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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 1 January 2026.

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CASE CLOSURE AND DOCUMENT ATTACHMENT

Australian cases are uploaded to the NCIS soon after notification to the coroner. For Australian cases, the Case status is coded as open 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 or uploaded to the 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 2026, there should be 80 per cent closure in NCIS for deaths reported in 2024. 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.

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.**

Table 1. Australian case closure by jurisdiction and case status

Jurisdiction	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
ACT	7,723	629	8,352	92.5
NSW	125,649	12,298	137,947	91.1
NT	7,719	347	8,066	95.7
QLD	67,013	6,992	74,005	90.6
SA	67,802	2,685	70,487	96.2
TAS	13,320	1,058	14,378	92.6
VIC	122,464	19,407	141,871	86.3
WA	52,047	3,492	55,539	93.7
Total	**463,737**	**46,908**	**510,645**	**90.8**

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

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	8,282	9	8,291	99.9
2001	18,448	161	18,609	99.1
2002	18,098	219	18,317	98.8
2003	18,285	136	18,421	99.3
2004	19,098	190	19,288	99.0
2005	18,399	34	18,433	99.8
2006	17,457	101	17,558	99.4
2007	17,876	190	18,066	98.9
2008	18,196	198	18,394	98.9
2009	18,555	216	18,771	98.8
2010	17,263	222	17,485	98.7
2011	17,057	230	17,287	98.7
2012	17,328	129	17,457	99.3
2013	17,914	177	18,091	99.0
2014	18,608	248	18,856	98.7

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2015	18,937	391	19,328	98.0
2016	19,152	335	19,487	98.3
2017	20,214	374	20,588	98.2
2018	19,534	613	20,147	97.0
2019	20,120	963	21,083	95.4
2020	19,318	1,463	20,781	93.0
2021	20,738	1,683	22,421	92.5
2022	22,461	2,383	24,844	90.4
2023	21,861	2,831	24,692	88.5
2024	13,668	12,775	26,443	51.7
2025	6,870	20,637	27,507	25.0
Total	**463,737**	**46,908**	**510,645**	**90.8**

Table 3. Australian document attachment by jurisdiction and document type

Jurisdiction	% of documents attached			
	Police	Finding	Autopsy	Toxicology
ACT	96.7	95.3	93.1	78.9
NSW	61.1	81.6	74.3	60.5
NT	96.1	98.3	94.7	81.1
QLD	89.4	73.0	77.2	58.3
SA	99.9	96.4	11.8	32.9
TAS	98.8	93.5	87.3	89.8
VIC	95.3	95.0	96.7	98.3
WA	99.5	97.0	80.3	93.4

Detailed statistics

The detailed statistics for each jurisdiction are divided into three tables. The first describes the number of open and closed cases contained in the NCIS for the jurisdiction. The second table describes the documents provided 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 4. 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	267	0	267	100
2016	309	2	311	99.4
2017	297	1	298	99.7
2018	319	3	322	99.1
2019	306	6	312	98.1
2020	331	23	354	93.5
2021	364	15	379	96.0
2022	310	55	365	84.9
2023	180	119	299	60.2
2024	215	143	358	60.1
2025	135	262	397	34.0
Total	**7,723**	**629**	**8,352**	**92.5**

Table 5. Australian Capital Territory police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	175	99.4	175	99.4

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	305	99.7	305	99.3
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	96.2
2016	311	97.4	309	99.4
2017	298	97.3	297	100
2018	322	98.1	318	99.4
2019	312	96.8	306	98.4
2020	354	94.9	336	97.3
2021	379	96.8	365	95.3
2022	365	99.5	363	84.0
2023	299	99.3	278	62.2
2024	358	91.6	241	88.8
2025	397	78.3	184	72.8
Total	**8,352**	**96.7**	**7,952**	**95.3**

Table 6. 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	248	40.3
2002	322	322	49.4	249	17.3
2003	292	292	93.8	114	80.7

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
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	125	97.6
2016	311	301	98.0	140	98.6
2017	298	293	93.9	142	95.8
2018	322	315	99.4	143	100
2019	312	301	96.7	138	97.1
2020	354	340	97.6	161	95.0
2021	379	359	95.8	169	98.8
2022	365	357	99.4	192	99.0
2023	299	275	91.6	181	66.3
2024	358	264	82.2	186	84.9
2025	397	242	57.9	164	51.8
Total	**8,352**	**7,894**	**93.1**	**4,148**	**78.9**

New South Wales

Table 7. 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	5,649	161	5,810	97.2
2002	5,430	217	5,647	96.2
2003	5,366	121	5,487	97.8
2004	5,474	186	5,660	96.7
2005	5,246	32	5,278	99.4
2006	5,184	98	5,282	98.1
2007	5,160	189	5,349	96.5
2008	5,260	195	5,455	96.4
2009	5,410	200	5,610	96.4
2010	4,635	219	4,854	95.5
2011	4,610	220	4,830	95.4
2012	4,633	117	4,750	97.5
2013	4,604	152	4,756	96.8
2014	4,880	124	5,004	97.5
2015	4,928	85	5,013	98.3
2016	4,790	130	4,920	97.4
2017	5,119	208	5,327	96.1
2018	5,132	160	5,292	97.0
2019	5,067	240	5,307	95.5
2020	4,499	363	4,862	92.5
2021	4,745	453	5,198	91.3
2022	5,417	644	6,061	89.4
2023	5,016	1,047	6,063	82.7
2024	4,290	2,111	6,401	67.0
2025	2,007	4,617	6,624	30.3
Total	**125,649**	**12,298**	**137,947**	**91.1**

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 8. 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	5,810	87.9	189	93.7
2002	5,647	89.2	213	90.1
2003	5,487	83.3	192	88.0
2004	5,660	52.4	195	71.3
2005	5,278	53.4	175	82.9
2006	5,282	35.8	190	94.2
2007	5,349	43.1	173	90.2
2008	5,455	59.7	188	82.4
2009	5,610	48.5	412	44.9
2010	4,854	58.2	257	58.0
2011	4,830	58.0	231	72.3
2012	4,750	48.8	169	82.2
2013	4,756	45.0	148	93.2
2014	5,004	48.6	143	95.8
2015	5,013	58.2	126	97.6
2016	4,920	56.1	118	93.2
2017	5,327	56.7	84	97.6
2018	5,292	70.8	82	96.3
2019	5,307	77.8	103	98.1

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Inquest held	% attached (where inquest held)
2020	4,862	79.2	80	97.5
2021	5,198	79.9	51	98.0
2022	6,061	76.4	41	95.1
2023	6,063	69.1	24	95.8
2024	6,401	54.5	16	93.8
2025	6,624	23.2	1	100
Total	**137,947**	**61.1**	**3,675**	**81.6**

Table 9. 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	1,792	81.5	741	1.9
2001	5,810	3,546	83.1	1,483	13.8
2002	5,647	3,425	69.5	1,530	3.8
2003	5,487	4,362	63.2	2,200	8.6
2004	5,660	4,762	66.0	3,170	91.3
2005	5,278	4,508	78.5	3,015	94.5
2006	5,282	4,235	72.8	3,262	92.8
2007	5,349	4,541	60.4	3,379	54.9
2008	5,455	4,297	58.8	3,508	86.6
2009	5,610	4,494	72.2	3,720	90.1
2010	4,854	3,940	70.2	3,555	89.2
2011	4,830	3,803	68.4	3,389	66.7
2012	4,750	3,763	70.1	3,313	56.7
2013	4,756	3,834	82.6	3,291	42.1
2014	5,004	4,026	83.2	3,662	79.2
2015	5,013	3,770	88.3	3,277	70.3
2016	4,920	3,499	91.3	2,872	42.6
2017	5,327	3,550	95.5	2,806	38.0
2018	5,292	3,496	93.8	2,345	48.3
2019	5,307	3,452	95.2	2,440	54.4
2020	4,862	3,130	96.3	2,271	51.0
2021	5,198	3,262	95.2	2,217	53.4

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2022	6,061	3,271	88.9	2,192	44.4
2023	6,063	3,145	67.9	1,976	44.0
2024	6,401	3,252	35.0	1,669	32.4
2025	6,624	3,062	11.5	606	37.8
Total	**137,947**	**96,217**	**74.3**	**67,889**	**60.5**

Northern Territory

Table 10. 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	284	0	284	100
2002	350	0	350	100
2003	287	0	287	100
2004	318	0	318	100
2005	326	0	326	100
2006	305	0	305	100
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	285	2	287	99.3
2016	260	0	260	100
2017	316	0	316	100
2018	321	0	321	100
2019	295	0	295	100
2020	269	0	269	100
2021	324	1	325	99.7
2022	396	10	406	97.5
2023	338	21	359	94.2
2024	307	75	382	80.4
2025	119	232	351	33.9
Total	**7,719**	**347**	**8,066**	**95.7**

Table 11. 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

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	284	100	284	97.5
2002	350	100	350	84.6
2003	287	100	286	94.8
2004	318	100	318	98.4
2005	326	100	326	97.5
2006	305	100	305	98.4
2007	313	99.7	313	99.4
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	99.6
2016	260	100	260	100
2017	316	100	316	100
2018	321	100	321	100
2019	295	100	295	100
2020	269	100	269	99.6
2021	325	100	324	99.1
2022	406	87.2	396	100
2023	359	89.7	340	99.1
2024	382	85.6	322	99.1
2025	351	91.7	137	92.7
Total	**8,066**	**96.1**	**7,746**	**98.3**

Table 12. 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	284	281	97.2	278	57.6
2002	350	348	87.6	341	48.4
2003	287	282	87.2	280	47.9

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2004	318	317	95.9	317	52.1
2005	326	325	97.8	323	60.7
2006	305	304	98.0	300	57.0
2007	313	310	98.7	299	68.9
2008	354	347	96.3	316	67.1
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
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	321	240	98.8	206	100
2019	295	226	98.2	204	100
2020	269	210	97.6	195	100
2021	325	242	98.3	224	99.6
2022	406	286	97.2	246	99.6
2023	359	229	96.9	188	100
2024	382	244	95.5	210	100
2025	351	192	79.2	181	97.2
Total	**8,066**	**6,986**	**94.7**	**5,977**	**81.1**

Queensland

Queensland cases were introduced to the NCIS from 1 January 2001

Table 13. Queensland case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2001	2,997	0	2,997	100
2002	2,647	0	2,647	100
2003	2,625	0	2,625	100
2004	2,855	0	2,855	100
2005	2,859	1	2,860	100
2006	2,972	0	2,972	100
2007	3,068	0	3,068	100
2008	3,061	1	3,062	100
2009	3,001	12	3,013	99.6
2010	3,011	0	3,011	100
2011	2,871	4	2,875	99.9
2012	2,748	3	2,751	99.9
2013	2,620	16	2,636	99.4
2014	2,414	116	2,530	95.4
2015	2,662	123	2,785	95.6
2016	2,556	184	2,740	93.3
2017	2,675	137	2,812	95.1
2018	2,449	200	2,649	92.4
2019	2,258	332	2,590	87.2
2020	2,367	55	2,422	97.7
2021	3,209	84	3,293	97.4
2022	2,984	556	3,540	84.3
2023	2,740	642	3,382	81.0
2024	2,456	1,387	3,843	63.9
2025	908	3,139	4,047	22.4
Total	**67,013**	**6,992**	**74,005**	**90.6**

Table 14. Queensland police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	2,997	99.7	2,992	4.6
2002	2,647	99.2	2,644	4.4
2003	2,625	100	2,617	7.6
2004	2,855	99.8	2,818	14.6
2005	2,860	99.9	2,848	38.2
2006	2,972	99.3	2,937	67.8
2007	3,068	95.4	3,056	83.8
2008	3,062	99.2	3,048	91.2
2009	3,013	97.7	2,997	84.4
2010	3,011	99.9	2,994	85.2
2011	2,875	99.4	2,864	92.8
2012	2,751	97.8	2,747	98.7
2013	2,636	90.0	2,619	99.7
2014	2,530	96.2	2,412	99.8
2015	2,785	96.8	2,659	99.7
2016	2,740	94.8	2,554	99.8
2017	2,812	96.1	2,678	99.7
2018	2,649	94.9	2,451	99.8
2019	2,590	91.3	2,245	98.8
2020	2,422	95.9	2,334	89.9
2021	3,293	69.7	2,868	69.1
2022	3,540	67.9	2,996	63.2
2023	3,382	69.3	2,387	85.4
2024	3,843	62.9	2,309	86.6
2025	4,047	58.7	1,055	93.5
Total	**74,005**	**89.4**	**66,129**	**73.0**

Table 15. Queensland autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2001	2,997	2,971	3.5	2,885	1.6
2002	2,647	2,640	3.8	2,596	1.8
2003	2,625	2,609	17.5	2,494	3.0

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2004	2,855	2,609	52.6	1,736	6.0
2005	2,860	2,667	45.4	2,280	11.9
2006	2,972	2,828	41.4	2,280	8.9
2007	3,068	2,971	73.6	2,695	25.6
2008	3,062	2,962	83.0	2,696	19.4
2009	3,013	2,947	92.4	2,789	45.0
2010	3,011	2,999	95.7	2,805	49.1
2011	2,875	2,853	95.8	2,680	60.9
2012	2,751	2,735	99.4	2,288	85.3
2013	2,636	2,604	99.8	2,016	99.0
2014	2,530	2,406	99.5	1,927	98.5
2015	2,785	2,641	99.4	2,164	97.4
2016	2,740	2,536	99.6	2,089	98.0
2017	2,812	2,674	99.7	2,211	96.2
2018	2,649	2,473	99.4	2,252	93.5
2019	2,590	2,278	99.3	2,207	90.8
2020	2,422	2,276	97.1	2,158	95.7
2021	3,293	2,309	94.8	2,134	92.4
2022	3,540	2,490	89.5	2,299	85.5
2023	3,382	2,201	93.9	2,032	91.5
2024	3,843	2,171	90.0	1,990	87.7
2025	4,047	1,172	98.4	1,005	97.5
Total	**74,005**	**64,022**	**77.2**	**56,708**	**58.3**

South Australia

Table 16. 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	3,616	0	3,616	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	2,159	2	2,161	99.9
2013	2,206	5	2,211	99.8
2014	2,261	2	2,263	99.9
2015	2,368	2	2,370	99.9
2016	2,482	11	2,493	99.6
2017	2,626	17	2,643	99.4
2018	2,537	26	2,563	99.0
2019	2,667	31	2,698	98.9
2020	2,590	61	2,651	97.7
2021	2,791	85	2,876	97.0
2022	3,097	135	3,232	95.8
2023	3,187	205	3,392	94.0
2024	3,182	552	3,734	85.2
2025	2,352	1,549	3,901	60.3
Total	**67,802**	**2,685**	**70,487**	**96.2**

Table 17. 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	92.4
2002	3,616	100	3,616	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	1,986	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	2,491	100
2017	2,643	100	2,636	99.9
2018	2,563	100	2,552	99.8
2019	2,698	100	2,685	99.8
2020	2,651	100	2,628	99.2
2021	2,876	100	2,849	91.1
2022	3,232	100	3,178	91.4
2023	3,392	100	3,255	98.2
2024	3,734	99.9	3,277	100
2025	3,901	100	2,554	99.9
Total	**70,487**	**99.9**	**68,402**	**96.4**

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 18. 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	433	0.0
2001	3,449	3,244	0.1	3,222	0.1
2002	3,616	3,517	1.2	3,330	2.1
2003	3,735	1,552	9.3	818	27.1
2004	3,921	1,358	0.1	742	62.5
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	0.1	740	0.3
2009	1,988	1,339	0.1	972	0.4
2010	1,987	1,159	0.2	840	0.4
2011	2,077	1,154	0.0	832	0.8
2012	2,161	1,255	0.1	890	88.7
2013	2,211	1,272	0.2	887	96.3
2014	2,263	1,378	0.1	981	95.5
2015	2,370	1,376	0.1	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	0.3	1,116	0.4
2020	2,651	1,397	0.0	1,042	0.3
2021	2,876	1,464	1.0	1,086	0.1
2022	3,232	1,510	37.5	1,163	9.9
2023	3,392	1,489	97.2	1,166	93.4
2024	3,734	1,480	98.0	1,164	98.2
2025	3,901	870	97.8	958	96.7
Total	**70,487**	**38,454**	**11.8**	**28,689**	**32.9**

Tasmania

Table 19. 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	465	0	465	100
2004	496	0	496	100
2005	483	0	483	100
2006	460	0	460	100
2007	477	0	477	100
2008	455	0	455	100
2009	493	1	494	99.8
2010	449	0	449	100
2011	442	0	442	100
2012	433	0	433	100
2013	514	1	515	99.8
2014	455	1	456	99.8
2015	480	1	481	99.8
2016	528	3	531	99.4
2017	516	4	520	99.2
2018	537	3	540	99.4
2019	651	2	653	99.7
2020	713	8	721	98.9
2021	663	23	686	96.6
2022	738	21	759	97.2
2023	821	98	919	89.3
2024	639	286	925	69.1
2025	245	606	851	28.8
Total	**13,320**	**1,058**	**14,378**	**92.6**

Table 20. 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

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	494	100	464	77.2
2002	465	100	435	69.2
2003	465	100	383	93.5
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	455	100	431	99.8
2009	494	99.8	490	99.2
2010	449	98.2	447	99.3
2011	442	99.8	442	99.5
2012	433	96.8	430	100
2013	515	100	512	99.0
2014	456	89.3	444	98.9
2015	481	91.5	475	98.9
2016	531	92.7	527	99.8
2017	520	99.6	516	99.2
2018	540	100	533	99.2
2019	653	100	650	99.5
2020	721	100	715	99.6
2021	686	99.9	669	98.2
2022	759	99.9	748	98.5
2023	919	98.5	887	93.7
2024	925	99.9	822	77.5
2025	851	99.6	509	52.8
Total	**14,378**	**98.8**	**13,400**	**93.5**

Table 21. 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	275	86.9
2002	465	432	65.7	270	79.3
2003	465	446	63.2	252	91.3

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
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
2008	455	422	83.9	242	97.9
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	261	95.4
2014	456	437	98.9	247	98.8
2015	481	464	98.5	273	99.3
2016	531	516	99.8	308	98.4
2017	520	507	98.2	291	99.0
2018	540	523	99.0	297	100
2019	653	635	94.8	331	99.7
2020	721	688	95.8	274	98.5
2021	686	668	97.3	268	97.0
2022	759	744	98.7	302	97.7
2023	919	731	94.0	306	82.4
2024	925	747	85.3	315	57.8
2025	851	497	54.9	301	24.3
Total	**14,378**	**13,216**	**87.3**	**7,058**	**89.8**

Victoria

Table 22. Victoria case closure by year of notification and case status

Year of notification	Closed cases	Open cases	Total cases	% Closed cases
2000	2,145	0	2,145	100
2001	3,773	0	3,773	100
2002	3,872	2	3,874	99.9
2003	4,093	11	4,104	99.7
2004	4,326	3	4,329	99.9
2005	4,553	0	4,553	100
2006	4,727	0	4,727	100
2007	4,897	0	4,897	100
2008	5,035	0	5,035	100
2009	5,203	0	5,203	100
2010	4,592	1	4,593	100
2011	4,552	5	4,557	99.9
2012	4,676	4	4,680	99.9
2013	5,296	3	5,299	99.9
2014	5,911	5	5,916	99.9
2015	5,722	176	5,898	97.0
2016	5,910	4	5,914	99.9
2017	6,295	6	6,301	99.9
2018	5,960	218	6,178	96.5
2019	6,400	348	6,748	94.8
2020	5,787	931	6,718	86.1
2021	5,759	1,000	6,759	85.2
2022	6,364	904	7,268	87.6
2023	6,563	497	7,060	93.0
2024	53	7,434	7,487	0.7
2025	0	7,855	7,855	0.0
Total	**122,464**	**19,407**	**141,871**	**86.3**

Table 23. Victoria police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	2,145	100	2,104	99.8

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	3,773	99.7	3,742	99.8
2002	3,874	99.4	3,812	99.5
2003	4,104	95.4	4,044	99.6
2004	4,329	93.3	4,280	99.6
2005	4,553	89.5	4,541	99.0
2006	4,727	88.4	4,710	99.0
2007	4,897	96.4	4,891	97.4
2008	5,035	99.7	5,021	96.8
2009	5,203	92.9	5,193	91.6
2010	4,593	90.4	4,591	88.9
2011	4,557	94.7	4,548	60.2
2012	4,680	89.3	4,675	47.0
2013	5,299	67.7	5,279	93.3
2014	5,916	94.6	5,872	94.2
2015	5,898	99.1	5,820	97.5
2016	5,914	99.6	5,905	98.1
2017	6,301	99.4	6,290	99.4
2018	6,178	99.2	6,159	99.3
2019	6,748	99.4	6,542	99.7
2020	6,718	98.4	6,208	99.6
2021	6,759	99.2	6,110	99.8
2022	7,268	99.0	7,096	100
2023	7,060	99.7	6,680	100
2024	7,487	99.3	6,502	100
2025	7,855	89.7	4,282	100
Total	**141,871**	**95.3**	**134,897**	**95.0**

Table 24. Victoria autopsy and toxicology attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2000	2,145	1,694	96.2	1,198	77.4
2001	3,773	2,932	99.2	2,051	99.6
2002	3,874	3,090	96.1	2,190	97.2
2003	4,104	3,899	83.8	2,924	99.5

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2004	4,329	4,205	81.7	2,297	99.8
2005	4,553	4,416	86.1	2,365	99.9
2006	4,727	4,483	90.2	2,438	98.5
2007	4,897	4,704	89.9	2,810	97.0
2008	5,035	4,574	94.0	3,034	99.2
2009	5,203	4,906	94.2	3,300	98.5
2010	4,593	4,229	94.7	3,395	99.3
2011	4,557	3,984	95.2	3,597	99.7
2012	4,680	4,189	97.3	3,723	99.7
2013	5,299	4,899	98.8	4,019	97.2
2014	5,916	5,607	99.9	4,245	95.8
2015	5,898	5,681	99.8	4,262	93.5
2016	5,914	5,752	99.8	4,322	95.7
2017	6,301	6,116	100	4,363	99.6
2018	6,178	5,950	100	4,507	99.5
2019	6,748	6,584	100	4,802	99.5
2020	6,718	6,509	100	4,488	99.5
2021	6,759	6,526	100	4,523	99.0
2022	7,268	7,074	99.9	4,548	99.4
2023	7,060	6,834	100	4,248	99.8
2024	7,487	7,037	100	4,388	100
2025	7,855	6,136	100	3,799	100
Total	**141,871**	**132,010**	**96.7**	**91,836**	**98.3**

Western Australia

Table 25. 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	1,396	0	1,396	100
2003	1,422	4	1,426	99.7
2004	1,393	1	1,394	99.9
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	1,817	2	1,819	99.9
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	2,225	2	2,227	99.9
2016	2,317	1	2,318	100
2017	2,370	1	2,371	100
2018	2,279	3	2,282	99.9
2019	2,476	4	2,480	99.8
2020	2,762	22	2,784	99.2
2021	2,883	22	2,905	99.2
2022	3,155	58	3,213	98.2
2023	3,016	202	3,218	93.7
2024	2,526	787	3,313	76.2
2025	1,104	2,377	3,481	31.7
Total	**52,047**	**3,492**	**55,539**	**93.7**

Table 26. Western Australia police and finding attachment by year of notification

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2000	765	100	764	73.6

Year of notification	Total cases	Police	Finding	
		% attached	Produced	% attached
2001	1,497	100	1,479	79.0
2002	1,396	99.9	1,394	94.8
2003	1,426	99.9	1,414	96.5
2004	1,394	99.8	1,386	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	1,815	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	2,222	99.7
2016	2,318	100	2,316	99.7
2017	2,371	99.8	2,363	99.4
2018	2,282	99.2	2,251	97.9
2019	2,480	99.5	2,255	92.7
2020	2,784	99.2	2,041	83.6
2021	2,905	99.1	2,440	91.9
2022	3,213	99.4	3,138	99.6
2023	3,218	98.8	3,054	99.7
2024	3,313	98.8	2,542	99.8
2025	3,481	98.0	976	99.2
Total	**55,539**	**99.5**	**50,458**	**97.0**

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Table 27. 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	618	62.3
2001	1,497	1,484	6.6	1,413	48.5

Year of notification	Total cases	Autopsy		Toxicology	
		Performed	% attached	Performed	% attached
2002	1,396	1,383	8.1	1,321	61.8
2003	1,426	1,419	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	1,546	82.2	1,233	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	99.6	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	2,282	2,193	99.0	2,003	99.8
2019	2,480	2,395	95.7	2,169	98.8
2020	2,784	2,682	87.4	2,488	96.7
2021	2,905	2,852	89.7	2,648	97.9
2022	3,213	3,161	89.9	2,899	96.8
2023	3,218	3,149	89.2	2,796	97.4
2024	3,313	3,244	67.2	2,215	95.4
2025	3,481	3,236	31.5	1,721	97.3
Total	**55,539**	**54,307**	**80.3**	**45,561**	**93.4**

ICD-10 CODE INCLUSION

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This document provides a representation of the total cases in the NCIS where at least one ICD-10 code has been allocated.

Australian ICD-10 codes

ICD-10 codes to describe cause of death are generated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and are available at unit record level through the Cause of Death Unit Record File (COD URF).

The COD URF is released each year by the Australian Co-ordinating Registry (ACR), who then provide ICD-10 codes to the NCIS for coroner certified deaths.

Australian ICD-10 version by year of notification

Since 2006, ICD-10 codes for Australian coroner certified deaths may be subject to a three-year revision process, acknowledging the time that may be required for completion of a coroners' investigation.

The review process is only applicable to open cases in the NCIS at the time ABS publishes the ICD-10 codes.

Codes applied to open cases are identified as preliminary when first published, revised when published the following year and final when published after a second year.

Codes applied to closed cases are identified as final in the applicable published data.

The latest version of the ICD-10 code is available in the NCIS, with the status indicated in conjunction with the codes.

ICD Cause of Death Codes (Final)	Code
Level 1	O291
Level 2	O469
Underlying Cause of Death *	O228

The version of ICD-10 codes applicable for year of registration is shown below.

BDM registration year (range)	Latest ICD version
2000–2021	Final
2022	Revised
2023-2024	Preliminary

Australia by year of notification

Australian figures for ICD-10 code inclusion relate to open and closed cases

Table 28. Proportion of ICD-10 code inclusion by year of notification

Year of notification	% ICD-10 inclusion
2000	84.70
2001	85.90
2002	83.90
2003	88.80
2004	87.80
2005	93.10
2006	94.60
2007	93.40
2008	95.60
2009	95.70
2010	96.70
2011	95.90
2012	94.40
2013	97.40
2014	97.40
2015	97.10
2016	98.10
2017	97.40
2018	97.10
2019	96.90
2020	97.20
2021	94.00
2022	93.30

Year of notification	% ICD-10 inclusion
2023	92.30
2024	81.30
Total	**88.20**

Australian jurisdiction by year of notification

ICD-10 codes for Tasmania were not provided in the COD URF data for the years 2000–2002 and are therefore not available in the NCIS for this period

Table 29. Proportion of ICD-10 code inclusion by year of notification and jurisdiction of investigation

Year of notification	Jurisdiction of investigation							
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
2000	88.0	87.1	69.9	N/A	89.5	N/A	87.3	82.7
2001	90.5	91.0	71.8	76.3	92.8	N/A	90.4	88.0
2002	72.4	89.4	80.9	83.5	91.8	N/A	79.2	86.5
2003	68.8	90.4	81.2	81.4	91.2	93.1	90.0	90.3
2004	89.2	89.8	84.0	82.3	86.7	93.8	88.6	90.5
2005	85.8	93.8	88.3	88.9	93.6	98.1	93.6	97.3
2006	93.9	92.1	97.7	93.4	98.0	97.2	95.0	98.5
2007	98.2	93.7	98.4	85.4	98.3	92.9	94.0	98.5
2008	99.4	94.7	98.6	93.3	98.2	93.8	95.5	98.6
2009	97.6	94.1	96.4	93.3	98.0	97.0	96.9	98.2
2010	96.4	95.6	98.4	97.8	98.7	97.8	95.6	98.1
2011	97.8	94.0	98.3	98.2	98.4	97.7	93.9	98.3
2012	96.1	97.6	98.4	95.6	92.9	96.1	88.6	98.7
2013	99.4	98.0	97.9	97.5	97.2	97.1	96.7	97.7
2014	98.3	96.6	100	97.9	99.2	96.5	97.2	96.7
2015	97.4	97.8	98.6	89.2	98.9	97.3	98.6	98.9
2016	98.1	97.9	98.8	96.9	98.4	95.5	98.7	98.7
2017	97.7	97.5	98.7	94.4	98.3	97.7	97.9	98.1
2018	96.9	97.1	98.4	92.5	98.8	97.2	98.1	97.5
2019	90.4	97.3	99.0	88.6	99.3	97.9	98.6	98.1
2020	98.6	96.1	98.9	95.0	99.1	97.2	98.1	97.2
2021	97.1	96.7	98.2	70.6	99.0	98.4	98.2	99.1

Year of notification	Jurisdiction of investigation							
	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
2022	97.8	95.8	96.3	65.7	98.9	99.1	98.6	99.0
2023	97.3	95.1	88.0	67.7	98.0	82.9	97.7	97.6
2024	85.5	83.0	70.2	56.5	90.0	90.4	85.1	86.7
Total	**93.3**	**94.0**	**92.4**	**85.8**	**95.6**	**87.0**	**94.7**	**96.2**