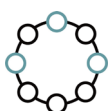




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## OVERVIEW

This report provides information about key operational statistics for cases contained in the National Coronial Information System (NCIS). We release case closure and document attachment statistics on a quarterly basis and ICD-10 code inclusion statistics on a biannual basis to assist users in interpreting search results.

Statistics contained in this document are correct as of 3 April 2023.

For further information about NCIS data, products and services, see the [NCIS website](#).

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## CASE CLOSURE AND DOCUMENT ATTACHMENT

Cases are added to the NCIS at the time of notification to the coroner. During the investigation, the Case status is coded as open. Case details are updated throughout the investigation. On completion of the coronial investigation, all case details and documentation are finalised, and once the final coding details are uploaded to the NCIS the Case status is changed to closed. A coronial investigation may be finalised by the court prior to the case being closed in NCIS.

Case closure timeframes consider the time required for the coronial investigation to be completed. The NCIS Unit has adopted an 80 per cent case closure threshold for reporting purposes applicable to each calendar year (reference period). This ensures that NCIS data is sufficiently representative of the types of cases notified to a coroner, critical for NCIS reporting obligations and the provision of comprehensive data to all NCIS users.

For each jurisdiction it is anticipated that the 80 per cent cases closed threshold for each calendar year be met 24 months after the reference period ends. For example, by 31 December 2023 there should be 80 per cent closure in NCIS for deaths reported in 2021. This allows the NCIS Unit to update the cases available for reporting each January and deliver products and services in accordance with our governance requirements.

The NCIS Unit monitors case closure rates on a monthly basis, and reports findings and works with jurisdictions where concerns associated with case closure are identified.

### Summary statistics

Data in the NCIS is available for most Australian states and territories from 1 July 2000. Queensland data is available from 1 January 2001.

New Zealand data uploaded to the NCIS is limited to closed cases only and is available from 1 July 2007. Coronial Services of New Zealand provides open case figures for statistical purposes only.

The level of document attachment within the NCIS varies due to two main factors:

- documents may not be attached to case records by courts until a case is completed and ready for final coding
- jurisdictions may not have an electronic copy of documents for upload to the NCIS.

We work with jurisdictions to increase the availability and coverage of information in the NCIS.

The following should be noted when interpreting statistics contained in this document:

- The NCIS data set for all Australian states and territories (except Queensland) commenced from 1 July 2000. As a result, totals for the year 2000 are often around 50 per cent of full year collections.
- Statistics for New South Wales (NSW) findings relate only to cases where an inquest was conducted, as a finding document is not produced for non-inquest cases in NSW.
- From 20 March 2023, newly added or updated autopsy and toxicology reports from South Australia are available in the NCIS. Availability of these reports for earlier years is limited.
- An increase in the total cases reported in the January 2023 operational statistics was offset by removal of Queensland cases that are outside scope for the NCIS. For more information refer to [Queensland](#) statistics.

Table 1. Australian and New Zealand case closure by jurisdiction and case status

Jurisdiction	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
ACT	6,940	430	7,370	94.2
NSW	110,882	10,074	120,956	91.7
NT	6,725	345	7,070	95.1
QLD	53,225	11,371	64,596	82.4
SA	57,200	3,062	60,262	94.9
TAS	11,083	806	11,889	93.2
VIC	103,231	19,146	122,377	84.4
WA	42,911	3,470	46,381	92.5
NZ	47,543	6,592	54,135	87.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>439,740</b>	<b>55,296</b>	<b>495,036</b>	<b>88.8</b>

Table 2. Australian and New Zealand case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	8,281	11	8,292	99.9
2001	18,502	183	18,685	99.0
2002	18,074	252	18,326	98.6
2003	18,273	191	18,464	99.0
2004	19,028	266	19,294	98.6
2005	18,380	58	18,438	99.7
2006	17,371	192	17,563	98.9
2007	19,321	318	19,639	98.4

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2008	21,536	321	21,857	98.5
2009	21,899	306	22,205	98.6
2010	20,502	258	20,760	98.8
2011	20,426	314	20,740	98.5
2012	20,575	241	20,816	98.8
2013	20,840	451	21,291	97.9
2014	21,538	660	22,198	97.0
2015	22,076	930	23,006	96.0
2016	22,314	568	22,882	97.5
2017	23,331	826	24,157	96.6
2018	22,285	1,532	23,817	93.6
2019	23,019	2,026	25,045	91.9
2020	20,228	4,285	24,513	82.5
2021	13,043	13,321	26,364	49.5
2022	8,398	20,658	29,056	28.9
2023	500	7,128	7,628	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>439,740</b>	<b>55,296</b>	<b>495,036</b>	<b>88.8</b>

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2006	17,371	192	17,563	98.9
2007	17,756	318	18,074	98.2
2008	18,103	321	18,424	98.3
2009	18,472	306	18,778	98.4
2010	17,237	257	17,494	98.5
2011	17,018	314	17,332	98.2
2012	17,290	240	17,530	98.6

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2013	17,821	446	18,267	97.6
2014	18,307	652	18,959	96.6
2015	18,771	912	19,683	95.4
2016	19,031	516	19,547	97.4
2017	19,920	731	20,651	96.5
2018	18,958	1,278	20,236	93.7
2019	19,683	1,514	21,197	92.9
2020	17,623	3,385	21,008	83.9
2021	10,928	11,850	22,778	48.0
2022	6,898	18,312	25,210	27.4
2023	472	6,199	6,671	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>392,197</b>	<b>48,704</b>	<b>440,901</b>	<b>89.0</b>

Table 4. Australian and New Zealand case closure by jurisdiction and document type

Jurisdiction	% of documents attached			
	Police	Finding	Autopsy	Toxicology
ACT	97.8	94.3	93.0	79.9
NSW	59.8	80.5	78.3	63.3
NT	96.7	98.0	94.2	79.1
QLD	92.9	73.4	74.8	54.2
SA	99.9	96.1	0.6	24.3
TAS	98.7	94.1	86.0	93.1
VIC	94.3	92.9	96.2	98.2
WA	99.7	96.4	80.9	92.6
NZ	98.7	99.0	98.4	87.1

## Detailed statistics

The detailed statistics for each jurisdiction are divided into three tables. The first describes the prevalence of open and closed cases contained in the NCIS for the jurisdiction. The second table describes the documents that are produced by the jurisdiction for all cases (except for NSW findings, see below for more detail). The third table relates to documents that arise from forensic investigations that may be performed for some cases.

All tables include counts of the total cases held within the NCIS for each calendar year.

Police reports and findings are expected for every case held within the NCIS (except for NSW findings). The Police % attached figures represent the percentage of cases in the NCIS that contain information from the police notification of death to a coroner form. The Finding Produced figures are an indication of the number of cases where a finding has been completed by a coroner (cases may be open or closed; the figure is a representation of the cases where the coroner has completed the investigation and issued a finding). The Finding % attached figures indicate the percentage of expected findings attached to the NCIS.

Autopsy and toxicology investigations are undertaken at the request of a coroner and may not be performed for all cases. The Performed figures are an indication of the number of cases where coding in the NCIS indicates the investigation was conducted. The % attached figure represents the percentage of forensic reports performed that are attached in the NCIS.

Autopsy investigations do not always refer to full internal autopsies and may include external or limited internal reviews conducted by a forensic pathologist.

### Australian Capital Territory

Table 5. Australian Capital Territory case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	175	0	175	100
2001	305	0	305	100
2002	322	0	322	100
2003	292	0	292	100
2004	315	0	315	100
2005	344	0	344	100
2006	344	0	344	100
2007	328	0	328	100
2008	330	0	330	100
2009	336	0	336	100
2010	331	0	331	100
2011	320	0	320	100
2012	333	0	333	100
2013	320	0	320	100
2014	295	0	295	100
2015	266	1	267	99.6

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2016	307	4	311	98.7
2017	286	12	298	96.0
2018	312	10	322	96.9
2019	300	13	313	95.8
2020	316	39	355	89.0
2021	328	53	381	86.1
2022	135	230	365	37.0
2023	0	68	68	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>94.2</b>

Table 6. Australian Capital Territory police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	175	100	175	99.4
2001	305	100	303	100
2002	322	100	322	100
2003	292	100	292	99.7
2004	315	100	315	100
2005	344	100	344	99.7
2006	344	100	344	99.4
2007	328	100	328	99.7
2008	330	100	330	100
2009	336	100	336	98.8
2010	331	99.7	331	98.2
2011	320	96.6	320	96.6
2012	333	93.7	333	92.5
2013	320	92.2	320	90.6
2014	295	94.9	294	98.0
2015	267	93.3	266	95.9
2016	311	97.4	308	99.0
2017	298	97.3	289	99.7
2018	322	98.1	313	99.0
2019	313	96.8	299	98.3
2020	355	94.4	321	97.5

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Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2021	381	97.1	333	94.3
2022	365	99.2	361	37.1
2023	68	92.6	44	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>7,221</b>	<b>94.3</b>

Table 7. Australian Capital Territory autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	175	175	68.0	121	33.1
2001	305	303	98.3	247	40.5
2002	322	322	49.4	248	17.3
2003	292	292	93.8	114	80.7
2004	315	315	95.2	142	83.1
2005	344	343	99.4	148	91.9
2006	344	341	98.5	150	82.7
2007	328	327	97.9	157	76.4
2008	330	324	100	143	83.9
2009	336	324	99.4	151	87.4
2010	331	326	99.4	169	85.8
2011	320	302	97.0	183	88.5
2012	333	316	97.2	166	86.1
2013	320	294	96.9	144	95.8
2014	295	284	98.9	122	92.6
2015	267	259	96.1	126	96.8
2016	311	301	98.0	139	98.6
2017	298	293	93.9	142	95.8
2018	322	316	99.1	142	98.6
2019	313	301	97.0	138	97.1
2020	355	340	97.6	161	95.0
2021	381	359	95.3	169	97.6
2022	365	358	76.0	151	96.0
2023	68	43	16.3	4	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>79.9</b>

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### New South Wales

Table 8. New South Wales case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	3,098	9	3,107	99.7
2001	5,633	179	5,812	96.9
2002	5,410	237	5,647	95.8
2003	5,356	132	5,488	97.6
2004	5,414	247	5,661	95.6
2005	5,237	42	5,279	99.2
2006	5,114	170	5,284	96.8
2007	5,081	269	5,350	95.0
2008	5,198	265	5,463	95.1
2009	5,374	237	5,611	95.8
2010	4,628	230	4,858	95.3
2011	4,605	226	4,831	95.3
2012	4,628	147	4,775	96.9
2013	4,603	156	4,759	96.7
2014	4,876	135	5,011	97.3
2015	4,917	127	5,044	97.5
2016	4,766	188	4,954	96.2
2017	5,091	257	5,348	95.2
2018	5,071	275	5,346	94.9
2019	4,926	439	5,365	91.8
2020	4,223	726	4,949	85.3
2021	4,191	1,115	5,306	79.0
2022	3,178	3,026	6,204	51.2
2023	264	1,240	1,504	17.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,882</b>	<b>10,074</b>	<b>120,956</b>	<b>91.7</b>

NSW statistics for findings relate only to those cases where an inquest was conducted.

The NSW Coroners Court issues a formal finding only at the completion of a coronial inquest. In most cases, NSW coroners will dispense with an inquest resulting in the outcome of these cases being a Notice of Dispensing issued. These are not considered to be a finding by the NSW Coroners Court and are therefore not included in the NCIS.

A revised calculation of NSW findings attached used for operational statistics has been applied since April 2022. Finding attachment statistics are now based on the proportion of findings attached for cases where an inquest was held, based on NCIS coding.

Electronic copies of the police narrative of circumstances are routinely available for NSW cases investigated by the State Coroners Court (Lidcombe). However, these reports are less frequently available from local courts in regional areas of NSW.

Table 9. New South Wales police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Inquest held	% attached (where inquest held)
2000	3,107	84.7	74	95.9
2001	5,812	87.9	189	93.7
2002	5,647	89.2	211	90.0
2003	5,488	83.3	193	88.1
2004	5,661	52.3	194	71.1
2005	5,279	53.4	175	82.9
2006	5,284	35.6	190	94.2
2007	5,350	42.9	173	90.2
2008	5,463	59.6	188	82.4
2009	5,611	48.5	411	44.8
2010	4,858	58.1	257	58.0
2011	4,831	58.0	228	71.9
2012	4,775	48.7	168	82.7
2013	4,759	44.9	147	93.2
2014	5,011	48.6	142	95.8
2015	5,044	57.9	124	97.6
2016	4,954	55.4	117	92.3
2017	5,348	56.1	79	96.2
2018	5,346	69.1	63	95.2
2019	5,365	74.7	65	98.5
2020	4,949	72.9	35	97.1
2021	5,306	69.2	19	94.7
2022	6,204	43.6	5	80.0
2023	1,504	10.9	0	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,956</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>3,447</b>	<b>80.5</b>

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Table 10. New South Wales autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	3,107	1,740	84.1	610	2.3
2001	5,812	3,532	83.5	1,271	16.1
2002	5,647	3,340	71.3	1,362	4.1
2003	5,488	4,350	63.4	2,159	8.8
2004	5,661	4,715	66.5	3,169	91.3
2005	5,279	4,501	78.6	3,015	94.5
2006	5,284	4,182	73.4	3,257	92.9
2007	5,350	4,466	61.2	3,361	55.2
2008	5,463	4,242	59.3	3,503	86.7
2009	5,611	4,463	72.3	3,717	90.1
2010	4,858	3,934	70.1	3,555	89.2
2011	4,831	3,802	68.5	3,386	66.7
2012	4,775	3,770	70.2	3,310	56.8
2013	4,759	3,835	82.6	3,290	42.1
2014	5,011	4,024	83.3	3,662	79.2
2015	5,044	3,781	88.4	3,273	70.5
2016	4,954	3,509	91.3	2,851	42.4
2017	5,348	3,556	95.6	2,779	37.9
2018	5,346	3,492	93.8	2,301	48.6
2019	5,365	3,444	95.4	2,309	55.0
2020	4,949	3,057	96.4	2,077	52.1
2021	5,306	2,971	95.5	1,784	54.3
2022	6,204	1,245	91.5	568	50.7
2023	1,504	14	0.0	14	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,956</b>	<b>83,965</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>60,583</b>	<b>63.3</b>

### Northern Territory

Table 11. Northern Territory case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	156	0	156	100
2001	285	0	285	100
2002	350	0	350	100

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2003	287	0	287	100
2004	318	0	318	100
2005	326	0	326	100
2006	305	1	306	99.7
2007	313	0	313	100
2008	353	1	354	99.7
2009	307	1	308	99.7
2010	308	1	309	99.7
2011	292	1	293	99.7
2012	314	2	316	99.4
2013	292	0	292	100
2014	284	0	284	100
2015	283	4	287	98.6
2016	260	0	260	100
2017	316	0	316	100
2018	320	2	322	99.4
2019	291	4	295	98.6
2020	253	16	269	94.1
2021	279	49	328	85.1
2022	225	181	406	55.4
2023	8	82	90	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,725</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>95.1</b>

Table 12. Northern Territory police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	156	93.6	152	97.4
2001	285	100	285	97.2
2002	350	100	350	84.6
2003	287	100	285	95.1
2004	318	100	318	98.4
2005	326	100	326	97.5
2006	306	99.7	305	98.4
2007	313	99.7	313	99.4

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Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2008	354	98.6	353	99.2
2009	308	63.6	305	100
2010	309	97.7	308	100
2011	293	100	292	99.3
2012	316	97.8	314	99.7
2013	292	100	292	99.7
2014	284	99.3	284	99.3
2015	287	100	284	99.3
2016	260	100	260	100
2017	316	100	316	100
2018	322	99.7	320	100
2019	295	100	292	100
2020	269	100	261	99.6
2021	328	99.7	291	97.9
2022	406	87.4	242	97.1
2023	90	64.4	15	53.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>6,763</b>	<b>98.0</b>

Table 13. Northern Territory autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	156	156	97.4	97	72.2
2001	285	282	96.8	279	57.3
2002	350	348	87.6	342	48.2
2003	287	283	86.9	282	47.5
2004	318	317	95.9	317	52.1
2005	326	325	97.8	323	60.7
2006	306	304	98.0	301	56.8
2007	313	310	98.7	299	68.9
2008	354	347	96.3	317	66.9
2009	308	296	98.3	227	87.2
2010	309	296	99.0	216	95.4
2011	293	282	97.9	187	99.5
2012	316	302	98.7	209	99.5

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2013	292	269	95.9	193	97.9
2014	284	278	96.8	202	100
2015	287	273	79.9	212	99.5
2016	260	215	84.2	156	98.1
2017	316	236	89.4	170	100
2018	322	240	98.8	206	100
2019	295	226	98.2	204	100
2020	269	210	98.1	195	100
2021	328	245	96.7	224	99.6
2022	406	307	88.9	243	98.4
2023	90	46	37.0	18	88.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>6,393</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>79.1</b>

## Queensland

Queensland cases were introduced to the NCIS from 1 January 2001.

The NCIS has worked with the Coroners Court of Queensland to remove cases within the 2021 and 2022 cohorts that were determined to be non-reportable by the court. Only reportable deaths as defined by the relevant Coroners Act are eligible for inclusion in the NCIS. As a result, non-reportable deaths are outside scope for inclusion in the NCIS and such cases identified for Queensland were subsequently removed. This has resulted in a decrease in total cases reported for Queensland compared to the January 2023 operational statistics.

The NCIS Unit is working with the Coroners Court of Queensland regarding improving case closure for the 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

Table 14. Queensland case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2001	3,070	0	3,070	100
2002	2,647	0	2,647	100
2003	2,625	0	2,625	100
2004	2,854	2	2,856	99.9
2005	2,858	2	2,860	99.9
2006	2,973	1	2,974	100

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2007	3,069	0	3,069	100
2008	3,056	5	3,061	99.8
2009	2,994	22	3,016	99.3
2010	3,005	6	3,011	99.8
2011	2,866	38	2,904	98.7
2012	2,732	21	2,753	99.2
2013	2,589	53	2,642	98.0
2014	2,337	194	2,531	92.3
2015	2,610	175	2,785	93.7
2016	2,512	228	2,740	91.7
2017	2,567	247	2,814	91.2
2018	2,285	367	2,652	86.2
2019	2,125	470	2,595	81.9
2020	1,353	1,200	2,553	53.0
2021	98	3,242	3,340	2.9
2022	0	3,573	3,573	0.0
2023	0	1,525	1,525	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,225</b>	<b>11,371</b>	<b>64,596</b>	<b>82.4</b>

Table 15. Queensland police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	3,070	99.7	3,062	4.7
2002	2,647	99.2	2,644	4.4
2003	2,625	100	2,617	7.6
2004	2,856	99.8	2,818	14.5
2005	2,860	99.9	2,847	38.2
2006	2,974	99.3	2,938	67.7
2007	3,069	95.4	3,057	83.8
2008	3,061	99.2	3,045	91.2
2009	3,016	97.6	2,996	84.3
2010	3,011	99.9	2,994	85.2
2011	2,904	98.5	2,866	92.8
2012	2,753	97.7	2,748	98.7

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Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2013	2,642	89.8	2,616	99.7
2014	2,531	96.2	2,412	99.8
2015	2,785	96.8	2,657	99.7
2016	2,740	94.8	2,547	99.8
2017	2,814	95.9	2,661	99.8
2018	2,652	94.9	2,428	99.9
2019	2,595	91.2	2,194	98.9
2020	2,553	93.2	1,865	99.4
2021	3,340	68.4	1,441	100
2022	3,573	67.3	711	100
2023	1,525	55.1	8	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,596</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>56,172</b>	<b>73.4</b>

Table 16. Queensland autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2001	3,070	3,044	3.4	2,954	1.6
2002	2,647	2,640	3.8	2,595	1.8
2003	2,625	2,609	17.5	2,493	3.0
2004	2,856	2,610	52.6	1,735	6.0
2005	2,860	2,667	45.4	2,280	11.9
2006	2,974	2,830	41.4	2,281	8.9
2007	3,069	2,972	73.6	2,696	25.6
2008	3,061	2,962	83.0	2,696	19.4
2009	3,016	2,948	92.4	2,790	45.0
2010	3,011	2,999	95.7	2,805	49.1
2011	2,904	2,854	95.8	2,680	61.0
2012	2,753	2,735	99.4	2,284	85.4
2013	2,642	2,602	99.8	2,009	99.3
2014	2,531	2,406	99.5	1,912	99.2
2015	2,785	2,635	99.6	2,146	98.0
2016	2,740	2,527	99.7	2,072	98.4
2017	2,814	2,668	99.7	2,180	97.1
2018	2,652	2,448	99.6	2,217	94.1

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Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2019	2,595	2,227	99.4	2,154	90.9
2020	2,553	1,964	97.9	1,971	97.3
2021	3,340	1,218	97.9	1,589	99.8
2022	3,573	526	100	888	100
2023	1,525	16	100	11	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,596</b>	<b>55,107</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>49,438</b>	<b>54.2</b>

### South Australia

Table 17. South Australia case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	1,735	0	1,735	100
2001	3,449	0	3,449	100
2002	3,617	0	3,617	100
2003	3,735	0	3,735	100
2004	3,921	0	3,921	100
2005	3,121	0	3,121	100
2006	1,908	0	1,908	100
2007	1,856	1	1,857	99.9
2008	1,905	0	1,905	100
2009	1,988	0	1,988	100
2010	1,986	1	1,987	99.9
2011	2,077	0	2,077	100
2012	2,157	4	2,161	99.8
2013	2,205	6	2,211	99.7
2014	2,260	3	2,263	99.9
2015	2,366	4	2,370	99.8
2016	2,480	13	2,493	99.5
2017	2,621	22	2,643	99.2
2018	2,525	38	2,563	98.5
2019	2,629	69	2,698	97.4
2020	2,503	148	2,651	94.4
2021	2,516	360	2,876	87.5
2022	1,580	1,652	3,232	48.9

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2023	60	741	801	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,200</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>60,262</b>	<b>94.9</b>

Table 18. South Australia police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	1,735	100	1,735	20.6
2001	3,449	100	3,449	92.7
2002	3,617	100	3,617	99.7
2003	3,735	100	3,735	99.2
2004	3,921	99.8	3,921	100
2005	3,121	99.9	3,121	99.9
2006	1,908	100	1,908	100
2007	1,857	100	1,857	99.9
2008	1,905	100	1,905	99.9
2009	1,988	100	1,988	99.9
2010	1,987	99.4	1,987	99.8
2011	2,077	99.9	2,077	99.6
2012	2,161	97.8	2,160	96.7
2013	2,211	100	2,211	97.3
2014	2,263	99.2	2,260	99.9
2015	2,370	100	2,368	100
2016	2,493	100	2,488	99.9
2017	2,643	100	2,629	99.9
2018	2,563	100	2,537	99.8
2019	2,698	100	2,646	99.9
2020	2,651	100	2,534	99.4
2021	2,876	100	2,576	92.3
2022	3,232	100	1,762	91.3
2023	801	100	68	20.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,262</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>57,539</b>	<b>96.1</b>

From 20 March 2023, newly added or updated autopsy and toxicology reports from South Australia are available in the NCIS. Availability of these reports for earlier years is limited.

Table 19. South Australia autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	1,735	629	0.0	432	0.0
2001	3,449	3,244	0.1	3,222	0.1
2002	3,617	3,518	1.2	3,330	2.1
2003	3,735	1,550	9.3	816	27.2
2004	3,921	1,358	0.0	741	62.6
2005	3,121	1,384	0.0	803	76.5
2006	1,908	1,357	0.0	790	3.5
2007	1,857	1,287	0.0	733	0.3
2008	1,905	1,291	0.0	740	0.1
2009	1,988	1,339	0.0	972	0.3
2010	1,987	1,159	0.0	840	0.2
2011	2,077	1,154	0.0	832	0.8
2012	2,161	1,255	0.0	890	88.7
2013	2,211	1,272	0.0	887	96.3
2014	2,263	1,378	0.0	981	95.5
2015	2,370	1,376	0.0	978	63.7
2016	2,493	1,355	0.0	947	89.0
2017	2,643	1,416	0.1	1,047	64.9
2018	2,563	1,416	0.0	1,009	0.0
2019	2,698	1,505	0.0	1,116	0.0
2020	2,651	1,397	0.0	1,042	0.2
2021	2,876	1,456	0.1	1,084	0.0
2022	3,232	948	2.1	1,062	0.7
2023	801	17	41.2	62	19.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,262</b>	<b>34,061</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>25,356</b>	<b>24.3</b>

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### Tasmania

Table 20. Tasmania case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	208	0	208	100
2001	494	0	494	100
2002	465	0	465	100
2003	466	0	466	100
2004	496	0	496	100
2005	483	0	483	100
2006	460	0	460	100
2007	477	0	477	100
2008	455	1	456	99.8
2009	493	1	494	99.8
2010	449	0	449	100
2011	442	0	442	100
2012	433	0	433	100
2013	511	4	515	99.2
2014	452	4	456	99.1
2015	477	4	481	99.2
2016	520	11	531	97.9
2017	511	9	520	98.3
2018	530	10	540	98.1
2019	628	25	653	96.2
2020	631	92	723	87.3
2021	564	125	689	81.9
2022	410	357	767	53.5
2023	28	163	191	14.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,083</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>11,889</b>	<b>93.2</b>

Table 21. Tasmania police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	208	100	202	82.2
2001	494	100	463	77.5
2002	465	100	433	69.5

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Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2003	466	100	379	94.7
2004	496	100	396	99.0
2005	483	100	374	98.7
2006	460	100	454	97.8
2007	477	100	445	99.6
2008	456	99.8	432	99.5
2009	494	99.8	490	99.2
2010	449	98.2	447	99.3
2011	442	99.8	442	99.8
2012	433	96.8	430	100
2013	515	100	512	98.8
2014	456	89.3	444	98.6
2015	481	91.5	474	98.7
2016	531	92.7	526	98.5
2017	520	99.6	514	98.6
2018	540	100	531	98.5
2019	653	100	641	98.1
2020	723	99.9	700	93.3
2021	689	99.9	648	87.5
2022	767	99.7	554	78.0
2023	191	100	60	63.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,889</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>10,991</b>	<b>94.1</b>

Table 22. Tasmania autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	208	197	65.5	116	77.6
2001	494	462	71.2	272	87.9
2002	465	432	65.7	268	80.2
2003	466	446	63.5	253	90.9
2004	496	487	73.1	270	99.3
2005	483	464	64.9	262	97.7
2006	460	452	70.8	272	95.2
2007	477	442	66.3	266	97.4

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Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2008	456	423	83.7	243	97.5
2009	494	479	96.5	289	94.1
2010	449	439	98.4	272	87.1
2011	442	424	99.5	251	88.0
2012	433	412	98.3	247	96.8
2013	515	501	99.8	260	94.6
2014	456	437	98.9	247	98.0
2015	481	463	98.5	272	99.3
2016	531	516	99.8	308	97.1
2017	520	506	98.2	291	99.0
2018	540	522	98.9	298	99.7
2019	653	634	94.6	330	98.8
2020	723	683	93.3	273	95.6
2021	689	645	86.7	246	82.1
2022	767	558	76.9	142	68.3
2023	191	76	48.7	12	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,889</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>5,960</b>	<b>93.1</b>

### Victoria

The NCIS Unit is working with the Coroners Court of Victoria regarding improving case closure for the 2021 calendar year.

Table 23. Victoria case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	2,144	2	2,146	99.9
2001	3,769	4	3,773	99.9
2002	3,868	14	3,882	99.6
2003	4,090	55	4,145	98.7
2004	4,319	14	4,333	99.7
2005	4,544	13	4,557	99.7
2006	4,710	17	4,727	99.6
2007	4,855	48	4,903	99.0
2008	5,009	48	5,057	99.1

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2009	5,164	42	5,206	99.2
2010	4,579	19	4,598	99.6
2011	4,523	49	4,572	98.9
2012	4,661	65	4,726	98.6
2013	5,239	227	5,466	95.8
2014	5,695	316	6,011	94.7
2015	5,628	594	6,222	90.5
2016	5,872	68	5,940	98.9
2017	6,168	173	6,341	97.3
2018	5,651	559	6,210	91.0
2019	6,357	411	6,768	93.9
2020	5,712	1,012	6,724	84.9
2021	645	6,300	6,945	9.3
2022	29	7,405	7,434	0.4
2023	0	1,691	1,691	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,231</b>	<b>19,146</b>	<b>122,377</b>	<b>84.4</b>

Table 24. Victoria police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	2,146	100	2,102	99.9
2001	3,773	99.7	3,739	99.9
2002	3,882	99.2	3,811	99.6
2003	4,145	94.4	4,043	99.7
2004	4,333	93.2	4,280	99.6
2005	4,557	89.4	4,541	99.0
2006	4,727	88.4	4,710	99.0
2007	4,903	96.3	4,895	97.4
2008	5,057	99.7	5,037	96.8
2009	5,206	92.9	5,190	91.6
2010	4,598	90.3	4,589	88.8
2011	4,572	94.3	4,548	60.2
2012	4,726	88.5	4,674	47.0
2013	5,466	66.1	5,271	93.3

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Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2014	6,011	93.3	5,857	94.4
2015	6,222	98.5	5,809	97.5
2016	5,940	99.2	5,878	98.1
2017	6,341	98.9	6,200	99.5
2018	6,210	99.0	6,026	99.3
2019	6,768	99.2	6,380	96.5
2020	6,724	98.3	5,842	90.3
2021	6,945	98.7	1,420	99.9
2022	7,434	97.5	244	100
2023	1,691	66.2	211	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,377</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>105,297</b>	<b>92.9</b>

Table 25. Victoria autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	2,146	1,693	96.2	1,197	77.4
2001	3,773	2,930	99.3	2,047	99.8
2002	3,882	3,089	96.2	2,170	98.1
2003	4,145	3,882	84.1	2,924	99.5
2004	4,333	4,206	81.7	2,297	99.8
2005	4,557	4,414	86.2	2,364	100
2006	4,727	4,480	90.3	2,436	98.6
2007	4,903	4,705	89.9	2,810	97.0
2008	5,057	4,576	94.0	3,034	99.2
2009	5,206	4,907	94.2	3,300	98.5
2010	4,598	4,229	94.7	3,395	99.3
2011	4,572	3,984	95.2	3,597	99.7
2012	4,726	4,193	97.2	3,724	99.6
2013	5,466	4,901	98.8	4,019	97.2
2014	6,011	5,610	99.9	4,244	95.9
2015	6,222	5,684	99.8	4,263	93.5
2016	5,940	5,754	99.8	4,323	95.7
2017	6,341	6,119	100	4,366	99.6
2018	6,210	5,951	100	4,514	99.5

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Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2019	6,768	6,584	100	4,814	99.5
2020	6,724	6,510	100	4,515	99.4
2021	6,945	6,518	100	4,482	99.9
2022	7,434	6,792	100	4,484	100
2023	1,691	1,005	100	489	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,377</b>	<b>112,716</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>79,808</b>	<b>98.2</b>

### Western Australia

Table 26. Western Australia case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	765	0	765	100
2001	1,497	0	1,497	100
2002	1,395	1	1,396	99.9
2003	1,422	4	1,426	99.7
2004	1,391	3	1,394	99.8
2005	1,467	1	1,468	99.9
2006	1,557	3	1,560	99.8
2007	1,777	0	1,777	100
2008	1,797	1	1,798	99.9
2009	1,816	3	1,819	99.8
2010	1,951	0	1,951	100
2011	1,893	0	1,893	100
2012	2,032	1	2,033	100
2013	2,062	0	2,062	100
2014	2,108	0	2,108	100
2015	2,224	3	2,227	99.9
2016	2,314	4	2,318	99.8
2017	2,360	11	2,371	99.5
2018	2,264	17	2,281	99.3
2019	2,427	83	2,510	96.7
2020	2,632	152	2,784	94.5
2021	2,307	606	2,913	79.2
2022	1,341	1,888	3,229	41.5

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Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2023	112	689	801	14.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,911</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>46,381</b>	<b>92.5</b>

Table 27. Western Australia police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	765	100	764	73.7
2001	1,497	100	1,479	79.2
2002	1,396	99.9	1,393	94.8
2003	1,426	99.9	1,414	96.5
2004	1,394	99.8	1,385	99.2
2005	1,468	100	1,464	99.8
2006	1,560	99.9	1,555	99.0
2007	1,777	100	1,775	99.7
2008	1,798	100	1,792	99.6
2009	1,819	99.9	1,814	99.4
2010	1,951	100	1,942	99.5
2011	1,893	99.9	1,890	99.4
2012	2,033	100	2,031	99.9
2013	2,062	99.9	2,056	99.6
2014	2,108	100	2,103	99.7
2015	2,227	100	2,221	99.7
2016	2,318	100	2,313	99.7
2017	2,371	99.8	2,354	99.4
2018	2,281	99.2	2,240	97.9
2019	2,510	99.5	2,217	92.7
2020	2,784	99.0	1,915	82.7
2021	2,913	99.1	1,877	89.9
2022	3,229	99.0	1,316	99.2
2023	801	96.8	54	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,381</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>41,364</b>	<b>96.4</b>

The NCIS currently receives summary autopsy reports only from Western Australia.

Table 28. Western Australia autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	765	758	5.1	617	62.6
2001	1,497	1,484	6.6	1,411	48.5
2002	1,396	1,382	8.1	1,318	62.0
2003	1,426	1,420	13.7	1,263	63.7
2004	1,394	1,377	52.8	1,045	86.9
2005	1,468	1,448	95.0	1,084	94.5
2006	1,560	1,545	82.2	1,232	93.1
2007	1,777	1,765	84.8	1,341	94.6
2008	1,798	1,773	99.3	1,396	94.7
2009	1,819	1,804	99.1	1,400	98.6
2010	1,951	1,909	98.1	1,549	99.2
2011	1,893	1,871	99.3	1,557	99.8
2012	2,033	2,006	99.8	1,764	99.9
2013	2,062	2,030	99.3	1,783	94.1
2014	2,108	2,064	99.6	1,877	100
2015	2,227	2,190	99.5	1,975	99.8
2016	2,318	2,279	99.7	2,001	99.8
2017	2,371	2,289	99.3	2,002	99.8
2018	2,281	2,193	98.9	2,003	99.8
2019	2,510	2,394	95.7	2,168	98.9
2020	2,784	2,681	87.0	2,485	96.9
2021	2,913	2,846	86.2	2,626	98.3
2022	3,229	3,146	61.2	2,282	94.3
2023	801	679	16.6	221	75.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,381</b>	<b>45,333</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>38,400</b>	<b>92.6</b>

## New Zealand

New Zealand data uploaded to the NCIS is limited to closed cases only and is available from 1 July 2007. Coronial Services of New Zealand provides open case figures for statistical purposes only.

The NCIS Unit is working with Coronial Services of New Zealand regarding improving case closure for the 2020 calendar year.

Table 29. New Zealand case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2007	1,565	0	1,565	100
2008	3,433	0	3,433	100
2009	3,427	0	3,427	100
2010	3,265	1	3,266	100
2011	3,408	0	3,408	100
2012	3,285	1	3,286	100
2013	3,019	5	3,024	99.8
2014	3,231	8	3,239	99.8
2015	3,305	18	3,323	99.5
2016	3,283	52	3,335	98.4
2017	3,411	95	3,506	97.3
2018	3,327	254	3,581	92.9
2019	3,336	512	3,848	86.7
2020	2,605	900	3,505	74.3
2021	2,115	1,471	3,586	59.0
2022	1,500	2,346	3,846	39.0
2023	28	929	957	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,543</b>	<b>6,592</b>	<b>54,135</b>	<b>87.8</b>

Table 30. New Zealand police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2007	1,565	99.9	1,565	99.9
2008	3,433	99.9	3,433	99.9
2009	3,427	99.9	3,427	99.9
2010	3,266	99.8	3,265	99.8
2011	3,408	99.3	3,406	99.3
2012	3,286	93.5	3,282	93.5
2013	3,024	99.3	3,018	99.3
2014	3,239	98.9	3,218	99.4
2015	3,323	99.7	3,304	99.7

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Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2016	3,335	99.3	3,281	99.6
2017	3,506	99.3	3,410	99.5
2018	3,581	98.6	3,325	99.3
2019	3,848	98.3	3,322	98.8
2020	3,505	97.7	2,590	98.5
2021	3,586	97.6	2,092	99.3
2022	3,846	96.7	1,465	99.1
2023	957	100	28	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,135</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>47,431</b>	<b>99.0</b>

Table 31. New Zealand autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2007	1,565	1,548	99.9	911	69.5
2008	3,433	3,404	99.8	2,138	69.5
2009	3,427	3,409	99.9	2,226	68.0
2010	3,266	3,216	99.5	2,102	69.9
2011	3,408	3,355	98.5	1,845	77.2
2012	3,286	3,193	92.8	1,568	84.9
2013	3,024	2,907	98.0	1,529	94.7
2014	3,239	3,116	98.0	1,631	96.1
2015	3,323	3,146	98.6	1,741	97.4
2016	3,335	3,045	99.2	1,726	97.7
2017	3,506	3,054	99.2	1,899	99.1
2018	3,581	2,980	99.2	1,795	98.4
2019	3,848	2,921	98.4	1,813	97.0
2020	3,505	2,344	98.0	1,347	98.1
2021	3,586	1,915	98.1	1,033	96.7
2022	3,846	1,336	96.9	727	95.9
2023	957	21	100	2	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,135</b>	<b>44,910</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>26,033</b>	<b>87.1</b>

## ICD-10 CODE INCLUSION

The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is the international standard classification for epidemiological purposes and is designed to promote international comparability in the collection, processing, classification, and presentation of causes of death statistics. The classification is used to classify diseases and causes of disease or injury as recorded on many types of medical records as well as death records.

**We provide ICD-10 code inclusion statistics on a biannual basis in July and January only. As a result, no ICD-10 code inclusion statistics are available in this report.**