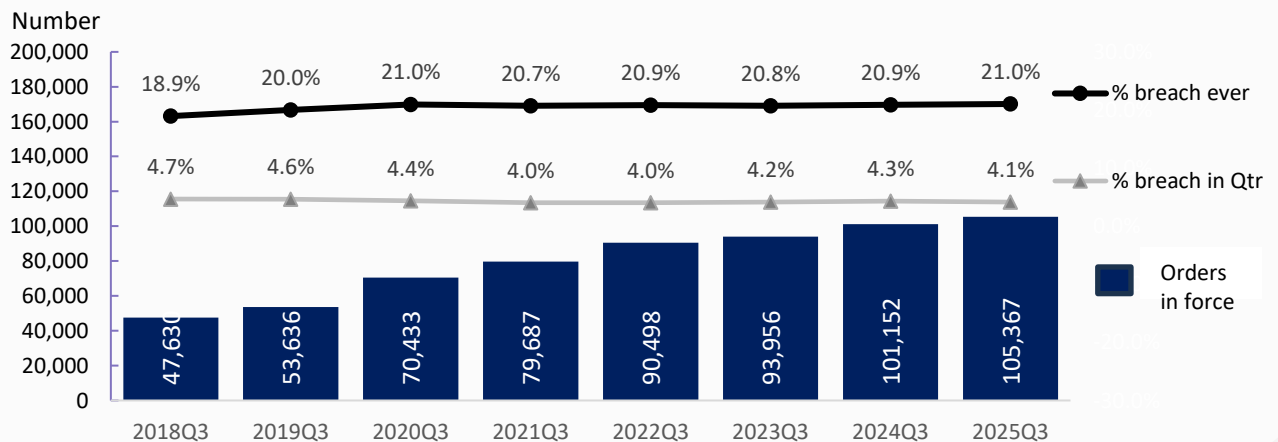


Figure 8. Number of ADVOs in force each quarter and % breached



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	Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	Oct 2019 - Sep 2020	Oct 2020 - Sep 2021	Oct 2021 - Sep 2022	Oct 2022 - Sep 2023	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
Total DV assault victims*	31,606	30,588	31,524	33,237	34,449	34,752	35,919	38,483	41,264	41,340	stable	3.0%
Adult female victims	19,877	19,015	19,517	20,605	21,083	21,266	21,419	22,775	24,065	24,013	stable	2.1%
Adult male victims	7,811	7,891	8,201	8,602	9,099	9,075	9,562	10,483	11,097	11,342	stable	4.2%
Child (0-17 years) victims	3,669	3,456	3,580	3,773	4,009	4,111	4,631	4,941	5,731	5,605	stable	4.8%

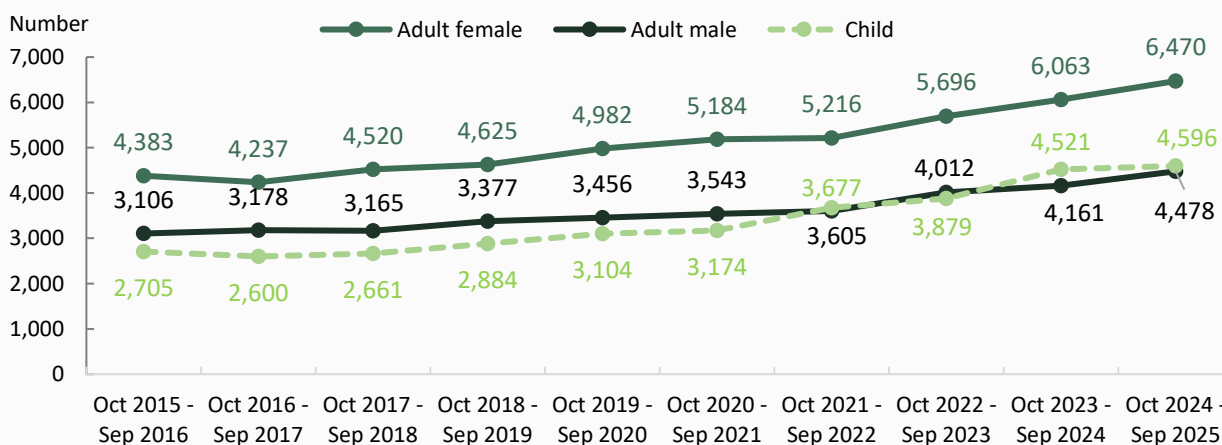
*Includes victims with missing/unknown age or gender

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

Relationship type	Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	Oct 2017 - Sep 2018	Oct 2018 - Sep 2019	Oct 2019 - Sep 2020	Oct 2020 - Sep 2021	Oct 2021 - Sep 2022	Oct 2022 - Sep 2023	Oct 2023 - Sep 2024	Oct 2024 - Sep 2025	2 year trend	10 year trend (annual average)
Total*	18,454	17,357	17,810	19,032	19,509	19,448	19,986	21,113	22,488	22,349	stable	2.2%
Intimate partner												
Female victim	14,951	13,989	14,228	15,213	15,330	15,330	15,444	16,174	17,163	16,884	stable	1.4%
Male victim	3,449	3,309	3,535	3,761	4,114	4,044	4,480	4,890	5,247	5,427	stable	5.2%
Family	10,332	10,131	10,463	11,033	11,686	12,056	12,665	13,733	14,942	15,771	stable	4.8%
Other	2,740	3,013	3,164	3,097	3,157	3,129	3,103	3,404	3,580	2,983	-16.7%	stable

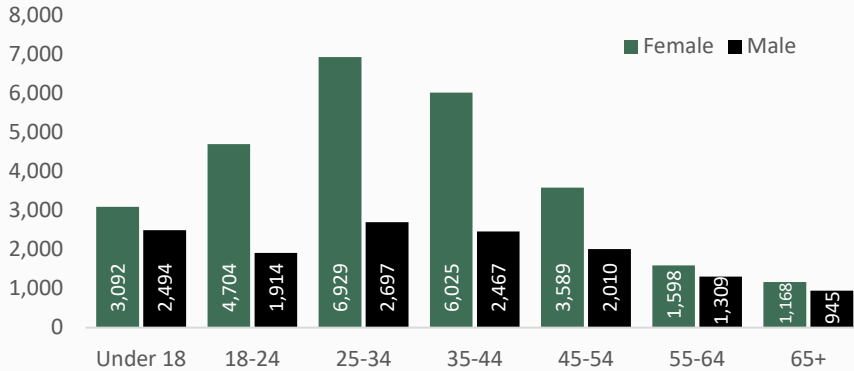
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Figure 11. DV assault victims of family violence



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 September 2025



Summary*

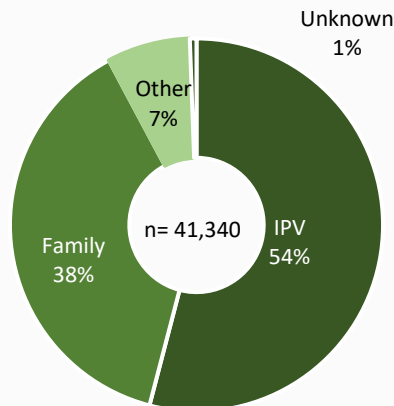
- 66% of victims were female
- 14% of victims were children
- 24% of victims were aged 25-34 yrs
- 55% of child victims were female
- 68% of adult victims were female

*Excludes 399 victims with missing age or gender

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

IPV accounts for over half of DV assault victims; **54%**

Family violence accounts for over one third of DV assault victims; **38%**

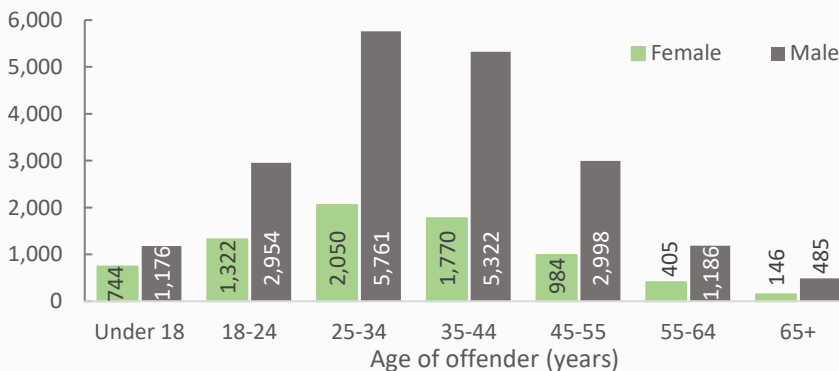


Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): current & ex spouse/partner, current & ex boy/girlfriend.

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 September 2025



Summary[~]

- 73% of offenders were male
- 93% of offenders were adult
- 29% of offenders were aged 25-34 yrs
- 61% of child offenders were male
- 74% of adult offenders were male

[~]Excludes 68 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.