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NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication presents national statistics on crimes recorded by police. These statistics provide indicators of the level and nature of recorded crime in Australia and a basis for measuring change over time.



CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Commencing from this issue, this publication includes two new sections: Section 11 provides historical series for selected offences covering the period 1993 to 1998; and section 12 provides statistics on weapon use in selected offences over the same time period.

For outcome of investigation statistics, the *90 day status* is no longer published. The date for receipt of final data from jurisdictions has been brought forward to streamline the processing of the data. Consequently information on the investigation status of all offences 90 days after being recorded by police is no longer complete for those offences recorded in the later months of the year.



SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

| | |
|--------|--|
| ABS | Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| ANCO | Australian National Classification of Offences |
| ASOC | Australian Standard Offence Classification |
| ERP | Estimated Resident Population |
| n.a. | not available |
| NCSU | National Crime Statistics Unit |
| n.e.c. | not elsewhere classified |
| n.f.d. | not further defined |
| r | figure or series revised since previous issue |
| UEWI | Unlawful Entry With Intent |
| — | nil |
| .. | not applicable |



P R E F A C E

This is the sixth in the series of Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publications concerned with national statistics on crimes recorded by police. These statistics provide indicators of the level and nature of recorded crime in Australia and a basis for measuring change over time.

The statistics are derived from administrative systems maintained by State and Territory police. Although national standards and classifications are used in the compilation of these statistics, some discrepancies remain between the States and Territories. These are due to legislative and procedural differences between police jurisdictions. As part of its National Crime Statistics Quality Assurance Strategy, the ABS is working with police agencies to minimise the effect of these differences.

Further development and expansion of the national crime statistics data set will be presented in future publications.

The statistics contained in this publication have been prepared by the National Crime Statistics Unit (NCSU) of the ABS in conjunction with police statistical staff from each State and Territory in accordance with national standards and classifications developed by the ABS. The NCSU is jointly funded by State and Territory police, the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the ABS. The ABS acknowledges the valuable contribution of the Board of Management of the NCSU, the National Crime Statistics Advisory Group and the various police statistical units to the production of *Recorded Crime, Australia*.

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SECTION 1

OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents statistics on selected crimes recorded by State and Territory police forces in Australia and provides a measure of the level and nature of crime in Australia. This section provides an overview of the number of victims recorded by police in the selected offence categories. Further information about the victims, such as where the offences took place, whether a weapon was used and information about the age and sex of victims and their relationship to the offender, together with information about the outcome of police investigations into recorded crime, is contained in the sections relating to each of the offence categories.

These statistics have been compiled according to national standards and classifications prepared by the National Crime Statistics Unit (NCSU) of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). There is considerable variation in the criminal laws of Australian States and Territories and this publication includes only those crimes for which nationally comparable definitions and counting rules have been developed.

Users of these statistics should be aware of several issues. These statistics only cover crimes recorded by police after they have been reported to, or otherwise detected by, police. Not all crime comes to the attention of police. In addition, fluctuations in recorded crime from month to month and year to year may be influenced by changes in community attitudes in reporting crime, police procedures or crime reporting systems, rather than changes in the incidence of criminal behaviour.

In order to gain a more comprehensive picture of the nature and extent of crime, these statistics should be complemented with information from other sources such as the statistical series derived from the National and State crime victims surveys conducted by the ABS. Results from the latest National Crime and Safety Survey conducted in April 1998 are scheduled for release in August 1999 (*Crime and Safety, Australia, 1998* (Cat. no. 4509.0)).

The Explanatory Notes and associated Glossary provide details of the data sources, terms, counting rules and other technical matters associated with this publication.

The number of victims recorded by police in the selected offence categories have been expressed as a rate per 100,000 persons for each of the States and Territories to enable comparisons to be made from a common population base. In addition, for offences where the victims are not persons, alternative rates have also been included in this publication. Rates per 100,000 households for unlawful entry with intent (UEWI) are included in section 8, and rates per 100,000 registered motor vehicles for motor vehicle theft are included in section 9. For more information about rates, refer to paragraphs 20–25 of the Explanatory Notes.

OVERVIEW OF NATIONAL CRIME TRENDS

The Recorded Crime statistics include information on homicide, assault, sexual assault, kidnapping/abduction, robbery, blackmail/extortion, UEWI, motor vehicle theft and other theft. Some of the major findings contained in this publication follow.

Number of victims

The number of victims of crime recorded by police in Australia during 1998 was higher than in 1997, with the exceptions of murder (which decreased by 12%) and blackmail/extortion (which decreased by 17%). Table 1.1 shows the percentage change in the recorded offence counts between 1997 and 1998 for selected offences.

All categories of offences against property (UEWI, motor vehicle theft and other theft) had increases in the number of victims recorded between 1997 and 1998. Nationally, offences against property were far more common than offences against the person (murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, driving causing death, assault, sexual assault and kidnapping/abduction).

1.1 VICTIMS(a), By Selected Offence Category

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1997r | 1998 | % change |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| | no. | no. | |
| Murder | 321 | 284 | -11.5 |
| Attempted murder | 318 | 382 | 20.1 |
| Manslaughter | 39 | 49 | 25.6 |
| Assault | 124 500 | 132 967 | 6.8 |
| Sexual assault | 14 353 | 14 568 | 1.5 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 562 | 662 | 17.8 |
| Armed robbery | 9 054 | 10 850 | 19.8 |
| Unarmed robbery | 12 251 | 12 928 | 5.5 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 360 | 298 | -17.2 |
| UEWI | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 332 525 | 343 256 | 3.2 |
| Other | 89 044 | 92 414 | 3.8 |
| Total | 421 569 | 435 670 | 3.3 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 130 138 | 131 572 | 1.1 |
| Other theft | 530 881 | 565 214 | 6.5 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary).

Rate per 100,000 persons

The Northern Territory recorded high victimisation rates (the number of victims per 100,000 persons) for offences against the person, having the highest rates in Australia for murder, assault and sexual assault in both 1997 and 1998 (see tables 1.3 and 1.5).

Western Australia recorded the highest victimisation rates for UEWI, motor vehicle theft and other theft in 1998.

Rate per 100,000 persons *continued*

The Australian Capital Territory recorded the lowest victimisation rates for all homicide offences (murder, attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death) and sexual assault in 1998. Victoria recorded the lowest victimisation rates for assault, UEWI and other theft offences.

Murder

There was a decrease of 12% in the number of murder victims recorded in Australia during 1998, falling from 321 victims in 1997 to 284 victims in 1998 (see table 1.1). The national murder victimisation rate fell from 1.7 victims per 100,000 persons in 1997 to 1.5 victims per 100,000 persons in 1998. The Northern Territory had the highest victimisation rate, recording 7.9 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by Queensland with 1.8 victims per 100,000 persons.

Assault

The number of assault victims rose by 8,467 or 6.8%, from 124,500 in 1997 to 132,967 in 1998. All States recorded increases in assault victimisation, the largest increase being recorded in Western Australia, which rose 20%, from 13,797 victims in 1997 to 16,574 victims in 1998. Tasmania and South Australia also contributed to the increase, rising by 13% and 8.4% respectively. Both the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory recorded decreases in assault offence counts.

The Northern Territory recorded the highest victimisation rate for assault, with 1,317 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by South Australia (1,001 victims per 100,000 persons). Victoria recorded the lowest rate of 377 victims per 100,000 persons, well below the national rate of 709 victims per 100,000 persons.

Sexual assault

The number of victims of sexual assault increased slightly (1.5%), rising from 14,353 victims in 1997 to 14,568 victims in 1998. Western Australia recorded the highest increase of 13%, increasing from 1,610 victims in 1997 to 1,827 victims in 1998. The highest rates for sexual assault were recorded in the Northern Territory (124 victims per 100,000 persons), followed by Western Australia (100 victims per 100,000 persons), Queensland (99 victims per 100,000 persons) and South Australia (88 victims per 100,000 persons).

The Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania, Victoria and New South Wales recorded lower rates than the national victimisation rate of 78 victims per 100,000 persons.

Armed robbery

Armed robbery accounted for one of the largest relative increases in recorded crime between 1997 and 1998, with all States and Territories recording increases. The number of victims of armed robbery rose by 20%, from 9,054 victims in 1997 to 10,850 victims in 1998.

Tasmania recorded the largest percentage increase, rising by 89%, from 45 victims in 1997 to 85 victims in 1998. Despite the largest percentage increase being in Tasmania, a rise of 15% in New South Wales from 4,978 victims in 1997 to 5,721 victims in 1998, was the largest contributor to the national increase.

Armed robbery continued

New South Wales and Western Australia were the only States to record victimisation rates above the national rate of 58 victims per 100,000 persons, with 90 and 76 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

Organisations represented 4,650 (43%) of the 10,850 victims of armed robbery (see table 6.3).

Unarmed robbery

An increase of 5.5% from 1997 to 1998 was recorded for unarmed robbery offences, rising from 12,251 victims in 1997 to 12,928 victims in 1998. New South Wales accounted for 59% of all unarmed robberies in Australia and recorded a victimisation rate above the national rate of 69 victims per 100,000 persons, with 120 victims per 100,000 persons. This was followed by Western Australia and South Australia, with victimisation rates of 71 and 69 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

Unarmed robberies constituted 54% of all robbery offences recorded in Australia during 1998, compared to 58% in 1997.

Unlawful entry with intent (UEWI)—involving the taking of property

UEWI includes burglary and break and enter offences. UEWI involving the taking of property rose from 332,525 victims in 1997 to 343,256 victims in 1998 (up 3.2%). The largest relative increase was recorded in the Australian Capital Territory, which rose from 3,160 victims in 1997 to 4,080 victims in 1998 (up 920 or 29%). South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia recorded smaller increases of 18%, 8.8% and 5.6% respectively.

Western Australia had the highest victimisation rate of 2,325 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by Tasmania with 2,321 victims per 100,000 persons. The lowest rates were recorded in Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory, with rates of 1,178 and 1,323 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

Unlawful entry with intent (UEWI)—other

For UEWI offences not involving the taking of property, the number of victims recorded in Australia rose by 3.8%, increasing from 89,044 in 1997 to 92,414 in 1998. Western Australia recorded the highest victimisation rate of 935 victims per 100,000 persons. The national victimisation rate was 493 victims per 100,000 persons. Victoria recorded the lowest victimisation rate of 337 victims per 100,000 persons.

Motor vehicle theft

During 1998, the number of motor vehicle thefts in Australia rose by 1.1%, from 130,138 in 1997 to 131,572 in 1998. The largest relative increase was recorded in the Australian Capital Territory, where the number of motor vehicle thefts rose by 55%, from 1,567 in 1997 to 2,427 in 1998. This was followed by South Australia where the number of motor vehicle thefts rose from 8,060 in 1997 to 10,981 in 1998, an increase of 36%.

Western Australia and New South Wales recorded the highest victimisation rates of 880 and 833 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

Other theft

A total of 565,214 victims of other theft, that is, thefts other than motor vehicle theft, were recorded during 1998, an increase of 6.5% on the 530,881 victims recorded in 1997. New South Wales was the main contributor to this increase, rising by 10,713 (6.5%) from 165,201 in 1997 to 175,914 in 1998. South Australia recorded the highest relative increase, rising 16% from 47,136 victims in 1997 to 54,636 victims in 1998. The Northern Territory was the only jurisdiction to record a decrease, falling by 5.2% or 372 victims.

The highest victimisation rate for other theft was recorded in Western Australia, with a rate of 4,471 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by South Australia with a rate of 3,674 victims per 100,000 persons.

Age of victims

Victimisation rates for offences against the person in 1998 were generally highest for the 15–19 year age group. This age group had the highest victimisation rates for manslaughter, driving causing death, sexual assault, kidnapping/abduction, armed robbery and unarmed robbery. Assault and blackmail/extortion victimisation rates were highest for the 20–24 year age group while both murder and attempted murder victimisation rates were highest for the 25–34 year age group.

1.2 VICTIMS(a), By Selected Offence Category and Age Group (years) of Victim—1998

| Offence category | 0–9 | 10–14 | 15–19 | 20–24 | 25–34 | 35–44 | 45–54 | 55–64 | 65 and over | Total |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|
| RATE PER 100,000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 0.96 | 0.23 | 1.06 | 1.18 | 2.39 | 2.11 | 1.86 | 0.93 | 1.01 | 1.51 |
| Attempted murder | 0.35 | 0.23 | 1.98 | 3.16 | 3.92 | 3.04 | 1.70 | 0.62 | 0.35 | 2.04 |
| Manslaughter | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.61 | 0.37 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.28 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.26 |
| Driving causing death | 0.54 | 0.76 | 3.42 | 3.09 | 1.59 | 0.76 | 0.73 | 1.42 | 1.49 | 1.40 |
| Assault | 109.35 | 575.10 | 1 436.40 | 1 466.41 | 1 270.11 | 773.90 | 444.14 | 227.52 | 72.83 | 709.24 |
| Sexual assault | 109.27 | 210.10 | 230.84 | 110.49 | 71.25 | 35.99 | 14.27 | 5.82 | 3.33 | 77.71 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 5.41 | 9.60 | 10.41 | 5.36 | 2.84 | 1.21 | 0.69 | 0.37 | 0.13 | 3.53 |
| Armed robbery | 0.69 | 15.00 | 76.54 | 70.46 | 46.86 | 35.75 | 30.77 | 23.70 | 7.71 | 33.07 |
| Unarmed robbery | 2.53 | 59.47 | 185.46 | 113.07 | 77.39 | 53.01 | 48.15 | 45.05 | 37.01 | 62.89 |
| Blackmail/extortion | — | 0.61 | 1.90 | 2.06 | 1.49 | 1.14 | 1.82 | 0.99 | 0.44 | 1.24 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

1.3 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—1998

| Offence category | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 96 | 47 | 63 | 25 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 284 |
| Attempted murder | 121 | 52 | 148 | 25 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 382 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>217</i> | <i>99</i> | <i>211</i> | <i>50</i> | <i>55</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>666</i> |
| Manslaughter | 25 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | — | 49 |
| Driving causing death | 116 | 44 | 34 | 22 | 42 | 1 | 3 | — | 262 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>141</i> | <i>46</i> | <i>44</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>49</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>311</i> |
| Assault | 59 221 | 17 571 | 18 315 | 14 885 | 16 574 | 2 231 | 2 503 | 1 667 | 132 967 |
| Sexual assault | 4 504 | 2 967 | 3 423 | 1 310 | 1 827 | 216 | 235 | 86 | 14 568 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 377 | 115 | 100 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 662 |
| Armed robbery | 5 721 | 1 555 | 1 288 | 637 | 1 395 | 85 | 34 | 135 | 10 850 |
| Unarmed robbery | 7 605 | 1 441 | 1 242 | 1 031 | 1 302 | 102 | 48 | 157 | 12 928 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>13 326</i> | <i>2 996</i> | <i>2 530</i> | <i>1 668</i> | <i>2 697</i> | <i>187</i> | <i>82</i> | <i>292</i> | <i>23 778</i> |
| Blackmail/extortion | 60 | 91 | 78 | 13 | 53 | — | 3 | — | 298 |
| UEWI | | | | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 142 217 | 54 882 | 58 012 | 26 781 | 42 577 | 10 951 | 3 756 | 4 080 | 343 256 |
| Other | 29 648 | 15 707 | 17 778 | 5 963 | 17 123 | 3 364 | 1 319 | 1 512 | 92 414 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>171 865</i> | <i>70 589</i> | <i>75 790</i> | <i>32 744</i> | <i>59 700</i> | <i>14 315</i> | <i>5 075</i> | <i>5 592</i> | <i>435 670</i> |
| Motor vehicle theft | 52 833 | 29 563 | 15 691 | 10 981 | 16 120 | 2 991 | 966 | 2 427 | 131 572 |
| Other theft | 175 914 | 125 569 | 95 941 | 54 636 | 81 890 | 13 872 | 6 731 | 10 661 | 565 214 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.51 | 1.01 | 1.82 | 1.68 | 1.69 | 1.27 | 7.90 | 0.32 | 1.51 |
| Attempted murder | 1.91 | 1.12 | 4.28 | 1.68 | 1.31 | 1.48 | 2.11 | 0.32 | 2.04 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>3.42</i> | <i>2.12</i> | <i>6.10</i> | <i>3.36</i> | <i>3.00</i> | <i>2.75</i> | <i>10.01</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>3.55</i> |
| Manslaughter | 0.39 | 0.04 | 0.29 | 0.07 | 0.38 | 0.64 | 0.53 | — | 0.26 |
| Driving causing death | 1.83 | 0.94 | 0.98 | 1.48 | 2.29 | 0.21 | 1.58 | — | 1.40 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>2.22</i> | <i>0.99</i> | <i>1.27</i> | <i>1.55</i> | <i>2.68</i> | <i>0.85</i> | <i>2.11</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>1.66</i> |
| Assault | 933.85 | 376.99 | 529.90 | 1 000.81 | 904.99 | 472.78 | 1 317.43 | 540.51 | 709.24 |
| Sexual assault | 71.02 | 63.66 | 99.04 | 88.08 | 99.76 | 45.77 | 123.69 | 27.88 | 77.71 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 5.94 | 2.47 | 2.89 | 2.15 | 1.31 | 2.12 | 0.53 | 0.97 | 3.53 |
| Armed robbery | 90.21 | 33.36 | 37.26 | 42.83 | 76.17 | 18.01 | 17.90 | 43.77 | 57.87 |
| Unarmed robbery | 119.92 | 30.92 | 35.93 | 69.32 | 71.09 | 21.62 | 25.26 | 50.91 | 68.96 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>210.14</i> | <i>64.28</i> | <i>73.20</i> | <i>112.15</i> | <i>147.26</i> | <i>39.63</i> | <i>43.16</i> | <i>94.68</i> | <i>126.83</i> |
| Blackmail/extortion | 0.95 | 1.95 | 2.26 | 0.87 | 2.89 | — | 1.58 | — | 1.59 |
| UEWI(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 2 242.61 | 1 177.50 | 1 678.42 | 1 800.65 | 2 324.83 | 2 320.69 | 1 976.94 | 1 322.91 | 1 830.91 |
| Other | 467.52 | 337.00 | 514.36 | 400.93 | 934.97 | 712.89 | 694.24 | 490.25 | 492.93 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>2 710.12</i> | <i>1 514.50</i> | <i>2 192.78</i> | <i>2 201.58</i> | <i>3 259.80</i> | <i>3 033.58</i> | <i>2 671.18</i> | <i>1 813.16</i> | <i>2 323.85</i> |
| Motor vehicle theft(c) | 833.12 | 634.28 | 453.98 | 738.32 | 880.20 | 633.84 | 508.45 | 786.94 | 701.80 |
| Other theft | 2 773.97 | 2 694.10 | 2 775.79 | 3 673.52 | 4 471.45 | 2 939.70 | 3 542.80 | 3 456.75 | 3 014.83 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

(b) Refer to section 8 for the use of alternative victimisation rates based on dwelling counts. See paragraphs 23 and 24 of the Explanatory Notes.

(c) Refer to section 9 for the use of alternative victimisation rates based on motor vehicle registrations. See paragraphs 23 and 25 of the Explanatory Notes.

1.4 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—1997–98(b)

| Offence category | NSW(c) | Vic. r | Qld r | SA | WA r | Tas. r | NT r | ACT r | Aust. |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 109 | 47 | 67 | 29 | 29 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 297 |
| Attempted murder | 134 | 47 | 140 | 31 | 24 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 384 |
| <i>Total</i> | 243 | 94 | 207 | 60 | 53 | 6 | 15 | 3 | 681 |
| Manslaughter | 21 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 9 | — | 1 | — | 47 |
| Driving causing death | n.a. | 29 | 56 | 15 | 43 | 2 | 2 | — | n.a. |
| <i>Total</i> | n.a. | 30 | 69 | 17 | 52 | 2 | 3 | — | n.a. |
| Assault | 57 855 | 16 748 | 17 733 | 14 137 | 15 045 | 2 154 | 2 565 | 1 655 | 127 892 |
| Sexual assault | 4 682 | 2 807 | 3 468 | 1 301 | 1 685 | 218 | 266 | 83 | 14 510 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 283 | 90 | 95 | 38 | 37 | 7 | — | 4 | 554 |
| Armed robbery | 5 716 | 1 380 | 1 261 | 435 | 1 280 | 72 | 23 | 127 | 10 294 |
| Unarmed robbery | 7 440 | 1 398 | 1 157 | 887 | 1 180 | 107 | 64 | 127 | 12 360 |
| <i>Total</i> | 13 156 | 2 778 | 2 418 | 1 322 | 2 460 | 179 | 87 | 254 | 22 654 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 54 | 127 | 74 | 19 | 58 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 338 |
| UEWI | | | | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 142 021 | 55 362 | 58 573 | 24 023 | 42 199 | 11 270 | 3 571 | 3 398 | 340 417 |
| Other | 29 200 | 16 056 | 17 501 | 5 566 | 16 903 | 3 298 | 1 299 | 1 307 | 91 130 |
| <i>Total</i> | 171 221 | 71 418 | 76 074 | 29 589 | 59 102 | 14 568 | 4 870 | 4 705 | 431 547 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 55 910 | 30 219 | 15 311 | 9 581 | 16 345 | 2 727 | 947 | 1 920 | 132 960 |
| Other theft | 173 433 | 123 105 | 92 551 | 50 184 | 78 303 | 13 501 | 6 731 | 9 615 | 547 423 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.73 | 1.02 | 1.96 | 1.96 | 1.60 | 0.85 | 5.31 | 0.65 | 1.60 |
| Attempted murder | 2.13 | 1.02 | 4.09 | 2.09 | 1.32 | 0.42 | 2.66 | 0.33 | 2.06 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3.86 | 2.03 | 6.04 | 4.05 | 2.92 | 1.27 | 7.97 | 0.98 | 3.66 |
| Manslaughter | 0.33 | 0.02 | 0.38 | 0.13 | 0.50 | — | 0.53 | — | 0.25 |
| Driving causing death | n.a. | 0.63 | 1.63 | 1.01 | 2.37 | 0.42 | 1.06 | — | n.a. |
| <i>Total</i> | n.a. | 0.65 | 2.01 | 1.15 | 2.87 | 0.42 | 1.59 | — | n.a. |
| Assault | 917.98 | 361.81 | 517.65 | 953.65 | 830.26 | 455.71 | 1 362.43 | 538.40 | 686.86 |
| Sexual assault | 74.29 | 60.64 | 101.23 | 87.76 | 92.99 | 46.12 | 141.29 | 27.00 | 77.93 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 4.49 | 1.94 | 2.77 | 2.56 | 2.04 | 1.48 | — | 1.30 | 2.98 |
| Armed robbery | 90.69 | 29.81 | 36.81 | 29.34 | 70.64 | 15.23 | 12.22 | 41.31 | 55.28 |
| Unarmed robbery | 118.05 | 30.20 | 33.77 | 59.83 | 65.12 | 22.64 | 33.99 | 41.31 | 66.38 |
| <i>Total</i> | 208.74 | 60.01 | 70.58 | 89.18 | 135.75 | 37.87 | 46.21 | 82.63 | 121.67 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 0.86 | 2.74 | 2.16 | 1.28 | 3.20 | 0.42 | 1.59 | 0.33 | 1.82 |
| UEWI | | | | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 2 253.42 | 1 196.01 | 1 709.81 | 1 620.53 | 2 328.75 | 2 384.32 | 1 896.78 | 1 105.42 | 1 828.24 |
| Other | 463.31 | 346.86 | 510.87 | 375.47 | 932.79 | 697.74 | 689.98 | 425.19 | 489.42 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 716.74 | 1 542.87 | 2 220.69 | 1 996.00 | 3 261.54 | 3 082.05 | 2 586.77 | 1 530.60 | 2 317.67 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 887.12 | 652.83 | 446.95 | 646.31 | 902.00 | 576.93 | 503.01 | 624.60 | 714.08 |
| Other theft | 2 751.83 | 2 659.49 | 2 701.67 | 3 385.29 | 4 321.15 | 2 856.31 | 3 575.26 | 3 127.90 | 2 939.99 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

(b) Year ended June 1998.

(c) A change in the recording practice for driving causing death offences in New South Wales has resulted in incomplete counts for this offence in 1997.

1.5 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—1997

| Offence category | NSW(b) | Vic. r | Qld r | SA | WA r | Tas. r | NT r | ACT r | Aust. |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 110 | 63 | 75 | 23 | 30 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 321 |
| Attempted murder | 100 | 44 | 111 | 33 | 23 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 318 |
| <i>Total</i> | 210 | 107 | 186 | 56 | 53 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 639 |
| Manslaughter | 11 | 2 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | — | 39 |
| Driving causing death | n.a. | 25 | 51 | 15 | 37 | 1 | 2 | — | n.a. |
| <i>Total</i> | n.a. | 27 | 62 | 18 | 46 | 2 | 4 | — | n.a. |
| Assault | 55 998 | 17 088 | 17 646 | 13 728 | 13 797 | 1 981 | 2 573 | 1 689 | 124 500 |
| Sexual assault | 4 663 | 2 953 | 3 332 | 1 218 | 1 610 | 198 | 269 | 110 | 14 353 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 271 | 94 | 108 | 37 | 38 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 562 |
| Armed robbery | 4 978 | 1 196 | 1 251 | 374 | 1 073 | 45 | 24 | 113 | 9 054 |
| Unarmed robbery | 7 592 | 1 293 | 1 188 | 849 | 1 057 | 104 | 51 | 117 | 12 251 |
| <i>Total</i> | 12 570 | 2 489 | 2 439 | 1 223 | 2 130 | 149 | 75 | 230 | 21 305 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 56 | 127 | 85 | 22 | 62 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 360 |
| UEWI | | | | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 137 437 | 57 383 | 56 952 | 22 737 | 40 331 | 11 072 | 3 453 | 3 160 | 332 525 |
| Other | 27 711 | 16 765 | 17 487 | 5 128 | 16 244 | 3 123 | 1 354 | 1 232 | 89 044 |
| <i>Total</i> | 165 148 | 74 148 | 74 439 | 27 865 | 56 575 | 14 195 | 4 807 | 4 392 | 421 569 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 54 711 | 30 453 | 17 058 | 8 060 | 14 827 | 2 455 | 1 007 | 1 567 | 130 138 |
| Other theft | 165 201 | 119 867 | 93 390 | 47 136 | 75 947 | 12 909 | 7 103 | 9 328 | 530 881 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.75 | 1.37 | 2.21 | 1.55 | 1.67 | 1.48 | 4.82 | 1.30 | 1.73 |
| Attempted murder | 1.59 | 0.96 | 3.27 | 2.23 | 1.28 | 0.21 | 2.14 | 0.65 | 1.72 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3.35 | 2.32 | 5.48 | 3.78 | 2.95 | 1.69 | 6.96 | 1.95 | 3.45 |
| Manslaughter | 0.18 | 0.04 | 0.32 | 0.20 | 0.50 | 0.21 | 1.07 | — | 0.21 |
| Driving causing death | n.a. | 0.54 | 1.50 | 1.01 | 2.06 | 0.21 | 1.07 | — | n.a. |
| <i>Total</i> | n.a. | 0.59 | 1.83 | 1.22 | 2.56 | 0.42 | 2.14 | — | n.a. |
| Assault | 892.71 | 371.06 | 519.45 | 927.77 | 767.41 | 418.39 | 1 376.62 | 548.36 | 672.21 |
| Sexual assault | 74.34 | 64.12 | 98.08 | 82.32 | 89.55 | 41.82 | 143.92 | 35.71 | 77.50 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 4.32 | 2.04 | 3.18 | 2.50 | 2.11 | 0.84 | 0.54 | 2.92 | 3.03 |
| Armed robbery | 79.36 | 25.97 | 36.83 | 25.28 | 59.68 | 9.50 | 12.84 | 36.69 | 48.89 |
| Unarmed robbery | 121.03 | 28.08 | 34.97 | 57.38 | 58.79 | 21.97 | 27.29 | 37.99 | 66.15 |
| <i>Total</i> | 200.39 | 54.05 | 71.80 | 82.65 | 118.47 | 31.47 | 40.13 | 74.67 | 115.03 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 0.89 | 2.76 | 2.50 | 1.49 | 3.45 | 0.42 | 1.61 | 0.97 | 1.94 |
| UEWI | | | | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | 2 191.00 | 1 246.05 | 1 676.50 | 1 536.62 | 2 243.27 | 2 338.44 | 1 847.44 | 1 025.94 | 1 795.39 |
| Other | 441.77 | 364.04 | 514.77 | 346.56 | 903.51 | 659.59 | 724.42 | 399.99 | 480.77 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 632.77 | 1 610.09 | 2 191.27 | 1 883.18 | 3 146.78 | 2 998.03 | 2 571.87 | 1 425.92 | 2 276.17 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 872.20 | 661.27 | 502.14 | 544.71 | 824.70 | 518.50 | 538.77 | 508.75 | 702.65 |
| Other theft | 2 633.62 | 2 602.86 | 2 749.13 | 3 185.55 | 4 224.28 | 2 726.42 | 3 800.29 | 3 028.46 | 2 866.37 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

(b) A change in the recording practice for driving causing death offences in New South Wales has resulted in incomplete counts for this offence in 1997.

SECTION 2

HOMICIDE AND RELATED OFFENCES

MURDER

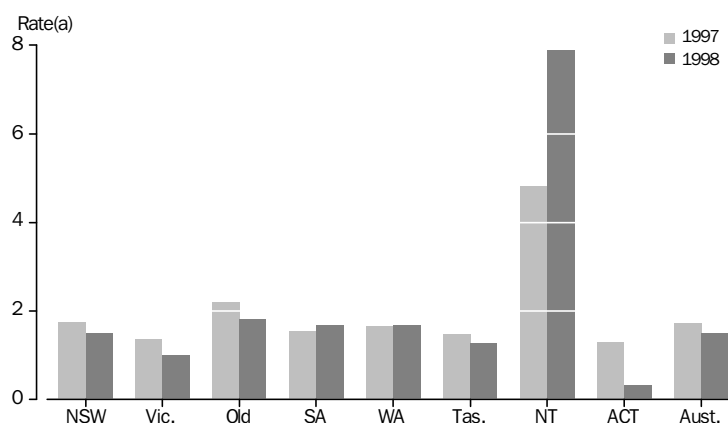
Number of victims

Police in Australia recorded 284 victims of murder during 1998, compared with 321 victims in 1997. There were decreases in the number of victims recorded in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

Rate per 100,000 persons

Nationally, the victimisation rate for murder during 1998 was 1.5 victims per 100,000 persons, a decrease from 1.7 victims per 100,000 persons in 1997. The Northern Territory recorded the highest murder rate with 7.9 victims per 100,000 persons. The lowest murder rate was recorded in the Australian Capital Territory with 0.3 victims per 100,000 persons.

2.1 MURDER, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories



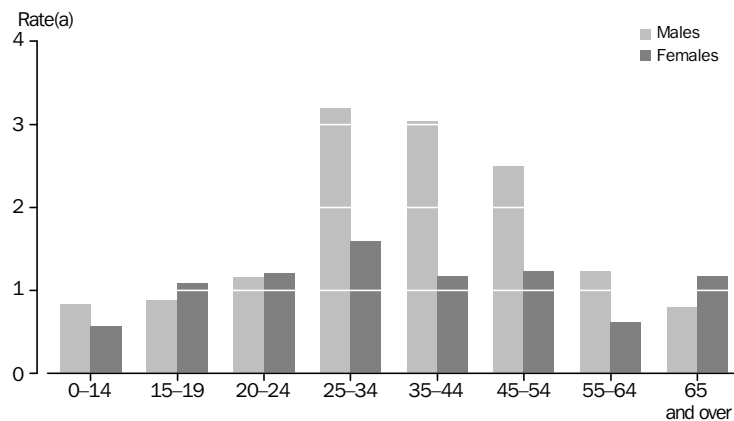
(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Age and sex

Males were the victims of 62% of all murder offences and almost one-third (32%) of all victims were males aged 25–44 years. Nationally, males recorded a higher murder rate than females with 1.9 victims per 100,000 males, compared to 1.1 victims per 100,000 females.

Males in the 25–34 year age group had the highest age-specific murder rate, with 3.19 victims per 100,000 males in this age group. Females in the 25–34 year age group also recorded the highest age-specific murder rate for females, with 1.6 victims per 100,000 females in this age group.

2.2 MURDER, Victimisation Rates—By sex and age group of victim, 1998



(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Sex and relationship

In 63% of all murder offences the offender was recorded as known to the victim. For almost one-third of all murder offences (31%) the offender was recorded as a family member.

Females were more likely than males to be murdered by someone known to them. Offenders were known to female victims in 72% of murder offences and in 52% of all murders the offender was recorded as a family member. For male victims, offenders were known to them in 58% of murder offences, however the majority of the offenders in these cases were non-family members (67%).

Location and weapon use

Residential locations were the most common sites of murder offences (64% of all murders) with 59% of all murders occurring in dwellings. This was followed by community locations (28% of all murders) where the largest proportion of murders occurred on streets or footpaths (16% of all murders).

The majority of murders (71%) were committed with some type of weapon and of these just over one-quarter involved the use of a firearm. The highest proportion of murders involving the use of a firearm occurred in Victoria, with 36% of all murder offences involving a firearm.

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, 67% of investigations into murder offences were finalised within 30 days of the offences becoming known to police. Offenders were proceeded against in 60% of all murder offences within the same period.

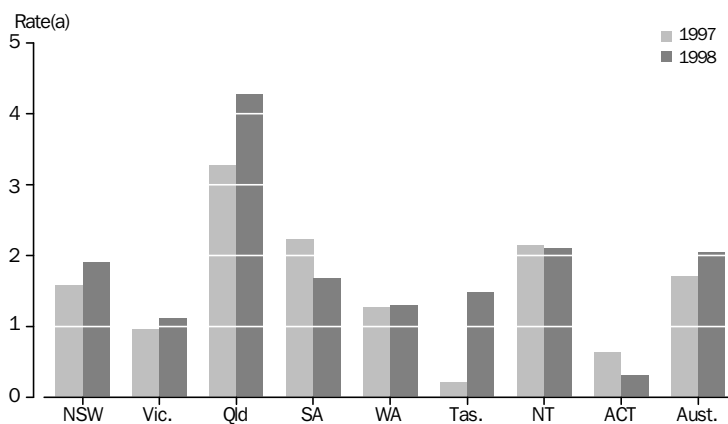
ATTEMPTED MURDER

Number of victims

During 1998, police recorded 382 victims of attempted murder, an increase of 20% from 318 in 1997. The number of victims increased in 1998 for each of the States and Territories except South Australia, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

Rate per 100,000 persons

In 1998, the national rate of victimisation for attempted murder was 2.0 victims per 100,000 persons. Queensland recorded the highest attempted murder rates with 4.3 victims per 100,000 persons. The lowest attempted murder rate was recorded in the Australian Capital Territory (0.3 victims per 100,000 persons).

2.3 ATTEMPTED MURDER, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Age and sex

The highest victimisation rate for males was recorded in the 25–34 year age group with 6.0 victims of attempted murder per 100,000 males in this age group. Females in the 35–44 year age group recorded the highest rates for attempted murder of females with 2.6 victims per 100,000 females in this age group.

Sex and relationship

Australia-wide, attempted murder was most likely to be committed by an offender known to the victim (61% of all offences). In 74% of attempted murder offences involving female victims, the offender was known to the victim and in 55% of attempted murder offences against males, the offender was known to the victim.

For attempted murders of females where the offender was known to the victim, 52% of offenders were family members. However, for attempted murders involving males, where the offender was known to the victim, 28% of offenders were family members.

Location and weapon use

As with murder, residential locations were the most common locations for attempted murder (54% of all attempted murders) with 50% of offences occurring in dwellings. In 26% of attempted murder offences, the location was a street or footpath.

For attempted murder offences, 85% involved weapon use. In 19% of all offences, a firearm was recorded as the weapon.

A greater proportion of attempted murder offences involved the use of a weapon compared to murder offences (85% compared to 71% respectively).

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, investigations into 76% of attempted murder offences were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to the police. In 73% of all attempted murder offences an offender was proceeded against in the same time.

OTHER UNLAWFUL KILLING

Manslaughter and driving causing death constitute other unlawful killing. It should be noted that there are important legislative and procedural differences between jurisdictions in the way that fatal motor vehicle incidents are dealt with, and much of the interjurisdictional variation in driving causing death offences stems from these legislative and procedural differences.

Number of victims

In 1998, there were 49 victims of manslaughter recorded nationally, compared to 39 victims in 1997.

The total number of driving causing death victims for all the States and Territories in 1998 was 262.

Rate per 100,000 persons

For manslaughter, the national victimisation rate for 1998 was 0.3 victims per 100,000 persons.

The national victimisation rate for driving causing death in 1998 was 1.4 victims per 100,000 persons. The highest driving causing death rate was recorded in Western Australia with 2.3 victims per 100,000 persons, whilst the lowest rate was recorded in the Australian Capital Territory with nil victims.

Age and sex

Nationally, males represented 73% of all manslaughter victims and had a victimisation rate of 0.4 victims per 100,000 males. Females had a victimisation rate of 0.1 victims per 100,000 females.

Males accounted for 64% of all driving causing death victims. The victimisation rate for driving causing death offences involving male victims was 1.8 victims per 100,000 males, compared to a rate of 1.0 female victims per 100,000 females.

Sex and relationship

The victim was known to the offender in 77% of manslaughter offences involving female victims and in 61% of manslaughter offences involving male victims.

For driving causing death offences, the proportion of victims who knew their offenders was similar for both males and females (28% and 29% respectively) although for a greater proportion of females, the offender was recorded as being a family member (13% for females compared to 6.0% for males).

Location and weapon use

The most common location for manslaughter offences was street or footpath (37% of all offences) closely followed by dwellings (35% of all offences).

In 41% of manslaughter offences a weapon was used. In all of these instances the weapon was recorded as being a weapon other than a firearm.

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, 47% of manslaughter investigations were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police and in 45% of all offences the offender was proceeded against.

Outcome of investigation statistics for driving causing death are not published because investigative procedures for this offence tend to arise from fatal accident investigations and do not conform with the general criminal investigative processes of other offences.

2.4 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 14 |
| 10-14 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 15-19 | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 6 |
| 20-24 | 5 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 8 |
| 25-34 | 19 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | — | 1 | — | 46 |
| 35-44 | 20 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 6 | — | — | — | 44 |
| 45-54 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 31 |
| 55-64 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 10 |
| 65 and over | 5 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 8 |
| Not specified | — | 1 | 6 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |
| Total | 71 | 30 | 36 | 14 | 16 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 177 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 3 | — | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 11 |
| 10-14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15-19 | 1 | — | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | 7 |
| 20-24 | — | 3 | 2 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 25-34 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | — | 3 | — | 23 |
| 35-44 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | 17 |
| 45-54 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | — | 15 |
| 55-64 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| 65 and over | 4 | 3 | — | 4 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 15 |
| Not specified | 1 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| Total | 25 | 17 | 26 | 11 | 15 | 3 | 9 | — | 106 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | — | 25 |
| 10-14 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 15-19 | 3 | — | 5 | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 14 |
| 20-24 | 5 | 4 | 2 | — | 3 | — | 2 | — | 16 |
| 25-34 | 27 | 12 | 12 | 5 | 9 | — | 4 | — | 69 |
| 35-44 | 21 | 10 | 16 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | — | 61 |
| 45-54 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 3 | — | 4 | 1 | 46 |
| 55-64 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 15 |
| 65 and over | 9 | 4 | — | 4 | 4 | 2 | — | — | 23 |
| Not specified | 1 | 2 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |
| Total | 96 | 47 | 63 | 25 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 284 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.4 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 0.67 | 0.92 | 1.18 | 2.00 | 1.50 | 2.92 | — | — | 1.05 |
| 10-14 | 0.90 | 0.62 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.45 |
| 15-19 | 0.89 | — | 1.54 | 1.97 | — | — | 13.40 | — | 0.89 |
| 20-24 | 2.20 | 0.57 | — | — | — | — | 22.15 | — | 1.15 |
| 25-34 | 3.93 | 2.21 | 3.39 | 3.65 | 3.45 | — | 5.11 | — | 3.19 |
| 35-44 | 4.08 | 1.97 | 3.41 | 1.76 | 4.11 | — | — | — | 3.04 |
| 45-54 | 2.62 | 2.31 | 2.56 | 3.02 | 1.60 | — | 8.01 | 4.57 | 2.49 |
| 55-64 | 1.43 | 0.49 | 0.67 | 3.00 | — | 4.66 | 16.76 | — | 1.23 |
| 65 and over | 1.42 | 0.39 | — | — | 1.17 | 3.71 | — | — | 0.80 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>2.25</i> | <i>1.30</i> | <i>2.08</i> | <i>1.90</i> | <i>1.74</i> | <i>1.29</i> | <i>5.99</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>1.90</i> |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 0.70 | — | 1.66 | 1.06 | 0.79 | 3.08 | 5.93 | — | 0.87 |
| 10-14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15-19 | 0.47 | — | 1.63 | 4.14 | 3.08 | — | — | — | 1.09 |
| 20-24 | — | 1.79 | 1.58 | — | 4.45 | — | — | — | 1.20 |
| 25-34 | 1.65 | 1.09 | 1.13 | 0.93 | 2.84 | — | 16.67 | — | 1.59 |
| 35-44 | 0.20 | 0.83 | 2.63 | 1.75 | 0.69 | 2.72 | 13.39 | — | 1.17 |
| 45-54 | 0.73 | 0.99 | 1.78 | 1.00 | 0.85 | — | 29.33 | — | 1.23 |
| 55-64 | 1.44 | — | 0.70 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.62 |
| 65 and over | 0.88 | 0.90 | — | 3.33 | 2.81 | 2.85 | — | — | 1.17 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>0.78</i> | <i>0.72</i> | <i>1.51</i> | <i>1.46</i> | <i>1.65</i> | <i>1.25</i> | <i>10.03</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>1.13</i> |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 0.68 | 0.47 | 1.42 | 1.54 | 1.15 | 3.00 | 2.86 | — | 0.96 |
| 10-14 | 0.46 | 0.32 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.23 |
| 15-19 | 0.69 | — | 1.97 | 3.03 | 1.50 | — | 7.00 | — | 1.06 |
| 20-24 | 1.12 | 1.17 | 0.78 | — | 2.16 | — | 11.78 | — | 1.18 |
| 25-34 | 2.79 | 1.64 | 2.26 | 2.30 | 3.15 | — | 10.64 | — | 2.39 |
| 35-44 | 2.14 | 1.40 | 3.02 | 1.76 | 2.40 | 1.38 | 6.38 | — | 2.11 |
| 45-54 | 1.69 | 1.65 | 2.18 | 2.00 | 1.23 | — | 17.61 | 2.27 | 1.86 |
| 55-64 | 1.44 | 0.25 | 0.69 | 1.49 | — | 2.33 | 9.65 | — | 0.93 |
| 65 and over | 1.11 | 0.68 | — | 1.89 | 2.08 | 3.22 | — | — | 1.01 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>1.51</i> | <i>1.01</i> | <i>1.82</i> | <i>1.68</i> | <i>1.69</i> | <i>1.27</i> | <i>7.90</i> | <i>0.32</i> | <i>1.51</i> |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

2.5 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 12 | 5 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 34 |
| Non-family member | 30 | 7 | 16 | 6 | 6 | — | 4 | — | 69 |
| Total | 42 | 12 | 27 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 5 | — | 103 |
| Unknown to victim | 20 | 16 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | 53 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | 21 |
| Total | 71 | 30 | 36 | 14 | 16 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 177 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 13 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 | — | 55 |
| Non-family member | 3 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | — | 21 |
| Total | 16 | 11 | 21 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 8 | — | 76 |
| Unknown to victim | 6 | 4 | 1 | 5 | — | 1 | 1 | — | 18 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 3 | 2 | 4 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 12 |
| Total | 25 | 17 | 26 | 11 | 15 | 3 | 9 | — | 106 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 25 | 12 | 26 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 7 | — | 89 |
| Non-family member | 33 | 11 | 23 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 6 | — | 91 |
| Total | 58 | 23 | 49 | 14 | 20 | 3 | 13 | — | 180 |
| Unknown to victim | 26 | 20 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 2 | — | 71 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 12 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 1 | — | 1 | 33 |
| Total | 96 | 47 | 63 | 25 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 284 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 16.9 | 16.7 | 30.6 | 14.3 | 12.5 | 33.3 | 16.7 | — | 19.2 |
| Non-family member | 42.3 | 23.3 | 44.4 | 42.9 | 37.5 | — | 66.7 | — | 39.0 |
| Total | 59.2 | 40.0 | 75.0 | 57.1 | 50.0 | 33.3 | 83.3 | — | 58.2 |
| Unknown to victim | 28.2 | 53.3 | 13.9 | 35.7 | 31.3 | 33.3 | 16.7 | — | 29.9 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 12.7 | 6.7 | 11.1 | 7.1 | 18.8 | 33.3 | — | 100.0 | 11.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 52.0 | 41.2 | 57.7 | 45.5 | 53.3 | 33.3 | 66.7 | — | 51.9 |
| Non-family member | 12.0 | 23.5 | 23.1 | 9.1 | 26.7 | 33.3 | 22.2 | — | 19.8 |
| Total | 64.0 | 64.7 | 80.8 | 54.5 | 80.0 | 66.7 | 88.9 | — | 71.7 |
| Unknown to victim | 24.0 | 23.5 | 3.8 | 45.5 | — | 33.3 | 11.1 | — | 17.0 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 12.0 | 11.8 | 15.4 | — | 20.0 | — | — | — | 11.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 26.0 | 25.5 | 41.3 | 28.0 | 32.3 | 33.3 | 46.7 | — | 31.1 |
| Non-family member | 34.4 | 23.4 | 36.5 | 28.0 | 32.3 | 16.7 | 40.0 | — | 32.0 |
| Total | 60.4 | 48.9 | 77.8 | 56.0 | 64.5 | 50.0 | 86.7 | — | 63.4 |
| Unknown to victim | 27.1 | 42.6 | 9.5 | 40.0 | 16.1 | 33.3 | 13.3 | — | 25.0 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 12.5 | 8.5 | 12.7 | 4.0 | 19.4 | 16.7 | — | 100.0 | 11.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

2.6 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 50 | 29 | 41 | 16 | 20 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 168 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | — | 1 | — | 15 |
| Total | 51 | 30 | 48 | 17 | 24 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 183 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 20 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | — | — | — | 44 |
| Other community location | 14 | 6 | 3 | 2 | — | — | 9 | — | 34 |
| Total | 34 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 5 | — | 9 | — | 78 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 7 |
| Recreational | 4 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Other location | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 6 |
| Total | 11 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 21 |
| Unspecified | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Total | 96 | 47 | 63 | 25 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 284 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 52.1 | 61.7 | 65.1 | 64.0 | 64.5 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 59.1 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1.0 | 2.1 | 11.1 | 4.0 | 12.9 | — | 6.7 | — | 5.3 |
| Total | 53.1 | 63.8 | 76.2 | 68.0 | 77.4 | 100.0 | 40.0 | 100.0 | 64.4 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 20.8 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 20.0 | 16.1 | — | — | — | 15.5 |
| Other community location | 14.6 | 12.8 | 4.8 | 8.0 | — | — | 60.0 | — | 12.0 |
| Total | 35.4 | 25.5 | 17.5 | 28.0 | 16.1 | — | 60.0 | — | 27.5 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail | 4.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | — | 3.2 | — | — | — | 2.5 |
| Recreational | 4.2 | 2.1 | 4.8 | — | — | — | — | — | 2.8 |
| Other location | 3.1 | 2.1 | — | 4.0 | 3.2 | — | — | — | 2.1 |
| Total | 11.5 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 6.5 | — | — | — | 7.4 |
| Unspecified | — | 4.3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

2.7 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 4 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | 9 |
| Firearm | 20 | 17 | 11 | 5 | — | — | 1 | — | 54 |
| Other weapon | 51 | 20 | 32 | 9 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 138 |
| <i>Total</i> | 75 | 37 | 45 | 15 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 201 |
| No weapon used | 21 | 10 | 18 | 10 | 16 | 1 | 7 | — | 83 |
| Total | 96 | 47 | 63 | 25 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 284 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 4.2 | — | 3.2 | 4.0 | — | — | 13.3 | — | 3.2 |
| Firearm | 20.8 | 36.2 | 17.5 | 20.0 | — | — | 6.7 | — | 19.0 |
| Other weapon | 53.1 | 42.6 | 50.8 | 36.0 | 48.4 | 83.3 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 48.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | 78.1 | 78.7 | 71.4 | 60.0 | 48.4 | 83.3 | 53.3 | 100.0 | 70.8 |
| No weapon used | 21.9 | 21.3 | 28.6 | 40.0 | 51.6 | 16.7 | 46.7 | — | 29.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.8 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 38 | 23 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 94 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | — | — | — | 19 |
| Offender proceeded against | 54 | 20 | 48 | 13 | 21 | 5 | 10 | — | 171 |
| <i>Total</i> | 58 | 24 | 51 | 17 | 25 | 5 | 10 | — | 190 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 96 | 47 | 63 | 25 | 31 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 284 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 39.6 | 48.9 | 19.0 | 32.0 | 19.4 | 16.7 | 33.3 | 100.0 | 33.1 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 4.2 | 8.5 | 4.8 | 16.0 | 12.9 | — | — | — | 6.7 |
| Offender proceeded against | 56.3 | 42.6 | 76.2 | 52.0 | 67.7 | 83.3 | 66.7 | — | 60.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 60.4 | 51.1 | 81.0 | 68.0 | 80.6 | 83.3 | 66.7 | — | 66.9 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

2.9 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 6 |
| 10-14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15-19 | 7 | — | 7 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 15 |
| 20-24 | 10 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 33 |
| 25-34 | 37 | 14 | 24 | 6 | 3 | 2 | — | — | 86 |
| 35-44 | 16 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | — | 51 |
| 45-54 | 9 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 26 |
| 55-64 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 7 |
| 65 and over | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Not specified | 2 | 2 | 23 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 28 |
| Total | 85 | 36 | 96 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 3 | — | 256 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 |
| 10-14 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 15-19 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 11 |
| 20-24 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 10 |
| 25-34 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | 27 |
| 35-44 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 6 | — | — | 1 | 37 |
| 45-54 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 16 |
| 55-64 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 65 and over | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| Not specified | 1 | — | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | 11 |
| Total | 36 | 16 | 51 | 9 | 11 | — | 1 | 1 | 125 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 9 |
| 10-14 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 15-19 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 26 |
| 20-24 | 14 | 6 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 1 | — | — | 43 |
| 25-34 | 45 | 18 | 36 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | — | 113 |
| 35-44 | 26 | 12 | 27 | 8 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 88 |
| 45-54 | 15 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 3 | — | 1 | — | 42 |
| 55-64 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 10 |
| 65 and over | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Not specified | 3 | 2 | 34 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 40 |
| Total | 121 | 52 | 148 | 25 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 382 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.9 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.22 | 0.61 | 0.79 | — | 0.75 | — | — | — | 0.45 |
| 10–14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15–19 | 3.13 | — | 5.38 | — | — | 5.68 | — | — | 2.22 |
| 20–24 | 4.41 | 2.87 | 9.21 | 3.85 | 4.20 | 6.47 | — | — | 4.76 |
| 25–34 | 7.65 | 3.86 | 9.04 | 5.47 | 2.07 | 6.29 | — | — | 5.96 |
| 35–44 | 3.26 | 2.25 | 5.68 | 3.53 | 2.74 | 5.59 | 12.19 | — | 3.53 |
| 45–54 | 2.14 | 0.99 | 4.27 | 2.01 | 0.80 | — | 8.01 | — | 2.09 |
| 55–64 | 0.36 | 0.98 | 1.34 | 1.50 | 1.31 | — | — | — | 0.86 |
| 65 and over | 0.57 | — | 0.57 | 1.09 | — | — | — | — | 0.40 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>2.70</i> | <i>1.56</i> | <i>5.55</i> | <i>2.18</i> | <i>1.41</i> | <i>3.01</i> | <i>2.99</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>2.74</i> |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.23 | — | 0.42 | — | 0.79 | — | — | — | 0.24 |
| 10–14 | 0.47 | — | 1.64 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.47 |
| 15–19 | 0.94 | 1.28 | 4.06 | 2.07 | 1.54 | — | — | — | 1.72 |
| 20–24 | 1.82 | 0.60 | 2.37 | 2.03 | 1.48 | — | — | — | 1.50 |
| 25–34 | 1.65 | 1.09 | 4.53 | 1.86 | — | — | 5.56 | — | 1.87 |
| 35–44 | 2.04 | 1.11 | 4.51 | 3.49 | 4.14 | — | — | 3.98 | 2.55 |
| 45–54 | 1.47 | 0.99 | 1.78 | 1.00 | 1.69 | — | — | — | 1.31 |
| 55–64 | 0.36 | — | 1.41 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.37 |
| 65 and over | 0.44 | 0.60 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.31 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>1.13</i> | <i>0.68</i> | <i>2.96</i> | <i>1.20</i> | <i>1.21</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>1.11</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>1.33</i> |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.23 | 0.32 | 0.61 | — | 0.77 | — | — | — | 0.35 |
| 10–14 | 0.23 | — | 0.80 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.23 |
| 15–19 | 2.06 | 0.62 | 4.74 | 1.01 | 0.75 | 2.90 | — | — | 1.98 |
| 20–24 | 3.13 | 1.75 | 5.84 | 2.96 | 2.88 | 3.28 | — | — | 3.16 |
| 25–34 | 4.64 | 2.47 | 6.79 | 3.68 | 1.05 | 3.08 | 2.66 | — | 3.92 |
| 35–44 | 2.65 | 1.68 | 5.09 | 3.51 | 3.43 | 2.76 | 6.38 | 2.04 | 3.04 |
| 45–54 | 1.81 | 0.99 | 3.05 | 1.50 | 1.23 | — | 4.40 | — | 1.70 |
| 55–64 | 0.36 | 0.49 | 1.37 | 0.74 | 0.67 | — | — | — | 0.62 |
| 65 and over | 0.50 | 0.34 | 0.26 | 0.47 | — | — | — | — | 0.35 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>1.91</i> | <i>1.12</i> | <i>4.28</i> | <i>1.68</i> | <i>1.31</i> | <i>1.48</i> | <i>2.11</i> | <i>0.32</i> | <i>2.04</i> |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

2.10 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 12 | 3 | 19 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | 39 |
| Non-family member | 44 | 11 | 31 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | — | 101 |
| Total | 56 | 14 | 50 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | — | 140 |
| Unknown to victim | 27 | 12 | 36 | 10 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 89 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 2 | 10 | 10 | — | 5 | — | — | — | 27 |
| Total | 85 | 36 | 96 | 16 | 13 | 7 | 3 | — | 256 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 20 | 1 | 15 | 5 | 6 | — | 1 | — | 48 |
| Non-family member | 13 | 3 | 22 | 3 | 4 | — | — | — | 45 |
| Total | 33 | 4 | 37 | 8 | 10 | — | 1 | — | 93 |
| Unknown to victim | 2 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 16 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 1 | 9 | 5 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 16 |
| Total | 36 | 16 | 51 | 9 | 11 | — | 1 | 1 | 125 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 32 | 4 | 34 | 7 | 9 | — | 1 | — | 87 |
| Non-family member | 57 | 14 | 53 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 3 | — | 146 |
| Total | 89 | 18 | 87 | 14 | 15 | 6 | 4 | — | 233 |
| Unknown to victim | 29 | 15 | 45 | 11 | 4 | 1 | — | — | 105 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 3 | 19 | 16 | — | 5 | — | — | 1 | 44 |
| Total | 121 | 52 | 148 | 25 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 382 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 14.1 | 8.3 | 19.8 | 12.5 | 23.1 | — | — | — | 15.2 |
| Non-family member | 51.8 | 30.6 | 32.3 | 25.0 | 15.4 | 85.7 | 100.0 | — | 39.5 |
| Total | 65.9 | 38.9 | 52.1 | 37.5 | 38.5 | 85.7 | 100.0 | — | 54.7 |
| Unknown to victim | 31.8 | 33.3 | 37.5 | 62.5 | 23.1 | 14.3 | — | — | 34.8 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 2.4 | 27.8 | 10.4 | — | 38.5 | — | — | — | 10.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 55.6 | 6.3 | 29.4 | 55.6 | 54.5 | — | 100.0 | — | 38.4 |
| Non-family member | 36.1 | 18.8 | 43.1 | 33.3 | 36.4 | — | — | — | 36.0 |
| Total | 91.7 | 25.0 | 72.5 | 88.9 | 90.9 | — | 100.0 | — | 74.4 |
| Unknown to victim | 5.6 | 18.8 | 17.6 | 11.1 | 9.1 | — | — | — | 12.8 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 2.8 | 56.3 | 9.8 | — | — | — | — | 100.0 | 12.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 26.4 | 7.7 | 23.0 | 28.0 | 37.5 | — | 25.0 | — | 22.8 |
| Non-family member | 47.1 | 26.9 | 35.8 | 28.0 | 25.0 | 85.7 | 75.0 | — | 38.2 |
| Total | 73.6 | 34.6 | 58.8 | 56.0 | 62.5 | 85.7 | 100.0 | — | 61.0 |
| Unknown to victim | 24.0 | 28.8 | 30.4 | 44.0 | 16.7 | 14.3 | — | — | 27.5 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 2.5 | 36.5 | 10.8 | — | 20.8 | — | — | 100.0 | 11.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

2.16 VICTIMS(a) OF MANSLAUGHTER, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 9 | — | 6 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 17 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 |
| Total | 10 | — | 7 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 20 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 8 | — | 2 | — | 5 | 3 | — | — | 18 |
| Other community location | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 6 |
| Total | 12 | — | 3 | — | 5 | 3 | 1 | — | 24 |
| Other location | 3 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| Unspecified | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 25 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | — | 49 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 36.0 | — | 60.0 | 100.0 | 14.3 | — | — | — | 34.7 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 4.0 | — | 10.0 | — | 14.3 | — | — | — | 6.1 |
| Total | 40.0 | — | 70.0 | 100.0 | 28.6 | — | — | — | 40.8 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 32.0 | — | 20.0 | — | 71.4 | 100.0 | — | — | 36.7 |
| Other community location | 16.0 | — | 10.0 | — | — | — | 100.0 | — | 12.2 |
| Total | 48.0 | — | 30.0 | — | 71.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 49.0 |
| Other location | 12.0 | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10.2 |
| Unspecified | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

2.12 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Firearm | 26 | 17 | 18 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 | — | 74 |
| Other weapon | 88 | 17 | 112 | 12 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 247 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>114</i> | <i>34</i> | <i>131</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>14</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>323</i> |
| No weapon used | 7 | 18 | 17 | 6 | 10 | 1 | — | — | 59 |
| Total | 121 | 52 | 148 | 25 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 382 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | 0.7 | 4.0 | — | — | — | — | 0.5 |
| Firearm | 21.5 | 32.7 | 12.2 | 24.0 | 12.5 | 28.6 | 50.0 | — | 19.4 |
| Other weapon | 72.7 | 32.7 | 75.7 | 48.0 | 45.8 | 57.1 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 64.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>94.2</i> | <i>65.4</i> | <i>88.5</i> | <i>76.0</i> | <i>58.3</i> | <i>85.7</i> | <i>100.0</i> | <i>100.0</i> | <i>84.6</i> |
| No weapon used | 5.8 | 34.6 | 11.5 | 24.0 | 41.7 | 14.3 | — | — | 15.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.13 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 38 | 20 | 18 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 91 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 3 | 2 | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 13 |
| Offender proceeded against | 80 | 30 | 123 | 23 | 15 | 4 | 3 | — | 278 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>83</i> | <i>32</i> | <i>130</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>291</i> |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 121 | 52 | 148 | 25 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 382 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 31.4 | 38.5 | 12.2 | 8.0 | 33.3 | 42.9 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 23.8 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 2.5 | 3.8 | 4.7 | — | 4.2 | — | — | — | 3.4 |
| Offender proceeded against | 66.1 | 57.7 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 62.5 | 57.1 | 75.0 | — | 72.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>68.6</i> | <i>61.5</i> | <i>87.8</i> | <i>92.0</i> | <i>66.7</i> | <i>57.1</i> | <i>75.0</i> | <i>—</i> | <i>76.2</i> |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

2.14 VICTIMS(a) OF MANSLAUGHTER, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| 10-14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15-19 | 4 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 5 |
| 20-24 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 4 |
| 25-34 | 3 | — | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 35-44 | 3 | — | 3 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 9 |
| 45-54 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 5 |
| 55-64 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 65 and over | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Not specified | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Total | 17 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 2 | — | — | 36 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 10-14 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 15-19 | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 3 |
| 20-24 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| 25-34 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 35-44 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45-54 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| 55-64 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65 and over | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Not specified | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Total | 8 | — | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 13 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| 10-14 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 15-19 | 6 | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 20-24 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 5 |
| 25-34 | 3 | — | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 35-44 | 3 | — | 3 | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 9 |
| 45-54 | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 7 |
| 55-64 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 65 and over | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Not specified | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 2 |
| Total | 25 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | — | 49 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.14 VICTIMS(a) OF MANSLAUGHTER, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.22 | — | — | 1.00 | — | — | — | — | 0.15 |
| 10–14 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15–19 | 1.79 | — | — | — | 1.46 | — | — | — | 0.74 |
| 20–24 | 0.88 | 0.57 | — | — | 1.40 | — | — | — | 0.58 |
| 25–34 | 0.62 | — | 1.13 | — | 1.38 | — | — | — | 0.55 |
| 35–44 | 0.61 | — | 1.14 | — | 1.37 | 2.80 | — | — | 0.62 |
| 45–54 | 0.48 | 0.33 | 0.43 | — | — | 3.17 | — | — | 0.40 |
| 55–64 | 0.36 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.12 |
| 65 and over | 0.28 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.10 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>0.54</i> | <i>0.09</i> | <i>0.46</i> | <i>0.14</i> | <i>0.65</i> | <i>0.86</i> | — | — | <i>0.39</i> |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.47 | — | 0.42 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.24 |
| 10–14 | 0.47 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.16 |
| 15–19 | 0.94 | — | — | — | 1.54 | — | — | — | 0.47 |
| 20–24 | — | — | — | — | — | 6.64 | — | — | 0.15 |
| 25–34 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 35–44 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45–54 | 0.24 | — | 0.44 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.16 |
| 55–64 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65 and over | 0.44 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.16 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>0.25</i> | — | <i>0.12</i> | — | <i>0.11</i> | <i>0.42</i> | <i>1.11</i> | — | <i>0.14</i> |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.34 | — | 0.20 | 0.51 | — | — | — | — | 0.19 |
| 10–14 | 0.23 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.08 |
| 15–19 | 1.38 | — | — | — | 1.50 | — | — | — | 0.61 |
| 20–24 | 0.45 | 0.29 | — | — | 0.72 | 3.28 | — | — | 0.37 |
| 25–34 | 0.31 | — | 0.57 | — | 0.70 | — | — | — | 0.28 |
| 35–44 | 0.31 | — | 0.57 | — | 0.69 | 1.38 | — | — | 0.31 |
| 45–54 | 0.36 | 0.16 | 0.44 | — | — | 1.60 | — | — | 0.28 |
| 55–64 | 0.18 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.06 |
| 65 and over | 0.37 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.13 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>0.39</i> | <i>0.04</i> | <i>0.29</i> | <i>0.07</i> | <i>0.38</i> | <i>0.64</i> | <i>0.53</i> | — | <i>0.26</i> |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

2.15 VICTIMS(a) OF MANSLAUGHTER, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| Non-family member | 7 | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 13 |
| Total | 12 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 22 |
| Unknown to victim | 3 | — | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | — | 7 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 2 | — | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 7 |
| Total | 17 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 2 | — | — | 36 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 5 |
| Non-family member | 2 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 5 |
| Total | 5 | — | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 10 |
| Unknown to victim | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 8 | — | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 13 |
| Not stated | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 8 | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 14 |
| Non-family member | 9 | 1 | 4 | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | 18 |
| Total | 17 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | 32 |
| Unknown to victim | 6 | — | — | — | 3 | 1 | — | — | 10 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 2 | — | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 7 |
| Total | 25 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | — | 49 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 29.4 | 50.0 | 25.0 | 100.0 | — | — | — | — | 25.0 |
| Non-family member | 41.2 | 50.0 | 37.5 | — | 16.7 | 50.0 | — | — | 36.1 |
| Total | 70.6 | 100.0 | 62.5 | 100.0 | 16.7 | 50.0 | — | — | 61.1 |
| Unknown to victim | 17.6 | — | — | — | 50.0 | 50.0 | — | — | 19.4 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 11.8 | — | 37.5 | — | 33.3 | — | — | — | 19.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 37.5 | — | 50.0 | — | — | — | 100.0 | — | 38.5 |
| Non-family member | 25.0 | — | 50.0 | — | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | — | 38.5 |
| Total | 62.5 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 76.9 |
| Unknown to victim | 37.5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 23.1 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 32.0 | 50.0 | 30.0 | 100.0 | — | — | 100.0 | — | 28.6 |
| Non-family member | 36.0 | 50.0 | 40.0 | — | 28.6 | 66.7 | — | — | 36.7 |
| Total | 68.0 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 66.7 | 100.0 | — | 65.3 |
| Unknown to victim | 24.0 | — | — | — | 42.9 | 33.3 | — | — | 20.4 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 8.0 | — | 30.0 | — | 28.6 | — | — | — | 14.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

2.11 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 61 | 31 | 66 | 13 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 192 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1 | — | 13 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 15 |
| Total | 62 | 31 | 79 | 13 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 207 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 29 | 14 | 47 | 6 | 3 | 1 | — | — | 100 |
| Other community location | 14 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | — | 25 |
| Total | 43 | 16 | 50 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | — | 125 |
| Other location | 16 | 5 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 1 | — | — | 50 |
| Unspecified | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 121 | 52 | 148 | 25 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 382 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 50.4 | 59.6 | 44.6 | 52.0 | 62.5 | 57.1 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 50.3 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 0.8 | — | 8.8 | — | 4.2 | — | — | — | 3.9 |
| Total | 51.2 | 59.6 | 53.4 | 52.0 | 66.7 | 57.1 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 54.2 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 24.0 | 26.9 | 31.8 | 24.0 | 12.5 | 14.3 | — | — | 26.2 |
| Other community location | 11.6 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 14.3 | 75.0 | — | 6.5 |
| Total | 35.5 | 30.8 | 33.8 | 28.0 | 16.7 | 28.6 | 75.0 | — | 32.7 |
| Other location | 13.2 | 9.6 | 12.8 | 20.0 | 16.7 | 14.3 | — | — | 13.1 |
| Unspecified | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

2.17 VICTIMS(a) OF MANSLAUGHTER, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Firearm | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other weapon | 13 | — | 5 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 20 |
| <i>Total</i> | 13 | — | 5 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 20 |
| No weapon used | 12 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 1 | — | 29 |
| Total | 25 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | — | 49 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Firearm | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other weapon | 52.0 | — | 50.0 | — | — | 66.7 | — | — | 40.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 52.0 | — | 50.0 | — | — | 66.7 | — | — | 40.8 |
| No weapon used | 48.0 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 100.0 | — | 59.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.18 VICTIMS(a) OF MANSLAUGHTER, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 17 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | — | 26 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Offender proceeded against | 8 | — | 7 | — | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | 22 |
| <i>Total</i> | 8 | 1 | 7 | — | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | 23 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 25 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 1 | — | 49 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 68.0 | 50.0 | 30.0 | 100.0 | 28.6 | 66.7 | — | — | 53.1 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | — | 50.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.0 |
| Offender proceeded against | 32.0 | — | 70.0 | — | 71.4 | 33.3 | 100.0 | — | 44.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | 32.0 | 50.0 | 70.0 | — | 71.4 | 33.3 | 100.0 | — | 46.9 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

2.19 VICTIMS(a) OF DRIVING CAUSING DEATH, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 5 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| 10-14 | — | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 6 |
| 15-19 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | — | — | — | 32 |
| 20-24 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 29 |
| 25-34 | 15 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 31 |
| 35-44 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 15 |
| 45-54 | 7 | 1 | 3 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 14 |
| 55-64 | 6 | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 12 |
| 65 and over | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | 14 |
| Not specified | 2 | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Total | 69 | 34 | 22 | 14 | 26 | 1 | 1 | — | 167 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 6 |
| 10-14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 15-19 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | — | — | — | 13 |
| 20-24 | 9 | — | — | — | 3 | — | 1 | — | 13 |
| 25-34 | 9 | 1 | 2 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 15 |
| 35-44 | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | 7 |
| 45-54 | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| 55-64 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | — | — | — | 11 |
| 65 and over | 13 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 20 |
| Not specified | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Total | 46 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 16 | — | 2 | — | 93 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 8 | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 14 |
| 10-14 | 1 | 4 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 10 |
| 15-19 | 11 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 11 | — | — | — | 45 |
| 20-24 | 18 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 8 | — | 1 | — | 42 |
| 25-34 | 24 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 5 | — | — | — | 46 |
| 35-44 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 22 |
| 45-54 | 10 | 1 | 4 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 18 |
| 55-64 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | — | 1 | — | 23 |
| 65 and over | 18 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | — | — | — | 34 |
| Not specified | 4 | — | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Total | 116 | 44 | 34 | 22 | 42 | 1 | 3 | — | 262 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

2.19 VICTIMS(a) OF DRIVING CAUSING DEATH, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-----|-------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 1.11 | 0.92 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.60 |
| 10-14 | — | 1.86 | 0.78 | — | 1.43 | 5.59 | — | — | 0.89 |
| 15-19 | 4.47 | 3.05 | 1.54 | 13.80 | 11.65 | — | — | — | 4.74 |
| 20-24 | 3.97 | 5.17 | 3.84 | 1.93 | 7.00 | — | — | — | 4.18 |
| 25-34 | 3.10 | 3.03 | 0.75 | 0.91 | 1.38 | — | — | — | 2.15 |
| 35-44 | 2.04 | 0.28 | 0.38 | 0.88 | 1.37 | — | — | — | 1.04 |
| 45-54 | 1.67 | 0.33 | 1.28 | — | 2.40 | — | — | — | 1.12 |
| 55-64 | 2.14 | — | 0.67 | 3.00 | 2.61 | — | 16.76 | — | 1.47 |
| 65 and over | 1.42 | 0.39 | 1.71 | 2.18 | 3.52 | — | — | — | 1.40 |
| Total(b) | 2.19 | 1.48 | 1.27 | 1.90 | 2.82 | 0.43 | 1.00 | — | 1.79 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 0.70 | 0.32 | 0.42 | — | 0.79 | — | — | — | 0.47 |
| 10-14 | 0.47 | 0.65 | 0.82 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.47 |
| 15-19 | 0.47 | 2.56 | 0.81 | 8.27 | 4.62 | — | — | — | 2.03 |
| 20-24 | 4.09 | — | — | — | 4.45 | — | 12.58 | — | 1.95 |
| 25-34 | 1.85 | 0.27 | 0.75 | — | 2.13 | — | — | — | 1.04 |
| 35-44 | 0.82 | 0.28 | — | 0.87 | — | — | 6.69 | — | 0.48 |
| 45-54 | 0.73 | — | 0.44 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.33 |
| 55-64 | 0.72 | 0.49 | 1.41 | 2.95 | 5.44 | — | — | — | 1.37 |
| 65 and over | 2.85 | 0.30 | 1.39 | 0.83 | 1.88 | — | — | — | 1.56 |
| Total(b) | 1.44 | 0.42 | 0.64 | 1.06 | 1.76 | — | 2.23 | — | 0.99 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 0.91 | 0.63 | 0.20 | — | 0.38 | — | — | — | 0.54 |
| 10-14 | 0.23 | 1.27 | 1.20 | — | 0.73 | 2.83 | — | — | 0.76 |
| 15-19 | 2.52 | 2.81 | 1.18 | 11.10 | 8.23 | — | — | — | 3.42 |
| 20-24 | 4.02 | 2.63 | 1.95 | 0.99 | 5.76 | — | 5.89 | — | 3.09 |
| 25-34 | 2.48 | 1.64 | 0.75 | 0.46 | 1.75 | — | — | — | 1.59 |
| 35-44 | 1.43 | 0.28 | 0.19 | 0.88 | 0.69 | — | 3.19 | — | 0.76 |
| 45-54 | 1.21 | 0.16 | 0.87 | — | 1.23 | — | — | — | 0.73 |
| 55-64 | 1.44 | 0.25 | 1.03 | 2.98 | 4.00 | — | 9.65 | — | 1.42 |
| 65 and over | 2.23 | 0.34 | 1.54 | 1.42 | 2.60 | — | — | — | 1.49 |
| Total(b) | 1.83 | 0.94 | 0.98 | 1.48 | 2.29 | 0.21 | 1.58 | — | 1.40 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

2.20 VICTIMS(a) OF DRIVING CAUSING DEATH, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 5 | 2 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 10 |
| Non-family member | 14 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | — | — | 37 |
| Total | 19 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 1 | — | — | 47 |
| Unknown to victim | 40 | 28 | 11 | 8 | 19 | — | 1 | — | 107 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 10 | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 13 |
| Total | 69 | 34 | 22 | 14 | 26 | 1 | 1 | — | 167 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 7 | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | — | 12 |
| Non-family member | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | — | 1 | — | 15 |
| Total | 10 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 | — | 1 | — | 27 |
| Unknown to victim | 29 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 6 | — | 1 | — | 58 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Total | 46 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 16 | — | 2 | — | 93 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 12 | 2 | 1 | — | 7 | — | — | — | 22 |
| Non-family member | 17 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 1 | — | 52 |
| Total | 29 | 7 | 13 | 7 | 16 | 1 | 1 | — | 74 |
| Unknown to victim | 70 | 37 | 18 | 15 | 25 | — | 2 | — | 167 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 17 | — | 3 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 21 |
| Total | 116 | 44 | 34 | 22 | 42 | 1 | 3 | — | 262 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 7.2 | 5.9 | 4.5 | — | 7.7 | — | — | — | 6.0 |
| Non-family member | 20.3 | 11.8 | 36.4 | 42.9 | 15.4 | 100.0 | — | — | 22.2 |
| Total | 27.5 | 17.6 | 40.9 | 42.9 | 23.1 | 100.0 | — | — | 28.1 |
| Unknown to victim | 58.0 | 82.4 | 50.0 | 57.1 | 73.1 | — | 100.0 | — | 64.1 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 14.5 | — | 9.1 | — | 3.8 | — | — | — | 7.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 15.2 | — | — | — | 31.3 | — | — | — | 12.9 |
| Non-family member | 6.5 | 10.0 | 36.4 | 12.5 | 31.3 | — | 50.0 | — | 16.1 |
| Total | 21.7 | 10.0 | 36.4 | 12.5 | 62.5 | — | 50.0 | — | 29.0 |
| Unknown to victim | 63.0 | 90.0 | 54.5 | 87.5 | 37.5 | — | 50.0 | — | 62.4 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 15.2 | — | 9.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 8.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 10.3 | 4.5 | 2.9 | — | 16.7 | — | — | — | 8.4 |
| Non-family member | 14.7 | 11.4 | 35.3 | 31.8 | 21.4 | 100.0 | 33.3 | — | 19.8 |
| Total | 25.0 | 15.9 | 38.2 | 31.8 | 38.1 | 100.0 | 33.3 | — | 28.2 |
| Unknown to victim | 60.3 | 84.1 | 52.9 | 68.2 | 59.5 | — | 66.7 | — | 63.7 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 14.7 | — | 8.8 | — | 2.4 | — | — | — | 8.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

SECTION 3

ASSAULT

NUMBER OF VICTIMS

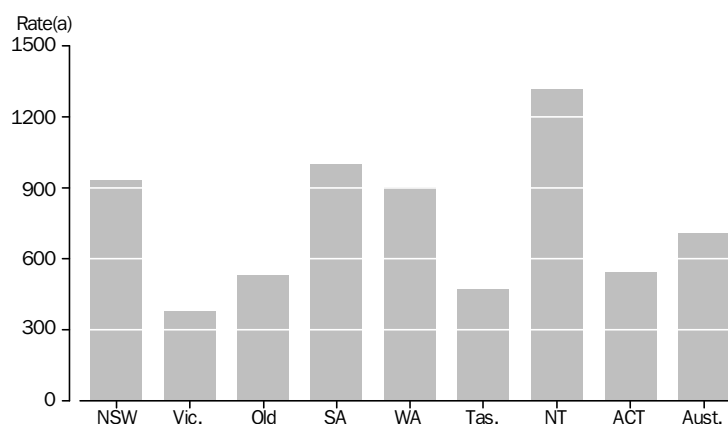
Assault is the most common offence against a person recorded by police in Australia. Police recorded 132,967 victims of assault during 1998, compared with 124,500 victims in 1997. This represents a 6.8% increase between 1997 and 1998.

The changes in assault offence counts recorded between 1997 and 1998 varied across the States and Territories. The largest increases were recorded in Western Australia (up 20%), Tasmania (up 13%) and South Australia (up 8.4%). The Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory recorded decreases of 2.7% and 1.3% respectively.

Rate per 100,000 persons

The national rate of victimisation for assault during 1998 was 709 victims per 100,000 persons. The highest rates were recorded in the Northern Territory, at a rate of 1,317 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by South Australia and New South Wales, with rates of 1,001 and 934 victims per 100,000 persons respectively. The lowest victimisation rates were recorded in Victoria, with a rate of 377 victims per 100,000 persons, and Tasmania, with a rate of 473 victims per 100,000 persons.

3.1 ASSAULT, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories, 1998



(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

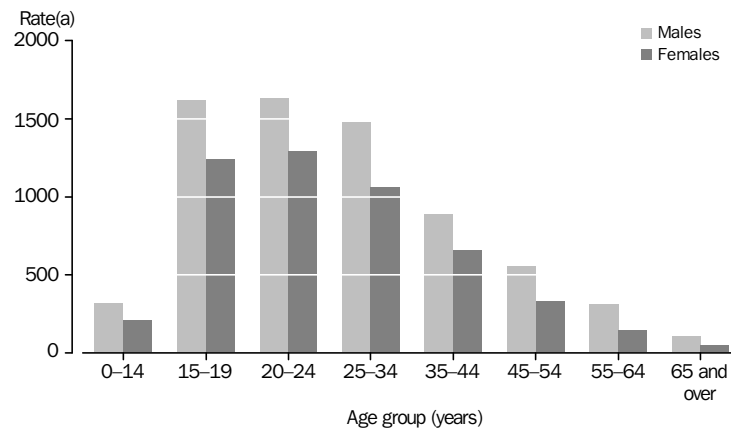
Age and sex

Males were recorded as having the highest assault victimisation rates across all age groups. The highest assault rates for both males and females were for those aged 20–24 years.

In 1998, males comprised 58% of all assault victims. Males in the 20–24, 15–19 and 25–34 year age groups had assault victimisation rates of almost double the overall male victimisation rate of 826 victims per 100,000 males, with rates of 1,628, 1,616 and 1,475 victims per 100,000 males in these age groups respectively.

Age and sex *continued*

Males and females show a similar age-group distribution of victimisation rates (see graph 3.2). The total female victimisation rate for assault was 563 victims per 100,000 females and the highest female victimisation rates were in the 20–24 year age group (1,289 victims per 100,000 females) and the 15–19 year age group (1,237 victims per 100,000 females).

3.2 ASSAULT, Victimisation Rates—By Sex and Age Group of Victim, 1998

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Sex and relationship

The relationship of the offender to the victim was recorded in over 80% of assaults in South Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania. In these jurisdictions, females were more likely than males to have been assaulted by someone known to them, whereas males were more likely to have been assaulted by someone unknown to them.

Location and weapon use

Private dwellings were the most frequent location for all assault offences (34%) followed by streets and footpaths (23%) and recreational locations (9.6%). There were large differences between jurisdictions in the proportion of assaults taking place at residential locations, ranging from 45% in Western Australia and South Australia, to 34% in Victoria and 26% in the Australian Capital Territory.

Weapons other than firearms were used in 9.2% of all assaults, while firearms were used in less than 1% of all recorded assaults. Assaults involving weapons were most common in the Northern Territory (21%) and Tasmania (20%) and least common in Western Australia and New South Wales with proportions of 6.1% and 7.5% respectively.

Outcome of investigations

Within 30 days of assault offences becoming known to police during 1998, 56% of investigations were finalised nationally and offenders were proceeded against in 44% of all assault offences.

3.3 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 642 | 342 | 315 | 202 | 151 | 15 | 29 | 19 | 1 715 |
| 10-14 | 1 741 | 625 | 748 | 684 | 663 | 97 | 54 | 88 | 4 700 |
| 15-19 | 4 658 | 1 501 | 1 433 | 1 438 | 1 337 | 228 | 129 | 189 | 10 913 |
| 20-24 | 5 156 | 1 650 | 1 326 | 1 190 | 1 420 | 209 | 171 | 165 | 11 287 |
| 25-34 | 9 478 | 3 028 | 2 908 | 2 196 | 2 810 | 325 | 335 | 201 | 21 281 |
| 35-44 | 5 807 | 1 653 | 1 573 | 1 567 | 1 726 | 180 | 204 | 111 | 12 821 |
| 45-54 | 3 128 | 854 | 918 | 759 | 958 | 115 | 124 | 64 | 6 920 |
| 55-64 | 1 165 | 318 | 342 | 260 | 325 | 41 | 42 | 20 | 2 513 |
| 65 and over | 499 | 113 | 129 | 120 | 156 | 25 | 9 | 5 | 1 056 |
| Not specified | 890 | 844 | 1 712 | 21 | — | 86 | 157 | 141 | 3 851 |
| Total | 33 164 | 10 928 | 11 404 | 8 437 | 9 546 | 1 321 | 1 254 | 1 003 | 77 057 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 440 | 256 | 194 | 104 | 83 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 1 127 |
| 10-14 | 959 | 396 | 503 | 416 | 405 | 47 | 62 | 38 | 2 826 |
| 15-19 | 3 444 | 874 | 1 143 | 994 | 1 027 | 161 | 164 | 117 | 7 924 |
| 20-24 | 3 905 | 944 | 1 060 | 994 | 1 264 | 131 | 212 | 95 | 8 605 |
| 25-34 | 7 234 | 1 637 | 1 634 | 1 916 | 2 135 | 207 | 345 | 137 | 15 245 |
| 35-44 | 4 680 | 914 | 999 | 1 258 | 1 264 | 177 | 173 | 77 | 9 542 |
| 45-54 | 1 961 | 404 | 419 | 494 | 566 | 56 | 56 | 45 | 4 001 |
| 55-64 | 573 | 123 | 122 | 152 | 156 | 13 | 10 | 7 | 1 156 |
| 65 and over | 308 | 61 | 55 | 83 | 74 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 602 |
| Not specified | 569 | 391 | 679 | 31 | — | 69 | 159 | 92 | 1 990 |
| Total | 24 073 | 6 000 | 6 808 | 6 442 | 6 974 | 889 | 1 213 | 619 | 53 018 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 984 | 643 | 103 | 6 | 54 | 21 | 36 | 45 | 2 892 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 1 082 | 604 | 510 | 309 | 234 | 34 | 55 | 24 | 2 852 |
| 10-14 | 2 701 | 1 042 | 1 255 | 1 100 | 1 068 | 144 | 116 | 126 | 7 552 |
| 15-19 | 8 112 | 2 422 | 2 578 | 2 433 | 2 364 | 389 | 294 | 306 | 18 898 |
| 20-24 | 9 083 | 2 634 | 2 391 | 2 184 | 2 684 | 341 | 383 | 260 | 19 960 |
| 25-34 | 16 748 | 4 734 | 4 558 | 4 112 | 4 946 | 532 | 681 | 338 | 36 649 |
| 35-44 | 10 497 | 2 612 | 2 577 | 2 825 | 2 990 | 357 | 379 | 188 | 22 425 |
| 45-54 | 5 100 | 1 281 | 1 338 | 1 253 | 1 524 | 172 | 180 | 109 | 10 957 |
| 55-64 | 1 741 | 446 | 464 | 412 | 481 | 54 | 52 | 27 | 3 677 |
| 65 and over | 808 | 178 | 184 | 203 | 230 | 34 | 15 | 11 | 1 663 |
| Not specified | 3 349 | 1 618 | 2 460 | 54 | 53 | 174 | 348 | 278 | 8 334 |
| Total | 59 221 | 17 571 | 18 315 | 14 885 | 16 574 | 2 231 | 2 503 | 1 667 | 132 967 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

3.3 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 142.32 | 105.07 | 124.18 | 202.01 | 112.89 | 43.80 | 160.62 | 85.88 | 128.13 |
| 10–14 | 779.52 | 387.80 | 581.21 | 1 316.35 | 948.35 | 542.51 | 680.53 | 778.28 | 699.19 |
| 15–19 | 2 081.03 | 915.20 | 1 101.16 | 2 834.06 | 1 946.28 | 1 294.35 | 1 728.30 | 1 474.14 | 1 616.00 |
| 20–24 | 2 272.44 | 946.93 | 1 018.09 | 2 293.49 | 1 988.93 | 1 353.10 | 1 893.69 | 1 153.12 | 1 627.66 |
| 25–34 | 1 959.19 | 834.85 | 1 095.87 | 2 003.01 | 1 937.00 | 1 022.85 | 1 710.23 | 801.56 | 1 474.80 |
| 35–44 | 1 184.15 | 465.62 | 595.67 | 1 382.42 | 1 181.46 | 503.44 | 1 243.22 | 463.10 | 887.23 |
| 45–54 | 745.43 | 282.20 | 391.77 | 764.05 | 767.21 | 364.87 | 993.11 | 292.25 | 555.07 |
| 55–64 | 416.22 | 156.19 | 229.35 | 390.03 | 424.74 | 191.25 | 703.99 | 172.94 | 308.43 |
| 65 and over | 141.91 | 44.34 | 73.74 | 130.68 | 182.88 | 92.71 | 273.64 | 47.77 | 105.68 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>1 052.67</i> | <i>474.37</i> | <i>658.98</i> | <i>1 147.27</i> | <i>1 035.79</i> | <i>567.84</i> | <i>1 251.22</i> | <i>653.26</i> | <i>826.07</i> |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 102.63 | 82.95 | 80.56 | 110.02 | 65.56 | 58.48 | 154.21 | 23.59 | 88.75 |
| 10–14 | 450.08 | 256.19 | 413.55 | 840.44 | 610.62 | 269.85 | 819.13 | 349.49 | 440.90 |
| 15–19 | 1 624.02 | 558.64 | 928.72 | 2 055.16 | 1 579.88 | 957.25 | 2 405.40 | 996.17 | 1 237.46 |
| 20–24 | 1 772.45 | 561.97 | 838.46 | 2 016.31 | 1 874.98 | 870.26 | 2 666.00 | 716.22 | 1 288.75 |
| 25–34 | 1 490.56 | 445.85 | 616.81 | 1 782.96 | 1 514.60 | 625.53 | 1 917.31 | 534.91 | 1 056.83 |
| 35–44 | 956.31 | 253.34 | 375.65 | 1 098.83 | 871.15 | 480.64 | 1 158.12 | 306.13 | 656.89 |
| 45–54 | 479.42 | 132.90 | 185.96 | 492.27 | 478.92 | 180.34 | 547.46 | 202.76 | 327.85 |
| 55–64 | 206.90 | 60.31 | 85.86 | 224.41 | 212.09 | 60.75 | 227.58 | 62.03 | 144.26 |
| 65 and over | 67.51 | 18.28 | 25.51 | 69.06 | 69.39 | 25.64 | 199.00 | 44.26 | 46.88 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>754.38</i> | <i>254.54</i> | <i>394.48</i> | <i>856.77</i> | <i>766.55</i> | <i>371.58</i> | <i>1 351.25</i> | <i>399.68</i> | <i>562.84</i> |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 122.98 | 95.25 | 103.14 | 158.85 | 89.87 | 50.95 | 157.53 | 55.40 | 109.35 |
| 10–14 | 618.91 | 330.02 | 501.34 | 1 084.17 | 783.93 | 407.97 | 748.19 | 568.08 | 575.10 |
| 15–19 | 1 860.99 | 755.79 | 1 018.14 | 2 454.95 | 1 768.14 | 1 129.70 | 2 058.54 | 1 245.62 | 1 436.40 |
| 20–24 | 2 031.04 | 769.66 | 931.56 | 2 158.44 | 1 933.59 | 1 118.07 | 2 255.33 | 942.95 | 1 466.41 |
| 25–34 | 1 728.21 | 648.61 | 859.56 | 1 894.08 | 1 729.18 | 820.15 | 1 812.04 | 666.82 | 1 270.11 |
| 35–44 | 1 071.37 | 364.91 | 486.21 | 1 239.92 | 1 026.84 | 491.87 | 1 209.05 | 382.72 | 773.90 |
| 45–54 | 615.45 | 211.17 | 291.10 | 627.47 | 627.03 | 274.89 | 792.43 | 247.20 | 444.14 |
| 55–64 | 312.65 | 109.43 | 159.34 | 306.56 | 320.51 | 126.06 | 501.93 | 118.17 | 227.52 |
| 65 and over | 100.02 | 30.25 | 47.11 | 95.75 | 119.82 | 54.78 | 237.94 | 45.79 | 72.83 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>933.85</i> | <i>376.99</i> | <i>529.90</i> | <i>1 000.81</i> | <i>904.99</i> | <i>472.78</i> | <i>1 317.43</i> | <i>540.51</i> | <i>709.24</i> |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

3.4 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW(b) | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | n.a. | 441 | 399 | 746 | 224 | 50 | 88 | 17 | n.a. |
| Non-family member | n.a. | 1 088 | 1 933 | 3 173 | 737 | 492 | 503 | 102 | n.a. |
| Total | n.a. | 1 529 | 2 332 | 3 919 | 961 | 542 | 591 | 119 | n.a. |
| Unknown to victim | n.a. | 3 251 | 3 344 | 4 192 | 3 597 | 553 | 613 | 202 | n.a. |
| Not stated/inadequately described | n.a. | 6 148 | 5 728 | 326 | 4 988 | 226 | 50 | 682 | n.a. |
| Total | 33 164 | 10 928 | 11 404 | 8 437 | 9 546 | 1 321 | 1 254 | 1 003 | 77 057 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | n.a. | 742 | 1 003 | 2 224 | 775 | 156 | 522 | 66 | n.a. |
| Non-family member | n.a. | 822 | 1 563 | 2 900 | 1 136 | 490 | 431 | 90 | n.a. |
| Total | n.a. | 1 564 | 2 566 | 5 124 | 1 911 | 646 | 953 | 156 | n.a. |
| Unknown to victim | n.a. | 959 | 824 | 1 169 | 1 005 | 126 | 239 | 61 | n.a. |
| Not stated/inadequately described | n.a. | 3 477 | 3 418 | 149 | 4 058 | 117 | 21 | 402 | n.a. |
| Total | 24 073 | 6 000 | 6 808 | 6 442 | 6 974 | 889 | 1 213 | 619 | 53 018 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 984 | 643 | 103 | 6 | 54 | 21 | 36 | 45 | 2 892 |
| Persons(c) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | n.a. | 1 195 | 1 406 | 2 970 | 999 | 207 | 619 | 83 | n.a. |
| Non-family member | n.a. | 1 957 | 3 514 | 6 075 | 1 875 | 982 | 940 | 193 | n.a. |
| Total | n.a. | 3 152 | 4 920 | 9 045 | 2 874 | 1 189 | 1 559 | 276 | n.a. |
| Unknown to victim | n.a. | 4 408 | 4 211 | 5 363 | 4 620 | 690 | 871 | 294 | n.a. |
| Not stated/inadequately described | n.a. | 10 011 | 9 184 | 477 | 9 080 | 352 | 73 | 1 097 | n.a. |
| Total | 59 221 | 17 571 | 18 315 | 14 885 | 16 574 | 2 231 | 2 503 | 1 667 | 132 967 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | n.a. | 4.0 | 3.5 | 8.8 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 7.0 | 1.7 | n.a. |
| Non-family member | n.a. | 10.0 | 17.0 | 37.6 | 7.7 | 37.2 | 40.1 | 10.2 | n.a. |
| Total | n.a. | 14.0 | 20.4 | 46.5 | 10.1 | 41.0 | 47.1 | 11.9 | n.a. |
| Unknown to victim | n.a. | 29.7 | 29.3 | 49.7 | 37.7 | 41.9 | 48.9 | 20.1 | n.a. |
| Not stated/inadequately described | n.a. | 56.3 | 50.2 | 3.9 | 52.3 | 17.1 | 4.0 | 68.0 | n.a. |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | n.a. | 12.4 | 14.7 | 34.5 | 11.1 | 17.5 | 43.0 | 10.7 | n.a. |
| Non-family member | n.a. | 13.7 | 23.0 | 45.0 | 16.3 | 55.1 | 35.5 | 14.5 | n.a. |
| Total | n.a. | 26.1 | 37.7 | 79.5 | 27.4 | 72.7 | 78.6 | 25.2 | n.a. |
| Unknown to victim | n.a. | 16.0 | 12.1 | 18.1 | 14.4 | 14.2 | 19.7 | 9.9 | n.a. |
| Not stated/inadequately described | n.a. | 58.0 | 50.2 | 2.3 | 58.2 | 13.2 | 1.7 | 64.9 | n.a. |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | n.a. | 6.8 | 7.7 | 20.0 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 24.7 | 5.0 | n.a. |
| Non-family member | n.a. | 11.1 | 19.2 | 40.8 | 11.3 | 44.0 | 37.6 | 11.6 | n.a. |
| Total | n.a. | 17.9 | 26.9 | 60.8 | 17.3 | 53.3 | 62.3 | 16.6 | n.a. |
| Unknown to victim | n.a. | 25.1 | 23.0 | 36.0 | 27.9 | 30.9 | 34.8 | 17.6 | n.a. |
| Not stated/inadequately described | n.a. | 57.0 | 50.1 | 3.2 | 54.8 | 15.8 | 2.9 | 65.8 | n.a. |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) New South Wales does not currently record relationship of offender to victim for assault offences. The collection of this information is currently being considered.

(c) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

3.5 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 62 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 62 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 238 | 113 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 351 |
| Dwelling — private | 21 535 | 5 227 | 4 664 | 4 804 | 6 979 | 702 | 716 | 396 | 45 023 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 473 | 346 | 140 | 642 | 356 | 17 | — | 30 | 2 004 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1 264 | 310 | 1 732 | 1 255 | 186 | 187 | 203 | 1 | 5 138 |
| <i>Total</i> | 23 572 | 5 996 | 6 536 | 6 701 | 7 521 | 906 | 919 | 427 | 52 578 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 117 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 029 | 671 | 1 817 |
| Educational | 1 263 | 407 | 584 | 436 | 557 | 84 | 47 | 82 | 3 460 |
| Health | 572 | 168 | 142 | 74 | 162 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 1 156 |
| Religious | — | 20 | 16 | 14 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 78 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 272 | 157 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 429 |
| Terminal | 1 283 | 362 | 352 | 312 | 432 | 18 | — | 18 | 2 777 |
| Conveyance in transit | 291 | 238 | 122 | 139 | — | 21 | 29 | — | 840 |
| Car park | 1 174 | 319 | 19 | 307 | 58 | 15 | — | 70 | 1 962 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 68 | — | — | — | 68 |
| Justice | 2 360 | 710 | 653 | 295 | 477 | 44 | — | 15 | 4 554 |
| Open space | 1 686 | 119 | 155 | 99 | — | 20 | 17 | — | 2 096 |
| Street/footpath | 13 066 | 4 634 | 5 196 | 3 680 | 3 158 | 692 | — | — | 30 426 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 6 | 1 | 88 | — | 483 | 5 | — | 51 | 634 |
| <i>Total</i> | 22 090 | 7 135 | 7 327 | 5 356 | 5 418 | 920 | 1 139 | 912 | 50 297 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 89 | 75 | 11 | — | — | — | — | 155 | 330 |
| Administrative/professional | 290 | 143 | 117 | 60 | 278 | 7 | 60 | 11 | 966 |
| Banking | 46 | 24 | 17 | 9 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 124 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 473 | 298 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 771 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 44 | 15 | 1 | 3 | 13 | — | — | 2 | 78 |
| Service station | 432 | 124 | 129 | 117 | 173 | 14 | 27 | 8 | 1 024 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 2 317 | 1 837 | 1 162 | 1 575 | 2 208 | 244 | 224 | 102 | 9 669 |
| Wholesale | 53 | 12 | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 69 |
| Warehousing/storage | 18 | 9 | 9 | — | 30 | — | 2 | — | 68 |
| Manufacturing | 132 | 90 | 58 | 56 | 27 | 3 | 2 | — | 368 |
| Agricultural | 61 | 42 | 39 | 9 | 28 | 5 | — | — | 184 |
| Recreational | 7 819 | 675 | 2 831 | 502 | 730 | 117 | 78 | 9 | 12 761 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 102 | 20 | 5 | 493 | 106 | 8 | — | 2 | 736 |
| <i>Total</i> | 11 876 | 3 364 | 4 381 | 2 824 | 3 617 | 401 | 394 | 291 | 27 148 |
| Unspecified | 1 683 | 1 076 | 71 | 4 | 18 | 4 | 51 | 37 | 2 944 |
| Total | 59 221 | 17 571 | 18 315 | 14 885 | 16 574 | 2 231 | 2 503 | 1 667 | 132 967 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

3.5 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 0.4 | 0.6 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.3 |
| Dwelling — private | 36.4 | 29.7 | 25.5 | 32.3 | 42.1 | 31.5 | 28.6 | 23.8 | 33.9 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 0.8 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | — | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 2.1 | 1.8 | 9.5 | 8.4 | 1.1 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 0.1 | 3.9 |
| Total | 39.8 | 34.1 | 35.7 | 45.0 | 45.4 | 40.6 | 36.7 | 25.6 | 39.5 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | 41.1 | 40.3 | 1.4 |
| Educational | 2.1 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 2.6 |
| Health | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Religious | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 0.5 | 0.9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.3 |
| Terminal | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 0.8 | — | 1.1 | 2.1 |
| Conveyance in transit | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | — | 0.9 | 1.2 | — | 0.6 |
| Car park | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | — | 4.2 | 1.5 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 0.4 | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Justice | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 2.0 | — | 0.9 | 3.4 |
| Open space | 2.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | — | 0.9 | 0.7 | — | 1.6 |
| Street/footpath | 22.1 | 26.4 | 28.4 | 24.7 | 19.1 | 31.0 | — | — | 22.9 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | — | 2.9 | 0.2 | — | 3.1 | 0.5 |
| Total | 37.3 | 40.6 | 40.0 | 36.0 | 32.7 | 41.2 | 45.5 | 54.7 | 37.8 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | 9.3 | 0.2 |
| Administrative/professional | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Banking | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 0.8 | 1.7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.6 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Service station | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 3.9 | 10.5 | 6.3 | 10.6 | 13.3 | 10.9 | 8.9 | 6.1 | 7.3 |
| Wholesale | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Warehousing/storage | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | — | 0.2 | — | 0.1 | — | 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | 0.3 |
| Agricultural | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Recreational | 13.2 | 3.8 | 15.5 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 3.1 | 0.5 | 9.6 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | — | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| Total | 20.1 | 19.1 | 23.9 | 19.0 | 21.8 | 18.0 | 15.7 | 17.5 | 20.4 |
| Unspecified | 2.8 | 6.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

3.6 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 112 | — | 65 | 62 | — | 20 | 265 | 63 | 587 |
| Firearm | 298 | 152 | 112 | 30 | 31 | 21 | 20 | 16 | 680 |
| Other weapon | 4 056 | 2 086 | 3 088 | 1 253 | 984 | 405 | 238 | 184 | 12 294 |
| <i>Total</i> | 4 466 | 2 238 | 3 265 | 1 345 | 1 015 | 446 | 523 | 263 | 13 561 |
| No weapon used | 54 755 | 15 333 | 15 050 | 13 540 | 15 559 | 1 785 | 1 980 | 1 404 | 119 406 |
| Total | 59 221 | 17 571 | 18 315 | 14 885 | 16 574 | 2 231 | 2 503 | 1 667 | 132 967 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 0.2 | — | 0.4 | 0.4 | — | 0.9 | 10.6 | 3.8 | 0.4 |
| Firearm | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| Other weapon | 6.8 | 11.9 | 16.9 | 8.4 | 5.9 | 18.2 | 9.5 | 11.0 | 9.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 7.5 | 12.7 | 17.8 | 9.0 | 6.1 | 20.0 | 20.9 | 15.8 | 10.2 |
| No weapon used | 92.5 | 87.3 | 82.2 | 91.0 | 93.9 | 80.0 | 79.1 | 84.2 | 89.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

3.7 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 23 977 | 9 246 | 8 455 | 5 563 | 7 795 | 1 281 | 1 233 | 948 | 58 498 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 5 027 | 1 503 | 1 718 | 3 838 | 2 979 | 85 | 231 | 159 | 15 540 |
| Offender proceeded against | 30 217 | 6 822 | 8 142 | 5 484 | 5 800 | 865 | 1 021 | 560 | 58 911 |
| <i>Total</i> | 35 244 | 8 325 | 9 860 | 9 322 | 8 779 | 950 | 1 252 | 719 | 74 451 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 18 | — | 18 |
| Total | 59 221 | 17 571 | 18 315 | 14 885 | 16 574 | 2 231 | 2 503 | 1 667 | 132 967 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 40.5 | 52.6 | 46.2 | 37.4 | 47.0 | 57.4 | 49.3 | 56.9 | 44.0 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 8.5 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 25.8 | 18.0 | 3.8 | 9.2 | 9.5 | 11.7 |
| Offender proceeded against | 51.0 | 38.8 | 44.5 | 36.8 | 35.0 | 38.8 | 40.8 | 33.6 | 44.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 59.5 | 47.4 | 53.8 | 62.6 | 53.0 | 42.6 | 50.0 | 43.1 | 56.0 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.7 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 4

SEXUAL ASSAULT

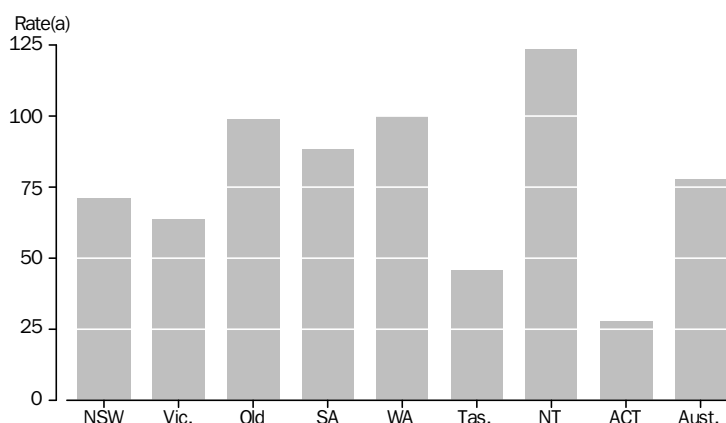
NUMBER OF VICTIMS

The number of victims of sexual assault recorded by police in Australia during 1998 increased by 1.5%, rising from 14,353 in 1997 to 14,568 in 1998. The highest increase for sexual assault was recorded in Western Australia with 13% or 217 more victims for 1998. Other States with increases were Tasmania (9.1%), South Australia (7.6%), Queensland (2.7%) and Victoria (0.5%).

Rate per 100,000 persons

The national victimisation rate for sexual assault has remained stable over 1997 and 1998, at a rate of 78 victims per 100,000 persons. The highest rates for sexual assault were recorded in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia with rates of 124, 100, 99 and 88 victims per 100,000 persons respectively. The lowest victimisation rates were recorded in the Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania with 28 and 46 victims per 100,000 persons.

4.1 SEXUAL ASSAULT, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories, 1998



(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

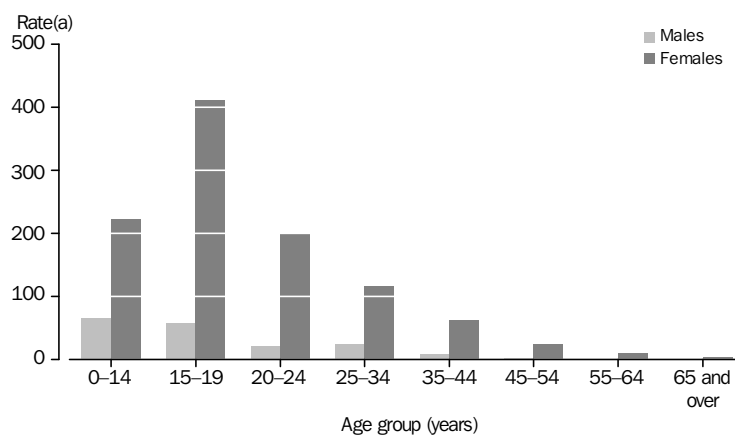
Age and sex

Sexual assault offences recorded by police show that females represented 80% of victims. Males represented 18% of victims and the sex of the victims was not recorded in approximately 2% of the offences. Almost half (47%) of all victims were females aged under 20 years.

Females aged 15–19 years comprise 18% of total victims, with females in the 10–14 and 0–9 year age groups representing 15% and 14% of total victims respectively. The overall victimisation rate for females (124 victims per 100,000 females) was more than four times greater than the overall male victimisation rate (28 victims per 100,000 males) in 1998. The Northern Territory recorded the highest victimisation rate for females with 219 victims per 100,000 females and the Australian Capital Territory recorded the lowest female victimisation rate with 42 victims per 100,000 females.

Age and sex *continued*

Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia were the only States and Territory having victimisation rates for males higher than the national male victimisation rate with 43, 37 and 33 male victims per 100,000 males respectively. Males aged 0–9 years were in the age group with the highest proportion of male victims of sexual assault, accounting for 5.7% of total victims. Males in the 10–14 year age group recorded the highest male victimisation rate (76 victims per 100,000 males) followed by males in the 0–9 year age group (62 victims per 100,000 males).

4.2 SEXUAL ASSAULT, Victimisation Rates—By Sex and Age Group of Victim, 1998

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Sex and relationship

The relationship of the offender to the victim was most commonly a non-family member known to the victim. Unlike other offences, the distribution patterns for both females and males is similar.

Location and weapon use

Private dwellings were the most common locations for sexual assaults (60% of offences) followed by streets and footpaths (6.8%) and recreational locations (5.1%). A weapon was used in 2.1% of offences and two in every 1,000 sexual assault offences involved a firearm.

Outcome of investigations

Of all sexual assault offences reported nationally to police, 42% of investigations were finalised after 30 days and an offender was proceeded against in 26% of the offences.

4.3 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 282 | 113 | 247 | 68 | 90 | 5 | 19 | 11 | 835 |
| 10–14 | 200 | 78 | 131 | 33 | 53 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 514 |
| 15–19 | 122 | 94 | 83 | 35 | 44 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 389 |
| 20–24 | 51 | 46 | 21 | 13 | 20 | 1 | 3 | — | 155 |
| 25–34 | 68 | 103 | 57 | 36 | 84 | 2 | — | — | 350 |
| 35–44 | 23 | 53 | 32 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 2 | — | 127 |
| 45–54 | 8 | 15 | 10 | 4 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 40 |
| 55–64 | — | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| 65 and over | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 7 |
| Not specified | 33 | 14 | 154 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 203 |
| Total | 789 | 522 | 737 | 195 | 304 | 23 | 37 | 18 | 2 625 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 708 | 217 | 621 | 194 | 206 | 15 | 34 | 17 | 2 012 |
| 10–14 | 635 | 312 | 652 | 206 | 329 | 60 | 34 | 16 | 2 244 |
| 15–19 | 799 | 595 | 544 | 243 | 354 | 54 | 32 | 16 | 2 637 |
| 20–24 | 398 | 366 | 203 | 120 | 217 | 17 | 21 | 2 | 1 344 |
| 25–34 | 448 | 481 | 283 | 180 | 230 | 24 | 44 | 7 | 1 697 |
| 35–44 | 250 | 229 | 166 | 102 | 127 | 14 | 23 | 3 | 914 |
| 45–54 | 89 | 87 | 46 | 40 | 37 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 310 |
| 55–64 | 25 | 22 | 13 | 15 | 13 | — | — | — | 88 |
| 65 and over | 16 | 18 | 12 | 13 | 9 | 1 | — | — | 69 |
| Not specified | 98 | 80 | 138 | 1 | — | 3 | 6 | 1 | 327 |
| Total | 3 466 | 2 407 | 2 678 | 1 114 | 1 522 | 193 | 197 | 65 | 11 642 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 249 | 38 | 8 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | 301 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 991 | 331 | 869 | 262 | 296 | 20 | 53 | 28 | 2 850 |
| 10–14 | 836 | 390 | 783 | 239 | 382 | 70 | 40 | 19 | 2 759 |
| 15–19 | 926 | 695 | 627 | 278 | 398 | 58 | 36 | 19 | 3 037 |
| 20–24 | 450 | 416 | 224 | 133 | 237 | 18 | 24 | 2 | 1 504 |
| 25–34 | 516 | 591 | 341 | 216 | 315 | 26 | 44 | 7 | 2 056 |
| 35–44 | 274 | 283 | 198 | 107 | 138 | 15 | 25 | 3 | 1 043 |
| 45–54 | 98 | 103 | 56 | 44 | 39 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 352 |
| 55–64 | 25 | 27 | 13 | 16 | 13 | — | — | — | 94 |
| 65 and over | 18 | 20 | 14 | 13 | 9 | 1 | — | 1 | 76 |
| Not specified | 370 | 111 | 298 | 2 | — | 3 | 9 | 4 | 797 |
| Total | 4 504 | 2 967 | 3 423 | 1 310 | 1 827 | 216 | 235 | 86 | 14 568 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

4.3 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 62.52 | 34.72 | 97.37 | 68.00 | 67.28 | 14.60 | 105.23 | 49.72 | 62.39 |
| 10–14 | 89.55 | 48.40 | 101.79 | 63.51 | 75.81 | 55.93 | 75.61 | 26.53 | 76.47 |
| 15–19 | 54.51 | 57.31 | 63.78 | 68.98 | 64.05 | 22.71 | 53.59 | 23.40 | 57.60 |
| 20–24 | 22.48 | 26.40 | 16.12 | 25.05 | 28.01 | 6.47 | 33.22 | — | 22.35 |
| 25–34 | 14.06 | 28.40 | 21.48 | 32.84 | 57.90 | 6.29 | — | — | 24.26 |
| 35–44 | 4.69 | 14.93 | 12.12 | 4.41 | 7.53 | 2.80 | 12.19 | — | 8.79 |
| 45–54 | 1.91 | 4.96 | 4.27 | 4.03 | 1.60 | — | 8.01 | — | 3.21 |
| 55–64 | — | 1.96 | — | 1.50 | — | — | — | — | 0.61 |
| 65 and over | 0.57 | 0.78 | 1.14 | — | — | — | — | 9.55 | 0.70 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>25.04</i> | <i>22.66</i> | <i>42.59</i> | <i>26.52</i> | <i>32.99</i> | <i>9.89</i> | <i>36.92</i> | <i>11.72</i> | <i>28.14</i> |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 165.14 | 70.32 | 257.88 | 205.24 | 162.72 | 46.17 | 201.66 | 80.21 | 158.45 |
| 10–14 | 298.02 | 201.85 | 536.06 | 416.18 | 496.03 | 344.49 | 449.20 | 147.15 | 350.10 |
| 15–19 | 376.77 | 380.31 | 442.01 | 502.42 | 544.57 | 321.07 | 469.35 | 136.23 | 411.81 |
| 20–24 | 180.65 | 217.88 | 160.57 | 243.42 | 321.89 | 112.93 | 264.08 | 15.08 | 201.29 |
| 25–34 | 92.31 | 131.00 | 106.83 | 167.50 | 163.17 | 72.53 | 244.53 | 27.33 | 117.64 |
| 35–44 | 51.08 | 63.47 | 62.42 | 89.09 | 87.53 | 38.02 | 153.97 | 11.93 | 62.92 |
| 45–54 | 21.76 | 28.62 | 20.42 | 39.86 | 31.31 | 16.10 | 29.33 | 13.52 | 25.40 |
| 55–64 | 9.03 | 10.79 | 9.15 | 22.15 | 17.67 | — | — | — | 10.98 |
| 65 and over | 3.51 | 5.39 | 5.57 | 10.82 | 8.44 | 2.85 | — | — | 5.37 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>108.61</i> | <i>102.11</i> | <i>155.17</i> | <i>148.16</i> | <i>167.29</i> | <i>80.67</i> | <i>219.45</i> | <i>41.97</i> | <i>123.59</i> |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 112.64 | 52.20 | 175.74 | 134.69 | 113.69 | 29.97 | 151.80 | 64.64 | 109.27 |
| 10–14 | 191.56 | 123.52 | 312.79 | 235.56 | 280.39 | 198.32 | 258.00 | 85.66 | 210.10 |
| 15–19 | 212.44 | 216.88 | 247.62 | 280.51 | 297.68 | 168.44 | 252.07 | 77.34 | 230.84 |
| 20–24 | 100.62 | 121.56 | 87.27 | 131.44 | 170.74 | 59.02 | 141.33 | 7.25 | 110.49 |
| 25–34 | 53.25 | 80.97 | 64.31 | 99.49 | 110.13 | 40.08 | 117.08 | 13.81 | 71.25 |
| 35–44 | 27.97 | 39.54 | 37.36 | 46.96 | 47.39 | 20.67 | 79.75 | 6.11 | 35.99 |
| 45–54 | 11.83 | 16.98 | 12.18 | 22.03 | 16.05 | 7.99 | 17.61 | 6.80 | 14.27 |
| 55–64 | 4.49 | 6.62 | 4.46 | 11.91 | 8.66 | — | — | — | 5.82 |
| 65 and over | 2.23 | 3.40 | 3.58 | 6.13 | 4.69 | 1.61 | — | 4.16 | 3.33 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>71.02</i> | <i>63.66</i> | <i>99.04</i> | <i>88.08</i> | <i>99.76</i> | <i>45.77</i> | <i>123.69</i> | <i>27.88</i> | <i>77.71</i> |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

4.4 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 253 | 80 | 92 | 53 | 50 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 541 |
| Non-family member | 329 | 160 | 194 | 109 | 79 | 18 | 22 | 7 | 918 |
| Total | 582 | 240 | 286 | 162 | 129 | 20 | 31 | 9 | 1 459 |
| Unknown to victim | 98 | 64 | 29 | 27 | 41 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 268 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 109 | 218 | 422 | 6 | 134 | 1 | — | 8 | 898 |
| Total | 789 | 522 | 737 | 195 | 304 | 23 | 37 | 18 | 2 625 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 1 091 | 394 | 427 | 270 | 234 | 46 | 41 | 14 | 2 517 |
| Non-family member | 1 420 | 669 | 581 | 540 | 297 | 110 | 96 | 16 | 3 729 |
| Total | 2 511 | 1 063 | 1 008 | 810 | 531 | 156 | 137 | 30 | 6 246 |
| Unknown to victim | 478 | 452 | 145 | 280 | 209 | 26 | 58 | 3 | 1 651 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 477 | 892 | 1 525 | 24 | 782 | 11 | 2 | 32 | 3 745 |
| Total | 3 466 | 2 407 | 2 678 | 1 114 | 1 522 | 193 | 197 | 65 | 11 642 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 249 | 38 | 8 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | 301 |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 1 415 | 480 | 520 | 323 | 284 | 48 | 50 | 16 | 3 136 |
| Non-family member | 1 848 | 844 | 775 | 649 | 376 | 128 | 119 | 23 | 4 762 |
| Total | 3 263 | 1 324 | 1 295 | 972 | 660 | 176 | 169 | 39 | 7 898 |
| Unknown to victim | 624 | 521 | 174 | 307 | 250 | 28 | 64 | 4 | 1 972 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 617 | 1 122 | 1 954 | 31 | 917 | 12 | 2 | 43 | 4 698 |
| Total | 4 504 | 2 967 | 3 423 | 1 310 | 1 827 | 216 | 235 | 86 | 14 568 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 32.1 | 15.3 | 12.5 | 27.2 | 16.4 | 8.7 | 24.3 | 11.1 | 20.6 |
| Non-family member | 41.7 | 30.7 | 26.3 | 55.9 | 26.0 | 78.3 | 59.5 | 38.9 | 35.0 |
| Total | 73.8 | 46.0 | 38.8 | 83.1 | 42.4 | 87.0 | 83.8 | 50.0 | 55.6 |
| Unknown to victim | 12.4 | 12.3 | 3.9 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 8.7 | 16.2 | 5.6 | 10.2 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 13.8 | 41.8 | 57.3 | 3.1 | 44.1 | 4.3 | — | 44.4 | 34.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 31.5 | 16.4 | 15.9 | 24.2 | 15.4 | 23.8 | 20.8 | 21.5 | 21.6 |
| Non-family member | 41.0 | 27.8 | 21.7 | 48.5 | 19.5 | 57.0 | 48.7 | 24.6 | 32.0 |
| Total | 72.4 | 44.2 | 37.6 | 72.7 | 34.9 | 80.8 | 69.5 | 46.2 | 53.7 |
| Unknown to victim | 13.8 | 18.8 | 5.4 | 25.1 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 29.4 | 4.6 | 14.2 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 13.8 | 37.1 | 56.9 | 2.2 | 51.4 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 49.2 | 32.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 31.4 | 16.2 | 15.2 | 24.7 | 15.5 | 22.2 | 21.3 | 18.6 | 21.5 |
| Non-family member | 41.0 | 28.4 | 22.6 | 49.5 | 20.6 | 59.3 | 50.6 | 26.7 | 32.7 |
| Total | 72.4 | 44.6 | 37.8 | 74.2 | 36.1 | 81.5 | 71.9 | 45.3 | 54.2 |
| Unknown to victim | 13.9 | 17.6 | 5.1 | 23.4 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 27.2 | 4.7 | 13.5 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 13.7 | 37.8 | 57.1 | 2.4 | 50.2 | 5.6 | 0.9 | 50.0 | 32.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

4.5 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 57 | 25 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 82 |
| Dwelling — private | 2 494 | 1 581 | 2 406 | 761 | 1 219 | 120 | 120 | 52 | 8 753 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 91 | 77 | 81 | 136 | 56 | 2 | — | — | 443 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 41 | 59 | 85 | 35 | 80 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 325 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 695 | 1 742 | 2 572 | 932 | 1 355 | 130 | 136 | 53 | 9 615 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 31 | — | — | — | — | — | 60 | 12 | 103 |
| Educational | 135 | 62 | 94 | 20 | 34 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 365 |
| Health | 68 | 43 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 2 | — | — | 156 |
| Religious | — | 7 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 13 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 39 | 36 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 75 |
| Terminal | 56 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 27 | 1 | — | — | 144 |
| Conveyance in transit | 89 | 71 | 29 | 48 | — | 2 | 4 | — | 243 |
| Car park | 42 | 25 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 1 | — | — | 89 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 8 | — | — | — | 8 |
| Justice | 45 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 20 | — | — | — | 91 |
| Open space | 389 | 69 | 106 | 21 | — | 5 | 6 | — | 596 |
| Street/footpath | 340 | 245 | 157 | 88 | 140 | 20 | — | — | 990 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 10 | 1 | 16 | — | 11 | 3 | — | 3 | 44 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 244 | 597 | 457 | 216 | 263 | 42 | 75 | 23 | 2 917 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 12 | 16 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 3 | 32 |
| Administrative/professional | 11 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 9 | 2 | — | — | 45 |
| Banking | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 17 | 25 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 42 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | — | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Service station | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | — | — | — | 1 | 16 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 76 | 91 | 69 | 36 | 60 | 15 | 14 | 5 | 366 |
| Wholesale | 5 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Warehousing/storage | — | 3 | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | — | 6 |
| Manufacturing | 9 | 5 | — | 2 | 1 | 2 | — | — | 19 |
| Agricultural | 12 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | 32 |
| Recreational | 195 | 158 | 213 | 63 | 98 | 18 | 3 | — | 748 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 5 | 7 | — | 53 | 25 | 3 | — | — | 93 |
| <i>Total</i> | 348 | 323 | 310 | 161 | 200 | 41 | 17 | 9 | 1 409 |
| Unspecified | 217 | 305 | 84 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 627 |
| Total | 4 504 | 2 967 | 3 423 | 1 310 | 1 827 | 216 | 235 | 86 | 14 568 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

4.5 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 1.3 | 0.8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.6 |
| Dwelling — private | 55.4 | 53.3 | 70.3 | 58.1 | 66.7 | 55.6 | 51.1 | 60.5 | 60.1 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 10.4 | 3.1 | 0.9 | — | — | 3.0 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 0.9 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 6.8 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 59.8 | 58.7 | 75.1 | 71.1 | 74.2 | 60.2 | 57.9 | 61.6 | 66.0 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.7 | — | — | — | — | — | 25.5 | 14.0 | 0.7 |
| Educational | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 8.1 | 2.5 |
| Health | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | — | — | 1.1 |
| Religious | — | 0.2 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | — | — | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 0.9 | 1.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.5 |
| Terminal | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.5 | — | — | 1.0 |
| Conveyance in transit | 2.0 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 3.7 | — | 0.9 | 1.7 | — | 1.7 |
| Car park | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.5 | — | — | 0.6 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 0.4 | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Justice | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | — | — | — | 0.6 |
| Open space | 8.6 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 1.6 | — | 2.3 | 2.6 | — | 4.1 |
| Street/footpath | 7.5 | 8.3 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 7.7 | 9.3 | — | — | 6.8 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | — | 0.6 | 1.4 | — | 3.5 | 0.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 27.6 | 20.1 | 13.4 | 16.5 | 14.4 | 19.4 | 31.9 | 26.7 | 20.0 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | — | — | — | — | 3.5 | 0.2 |
| Administrative/professional | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.9 | — | — | 0.3 |
| Banking | — | 0.0 | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 0.4 | 0.8 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.3 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | — | 0.0 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Service station | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | — | — | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 2.5 |
| Wholesale | 0.1 | 0.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Warehousing/storage | — | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 | 0.5 | — | — | 0.0 |
| Manufacturing | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Agricultural | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Recreational | 4.3 | 5.3 | 6.2 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 8.3 | 1.3 | — | 5.1 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | 4.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | — | — | 0.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | 7.7 | 10.9 | 9.1 | 12.3 | 10.9 | 19.0 | 7.2 | 10.5 | 9.7 |
| Unspecified | 4.8 | 10.3 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 1.2 | 4.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

4.6 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | 2 | — | 5 |
| Firearm | 6 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | 24 |
| Other weapon | 89 | 53 | 79 | 17 | 27 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 280 |
| <i>Total</i> | 95 | 62 | 85 | 21 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 309 |
| No weapon used | 4 409 | 2 905 | 3 338 | 1 289 | 1 798 | 209 | 229 | 82 | 14 259 |
| Total | 4 504 | 2 967 | 3 423 | 1 310 | 1 827 | 216 | 235 | 86 | 14 568 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | 0.0 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.9 | — | 0.0 |
| Firearm | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Other weapon | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 1.9 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 2.1 |
| No weapon used | 97.9 | 97.9 | 97.5 | 98.4 | 98.4 | 96.8 | 97.4 | 95.3 | 97.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

4.7 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 2 952 | 1 810 | 1 702 | 720 | 943 | 146 | 134 | 50 | 8 457 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 569 | 564 | 654 | 223 | 258 | 11 | 42 | 5 | 2 326 |
| Offender proceeded against | 983 | 593 | 1 067 | 367 | 626 | 59 | 57 | 31 | 3 783 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 552 | 1 157 | 1 721 | 590 | 884 | 70 | 99 | 36 | 6 109 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| Total | 4 504 | 2 967 | 3 423 | 1 310 | 1 827 | 216 | 235 | 86 | 14 568 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 65.5 | 61.0 | 49.7 | 55.0 | 51.6 | 67.6 | 57.0 | 58.1 | 58.1 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 12.6 | 19.0 | 19.1 | 17.0 | 14.1 | 5.1 | 17.9 | 5.8 | 16.0 |
| Offender proceeded against | 21.8 | 20.0 | 31.2 | 28.0 | 34.3 | 27.3 | 24.3 | 36.0 | 26.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 34.5 | 39.0 | 50.3 | 45.0 | 48.4 | 32.4 | 42.1 | 41.9 | 41.9 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.9 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 5

KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION

NUMBER OF VICTIMS

Nationally, 662 victims of kidnapping/abduction were recorded during 1998. This represents 100 more victims than 1997 (an increase of 18%).

Rate per 100,000 persons

New South Wales was the only State to have a victimisation rate for kidnapping/abduction higher than the national rate of 3.5 victims per 100,000 persons, recording 5.9 victims per 100,000 persons. The lowest kidnapping/abduction victimisation rates were recorded in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, with 0.5 and 1.0 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

Age and sex

Females accounted for 63% of all kidnapping/abduction victims and had a victimisation rate of 4.4 victims per 100,000 females, compared to a victimisation rate of 2.4 male victims per 100,000 males. More than half of the kidnapping/abduction victims (61%) were aged between 0–19 years. The highest victimisation rate was in the 15–19 year age group with 10 victims per 100,000 persons. This was also reflected in the female victimisation rates, where there were 16 female victims per 100,000 females for the same age group. The highest victimisation rate for males was in the 10–14 year age group (5.8 victims per 100,000 males).

Relationship of offender to victim

New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory were able to record the relationship of the offender to the victim in over 95% of all kidnapping/abduction offences. In these States and Territory, unlike sexual assault offences, where the offender was most likely to be known to the victim, the offender was far more likely to be a stranger to the victim.

Location and weapon use

Most kidnapping/abduction offences took place at a street/footpath, representing 49% of all kidnapping/abductions offences in Australia during 1998. A dwelling was the next most common location, accounting for 21% of all kidnapping/abduction offences.

Most kidnapping/abduction offences were committed without a weapon (85% of all offences). Firearms were used in 3.9% of all kidnapping/abduction offences and weapons other than a firearm were used in 11% of the offences recorded by police.

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, 37% of investigations into kidnapping/abduction offences were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police, while an offender was proceeded against in 23% of offences at this stage of investigations.

5.1 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 45 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | 69 |
| 10-14 | 18 | 7 | 12 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 39 |
| 15-19 | 23 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | — | — | — | 36 |
| 20-24 | 23 | 3 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 28 |
| 25-34 | 19 | 1 | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 24 |
| 35-44 | 6 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 45-54 | 4 | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| 55-64 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 5 |
| 65 and over | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Not specified | 4 | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| Total | 147 | 31 | 32 | 6 | 9 | 1 | — | 1 | 227 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 22 | 15 | 19 | 10 | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | 72 |
| 10-14 | 38 | 21 | 21 | 4 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 87 |
| 15-19 | 58 | 19 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 4 | — | 1 | 100 |
| 20-24 | 26 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 3 | — | — | — | 45 |
| 25-34 | 37 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | — | 58 |
| 35-44 | 18 | 5 | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 27 |
| 45-54 | 4 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 9 |
| 55-64 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 65 and over | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Not specified | 7 | 2 | 3 | — | — | 1 | — | — | 13 |
| Total | 212 | 84 | 65 | 26 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 414 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 18 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 21 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 67 | 28 | 27 | 12 | 4 | 2 | — | 1 | 141 |
| 10-14 | 56 | 28 | 33 | 5 | 2 | 2 | — | — | 126 |
| 15-19 | 81 | 23 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 4 | — | 1 | 137 |
| 20-24 | 49 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 5 | — | — | — | 73 |
| 25-34 | 56 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | 82 |
| 35-44 | 24 | 6 | 2 | — | 3 | — | — | — | 35 |
| 45-54 | 8 | 4 | 4 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 17 |
| 55-64 | 4 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | 6 |
| 65 and over | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Not specified | 29 | 2 | 9 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 42 |
| Total | 377 | 115 | 100 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 662 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

5.1 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 9.96 | 3.99 | 3.15 | 2.00 | 0.75 | — | — | — | 5.16 |
| 10–14 | 8.06 | 4.34 | 9.32 | 1.92 | — | 5.59 | — | — | 5.80 |
| 15–19 | 10.28 | 2.44 | 3.07 | 3.94 | 4.37 | — | — | — | 5.33 |
| 20–24 | 10.14 | 1.72 | — | — | 2.80 | — | — | — | 4.04 |
| 25–34 | 3.93 | 0.28 | 0.75 | — | 1.38 | — | — | — | 1.66 |
| 35–44 | 1.22 | 0.28 | — | — | 0.68 | — | — | — | 0.55 |
| 45–54 | 0.95 | 0.66 | 0.85 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.64 |
| 55–64 | 1.43 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8.65 | 0.61 |
| 65 and over | 0.28 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.10 |
| Total(b) | 4.67 | 1.35 | 1.85 | 0.82 | 0.98 | 0.43 | — | 0.65 | 2.43 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 5.13 | 4.86 | 7.89 | 10.58 | 2.37 | 6.16 | — | 4.72 | 5.67 |
| 10–14 | 17.83 | 13.59 | 17.27 | 8.08 | 3.02 | 5.74 | — | — | 13.57 |
| 15–19 | 27.35 | 12.14 | 9.75 | 8.27 | 3.08 | 23.78 | — | 8.51 | 15.62 |
| 20–24 | 11.80 | 5.95 | 1.58 | 8.11 | 4.45 | — | — | — | 6.74 |
| 25–34 | 7.62 | 2.72 | 1.51 | 2.79 | 1.42 | 3.02 | 5.56 | — | 4.02 |
| 35–44 | 3.68 | 1.39 | 0.75 | — | 1.38 | — | — | — | 1.86 |
| 45–54 | 0.98 | 0.66 | 0.89 | — | 0.85 | — | — | — | 0.74 |
| 55–64 | — | — | — | 1.48 | — | — | — | — | 0.12 |
| 65 and over | 0.44 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.16 |
| Total(b) | 6.64 | 3.56 | 3.77 | 3.46 | 1.65 | 3.76 | 1.11 | 1.29 | 4.40 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 7.62 | 4.42 | 5.46 | 6.17 | 1.54 | 3.00 | — | 2.31 | 5.41 |
| 10–14 | 12.83 | 8.87 | 13.18 | 4.93 | 1.47 | 5.67 | — | — | 9.60 |
| 15–19 | 18.58 | 7.18 | 6.71 | 6.05 | 3.74 | 11.62 | — | 4.07 | 10.41 |
| 20–24 | 10.96 | 3.80 | 0.78 | 3.95 | 3.60 | — | — | — | 5.36 |
| 25–34 | 5.78 | 1.51 | 1.13 | 1.38 | 1.40 | 1.54 | 2.66 | — | 2.84 |
| 35–44 | 2.45 | 0.84 | 0.38 | — | 1.03 | — | — | — | 1.21 |
| 45–54 | 0.97 | 0.66 | 0.87 | — | 0.41 | — | — | — | 0.69 |
| 55–64 | 0.72 | — | — | 0.74 | — | — | — | 4.38 | 0.37 |
| 65 and over | 0.37 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.13 |
| Total(b) | 5.94 | 2.47 | 2.89 | 2.15 | 1.31 | 2.12 | 0.53 | 0.97 | 3.53 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

5.2 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 11 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 14 |
| Non-family member | 43 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 58 |
| Total | 54 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | 72 |
| Unknown to victim | 92 | 15 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 117 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 1 | 10 | 21 | — | 6 | — | — | — | 38 |
| Total | 147 | 31 | 32 | 6 | 9 | 1 | — | 1 | 227 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 17 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 27 |
| Non-family member | 62 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | 1 | 79 |
| Total | 79 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | — | 1 | 106 |
| Unknown to victim | 122 | 45 | 9 | 22 | 3 | 7 | 1 | — | 209 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 11 | 29 | 50 | — | 8 | — | — | 1 | 99 |
| Total | 212 | 84 | 65 | 26 | 15 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 414 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 18 | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | 21 |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 29 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 42 |
| Non-family member | 109 | 11 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 1 | — | 1 | 142 |
| Total | 138 | 16 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 2 | — | 1 | 184 |
| Unknown to victim | 227 | 60 | 10 | 27 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 339 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 12 | 39 | 73 | — | 14 | — | — | 1 | 139 |
| Total | 377 | 115 | 100 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 662 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 7.5 | 6.5 | 3.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 6.2 |
| Non-family member | 29.3 | 12.9 | 28.1 | 16.7 | 11.1 | — | — | — | 25.6 |
| Total | 36.7 | 19.4 | 31.3 | 16.7 | 11.1 | — | — | — | 31.7 |
| Unknown to victim | 62.6 | 48.4 | 3.1 | 83.3 | 22.2 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | 51.5 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 0.7 | 32.3 | 65.6 | — | 66.7 | — | — | — | 16.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 8.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 7.7 | 13.3 | 11.1 | — | — | 6.5 |
| Non-family member | 29.2 | 8.3 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 13.3 | 11.1 | — | 50.0 | 19.1 |
| Total | 37.3 | 11.9 | 9.2 | 15.4 | 26.7 | 22.2 | — | 50.0 | 25.6 |
| Unknown to victim | 57.5 | 53.6 | 13.8 | 84.6 | 20.0 | 77.8 | 100.0 | — | 50.5 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 5.2 | 34.5 | 76.9 | — | 53.3 | — | — | 50.0 | 23.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | 7.7 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 6.3 | 8.3 | 10.0 | — | — | 6.3 |
| Non-family member | 28.9 | 9.6 | 14.0 | 9.4 | 12.5 | 10.0 | — | 33.3 | 21.5 |
| Total | 36.6 | 13.9 | 17.0 | 15.6 | 20.8 | 20.0 | — | 33.3 | 27.8 |
| Unknown to victim | 60.2 | 52.2 | 10.0 | 84.4 | 20.8 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 51.2 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | 3.2 | 33.9 | 73.0 | — | 58.3 | — | — | 33.3 | 21.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

5.3 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 70 | 26 | 22 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 1 | — | 137 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1 | 2 | 4 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 9 |
| Total | 71 | 28 | 26 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 1 | — | 146 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 195 | 54 | 48 | 16 | 5 | 3 | — | — | 321 |
| Other community location | 68 | 16 | 16 | 10 | 1 | — | — | 3 | 114 |
| Total | 263 | 70 | 64 | 26 | 6 | 3 | — | 3 | 435 |
| Other location | 33 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 4 | — | — | 69 |
| Unspecified | 10 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 12 |
| Total | 377 | 115 | 100 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 662 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling | 18.6 | 22.6 | 22.0 | 6.3 | 54.2 | 30.0 | 100.0 | — | 20.7 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 0.3 | 1.7 | 4.0 | — | 8.3 | — | — | — | 1.4 |
| Total | 18.8 | 24.3 | 26.0 | 6.3 | 62.5 | 30.0 | 100.0 | — | 22.1 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Street/footpath | 51.7 | 47.0 | 48.0 | 50.0 | 20.8 | 30.0 | — | — | 48.5 |
| Other community location | 18.0 | 13.9 | 16.0 | 31.3 | 4.2 | — | — | 100.0 | 17.2 |
| Total | 69.8 | 60.9 | 64.0 | 81.3 | 25.0 | 30.0 | — | 100.0 | 65.7 |
| Other location | 8.8 | 14.8 | 8.0 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 40.0 | — | — | 10.4 |
| Unspecified | 2.7 | — | 2.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

5.4 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Firearm | 18 | 5 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 26 |
| Other weapon | 50 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | — | 2 | 73 |
| <i>Total</i> | 68 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | — | 2 | 100 |
| No weapon used | 309 | 98 | 96 | 27 | 23 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 562 |
| Total | 377 | 115 | 100 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 662 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | — | — | — | 3.1 | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Firearm | 4.8 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 3.1 | — | 10.0 | — | — | 3.9 |
| Other weapon | 13.3 | 10.4 | 3.0 | 9.4 | 4.2 | 20.0 | — | 66.7 | 11.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 18.0 | 14.8 | 4.0 | 15.6 | 4.2 | 30.0 | — | 66.7 | 15.1 |
| No weapon used | 82.0 | 85.2 | — | 84.4 | 95.8 | 70.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 84.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

5.5 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 259 | 66 | 53 | 23 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 418 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 36 | 19 | 25 | 5 | 8 | 1 | — | — | 94 |
| Offender proceeded against | 82 | 30 | 22 | 4 | 8 | 2 | — | 2 | 150 |
| <i>Total</i> | 118 | 49 | 47 | 9 | 16 | 3 | — | 2 | 244 |
| Total | 377 | 115 | 100 | 32 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 662 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 68.7 | 57.4 | 53.0 | 71.9 | 33.3 | 70.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 63.1 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 9.5 | 16.5 | 25.0 | 15.6 | 33.3 | 10.0 | — | — | 14.2 |
| Offender proceeded against | 21.8 | 26.1 | 22.0 | 12.5 | 33.3 | 20.0 | — | 66.7 | 22.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | 31.3 | 42.6 | 47.0 | 28.1 | 66.7 | 30.0 | — | 66.7 | 36.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 6

ROBBERY

ROBBERY OFFENCES

Robbery offences involve the unlawful taking of property under confrontational circumstances from the immediate possession of a person, or an organisation, accompanied by force, threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear. Robbery victims can therefore be persons or organisations.

The circumstances under which an organisation is recorded as the victim of a robbery offence may also involve the victimisation of individuals. For example, a bank robbery for which the bank (organisation) is recorded as the victim may involve a bank teller in confrontational circumstances without the teller being recorded as a victim in the robbery. The bank teller would also be recorded as a victim if the teller had personal property stolen.

In this section, rates based on the total number of victims are discussed together with rates based on person victims only.

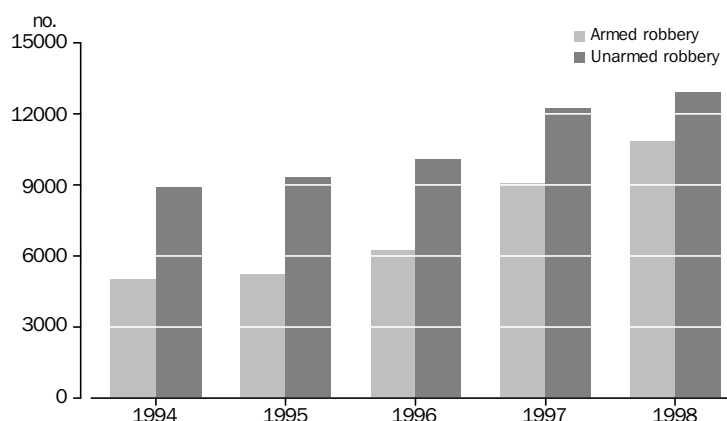
Number of victims

Nationally there were 23,778 victims of robbery recorded by police in Australia during 1998. This represents an increase of 12% over 1997 when 21,305 victims of robbery were recorded.

The number of persons recorded as robbery victims in 1998 was 17,990, representing 76% of all robberies Australia-wide.

Armed robberies accounted for 46% of all robberies and all States and Territories recorded an increase in the number of victims for 1998. There were 10,850 victims of armed robberies in 1998, an increase of 20% over 1997 when 9,054 victims were recorded. Organisations were more likely to be recorded as the victims of an armed robbery (43%) than an unarmed robbery (8.8%). Persons represented 57% of victims for armed robberies and 91% for unarmed robbery.

6.1 ROBBERY, Number of Victims(a)



(a) Victims of robbery may be individual persons or organisations.

Number of victims *continued*

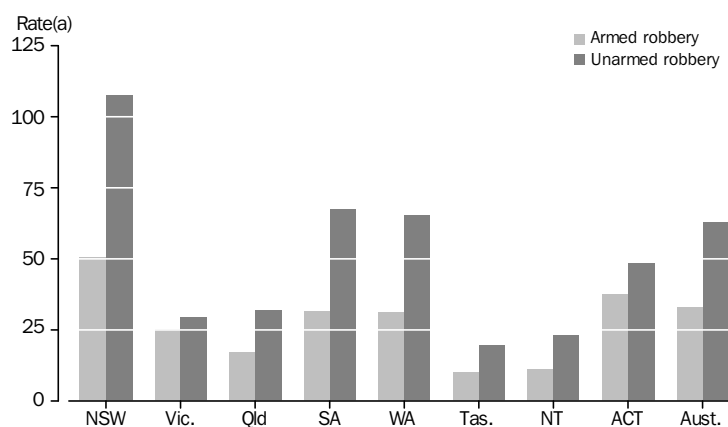
Apart from minor decreases in unarmed robbery for Tasmania and the Northern Territory, all other jurisdictions recorded increases for 1998. There were 12,928 victims of unarmed robberies in 1998, an increase of 5.5% on the 12,251 victims recorded in 1997.

Rate per 100,000 persons

The national robbery rate for 1998 was 127 victims per 100,000 persons, with armed robbery and unarmed robbery rates of 58 and 69 victims per 100,000 persons respectively. For robberies where the victim was recorded as a person, the armed robbery victimisation rate was 33 victims per 100,000 persons and the unarmed robbery rate was 63 victims per 100,000 persons (see tables 6.3 and 6.7).

New South Wales recorded the highest victimisation rate for armed robbery for person victims in 1998 with 51 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by the Australian Capital Territory with 38 victims per 100,000 persons. The lowest victimisation rates were recorded in Tasmania and the Northern Territory with 10 and 11 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia were the only jurisdictions with rates above the national unarmed robbery person victimisation rate of 63 victims per 100,000 persons with 108, 67 and 65 victims per 100,000 persons respectively. The lowest victimisation rates for unarmed robbery were recorded in Tasmania and the Northern Territory with 20 and 23 victims per 100,000 persons respectively.

6.2 ROBBERY, Victimisation Rates—1998

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Age and sex

Males were the victims of armed robbery in 38% of offences and females in 18% of offences. An organisation or business was the victim in 43% of offences.

For unarmed robberies, 54% of offences involved male victims and 36% female victims (the victim was an organisation or business in 9% of offences).

Age and sex continued

Males in the 15–19 year age group were most likely to be victims of armed robbery, having a victimisation rate of 117 victims per 100,000 males in this age group. This was followed by the 20–24 year age group, recording a victimisation rate of 96 victims per 100,000 males in this age group. The highest victimisation rate for females was in the 20–24 year age group, recording 44 victims per 100,000 females in this age group.

Of the 11,790 person victims of unarmed robberies, males in the 15–19 year age group were the most common victims, accounting for 16% of the total person victims. Males in this age group also recorded the highest rate with 286 victims per 100,000 males. Males in the 20–24 year age groups recorded a rate of 146 victims per 100,000 males, followed by males in the 10–14 and 25–34 year age groups with 100 and 94 victims per 100,000 males respectively.

Apart from females aged 0–14 years, females in all other age groups recorded a victimisation rate for unarmed robbery between 50 and 79 victims per 100,000 females.

Location and weapon use

Armed robberies occurred at retail locations in 50% of offences during 1998, followed by streets and footpaths with 20%. Residential locations accounted for 7% of all armed robberies.

Firearms were used in 18% of armed robbery offences in 1998. Weapons other than a firearm were used in 73% of armed robberies.

Most unarmed robberies occurred in community locations (66%), the most common of which was streets and footpaths (46% of the total unarmed robberies). This was followed by retail locations (14%) and transport locations (13%).

Outcome of investigations

There were 22% of armed robberies finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police, with an offender being proceeded against in 19% of all investigations.

For unarmed robberies, 18% of investigations were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police and an offender proceeded against in 14% of offences.

6.3 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| NUMBER OF PERSON VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | 16 |
| 10-14 | 49 | 36 | 25 | 19 | 34 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 172 |
| 15-19 | 369 | 144 | 82 | 87 | 91 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 788 |
| 20-24 | 315 | 150 | 68 | 56 | 57 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 663 |
| 25-34 | 510 | 161 | 79 | 58 | 55 | 9 | 3 | 18 | 893 |
| 35-44 | 369 | 117 | 54 | 49 | 31 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 638 |
| 45-54 | 282 | 66 | 35 | 30 | 31 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 455 |
| 55-64 | 171 | 33 | 17 | 13 | 20 | 2 | — | 6 | 262 |
| 65 and over | 49 | 15 | 11 | 8 | 18 | 2 | — | 2 | 105 |
| Not specified | 66 | 20 | 43 | 2 | — | 3 | 1 | 9 | 144 |
| Total | 2 185 | 744 | 419 | 323 | 340 | 35 | 17 | 73 | 4 136 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| 10-14 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 7 | — | — | — | 23 |
| 15-19 | 74 | 49 | 26 | 23 | 40 | — | — | 4 | 216 |
| 20-24 | 145 | 67 | 29 | 20 | 26 | 1 | — | 5 | 293 |
| 25-34 | 241 | 96 | 26 | 40 | 41 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 455 |
| 35-44 | 202 | 79 | 32 | 21 | 52 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 393 |
| 45-54 | 141 | 57 | 20 | 29 | 42 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 301 |
| 55-64 | 70 | 21 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 2 | — | 1 | 118 |
| 65 and over | 23 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 13 | 2 | — | 1 | 71 |
| Not specified | 33 | 10 | 17 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 12 | 74 |
| Total | 936 | 400 | 174 | 145 | 232 | 13 | 4 | 42 | 1 946 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 82 | 32 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 118 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | 18 |
| 10-14 | 54 | 44 | 29 | 20 | 41 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 197 |
| 15-19 | 443 | 196 | 108 | 110 | 131 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 1 007 |
| 20-24 | 461 | 219 | 97 | 76 | 83 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 959 |
| 25-34 | 753 | 259 | 105 | 98 | 96 | 11 | 4 | 26 | 1 352 |
| 35-44 | 571 | 200 | 86 | 70 | 83 | 6 | 4 | 16 | 1 036 |
| 45-54 | 424 | 125 | 55 | 59 | 73 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 759 |
| 55-64 | 242 | 56 | 24 | 19 | 31 | 4 | — | 7 | 383 |
| 65 and over | 72 | 30 | 24 | 12 | 31 | 4 | — | 3 | 176 |
| Not specified | 176 | 45 | 63 | 3 | — | 4 | 1 | 21 | 313 |
| Total | 3 203 | 1 176 | 596 | 468 | 572 | 48 | 21 | 116 | 6 200 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 2 185 | 744 | 419 | 323 | 340 | 35 | 17 | 73 | 4 136 |
| Females | 936 | 400 | 174 | 145 | 232 | 13 | 4 | 42 | 1 946 |
| Not stated | 82 | 32 | 3 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 118 |
| Total | 3 203 | 1 176 | 596 | 468 | 572 | 48 | 21 | 116 | 6 200 |
| Organisations | 2 518 | 379 | 692 | 169 | 823 | 37 | 13 | 19 | 4 650 |
| Total | 5 721 | 1 555 | 1 288 | 637 | 1 395 | 85 | 34 | 135 | 10 850 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

6.3 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|--|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| RATE OF PERSON VICTIMS PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 1.11 | 0.61 | 1.97 | 1.00 | 2.24 | — | — | — | 1.20 |
| 10–14 | 21.94 | 22.34 | 19.43 | 36.57 | 48.63 | 16.78 | 37.81 | 26.53 | 25.59 |
| 15–19 | 164.86 | 87.80 | 63.01 | 171.46 | 132.47 | 11.35 | 13.40 | 93.60 | 116.69 |
| 20–24 | 138.83 | 86.08 | 52.21 | 107.93 | 79.84 | 32.37 | 33.22 | 62.90 | 95.61 |
| 25–34 | 105.42 | 44.39 | 29.77 | 52.90 | 37.91 | 28.33 | 15.32 | 71.78 | 61.89 |
| 35–44 | 75.25 | 32.96 | 20.45 | 43.23 | 21.22 | 13.98 | 18.28 | 41.72 | 44.15 |
| 45–54 | 67.20 | 21.81 | 14.94 | 30.20 | 24.83 | 12.69 | 24.03 | 18.27 | 36.50 |
| 55–64 | 61.09 | 16.21 | 11.40 | 19.50 | 26.14 | 9.33 | — | 51.88 | 32.16 |
| 65 and over | 13.93 | 5.89 | 6.29 | 8.71 | 21.10 | 7.42 | — | 19.11 | 10.51 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | 69.35 | 32.30 | 24.21 | 43.92 | 36.89 | 15.04 | 16.96 | 47.55 | 44.34 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.47 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.16 |
| 10–14 | 2.35 | 3.88 | 3.29 | 2.02 | 10.55 | — | — | — | 3.59 |
| 15–19 | 34.89 | 31.32 | 21.13 | 47.55 | 61.53 | — | — | 34.06 | 33.73 |
| 20–24 | 65.81 | 39.89 | 22.94 | 40.57 | 38.57 | 6.64 | — | 37.70 | 43.88 |
| 25–34 | 49.66 | 26.15 | 9.81 | 37.22 | 29.09 | 6.04 | 5.56 | 31.24 | 31.54 |
| 35–44 | 41.28 | 21.90 | 12.03 | 18.34 | 35.84 | 2.72 | 6.69 | 19.88 | 27.05 |
| 45–54 | 34.47 | 18.75 | 8.88 | 28.90 | 35.54 | 12.88 | 19.55 | 27.03 | 24.66 |
| 55–64 | 25.28 | 10.30 | 4.93 | 8.86 | 14.95 | 9.35 | — | 8.86 | 14.73 |
| 65 and over | 5.04 | 4.50 | 6.03 | 3.33 | 12.19 | 5.70 | — | 7.38 | 5.53 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | 29.33 | 16.97 | 10.08 | 19.28 | 25.50 | 5.43 | 4.46 | 27.12 | 20.66 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | 0.80 | 0.32 | 1.01 | 0.51 | 1.15 | — | — | — | 0.69 |
| 10–14 | 12.37 | 13.94 | 11.58 | 19.71 | 30.09 | 8.50 | 19.35 | 13.53 | 15.00 |
| 15–19 | 101.63 | 61.16 | 42.65 | 110.99 | 97.98 | 5.81 | 7.00 | 65.13 | 76.54 |
| 20–24 | 103.08 | 63.99 | 37.79 | 75.11 | 59.79 | 19.67 | 17.67 | 50.77 | 70.46 |
| 25–34 | 77.70 | 35.49 | 19.80 | 45.14 | 33.56 | 16.96 | 10.64 | 51.29 | 46.86 |
| 35–44 | 58.28 | 27.94 | 16.23 | 30.72 | 28.50 | 8.27 | 12.76 | 32.57 | 35.75 |
| 45–54 | 51.17 | 20.61 | 11.97 | 29.55 | 30.03 | 12.79 | 22.01 | 22.68 | 30.77 |
| 55–64 | 43.46 | 13.74 | 8.24 | 14.14 | 20.66 | 9.34 | — | 30.64 | 23.70 |
| 65 and over | 8.91 | 5.10 | 6.15 | 5.66 | 16.15 | 6.44 | — | 12.49 | 7.71 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | 50.51 | 25.23 | 17.24 | 31.47 | 31.23 | 10.17 | 11.05 | 37.61 | 33.07 |
| RATE OF TOTAL VICTIMS PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Total victims | 90.21 | 33.36 | 37.26 | 42.83 | 76.17 | 18.01 | 17.90 | 43.77 | 57.87 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

6.4 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 6 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |
| Dwelling — private | 179 | 61 | 148 | 79 | 125 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 616 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 29 | 5 | 11 | 6 | 26 | 2 | — | 1 | 80 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 9 | 1 | 26 | 12 | 6 | 2 | — | — | 56 |
| <i>Total</i> | 225 | 68 | 185 | 97 | 157 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 761 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | 29 | 53 |
| Educational | 26 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | — | 50 |
| Health | 24 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | — | 1 | — | 39 |
| Religious | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 38 | 15 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 53 |
| Terminal | 124 | 53 | 27 | 26 | 46 | — | — | — | 276 |
| Conveyance in transit | 74 | 42 | 12 | 8 | — | — | 1 | — | 137 |
| Car park | 141 | 51 | 2 | 16 | 6 | — | — | 6 | 222 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| Justice | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Open space | 154 | 9 | 12 | 7 | — | 1 | — | — | 183 |
| Street/footpath | 1 281 | 393 | 234 | 130 | 159 | 18 | — | — | 2 215 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 2 | — | 2 | — | 4 | 1 | — | — | 9 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 884 | 573 | 298 | 192 | 230 | 21 | 15 | 35 | 3 248 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 30 | 8 | 12 | — | — | — | — | 6 | 56 |
| Administrative/professional | 125 | 22 | 4 | 8 | 27 | — | 1 | — | 187 |
| Banking | 131 | 46 | 61 | 23 | 73 | 7 | — | 7 | 348 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 211 | 142 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 353 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 248 | 34 | 26 | 19 | 134 | 2 | — | 2 | 465 |
| Service station | 761 | 158 | 152 | 57 | 95 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 1 249 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 1 558 | 385 | 437 | 192 | 646 | 33 | 8 | 55 | 3 314 |
| Wholesale | 17 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 20 |
| Warehousing/storage | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Manufacturing | 1 | 3 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Agricultural | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Recreational | 389 | 57 | 106 | 31 | 29 | 5 | — | 2 | 619 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 5 | 1 | — | 18 | 4 | — | — | — | 28 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3 476 | 858 | 801 | 348 | 1 008 | 53 | 15 | 86 | 6 645 |
| Unspecified | 136 | 56 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 196 |
| Total | 5 721 | 1 555 | 1 288 | 637 | 1 395 | 85 | 34 | 135 | 10 850 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

6.4 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Dwelling — private | 3.1 | 3.9 | 11.5 | 12.4 | 9.0 | 8.2 | 11.8 | 9.6 | 5.7 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 2.4 | — | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 2.4 | — | — | 0.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3.9 | 4.4 | 14.4 | 15.2 | 11.3 | 12.9 | 11.8 | 10.4 | 7.0 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | 32.4 | 21.5 | 0.5 |
| Educational | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 5.9 | — | 0.5 |
| Health | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | — | 2.9 | — | 0.4 |
| Religious | — | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 0.7 | 1.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.5 |
| Terminal | 2.2 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 3.3 | — | — | — | 2.5 |
| Conveyance in transit | 1.3 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 1.3 | — | — | 2.9 | — | 1.3 |
| Car park | 2.5 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 0.4 | — | — | 4.4 | 2.0 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Justice | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Open space | 2.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | — | 1.2 | — | — | 1.7 |
| Street/footpath | 22.4 | 25.3 | 18.2 | 20.4 | 11.4 | 21.2 | — | — | 20.4 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.0 | — | 0.2 | — | 0.3 | 1.2 | — | — | 0.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 32.9 | 36.8 | 23.1 | 30.1 | 16.5 | 24.7 | 44.1 | 25.9 | 29.9 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | — | — | — | — | 4.4 | 0.5 |
| Administrative/professional | 2.2 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.9 | — | 2.9 | — | 1.7 |
| Banking | 2.3 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 5.2 | 8.2 | — | 5.2 | 3.2 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 3.7 | 9.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3.3 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 4.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 9.6 | 2.4 | — | 1.5 | 4.3 |
| Service station | 13.3 | 10.2 | 11.8 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 17.6 | 10.4 | 11.5 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 27.2 | 24.8 | 33.9 | 30.1 | 46.3 | 38.8 | 23.5 | 40.7 | 30.5 |
| Wholesale | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Warehousing/storage | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Manufacturing | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Agricultural | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Recreational | 6.8 | 3.7 | 8.2 | 4.9 | 2.1 | 5.9 | — | 1.5 | 5.7 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | 2.8 | 0.3 | — | — | — | 0.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 60.8 | 55.2 | 62.2 | 54.6 | 72.3 | 62.4 | 44.1 | 63.7 | 61.2 |
| Unspecified | 2.4 | 3.6 | 0.3 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

6.5 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY, By Use of Weapon in Commission of Offence

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 787 | 132 | 62 | 12 | — | 9 | 5 | 6 | 1 013 |
| Firearm | 1 040 | 239 | 257 | 116 | 219 | 18 | 2 | 19 | 1 910 |
| Other weapon | 3 894 | 1 184 | 969 | 509 | 1 176 | 58 | 27 | 110 | 7 927 |
| Total | 5 721 | 1 555 | 1 288 | 637 | 1 395 | 85 | 34 | 135 | 10 850 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 13.8 | 8.5 | 4.8 | 1.9 | — | 10.6 | 14.7 | 4.4 | 9.3 |
| Firearm | 18.2 | 15.4 | 20.0 | 18.2 | 15.7 | 21.2 | 5.9 | 14.1 | 17.6 |
| Other weapon | 68.1 | 76.1 | 75.2 | 79.9 | 84.3 | 68.2 | 79.4 | 81.5 | 73.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

6.6 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 4 843 | 1 063 | 832 | 467 | 1 094 | 50 | 22 | 103 | 8 474 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 135 | 87 | 33 | 16 | 33 | 2 | — | — | 306 |
| Offender proceeded against | 743 | 405 | 423 | 154 | 268 | 33 | 12 | 32 | 2 070 |
| Total | 878 | 492 | 456 | 170 | 301 | 35 | 12 | 32 | 2 376 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 5 721 | 1 555 | 1 288 | 637 | 1 395 | 85 | 34 | 135 | 10 850 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 84.7 | 68.4 | 64.6 | 73.3 | 78.4 | 58.8 | 64.7 | 76.3 | 78.1 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 2.4 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | — | — | 2.8 |
| Offender proceeded against | 13.0 | 26.0 | 32.8 | 24.2 | 19.2 | 38.8 | 35.3 | 23.7 | 19.1 |
| Total | 15.3 | 31.6 | 35.4 | 26.7 | 21.6 | 41.2 | 35.3 | 23.7 | 21.9 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

6.7 VICTIMS(a) OF UNARMED ROBBERY, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| NUMBER OF PERSON VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 23 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 1 | — | — | 53 |
| 10-14 | 286 | 98 | 99 | 84 | 94 | 2 | — | 6 | 669 |
| 15-19 | 1 087 | 265 | 199 | 196 | 154 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 1 929 |
| 20-24 | 632 | 133 | 96 | 72 | 58 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 1 013 |
| 25-34 | 902 | 136 | 119 | 103 | 61 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 1 353 |
| 35-44 | 543 | 54 | 54 | 73 | 45 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 789 |
| 45-54 | 318 | 33 | 53 | 42 | 29 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 485 |
| 55-64 | 193 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 1 | — | 3 | 284 |
| 65 and over | 114 | 20 | 22 | 19 | 25 | 3 | — | 1 | 204 |
| Not specified | 82 | 17 | 59 | 3 | — | — | — | 14 | 175 |
| Total | 4 180 | 781 | 732 | 621 | 497 | 44 | 25 | 74 | 6 954 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 10 | 1 | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 13 |
| 10-14 | 44 | 14 | 13 | 24 | 11 | — | — | — | 106 |
| 15-19 | 246 | 73 | 44 | 48 | 73 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 508 |
| 20-24 | 296 | 71 | 45 | 38 | 57 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 524 |
| 25-34 | 500 | 122 | 67 | 54 | 115 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 876 |
| 35-44 | 449 | 62 | 47 | 53 | 111 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 746 |
| 45-54 | 408 | 55 | 45 | 53 | 118 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 698 |
| 55-64 | 229 | 45 | 31 | 39 | 91 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 443 |
| 65 and over | 281 | 103 | 51 | 68 | 119 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 640 |
| Not specified | 56 | 23 | 34 | 3 | — | — | 1 | 14 | 131 |
| Total | 2 519 | 569 | 377 | 380 | 697 | 49 | 19 | 75 | 4 685 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 123 | 26 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 151 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 33 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 1 | — | — | 66 |
| 10-14 | 332 | 116 | 112 | 108 | 105 | 2 | — | 6 | 781 |
| 15-19 | 1 333 | 341 | 243 | 244 | 227 | 14 | 7 | 31 | 2 440 |
| 20-24 | 928 | 206 | 141 | 110 | 115 | 15 | 8 | 16 | 1 539 |
| 25-34 | 1 403 | 261 | 186 | 157 | 176 | 13 | 14 | 23 | 2 233 |
| 35-44 | 992 | 117 | 101 | 126 | 156 | 19 | 6 | 19 | 1 536 |
| 45-54 | 727 | 92 | 98 | 95 | 147 | 9 | 5 | 15 | 1 188 |
| 55-64 | 423 | 66 | 51 | 61 | 115 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 728 |
| 65 and over | 395 | 124 | 73 | 87 | 144 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 845 |
| Not specified | 256 | 48 | 94 | 7 | — | — | 1 | 28 | 434 |
| Total | 6 822 | 1 376 | 1 110 | 1 002 | 1 194 | 93 | 44 | 149 | 11 790 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 4 180 | 781 | 732 | 621 | 497 | 44 | 25 | 74 | 6 954 |
| Females | 2 519 | 569 | 377 | 380 | 697 | 49 | 19 | 75 | 4 685 |
| Not stated | 123 | 26 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 151 |
| Total | 6 822 | 1 376 | 1 110 | 1 002 | 1 194 | 93 | 44 | 149 | 11 790 |
| Organisations | 783 | 65 | 132 | 29 | 108 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 1 138 |
| Total | 7 605 | 1 441 | 1 242 | 1 031 | 1 302 | 102 | 48 | 157 | 12 928 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

6.7 VICTIMS(a) OF UNARMED ROBBERY, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| RATE OF PERSON VICTIMS PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 5.10 | 1.23 | 4.34 | 7.00 | 5.23 | 2.92 | — | — | 3.96 |
| 10-14 | 128.05 | 60.81 | 76.92 | 161.66 | 134.46 | 11.19 | — | 53.06 | 99.52 |
| 15-19 | 485.63 | 161.58 | 152.92 | 386.28 | 224.18 | 51.09 | 53.59 | 117.00 | 285.65 |
| 20-24 | 278.55 | 76.33 | 73.71 | 138.77 | 81.24 | 58.27 | 44.30 | 62.90 | 146.08 |
| 25-34 | 186.45 | 37.50 | 44.84 | 93.95 | 42.05 | 28.33 | 51.05 | 51.84 | 93.76 |
| 35-44 | 110.73 | 15.21 | 20.45 | 64.40 | 30.80 | 19.58 | 24.38 | 37.55 | 54.60 |
| 45-54 | 75.78 | 10.90 | 22.62 | 42.28 | 23.22 | 9.52 | 24.03 | 18.27 | 38.90 |
| 55-64 | 68.95 | 10.31 | 13.41 | 33.00 | 31.37 | 4.66 | — | 25.94 | 34.86 |
| 65 and over | 32.42 | 7.85 | 12.58 | 20.69 | 29.31 | 11.12 | — | 9.55 | 20.41 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>132.68</i> | <i>33.90</i> | <i>42.30</i> | <i>84.44</i> | <i>53.93</i> | <i>18.91</i> | <i>24.94</i> | <i>48.20</i> | <i>74.55</i> |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 2.33 | 0.32 | — | — | 1.58 | — | — | — | 1.02 |
| 10-14 | 20.65 | 9.06 | 10.69 | 48.49 | 16.58 | — | — | — | 16.54 |
| 15-19 | 116.00 | 46.66 | 35.75 | 99.24 | 112.30 | 29.73 | 44.00 | 136.23 | 79.33 |
| 20-24 | 134.35 | 42.27 | 35.60 | 77.08 | 84.55 | 39.86 | 50.30 | 52.77 | 78.48 |
| 25-34 | 103.02 | 33.23 | 25.29 | 50.25 | 81.58 | 12.09 | 22.23 | 39.04 | 60.73 |
| 35-44 | 91.75 | 17.18 | 17.67 | 46.29 | 76.50 | 32.59 | 13.39 | 39.76 | 51.36 |
| 45-54 | 99.75 | 18.09 | 19.97 | 52.81 | 99.85 | 19.32 | 19.55 | 49.56 | 57.20 |
| 55-64 | 82.69 | 22.06 | 21.82 | 57.58 | 123.72 | 18.69 | 22.76 | 26.59 | 55.28 |
| 65 and over | 61.59 | 30.87 | 23.65 | 56.58 | 111.58 | 34.19 | 66.33 | 29.51 | 49.84 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>78.94</i> | <i>24.14</i> | <i>21.84</i> | <i>50.54</i> | <i>76.61</i> | <i>20.48</i> | <i>21.17</i> | <i>48.43</i> | <i>49.74</i> |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | 3.75 | 0.79 | 2.22 | 3.60 | 3.46 | 1.50 | — | — | 2.53 |
| 10-14 | 76.07 | 36.74 | 44.74 | 106.45 | 77.07 | 5.67 | — | 27.05 | 59.47 |
| 15-19 | 305.81 | 106.41 | 95.97 | 246.20 | 169.78 | 40.66 | 49.01 | 126.19 | 185.46 |
| 20-24 | 207.51 | 60.19 | 54.94 | 108.71 | 82.85 | 49.18 | 47.11 | 58.03 | 113.07 |
| 25-34 | 144.77 | 35.76 | 35.08 | 72.32 | 61.53 | 20.04 | 37.25 | 45.38 | 77.39 |
| 35-44 | 101.25 | 16.35 | 19.06 | 55.30 | 53.57 | 26.18 | 19.14 | 38.68 | 53.01 |
| 45-54 | 87.73 | 15.17 | 21.32 | 47.57 | 60.48 | 14.38 | 22.01 | 34.02 | 48.15 |
| 55-64 | 75.96 | 16.19 | 17.51 | 45.39 | 76.63 | 11.67 | 9.65 | 26.26 | 45.05 |
| 65 and over | 48.89 | 21.07 | 18.69 | 41.04 | 75.02 | 24.17 | 31.73 | 20.81 | 37.01 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | <i>107.58</i> | <i>29.52</i> | <i>32.11</i> | <i>67.37</i> | <i>65.20</i> | <i>19.71</i> | <i>23.16</i> | <i>48.31</i> | <i>62.89</i> |
| RATE OF TOTAL VICTIMS PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Total victims | 119.92 | 30.92 | 35.93 | 69.32 | 71.09 | 21.62 | 25.26 | 50.91 | 68.96 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

6.8 VICTIMS(a) OF UNARMED ROBBERY, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 9 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 7 | 3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 10 |
| Dwelling — private | 329 | 54 | 92 | 69 | 102 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 663 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 23 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 1 | — | — | 61 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 34 | 7 | 27 | 17 | 14 | 3 | — | — | 102 |
| <i>Total</i> | 402 | 69 | 127 | 97 | 129 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 845 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | 33 | 102 | 144 |
| Educational | 59 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 27 | 1 | — | 2 | 130 |
| Health | 17 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 13 | — | 1 | — | 41 |
| Religious | — | 2 | 5 | — | 5 | — | — | — | 12 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 106 | 24 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 130 |
| Terminal | 408 | 97 | 67 | 55 | 117 | 2 | — | 5 | 751 |
| Conveyance in transit | 131 | 43 | 8 | 14 | — | — | — | — | 196 |
| Car park | 445 | 81 | 5 | 66 | 10 | 1 | — | 14 | 622 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | — | 5 |
| Justice | 29 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 31 |
| Open space | 466 | 20 | 19 | 5 | — | 1 | — | — | 511 |
| Street/footpath | 3 653 | 697 | 549 | 537 | 462 | 54 | — | — | 5 952 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 5 | 1 | 7 | — | 6 | — | — | 9 | 28 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5 328 | 980 | 681 | 694 | 645 | 59 | 34 | 132 | 8 553 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 17 | 13 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 30 |
| Administrative/professional | 65 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 17 | — | 1 | — | 91 |
| Banking | 183 | 26 | 29 | 7 | 29 | — | — | 4 | 278 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 112 | 61 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 173 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 59 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | — | — | 1 | 75 |
| Service station | 162 | 8 | 17 | 15 | 5 | 4 | — | 1 | 212 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 641 | 71 | 193 | 49 | 403 | 15 | 7 | 17 | 1 396 |
| Wholesale | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Warehousing/storage | 1 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Manufacturing | 3 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 6 |
| Agricultural | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Recreational | 340 | 97 | 178 | 106 | 63 | 7 | 1 | — | 792 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 3 | 5 | — | 60 | 7 | 1 | — | — | 76 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 588 | 292 | 427 | 240 | 528 | 27 | 9 | 23 | 3 134 |
| Unspecified | 287 | 100 | 7 | — | — | — | 2 | — | 396 |
| Total | 7 605 | 1 441 | 1 242 | 1 031 | 1 302 | 102 | 48 | 157 | 12 928 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

6.8 VICTIMS(a) OF UNARMED ROBBERY, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Dwelling — private | 4.3 | 3.7 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 11.8 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 5.1 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | — | — | 0.5 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 0.4 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.9 | — | — | 0.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.3 | 4.8 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 9.9 | 15.7 | 6.3 | 1.3 | 6.5 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 68.8 | 65.0 | 1.1 |
| Educational | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 1.0 | — | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Health | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.0 | — | 2.1 | — | 0.3 |
| Religious | — | 0.1 | 0.4 | — | 0.4 | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 1.4 | 1.7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.0 |
| Terminal | 5.4 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 9.0 | 2.0 | — | 3.2 | 5.8 |
| Conveyance in transit | 1.7 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 1.4 | — | — | — | — | 1.5 |
| Car park | 5.9 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 1.0 | — | 8.9 | 4.8 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 0.4 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Justice | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Open space | 6.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.5 | — | 1.0 | — | — | 4.0 |
| Street/footpath | 48.0 | 48.4 | 44.2 | 52.1 | 35.5 | 52.9 | — | — | 46.0 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.6 | — | 0.5 | — | — | 5.7 | 0.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 70.1 | 68.0 | 54.8 | 67.3 | 49.5 | 57.8 | 70.8 | 84.1 | 66.2 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.2 | 0.9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Administrative/professional | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1.3 | — | 2.1 | — | 0.7 |
| Banking | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 2.2 | — | — | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 1.5 | 4.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.3 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Service station | 2.1 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 3.9 | — | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 8.4 | 4.9 | 15.5 | 4.8 | 31.0 | 14.7 | 14.6 | 10.8 | 10.8 |
| Wholesale | 0.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Warehousing/storage | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Manufacturing | 0.0 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Agricultural | — | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Recreational | 4.5 | 6.7 | 14.3 | 10.3 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 2.1 | — | 6.1 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 0.0 | 0.3 | — | 5.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 | — | — | 0.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | 20.9 | 20.3 | 34.4 | 23.3 | 40.6 | 26.5 | 18.8 | 14.6 | 24.2 |
| Unspecified | 3.8 | 6.9 | 0.6 | — | — | — | 4.2 | — | 3.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

6.9 VICTIMS(a) OF UNARMED ROBBERY, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 6 529 | 1 036 | 943 | 832 | 1 048 | 75 | 29 | 130 | 10 622 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 281 | 82 | 63 | 42 | 79 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 559 |
| Offender proceeded against | 795 | 323 | 236 | 157 | 175 | 23 | 11 | 24 | 1 744 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 076 | 405 | 299 | 199 | 254 | 27 | 16 | 27 | 2 303 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 |
| Total | 7 605 | 1 441 | 1 242 | 1 031 | 1 302 | 102 | 48 | 157 | 12 928 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 85.9 | 71.9 | 75.9 | 80.7 | 80.5 | 73.5 | 60.4 | 82.8 | 82.2 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 3.7 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 6.1 | 3.9 | 10.4 | 1.9 | 4.3 |
| Offender proceeded against | 10.5 | 22.4 | 19.0 | 15.2 | 13.4 | 22.5 | 22.9 | 15.3 | 13.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 14.1 | 28.1 | 24.1 | 19.3 | 19.5 | 26.5 | 33.3 | 17.2 | 17.8 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6.3 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 7

BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION

BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION OFFENCES

Victims of blackmail/extortion may be individual persons or organisations.

Number of victims

A total of 298 victims of blackmail/extortion were recorded by police in Australia during 1998. This represents a decrease of 17% from the 1997 count of 360 victims. Of the 298 victims recorded, 233 (78%) were persons and 65 (22%) were organisations.

Rate per 100,000 persons

The national rate for blackmail/extortion during 1998 was 1.6 victims per 100,000 persons in Australia. Considering only those victims which were persons, the victimisation rate was 1.2 victims per 100,000 persons (see table 7.1).

Western Australia recorded the highest victimisation rate of 2.9 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by Queensland and Victoria with 2.3 and 2.0 victims per 100,000 persons respectively. Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory did not record any victims of blackmail/extortion.

Age and sex

Of the blackmail/extortion victims who were persons, 76% were males and 24% were females. Nationally, the highest victimisation rate was for the 20–24 year age group with 2.1 victims per 100,000 persons in this age group. Males in the 20–24 year age group had the highest victimisation rate with 3.5 male victims per 100,000 males in this age group.

Relationship of offender to victim

The relationship of the offender to the victim, where the victim was a person, was recorded for all offences of blackmail/extortion in New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. In each of these jurisdictions, with the exception of New South Wales, the majority of offenders were unknown to the victim (Western Australia 83%, the Northern Territory 67% and South Australia 55%). In New South Wales, the majority of offenders were non-family members known to the victim (59%).

Outcome of investigations

Investigations were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police for 36% of blackmail/extortion offences nationally. Offenders were proceeded against in 26% of all offences.

7.1 VICTIMS(a) OF BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION, By Sex and Age Group of Victim

| Sex/age group (years) of victim | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| NUMBER OF PERSON VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10-14 | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 7 |
| 15-19 | 3 | 8 | 5 | — | 4 | — | — | — | 20 |
| 20-24 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 24 |
| 25-34 | 10 | 5 | 5 | — | 5 | — | — | — | 25 |
| 35-44 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 5 | — | — | — | 29 |
| 45-54 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 7 | — | — | — | 39 |
| 55-64 | 3 | 4 | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 12 |
| 65 and over | — | — | 2 | — | 5 | — | — | — | 7 |
| Not specified | — | 4 | 8 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 13 |
| Total | 29 | 60 | 45 | 8 | 32 | — | 2 | — | 176 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10-14 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| 15-19 | — | 3 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| 20-24 | 1 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 |
| 25-34 | 1 | 4 | 5 | — | 8 | — | — | — | 18 |
| 35-44 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | — | 11 |
| 45-54 | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | — | — | — | 6 |
| 55-64 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| 65 and over | — | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 3 |
| Not specified | — | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | 5 |
| Total | 5 | 16 | 15 | 3 | 16 | — | 1 | — | 56 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0-9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10-14 | 1 | 3 | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 8 |
| 15-19 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — | 25 |
| 20-24 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 28 |
| 25-34 | 11 | 9 | 10 | — | 13 | — | — | — | 43 |
| 35-44 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 3 | 8 | — | 1 | — | 41 |
| 45-54 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 10 | — | — | — | 45 |
| 55-64 | 4 | 6 | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 15 |
| 65 and over | — | — | 3 | — | 7 | — | — | — | 10 |
| Not specified | — | 5 | 12 | — | — | — | 1 | — | 18 |
| Total | 34 | 77 | 60 | 11 | 48 | — | 3 | — | 233 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | 29 | 60 | 45 | 8 | 32 | — | 2 | — | 176 |
| Females | 5 | 16 | 15 | 3 | 16 | — | 1 | — | 56 |
| Not stated | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Total | 34 | 77 | 60 | 11 | 48 | — | 3 | — | 233 |
| Organisations | 26 | 14 | 18 | 2 | 5 | — | — | — | 65 |
| Total | 60 | 91 | 78 | 13 | 53 | — | 3 | — | 298 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

7.1 VICTIMS(a) OF BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION, By Sex and Age Group of Victim *continued*

| <i>Sex/age group (years) of victim</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| RATE OF PERSON VICTIMS PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10–14 | 0.45 | 1.86 | 0.78 | — | 2.86 | — | — | — | 1.04 |
| 15–19 | 1.34 | 4.88 | 3.84 | — | 5.82 | — | — | — | 2.96 |
| 20–24 | 1.32 | 6.31 | 4.61 | 1.93 | 2.80 | — | 11.07 | — | 3.46 |
| 25–34 | 2.07 | 1.38 | 1.88 | — | 3.45 | — | — | — | 1.73 |
| 35–44 | 1.22 | 3.10 | 1.89 | 1.76 | 3.42 | — | — | — | 2.01 |
| 45–54 | 0.71 | 4.63 | 4.27 | 5.03 | 5.61 | — | — | — | 3.13 |
| 55–64 | 1.07 | 1.96 | 2.01 | — | 2.61 | — | 16.76 | — | 1.60 |
| 65 and over | — | — | 1.14 | — | 5.86 | — | — | — | 0.70 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | 0.92 | 2.60 | 2.60 | 1.09 | 3.47 | — | 2.00 | — | 1.89 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10–14 | — | — | 0.82 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.16 |
| 15–19 | — | 1.92 | 0.81 | 2.07 | — | — | — | — | 0.78 |
| 20–24 | 0.45 | 1.19 | 0.79 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.60 |
| 25–34 | 0.21 | 1.09 | 1.89 | — | 5.68 | — | — | — | 1.25 |
| 35–44 | 0.20 | 0.83 | 0.75 | 0.87 | 2.07 | — | 6.69 | — | 0.76 |
| 45–54 | 0.24 | 0.33 | — | 1.00 | 2.54 | — | — | — | 0.49 |
| 55–64 | 0.36 | 0.98 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.37 |
| 65 and over | — | — | 0.46 | — | 1.88 | — | — | — | 0.23 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | 0.16 | 0.68 | 0.87 | 0.40 | 1.76 | — | 1.11 | — | 0.59 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| 0–9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 10–14 | 0.23 | 0.95 | 0.80 | — | 1.47 | — | — | — | 0.61 |
| 15–19 | 0.69 | 3.43 | 2.37 | 1.01 | 2.99 | — | — | — | 1.90 |
| 20–24 | 0.89 | 3.80 | 2.73 | 0.99 | 1.44 | — | 5.89 | — | 2.06 |
| 25–34 | 1.14 | 1.23 | 1.89 | — | 4.54 | — | — | — | 1.49 |
| 35–44 | 0.71 | 2.10 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 2.75 | — | 3.19 | — | 1.41 |
| 45–54 | 0.48 | 2.47 | 2.18 | 3.00 | 4.11 | — | — | — | 1.82 |
| 55–64 | 0.72 | 1.47 | 1.03 | — | 1.33 | — | 9.65 | — | 0.99 |
| 65 and over | — | — | 0.77 | — | 3.65 | — | — | — | 0.44 |
| <i>Total(b)</i> | 0.54 | 1.65 | 1.74 | 0.74 | 2.62 | — | 1.58 | — | 1.24 |
| RATE OF TOTAL VICTIMS PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Total victims | 0.95 | 1.95 | 2.26 | 0.87 | 2.89 | — | 1.58 | — | 1.59 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) Includes persons for whom age and/or sex was not specified.

7.2 VICTIMS(a) OF BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION, By Sex of Victim and Relationship of Offender to Victim

| Sex of victim/relationship | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| NUMBER OF PERSON VICTIMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 |
| Non-family member | 18 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 5 | — | — | — | 45 |
| Total | 18 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 5 | — | — | — | 47 |
| Unknown to victim | 11 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 27 | — | 2 | — | 54 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | 42 | 33 | — | — | — | — | — | 75 |
| Total | 29 | 60 | 45 | 8 | 32 | — | 2 | — | 176 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Non-family member | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — | 11 |
| Total | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | — | 1 | — | 13 |
| Unknown to victim | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 13 | — | — | — | 22 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | 12 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | 21 |
| Total | 5 | 16 | 15 | 3 | 16 | — | 1 | — | 56 |
| Not stated | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Persons(b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | — | 1 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 4 |
| Non-family member | 20 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 7 | — | 1 | — | 56 |
| Total | 20 | 14 | 12 | 5 | 8 | — | 1 | — | 60 |
| Unknown to victim | 14 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 40 | — | 2 | — | 76 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | 55 | 42 | — | — | — | — | — | 97 |
| Total | 34 | 77 | 60 | 11 | 48 | — | 3 | — | 233 |
| PROPORTION OF PERSON VICTIMS (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Males | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | — | — | 4.4 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.1 |
| Non-family member | 62.1 | 20.0 | 13.3 | 50.0 | 15.6 | — | — | — | 25.6 |
| Total | 62.1 | 20.0 | 17.8 | 50.0 | 15.6 | — | — | — | 26.7 |
| Unknown to victim | 37.9 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 50.0 | 84.4 | — | 100.0 | — | 30.7 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | 70.0 | 73.3 | — | — | — | — | — | 42.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | — | 6.3 | — | — | 6.3 | — | — | — | 3.6 |
| Non-family member | 40.0 | 6.3 | 26.7 | 33.3 | 12.5 | — | 100.0 | — | 19.6 |
| Total | 40.0 | 12.5 | 26.7 | 33.3 | 18.8 | — | 100.0 | — | 23.2 |
| Unknown to victim | 60.0 | 12.5 | 13.3 | 66.7 | 81.3 | — | — | — | 39.3 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | 75.0 | 60.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 37.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |
| Persons | | | | | | | | | |
| Known to victim | | | | | | | | | |
| Family member | — | 1.3 | 3.3 | — | 2.1 | — | — | — | 1.7 |
| Non-family member | 58.8 | 16.9 | 16.7 | 45.5 | 14.6 | — | 33.3 | — | 24.0 |
| Total | 58.8 | 18.2 | 20.0 | 45.5 | 16.7 | — | 33.3 | — | 25.8 |
| Unknown to victim | 41.2 | 10.4 | 10.0 | 54.5 | 83.3 | — | 66.7 | — | 32.6 |
| Not stated/inadequately described | — | 71.4 | 70.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 41.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons only and not organisations.

(b) Includes those persons for which sex was not stated, but relationship was recorded.

7.3 VICTIMS(a) OF BLACKMAIL/EXTORTION, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 36 | 56 | 51 | 10 | 36 | — | 3 | — | 192 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 7 | — | — | — | 28 |
| Offender proceeded against | 21 | 26 | 20 | 1 | 10 | — | — | — | 78 |
| <i>Total</i> | 24 | 35 | 27 | 3 | 17 | — | — | — | 106 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 60 | 91 | 78 | 13 | 53 | — | 3 | — | 298 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 60.0 | 62.0 | 65.0 | 77.0 | 68.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 64.4 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 5.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 15.0 | 13.0 | — | — | — | 9.4 |
| Offender proceeded against | 35.0 | 29.0 | 26.0 | 8.0 | 19.0 | — | — | — | 26.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 40.0 | 39.0 | 35.0 | 23.0 | 32.0 | — | — | — | 35.6 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | — | 100.0 | — | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 8

UNLAWFUL ENTRY WITH INTENT

UNLAWFUL ENTRY WITH INTENT OFFENCES

The unlawful entry with intent (UEWI) offence category includes burglary and break and enter offences. Counts of UEWI offences are based on the number of places or premises involved in these offences.

Number of victims

In 1998, there were 435,670 premises recorded by police as having been victims of UEWI offences in Australia. UEWI offences, involving either the actual or intended taking of property, accounted for 79% (343,256) of the total number of UEWI offences. UEWI offences where the unlawful entry was made with the intention to commit some other form of criminal act, such as assault or property damage, accounted for 21% (92,414) of all UEWI offences.

Nationally, the number of victims of UEWI offences increased by 3.3% in 1998, from 421,569 offences recorded in 1997. All States and Territories, with the exception of Victoria, recorded increases in total UEWI offences from 1997 to 1998. The Australian Capital Territory recorded the largest increase (27%) followed by South Australia (18%). Victoria recorded the only decrease (4.8%) with the total UEWI count dropping from 74,148 in 1997 to 70,589 in 1998.

Victimisation rate

Comparisons of UEWI offence rates can be made in terms of the number of persons in the community, or the risk to each property. The person rate is expressed as the number of all UEWI offences committed per 100,000 persons. The risk to properties can only be accurately calculated for residential properties, and is expressed as the number of UEWI offences taking place at residential locations per 100,000 households (see paragraph 24 of the Explanatory Notes).

In 1998, the national person-based victimisation rate was 2,324 UEWI offences for every 100,000 persons, and the national UEWI victimisation rate of residential locations was 4,191 UEWI offences for every 100,000 households. These national rates both increased from 1997.

For UEWI offences occurring in residential locations, Western Australia recorded the highest person-based and household-based victimisation rates, with 2,314 person victims per 100,000 persons and 6,106 residences per 100,000 households. Victoria recorded the lowest rates, with 961 person victims per 100,000 persons and 2,582 residences per 100,000 households (see table 8.1).

Location

Of the UEWI offences related to property theft (UEWI—property), a total of 242,246 (71%) occurred in residential locations. This compares with 53,453 (58%) of UEWI offences not involving property theft (UEWI—other) that were recorded as occurring in residential locations. Retail locations were also a frequent site for UEWI offences, with 12% of UEWI—property offences and 15% of UEWI—other offences occurring at retail locations.

8.1 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI(b)

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of UEWI involving the taking of property in residential locations | 103 948 | 35 652 | 39 839 | 18 999 | 31 405 | 6 770 | 2 621 | 3 012 | 242 246 |
| Number of UEWI other in residential locations | 16 872 | 9 133 | 9 587 | 3 629 | 10 970 | 1 498 | 814 | 950 | 53 453 |
| Total | 120 820 | 44 785 | 49 426 | 22 628 | 42 375 | 8 268 | 3 435 | 3 962 | 295 699 |
| Rate of UEWI in residential locations per 100 000 persons | 1 905.2 | 960.9 | 1 430.0 | 1 521.4 | 2 313.8 | 1 752.1 | 1 808.0 | 1 284.6 | 1 577.2 |
| Rate of UEWI in residential locations per 100 000 households | 5 168.4 | 2 581.7 | 3 759.0 | 3 736.3 | 6 106.3 | 4 450.5 | 5 392.4 | 3 321.3 | 4 191.0 |
| 1997 <i>r</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Number of UEWI involving the taking of property in residential locations | 101 180 | 37 426 | 40 533 | 15 949 | 29 634 | 6 924 | 2 304 | 2 295 | 236 245 |
| Number of UEWI other in residential locations | 15 726 | 9 638 | 9 270 | 3 178 | 10 300 | 1 426 | 815 | 779 | 51 132 |
| Total | 116 906 | 47 064 | 49 803 | 19 127 | 39 934 | 8 350 | 3 119 | 3 074 | 287 377 |
| Rate of UEWI in residential locations per 100 000 persons | 1 863.7 | 1 022.0 | 1 466.1 | 1 292.6 | 2 221.2 | 1 763.5 | 1 668.7 | 998.0 | 1 551.6 |
| Rate of UEWI in residential locations per 100 000 households | 4 996.0 | 2 746.1 | 3 947.4 | 3 226.0 | 5 855.0 | 4 457.6 | 4 991.1 | 2 660.7 | 4 131.5 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI refers to unlawful entry with intent.

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, 6.8% of investigations into UEWI—property offences were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police, with 5.7% of the total offences resulting in an offender being proceeded against. Both Queensland and the Northern Territory had the largest proportion of UEWI—property offences finalised within 30 days, with 8.6% finalised. In addition, Queensland had the largest proportion of UEWI—property offences with investigations finalised within 30 days and where an offender was proceeded against.

For UEWI not involving the taking of property, 8.5% of investigations were finalised within 30 days and 7.0% resulted in an offender being proceeded against. Victoria recorded the largest proportion with 14% of UEWI—other offences being finalised within 30 days. Victoria also recorded the largest proportion (13%) where an offender was proceeded against over the same period.

8.2 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI—PROPERTY(b), By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(c)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 997 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 997 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 1 486 | 211 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 697 |
| Dwelling — private | 89 431 | 30 178 | 35 452 | 14 970 | 30 351 | 5 114 | 2 387 | 2 840 | 210 723 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 4 734 | 724 | 1 536 | 739 | 1 039 | 244 | — | 48 | 9 064 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 7 300 | 4 539 | 2 851 | 3 290 | 15 | 1 412 | 234 | 124 | 19 765 |
| <i>Total</i> | 103 948 | 35 652 | 39 839 | 18 999 | 31 405 | 6 770 | 2 621 | 3 012 | 242 246 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 752 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | — | 759 |
| Educational | 5 591 | 2 285 | 2 312 | 1 167 | 2 215 | 520 | 104 | 149 | 14 343 |
| Health | 1 588 | 952 | 515 | 158 | 274 | 155 | 24 | 8 | 3 674 |
| Religious | — | 431 | 272 | 127 | 193 | 87 | 17 | 31 | 1 158 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 77 | 31 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 108 |
| Terminal | 285 | 94 | 257 | — | 74 | 34 | — | 2 | 746 |
| Conveyance in transit | — | — | — | — | — | — | 6 | — | 6 |
| Car park | 468 | 28 | 6 | — | 1 | 2 | — | — | 505 |
| Transport n.e.c. | 53 | — | — | — | 1 | 8 | — | — | 62 |
| Justice | 106 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 19 | 6 | — | — | 164 |
| Open space | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Street/footpath | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Community location n.e.c. | 34 | 26 | 387 | — | 206 | 72 | — | — | 725 |
| <i>Total</i> | 8 954 | 3 861 | 3 759 | 1 461 | 2 983 | 884 | 158 | 190 | 22 250 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 725 | 281 | 136 | — | — | — | — | 69 | 1 211 |
| Administrative/professional | 3 253 | 2 418 | 2 529 | 1 115 | 1 618 | 129 | 223 | 134 | 11 419 |
| Banking | 141 | 19 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 1 | — | 197 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 3 836 | 3 297 | — | — | — | 6 | — | — | 7 139 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 319 | 151 | 117 | 53 | 89 | 41 | 8 | 14 | 792 |
| Service station | 1 259 | 572 | 275 | 95 | 340 | 151 | 20 | 14 | 2 726 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 9 670 | 2 805 | 5 921 | 3 301 | 3 945 | 2 130 | 544 | 455 | 28 771 |
| Wholesale | 443 | 230 | 74 | — | 10 | 23 | — | — | 780 |
| Warehousing/storage | 337 | 521 | 420 | — | 478 | 97 | 33 | — | 1 886 |
| Manufacturing | 1 276 | 1 540 | 1 004 | 396 | 315 | 83 | 21 | — | 4 635 |
| Agricultural | 391 | 181 | 139 | — | 111 | 47 | — | — | 869 |
| Recreational | 3 567 | 1 261 | 2 243 | 165 | 930 | 454 | 109 | 32 | 8 761 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 1 844 | 775 | 7 | 1 185 | 250 | 129 | — | 49 | 4 239 |
| <i>Total</i> | 27 061 | 14 051 | 12 881 | 6 316 | 8 098 | 3 292 | 959 | 767 | 73 425 |
| Unspecified | 2 254 | 1 318 | 1 533 | 5 | 91 | 5 | 18 | 111 | 5 335 |
| Total | 142 217 | 54 882 | 58 012 | 26 781 | 42 577 | 10 951 | 3 756 | 4 080 | 343 256 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI—property refers to unlawful entry with intent involving the taking of property.

(c) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

8.2 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI—PROPERTY(b), By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(c) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.7 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.3 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 1.0 | 0.4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.5 |
| Dwelling — private | 62.9 | 55.0 | 61.1 | 55.9 | 71.3 | 46.7 | 63.6 | 69.6 | 61.4 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 3.3 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 | — | 1.2 | 2.6 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 5.1 | 8.3 | 4.9 | 12.3 | 0.0 | 12.9 | 6.2 | 3.0 | 5.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 73.1 | 65.0 | 68.7 | 71.0 | 73.8 | 61.8 | 69.8 | 73.8 | 70.6 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.5 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 | — | 0.2 |
| Educational | 3.9 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Health | 1.1 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| Religious | — | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Terminal | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | — | 0.2 | 0.3 | — | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Conveyance in transit | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 | — | 0.0 |
| Car park | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | 0.0 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Transport n.e.c. | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.0 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.0 |
| Justice | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.0 |
| Open space | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Street/footpath | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | — | 0.5 | 0.7 | — | — | 0.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 6.3 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 8.1 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 6.5 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | 1.7 | 0.4 |
| Administrative/professional | 2.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 5.9 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Banking | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | — | 0.1 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 2.7 | 6.0 | — | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | 2.1 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Service station | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 6.8 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 12.3 | 9.3 | 19.5 | 14.5 | 11.2 | 8.4 |
| Wholesale | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | — | 0.0 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.2 |
| Warehousing/storage | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | — | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | — | 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 0.9 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | — | 1.4 |
| Agricultural | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | — | 0.3 | 0.4 | — | — | 0.3 |
| Recreational | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.9 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 2.6 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.6 | 1.2 | — | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 19.0 | 25.6 | 22.2 | 23.6 | 19.0 | 30.1 | 25.5 | 18.8 | 21.4 |
| Unspecified | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 1.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI—property refers to unlawful entry with intent involving the taking of property.

(c) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

8.3 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI—PROPERTY(b), Outcome of Investigations(c)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 134 191 | 50 827 | 53 032 | 25 147 | 39 336 | 10 252 | 3 402 | 3 834 | 320 021 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 2 088 | 397 | 315 | 127 | 691 | 58 | 40 | 13 | 3 729 |
| Offender proceeded against | 5 938 | 3 658 | 4 665 | 1 507 | 2 550 | 641 | 282 | 233 | 19 474 |
| <i>Total</i> | 8 026 | 4 055 | 4 980 | 1 634 | 3 241 | 699 | 322 | 246 | 23 203 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 32 | — | 32 |
| Total | 142 217 | 54 882 | 58 012 | 26 781 | 42 577 | 10 951 | 3 756 | 4 080 | 343 256 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 94.4 | 92.6 | 91.4 | 93.9 | 92.4 | 93.6 | 90.6 | 94.0 | 93.2 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Offender proceeded against | 4.2 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 7.5 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.6 | 7.4 | 8.6 | 6.1 | 7.6 | 6.4 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.9 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI—property refers to unlawful entry with intent involving the taking of property.

(c) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

8.4 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI—OTHER(b), By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(c)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 64 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 64 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 129 | 49 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 178 |
| Dwelling — private | 15 299 | 7 962 | 9 109 | 2 936 | 10 715 | 1 231 | 775 | 918 | 48 945 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 245 | 119 | 189 | 155 | 252 | 53 | — | 6 | 1 019 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 1 135 | 1 003 | 289 | 538 | 3 | 214 | 39 | 26 | 3 247 |
| Total | 16 872 | 9 133 | 9 587 | 3 629 | 10 970 | 1 498 | 814 | 950 | 53 453 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 335 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | 339 |
| Educational | 2 404 | 933 | 1 385 | 414 | 1 651 | 221 | 96 | 158 | 7 262 |
| Health | 709 | 358 | 253 | 71 | 196 | 76 | 13 | 6 | 1 682 |
| Religious | — | 153 | 149 | 13 | 151 | 85 | 15 | 11 | 577 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 21 | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 31 |
| Terminal | 124 | 37 | 94 | — | 27 | 8 | — | 3 | 293 |
| Conveyance in transit | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| Car park | 119 | 11 | 3 | — | — | 2 | — | — | 135 |
| Transport n.e.c. | 12 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | 13 |
| Justice | 34 | 11 | 11 | — | 16 | 4 | — | — | 76 |
| Open space | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Street/footpath | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Community location n.e.c. | 7 | 12 | 198 | — | 149 | 61 | — | — | 427 |
| Total | 3 765 | 1 525 | 2 093 | 498 | 2 191 | 457 | 130 | 178 | 10 837 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 282 | 106 | 85 | — | — | — | — | 23 | 496 |
| Administrative/professional | 1 145 | 689 | 1 062 | 381 | 838 | 77 | 101 | 81 | 4 374 |
| Banking | 45 | 21 | 16 | 4 | 15 | 7 | 1 | — | 109 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 1 289 | 1 088 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 2 378 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 82 | 83 | 59 | 16 | 62 | 29 | 1 | 12 | 344 |
| Service station | 279 | 142 | 127 | 32 | 136 | 41 | 12 | 8 | 777 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 2 947 | 870 | 2 699 | 806 | 1 876 | 931 | 176 | 186 | 10 491 |
| Wholesale | 175 | 65 | 28 | — | 4 | 8 | — | — | 280 |
| Warehousing/storage | 112 | 191 | 201 | — | 185 | 31 | 21 | — | 741 |
| Manufacturing | 399 | 352 | 361 | 121 | 116 | 36 | 6 | — | 1 391 |
| Agricultural | 63 | 32 | 12 | — | 10 | 7 | — | — | 124 |
| Recreational | 1 345 | 468 | 862 | 62 | 641 | 195 | 38 | 21 | 3 632 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 347 | 110 | 3 | 413 | 63 | 40 | — | 3 | 979 |
| Total | 8 510 | 4 217 | 5 515 | 1 835 | 3 946 | 1 403 | 356 | 334 | 26 116 |
| Unspecified | 501 | 832 | 583 | 1 | 16 | 6 | 19 | 50 | 2 008 |
| Total | 29 648 | 15 707 | 17 778 | 5 963 | 17 123 | 3 364 | 1 319 | 1 512 | 92 414 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI—other refers to unlawful entry with intent not involving the taking of property.

(c) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

8.4 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI—OTHER(b), By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(c) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 0.4 | 0.3 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Dwelling — private | 51.6 | 50.7 | 51.2 | 49.2 | 62.6 | 36.6 | 58.8 | 60.7 | 53.0 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | — | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 3.8 | 6.4 | 1.6 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 3.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 56.9 | 58.1 | 53.9 | 60.9 | 64.1 | 44.5 | 61.7 | 62.8 | 57.8 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 1.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.3 | — | 0.4 |
| Educational | 8.1 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 6.9 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 10.4 | 7.9 |
| Health | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Religious | — | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Terminal | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | — | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Conveyance in transit | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 | — | 0.0 |
| Car park | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | — | — | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Transport n.e.c. | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Justice | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Open space | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Street/footpath | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.1 | — | 0.9 | 1.8 | — | — | 0.5 |
| <i>Total</i> | 12.7 | 9.7 | 11.8 | 8.4 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 9.9 | 11.8 | 11.7 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | — | — | — | — | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| Administrative/professional | 3.9 | 4.4 | 6.0 | 6.4 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| Banking | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 4.3 | 6.9 | — | — | — | 0.0 | — | — | 2.6 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Service station | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 9.9 | 5.5 | 15.2 | 13.5 | 11.0 | 27.7 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 11.4 |
| Wholesale | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | — | 0.0 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.3 |
| Warehousing/storage | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.1 | — | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.6 | — | 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.5 | — | 1.5 |
| Agricultural | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Recreational | 4.5 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 1.0 | 3.7 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 1.4 | 3.9 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 1.2 | — | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 28.7 | 26.8 | 31.0 | 30.8 | 23.0 | 41.7 | 27.0 | 22.1 | 28.3 |
| Unspecified | 1.7 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 2.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI—other refers to unlawful entry with intent not involving the taking of property.

(c) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

8.5 VICTIMS(a) OF UEWI—OTHER(b), Outcome of Investigations(c)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 27 982 | 13 506 | 15 714 | 5 692 | 15 870 | 3 180 | 1 161 | 1 422 | 84 527 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 422 | 227 | 379 | 22 | 301 | 21 | 30 | 3 | 1 405 |
| Offender proceeded against | 1 244 | 1 974 | 1 685 | 249 | 952 | 163 | 125 | 87 | 6 479 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 666 | 2 201 | 2 064 | 271 | 1 253 | 184 | 155 | 90 | 7 884 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | 3 |
| Total | 29 648 | 15 707 | 17 778 | 5 963 | 17 123 | 3 364 | 1 319 | 1 512 | 92 414 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 94.4 | 86.0 | 88.4 | 95.5 | 92.7 | 94.5 | 88.0 | 94.0 | 91.5 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Offender proceeded against | 4.2 | 12.6 | 9.5 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 9.5 | 5.8 | 7.0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.6 | 14.0 | 11.6 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 11.8 | 6.0 | 8.5 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to places/premises (see Glossary).

(b) UEWI—other refers to unlawful entry with intent not involving the taking of property.

(c) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 9

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT OFFENCES

Counts of victims of motor vehicle theft are based on the number of motor vehicles that are recorded as stolen.

Number of victims

A total of 131,572 motor vehicles were stolen in Australia during 1998. This count remained steady compared with 1997, when 130,138 motor vehicles were stolen.

The Australian Capital Territory, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia recorded increases between 1997 and 1998 of 55%, 36%, 22% and 8.7% respectively. The remaining States and Territories recorded decreases compared to 1997, with the largest decrease of 8.0% recorded by Queensland.

Victimisation rate

Two different rates have been calculated for motor vehicle theft. The first is the rate of motor vehicle theft per 100,000 persons and the second is the rate per 100,000 registered motor vehicles (see paragraph 25 of the Explanatory Notes).

The 1998 national person based victimisation rate was 702 motor vehicles stolen per 100,000 persons and the national motor vehicle based victimisation rate was 1,128 motor vehicles stolen per 100,000 registered motor vehicles.

Western Australia had the highest person-based victimisation rate with 880 motor vehicles stolen per 100,000 persons and New South Wales had the highest motor vehicle-based victimisation rate with 1,497 vehicles stolen per 100,000 registered motor vehicles. The lowest rates of motor vehicle theft (both person-based and motor vehicle-based) were recorded in Queensland.

9.1 VICTIMS(a) OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT—1998

| | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|--|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Number | 52 833 | 29 563 | 15 691 | 10 981 | 16 120 | 2 991 | 966 | 2 427 | 131 572 |
| Rate per 100 000 persons | 833.1 | 634.3 | 454.0 | 738.3 | 880.2 | 633.8 | 508.5 | 786.9 | 701.8 |
| Rate per 100 000 registered motor vehicles | 1 496.6 | 947.8 | 735.9 | 1 106.7 | 1 269.7 | 920.4 | 974.7 | 1 230.5 | 1 128.0 |

(a) Refers to motor vehicles.

Location

The most frequent places where motor vehicle theft occurred were streets or footpaths (41%), garages and driveways associated with residences (18%) and car parks (13%). Retail locations accounted for 10% of motor vehicle thefts. The proportion of motor vehicle thefts taking place at residential locations was highest in Western Australia and the Northern Territory (47% and 46% respectively), whilst the proportion of motor vehicle thefts taking place in car parks was highest in the Australian Capital Territory (50%).

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, 8.9% of investigations into reported motor vehicle thefts were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police, with 6.7% of investigations resulting in an offender being proceeded against by the same stage. The proportion of investigations finalised and investigations resulting in an offender being proceeded against (both within 30 days) was highest in the Northern Territory (22 % and 15% respectively), followed by Queensland (17% and 12% respectively).

9.2 VICTIMS(a) OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Dwelling — private | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Dwelling — non-private | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 4 145 | 3 768 | 4 569 | 2 641 | 7 598 | 406 | 445 | 505 | 24 077 |
| <i>Total</i> | 4 145 | 3 768 | 4 569 | 2 641 | 7 598 | 406 | 445 | 505 | 24 077 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 16 | — | — | — | — | — | 374 | 587 | 977 |
| Educational | 219 | 224 | 181 | 10 | 540 | 58 | — | 10 | 1 242 |
| Health | 96 | 165 | 188 | 7 | 192 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 665 |
| Religious | — | — | 44 | 1 | 60 | 2 | — | 1 | 108 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 1 435 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 436 |
| Terminal | 108 | 1 908 | 593 | 21 | 910 | 14 | — | 2 | 3 556 |
| Conveyance in transit | 249 | — | — | 3 | 194 | — | 44 | — | 490 |
| Car park | 10 676 | 2 077 | 367 | 1 465 | 557 | 83 | — | 1 205 | 16 430 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 4 | — | — | — | 4 |
| Justice | 77 | — | 11 | 1 | 20 | 3 | — | — | 112 |
| Open space | 2 953 | 52 | 88 | 17 | — | 10 | 2 | — | 3 122 |
| Street/footpath | 27 462 | 13 357 | 4 844 | 4 791 | 1 847 | 1 147 | — | — | 53 448 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 11 | — | 37 | — | 48 | 2 | — | 49 | 147 |
| <i>Total</i> | 43 302 | 17 783 | 6 353 | 6 316 | 4 372 | 1 330 | 423 | 1 858 | 81 737 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 46 | 541 | 11 | — | — | — | — | — | 598 |
| Administrative/professional | 76 | 485 | 276 | 2 | 447 | 12 | 12 | 2 | 1 312 |
| Banking | 6 | — | 15 | — | 26 | — | — | — | 47 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 267 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 267 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 1 | — | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | 1 | 5 |
| Service station | 290 | 72 | 172 | 41 | 77 | 23 | 8 | 2 | 685 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 799 | 5 660 | 2 827 | 178 | 2 571 | 323 | 20 | 25 | 12 403 |
| Wholesale | 18 | — | 11 | — | 5 | — | — | — | 34 |
| Warehousing/storage | 27 | — | 42 | — | 119 | — | 4 | — | 192 |
| Manufacturing | 143 | — | 150 | 31 | 51 | 2 | 3 | — | 380 |
| Agricultural | 126 | — | 67 | 16 | 59 | 6 | — | — | 274 |
| Recreational | 739 | 448 | 1 099 | 33 | 721 | 139 | 3 | 3 | 3 185 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 98 | 50 | 2 | 67 | 57 | 10 | — | 2 | 286 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 636 | 7 256 | 4 673 | 368 | 4 135 | 515 | 50 | 35 | 19 668 |
| Unspecified | 2 750 | 756 | 96 | 1 656 | 15 | 740 | 48 | 29 | 6 090 |
| Total | 52 833 | 29 563 | 15 691 | 10 981 | 16 120 | 2 991 | 966 | 2 427 | 131 572 |

(a) Refers to motor vehicles.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

9.2 VICTIMS(a) OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Dwelling — private | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Dwelling — non-private | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 7.8 | 12.7 | 29.1 | 24.1 | 47.1 | 13.6 | 46.1 | 20.8 | 18.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 7.8 | 12.7 | 29.1 | 24.1 | 47.1 | 13.6 | 46.1 | 20.8 | 18.3 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.0 | — | — | — | — | — | 38.7 | 24.2 | 0.7 |
| Educational | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 1.9 | — | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Health | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Religious | — | — | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | — | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 2.7 | — | — | — | — | 0.0 | — | — | 1.1 |
| Terminal | 0.2 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 5.6 | 0.5 | — | 0.1 | 2.7 |
| Conveyance in transit | 0.5 | — | — | 0.0 | 1.2 | — | 4.6 | — | 0.4 |
| Car park | 20.2 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 13.3 | 3.5 | 2.8 | — | 49.6 | 12.5 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Justice | 0.1 | — | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Open space | 5.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | — | 0.3 | 0.2 | — | 2.4 |
| Street/footpath | 52.0 | 45.2 | 30.9 | 43.6 | 11.5 | 38.3 | — | — | 40.6 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.0 | — | 0.2 | — | 0.3 | 0.1 | — | 2.0 | 0.1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 82.0 | 60.2 | 40.5 | 57.5 | 27.1 | 44.5 | 43.8 | 76.6 | 62.1 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.5 |
| Administrative/professional | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.0 |
| Banking | 0.0 | — | 0.1 | — | 0.2 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 0.5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | — | 0.0 | — | — | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Service station | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 1.5 | 19.1 | 18.0 | 1.6 | 15.9 | 10.8 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 9.4 |
| Wholesale | 0.0 | — | 0.1 | — | 0.0 | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Warehousing/storage | 0.1 | — | 0.3 | — | 0.7 | — | 0.4 | — | 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 0.3 | — | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | — | 0.3 |
| Agricultural | 0.2 | — | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | — | — | 0.2 |
| Recreational | 1.4 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 0.3 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 2.4 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | — | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.0 | 24.5 | 29.8 | 3.4 | 25.7 | 17.2 | 5.2 | 1.4 | 14.9 |
| Unspecified | 5.2 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 15.1 | 0.1 | 24.7 | 5.0 | 1.2 | 4.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to motor vehicles.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

9.3 VICTIMS(a) OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 50 118 | 26 826 | 12 958 | 9 963 | 14 137 | 2 842 | 716 | 2 262 | 119 822 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 415 | 649 | 800 | 152 | 762 | 22 | 70 | 51 | 2 921 |
| Offender proceeded against | 2 300 | 2 088 | 1 933 | 866 | 1 221 | 127 | 143 | 114 | 8 792 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 715 | 2 737 | 2 733 | 1 018 | 1 983 | 149 | 213 | 165 | 11 713 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 37 | — | 37 |
| Total | 52 833 | 29 563 | 15 691 | 10 981 | 16 120 | 2 991 | 966 | 2 427 | 131 572 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 94.9 | 90.7 | 82.6 | 90.7 | 87.7 | 95.0 | 74.1 | 93.2 | 91.1 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 0.8 | 2.2 | 5.1 | 1.4 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 7.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Offender proceeded against | 4.4 | 7.1 | 12.3 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 14.8 | 4.7 | 6.7 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.1 | 9.3 | 17.4 | 9.3 | 12.3 | 5.0 | 22.0 | 6.8 | 8.9 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 3.8 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to motor vehicles.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 10

OTHER THEFT

OTHER THEFT OFFENCES

Other theft includes all recorded theft offences except theft of motor vehicles and is the largest category of property offences.

Number of victims

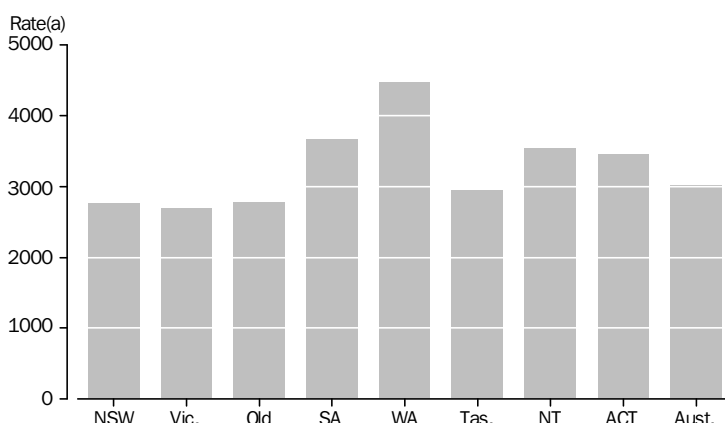
A total of 565,214 victims of other theft were recorded in 1998. This represents an increase of 6.5% in these offences in Australia, up from 530,881 in 1997.

Rate per 100,000 persons

The national victimisation rate in 1998 was 3,015 victims for every 100,000 persons (see table 1.3).

Western Australia recorded the highest rate of other theft in 1998 with 4,471 victims per 100,000 persons, followed by South Australia with 3,674 victims per 100,000 persons. The lowest rate of other theft offences was recorded in Victoria with 2,694 victims per 100,000 persons.

10.1 OTHER THEFT, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories, 1998



(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Location

The most common sites of other theft offences were retail premises (24%), residential locations (23%) and streets and footpaths (18%). New South Wales recorded the largest proportion of other theft offences occurring on streets or footpaths (25%), whilst Queensland recorded the largest proportion of other theft offences occurring in retail premises (28%).

Outcome of investigations

Nationally, 14% of investigations into other theft offences were finalised within 30 days of the offence becoming known to police, with an offender being proceeded against in 12% of all investigations.

10.2 VICTIMS(a) OF OTHER THEFT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b)

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 96 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 96 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 55 | 1 219 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 274 |
| Dwelling — private | 2 479 | 11 326 | 10 876 | 3 840 | 28 421 | 931 | 1 071 | 2 636 | 61 580 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 74 | 1 386 | 1 940 | 872 | 2 106 | 134 | — | 137 | 6 649 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 9 740 | 10 406 | 15 510 | 15 314 | 4 170 | 3 352 | 1 148 | 170 | 59 810 |
| Total | 12 444 | 24 337 | 28 326 | 20 026 | 34 697 | 4 417 | 2 219 | 2 943 | 129 409 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 769 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 754 | 2 058 | 4 581 |
| Educational | 5 375 | 3 580 | 3 614 | 1 428 | 3 488 | 451 | 217 | 485 | 18 638 |
| Health | 2 931 | 1 595 | 1 158 | 509 | 1 012 | 199 | 57 | 57 | 7 518 |
| Religious | — | 352 | 308 | 115 | 279 | 49 | 6 | 35 | 1 144 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 3 999 | 667 | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 4 669 |
| Terminal | 2 967 | 2 236 | 2 655 | 268 | 1 604 | 177 | — | 43 | 9 950 |
| Conveyance in transit | 5 342 | 623 | 472 | 283 | 28 | 32 | 767 | — | 7 547 |
| Car park | 19 105 | 10 299 | 991 | 2 291 | 1 201 | 353 | — | 1 809 | 36 049 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 171 | 12 | — | — | 183 |
| Justice | 508 | 112 | 140 | 73 | 257 | 26 | — | 2 | 1 118 |
| Open space | 6 565 | 1 120 | 2 147 | 566 | — | 350 | 26 | — | 10 774 |
| Street/footpath | 44 531 | 27 000 | 12 581 | 10 665 | 5 867 | 2 679 | — | — | 103 323 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 205 | 58 | 574 | — | 704 | 114 | — | 137 | 1 792 |
| Total | 92 297 | 47 642 | 24 640 | 16 198 | 14 611 | 4 445 | 2 827 | 4 626 | 207 286 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 930 | 735 | 91 | — | — | — | — | 284 | 2 040 |
| Administrative/professional | 4 252 | 2 517 | 1 850 | 1 215 | 2 789 | 85 | 219 | 284 | 13 211 |
| Banking | 921 | 443 | 1 812 | 83 | 431 | 43 | 49 | 44 | 3 826 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 5 597 | 7 969 | — | — | — | 5 | — | — | 13 571 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 609 | 353 | 158 | 49 | 157 | 22 | 3 | 23 | 1 374 |
| Service station | 3 989 | 2 838 | 2 823 | 1 892 | 2 986 | 153 | 96 | 176 | 14 953 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 27 613 | 18 736 | 23 964 | 8 764 | 18 634 | 3 221 | 1 065 | 1 778 | 103 775 |
| Wholesale | 491 | 209 | 30 | — | 57 | 15 | — | — | 802 |
| Warehousing/storage | 235 | 425 | 219 | — | 627 | 106 | 31 | — | 1 643 |
| Manufacturing | 924 | 938 | 658 | 263 | 321 | 58 | 19 | — | 3 181 |
| Agricultural | 1 551 | 502 | 697 | 128 | 583 | 233 | — | — | 3 694 |
| Recreational | 10 855 | 3 671 | 9 120 | 1 159 | 4 402 | 826 | 82 | 126 | 30 241 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 1 502 | 932 | 31 | 4 840 | 1 287 | 168 | — | 69 | 8 829 |
| Total | 59 469 | 40 268 | 41 453 | 18 393 | 32 274 | 4 935 | 1 564 | 2 784 | 201 140 |
| Unspecified | 11 704 | 13 322 | 1 522 | 19 | 308 | 75 | 121 | 308 | 27 379 |
| Total | 175 914 | 125 569 | 95 941 | 54 636 | 81 890 | 13 872 | 6 731 | 10 661 | 565 214 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

10.2 VICTIMS(a) OF OTHER THEFT, By Location Where Criminal Incident Occurred(b) *continued*

| Type of location | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | | | | | | | | | |
| Residential location n.f.d. | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.0 |
| Dwelling | | | | | | | | | |
| Dwelling n.f.d. | 0.0 | 1.0 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.2 |
| Dwelling — private | 1.4 | 9.0 | 11.3 | 7.0 | 34.7 | 6.7 | 15.9 | 24.7 | 10.9 |
| Dwelling — non-private | 0.0 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.0 | — | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Outbuilding/residential land | 5.5 | 8.3 | 16.2 | 28.0 | 5.1 | 24.2 | 17.1 | 1.6 | 10.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | 7.1 | 19.4 | 29.5 | 36.7 | 42.4 | 31.8 | 33.0 | 27.6 | 22.9 |
| Community | | | | | | | | | |
| Community location n.f.d. | 0.4 | — | — | — | — | — | 26.1 | 19.3 | 0.8 |
| Educational | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 3.3 |
| Health | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| Religious | — | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport n.f.d. | 2.3 | 0.5 | — | — | — | 0.0 | — | — | 0.8 |
| Terminal | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 1.3 | — | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Conveyance in transit | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 11.4 | — | 1.3 |
| Car park | 10.9 | 8.2 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 1.5 | 2.5 | — | 17.0 | 6.4 |
| Transport n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | 0.2 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.0 |
| Justice | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | — | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Open space | 3.7 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.0 | — | 2.5 | 0.4 | — | 1.9 |
| Street/footpath | 25.3 | 21.5 | 13.1 | 19.5 | 7.2 | 19.3 | — | — | 18.3 |
| Community location n.e.c. | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | — | 0.9 | 0.8 | — | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 52.5 | 37.9 | 25.7 | 29.6 | 17.8 | 32.0 | 42.0 | 43.4 | 36.7 |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Other location n.f.d. | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | — | — | — | — | 2.7 | 0.4 |
| Administrative/professional | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| Banking | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Retail | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail n.f.d. | 3.2 | 6.3 | — | — | — | 0.0 | — | — | 2.4 |
| Chemist/pharmacy | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Service station | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.6 |
| Retail n.e.c. | 15.7 | 14.9 | 25.0 | 16.0 | 22.8 | 23.2 | 15.8 | 16.7 | 18.4 |
| Wholesale | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | — | — | 0.1 |
| Warehousing/storage | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | — | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.5 | — | 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | — | 0.6 |
| Agricultural | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | — | — | 0.7 |
| Recreational | 6.2 | 2.9 | 9.5 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 5.4 |
| Other location n.e.c. | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 | — | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| <i>Total</i> | 33.8 | 32.1 | 43.2 | 33.7 | 39.4 | 35.6 | 23.2 | 26.1 | 35.6 |
| Unspecified | 6.7 | 10.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 4.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) A criminal incident may involve multiple offences which may occur at different locations. In these instances, 'type of location' refers to the initial location where the criminal incident took place. In classifying type of location, the ability to provide detailed information for each offence category varies between States and Territories. Where information is not available at the more specific group level, it is aggregated to the broader subdivision or division level.

10.3 VICTIMS(a) OF OTHER THEFT, Outcome of Investigations(b)

| <i>Outcome of investigations</i> | <i>NSW</i> | <i>Vic.</i> | <i>Qld</i> | <i>SA</i> | <i>WA</i> | <i>Tas.</i> | <i>NT</i> | <i>ACT</i> | <i>Aust.</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 157 375 | 106 740 | 79 017 | 47 749 | 69 933 | 12 258 | 5 965 | 9 429 | 488 466 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 1 797 | 1 017 | 2 198 | 1 005 | 3 488 | 124 | 210 | 96 | 9 935 |
| Offender proceeded against | 16 742 | 17 812 | 14 726 | 5 882 | 8 469 | 1 490 | 520 | 1 136 | 66 777 |
| <i>Total</i> | 18 539 | 18 829 | 16 924 | 6 887 | 11 957 | 1 614 | 730 | 1 232 | 76 712 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 36 | — | 36 |
| Total | 175 914 | 125 569 | 95 941 | 54 636 | 81 890 | 13 872 | 6 731 | 10 661 | 565 214 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 day status | | | | | | | | | |
| Investigation not finalised | 89.5 | 85.0 | 82.4 | 87.4 | 85.4 | 88.4 | 88.6 | 88.4 | 86.4 |
| Investigation finalised | | | | | | | | | |
| No offender proceeded against | 1.0 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| Offender proceeded against | 9.5 | 14.2 | 15.3 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 7.7 | 10.7 | 11.8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 10.5 | 15.0 | 17.6 | 12.6 | 14.6 | 11.6 | 10.8 | 11.6 | 13.6 |
| Not available | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.5 | — | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons or organisations.

(b) For those offences recorded by police during 1 January–31 December 1998.

SECTION 11

HISTORICAL SERIES 1993–1998

INTRODUCTION

This section describes the pattern of changes in selected offences from the Recorded Crime Statistics collection for the years 1993–1998 and the tables present the yearly offence totals.

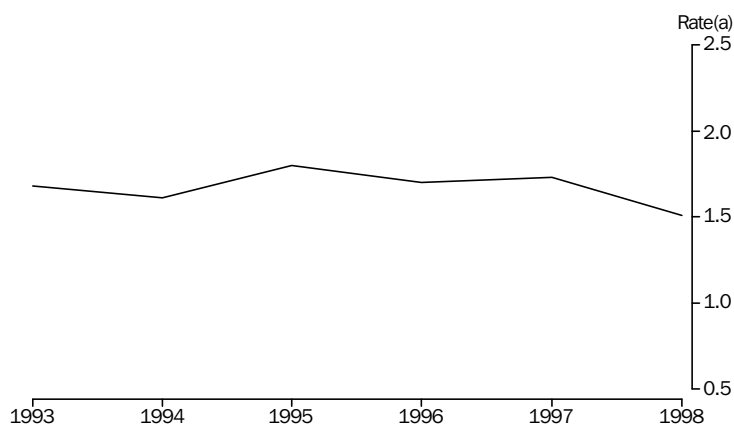
The offences collected from the initial year, 1993, are murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, driving causing death, sexual assault, kidnapping/abduction, robbery, blackmail/extortion, unlawful entry with intent (UEWI) and motor vehicle theft. Other theft offences were first collected and published in 1994 and assault offences were first collected and published in 1995. The offence of UEWI was disaggregated into UEWI involving the taking of property and UEWI—other in 1995.

Murder

The annual recorded counts of murder victims in Australia have remained steady over the period 1993–1998. This is also the pattern with each of the States and Territories, with the exception of Tasmania in 1996, when there were 35 lives taken in a single incident at Port Arthur.

The victimisation rates for murder in Australia have ranged from 1.5 to 1.8 victims per 100,000 persons over the period 1993–1998 and have consistently been highest in the Northern Territory, with rates varying between 4.8 and 13 victims per 100,000 persons over the last six years.

11.1 MURDER, Victimisation Rates

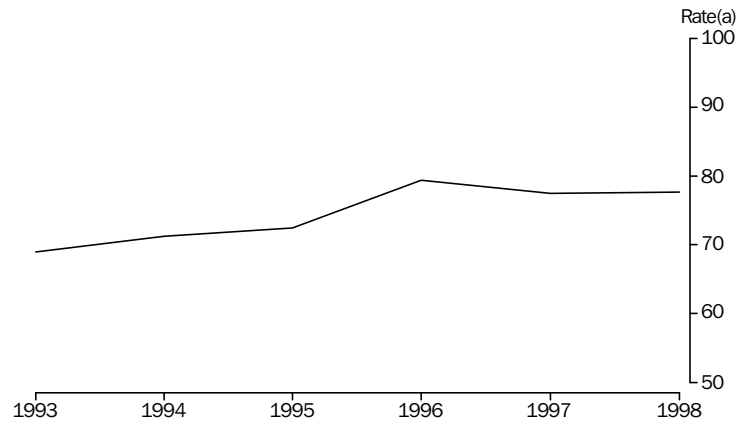


(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Other sources of homicide statistics include the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Causes of Death collection and the Australian Institute of Criminology's National Homicide Monitoring Program which began in 1989.

Sexual assault

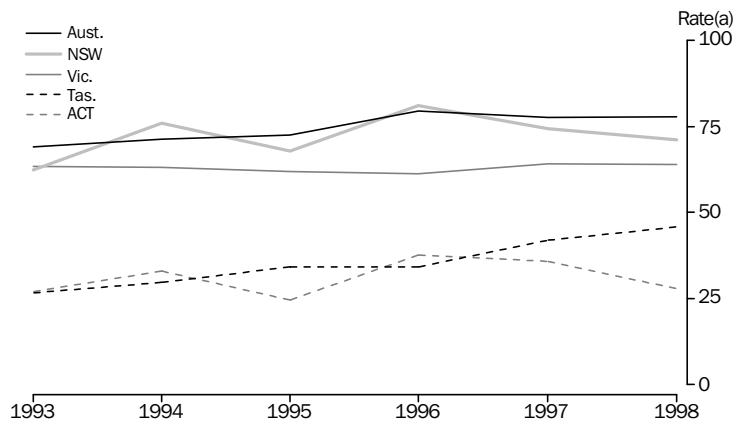
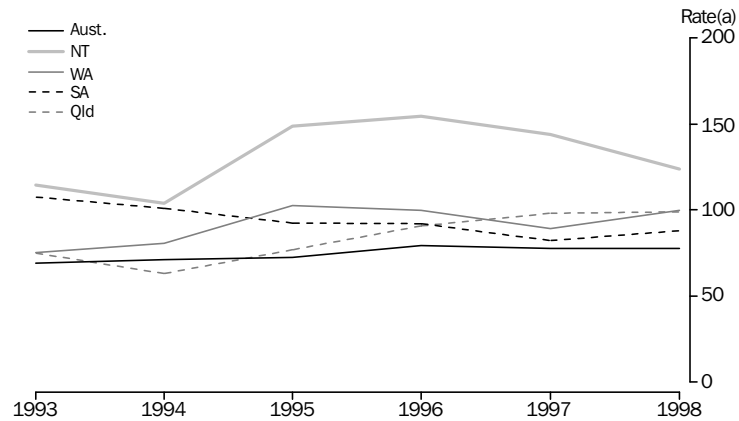
Nationally, offence counts for annual recorded sexual assault offences remained stable over the period 1993–1995 as has the victimisation rate, which was between 69 and 73 victims per 100,000 persons. An increase in counts occurred between 1995 and 1996, from 13,099 to 14,542. Since 1996, the counts and victimisation rates have remained at approximately the same level, with the victimisation rate ranging between 78 and 79 victims per 100,000 persons.

11.2 SEXUAL ASSAULT, Victimisation Rates

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

There have been large increases in victimisation rates in Queensland, where rates have increased from 63 to 99 victims per 100,000 persons between 1994 and 1998. In South Australia, victimisation rates decreased each year from 1993–1997, with an increase recorded from 1997 to 1998 of 82 to 88 victims per 100,000 persons.

The Northern Territory has recorded the highest rates of sexual assault from 1993–1998. Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory recorded the lowest victimisation rates and the rates in Victoria have remained steady over the period 1993–1998.

Sexual assault *continued***11.3** SEXUAL ASSAULT, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Robbery

Robbery is amongst the offences having the greatest increase over the period 1993–1998, with the counts increasing each year, from 12,765 in 1993 to 23,778 in 1998.

Victimisation rates have risen sharply, from 72 to 127 victims per 100,000 persons over the period 1993–1998. In particular, New South Wales has experienced large rises in victimisation rates for robbery, from 100 to 210 victims per 100,000 persons between 1993 and 1998.

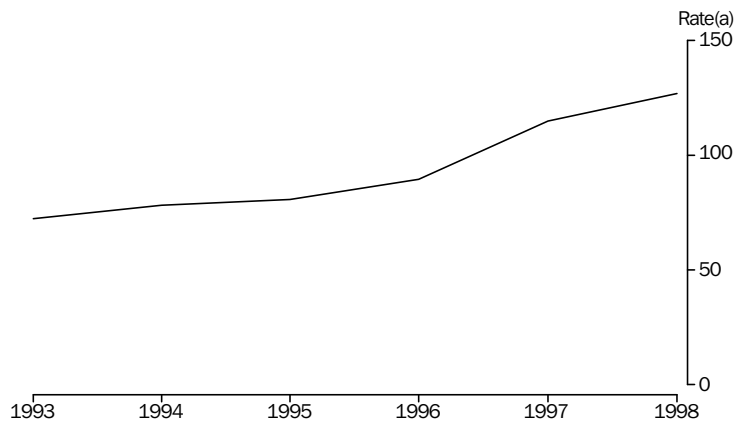
The proportion of armed to unarmed robberies remained constant over 1994–1996. However, since 1997, armed robberies have accounted for a larger amount of the total robberies (see section 12).

Western Australia has also recorded a large increase in the victimisation rate of robbery, from 58 to 147 victims per 100,000 persons between 1993 and 1998.

Tasmania, the Northern Territory, Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland all recorded victimisation rates below the national victimisation rate over the period 1993–1998.

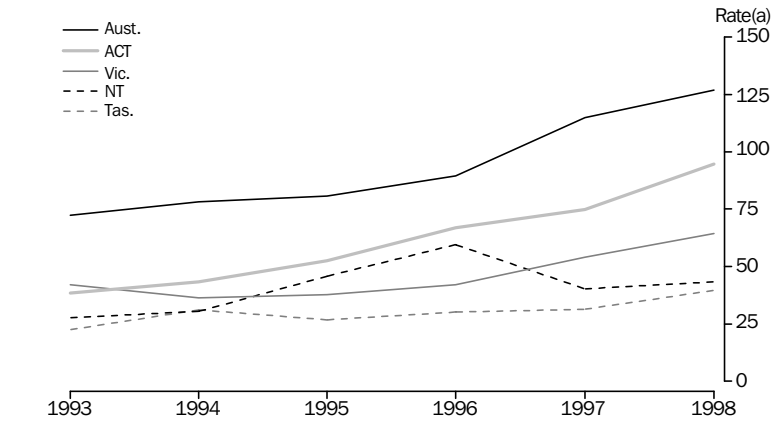
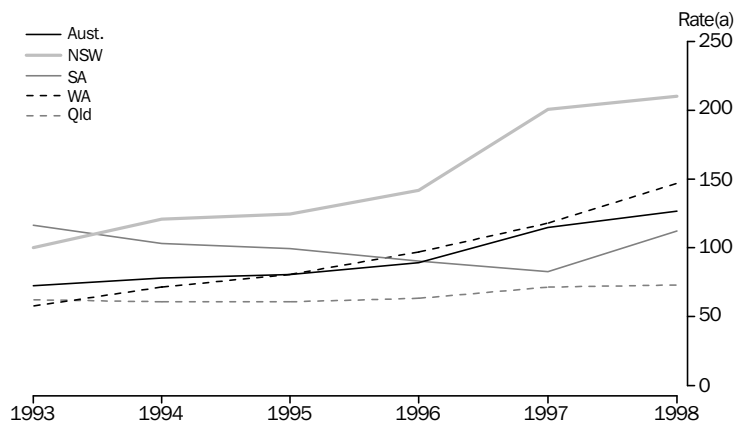
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11.4 ROBBERY, Victimisation Rates



(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

11.5 ROBBERY, Victimisation Rates—By States and Territories

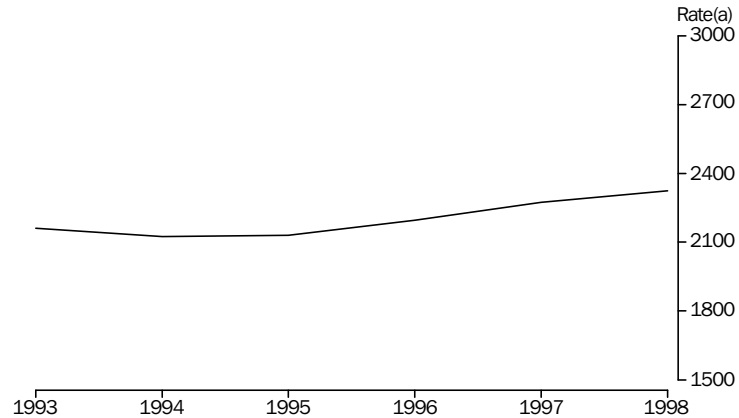


(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

UEWI

From 1994 onwards, recorded UEWI offences in Australia have gradually increased, from 379,505 victims in 1994 to 435,670 victims in 1998.

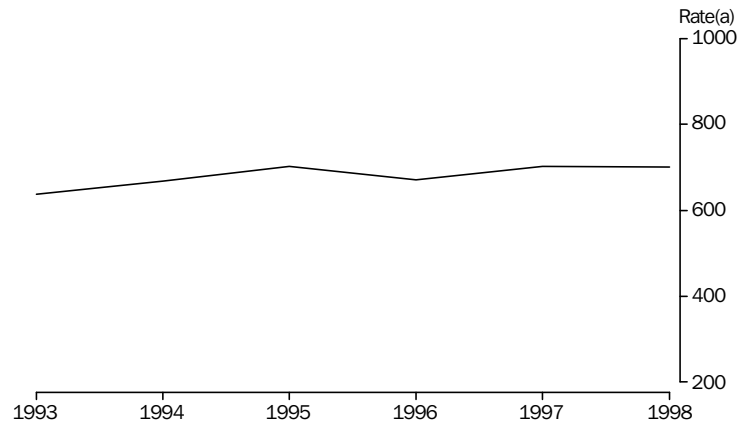
Western Australia has consistently recorded the highest victimisation rates (3,260 victims per 100,000 persons in 1998).

11.6 UEWI, Victimisation Rates

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

Motor vehicle theft

Over most of the period 1993–1998, there has been a gradual increase in recorded motor vehicle thefts. In total, this represented an increase of 17%, from 112,472 in 1993 to 131,572 in 1998. Victimisation rates have remained stable over the years 1997 and 1998, at a level of approximately 702 victims per 100,000 persons. This is similar to the level in 1995.

11.7 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, Victimisation rates

(a) Rate per 100,000 persons.

11.8 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Australia

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 296 | 288 | 326 | 312 | 321 | 284 |
| Attempted murder | 365 | 336 | 300 | 335 | 318 | 382 |
| <i>Total</i> | 661 | 624 | 626 | 647 | 639 | 666 |
| Manslaughter | 37 | 32 | 30 | 38 | 39 | 49 |
| Driving causing death(b) | 223 | 197 | 320 | 342 | n.a. | 262 |
| <i>Total</i> | 260 | 229 | 350 | 380 | n.a. | 311 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 101 710 | 114 156 | 124 500 | 132 967 |
| Sexual assault | 12 186 | 12 722 | 13 099 | 14 542 | 14 353 | 14 568 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 628 | 546 | 459 | 480 | 562 | 662 |
| Armed robbery | 5 294 | 5 045 | 5 258 | 6 256 | 9 054 | 10 850 |
| Unarmed robbery | 7 471 | 8 922 | 9 306 | 10 116 | 12 251 | 12 928 |
| <i>Total</i> | 12 765 | 13 967 | 14 564 | 16 372 | 21 305 | 23 778 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 133 | 156 | 157 | 268 | 360 | 298 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 303 227 | 313 902 | 332 525 | 343 256 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 81 935 | 88 177 | 89 044 | 92 414 |
| <i>Total</i> | 381 783 | 379 505 | 385 162 | 402 079 | 421 569 | 435 670 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 112 472 | 119 469 | 127 094 | 122 914 | 130 138 | 131 572 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 490 518 | 521 762 | 530 881 | 565 214 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.68 | 1.61 | 1.80 | 1.70 | 1.73 | 1.51 |
| Attempted murder | 2.07 | 1.88 | 1.66 | 1.83 | 1.72 | 2.04 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3.74 | 3.50 | 3.46 | 3.53 | 3.45 | 3.55 |
| Manslaughter | 0.21 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.26 |
| Driving causing death(b) | 1.26 | 1.10 | 1.77 | 1.87 | 0.71 | 1.40 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1.47 | 1.28 | 1.94 | 2.08 | 0.86 | 1.66 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 562.91 | 623.54 | 672.21 | 709.24 |
| Sexual assault | 68.98 | 71.26 | 72.50 | 79.43 | 77.50 | 77.71 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 3.55 | 3.06 | 2.54 | 2.62 | 3.03 | 3.53 |
| Armed robbery | 29.97 | 28.26 | 29.10 | 34.17 | 48.89 | 57.87 |
| Unarmed robbery | 42.29 | 49.98 | 51.50 | 55.26 | 66.15 | 68.96 |
| <i>Total</i> | 72.25 | 78.24 | 80.60 | 89.43 | 115.03 | 126.83 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 0.75 | 0.87 | 0.87 | 1.46 | 1.94 | 1.59 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 678.19 | 1 714.60 | 1 795.39 | 1 830.91 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 453.46 | 481.64 | 480.77 | 492.93 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 160.98 | 2 125.86 | 2 131.65 | 2 196.24 | 2 276.17 | 2 323.85 |
| Motor vehicle theft(c) | 636.62 | 669.23 | 703.39 | 671.38 | 702.65 | 701.80 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 2 714.74 | 2 849.97 | 2 866.37 | 3 014.83 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

(b) A change in the recording practice for driving causing death offences in New South Wales resulted in incomplete counts for this offence in 1997.

(c) Counts for Western Australia motor vehicle theft prior to 1997 are not directly comparable to the other States and Territories as they include the theft of caravans and trailers in addition to motor vehicle theft.

11.9 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—New South Wales

| Offence category | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 117 | 107 | 105 | 99 | 110 | 96 |
| Attempted murder | 82 | 62 | 55 | 83 | 100 | 121 |
| <i>Total</i> | 199 | 169 | 160 | 182 | 210 | 217 |
| Manslaughter | 6 | 10 | 6 | 16 | 11 | 25 |
| Driving causing death(b) | 100 | 114 | 183 | 232 | n.a. | 116 |
| <i>Total</i> | 106 | 124 | 189 | 248 | n.a. | 141 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 37 862 | 47 829 | 55 998 | 59 221 |
| Sexual assault | 3 797 | 4 608 | 4 156 | 5 036 | 4 663 | 4 504 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 313 | 226 | 173 | 214 | 271 | 377 |
| Armed robbery | 2 313 | 2 218 | 2 412 | 3 019 | 4 978 | 5 721 |
| Unarmed robbery | 3 689 | 5 130 | 5 232 | 5 806 | 7 592 | 7 605 |
| <i>Total</i> | 6 002 | 7 348 | 7 644 | 8 825 | 12 570 | 13 326 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 8 | 9 | 18 | 41 | 56 | 60 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 109 845 | 125 306 | 137 437 | 142 217 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 23 383 | 26 511 | 27 711 | 29 648 |
| <i>Total</i> | 110 448 | 120 008 | 133 228 | 151 817 | 165 148 | 171 865 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 39 066 | 45 477 | 46 591 | 48 842 | 54 711 | 52 833 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 139 431 | 157 738 | 165 201 | 175 914 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.95 | 1.77 | 1.71 | 1.60 | 1.75 | 1.51 |
| Attempted murder | 1.37 | 1.02 | 0.90 | 1.34 | 1.59 | 1.91 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3.31 | 2.79 | 2.61 | 2.93 | 3.35 | 3.42 |
| Manslaughter | 0.10 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.26 | 0.18 | 0.39 |
| Driving causing death(b) | 1.67 | 1.88 | 2.99 | 3.74 | n.a. | 1.83 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1.77 | 2.05 | 3.08 | 4.00 | n.a. | 2.22 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 617.96 | 770.85 | 892.71 | 933.85 |
| Sexual assault | 63.23 | 76.04 | 67.83 | 81.16 | 74.34 | 71.02 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 5.21 | 3.73 | 2.82 | 3.45 | 4.32 | 5.94 |
| Armed robbery | 38.52 | 36.60 | 39.37 | 48.66 | 79.36 | 90.21 |
| Unarmed robbery | 61.43 | 84.65 | 85.39 | 93.57 | 121.03 | 119.92 |
| <i>Total</i> | 99.95 | 121.25 | 124.76 | 142.23 | 200.39 | 210.14 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.29 | 0.66 | 0.89 | 0.95 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 792.81 | 2 019.52 | 2 191.00 | 2 242.61 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 381.64 | 427.27 | 441.77 | 467.52 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 839.30 | 1 980.27 | 2 174.45 | 2 446.80 | 2 632.77 | 2 710.12 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 650.57 | 750.42 | 760.42 | 787.17 | 872.20 | 833.12 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 2 275.69 | 2 542.22 | 2 633.62 | 2 773.97 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

(b) A change in the recording practice for driving causing death offences in New South Wales resulted in incomplete counts for this offence in 1997.

11.10 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Victoria

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 51 | 56 | 62 | 52 | 63 | 47 |
| Attempted murder | 61 | 58 | 46 | 34 | 44 | 52 |
| <i>Total</i> | 112 | 114 | 108 | 86 | 107 | 99 |
| Manslaughter | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Driving causing death | 37 | 16 | 22 | 22 | 25 | 44 |
| <i>Total</i> | 41 | 21 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 46 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 15 807 | 16 405 | 17 088 | 17 571 |
| Sexual assault | 2 829 | 2 833 | 2 799 | 2 798 | 2 953 | 2 967 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 67 | 97 | 95 | 95 | 94 | 115 |
| Armed robbery | 959 | 773 | 757 | 848 | 1 196 | 1 555 |
| Unarmed robbery | 919 | 848 | 948 | 1 067 | 1 293 | 1 441 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 878 | 1 621 | 1 705 | 1 915 | 2 489 | 2 996 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 48 | 73 | 56 | 81 | 127 | 91 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 56 165 | 54 936 | 57 383 | 54 882 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 14 758 | 15 816 | 16 765 | 15 707 |
| <i>Total</i> | 80 078 | 71 613 | 70 923 | 70 752 | 74 148 | 70 589 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 27 403 | 27 410 | 29 259 | 28 764 | 30 453 | 29 563 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 111 689 | 119 572 | 119 867 | 125 569 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.14 | 1.25 | 1.37 | 1.14 | 1.37 | 1.01 |
| Attempted murder | 1.36 | 1.29 | 1.02 | 0.75 | 0.96 | 1.12 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2.50 | 2.54 | 2.39 | 1.89 | 2.32 | 2.12 |
| Manslaughter | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Driving causing death | 0.83 | 0.36 | 0.49 | 0.48 | 0.54 | 0.94 |
| <i>Total</i> | 0.92 | 0.47 | 0.60 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.99 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 349.91 | 359.75 | 371.06 | 376.99 |
| Sexual assault | 63.25 | 63.13 | 61.96 | 61.36 | 64.12 | 63.66 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 1.50 | 2.16 | 2.10 | 2.08 | 2.04 | 2.47 |
| Armed robbery | 21.44 | 17.23 | 16.76 | 18.60 | 25.97 | 33.36 |
| Unarmed robbery | 20.55 | 18.90 | 20.99 | 23.40 | 28.08 | 30.92 |
| <i>Total</i> | 41.99 | 36.12 | 37.74 | 41.99 | 54.05 | 64.28 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 1.07 | 1.63 | 1.24 | 1.78 | 2.76 | 1.95 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 243.31 | 1 204.70 | 1 246.05 | 1 177.50 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 326.69 | 346.83 | 364.04 | 337.00 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 800.83 | 1 595.81 | 1 570.00 | 1 551.53 | 1 610.09 | 1 514.50 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 612.72 | 610.80 | 647.70 | 630.77 | 661.27 | 634.28 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 2 472.42 | 2 622.10 | 2 602.86 | 2 694.10 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

11.11 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Queensland

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 47 | 42 | 63 | 65 | 75 | 63 |
| Attempted murder | 143 | 140 | 120 | 135 | 111 | 148 |
| <i>Total</i> | 190 | 182 | 183 | 200 | 186 | 211 |
| Manslaughter | 8 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 |
| Driving causing death | 37 | 17 | 46 | 31 | 51 | 34 |
| <i>Total</i> | 45 | 23 | 55 | 40 | 62 | 44 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 17 694 | 17 659 | 17 646 | 18 315 |
| Sexual assault | 2 322 | 2 009 | 2 504 | 3 034 | 3 332 | 3 423 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 121 | 86 | 74 | 71 | 108 | 100 |
| Armed robbery | 944 | 863 | 892 | 909 | 1 251 | 1 288 |
| Unarmed robbery | 997 | 1 072 | 1 091 | 1 218 | 1 188 | 1 242 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 941 | 1 935 | 1 983 | 2 127 | 2 439 | 2 530 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 42 | 34 | 54 | 93 | 85 | 78 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 51 697 | 52 863 | 56 952 | 58 012 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 15 847 | 17 984 | 17 487 | 17 778 |
| <i>Total</i> | 75 582 | 73 399 | 67 544 | 70 847 | 74 439 | 75 790 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 15 746 | 16 528 | 18 416 | 17 274 | 17 058 | 15 691 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 84 954 | 92 025 | 93 390 | 95 941 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.51 | 1.32 | 1.93 | 1.95 | 2.21 | 1.82 |
| Attempted murder | 4.60 | 4.39 | 3.68 | 4.04 | 3.27 | 4.28 |
| <i>Total</i> | 6.11 | 5.71 | 5.60 | 5.99 | 5.48 | 6.10 |
| Manslaughter | 0.26 | 0.19 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.32 | 0.29 |
| Driving causing death | 1.19 | 0.53 | 1.41 | 0.93 | 1.50 | 0.98 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1.45 | 0.72 | 1.68 | 1.20 | 1.83 | 1.27 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 541.91 | 528.92 | 519.45 | 529.90 |
| Sexual assault | 74.67 | 63.04 | 76.69 | 90.87 | 98.08 | 99.04 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 3.89 | 2.70 | 2.27 | 2.13 | 3.18 | 2.89 |
| Armed robbery | 30.36 | 27.08 | 27.32 | 27.23 | 36.83 | 37.26 |
| Unarmed robbery | 32.06 | 33.64 | 33.41 | 36.48 | 34.97 | 35.93 |
| <i>Total</i> | 62.42 | 60.71 | 60.73 | 63.71 | 71.80 | 73.20 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 1.35 | 1.07 | 1.65 | 2.79 | 2.50 | 2.26 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 583.32 | 1 583.35 | 1 676.50 | 1 678.42 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 485.34 | 538.65 | 514.77 | 514.36 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 430.46 | 2 302.99 | 2 068.66 | 2 122.00 | 2 191.27 | 2 192.78 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 506.34 | 518.59 | 564.02 | 517.39 | 502.14 | 453.98 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 2 601.87 | 2 756.32 | 2 749.13 | 2 775.79 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

11.12 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—South Australia

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 32 | 26 | 22 | 21 | 23 | 25 |
| Attempted murder | 52 | 36 | 40 | 28 | 33 | 25 |
| <i>Total</i> | 84 | 62 | 62 | 49 | 56 | 50 |
| Manslaughter | 5 | — | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Driving causing death | 17 | 15 | 17 | 25 | 15 | 22 |
| <i>Total</i> | 22 | 15 | 18 | 28 | 18 | 23 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 13 457 | 13 264 | 13 728 | 14 885 |
| Sexual assault | 1 573 | 1 481 | 1 358 | 1 358 | 1 218 | 1 310 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 75 | 69 | 78 | 36 | 37 | 32 |
| Armed robbery | 490 | 467 | 366 | 340 | 374 | 637 |
| Unarmed robbery | 1 213 | 1 048 | 1 096 | 994 | 849 | 1 031 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 703 | 1 515 | 1 462 | 1 334 | 1 223 | 1 668 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 27 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 22 | 13 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 25 104 | 24 152 | 22 737 | 26 781 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 5 561 | 5 829 | 5 128 | 5 963 |
| <i>Total</i> | 41 579 | 35 822 | 30 665 | 29 981 | 27 865 | 32 744 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 10 292 | 9 350 | 9 974 | 8 449 | 8 060 | 10 981 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 50 878 | 49 166 | 47 136 | 54 636 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 2.19 | 1.77 | 1.50 | 1.42 | 1.55 | 1.68 |
| Attempted murder | 3.56 | 2.46 | 2.72 | 1.90 | 2.23 | 1.68 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.75 | 4.23 | 4.22 | 3.32 | 3.78 | 3.36 |
| Manslaughter | 0.34 | — | 0.07 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.07 |
| Driving causing death | 1.16 | 1.02 | 1.16 | 1.70 | 1.01 | 1.48 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1.51 | 1.02 | 1.22 | 1.90 | 1.22 | 1.55 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 915.80 | 899.71 | 927.77 | 1 000.81 |
| Sexual assault | 107.69 | 101.01 | 92.42 | 92.11 | 82.32 | 88.08 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 5.13 | 4.71 | 5.31 | 2.44 | 2.50 | 2.15 |
| Armed robbery | 33.55 | 31.85 | 24.91 | 23.06 | 25.28 | 42.83 |
| Unarmed robbery | 83.04 | 71.48 | 74.59 | 67.42 | 57.38 | 69.32 |
| <i>Total</i> | 116.59 | 103.33 | 99.49 | 90.49 | 82.65 | 112.15 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 1.85 | 1.09 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 1.49 | 0.87 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 708.42 | 1 638.25 | 1 536.62 | 1 800.65 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 378.45 | 395.39 | 346.56 | 400.93 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 846.56 | 2 443.29 | 2 086.87 | 2 033.64 | 1 883.18 | 2 201.58 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 704.61 | 637.73 | 678.77 | 573.10 | 544.71 | 738.32 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 3 462.43 | 3 334.98 | 3 185.55 | 3 673.52 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

11.13 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Western Australia

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 29 | 39 | 44 | 20 | 30 | 31 |
| Attempted murder | 14 | 28 | 20 | 23 | 23 | 24 |
| <i>Total</i> | 43 | 67 | 64 | 43 | 53 | 55 |
| Manslaughter | 10 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| Driving causing death | 24 | 32 | 44 | 30 | 37 | 42 |
| <i>Total</i> | 34 | 43 | 51 | 32 | 46 | 49 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 10 990 | 12 345 | 13 797 | 16 574 |
| Sexual assault | 1 263 | 1 372 | 1 781 | 1 757 | 1 610 | 1 827 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 33 | 41 | 34 | 55 | 38 | 24 |
| Armed robbery | 475 | 584 | 671 | 968 | 1 073 | 1 395 |
| Unarmed robbery | 498 | 634 | 732 | 746 | 1 057 | 1 302 |
| <i>Total</i> | 973 | 1 218 | 1 403 | 1 714 | 2 130 | 2 697 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 5 | 21 | 8 | 35 | 62 | 53 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 43 943 | 39 691 | 40 331 | 42 577 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 17 084 | 16 410 | 16 244 | 17 123 |
| <i>Total</i> | 52 766 | 55 911 | 61 027 | 56 101 | 56 575 | 59 700 |
| Motor vehicle theft(b) | 16 208 | 16 625 | 17 869 | 14 016 | 14 827 | 16 120 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 75 096 | 73 898 | 75 947 | 81 890 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.73 | 2.29 | 2.54 | 1.13 | 1.67 | 1.69 |
| Attempted murder | 0.83 | 1.64 | 1.15 | 1.30 | 1.28 | 1.31 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2.56 | 3.93 | 3.69 | 2.44 | 2.95 | 3.00 |
| Manslaughter | 0.60 | 0.65 | 0.40 | 0.11 | 0.50 | 0.38 |
| Driving causing death | 1.43 | 1.88 | 2.54 | 1.70 | 2.06 | 2.29 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2.03 | 2.52 | 2.94 | 1.81 | 2.56 | 2.68 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 633.87 | 699.33 | 767.41 | 904.99 |
| Sexual assault | 75.28 | 80.56 | 102.72 | 99.53 | 89.55 | 99.76 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 1.97 | 2.41 | 1.96 | 3.12 | 2.11 | 1.31 |
| Armed robbery | 28.31 | 34.29 | 38.70 | 54.84 | 59.68 | 76.17 |
| Unarmed robbery | 29.68 | 37.23 | 42.22 | 42.26 | 58.79 | 71.09 |
| <i>Total</i> | 58.00 | 71.52 | 80.92 | 97.10 | 118.47 | 147.26 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 0.30 | 1.23 | 0.46 | 1.98 | 3.45 | 2.89 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 2 534.51 | 2 248.46 | 2 243.27 | 2 324.83 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 985.36 | 929.61 | 903.51 | 934.97 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3 145.20 | 3 283.07 | 3 519.87 | 3 178.07 | 3 146.78 | 3 259.80 |
| Motor vehicle theft(b) | 966.10 | 976.21 | 1 030.63 | 793.99 | 824.70 | 880.20 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 4 331.33 | 4 186.25 | 4 224.28 | 4 471.45 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

(b) Counts for Western Australia motor vehicle theft prior to 1997 are not directly comparable to the other States and Territories as they include the theft of caravans and trailers in addition to motor vehicle theft.

11.14 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Tasmania

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 6 | 5 | 6 | 37 | 7 | 6 |
| Attempted murder | 3 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 1 | 7 |
| <i>Total</i> | 9 | 11 | 16 | 60 | 8 | 13 |
| Manslaughter | — | — | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Driving causing death | 2 | — | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 | — | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 2 039 | 2 220 | 1 981 | 2 231 |
| Sexual assault | 126 | 140 | 162 | 162 | 198 | 216 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 13 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 10 |
| Armed robbery | 45 | 62 | 62 | 48 | 45 | 85 |
| Unarmed robbery | 61 | 85 | 64 | 95 | 104 | 102 |
| <i>Total</i> | 106 | 147 | 126 | 143 | 149 | 187 |
| Blackmail/extortion | — | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | — |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 9 072 | 10 048 | 11 072 | 10 951 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 2 296 | 2 764 | 3 123 | 3 364 |
| <i>Total</i> | 11 943 | 13 243 | 11 368 | 12 812 | 14 195 | 14 315 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 1 328 | 1 706 | 2 251 | 2 893 | 2 455 | 2 991 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 11 063 | 11 521 | 12 909 | 13 872 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 1.27 | 1.06 | 1.27 | 7.80 | 1.48 | 1.27 |
| Attempted murder | 0.64 | 1.27 | 2.11 | 4.85 | 0.21 | 1.48 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1.91 | 2.33 | 3.38 | 12.65 | 1.69 | 2.75 |
| Manslaughter | — | — | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.21 | 0.64 |
| Driving causing death | 0.42 | — | 0.63 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| <i>Total</i> | 0.42 | — | 0.84 | 0.63 | 0.42 | 0.85 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 430.47 | 467.92 | 418.39 | 472.78 |
| Sexual assault | 26.71 | 29.60 | 34.20 | 34.15 | 41.82 | 45.77 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 2.76 | 3.59 | 0.21 | 1.48 | 0.84 | 2.12 |
| Armed robbery | 9.54 | 13.11 | 13.09 | 10.12 | 9.50 | 18.01 |
| Unarmed robbery | 12.93 | 17.97 | 13.51 | 20.02 | 21.97 | 21.62 |
| <i>Total</i> | 22.47 | 31.08 | 26.60 | 30.14 | 31.47 | 39.63 |
| Blackmail/extortion | — | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.21 | 0.42 | — |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 915.25 | 2 117.85 | 2 338.44 | 2 320.69 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 484.72 | 582.58 | 659.59 | 712.89 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 532.13 | 2 800.15 | 2 399.97 | 2 700.43 | 2 998.03 | 3 033.58 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 281.56 | 360.72 | 475.22 | 609.77 | 518.50 | 633.84 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 2 335.58 | 2 428.32 | 2 726.42 | 2 939.70 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

11.15 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Northern Territory

| Offence category | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 12 | 10 | 23 | 17 | 9 | 15 |
| Attempted murder | 7 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| <i>Total</i> | 19 | 14 | 28 | 24 | 13 | 19 |
| Manslaughter | 4 | — | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Driving causing death | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Total</i> | 10 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 2 472 | 2 630 | 2 573 | 2 503 |
| Sexual assault | 195 | 180 | 264 | 281 | 269 | 235 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 3 | 9 | 3 | — | 1 | 1 |
| Armed robbery | 14 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 24 | 34 |
| Unarmed robbery | 33 | 39 | 61 | 82 | 51 | 48 |
| <i>Total</i> | 47 | 53 | 81 | 108 | 75 | 82 |
| Blackmail/extortion | — | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 3 805 | 3 678 | 3 453 | 3 756 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 1 729 | 1 586 | 1 354 | 1 319 |
| <i>Total</i> | 3 687 | 4 512 | 5 534 | 5 264 | 4 807 | 5 075 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 751 | 767 | 1 177 | 1 107 | 1 007 | 966 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 7 087 | 7 434 | 7 103 | 6 731 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 7.03 | 5.77 | 12.95 | 9.35 | 4.82 | 7.90 |
| Attempted murder | 4.10 | 2.31 | 2.82 | 3.85 | 2.14 | 2.11 |
| <i>Total</i> | 11.13 | 8.07 | 15.77 | 13.20 | 6.96 | 10.01 |
| Manslaughter | 2.34 | — | 0.56 | 1.10 | 1.07 | 0.53 |
| Driving causing death | 3.51 | 1.73 | 2.82 | 0.55 | 1.07 | 1.58 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5.86 | 1.73 | 3.38 | 1.65 | 2.14 | 2.11 |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 1 392.27 | 1 446.30 | 1 376.62 | 1 317.43 |
| Sexual assault | 114.21 | 103.82 | 148.69 | 154.53 | 143.92 | 123.69 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 1.76 | 5.19 | 1.69 | — | 0.54 | 0.53 |
| Armed robbery | 8.20 | 8.07 | 11.26 | 14.30 | 12.84 | 17.90 |
| Unarmed robbery | 19.33 | 22.49 | 34.36 | 45.09 | 27.29 | 25.26 |
| <i>Total</i> | 27.53 | 30.57 | 45.62 | 59.39 | 40.13 | 43.16 |
| Blackmail/extortion | — | 0.58 | 2.25 | 1.10 | 1.61 | 1.58 |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 2 143.03 | 2 022.62 | 1 847.44 | 1 976.94 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 973.80 | 872.18 | 724.42 | 694.24 |
| <i>Total</i> | 2 159.50 | 2 602.45 | 3 116.83 | 2 894.80 | 2 571.87 | 2 671.18 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 439.87 | 442.39 | 662.90 | 608.77 | 538.77 | 508.45 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 3 991.51 | 4 088.14 | 3 800.29 | 3 542.80 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

11.16 VICTIMS(a), By Offence Category—Australian Capital Territory

| <i>Offence category</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Murder | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Attempted murder | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| Manslaughter | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| Driving causing death | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Total</i> | — | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 1 389 | 1 804 | 1 689 | 1 667 |
| Sexual assault | 81 | 99 | 75 | 116 | 110 | 86 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 |
| Armed robbery | 54 | 64 | 78 | 98 | 113 | 135 |
| Unarmed robbery | 61 | 66 | 82 | 108 | 117 | 157 |
| <i>Total</i> | 115 | 130 | 160 | 206 | 230 | 292 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | — |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 3 596 | 3 228 | 3 160 | 4 080 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 1 277 | 1 277 | 1 232 | 1 512 |
| <i>Total</i> | 5 700 | 4 997 | 4 873 | 4 505 | 4 392 | 5 592 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 1 678 | 1 606 | 1 557 | 1 569 | 1 567 | 2 427 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 10 320 | 10 408 | 9 328 | 10 661 |
| RATE PER 100 000 PERSONS | | | | | | |
| Murder | 0.67 | 1.00 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 1.30 | 0.32 |
| Attempted murder | 1.00 | 0.66 | 1.31 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.32 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1.67 | 1.66 | 1.64 | 0.97 | 1.95 | 0.65 |
| Manslaughter | — | — | — | 0.32 | — | — |
| Driving causing death | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Total</i> | — | — | — | 0.32 | — | — |
| Assault | n.a. | n.a. | 455.70 | 585.24 | 548.36 | 540.51 |
| Sexual assault | 27.06 | 32.84 | 24.61 | 37.63 | 35.71 | 27.88 |
| Kidnapping/abduction | 1.00 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.65 | 2.92 | 0.97 |
| Armed robbery | 18.04 | 21.23 | 25.59 | 31.79 | 36.69 | 43.77 |
| Unarmed robbery | 20.38 | 21.89 | 26.90 | 35.04 | 37.99 | 50.91 |
| <i>Total</i> | 38.42 | 43.12 | 52.49 | 66.83 | 74.67 | 94.68 |
| Blackmail/extortion | 1.00 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.97 | — |
| UEWI | | | | | | |
| Involving the taking of property | n.a. | n.a. | 1 179.77 | 1 047.20 | 1 025.94 | 1 322.91 |
| Other | n.a. | n.a. | 418.96 | 414.27 | 399.99 | 490.25 |
| <i>Total</i> | 1 904.43 | 1 657.46 | 1 598.73 | 1 461.47 | 1 425.92 | 1 813.16 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 560.64 | 532.69 | 510.82 | 509.00 | 508.75 | 786.94 |
| Other theft | n.a. | n.a. | 3 385.77 | 3 376.47 | 3 028.46 | 3 456.75 |

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of the offence (see Glossary and Explanatory Notes, paragraph 9).

SECTION 12

WEAPON USE 1993–1998

INTRODUCTION

The following tables present national statistics on the use of weapons in the commission of selected offences for the period 1993–1998. Over this time, there have been changes in the pattern of weapon use and this section describes changes in the use of firearms and other weapons.

Firearm use

Firearm use is highest for the offences of murder, attempted murder and armed robbery. In 1993, 38% of armed robberies involved the use of a firearm. For attempted murder and murder 29% and 20% of offences respectively involved firearm use. Although murder and attempted murder showed increases around 1995 in the proportion of offences using firearms, by 1998 this proportion had decreased for all three offences, and stood between 18% and 19%.

12.1 Firearm Use



Murder

Nationally, the proportion of murder offences that involved the use of a weapon has remained constant from 1993–1998. The highest rate occurred in 1996 (the year of the Port Arthur incident where 35 lives were taken in a single incident involving a firearm) with 78% of murders involving a weapon. This was also the year that recorded the largest number of firearms used in murder offences, with 32% of all murders involving a firearm.

Attempted Murder

The proportion of attempted murder offences involving weapon use declined from 1993–1995, increased from 1995–1997 and then decreased again slightly in 1998. At present, the proportion is at the same level as it was in 1993.

Attempted murder *continued*

There has been a decrease in the use of firearms in attempted murders in 1998. Over 1993–1997, the proportion of attempted murder offences involving a firearm was between 23% and 31%. In 1998, this proportion decreased from 28% to 19%. This decrease was partly offset by an increase in weapons other than firearms being used (from 59% in 1997 to 65% in 1998).

Assault

The proportion of assault offences involving weapon use remained constant from 1995–1998, at around 10%. For those assaults involving weapon use, the majority of weapons used are those other than firearms (around 1% of all assaults involve firearms and around 9% involve other weapons).

Sexual Assault

The proportion of sexual assaults involving weapon use has stayed consistently low from 1993–1998, at around 2%. Between 0.1% and 0.2% of sexual assaults involved firearms.

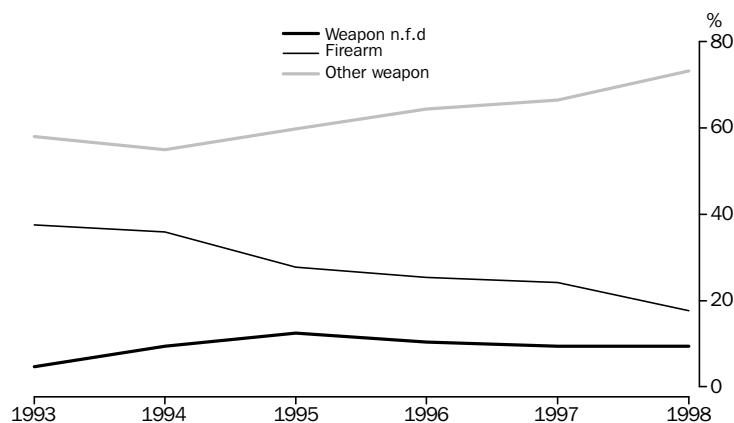
Kidnapping/Abduction

Weapon use in kidnapping/abduction offences has increased over the past six years (from 9.9% in 1993 to 15% in 1998). Specifically, there has been an increase in weapons other than firearms being used to commit this type of offence (from 5.7% in 1993 to 11% in 1998), while the proportion of firearms used remained fairly constant.

Armed Robbery

The number of armed robbery offences has almost doubled from 1993–1998 and the type of weapon being used in these robberies has changed considerably in this time.

In 1993, 38% of armed robberies involved a firearm, while in 1998 this proportion decreased to 18% of all armed robberies. The proportion of armed robberies where weapons other than firearms were used increased from 58% in 1993 to 73% in 1998.

12.2 ARMED ROBBERY, Weapon Use

12.3 VICTIMS(a) OF MURDER

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 17 | 10 | 16 | 15 | 8 | 9 |
| Firearm | 59 | 49 | 58 | 99 | 75 | 54 |
| Other weapon | 127 | 123 | 139 | 129 | 159 | 138 |
| Total | 203 | 182 | 213 | 243 | 242 | 201 |
| No weapon used | 93 | 106 | 113 | 69 | 79 | 83 |
| Total | 296 | 288 | 326 | 312 | 321 | 284 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 5.7 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 3.2 |
| Firearm | 19.9 | 17.0 | 17.8 | 31.7 | 23.4 | 19.0 |
| Other weapon | 42.9 | 42.7 | 42.6 | 41.3 | 49.5 | 48.6 |
| Total | 68.6 | 63.2 | 65.3 | 77.9 | 75.4 | 70.8 |
| No weapon used | 31.4 | 36.8 | 34.7 | 22.1 | 24.6 | 29.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

12.4 VICTIMS(a) OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 26 | 12 | 1 | 11 | — | 2 |
| Firearm | 105 | 79 | 80 | 104 | 90 | 74 |
| Other weapon | 181 | 174 | 143 | 158 | 187 | 247 |
| Total | 312 | 265 | 224 | 273 | 277 | 323 |
| No weapon used | 53 | 71 | 76 | 62 | 41 | 59 |
| Total | 365 | 336 | 300 | 335 | 318 | 382 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 7.1 | 3.6 | 0.3 | 3.3 | — | 0.5 |
| Firearm | 28.8 | 23.5 | 26.7 | 31.0 | 28.3 | 19.4 |
| Other weapon | 49.6 | 51.8 | 47.7 | 47.2 | 58.8 | 64.7 |
| Total | 85.5 | 78.9 | 74.7 | 81.5 | 87.1 | 84.6 |
| No weapon used | 14.5 | 21.1 | 25.3 | 18.5 | 12.9 | 15.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

12.5 VICTIMS(a) OF ASSAULT

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | n.a. | n.a. | 401 | 561 | 530 | 587 |
| Firearm | n.a. | n.a. | 667 | 657 | 815 | 680 |
| Other weapon | n.a. | n.a. | 8 952 | 10 424 | 11 305 | 12 294 |
| Total | n.a. | n.a. | 10 020 | 11 642 | 12 650 | 13 561 |
| No weapon used | n.a. | n.a. | 91 690 | 102 514 | 111 850 | 119 406 |
| Total | n.a. | n.a. | 101 710 | 114 156 | 124 500 | 132 967 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | n.a. | n.a. | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Firearm | n.a. | n.a. | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Other weapon | n.a. | n.a. | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 |
| Total | n.a. | n.a. | 9.9 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| No weapon used | n.a. | n.a. | 90.1 | 89.8 | 89.8 | 89.8 |
| Total | n.a. | n.a. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

12.6 VICTIMS(a) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 15 | 5 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 |
| Firearm | 27 | 16 | 22 | 20 | 33 | 24 |
| Other weapon | 181 | 150 | 211 | 251 | 256 | 280 |
| Total | 223 | 171 | 244 | 279 | 296 | 309 |
| No weapon used | 11 963 | 12 551 | 12 855 | 14 263 | 14 057 | 14 259 |
| Total | 12 186 | 12 722 | 13 099 | 14 542 | 14 353 | 14 568 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Firearm | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Other weapon | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Total | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| No weapon used | 98.2 | 98.7 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 97.9 | 97.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

12.7 VICTIMS(a) OF KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Firearm | 25 | 21 | 13 | 25 | 21 | 26 |
| Other weapon | 36 | 49 | 36 | 43 | 47 | 73 |
| Total | 62 | 74 | 51 | 70 | 69 | 100 |
| No weapon used | 566 | 472 | 408 | 410 | 493 | 562 |
| Total | 628 | 546 | 459 | 480 | 562 | 662 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Firearm | 4.0 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 5.2 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Other weapon | 5.7 | 9.0 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 11.0 |
| Total | 9.9 | 13.6 | 11.1 | 14.6 | 12.3 | 15.1 |
| No weapon used | 90.1 | 86.4 | 88.9 | 85.4 | 87.7 | 84.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

12.8 VICTIMS(a) OF ARMED ROBBERY

| <i>Use of weapon</i> | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| NUMBER | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 243 | 467 | 653 | 642 | 850 | 1 013 |
| Firearm | 1 983 | 1 810 | 1 460 | 1 585 | 2 185 | 1 910 |
| Other weapon | 3 068 | 2 768 | 3 145 | 4 029 | 6 019 | 7 927 |
| Total | 5 294 | 5 045 | 5 258 | 6 256 | 9 054 | 10 850 |
| No weapon used | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 5 294 | 5 045 | 5 258 | 6 256 | 9 054 | 10 850 |
| PROPORTION (%) | | | | | | |
| Weapon used | | | | | | |
| Weapon n.f.d. | 4.6 | 9.3 | 12.4 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 9.3 |
| Firearm | 37.5 | 35.9 | 27.8 | 25.3 | 24.1 | 17.6 |
| Other weapon | 58.0 | 54.9 | 59.8 | 64.4 | 66.5 | 73.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| No weapon used | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

(a) Refers to individual persons.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents national crime statistics relating to a selected range of offences that have become known to, and have been recorded by, police. These offences may have been reported by a victim, witness or other person, or they may have been detected by police. The statistics do not provide a total picture of crime, as not all crime comes to the attention of the police. In order to gain a more comprehensive picture of the nature and extent of crime, these statistics should be complemented with information from other sources such as crime victim surveys. In addition, care should be taken in interpreting police statistics as fluctuations in recorded crime may be a reflection of changes in community attitudes in reporting crime, changes in police procedures or changes in crime reporting systems, rather than a change in the incidence of criminal behaviour.

2 The aim of national crime statistics is to provide comparable data across jurisdictions (i.e. States and Territories). These statistics are indicators of the level and nature of recorded crime in Australia and provide a basis for measuring changes over time.

3 In order to ensure comparability between jurisdictions, the statistics have been compiled according to national standards. These have been developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in collaboration with each police force, an Advisory Group of expert users and a Board of Management comprising Police Commissioners and senior officers of the Commonwealth Government and State Governments.

4 The national offence definitions and counting rules (see paragraphs 26–39) vary from those used in each jurisdiction. Hence, the statistics presented in this publication may be different to those published by police forces in individual States and Territories. National crime statistics are compiled on a victim basis in that they count the number of victims for each offence category rather than the number of breaches of the criminal law.

5 Given the diverse capacities of the statistical information systems used by each police force, a staged approach has been adopted in the production of national crime statistics. Only those offence categories for which comparable national standards have been developed are presented. The stage 1 data set, used in the 1993 and 1994 national crime statistics publications, consists of 11 offence categories, the initial type of location (refer to Glossary) where the criminal incident occurred, and information on the use of a weapon in the commission of offences. The stage 2 data set, introduced in the 1995 national crime statistics publication, includes the additional offence categories of assault and other theft with a dissection of unlawful entry with intent (UEWI) into UEWI involving the taking of property and UEWI—other. Age and sex of the victim, and the relationship of offender to victim were also introduced at this stage. The stage 3 data set includes outcome of police investigation statistics for selected offences recorded in 1998. Additional data concerning crime will be progressively added to the national collection as comparability is achieved.

OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATIONS

6 Outcome of investigations represents the status that a police investigation has reached after a period of 30 days has elapsed since the recording of the incident by police.

DATA SOURCE

7 Data are derived from the information recorded on official crime reports prepared by police. The practices used to record information relating to offences range from paper documents to on-line computer systems.

REPORTING AUTHORITIES

8 The reporting authorities are the police forces of the States and Territories of Australia. They are responsible for recording information about offences that have been reported, and collating statistics in accordance with national requirements.

9 National requirements specify that offences should be counted in the State or Territory in which the offence occurred, regardless of which law enforcement agency completes the crime report or undertakes the investigation. There is some indication that this may not always be the case, particularly for offences such as motor vehicle theft which occur near State and Territory borders. However, investigations suggest that the problem is small.

REFERENCE DATE

10 National crime statistics are compiled on the basis of the date an offence is reported. This corresponds to either the date the offence was reported to police by a member of the public or when it was detected by police. The report date may not necessarily be the date when the offence occurred. This is particularly so for the murder and attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death, and sexual assault subdivisions where in some instances the time lag between when the offence(s) occurred and the report/detection date may be substantial.

11 Statistics produced on the basis of date recorded may be affected over time by variable lags in completing and/or processing some crime reports. Where offences reported in the reference year are not processed for inclusion in the national statistics until the following year, revised data are included in subsequent publications and footnoted accordingly.

REFERENCE PERIOD

12 National crime statistics are produced annually on a calendar-year basis. The reference period for this publication relates to offences that have been reported between 1 January and 31 December 1998. Tables 1.3 and 1.5 provide annual data for 1998 and 1997 respectively (including revisions where they have been advised), and table 1.4 provides financial year data for 1997–98.

CLASSIFICATIONS

13 The offence categories used for national crime statistics in this publication are based on the ABS *Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO)* (Cat. no. 1234.0). The ANCO was designed to provide a national framework for classifying offences for statistical purposes. For national crime statistics, ANCO subdivisions have been used as the broadest level for collating and presenting data on offences. It is proposed that commencing from 1 January 1999 the revised and renamed *Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC)* (Cat. no. 1234.0) will be used to present the statistics. This revised classification was released in October 1997 following a complete review of ANCO.

14 In allocating offences to the national offence classification, it is first determined whether the offence is within the scope of the collection and then in which offence category it should be included. Offences are classified according to national definitions. This standardises offence categories and overcomes jurisdictional differences in laws and offence classifications. The national offence definitions are descriptive and may not correspond with legal or police offence definitions.

SCOPE

15 The offence subdivisions included in the national crime statistics collection in respect of 1998 include murder and attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death, assault, sexual assault, kidnapping/abduction, robbery, blackmail/extortion, unlawful entry with intent (UEWI), motor vehicle theft and other theft. Offences against Commonwealth laws processed under Commonwealth jurisdiction are excluded from the scope of the collection.

16 With the exception of the motor vehicle theft and other theft subdivisions, statistics for the offence categories in the national crime statistics collection relate to completed offences and attempted offences (i.e. where the intent is not fulfilled). Attempted motor vehicle thefts and attempted other theft are excluded from the collection due to difficulties in distinguishing these offences from criminal damage.

17 Attempts to commit an offence are classified to the same ANCO subdivision/group as completed offences. The only exception is for the murder and attempted murder subdivision where both offences are counted and published separately.

18 The national crime statistics collection excludes:

- conspiracy offences: the local offence classifications used in jurisdictions do not generally enable the identification of the substantive offence category to which the conspiracy relates;
- threats to commit an offence: these differ from offences like robbery, kidnapping/abduction and blackmail/extortion wherein an element of threat is implicit in the nature of the crime; and
- aid, abet and accessory offences: these offences relate to the role of offenders in connection with an offence and are not considered to be offences committed directly against a victim.

19 Offences may include those which at a later point in time are determined to be unfounded (i.e. false or baseless) or are withdrawn by the complainant. Data on the status of the recorded offences (outcome of investigations) are included in this publication.

RATES

20 For all the offence categories, rates are presented per 100,000 of the Estimated Residential Population (ERP) for each of the States and Territories (refer *Australian Demographic Statistics, September Quarter 1998* (Cat. no. 3101.0)). As the population changes over time, the denominator used for the calculation of rates will vary, depending on the reference period. The ERP for the midpoint of each reference period is used to calculate the rates. Yearly rates for the period 1 January to 31 December 1998 have been calculated on the basis of the June 1998 ERP, while the June 1997 ERP is used for the period from 1 January to 31 December 1997. Financial year 1997–98 data has been calculated using the December 1997 ERP.

21 Rates enable comparisons of offence categories to be made across the States and Territories. Rates expressed per 100,000 persons generally accord with international and State and Territory practice.

22 The risk of victimisation varies depending on the age and sex of the victim. These statistics include details of the age and sex of the victim, and age and sex specific victimisation rates have been included. These are calculated using estimates of the age and sex breakdown of the population. Similarly, for offences such as robbery, where the victim may be a person or an organisation, victimisation rates have been provided for person victims only.

23 For certain offence categories, care should be taken when interpreting crime rate statistics. Expressing crime rates in terms of the total population is appropriate for offence categories such as murder, assault and kidnapping/abduction, where the victim is a person. However, for property crimes such as UEWI and motor vehicle theft, it may be more appropriate to express rates in terms of the number of residential dwellings, which is approximated by the number of residential households, and the number of motor vehicle registrations in each State and Territory, respectively. For this reason, alternative rates have been calculated and presented for the offence categories of UEWI and motor vehicle theft.

24 Victims of UEWI offences occur in all location types. A household estimate is used to calculate the victimisation rate of UEWI offences related to residential locations. A household usually resides in a private dwelling and about 97% of the usual resident population in Australia are resident in private dwellings. As the household estimate is calculated based on usual residence in private dwellings, it can be used as an indicator for the number of residential dwellings. For 1998 data, calculations were based on household estimates from the *Australian Demographic Statistics, June Quarter 1998* (Cat. no. 3101.0). Revised 1997 data used household estimates from the *September Quarter 1998* edition of the same publication.

25 The most recent motor vehicle registration census data as at 31 October 1997 is used to calculate the victimisation rate of motor vehicle theft. Rates are calculated using total motor vehicles including motor cycles. Refer *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia* (Cat. no. 9309.0).

COUNTING METHODOLOGY

26 The national counting rule is that for each victim within a distinct criminal incident, count the most serious offence per national offence subdivision. It is important to remember that the definition of a victim varies according to the type of offence (refer to Glossary). The most serious offence within a national offence subdivision is that classified to the group having the lowest numerical code. For the murder and attempted murder subdivision, murder (111) is the most serious offence group.

COUNTING METHODOLOGY *continued*

27 For the manslaughter and driving causing death subdivision, manslaughter (114) is the most serious offence. For the robbery subdivision it is armed robbery (211) and for the UEWI subdivision, it is UEWI—involving the taking of property (311). The other offence subdivisions included in the collection are not disaggregated into groups and hence identification of the most serious offence is not necessary. For some offences, such as assault and sexual assault, individuals may be the victims of repeated offences during any counting period. These statistics provide counts of victims for each recorded incident.

28 National crime statistics measure the number of victims per national offence subdivision for offences recorded by police during the reference period. They do not attempt to measure:

- the total number of distinct victims reported to police, since the same victim may be counted more than once within a reference period. This occurs when a victim is subjected to multiple offences belonging to different national offence subdivisions, either in the same criminal incident or across different criminal incidents. For example, a victim who has been kidnapped, raped and murdered will be counted three times according to the national counting rule; once in the kidnapping/abduction subdivision, once in the sexual assault subdivision, and once in the murder and attempted murder subdivision. Alternatively, a victim may be counted more than once within the same national offence subdivision if the multiple offences relate to different criminal incidents or are reported to police at different times;
- the total number of offences recorded by police. Not all types of offences are included in the national crime statistics collection. Furthermore, if a criminal incident involves multiple offences which belong to the same national offence subdivision and are committed against the same victim, only one count is included in the national crime statistics. For example, national crime statistics would count one sexual assault for a victim who has been both raped and indecently assaulted; or
- the charges resulting from a criminal incident (e.g. aid and abet or accessory offences).

SINGLE OFFENCE INCIDENTS

29 For offences classified to the murder and attempted murder subdivision, one offence is counted per person per incident.

30 For offences classified to the manslaughter and driving causing death subdivision, one offence is counted per person per incident.

31 For offences classified to the assault subdivision, one offence is counted per person per incident.

32 For offences classified to the sexual assault subdivision, one offence is counted per person per incident. Thus, if a victim is subjected to multiple sexual assaults within an incident (e.g. due to attacks by several offenders or being repeatedly assaulted by the same offender) only one offence is counted. Similarly, only one offence is counted where multiple offences of the same type (e.g. long-term sexual abuse) occur to the same victim repeatedly over a period of time (refer to Glossary definition of criminal incident). However, if the victim reports the offences to police at different times, then a count is made for each separate report.

SINGLE OFFENCE INCIDENTS *continued*

33 For offences classified to the kidnapping/abduction subdivision, one offence is counted per person per incident.

34 For offences classified to the robbery subdivision, one offence is counted per person/organisation per incident (refer to definition of victim for robbery). For example, if a bank with several customers present is robbed, this is counted as one robbery with the victim being the bank. If personal property is also taken from two customers, there are three victims, the bank and the two customers, hence the number of robberies counted is three.

35 For offences classified to the blackmail/extortion subdivision, one offence is counted per person/organisation per incident.

36 For offences classified to the UEWI subdivision, one offence is counted per place/premise (refer to Glossary) per incident. A place/premise can consist of either a single structure (e.g. house), part of a single structure (e.g. flat) or multiple structures (e.g. farmstead with house, barns and sheds). The same property containing the same structure(s) can be counted differently depending on the occupancy arrangements at the time. The following guidelines relate to the counting of UEWI offences:

- For UEWI to multiple structures on the same property and having the same occupant(s), one victim is counted regardless of the number of separate structures entered. Examples include UEWI to: house, attached or unattached garage and the backyard shed located on the one property; warehouses occupied by a sole organisation located on same property.
- For UEWI to multiple structures on the same property but occupied by more than one household or organisation, one is counted for each separate household or organisation. Where a business premise has an attached residence that is occupied by the same person(s), the registered business is considered to be a separate victim.
- For UEWI to individual areas in a building that are rented, leased or occupied separately, one is counted for each separate tenant. For example, in a block of 10 flats which are leased by 10 different tenants where three flats are unlawfully entered, there is a count of three. If unlawful entry to the building itself is recorded, an additional offence of UEWI to that building is counted. Examples include UEWI to: apartments in one building; flats in a block of flats; offices of a number of commercial firms in a business building; offices of individual professionals within one building; offices of different companies in a warehouse; shops in a shopping complex; hotel rooms; motel units; lodging houses.

37 For offences classified to the motor vehicle theft subdivision, one offence is counted per motor vehicle per incident. For example, if five cars are stolen from a car yard, this is counted as five motor vehicle thefts. Note: the national crime statistics collection excludes attempted motor vehicle theft.

38 For offences classified to the other theft subdivision, one offence is counted per person/organisation per incident. Note: the national crime statistics collection excludes attempted other theft.

MULTIPLE OFFENCE INCIDENTS

39 For incidents where the same victim is subjected to multiple offences belonging to different offence subdivisions, one offence, the most serious, is counted within each subdivision. For example, if a person is kidnapped and then raped by two offenders, one kidnapping/abduction and one sexual assault would be counted.

DATA COMPARABILITY

40 National crime statistics are compiled in order to maximise comparability of offence statistics across jurisdictions. Although jurisdictional differences have been mainly overcome through the introduction of national standards, some legislative, interpretative and processing differences inevitably remain. As part of its quality assurance program, the ABS, in conjunction with statistical staff of each State and Territory police force, is in the process of conducting detailed analyses of legislative, interpretative and procedural differences between the jurisdictions in order to further improve comparability of national crime statistics.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

ABS publications

41 Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0)—issued quarterly

Australian Social Trends (Cat. no. 4102.0)—issued annually

Australian Standard Offence Classification, 1997 (ASOC) (Cat. no. 1234.0)—irregular

Causes of Death, Australia (Cat. no. 3303.0)—issued annually

Corrective Services, Australia (Cat. no. 4512.0)—issued quarterly

Crime and Safety, Australia, April 1993 (Cat. no. 4509.0)—irregular

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GLOSSARY

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| Assault | Assault is the direct infliction of force, injury or violence upon a person, including attempts or threats, providing the attempts/threats are in the form of face-to-face direct confrontation and there is reason to believe that the attempts/threats can be immediately enacted. |
| Attempted murder | Attempted murder is the attempt to unlawfully kill another person by any means, act or omission. |
| Australian National Classification of Offences (ANCO) | The ANCO is a hierarchical classification which orders offence types into an exhaustive list of mutually exclusive categories. The ANCO consists of three levels: divisions, subdivisions and groups. For national crime statistics purposes, victims are counted at the subdivision level. For the murder and attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death, robbery and UEWI subdivisions, the statistics are further disaggregated into groups. The ANCO has been replaced by the Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC) released in 1997. |
| Australian Standard Offence Classification (ASOC) | The ASOC is a hierarchical classification developed by the ABS for use in the collection and publication of crime and justice statistics. It provides a classificatory framework for the comparison of statistics on offences across Australia. It replaces the ANCO and resulted both from the need to update the existing classification and to address its recognised deficiencies. The ABS will update the ASOC on a regular basis to account for changes in the law and in response to issues identified in its use. |
| Blackmail/extortion | Blackmail/extortion is to demand or unlawfully obtain money, property or any other item of value, or a service either tangible or intangible, not from the immediate possession of the victim but through coercive measures. It may include the use or threat of force, misuse of authority (including threat of criminal prosecution), or the threat of destruction of the victim's reputation or social standing at some time in the future, if the demands are not met. Note: it is distinguished from robbery in that there is the threat of further or continued violence in the future instead of, or in addition to, an immediate threat. |
| Criminal incident | A criminal incident consists of one or more offences (and their related victims and offenders) which are grouped into the same unique occurrence if they are committed by the same person or group of persons and if: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ they are part of actions committed simultaneously or in sequence over a short period of time at the same place; or▪ they are part of interrelated actions; that is, where one action leads to the other or where one is the consequence of the other(s); or▪ they involve the same action(s) repeated over a long period of time against the same victim(s) and come to the attention of the police at one point in time. |
| Driving causing death | Driving causing death is the unlawful killing of a person caused through culpable, dangerous or negligent driving. |

- Kidnapping/abduction** Kidnapping/abduction is the unlawful seizing or taking away of another person:
- by force; or
 - by deception; or
 - against that person's will; or
 - against the will of any parent, guardian or other person having lawful custody or care of that person.
- Manslaughter** Manslaughter is the unlawful killing of a person caused:
- without intent to kill, usually as a result of a careless, reckless or negligent act;
 - intentionally but due to extreme provocation; or
 - when in a state of mind that impairs the capacity to understand or control one's actions.
- Motor vehicle theft** Motor vehicle theft is the taking of a motor vehicle unlawfully or without permission. This excludes damaging and tampering/interfering with a motor vehicle. Note: attempted motor vehicle theft is not included.
- For the purposes of defining motor vehicle theft, a motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface (but is not restricted to rails or tram lines) and is eligible for registration for use on public roads. This includes but is not limited to: car; motorcycle; campervan; truck; lorry; bus; grader; tractor.
- Murder** Murder is the wilful killing of a person either intentionally or with reckless indifference to life.
- Offence** An offence is an act considered *prima facie* to be in breach of the criminal law.
- Offence category** An offence category is a broad class of offences which generally corresponds to the ANCO subdivisions and groups.
- Other theft** Other theft is the taking of another person's property with the intention of permanently depriving the owner of the property illegally and without permission, but without force, threat of force, use of coercive measures, deceit or having gained unlawful entry to any structure even if the intent was to commit theft. Note: attempted other theft is not included.
- Outcome of investigations** Outcome of investigations represents the stage that a police investigation has reached after a period of 30 days has elapsed since the recording of the incident by police. At the broad level, outcome of investigations is categorised in three levels, Divisions 1, 2 and 3. Each Division is explained in more detail below.
- Division 1—Investigation not finalised
- Applies to offences which have not been finalised, and no offender has been proceeded against at the time of reporting the outcome. There has not been an explicit decision by investigators, due to those conditions applying to outcomes in Divisions 2 and 3, to finalise the case. Division 1 includes:
- Investigation continuing: where the investigation remains open and is being actively pursued by investigators; and
 - Investigation pending/suspended: where an investigation remains open and is not being actively investigated, but would be reopened if new evidence emerged.

Outcome of investigations *continued*

Division 2—Investigations finalised—No offender proceeded against

Applies to those cases where an investigation has been finalised, but no offender has been proceeded against, due to the circumstances of the alleged offenders, or because the offence could not be verified, and the cases are unlikely to be reopened. Division 2 includes:

- Unable to proceed: where one or more alleged offenders have been identified but no action is able to be taken because of a statute bar applying, diplomatic immunity, incompetence of the alleged offender(s), death of the alleged offender, imprisonment or age of the alleged offender;
- Lapsed: where time limitations (such as a statute of limitations) have meant that an offender could not be proceeded against;
- Unfounded: refers to instances where a crime report is considered to have no foundation after investigation by police because the incident reported could not be substantiated, or the incident did not constitute an offence;
- Withdrawn: refers to instances where a crime report/complaint is withdrawn by a complainant/victim before court proceedings or other means of processing offenders commences; and
- Other investigation finalised: refers to instances other than those described above where an investigation is finalised without proceeding against an offender.

Division 3—Investigation Finalised—Offender proceeded against

Applies to offences which have been finalised, and at least one offender has been proceeded against at the time of reporting the outcome. Division 3 includes:

Court proceedings

- Arrest: one or more alleged offenders are intended to be proceeded against by being brought to court by arrest;
- Other court proceedings: one or more alleged offenders are intended to be proceeded against by being brought to court by warrant, summons, notice to appear, etc.

Non-court proceedings

- Diversionary conference: one or more alleged offenders are intended to be proceeded against by the convening of a diversionary or conciliation conference;
- Caution: one or more alleged offenders are intended to be proceeded against by the administration of a formal caution through some legal process other than court proceedings, a diversionary conference or caution; and
- Other non-court proceedings: one or more alleged offenders are to be proceeded against through some legal process other than court proceedings, a diversionary conference or caution.

Relationship of offender to victim

The relationship of offender to victim relates to only those offences where the victim is a person. The relationship is recorded according to the victim's perception of the relationship between the offender and the victim. In instances involving multiple offenders, the offender identified by the victim, or reporting officer, as the primary offender is used for determining the relationship of offender to victim.

- Robbery** Robbery is the unlawful taking of property, without consent, under confrontational circumstances from the immediate possession, control, custody or care of a person, accompanied by force or threat of force or violence and/or by placing the victim in fear. The following offence groups are categories of robbery:
- Armed robbery is robbery conducted with the use of a weapon (refer to definition for weapon).
 - Unarmed robbery is robbery conducted without the use of a weapon.
- Sexual assault** Sexual assault is a physical assault of a sexual nature, directed toward another person where that person:
- does not give consent; or
 - gives consent as a result of intimidation or fraud; or
 - is legally deemed incapable of giving consent because of youth or temporary/permanent incapacity.
- Type of location** Type of location refers to the initial site where a criminal incident occurred. The type of location is determined on the basis of use or function. Locations which are multi-functional are categorised according to their primary function. The only exception is a multi-functional location which includes the provision of residential accommodation. Those parts used for residential purposes are classified to 'residential' regardless of the main function of the location. For example, a residential college within university grounds is coded to 'residential' and not 'educational'. The following are type of location categories:
- Residential location*
A permanent or semi-permanent dwelling used for private or commercial residential purposes. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard connected to the dwelling, together with any other structures existing at the location.
- Residential location n.f.d.*
The type of residential location is unspecified.
- Dwelling n.f.d.*
The type of dwelling is unspecified.
- Dwelling—private*
A self-contained room/suite of rooms intended for long-term residential use. It can be a house, flat, part of a house, a room or even a caravan. However, it may also be residential quarters attached to shops or offices.
- Dwelling—non-private*
A non-private dwelling provides short-term or long-term accommodation. It may or may not be self-contained.
- Outbuilding/residential land*
Land and other structures (excluding dwellings) which lie within the curtilage of a residential location.

Type of location *continued**Community location*

The primary activity is the provision of services/facilities for public use. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location. Note: there are some locations which provide services/facilities for public use that are classified elsewhere on the basis of their primary function (e.g. parks and ovals are placed in the category 'recreational' even though they are community locations).

Community location n.f.d.

The type of community location is unspecified.

Educational

The primary activity is the provision of educational service(s). This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Health

The primary activity is the provision of health service(s). This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Religious

The primary activity is the provision of religious service(s). This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Transport

The primary activity is the provision of transport services/facilities. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Transport n.f.d.

The type of transport location is unspecified.

Terminal

The primary activity is the provision of stopping/parking/docking space for transport vehicles/vessels. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Conveyance in transit

A transport conveyance/vehicle that is in transit.

Car park

The primary activity is the provision of parking space for motor vehicles (e.g. a commercial car park). Note: car parking areas that form part of another location should be classified to the location in question (e.g. the car park surrounding a shopping centre should be classified to 'retail').

Transport n.e.c.

The type of transport location is specified but cannot be classified to any of the other 'transport' categories.

Type of location *continued**Justice*

The primary activity is maintenance of the law. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Open space

Open space refers to public space not reserved for specific functions. Note: there are some locations which are open spaces used by the community, but these may be classified elsewhere on the basis of their primary function (e.g. parks and ovals are placed in the category 'recreational' even though they are open spaces).

Street/footpath

The primary activity is the passage of people. Note: locations that provide transport services/facilities should not be placed in this category, but in 'transport'.

Community location n.e.c.

The type of community location is specified but cannot be classified to any of the other 'community location' categories.

Other location

The primary activity cannot be classified to either the 'residential' or 'community' categories. This may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Other location n.f.d.

The type of 'other location' is unspecified.

Administrative/professional

The primary activity is the provision of clerical, administrative or professional service(s). It includes office blocks or single offices, incorporating government departments, private organisations and sole proprietors. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Banking

The primary activity is the provision of banking services. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Retail

The primary activity is the selling of goods or the provision of services to customers for personal/household use. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location (excludes chemist/pharmacy and service station).

Retail n.f.d.

The type of retail location is unspecified.

Type of location *continued**Chemist/pharmacy*

The primary activity is the selling of pharmaceutical and other related products (e.g. prescription drugs or patent medicines, cosmetics or toilet preparations). This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Service station

The primary activity is the retailing of petrol. (Where the location is a combined service station/convenience store, the type of location should be determined by the primary function. For example, if the retailing of petrol is the primary function, then the location should be classified to service station. If the retailing of food and other items is the primary function, then the location should be classified to retail n.e.c.) This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Retail n.e.c.

The type of retail location is specified but cannot be classified to any of the 'retail' location categories.

Wholesale

The primary activity is the selling of goods to commercial enterprises. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Warehousing/storage

The primary activity is the provision of storage space. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Manufacturing

The primary activity is the production of goods. This excludes primary industries. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Agricultural

The primary activity is the production of crops and/or raising of livestock. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location.

Recreational

The primary activity is the provision of recreational facilities. This definition may encompass any surrounding land/yard/car parking area, together with any other structures existing at the location. (There are some locations that could be regarded as community locations which have been placed in the category recreational, on the basis of their primary function.)

Other location n.e.c.

The type of other location is specified but cannot be classified to any of the other location categories.

Unspecified location

The location is unspecified or unknown.

**Unlawful entry with intent
(UEWI)**

UEWI is the unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit an offence. An offence includes theft, property damage and any offence against an individual. Entry is regarded as unlawful if the offender(s) has no lawful access to the structure. In some situations this is determined by time, in that some buildings or structures are only open to the public during certain hours and days of the week. Note: UEWI is distinguished from entering with unlawful intent whereby the intent was unlawful but the entry was not. Thus, entry associated with shoplifting (i.e. stealing from a shop during shopping hours), stealing from a house to which the offender has been invited and incidents where an offence such as stealing, property damage or assault occur when the offender has legitimate access to that structure, do not constitute the offence of UEWI. It is also distinguished from offences such as trespass whereby entry is unlawful but there is no intent to commit an offence.

The national offence category UEWI incorporates burglary, break and enter and some stealing offences and is broadly defined to include both forced and unforced entry into a structure. New South Wales and Queensland operate on the basis of break and enter legislation which is more narrowly defined than UEWI and is restricted to stealing offences where a forced entry/exit has occurred. Hence, stealing offences from a structure in New South Wales or Queensland which do not involve a forced entry/exit are recorded as stealings, thefts or larcenies and are included in the UEWI counts for national crime statistics purposes. For the remaining jurisdictions, such stealing offences that occur without a forced entry/exit fall within the scope of the offence type burglary (or a combination of burglary and break and enter offences in the case of South Australia, or unlawful entry in the case of the Northern Territory). The development of the UEWI national offence category overcomes the definitional differences that exist between jurisdictions (i.e. where an offence may be recorded as either burglary, break and enter or stealing depending on the State or Territory where the offence occurred).

For the purposes of defining UEWI, a structure includes but is not limited to: dwelling (e.g. house, flat, apartment, condominium, cabin, tent, houseboat, caravan); other buildings within the curtilage of a dwelling (e.g. garage, shed, barn); annexe; office; bank; shop; service station; hotel; motel; factory; warehouse; school; church; hospital; public building; building for public entertainment/recreation etc. Structures must be contained (i.e. have walls) and capable of being secured in some form. Motor vehicles (excluding campervans that are being used for accommodation), carports, yards and verandahs are not regarded as structures and hence are excluded from the scope of this offence.

For the purposes of determining the number of counts of UEWI, a place/premise is a single, connected property, containing one or more structures, all of which are occupied by the same person or group of people. The occupant(s) may own, rent, lease or otherwise inhabit the structure(s).

There are two offence categories of UEWI:

- UEWI—involving the taking of property, means the unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit an offence, resulting in the taking of property from the structure.
- UEWI—other, means the unlawful entry of a structure which does not result in the taking of property from the structure.

- Victim** The victim varies according to the offence category:
- for murder and attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death, assault, sexual assault and kidnapping/abduction, the victim is an individual person;
 - for robbery, the victim may be either an individual person or an organisation. Where the robbery involves an organisation or business, the element of property ownership is the key to determining the number and type of robbery victims. If the robbery only involves property belonging to an organisation, then one victim (i.e. the organisation) is counted regardless of the number of employees from which the property is taken. However, if robbery of an organisation also involves personal property in an employee's custody, then both the organisation and employee(s) are counted as victims;
 - for blackmail/extortion, the victim may be either an individual person or an organisation;
 - for UEWI, the victim is the place/premise which is defined as a single connected property that is owned, rented or occupied by the same person or group of people;
 - for motor vehicle theft, the victim is the motor vehicle; and
 - for other theft, the victim is either an individual person or an organisation.

- Weapon** A weapon is defined as any object used to cause injury or fear of injury. It also includes imitation weapons and implied weapons (e.g. where a weapon is not seen by the victim but the offender claims to possess one). Parts of the body such as fists or feet are not included. The following are categories of weapons:
- Firearm: a firearm is any potentially lethal, barrelled weapon from which any shot, bullet, or other missile is able, or appears able, to be discharged. This includes but is not limited to: pistol; revolver; rifle; automatic/semi-automatic rifle; shotgun; military firearm; airgun; nail gun; cannon; imitation firearm; implied firearm. This excludes bow and arrow; crossbow; spear gun; blowgun.
 - Other weapon: this includes any instrument or substance, other than a firearm, capable of inflicting damage, injury or death. This includes but is not limited to: knife; sharp instrument; blunt instrument; hammer; axe; club; iron bar; piece of wood; syringe/hypodermic needle; bow and arrow; crossbow; spear gun; blowgun; rope; wire; chemical; acid; explosive; vehicle; other dangerous article; imitation weapons (excluding firearms).