

# NSW Trends in Domestic & Family Violence – Quarterly Report

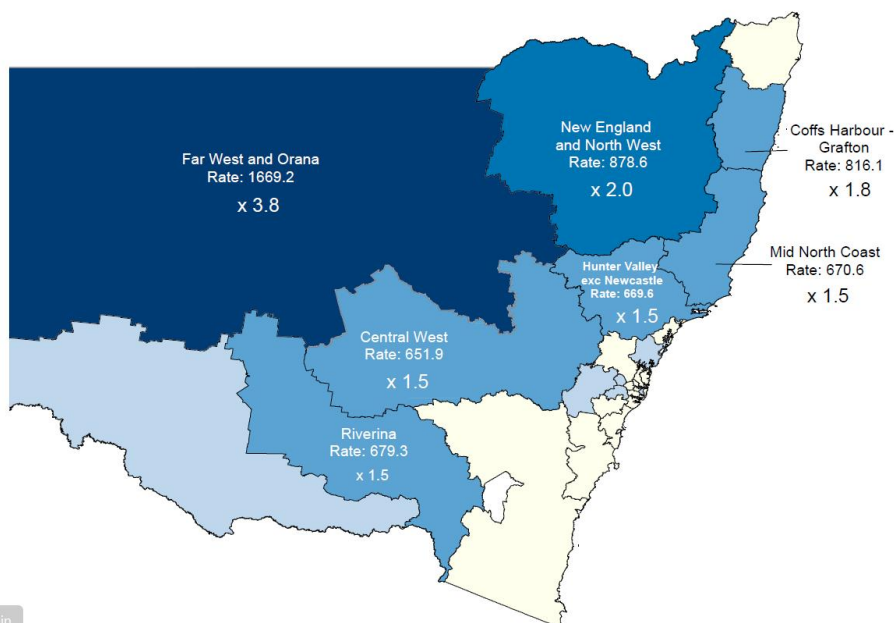
## Data to December 2023

Quarterly update on domestic and family violence recorded by the NSW Police Force. Includes trends in recorded domestic violence (DV) related criminal incidents, police enforcement and victim characteristics.

### Key Insights

- There were 15 adult women who were a victim of a DV murder in the 12 months to December 2023, up 6 from the previous 12-month period, and down 3 from five years ago (12 months to December 2019).
- DV assaults recorded by NSW Police increased significantly over the two and five years to December 2023, up by 6.7% over two years and up 3.6% per year on average over five years.
- These significant increases in DV assaults were recorded for Greater Sydney and in Regional NSW. The year-on-year increase was higher in Regional NSW than Greater Sydney (7.6% vs 6.0%), and substantially higher over five years (5.5% vs 2.0% average annual change).
- The most serious category of DV assault (Grievous bodily harm) has been stable in the two and five years to December 2023.
- The proportion of DV assault incidents where police commenced a legal action within 30 days fell compared with the previous 12-month period, from 67.7% to 64.7%.

## DV assault in NSW – Rate map January - December 2023



### Ratio to NSW average

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

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# Recorded DFV Trends - incidents and victims



## DV assault incidents 12 months to Dec 2023

**36,072**

Current

↑ 2,275

From prior year

↑ 6.7%

2 year trend

↑ 3.6%

5 year trend  
(annual average)

Figure 1. Two and five year trends in DV related incidents

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2 year trend	5 year trend (annual average)
DV murder	32	31	23	24	29	stable	stable
<b>Total DV assault</b>	<b>31,349</b>	<b>32,280</b>	<b>32,132</b>	<b>33,797</b>	<b>36,072</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
DV Grievous bodily harm	358	405	363	364	385	stable	stable
DV Actual bodily harm	8,205	8,643	8,618	9,210	9,456	stable	3.6%
DV Common assault	22,781	23,220	23,138	24,207	26,216	8.3%	3.6%
DV Intimidation, stalking & harassment	16,171	17,898	19,413	20,932	22,201	6.1%	8.2%
DV breach AVO	17,057	18,979	20,100	21,404	22,969	7.3%	7.7%
DV Non-criminal episode	85,236	89,840	84,825	79,822	85,399	stable	stable

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

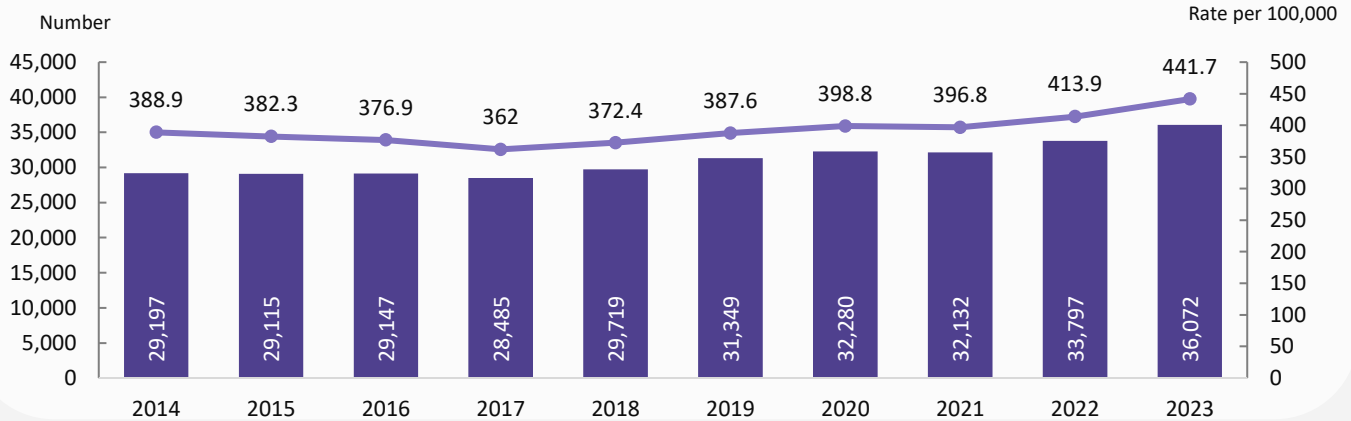
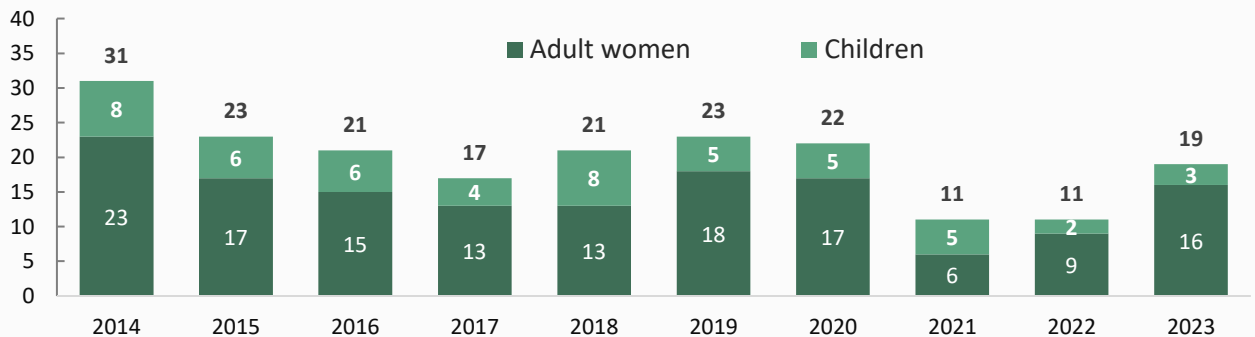


Figure 3. DV murder victims: adult women and children only



'Domestic Violence' includes incidents flagged by the NSW Police Force as domestic violence related, based on relationship between victim and offender including current and ex intimate partner, family member and other domestic relationships such as household members, carers and ex partner of current partner.

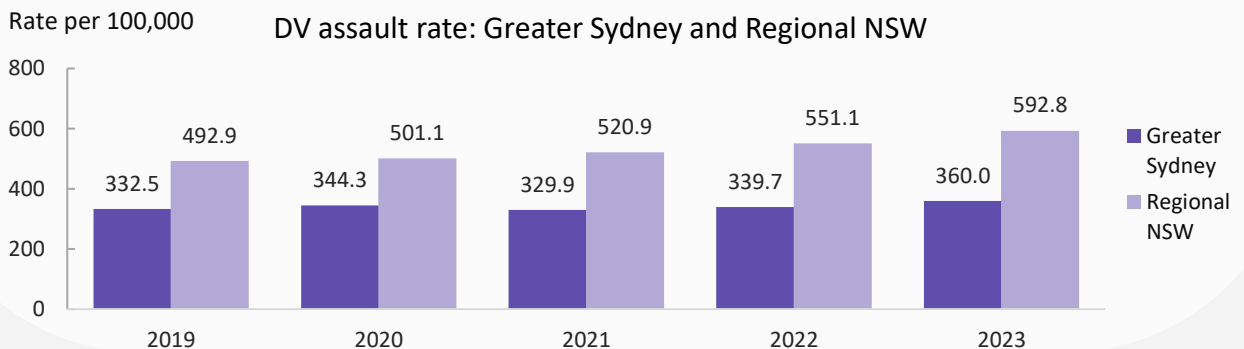
# What are the regional trends for DV assault?

Figure 4. DV assault : Greater Sydney, Regional NSW, NSW and Regional SA4

Region	Two year trends	Five year trends (annual average % change)	Ratio to NSW	Number (12 months to Dec 2023)	Rate per 100,000 (12 months to Dec 2023)
<b>Greater Sydney</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	0.8	19,089	360.0
<b>Regional NSW</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>	1.3	16,972	592.8
<b>NSW</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	1.0	36,072	441.7
<b>Greater Sydney</b>					
Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	Stable	Stable	<b>0.4</b>	459	169.1
Blacktown	Stable	Stable	1.1	2,107	507.6
Central Coast	Stable	<b>2.1</b>	1.1	1,771	507.2
City & Inner South	Stable	Stable	1.1	1,625	477.8
Eastern Suburbs	<b>16.2</b>	Stable	0.7	776	294.4
Inner South West	Stable	<b>3.8</b>	0.9	2,378	391.4
Inner West	Stable	<b>9.9</b>	0.6	798	260.7
North Sydney & Hornsby	Stable	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	612	143.9
Northern Beaches	Stable	<b>-13.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	276	104.8
Outer South West	Stable	Stable	1.0	1,375	452.1
Outer West & Blue Mountains	<b>16.3</b>	Stable	1.2	1,751	520.9
Parramatta	Stable	Stable	0.9	1,997	400.5
Ryde	Stable	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	318	155.2
South West	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	1.1	2,263	465.7
Sutherland	<b>-14.8</b>	Stable	0.6	583	252.1
<b>Regional NSW</b>					
Capital Region	<b>15.7</b>	<b>11.2</b>	1.0	1,088	452.1
Central West	Stable	<b>3.2</b>	1.5	1,396	651.9
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	<b>31.1</b>	<b>15.9</b>	1.8	1,205	816.1
Far West & Orana	<b>16.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	1,955	1669.2
Hunter Valley excl. Newcastle	<b>20.1</b>	<b>10.0</b>	1.5	2,006	669.6
Illawarra	Stable	Stable	0.7	976	307.2
Mid North Coast	Stable	<b>9.6</b>	1.5	1,555	670.6
Murray	Stable	<b>7.0</b>	1.4	753	604.5
New England & North West	Stable	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	1,651	878.6
Newcastle & Lake Macquarie	Stable	<b>2.3</b>	1.0	1,708	431.0
Richmond - Tweed	Stable	Stable	0.9	974	376.4
Riverina	Stable	Stable	1.5	1,118	679.3
Southern Highlands & Shoalhaven	Stable	Stable	0.8	587	362.0

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

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



# How do NSW Police respond to domestic and family violence?

Figure 5. Total DV assault incidents and % of incidents with a legal action by police commenced within 30 days

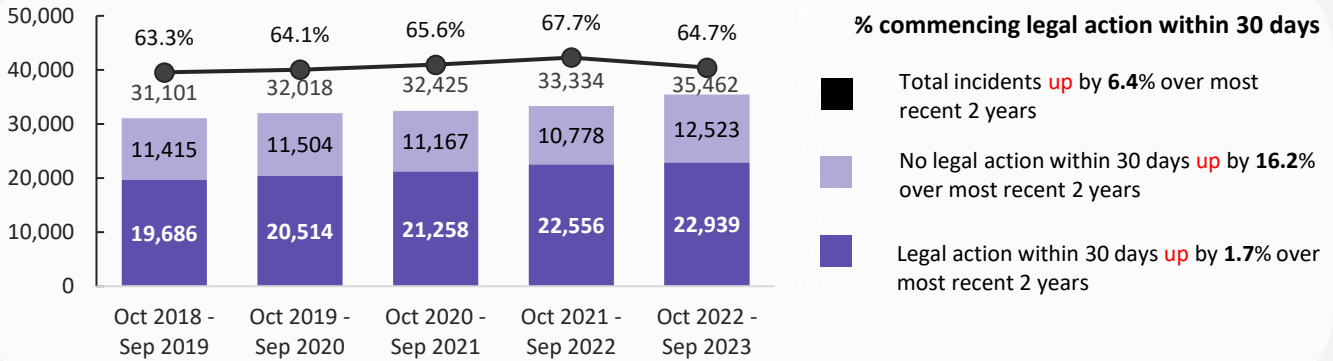


Figure 6. ADVO compliance checks by the NSW Police Force

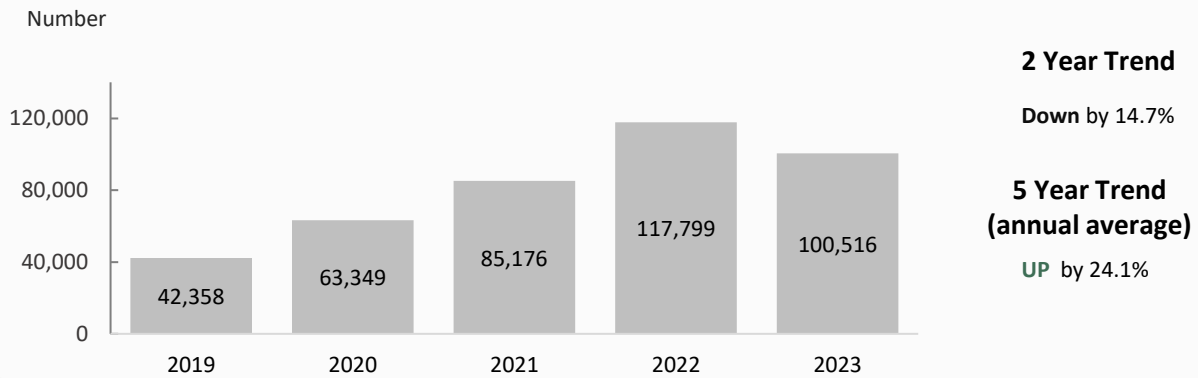
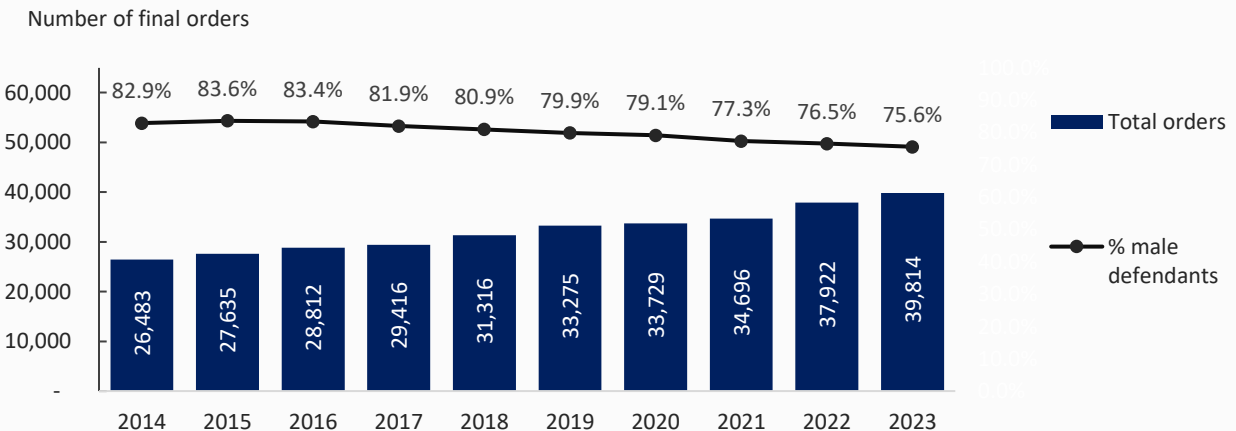


Figure 7. Number Final ADVOs issued and % of male defendants



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

Figure 8. DV assault victim trends by victim age and gender

Victim type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2 year trend	5 year trend (annual average)
<b>Total DV assault victims*</b>	33,530	34,747	34,430	36,438	39,112	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Adult female victims</b>	20,636	21,294	20,845	21,635	22,933	stable	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>Adult male victims</b>	8,800	9,228	9,105	9,875	10,790	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Child (0-17 years) victims</b>	3,903	4,010	4,204	4,693	5,104	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

\*Includes victims with missing/unknown age or gender

Figure 9. DV assault victim trends by victim relationship to perpetrator

Relationship type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2 year trend	5 year trend (annual average)
<b>Intimate partner</b>	19,156	19,630	19,228	20,189	21,221	stable	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>Family</b>	11,175	11,895	12,008	12,871	14,061	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Other</b>	3,119	3,124	3,059	3,185	3,598	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

Figure 10. DV assault victims of intimate partner violence

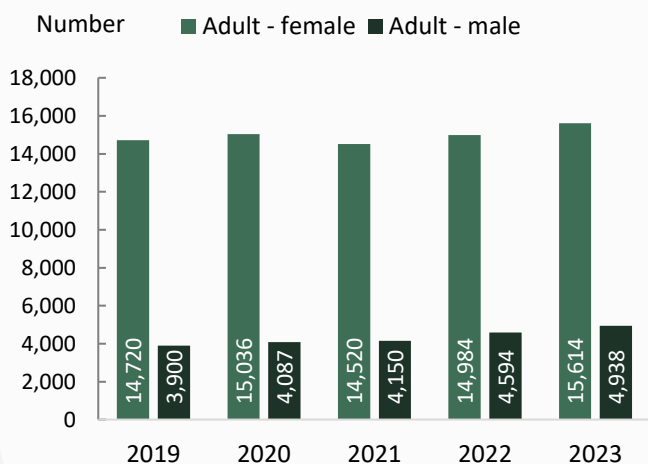


Figure 11. DV assault victims of family violence

