
7 Courts

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Attachment tables

Attachment tables are identified in references throughout this chapter by a '7A' prefix (for example, table 7A.1) and are available from the website <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

This chapter focuses on performance information for court administrative support services for Australian, State and Territory courts, not on judicial decisions made in the courts.

Further information on the Report on Government Services including other reported service areas, the glossary and list of abbreviations is available at <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

7.1 Profile of court services

Service overview

The primary support functions of court administration services are to:

- manage court facilities and staff, including buildings, security and ancillary services such as registries, libraries and transcription services
- provide case management services, including client information, scheduling and case flow management
- enforce court orders through the sheriff's department or a similar mechanism.

Court support services are reported for the State and Territory supreme, district/county and magistrates' (including children's) courts, coroners' courts and probate registries, and for the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Family Court of WA and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

The High Court of Australia, tribunals and specialist jurisdiction courts (for example, Indigenous courts, circle sentencing courts, drug courts and electronic infringement and enforcement systems) are excluded.

Roles and responsibilities

State and Territory court levels

There is a hierarchy of courts within each State and Territory (see figure 7.1). Supreme courts hear disputes of greater seriousness than those heard in the other courts. Supreme courts also develop the law and operate as courts of judicial review or appeal. For the majority of states and territories, the hierarchy of courts is as outlined below (although Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not have a district/county court):

- supreme courts (includes probate)
- district/county courts
- magistrates' courts (includes children's and coroners' courts).

Differences in State and Territory court levels mean that the allocation of cases to courts and seriousness of cases heard varies across states and territories (further information about court levels is contained in tables 7A.33–37).

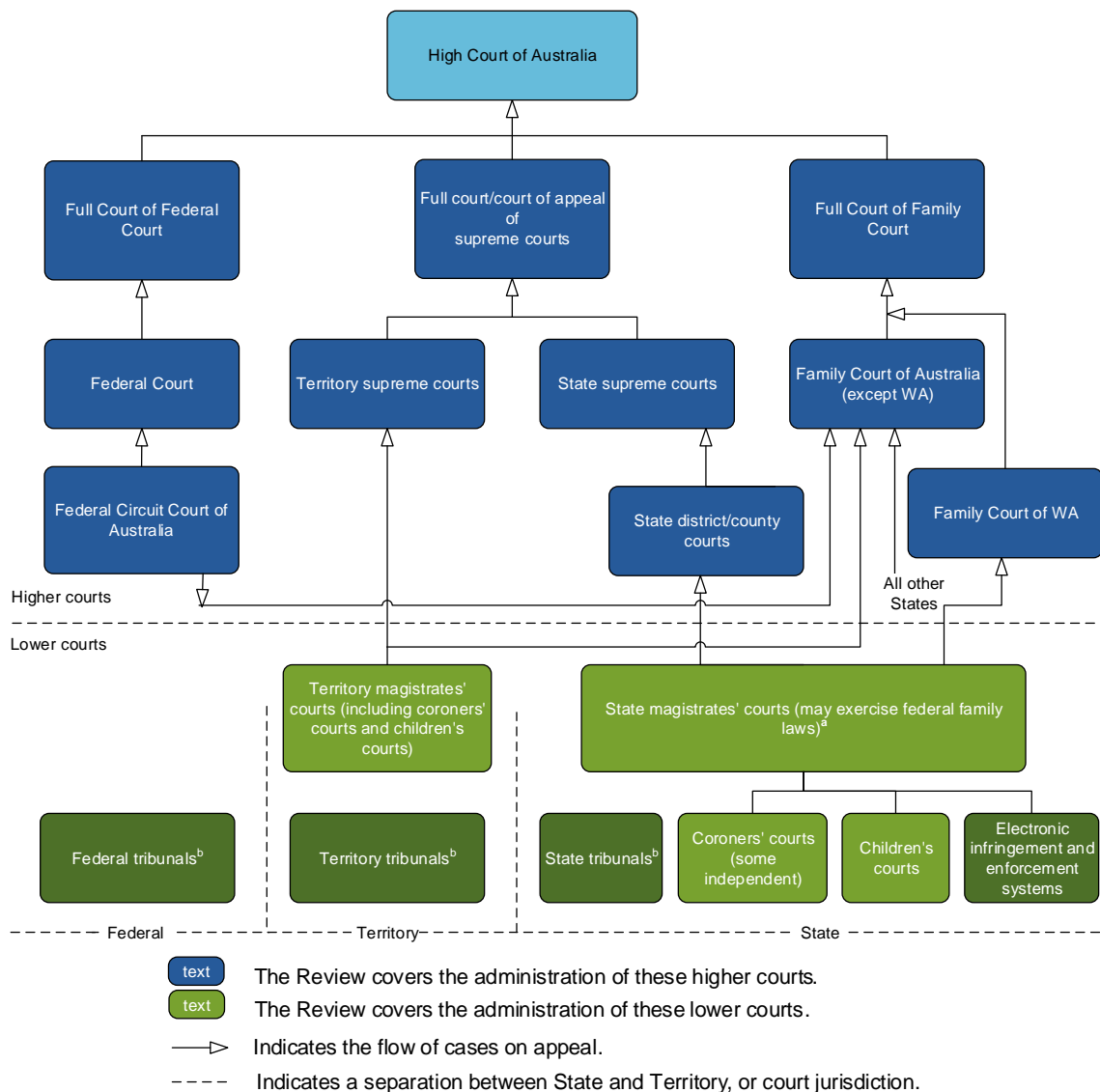
Australian court levels

Australian courts hear and determine civil matters arising under laws made by the Australian Government. The hierarchy of Australian courts (see figure 7.1) is as follows:

- the High Court of Australia
- the Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia
- the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

Detailed information about the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court and the Federal Circuit Court is available in table 7A.37.

Figure 7.1 Major relationships of courts in Australia^{a, b}



^a In some jurisdictions, appeals from lower courts or district/county courts may go directly to the full court or court of appeal at the supreme/federal level; appeals from the Federal Circuit Court can also be heard by a single judge exercising the Federal/Family Courts' appellate jurisdiction. ^b Appeals from federal, State and Territory tribunals may go to any higher court in their jurisdiction.

Funding

Nationally in 2017-18, total recurrent expenditure by Australian, State and Territory courts in this Report was almost \$1.9 billion (table 7.1). Expenditure in some states and territories is apportioned (estimated) between the criminal and civil jurisdictions of courts so caution should be used when comparing criminal and civil expenditure across states and territories.

Total recurrent expenditure less court income, for the Australian, State and Territory courts in this Report was approximately \$1.5 billion in 2017-18 (tables 7A.12–13). Court income

is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines). The civil jurisdiction of courts accounts for the vast majority of income received (table 7A.13).

Table 7.1 Courts' recurrent expenditure, 2017-18 (\$ million)^{a, b, c}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Civil	156.2	182.1	66.6	81.1	31.3	8.3	13.6	13.1	102.0	654.4
Criminal	252.6	236.7	175.9	135.9	75.7	19.9	19.3	28.5	..	944.5
Family	..	..	..	32.5	..	..	..	..	54.0	86.5
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	152.0	152.0
Coroners	6.6	16.7	11.3	7.0	4.3	1.4	1.2	1.0	..	49.4
Probate — Supreme	1.2	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.9	0.3	—	—	..	4.7
Total	416.6	436.5	254.1	257.5	112.1	30.0	34.1	42.6	308.0	1 891.5

^a Totals may not sum as a result of rounding. ^b Payroll tax is excluded. ^c See tables 7A.9–10 for detailed footnotes and caveats for each jurisdiction. .. Not applicable. — Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.9–10.

Cost recovery and fee relief in the civil courts

Court fees are mainly collected in civil courts and in some jurisdictions are set by government rather than court administrators. The level of cost recovery from the collection of civil court fees varies across court levels. Across states and territories, approximately a third of costs in 2017-18 were recovered through court fees in the District and Magistrates' courts (table 7A.14). Cost recovery tends to be low in the children's courts — in these courts many applications do not attract a fee.

Most courts in Australia are able to waive or reduce court fees to ameliorate the impact on vulnerable or financially disadvantaged parties (fee relief). Table 7.2 shows that the proportions of total payable civil court fees which were waived or reduced were highest in the NT Magistrates' court (36.1 per cent), followed by the Family Court of WA (28.4 per cent) and the Family Court of Australia (19.7 per cent).

Fee exemptions are also available in some courts — this is usually where legislation exists to exempt particular categories of fees from being payable. Fee exemptions are more common in the Australian Government courts than State and Territory courts (table 7A.16).

During 2017-18, approximately \$33.3 million of civil court fees were either waived, reduced or exempted and therefore not recovered by courts (table 7A.16).

Table 7.2 Proportion of total payable civil court fees which were waived or reduced, 2017-18 (per cent)^{a, b, c}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>
Supreme/Federal	0.9	2.2	na	4.7	5.0	1.3	5.9	2.2	14.8
District/County	–	1.1	na	8.5	2.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' (only)	–	na	na	2.5	0.4	na	0.8	36.1	..
Family	..	..	..	28.4	..	..	..	..	19.7
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.1

^a Total payable civil court fees include court fees collected, waived or reduced. Excludes enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees. ^b Queensland has no provision for waiving fees and is currently unable to provide data on fee reductions. ^c The NT Magistrates' court granted fee waivers for a large number of statements of claim lodged during the financial year. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable. **–** Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

Size and scope of court activity

Staffing

Descriptive information on the numbers of judicial officers and full time equivalent staff can be found in tables 7A.24–26.

Lodgments

Lodgments are matters initiated in the court system and provide the basis for court workload as well as reflecting community demand for court services (see tables 7A.1–2 for further information).

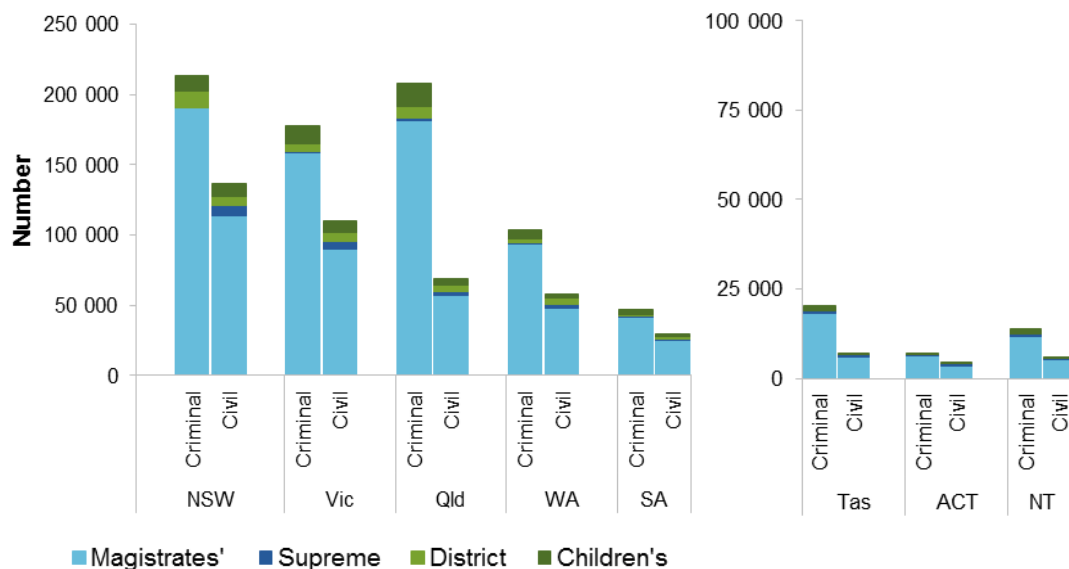
State and territory courts

Nationally, there were 791 216 criminal lodgments registered in the supreme, district/county, magistrates' and children's courts in 2017-18 (table 7A.1) compared with 419 765 civil lodgments (table 7A.2). An additional 77 916 probate matters were lodged in the supreme courts (table 7A.2). Lodgments were higher in the criminal courts than civil courts across all states and territories (figure 7.2). In the coroners' courts, there were 25 048 deaths and fires reported, with numbers varying across jurisdictions as a result of different reporting requirements (table 7A.2). There were an additional 15 731 lodgments in the Family Court of WA.

Most criminal and civil matters in Australia in 2017-18 were lodged in magistrates' courts (see figure 7.2). The number of lodgments per 100 000 people can assist in understanding

the comparative workload of a court in relation to the population of the State or Territory (see tables 7A.3 (criminal) and 7A.4 (civil) for data by State and Territory).

Figure 7.2 Court lodgments – criminal and civil, by court level, 2017-18^{a, b}



^a See tables 7A.1–2 for detailed footnotes and caveats. ^b Excludes probate, coroners' and federal courts.
 Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.1–2.

Australian Government courts

In 2017-18 there were 5921 lodgments in the Federal Court of Australia, 20 826 lodgments in the Family Court of Australia and 95 716 lodgments in the Federal Circuit Court (table 7A.2).

Finalisations

Finalisations represent the completion of matters in the court system so that they cease to be an item of work for the court. Each lodgment can be finalised only once. Matters may be finalised by adjudication, transfer, or another non-adjudicated method (such as withdrawal of a matter by the prosecution or settlement by the parties involved)¹.

Most cases that are finalised in the criminal and civil courts do not proceed to trial. Generally, cases that proceed to trial are more time-consuming and resource intensive. In the criminal

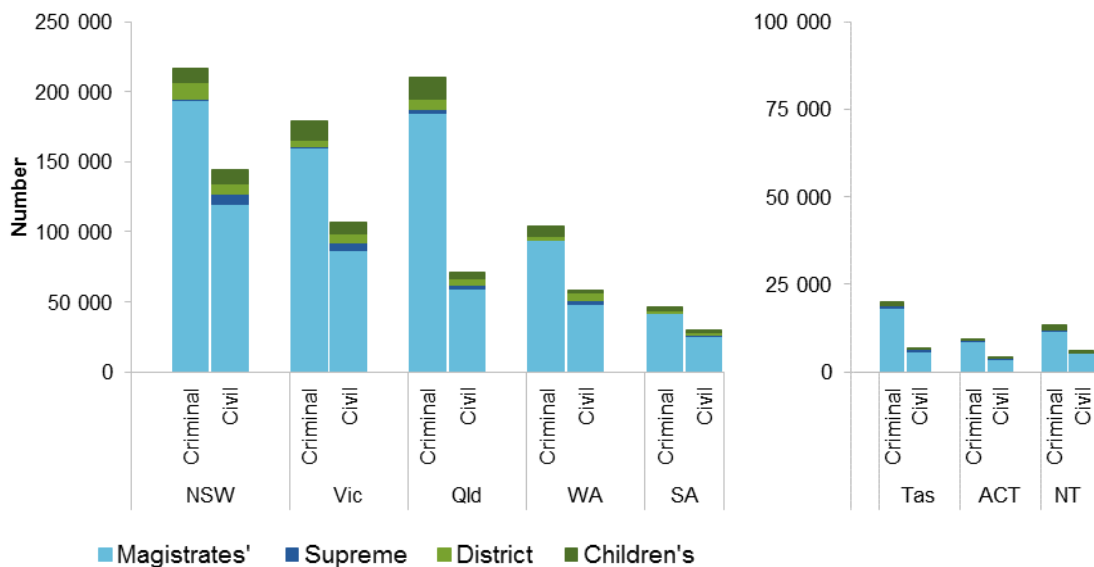
¹ For the purposes of this Report, civil non-appeal lodgments that have had no court action in the past 12 months are counted (deemed) as finalised. The rationale for this is to focus on those matters that are active and part of a workload that the courts can progress. A case which is deemed finalised is considered closed — in the event that it becomes active again in the court after 12 months it is not counted again in this Report.

courts, the proportions of all finalised non-appeal cases that were finalised following the commencement of a trial in 2017-18 varied from 2 to 54 per cent in the Supreme courts and from 7 to 18 per cent in the District courts. Proportions in the Magistrates' courts were generally lower still.

State and territory courts

In 2017–18, there were 800 454 criminal finalisations in the supreme, district/county, magistrates' and children's courts and 427 208 civil finalisations in these courts (tables 7A.5–6). The pattern of finalisations across states and territories (figure 7.3) is similar to that of lodgments, but lodgments will not equal finalisations in any given year because not all matters lodged in one year will be finalised in the same year. There were an additional 24 570 cases finalised in the coroners' courts and 16 048 cases finalised in the WA Family Court. The number of finalisations per 100 000 people is available in tables 7A.7–8.

Figure 7.3 **Court finalisations – criminal and civil, by court level, 2017-18 a, b**



^a See tables 7A.5–6 for detailed footnotes and caveats. ^b Excludes probate, coroners' and federal courts.
 Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.5–6.

Australian Government courts

In 2017-18 there were 5603 cases finalised in the Federal Court of Australia, 20 697 cases finalised in the Family Court of Australia and 95 195 cases finalised in the Federal Circuit Court (table 7A.6).

Lodgments and finalisations in criminal courts — Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians

The proportions of all criminal non-appeal matters lodged and finalised in the Supreme, District, Magistrates' and Children's courts involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants, show that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are overrepresented in the criminal courts relative to their representation in the community (table 7.3). Indigenous status is based on self-identification by the individual who comes into contact with police, with this information transferred from police systems to the courts when the defendant's matter is lodged in the courts. Data for criminal courts are presented for five jurisdictions (NSW (data are available for the Supreme Court only), Queensland, WA, SA and the NT). For other jurisdictions data on Indigenous status is either not available or not currently considered to be of sufficient quality for publication.

Table 7.3 Proportion of non-appeal criminal court lodgments and finalisations involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander defendants, 2017-18 (per cent)^{a, b}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Lodgments</i>									
Supreme	5.3	na	5.4	37.2	18.5	na	na	60.9	na
District/county	na	na	18.5	29.6	8.7	..	..	..	na
Magistrates' (total)	na	na	20.8	30.8	16.1	na	na	76.3	na
Magistrates' (only)	na	na	18.3	28.7	14.7	na	na	74.4	na
Children's	na	na	47.2	59.9	34.9	na	na	93.3	na
All criminal courts	na	na	20.5	30.8	15.8	na	na	75.7	na
<i>Finalisations</i>									
Supreme	6.1	na	4.7	34.5	8.5	na	na	55.9	na
District/county	na	na	18.7	28.2	8.6	..	..	..	na
Magistrates' (total)	na	na	21.0	31.2	15.5	na	na	76.1	na
Magistrates' (only)	na	na	18.7	28.8	14.2	na	na	74.1	na
Children's	na	na	48.1	61.6	33.2	na	na	92.6	na
All criminal courts	na	na	20.7	31.2	15.2	na	na	75.3	na
Proportion in population^c	3.0	0.9	4.4	3.8	2.5	5.3	1.8	30.3	3.1

^a Totals may not add as a result of rounding. ^b NSW Supreme Court data may reflect an undercount due to Indigenous status not being available for all defendants. ^c As at December 2017, based on the 2011 Census. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

Finalisations in civil courts – applications for domestic and family violence protection orders (experimental data)

Domestic and family violence matters² are generally dealt with at the Magistrates' court level. Applications for protection orders are civil matters in the court while offences relating to domestic and family violence (including breaches of violence orders and protection orders) are dealt with in criminal courts. Protection orders are the most broadly used justice response mechanism for addressing the safety of women and children exposed to domestic and family violence (Taylor et al. 2015).

In 2017-18, across all Magistrates' courts approximately 34 per cent of all finalised civil cases involved applications for domestic and family violence-related protection orders (excludes interim orders and applications for extension, revocation or variation) (table 7.4).

The Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court do not issue family violence protection orders. Rather, the Family Court must consider and take action on notices of child abuse or risk of family violence when considering final order cases. Following a broadening of the definition of family violence in the Family Law Act in 2012, the number of notices being filed in the Family Court has steadily increased. In 2017-18, the proportion of final order cases in which a notice of child abuse or risk of family violence was filed was 29.5 per cent (Family Court of Australia Annual Report, 2017-18).

Table 7.4 Finalised civil cases in the Magistrates' courts involving a finalised application for a domestic or family violence related protection order, 2017-18 — experimental data^{a, b}

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil cases finalised ('000)	120.0	86.4	58.9	48.5	25.6	5.8	3.4	5.2	353.7
All finalised cases involving an application for a domestic or family violence related protection order ('000)	36.9	32.8	30.8	10.0	4.3	0.7	0.8	4.2	120.4
Percentage of all finalised cases involving an application for a domestic or family violence-related protection order (%)	30.7	38.0	52.3	20.7	16.8	12.7	22.5	79.7	34.1

^a Includes originating applications only. ^b In Tasmania, police can issue Police Family Violence Orders (PFVOs) which are more numerous than court-issued orders. PFVOs are excluded from this table.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

² While 'domestic' and 'family' violence are distinct concepts, the former referring to violence against an intimate partner and the latter referring to broader family and kinship relationships, the terms are often used interchangeably and their definitions generally incorporate both domestic and family-related violence.

7.2 Framework of performance indicators

The framework of performance indicators for courts is based on common objectives for courts (box 7.1). The emphasis placed on each objective may vary across states and territories and court levels.

Box 7.1 Objectives for courts

Courts aim to safeguard and maintain the rule of law and ensure equal justice for all. Court services support the courts and aim to encourage public confidence and trust in the courts by enabling them to:

- be open and accessible
- be affordable
- process matters in a high quality, expeditious and timely manner.

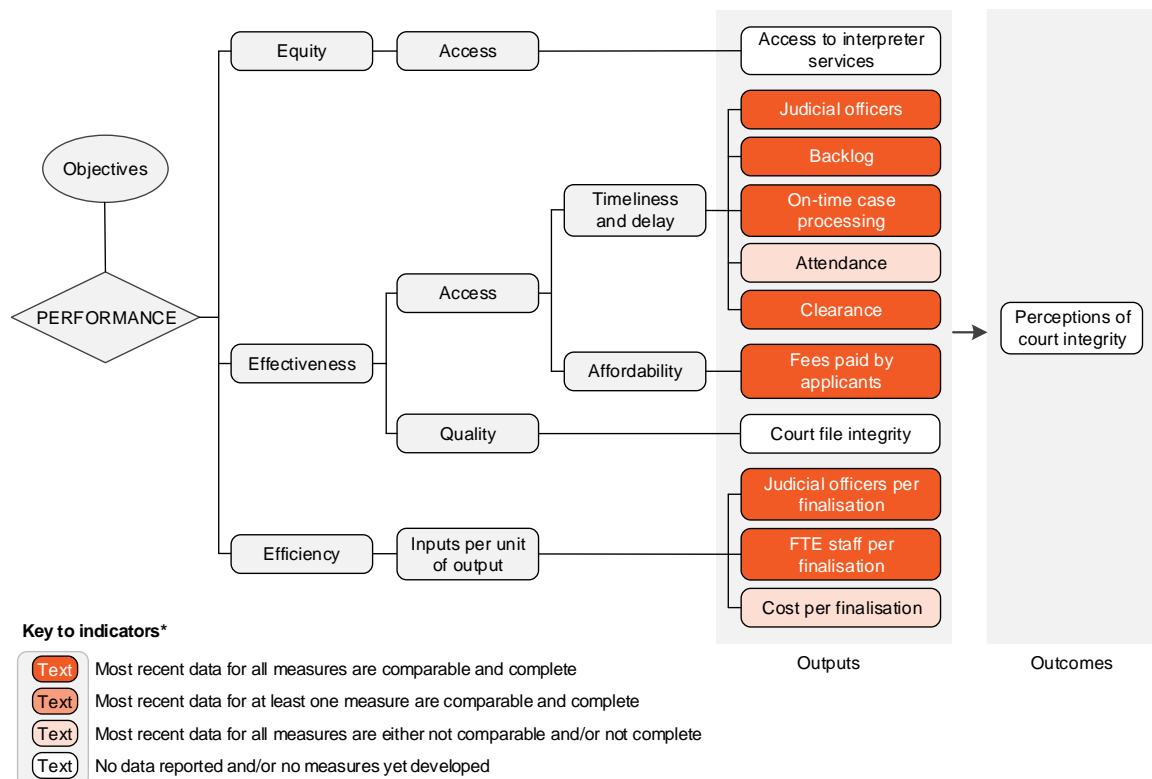
Governments aim for court services to meet these objectives in an equitable and efficient manner.

The performance indicator framework provides information on equity, efficiency and effectiveness, and distinguishes the outputs and outcomes of courts (figure 7.4). The performance indicator framework shows which data are complete and comparable in the 2019 Report. For data that are not considered directly comparable, text includes relevant caveats and supporting commentary. Chapter 1 discusses data comparability, data completeness and information on data quality from a Report-wide perspective. In addition to section 7.1, the Report's Statistical context chapter (chapter 2) contains data that may assist in interpreting the performance indicators presented in this chapter. Chapters 1 and 2 are available from the website at <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

Improvements to performance reporting for Courts are ongoing and will include identifying data sources to fill gaps in reporting for performance indicators and measures, and improving the comparability and completeness of data.

The Steering Committee recognises that this courts data collection (unlike some other data collections) does not have an intermediary data collector or validator akin to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare or the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The reporting process in this chapter is one of continual improvement and refinement, with the long-term aim of developing a national data collection that covers court activities across the Australian, State and Territory jurisdictions in a timely and comparable way.

Figure 7.4 Courts performance indicator framework





* A description of the comparability and completeness of each measure is provided in indicator interpretation boxes within the chapter

7.3 Key performance indicator results



Different delivery contexts, locations, caseloads, case mixes and government policies can affect the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of court services. The allocation of cases to different courts also differs across states and territories and Australian courts.

The courts data collection is based on national counting rules, so data presented in this chapter may differ from data published by individual jurisdictions in their annual reports. There also can be differences from the data reported in the ABS Criminal Courts publication (ABS 2018) — the ABS publication provides information about judicial decisions relating to finalised and adjudicated defendants.

The comparability of performance indicator results are shaded in indicator interpretation boxes, figures and chapter and attachment tables as follows:

-  Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
-  Data are either not comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time or are not comparable across jurisdictions or both.

The completeness of performance indicator results are shaded in indicator interpretation boxes, figures and chapter and attachment tables as follows:

-  Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required data are available for all jurisdictions
-  Data are incomplete for the current reporting period. At least some data were not available.

Outputs

Outputs are the services delivered while outcomes are the impact of these services on the status of an individual or group (see chapter 1). Output information is also critical for equitable, efficient and effective management of government services.

Equity

Access — Interpreter services

‘Access to interpreter services’ is an indicator of government’s objective to provide court services in an equitable manner (box 7.2). One component of equity of access to court services in Australia is an ability to receive access to interpreter services for those who need assistance with understanding and communicating in the court system.

Box 7.2 Access to interpreter services

‘Access to interpreter services’ is defined as the proportion of people attending court who need an interpreter service who receive access to interpreter services.

High or increasing levels of access relative to need is desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

Effectiveness

Access — judicial officers

‘Judicial officers’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing services that enable courts to be open, accessible and affordable. This indicator relates access to the number of judicial officers available to deal with cases in relation to population size (box 7.3).

Box 7.3 Judicial officers

‘Judicial officers’ is defined as the number of full time equivalent (FTE) judicial officers divided by the relevant resident population, multiplied by 100 000.

Judicial officers can make enforceable orders of the court. For the purposes of this Report, the definition of a judicial officer includes: judges; associate judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. Where judicial officers have both judicial and non-judicial work, this refers to the proportion of time allocated to judicial work.

A high or increasing proportion of judicial officers in the population indicates potentially greater access to the judicial system.

Factors such as geographical dispersion, judicial workload and population density are also important to consider when comparing figures concerning judicial officers.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Table 7.5 shows the number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people.

Table 7.5 Judicial officers, full time equivalent, per 100 000 people, by court level, 2017-18^{a, b}

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Population ('000)</i>	7 915	6 386	4 965	2 585	1 728	525	416	247	24 771	
<i>Judicial officers per 100 000 people</i>										
Supreme/Federal	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.6	3.6	0.2	1.0
District/County	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.2	..	..	..	..	0.9
Magistrates'	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	6.3	..	1.8
Children's	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	..	0.3
Family	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
Coroners	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
Total	3.6	4.1	3.3	4.7	4.3	4.4	3.7	11.1	0.6	4.5

^a Population data for the financial year is the midpoint (31 December) estimate based on the 2016 Census.

^b See box 7.3 and table 7A.24 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.24.

Access — backlog

'Backlog' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.4).

Box 7.4 Backlog

'Backlog' is a measure of the age of a court's active pending caseload at 30 June, against nominated time benchmarks. It is defined as the number of cases in the nominated age category as a percentage of the total pending caseload.

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Box 7.4 (continued)

The following national benchmarks have been set.

For the Federal Circuit Court, magistrates' and children's courts:

- no more than 10 per cent of lodgments pending completion are to be more than 6 months old
- no lodgments pending completion are to be more than 12 months old.

For Supreme courts, the Federal Court, district/county, family and coroners' courts and all appeals:

- no more than 10 per cent of lodgments pending completion are to be more than 12 months old
- no lodgments pending completion are to be more than 24 months old.

Performance relative to the benchmarks indicates effective management of caseloads and timeliness of court services.

Time taken to process cases is not necessarily due to court delay. Some delays are caused by factors other than those related to the workload of the court (for example, a witness being unavailable). See tables 7A.17–18 for further information about factors which can impact on delay.

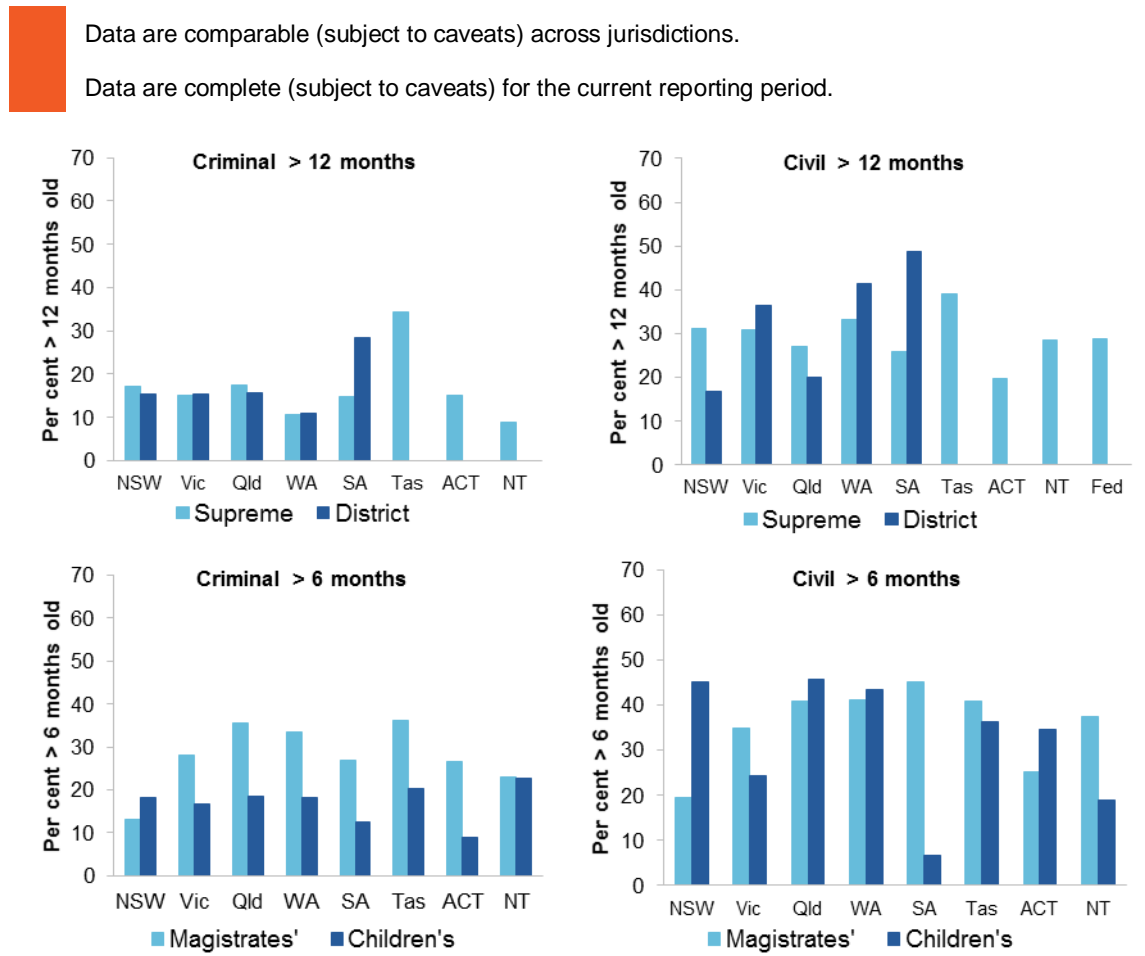
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Figure 7.5 shows that at 30 June 2018 the backlog in civil courts for the Supreme, District and Magistrates' courts was generally higher than criminal courts across all states and territories.

Detailed data on the backlog for criminal and civil matters (including appeal and non-appeal disaggregations and historical data) for all court levels are available in tables 7A.17–18.

Figure 7.5 Backlog in the courts — criminal and civil, at 30 June 2018^{a, b}



^a See box 7.4 and tables 7A.17–18 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Fed refers to Federal Court of Australia.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.17–18.

Access — On-time case processing

‘On-time case processing’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.5).

Box 7.5 **On-time case processing**

'On-time case processing' is a measure of the age of cases which have been finalised in the financial year, against nominated time categories. It is defined as the number of finalised cases at each court level which were finalised in less than or equal to 6, 12 or 24 months (dependent on court level), as a percentage of the total cases finalised during the financial year.

Higher percentages of cases finalised in these time categories indicates effective management of caseloads and timeliness of court services. The on-time case processing indicator should be considered in conjunction with the backlog indicator.

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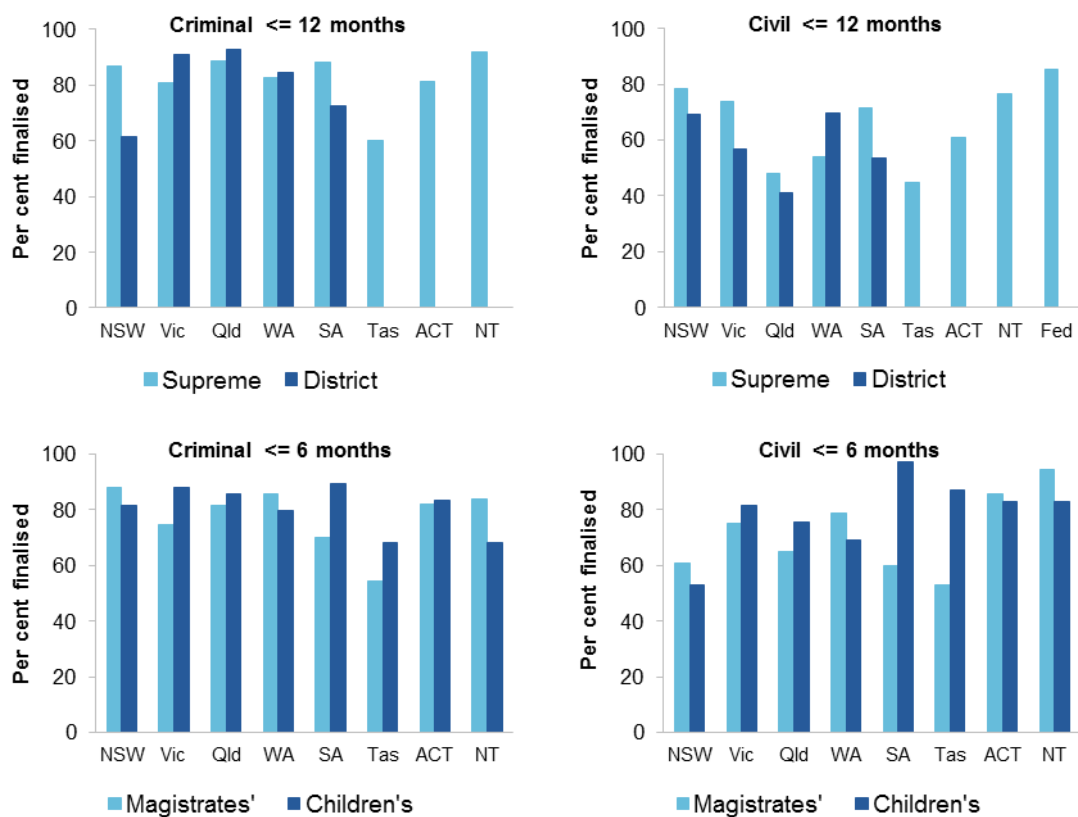
Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Figure 7.6 shows the percentage of finalised cases in the Supreme and District courts (all matters) which were finalised in 12 months or less, and the percentage of finalised cases in the Magistrates' and Children's courts which took six months or less to finalise. Experimental data for on-time case processing for criminal and civil matters for all court levels in 2017-18 are available in tables 7A.19–20.

Figure 7.6 On-time case processing, criminal and civil, 2017-18 — experimental data^{a, b}

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.
 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.



^a See box 7.5 and tables 7A.19–20 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Fed refers to Federal Court of Australia.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.19–20.

Access — attendance

‘Attendance’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.6).

Box 7.6 Attendance

'Attendance' is defined as the average number of attendances recorded (no matter when the attendance occurred) for those cases that were finalised during the year. The number of attendances is the number of times that parties or their representatives are required to be present in court to be heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator where binding orders can be made. The number includes appointments that are adjourned or rescheduled.

Fewer attendances may suggest a more effective process. However, this should be balanced against the likelihood that the number of attendances will increase if rehabilitation or diversionary programs are used, or if intensive case management is used. Both of these paths are believed to improve the quality of outcomes as:

- rehabilitation and diversionary programs aim to provide therapeutic benefits for the offenders, and benefits of reduced recidivism for the community
- intensive case management is believed to maximise the prospects of settlement (and thereby reduce the litigant's costs, the number of cases queuing for hearing, and the flow of work on to appellate courts); alternatively, it can narrow the issues for trial (thus shortening trial time and also reducing costs and the queuing time for other cases waiting for hearing).

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) can resolve some types of matters out of court and thereby reduce the need for judicial hearings. Accordingly, differences across jurisdictions in the availability and use of ADR can affect the comparability of the attendance indicator.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time
- incomplete for the current reporting period. All required data were not available for the NSW Supreme court. Data were not provided for the Victorian Supreme court.

Attendance data can be difficult to collect. Due to system limitations, some jurisdictions supply data on listed hearings rather than actual attendances in court (see table 7A.21 for details).

Attendance indicator results for criminal proceedings are reported in table 7.6 and for civil proceedings are reported in table 7.7.

Table 7.6 Attendance — criminal, 2017-18^a

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT
Average attendances per finalisation								
Supreme	na	na	3.0	3.3	3.7	5.1	7.4	6.4
District/County	3.2	4.9	3.7	4.1	6.5	..	..	..
Magistrates'	2.6	3.2	3.7	2.9	4.3	4.4	3.6	4.1
Children's	4.0	3.1	4.2	5.3	3.3	5.5	5.7	7.7

^a See box 7.6 and table 7A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.21.

Table 7.7 Attendance — civil, 2017-18^a

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>
<i>Average attendances per finalisation</i>									
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal	na	na	1.2	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.8	5.8	3.0
District/county	3.4	0.7	0.3	0.9	2.7	..	..	..	..
Magistrates'	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.5	..
Children's	4.9	4.4	3.8	4.5	2.9	4.6	6.9	4.1	..
Family	..	..	..	2.3	..	..	..	..	2.0
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9
Coroners' courts	5.3	1.6	3.5	2.3	5.0	3.1	8.3	1.0	..

^a See box 7.6 and table 7A.21 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. **na** Not available. **..** Not applicable

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.21.

Access — clearance

'Clearance' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of processing matters in an expeditious and timely manner (box 7.7).

Box 7.7 Clearance

'Clearance' indicates whether a court's pending caseload has increased or decreased over the measurement period, by comparing the volume of case finalisations and case lodgements during the reporting period. It is measured by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period by the number of lodgements in the same period, multiplied by 100.

The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator:

- a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload should be similar to the pending caseload 12 months earlier
- a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have decreased
- a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have increased.

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Box 7.7 (continued)

The clearance indicator can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. Results for this indicator need to be interpreted within the context of changes in the volumes of lodgements, finalisations and pending caseloads over time.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Clearance indicator data in 2017-18 are presented in table 7.8. Data are available by jurisdiction (civil and criminal) and appeal/non-appeal in tables 7A.22–23.

Table 7.8 Clearance — all matters, 2017-18 (per cent)^a

- Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.
- Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>
Supreme/Federal	95.5	104.1	104.7	96.9	109.0	100.2	95.4	92.6	94.6
District/County	104.9	98.9	97.6	97.6	113.9	..	..	..	..
Magistrates'	103.4	99.0	102.3	100.4	100.9	100.5	122.0	98.6	..
Children's	101.6	97.8	95.5	106.6	96.7	102.0	98.0	102.4	..
Family	..	..	..	102.0	..	..	..	..	99.4
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.5
Coroners' courts	98.2	97.9	93.1	101.4	108.2	101.2	97.1	78.2	..
Total	103.1	99.0	101.4	100.7	101.6	100.6	118.0	98.4	99.2

^a See box 7.7 and tables 7A.22–23 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.1–2, 7A.5–6, 7A.22–23.

Access — affordability — fees paid by applicants

'Fees paid by applicants' is an indicator of governments' achievement against the objective of enabling courts to be open, accessible and affordable (box 7.8).

Box 7.8 Fees paid by applicants

'Fees paid by applicants' is defined as the average civil court fees paid per lodgment. It is derived by dividing the total civil court fees collected (filing, sitting, hearing and deposition fees) by the number of civil lodgments in a year.

Providing court service quality is held constant, lower court fees help keep courts accessible.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

In 2017-18, average civil court fees paid per lodgment were greater in supreme courts than in district/county and magistrates' courts (table 7.9). The average fees collected by the Australian, State and Territory courts vary for many reasons and caution should be used in making direct comparisons.

Table 7.9 Average civil court fees paid per lodgment, 2017-18 (dollars)^{a, b}

■ Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.

■ Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust courts	Total
Supreme (excl. probate) /Federal	4 023	2 169	2 496	2 602	3 251	1 097	3 009	2 527	2 808	2 936
District/county	2 093	1 684	976	1 163	1 077	..	..	..	..	1 495
Magistrates' (total)	203	212	106	149	132	96	298	9	..	173
<i>Magistrates' only</i>	218	232	115	155	142	102	310	10	..	187
<i>Children's</i>	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	6	..	–
Family	..	..	..	387	..	..	..	..	242	305
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	612	612
Probate — Supreme	1 503	392	683	350	1 662	856	1 462	1 369	..	960

^a See box 7.8 and table 7A.15 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b Enforcement, transcript and mediation fees are excluded. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.15.

Quality — Court file integrity

'Court file integrity' is an indicator of governments' objective to provide court services in a high quality manner (box 7.9). Accurate, complete and readily available court files and records are critical for effective case management and daily court operations.

Box 7.9 Court file integrity

'Court file integrity' is defined as the proportion of court files that are accessible, accurate and complete.

High or increasing levels of court file integrity are desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

Homicide and related offences — selected indicators

Case-type can have a significant impact on performance against certain indicators – some case-types will inherently require more court time and judicial resources than other case types, which may impact on backlog and clearance results. Aggregating performance across all case-types can mask differences in case composition between jurisdictions and court levels.

Homicide data have been selected to be presented by indicator in the chapter because of the seriousness of the offence. Table 7.10 presents indicator data for backlog, attendance and clearance results for homicide and related matters processed by the Supreme, District, Magistrates' and Children's courts during 2017-18. Given that homicide-related lodgments are generally small in number, percentages in the table should be interpreted with caution.

A lodgment for homicide is counted where any criminal matter initiated, commenced, lodged or filed in a particular court level includes a charge of murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or driving causing death. Lodgments are based on a count of defendants, not a count of charges (a defendant may have multiple charges) and are counted independently at each court level. The charge(s) against a defendant may change once a matter has been lodged in the courts and proceeds through the court process and the data do not reflect whether or not a defendant has been found guilty.

Table 7.10 Homicide and related offences, 2017-18^a

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Supreme									
Lodgments	no.	77	79	104	47	22	10	7	12
Finalisations	no.	76	54	79	40	20	7	5	7
Pending	no.	96	80	79	41	19	21	7	6
Backlog >12 mths	%	35.4	18.8	27.8	12.2	15.8	61.9	14.3	–
Backlog >24 mths	%	9.4	2.5	10.1	2.4	–	4.8	–	–
Attendance	no.	na	na	14.9	6.2	4.6	12.4	18.2	4.9
Clearance rate	%	98.7	68.4	76.0	85.1	90.9	70.0	71.4	58.3
District/County^b									
Lodgments	no.	98	29	na	22	12	..	..	..
Finalisations	no.	90	48	na	29	11	..	..	..
Pending	no.	93	7	na	15	11	..	..	..
Backlog >12 mths	%	22.6	42.9	na	6.7	18.2	..	..	..
Backlog >24 mths	%	9.7	–	na	–	9.1	..	..	..
Attendance	no.	8.5	6.0	na	4.0	5.9	..	..	..
Clearance rate	%	91.8	165.5	na	131.8	91.7	..	..	..
Magistrates'									
Lodgments	no.	268	154	92	65	52	10	12	15
Finalisations	no.	260	142	108	63	62	7	12	11
Pending	no.	193	117	143	40	23	3	5	7
Backlog >6 mths	%	49.7	36.8	64.3	47.5	34.8	33.3	40.0	14.3
Backlog >12 mths	%	10.9	7.7	46.9	10.0	8.7	–	40.0	–
Attendance	no.	7.2	7.9	10.9	6.5	6.8	2.7	4.5	6.5
Clearance rate	%	97.0	92.2	117.4	96.9	119.2	70.0	100.0	73.3
Children's									
Lodgments	no.	9	7	7	2	6	na	–	–
Finalisations	no.	7	4	3	1	4	na	–	1.0
Pending	no.	13	3	6	1	4	na	–	–
Backlog >6 mths	%	84.6	33.3	66.7	–	75.0	na	..	..
Backlog >12 mths	%	30.8	–	–	–	25.0	na	..	..
Attendance	no.	10.3	18.5	13.0	11.0	6.0	na	..	7.0
Clearance rate	%	77.8	57.1	42.9	50.0	66.7	na	..	..

^a Homicide and related offences' is defined according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) coding and includes murder, attempted murder, manslaughter and driving causing death. ^b Data for Queensland do not include offences for dangerous driving causing death. **na** Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

Efficiency

Efficiency results need to be viewed in light of the performance indicator framework as a whole, as there can be trade-offs between efficiency on the one hand and equity and effectiveness on the other.

Judicial officers per finalisation

‘Judicial officers per finalisation’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing court services in an efficient manner (box 7.10).

Box 7.10 Judicial officers per finalisation

‘Judicial officers per finalisation’ is measured by dividing the number of full time equivalent judicial officers within each court level for the financial year by the total number of finalisations for the same period, and multiplying by 1000.

The following points need to be considered in interpreting the results for this indicator:

- some finalisations take a short time and require few resources, whereas other finalisations may be resource intensive and involve complicated trials and interlocutory decisions
- factors such as geographical dispersion, judicial workload and population density are important considerations when comparing figures on judicial officers.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

The number of judicial officers per 1000 finalisations is provided in table 7.11.

Table 7.11 Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations, 2017-18^a

- Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.
- Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust courts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme/Federal	7.6	9.2	4.3	6.9	8.6	6.4	6.7	11.3	8.2	7.4
District/County	3.9	5.8	2.7	3.7	5.4	..	..	..	..	4.1
Magistrates’	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.9	..	0.4
Children’s	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.8	2.1	0.9	..	0.8
Family	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.5	1.3
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.7	0.7
Coroners	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.0	4.6	0.6	6.2	..	1.4
Total	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.8

^a See box 7.10 and table 7A.25 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.25.

Full time equivalent staff (FTE) per finalisation

‘FTE staff per finalisation’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing court services in an efficient manner (box 7.11).

Box 7.11 Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per finalisation

‘FTE staff per finalisation’ is measured by dividing the total number of FTE staff employed by courts for the financial year by the total number of finalisations for the same period, and multiplying by 1000.

FTE staff include those employed directly by court authorities or by umbrella and other departments (see section 7.4 for further details).

The following points need to be considered in interpreting the results for this indicator:

- some finalisations take a short time and require few resources, whereas other finalisations may be resource intensive and involve complicated trials and interlocutory decisions
- factors such as geographical dispersion, court workload and population density are important considerations when comparing figures on FTE staff.

Data reported for this indicator are:

- comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

Data on FTE staff per 1000 finalisations for 2017-18 are provided in table 7.12.

Table 7.12 Full time equivalent staff per 1000 finalisations, 2017-18^a

■ Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions.

■ Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust courts	Total
Criminal courts	6.0	4.9	3.3	3.8	8.6	4.1	8.0	6.7	..	4.9
Civil courts	5.9	6.6	4.0	5.6	5.5	6.0	14.0	7.8	57.2	6.5
Family	..	..	..	9.2	..	..	..	..	7.7	8.4
Federal Circuit	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.4	6.4
Coroners’ courts	5.9	14.5	11.5	13.6	9.1	11.8	16.9	23.7	..	11.0
Total	5.9	5.7	3.6	5.0	7.5	4.7	10.0	7.2	9.0	5.7

^a See box 7.11 and table 7A.26 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); table 7A.26.

Cost per finalisation

‘Cost per finalisation’ is an indicator of governments’ achievement against the objective of providing court services in an efficient manner (box 7.12).

Box 7.12 Cost per finalisation

‘Cost per finalisation’ is measured by dividing the total recurrent expenditure (gross and net – excluding payroll tax) within each court for the financial year by the total number of finalisations for the same period. This indicator is not a measure of the actual cost per case.

The following points need to be considered in interpreting the results for this indicator:

- some finalisations take a short time and require few resources, whereas other finalisations may be resource intensive and involve complicated trials and interlocutory decisions
- expenditure data may include arbitrary allocation between criminal and civil jurisdictions
- net expenditure is calculated by deducting income (court fees and other sources of revenue, excluding fines) from total expenditure, and for civil courts is impacted by court fee relief and exemptions
- a number of factors are beyond the control of jurisdictions, such as geographic dispersion, economies of scale and socioeconomic factors.

Data reported for this indicator are:

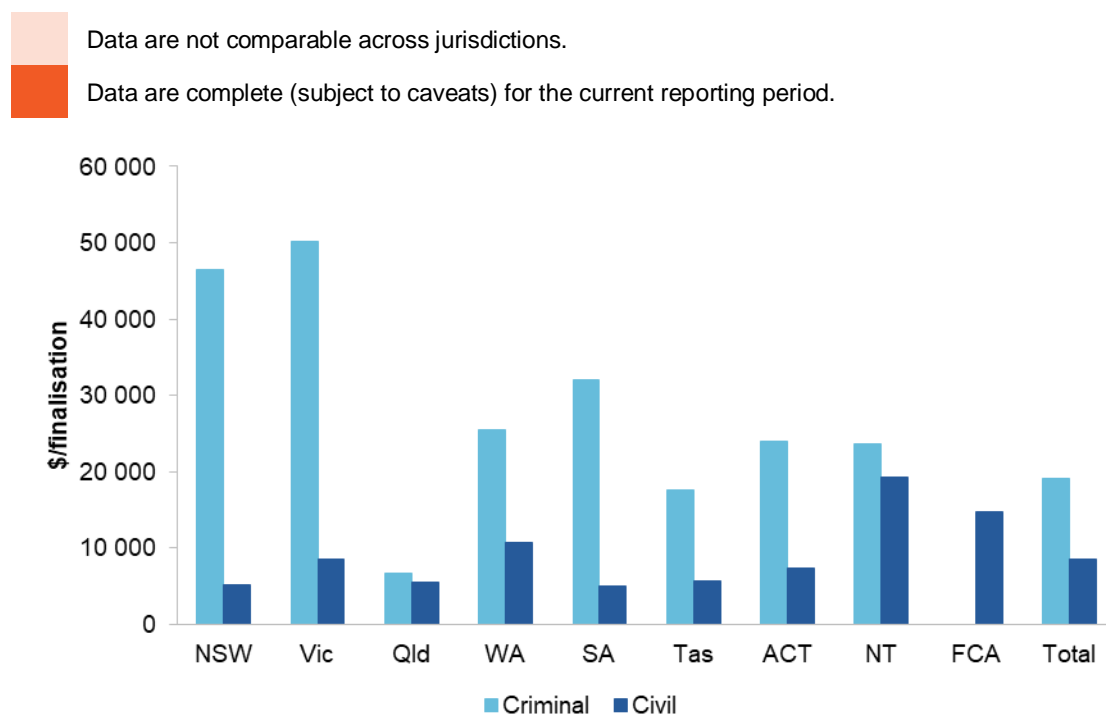
- not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
- complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period. All required 2017-18 data are available for all jurisdictions.

In general, the net recurrent expenditure per finalisation for civil courts will be lower than criminal courts because relatively little income is generated by the criminal court system (tables 7A.27–29). Civil court fee structures can also affect cost per finalisation results.

Cost per finalisation for the Supreme courts and the Federal Court of Australia

Nationally in 2017-18, the gross cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction of Supreme courts (\$19 321) was greater than the civil jurisdiction (\$11 793) (tables 7A.30–31). The net costs per finalisation were \$19 096 in the criminal courts and \$8588 in the civil courts (figure 7.7).

Figure 7.7 Net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, supreme courts and the Federal Court of Australia, 2017-18^a



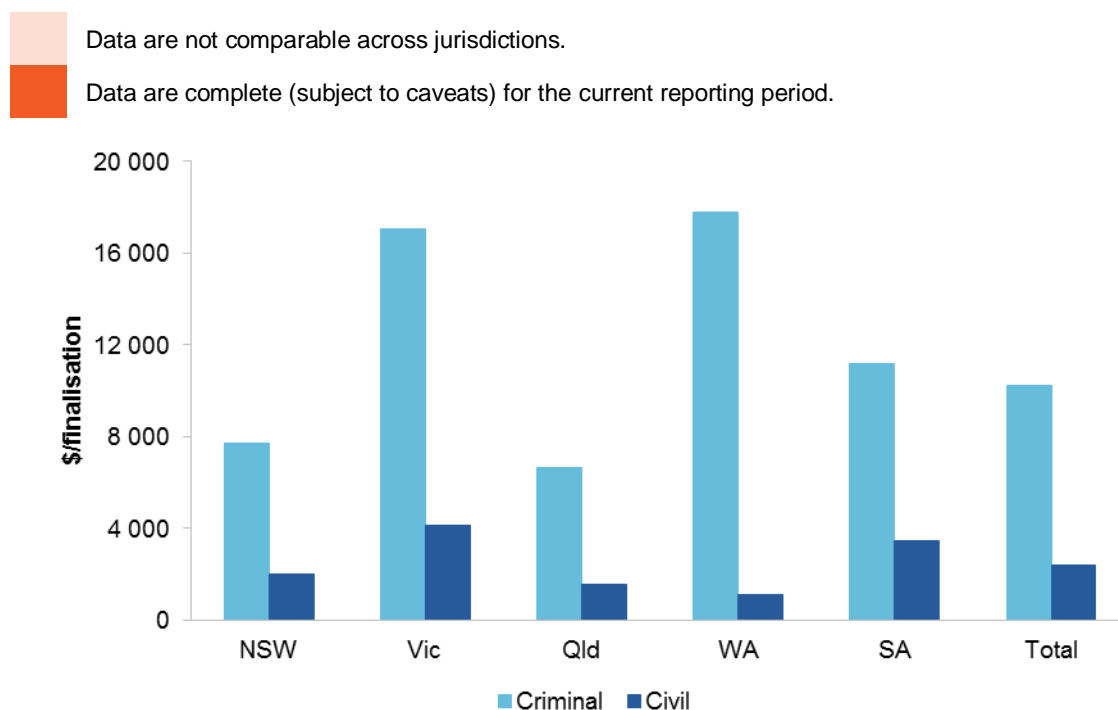
^a See box 7.12 and tables 7A.27–28 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats. ^b FCA refers to Federal Court of Australia.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments and the Federal Court of Australia (unpublished); tables 7A.27–28.

Cost per finalisation for district/county courts

Nationally in 2017-18, the gross cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction of district/county courts (\$10 377) was greater than the civil jurisdiction (\$3916) (tables 7A.30–31). The net cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction (\$10 221) was more than three times that in the civil jurisdiction (\$2388) (figure 7.8).

Figure 7.8 Net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, district/county courts, 2017-18^a



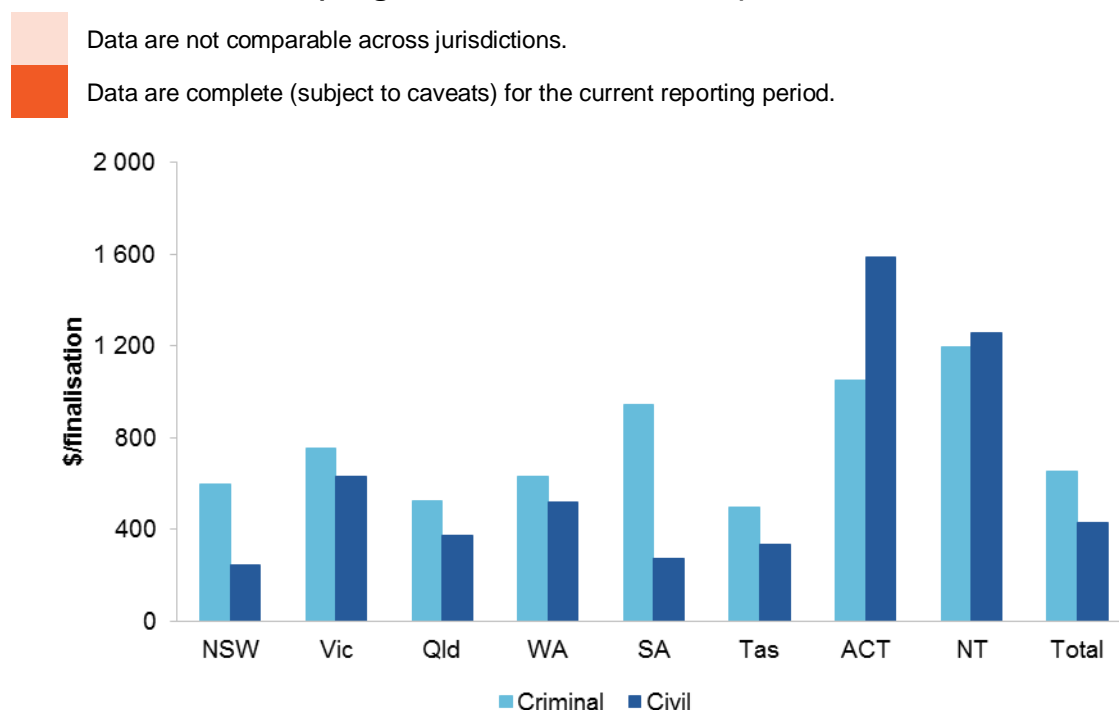
^a See box 7.12 and tables 7A.27–28 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.27–28.

Cost per finalisation for magistrates' courts (including children's courts)

Nationally in 2017-18 for magistrates' and children's courts combined, the gross cost per finalisation in the criminal jurisdiction (\$683) was slightly higher than in the civil jurisdiction (\$614) (tables 7A.30–31). The net cost per civil finalisation was reduced more than in the criminal jurisdiction (\$650 compared with \$427) (figure 7.9).

Figure 7.9 Net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, total magistrates' courts (magistrates' and children's), 2017-18^a



^a See box 7.12 and tables 7A.27–28 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

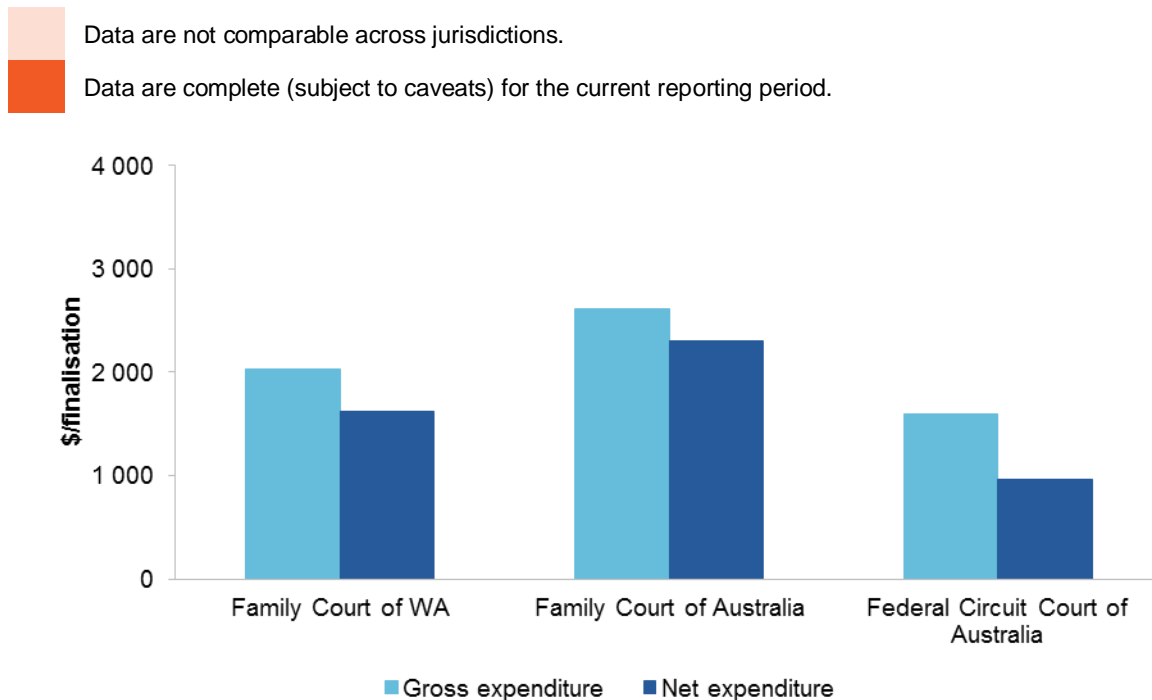
Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.27–28.

Whilst finalisations in children's courts are smaller in number than the magistrates' courts, the net expenditure is higher in the civil than criminal courts (\$1497 compared to \$682 per case finalised) (tables 7A.27–28).

Cost per finalisation for family courts and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia

The Family Court of Australia, Family Court of WA and the Federal Circuit Court are responsible for determining matters related to family law and child support, but each court has a different focus, breadth and complexity of work, which contributes to the differences in recurrent expenditure per finalisation results presented in figure 7.10 (see table 7A.37 for details).

Figure 7.10 **Recurrent expenditure per finalisation, family courts and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, 2017-18^a**



^a See box 7.12 and tables 7A.28 and 7A.31 for detailed definitions, footnotes and caveats.

Source: Australian and State court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.28 and 7A.31.

Expenditure per reported death and fire for coroners' courts

Nationally, net expenditure per reported death and fire in coroners' courts (excluding costs associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees) was approximately \$1984 in 2017-18 (table 7A.28).

Outcomes

Perceptions of court integrity

'Perceptions of court integrity' is an indicator of government's objective to encourage public confidence and trust in the courts (box 7.13). Community confidence and trust in the fairness and equality of court processes and procedures is integral to a willingness to engage with courts and comply with court outcomes. High levels of perceived integrity of courts is an indicator of community confidence and trust that courts treat people fairly and appropriately and that court processes are administered in a consistent and unbiased manner.

Box 7.13 Perceptions of court integrity

'Perceptions of court integrity' is defined as the proportion of the community who believe that courts in Australia treat people fairly, equally and respectfully.

High or increasing proportions of perceived court integrity are desirable.

Data are not yet available for reporting against this indicator.

7.4 Definitions of key terms

Active pending population	A lodgment that is yet to be finalised but is part of the active case management of court administrators.
Attendance indicator	An attendance is defined as the number of times that parties or their representatives are required to be present in court (including any appointment which is adjourned or rescheduled) for all finalised matters during the year. The actual attendance is one that is heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator.
Case	The measurement of workload in the civil jurisdiction. It is the issues, grievances or complaints that constitute a single and related series of disputes brought by an entity (or group of entities) against another entity (or group).
Comparability	Data are considered comparable if, (subject to caveats) they can be used to inform an assessment of comparative performance. Typically, data are considered comparable when they are collected in the same way and in accordance with the same definitions. For comparable indicators or measures, significant differences in reported results allow an assessment of differences in performance, rather than being the result of anomalies in the data.
Completeness	Data are considered complete if all required data are available for all jurisdictions that provide the service.
Cost recovery	The amount of court fees collected divided by the amount of court expenditure.
Court fees collected	Total court income from fees charged in the civil jurisdiction. Can include filing, sitting hearing and deposition fees, and excludes transcript fees.
Electronic infringement and enforcement system	A court with the capacity to produce enforceable orders against defendants (such as fines, licence cancellation and incarceration) and to process infringements, on-the-spot fines and summary offences.
Excluded courts and tribunals	This includes such bodies as guardianship boards, environment resources and development courts, and administrative appeals tribunals. The types of excluded courts and tribunals vary among the states and territories.
FTE staff	Full time equivalent (FTE) staff can include the following categories of staff employed directly by court authorities or by umbrella and other departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• judicial officers, judicial support staff and registry court staff• court security and sheriff type staff• court reporters• library and information technology staff• counsellors, mediators and interpreters• cleaning, gardening and maintenance staff• first line support staff and probate staff• corporate administration staff and umbrella department staff.

Income	Income derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
Judicial officer	Judges, magistrates, masters, coroners, judicial registrars and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data are provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.
Lodgment	The initiation or commencement of a matter before the court. The date of commencement is counted as the date of registration of a court matter.
Matter	<p><i>Coronial matters:</i> Deaths and fires reported to the coroner in each jurisdiction, including all reported deaths and fires regardless of whether the coroner held an inquest or inquiry. Coronial jurisdictions can extend to the manner of the death of a person who was killed; was found drowned; died a sudden death of which the cause is unknown; died under suspicious or unusual circumstances; died during or following the administration of an operation of a medical, surgical, dental, diagnostic or like nature; died in a prison remand centre or lockup; or died under circumstances that (in the opinion of the Attorney-General) require that the cause of death be more clearly ascertained.</p> <p><i>Criminal matters:</i> Matters brought to the court by a government prosecuting agency, which is generally the Director of Public Prosecutions but could also be the Attorney-General, the police, local councils, traffic camera branches or other government agencies.</p> <p><i>Civil matters:</i> Matters brought before the court by individuals or organisations against another party, such as small claims and residential tenancies, as well as matters dealt with by the appeal court jurisdiction.</p> <p><i>Excluded matters:</i> Extraordinary driver's licence applications; any application on a pending dispute; applications for bail directions or judgment; secondary processes (for example, applications for default judgments); interlocutory matters; investigation/examination summonses; firearms appeals; escort agents' licensing appeals; pastoral lands appeals; local government tribunals; police promotions appeals; applications appealing the decisions of workers compensation review officers.</p> <p><i>Probate matters:</i> Matters such as applications for the appointment of an executor or administrator to the estate of a deceased person.</p>
Real expenditure	Actual expenditure adjusted for changes in prices using the general government final consumption expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator and expressed in terms of current year prices (i.e. for the courts chapter with 2017-18 as the base year). Additional information about the GGFCE index can be found in chapter 2.
Recurrent expenditure	Expenditure that does not result in the creation or acquisition of fixed assets (new or second hand). It consists mainly of expenditure on wages, salaries and supplements, purchases of goods and services, and the consumption of fixed capital (depreciation).
Specialist jurisdiction court	A court which has exclusive jurisdiction in a field of law presided over by a judicial officer with expertise in that area. Examples of these types of courts which are within the scope of this Report are the family courts, the Children's Courts and the Coroners' Courts. Examples of specialist jurisdiction courts which are excluded from this Report include Indigenous and circle sentencing courts and drug courts.

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7A Courts— attachment

Definitions for the indicators and descriptors in this attachment are in section 7.4 of the chapter. Data in this Report are examined by the Courts Working Group, but have not been formally audited by the Secretariat. Data for past years have been revised for some jurisdictions - where this has occurred, totals and any derived data have been recalculated. For this reason data for past years presented in this Report may vary from figures published in earlier editions of this Report. Disaggregated figures may not add to the total figure because of rounding. Further, because of rounding of numbers and the application of national counting rules, figures presented in the Report may differ from counts published elsewhere, such as in jurisdictions' annual reports and the ABS criminal courts publication (Criminal Courts, Australia, cat. no. 4513.0).

Information on the comparability and completeness of the data for the performance indicators and measures is in sections 7.2-3 of the courts chapter.

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Table 7A.1 **Lodgments, criminal (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (c), (d)										
Appeal										
2017-18	392	288	350	355	245	35	83	36	..	1 784
2016-17	364	330	378	338	238	23	101	19	..	1 791
2015-16	360	276	410	310	263	32	98	15	..	1 764
2014-15	356	327	342	308	265	35	115	17	..	1 765
2013-14	395	319	367	361	265	22	138	20	..	1 887
2012-13	328	300	376	448	239	22	108	27	..	1 848
2011-12	370	358	391	405	296	28	115	20	..	1 983
Non-appeal										
2017-18	114	118	2 356	285	65	575	307	578	..	4 398
2016-17	100	108	2 362	347	53	512	254	521	..	4 257
2015-16	109	86	1 712	328	60	449	181	680	..	3 605
2014-15	104	125	1 268	305	50	469	220	633	..	3 174
2013-14	88	117	963	298	65	454	242	463	..	2 690
2012-13	122	145	839	269	85	523	176	459	..	2 618
2011-12	137	83	1 068	257	58	564	280	508	..	2 955
Total										
2017-18	506	406	2 706	640	310	610	390	614	..	6 182
2016-17	464	438	2 740	685	291	535	355	540	..	6 048
2015-16	469	362	2 122	638	323	481	279	695	..	5 369
2014-15	460	452	1 610	613	315	504	335	650	..	4 939
2013-14	483	436	1 330	659	330	476	380	483	..	4 577
2012-13	450	445	1 215	717	324	545	284	486	..	4 466
2011-12	507	441	1 459	662	354	592	395	528	..	4 938

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts (d), (e), (f)										
Appeal										
2017-18	7 339	2 992	369	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 700
2016-17	7 194	2 975	406	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 575
2015-16	7 622	3 059	434	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 115
2014-15	7 099	2 966	448	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 513
2013-14	6 937	2 820	427	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 184
2012-13	6 544	2 891	405	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 840
2011-12	6 729	2 697	529	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 955
Non-appeal										
2017-18	4 606	2 565	7 438	2 587	1 766	..	..	..	..	18 962
2016-17	4 950	2 397	6 531	2 532	2 161	..	..	..	..	18 571
2015-16	4 870	2 232	5 879	2 448	2 172	..	..	..	..	17 601
2014-15	4 264	2 113	5 553	2 176	2 294	..	..	..	..	16 400
2013-14	4 086	2 350	5 232	1 928	2 371	..	..	..	..	15 967
2012-13	3 952	2 461	4 703	1 991	2 301	..	..	..	..	15 408
2011-12	3 636	2 211	5 120	1 972	2 048	..	..	..	..	14 987
Total										
2017-18	11 945	5 557	7 807	2 587	1 766	..	..	..	..	29 662
2016-17	12 144	5 372	6 937	2 532	2 161	..	..	..	..	29 146
2015-16	12 492	5 291	6 313	2 448	2 172	..	..	..	..	28 716
2014-15	11 363	5 079	6 001	2 176	2 294	..	..	..	..	26 913
2013-14	11 023	5 170	5 659	1 928	2 371	..	..	..	..	26 151
2012-13	10 496	5 352	5 108	1 991	2 301	25 248
2011-12	10 365	4 908	5 649	1 972	2 048	24 942

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Table 7A.1 **Lodgments, criminal (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (g), (h), (i), (j)										
2017-18	190 120	158 926	180 949	94 017	41 578	18 187	6 441	11 751	..	701 969
2016-17	187 500	166 499	202 160	93 261	45 163	18 061	8 202	11 750	..	732 596
2015-16	186 913	160 942	219 218	92 251	51 997	17 664	5 504	12 878	..	747 367
2014-15	168 979	247 025	205 905	91 004	49 476	17 024	6 219	13 509	..	799 141
2013-14	158 919	218 409	205 038	81 055	52 523	15 640	6 879	14 417	..	752 880
2012-13	153 065	175 345	188 524	83 912	54 357	15 876	5 119	13 481	..	689 679
2011-12	146 451	172 323	183 717	86 303	54 826	19 756	5 429	12 167	..	680 972
Children's courts (i), (k)										
2017-18	10 865	12 873	16 733	6 752	3 147	1 370	362	1 301	..	53 403
2016-17	10 190	18 658	13 313	6 627	3 188	1 283	280	1 576	..	55 115
2015-16	10 511	23 688	12 190	6 349	4 159	1 109	273	1 706	..	59 985
2014-15	10 476	20 777	11 645	6 124	4 316	1 230	269	1 586	..	56 423
2013-14	9 881	19 951	12 000	6 414	5 088	1 305	338	1 654	..	56 631
2012-13	10 040	20 816	11 721	6 902	5 355	1 567	408	1 549	..	58 358
2011-12	10 572	19 747	12 306	7 163	5 967	2 130	527	1 434	..	59 846
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	200 985	171 799	197 682	100 769	44 725	19 557	6 803	13 052	..	755 372
2016-17	197 690	185 157	215 473	99 888	48 351	19 344	8 482	13 326	..	787 711
2015-16	197 424	184 630	231 408	98 600	56 156	18 773	5 777	14 584	..	807 352
2014-15	179 455	267 802	217 550	97 128	53 792	18 254	6 488	15 095	..	855 564
2013-14	168 800	238 360	217 038	87 469	57 611	16 945	7 217	16 071	..	809 511
2012-13	163 105	196 161	200 245	90 814	59 712	17 443	5 527	15 030	..	748 037
2011-12	157 023	192 070	196 023	93 466	60 793	21 886	5 956	13 601	..	740 818

TABLE 7A.1

Table 7A.1 **Lodgments, criminal (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All criminal courts										
2017-18	213 436	177 762	208 195	103 996	46 801	20 167	7 193	13 666	..	791 216
2016-17	210 298	190 967	225 150	103 105	50 803	19 879	8 837	13 866	..	822 905
2015-16	210 385	190 283	239 843	101 686	58 651	19 254	6 056	15 279	..	841 437
2014-15	191 278	273 333	225 161	99 917	56 401	18 758	6 823	15 745	..	887 416
2013-14	180 306	243 966	224 027	90 056	60 312	17 421	7 597	16 554	..	840 239
2012-13	174 051	201 958	206 568	93 522	62 337	17 988	5 811	15 516	..	777 751
2011-12	167 895	197 419	203 131	96 100	63 195	22 478	6 351	14 129	..	770 698

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) In the criminal courts lodgment counts are based on the number of defendants per case. Unless otherwise noted, matters excluded from the criminal court lodgment data in this collection are: any lodgment that does not have a defendant element (for example, applications for telephone taps); extraordinary driver's licence applications; bail procedures (including applications and review); directions; warrants; and secondary processes — for example, interlocutory matters, breaches of penalties (that is, bail, suspended sentences, probation).
- (b) In Queensland, a defendant who has more than one case lodged on the same date in a jurisdiction is counted as one lodgment in that jurisdiction. In Queensland higher courts, replacement indictments are counted as new lodgments.
- (c) Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.
- (d) Queensland Supreme and District Courts data count a defendant as a lodgment from the date of lodgment in the Supreme or District court, not from the date of committal in the Magistrates' court.
- (e) In NSW, Victoria and Queensland, the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA. The District court does not operate in Tasmania, ACT or the NT.
- (f) The WA District Court criminal non-appeal matters data between 2011-12 and 2014-15 were revised in 2015-16 following the implementation of an improved methodology relating to the treatment of charge transfers from one indictment to another within the same jurisdiction.
- (g) The increase in the ACT Magistrates court criminal matters in 2013-14 and 2016-17 was due to the prosecution of a large number of non-voting matters.
- (h) The NSW Magistrates court counts a case as finalised where a warrant is issued, and initiates a new lodgment when the warrant is executed. The NSW Magistrates Court is currently unable to exclude warrants from its lodgments and finalisation counts.
- (i) Criminal lodgments in the NT Magistrates' and Children's courts have been revised between 2011-12 and 2017-18 to exclude breaches.
- (j) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.

TABLE 7A.1

Table 7A.1 Lodgments, criminal (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(k) The decline in criminal lodgments in the Victorian Children's court in 2017-18 was predominantly due to a decrease in Children and Young Persons Infringement Notice System (CAYPINS) registrations (registrations in 2017-18 were less than half those in 2016-17).

.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate) (b), (c), (d) /Federal Court (e)										
Appeal										
2017-18	603	349	136	126	136	67	62	95	1 262	2 836
2016-17	618	323	272	152	121	79	59	125	1 045	2 794
2015-16	687	332	222	158	102	82	62	108	992	2 745
2014-15	670	338	282	206	111	94	56	132	910	2 799
2013-14	744	407	264	159	117	89	67	101	728	2 676
2012-13	791	442	284	183	128	90	55	119	633	2 725
2011-12	778	418	270	181	110	84	43	138	614	2 636
Non-appeal										
2017-18	7 006	5 374	2 782	2 560	923	605	582	133	4 659	24 624
2016-17	7 015	5 373	2 983	2 605	1 022	761	529	138	4 650	25 076
2015-16	7 878	5 891	3 028	2 568	1 112	740	552	146	5 000	26 915
2014-15	7 949	7 512	3 101	2 296	1 089	833	517	139	3 445	26 881
2013-14	8 036	6 403	3 215	2 284	1 053	860	563	139	4 281	26 834
2012-13	8 653	6 644	3 516	2 390	1 127	1 052	505	138	5 169	29 194
2011-12	9 296	7 275	3 961	2 780	1 323	981	593	164	4 663	31 036
Total										
2017-18	7 609	5 723	2 918	2 686	1 059	672	644	228	5 921	27 460
2016-17	7 633	5 696	3 255	2 757	1 143	840	588	263	5 695	27 870
2015-16	8 565	6 223	3 250	2 726	1 214	822	614	254	5 992	29 660
2014-15	8 619	7 850	3 383	2 502	1 200	927	573	271	4 355	29 680
2013-14	8 780	6 810	3 479	2 443	1 170	949	630	240	5 009	29 510
2012-13	9 444	7 086	3 800	2 573	1 255	1 142	560	257	5 802	31 919
2011-12	10 074	7 693	4 231	2 961	1 433	1 065	636	302	5 277	33 672

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2	Lodgments, civil (a)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
District/county courts (f)										
Appeal										
2017-18	59	54	88	134	67	..	..	..	..	402
2016-17	71	35	84	112	78	..	..	..	..	380
2015-16	78	61	80	112	113	..	..	..	..	444
2014-15	107	49	61	119	183	..	..	..	..	519
2013-14	182	114	68	124	182	..	..	..	..	670
2012-13	180	157	53	121	209	..	..	..	..	720
2011-12	228	187	65	99	36	..	..	..	..	615
Non-appeal										
2017-18	6 317	6 151	4 928	5 125	1 451	..	..	..	..	23 972
2016-17	7 353	6 277	4 868	5 177	1 773	..	..	..	..	25 448
2015-16	7 129	5 966	5 012	4 782	1 598	..	..	..	..	24 487
2014-15	7 082	6 736	5 322	4 843	1 589	..	..	..	..	25 572
2013-14	7 042	6 521	5 540	4 561	1 820	..	..	..	..	25 484
2012-13	7 307	6 682	5 543	4 467	2 909	..	..	..	..	26 908
2011-12	7 569	6 350	6 297	4 857	2 526	..	..	..	..	27 599
Total										
2017-18	6 376	6 205	5 016	5 259	1 518	..	..	..	..	24 374
2016-17	7 424	6 312	4 952	5 289	1 851	..	..	..	..	25 828
2015-16	7 207	6 027	5 092	4 894	1 711	..	..	..	..	24 931
2014-15	7 189	6 785	5 383	4 962	1 772	..	..	..	..	26 091
2013-14	7 224	6 635	5 608	4 685	2 002	..	..	..	..	26 154
2012-13	7 487	6 839	5 596	4 588	3 118	..	..	..	..	27 628
2011-12	7 797	6 537	6 362	4 956	2 562	..	..	..	..	28 214

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (g), (h)										
2017-18	113 698	89 910	56 784	47 543	24 836	5 806	3 330	5 191	..	347 098
2016-17	118 515	92 444	60 890	50 970	25 017	5 880	3 489	4 900	..	362 105
2015-16	116 146	86 614	57 646	52 704	25 242	6 106	3 523	6 447	..	354 428
2014-15	127 290	90 129	55 325	50 688	26 872	6 467	3 751	6 855	..	367 377
2013-14	138 023	93 761	57 944	51 416	27 008	7 077	3 966	5 557	..	384 752
2012-13	146 819	98 644	55 239	50 600	28 879	7 844	4 014	6 623	..	398 662
2011-12	146 578	101 457	53 113	51 432	26 550	8 537	3 737	6 384	..	397 788
Children's courts (i), (j)										
2017-18	8 830	8 432	4 527	2 055	1 951	349	126	484	..	26 754
2016-17	9 135	7 990	4 255	1 798	2 079	304	170	494	..	26 225
2015-16	8 939	8 290	3 979	1 811	2 200	339	162	402	..	26 122
2014-15	8 820	7 672	3 570	2 085	1 623	292	148	433	..	24 643
2013-14	8 893	7 000	3 499	2 616	1 091	284	122	407	..	23 912
2012-13	8 767	6 354	3 951	3 058	1 231	389	106	355	..	24 211
2011-12	8 662	6 476	3 776	1 880	1 324	452	117	347	..	23 034
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	122 528	98 342	61 311	49 598	26 787	6 155	3 456	5 675	..	373 852
2016-17	127 650	100 434	65 145	52 768	27 096	6 184	3 659	5 394	..	388 330
2015-16	125 085	94 904	61 625	54 515	27 442	6 445	3 685	6 849	..	380 550
2014-15	136 110	97 801	58 895	52 773	28 495	6 759	3 899	7 288	..	392 020
2013-14	146 916	100 761	61 443	54 032	28 099	7 361	4 088	5 964	..	408 664
2012-13	155 586	104 998	59 190	53 658	30 110	8 233	4 120	6 978	..	422 873
2011-12	155 240	107 933	56 889	53 312	27 874	8 989	3 854	6 731	..	420 822

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	136 513	110 270	69 245	57 543	29 364	6 827	4 100	5 903	5 921	425 686
2016-17	142 707	112 442	73 352	60 814	30 090	7 024	4 247	5 657	5 695	442 028
2015-16	140 857	107 154	69 967	62 135	30 367	7 267	4 299	7 103	5 992	435 141
2014-15	151 918	112 436	67 661	60 237	31 467	7 686	4 472	7 559	4 355	447 791
2013-14	162 920	114 206	70 530	61 160	31 271	8 310	4 718	6 204	5 009	464 328
2012-13	172 517	118 923	68 586	60 819	34 483	9 375	4 680	7 235	5 802	482 420
2011-12	173 111	122 163	67 482	61 229	31 869	10 054	4 490	7 033	5 277	482 708
Family courts (e), (k)										
Appeal										
2017-18	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	390	398
2016-17	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	344	355
2015-16	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	371	375
2014-15	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	389	395
2013-14	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	330	336
2012-13	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	326	330
2011-12	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	373	378
Non-appeal										
2017-18	..	..	..	15 723	..	..	..	..	20 436	36 159
2016-17	..	..	..	16 184	..	..	..	..	20 741	36 925
2015-16	..	..	..	16 236	..	..	..	..	20 418	36 654
2014-15	..	..	..	15 533	..	..	..	..	20 397	35 930
2013-14	..	..	..	14 982	..	..	..	..	19 651	34 633
2012-13	..	..	..	14 899	..	..	..	..	17 834	32 733
2011-12	..	..	..	14 970	..	..	..	..	17 756	32 726

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 Lodgments, civil (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total										
2017-18	..	..	..	15 731	..	..	..	..	20 826	36 557
2016-17	..	..	..	16 195	..	..	..	..	21 085	37 280
2015-16	..	..	..	16 240	..	..	..	..	20 789	37 029
2014-15	..	..	..	15 539	..	..	..	..	20 786	36 325
2013-14	..	..	..	14 988	..	..	..	..	19 981	34 969
2012-13	..	..	..	14 903	..	..	..	..	18 160	33 063
2011-12	..	..	..	14 975	..	..	..	..	18 129	33 104
Federal Circuit Court (e)										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 716	95 716
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 181	95 181
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93 575	93 575
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 385	95 385
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 022	92 022
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 599	89 599
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 542	92 542
Coronial										
Deaths reported (l)										
2017-18	6 401	6 641	5 801	2 291	2 599	598	305	308	..	24 944
2016-17	6 258	6 248	5 587	2 422	2 537	579	299	281	..	24 211
2015-16	6 030	6 302	5 287	2 214	2 430	568	291	265	..	23 387
2014-15	5 633	6 336	4 961	2 192	2 290	542	290	282	..	22 526
2013-14	5 578	6 260	4 682	2 009	2 248	581	289	292	..	21 939
2012-13	5 205	5 932	4 762	2 155	2 200	555	324	303	..	21 436
2011-12	5 503	5 028	4 461	1 916	2 088	478	332	301	..	20 107

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 Lodgments, civil (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Fires reported (l)										
2017-18	100	1	..	..	..	–	3	..	..	104
2016-17	85	–	..	..	..	–	–	..	..	85
2015-16	124	3	..	..	..	–	1	..	..	128
2014-15	113	7	..	..	..	–	683	..	..	803
2013-14	132	6	..	..	..	–	839	..	..	977
2012-13	192	2	..	..	..	–	1 014	..	..	1 208
2011-12	451	1	..	..	..	–	934	..	..	1 386
Total coroners' courts (incl. deaths and fires reported)										
2017-18	6 501	6 642	5 801	2 291	2 599	598	308	308	..	25 048
2016-17	6 343	6 248	5 587	2 422	2 537	579	299	281	..	24 296
2015-16	6 154	6 305	5 287	2 214	2 430	568	292	265	..	23 515
2014-15	5 746	6 343	4 961	2 192	2 290	542	973	282	..	23 329
2013-14	5 710	6 266	4 682	2 009	2 248	581	1 128	292	..	22 916
2012-13	5 397	5 934	4 762	2 155	2 200	555	1 338	303	..	22 644
2011-12	5 954	5 029	4 461	1 916	2 088	478	1 266	301	..	21 493
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	27 456	21 509	11 167	7 428	6 566	2 500	1 070	220	..	77 916
2016-17	26 561	20 924	10 686	7 511	6 464	2 422	996	211	..	75 775
2015-16	26 613	20 682	10 086	7 205	5 976	2 427	868	197	..	74 054
2014-15	25 417	19 718	9 724	6 795	6 340	2 270	836	224	..	71 324
2013-14	24 118	18 983	9 444	6 543	5 641	2 305	782	230	..	68 046
2012-13	23 777	18 637	9 227	6 443	5 778	2 346	724	201	..	67 133
2011-12	24 161	18 627	8 220	5 982	5 493	2 319	710	156	..	65 668

TABLE 7A.2

Table 7A.2 Lodgments, civil (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Aust cts = Australian courts.										
(a)	Counting units for civil court lodgment data are based on: the number of cases (except in children's courts where, if more than one child can be involved in an application, the counting unit is the number of children involved); and the number of reported deaths (and, if relevant, reported fires) for coroners' courts. Unless otherwise noted, the following types of matters are excluded from the civil lodgment data reported in this collection: admissions matters (original applications to practice and mutual recognition matters); extraordinary driver's licence applications; cross-claims; directions; secondary processes — for example, interlocutory matters, breaches of penalties (that is, bail, suspended sentences, probation); and <i>applications</i> for default judgments (because the application is a secondary process).									
(b)	Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.									
(c)	Data quality auditing by the Tasmanian Supreme Court during 2011-12 identified a number of revisions to be made in previous years' figures.									
(d)	Supreme Court of Victoria: The 2017-18 financial year marked a return to normalised corporations initiation numbers bringing it in line with more historic trends. In contrast, the 2016-17 financial year saw a spike in corporations initiations.									
(e)	The introduction on 23 June 2000 of the Federal Magistrates Court (now the Federal Circuit Court) has had implications for the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Court lodgment time series. The Family Court of WA does elements of Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court work, so direct comparisons need to be made with caution. In November 2003, a practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia requiring all divorce applications to be lodged in the Federal Circuit Court. However, a small number of divorce applications were still lodged and processed in the Family Court of Australia. Bankruptcy matters processed by the Federal Court on behalf of the Federal Circuit Court were previously included in Federal Court data. These matters are included in Federal Circuit Court data.									
(f)	The decrease in the Victorian County court civil lodgments in 2014-15 was due to a class action being lodged with the court.									
(g)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(h)	The NT Magistrates' court has a small number of civil appeal matters (8 appeals lodged in 2017-18) which are excluded from the lodgments count in order to be consistent with Magistrates courts in other jurisdictions.									
(i)	NSW lodgment data for children in the civil court is based on a count of each child listed in all new applications for care and protection, not just the originating application.									
(j)	Queensland Children's Court data for civil cases is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.									
(k)	Family Court of Australia data do not include instances where its Registrars are given delegation to conduct Federal Circuit Court divorce applications or when conducting conciliation conferences on Federal Circuit Court matters. These are part of the 'free services' provided to the Federal Circuit Court. Some Bankruptcy and Immigration matters filed with the Federal Circuit Court are delegated to be dealt with by Federal Court registrars. Those matters finalised by Federal Court registrars are counted as part of the Federal Circuit Court matters as they are filed and funded by the Federal Circuit Court.									

Table 7A.2 **Lodgments, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(l) Reporting rates for deaths and fires which are reported to the coroner vary across jurisdictions due to differing reporting requirements. Fires are reported to the coroner in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT although the scope of fires reported in the ACT changed in 2015-16, resulting in a substantial reduction in cases reported in the coroner's court.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.3

Table 7A.3	Lodgments, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total (b)
Supreme courts										
2017-18	6	6	55	25	18	116	94	249	..	25
2016-17	6	7	56	27	17	103	87	220	..	25
2015-16	6	6	44	25	19	93	70	285	..	22
2014-15	6	8	34	24	19	98	85	268	..	21
2013-14	6	7	28	26	20	93	98	199	..	20
2012-13	6	8	26	29	19	106	75	204	..	19
2011-12	7	8	32	28	21	116	106	227	..	22
District/county courts										
2017-18	151	87	157	100	102	..	..	..	..	120
2016-17	156	86	142	99	126	..	..	..	..	120
2015-16	163	87	131	96	127	..	..	..	..	120
2014-15	150	85	126	86	135	..	..	..	..	114
2013-14	148	89	121	77	141	..	..	..	..	112
2012-13	143	94	111	81	138	..	..	..	..	110
2011-12	143	88	125	83	124	..	..	..	..	111
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	2 402	2 489	3 644	3 637	2 406	3 466	1 549	4 763	..	2 834
2016-17	2 405	2 666	4 139	3 632	2 630	3 480	2 018	4 795	..	3 004
2015-16	2 436	2 641	4 562	3 621	3 048	3 425	1 380	5 276	..	3 116
2014-15	2 235	4 146	4 337	3 599	2 922	3 312	1 587	5 565	..	3 380
2013-14	2 132	3 745	4 376	3 239	3 130	3 049	1 781	5 950	..	3 232
2012-13	2 082	3 071	4 088	3 415	3 268	3 102	1 348	5 647	..	3 008
2011-12	2 018	3 082	4 066	3 617	3 328	3 861	1 459	5 223	..	3 024

TABLE 7A.3

Table 7A.3	Lodgments, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)									
	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	137	202	337	261	182	261	87	527	..	216
2016-17	131	299	273	258	186	247	69	643	..	226
2015-16	137	389	254	249	244	215	68	699	..	250
2014-15	139	349	245	242	255	239	69	653	..	239
2013-14	133	342	256	256	303	254	87	683	..	243
2012-13	137	365	254	281	322	306	107	649	..	255
2011-12	146	353	272	300	362	416	142	616	..	266
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	2 539	2 690	3 981	3 899	2 588	3 727	1 636	5 290	..	3 049
2016-17	2 535	2 965	4 412	3 890	2 816	3 727	2 087	5 438	..	3 230
2015-16	2 574	3 030	4 816	3 870	3 292	3 640	1 448	5 975	..	3 366
2014-15	2 373	4 495	4 583	3 841	3 177	3 551	1 655	6 218	..	3 619
2013-14	2 264	4 087	4 632	3 496	3 433	3 303	1 868	6 633	..	3 475
2012-13	2 218	3 436	4 342	3 695	3 590	3 408	1 455	6 296	..	3 263
2011-12	2 163	3 435	4 338	3 917	3 691	4 277	1 601	5 839	..	3 289
All criminal courts										
2017-18	2 697	2 784	4 193	4 023	2 708	3 844	1 729	5 539	..	3 194
2016-17	2 697	3 058	4 610	4 015	2 959	3 830	2 174	5 658	..	3 375
2015-16	2 742	3 123	4 992	3 991	3 438	3 734	1 518	6 260	..	3 508
2014-15	2 529	4 588	4 743	3 951	3 331	3 649	1 741	6 486	..	3 754
2013-14	2 419	4 183	4 781	3 599	3 594	3 396	1 967	6 832	..	3 607
2012-13	2 367	3 537	4 480	3 806	3 748	3 515	1 530	6 499	..	3 392
2011-12	2 313	3 530	4 495	4 028	3 837	4 392	1 707	6 065	..	3 422

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.3

Table 7A.3 **Lodgments, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
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(a) Lodgments per 100 000 persons are derived from lodgments data presented in table 7A.1, and Estimated Residential Population (ERP) data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint (December) population estimate of the relevant financial year. ERP data for 2011-12 to 2015-16 are final, based on the *2016 Census of Population and Housing*. Estimates for 2016-17 (December quarter) onwards are also based on the 2016 Census but are preliminary. From December 2016 the ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.1 and 2A.2.

(b) The total number of lodgments for all states and territories in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).

.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, various years (cat. no. 3101.0); Tables 7A.2 and 2A.2.

TABLE 7A.4

Table 7A.4 **Lodgments, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	96	90	59	104	61	128	155	92	24	111
2016-17	98	91	67	107	67	162	145	107	23	114
2015-16	112	102	68	107	71	159	154	104	25	124
2014-15	114	132	71	99	71	180	146	112	18	126
2013-14	118	117	74	98	70	185	163	99	21	127
2012-13	128	124	82	105	75	223	147	108	25	139
2011-12	139	138	94	124	87	208	171	130	23	150
District/county courts										
2017-18	81	97	101	203	88	..	..	..	..	98
2016-17	95	101	101	206	108	..	..	..	..	106
2015-16	94	99	106	192	100	..	..	..	..	104
2014-15	95	114	113	196	105	..	..	..	..	110
2013-14	97	114	120	187	119	..	..	..	..	112
2012-13	102	120	121	187	187	..	..	..	..	120
2011-12	107	117	141	208	156	..	..	..	..	125
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	1 436	1 408	1 144	1 839	1 437	1 107	801	2 104	..	1 401
2016-17	1 520	1 480	1 247	1 985	1 457	1 133	859	2 000	..	1 485
2015-16	1 514	1 422	1 200	2 069	1 480	1 184	883	2 641	..	1 478
2014-15	1 683	1 513	1 165	2 005	1 587	1 258	957	2 824	..	1 554
2013-14	1 851	1 608	1 237	2 055	1 609	1 379	1 027	2 293	..	1 651
2012-13	1 997	1 728	1 198	2 059	1 736	1 533	1 057	2 774	..	1 739
2011-12	2 019	1 814	1 175	2 156	1 612	1 668	1 004	2 740	..	1 766

TABLE 7A.4

Table 7A.4 **Lodgments, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	112	132	91	80	113	67	30	196	..	108
2016-17	117	128	87	70	121	59	42	202	..	108
2015-16	117	136	83	71	129	66	41	165	..	109
2014-15	117	129	75	82	96	57	38	178	..	104
2013-14	119	120	75	105	65	55	32	168	..	103
2012-13	119	111	86	124	74	76	28	149	..	106
2011-12	119	116	84	79	80	88	31	149	..	102
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	1 548	1 540	1 235	1 919	1 550	1 173	831	2 300	..	1 509
2016-17	1 637	1 608	1 334	2 055	1 578	1 191	900	2 201	..	1 592
2015-16	1 631	1 558	1 283	2 140	1 609	1 250	924	2 806	..	1 587
2014-15	1 800	1 642	1 241	2 087	1 683	1 315	995	3 002	..	1 658
2013-14	1 971	1 728	1 311	2 159	1 675	1 435	1 058	2 461	..	1 754
2012-13	2 116	1 839	1 284	2 183	1 810	1 609	1 085	2 923	..	1 844
2011-12	2 139	1 930	1 259	2 234	1 692	1 757	1 036	2 889	..	1 868
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	1 725	1 727	1 395	2 226	1 699	1 301	986	2 393	24	1 719
2016-17	1 830	1 801	1 502	2 368	1 753	1 353	1 045	2 309	23	1 813
2015-16	1 836	1 759	1 456	2 439	1 780	1 409	1 078	2 910	25	1 814
2014-15	2 009	1 887	1 425	2 382	1 859	1 495	1 141	3 114	18	1 894
2013-14	2 185	1 958	1 505	2 444	1 864	1 620	1 221	2 560	21	1 993
2012-13	2 346	2 083	1 487	2 475	2 073	1 832	1 232	3 031	25	2 104
2011-12	2 385	2 185	1 493	2 566	1 935	1 965	1 207	3 019	23	2 143

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.4

Table 7A.4 **Lodgments, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
(a)	Lodgments per 100 000 persons are derived from lodgments data presented in table 7A.2, and Estimated Residential Population (ERP) data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint (December) population estimate of the relevant financial year. ERP data for 2011-12 to 2015-16 are final, based on the <i>2016 Census of Population and Housing</i> . Estimates for 2016-17 (December quarter) onwards are also based on the 2016 Census but are preliminary. From December 2016 the ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.2 and 2A.2.									
(b)	The total number of lodgments for all states and territories, including the Federal Court where applicable, in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, various years (cat. no. 3101.0); Tables 7A.2 and 2A.2.

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 Finalisations, criminal (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts (b)										
Appeal										
2017-18	365	303	318	332	242	33	100	30	..	1 723
2016-17	417	275	394	329	231	37	94	10	..	1 787
2015-16	339	301	437	291	280	34	92	11	..	1 785
2014-15	453	352	323	323	237	26	110	19	..	1 843
2013-14	341	318	372	390	232	18	109	28	..	1 808
2012-13	358	338	349	440	238	25	132	15	..	1 895
2011-12	324	543	407	366	311	26	119	23	..	2 119
Non-appeal (c)										
2017-18	98	82	2 618	330	59	493	297	492	..	4 469
2016-17	101	120	2 050	300	43	437	213	548	..	3 812
2015-16	89	107	1 484	306	76	436	170	583	..	3 251
2014-15	110	104	1 136	271	46	422	199	542	..	2 830
2013-14	91	118	865	242	68	403	258	361	..	2 406
2012-13	158	129	993	264	98	536	309	443	..	2 930
2011-12	109	116	1 130	235	57	537	278	507	..	2 969
Total										
2017-18	463	385	2 936	662	301	526	397	522	..	6 192
2016-17	518	395	2 444	629	274	474	307	558	..	5 599
2015-16	428	408	1 921	597	356	470	262	594	..	5 036
2014-15	563	456	1 459	594	283	448	309	561	..	4 673
2013-14	432	436	1 237	632	300	421	367	389	..	4 214
2012-13	516	467	1 342	704	336	561	441	458	..	4 825
2011-12	433	659	1 537	601	368	563	397	530	..	5 088

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts (d), (e)										
Appeal										
2017-18	7 190	2 960	371	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 521
2016-17	7 187	2 899	416	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 502
2015-16	7 572	3 064	449	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 085
2014-15	6 975	3 216	408	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 599
2013-14	6 924	2 917	373	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 214
2012-13	6 492	2 664	1 101	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 257
2011-12	6 916	2 794	441	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 151
Non-appeal										
2017-18	4 783	2 122	7 084	2 650	1 969	..	..	..	..	18 608
2016-17	4 676	2 112	6 320	2 378	2 122	..	..	..	..	17 608
2015-16	4 472	2 175	5 538	2 071	2 186	..	..	..	..	16 442
2014-15	3 661	2 224	5 360	1 872	2 122	..	..	..	..	15 239
2013-14	3 877	2 339	5 062	1 837	2 402	..	..	..	..	15 517
2012-13	3 539	2 366	4 981	2 019	2 192	..	..	..	..	15 097
2011-12	3 590	2 424	5 350	1 962	2 043	..	..	..	..	15 369
Total										
2017-18	11 973	5 082	7 455	2 650	1 969	..	..	..	..	29 129
2016-17	11 863	5 011	6 736	2 378	2 122	..	..	..	..	28 110
2015-16	12 044	5 239	5 987	2 071	2 186	..	..	..	..	27 527
2014-15	10 636	5 440	5 768	1 872	2 122	..	..	..	..	25 838
2013-14	10 801	5 256	5 435	1 837	2 402	..	..	..	..	25 731
2012-13	10 031	5 030	6 082	2 019	2 192	25 354
2011-12	10 506	5 218	5 791	1 962	2 043	25 520

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts (f), (g), (h), (i), (j)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	194 044	160 066	184 355	93 678	41 454	18 345	8 523	11 481	..	711 946
2016-17	187 503	156 988	204 845	98 513	47 238	16 661	5 861	11 679	..	729 288
2015-16	182 013	158 835	215 745	93 959	48 910	16 902	5 353	12 891	..	734 608
2014-15	170 886	240 278	200 589	94 083	50 825	15 651	5 949	14 030	..	792 291
2013-14	159 602	210 550	195 596	79 751	55 580	14 751	6 705	13 641	..	736 176
2012-13	150 596	167 163	183 832	80 239	54 767	17 157	5 060	14 601	..	673 415
2011-12	153 646	162 719	183 963	83 256	55 516	20 336	5 635	13 701	..	678 772
Children's courts (i), (k)										
2017-18	10 579	13 317	15 840	7 361	3 054	1 347	362	1 327	..	53 187
2016-17	10 277	20 791	13 023	7 438	3 608	1 110	238	1 542	..	58 027
2015-16	10 313	25 718	13 466	6 146	4 085	1 150	297	1 652	..	62 827
2014-15	10 478	21 472	11 920	6 403	4 747	1 217	276	1 627	..	58 140
2013-14	10 073	21 280	12 153	6 414	5 353	1 321	355	1 468	..	58 417
2012-13	9 995	21 965	12 526	6 801	5 400	1 733	467	1 596	..	60 483
2011-12	11 163	20 088	12 526	7 264	6 078	2 019	567	1 294	..	60 999
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	204 623	173 383	200 195	101 039	44 508	19 692	8 885	12 808	..	765 133
2016-17	197 780	177 779	217 868	105 951	50 846	17 771	6 099	13 221	..	787 315
2015-16	192 326	184 553	229 211	100 105	52 995	18 052	5 650	14 543	..	797 435
2014-15	181 364	261 750	212 509	100 486	55 572	16 868	6 225	15 657	..	850 431
2013-14	169 675	231 830	207 749	86 165	60 933	16 072	7 060	15 109	..	794 593
2012-13	160 591	189 128	196 358	87 040	60 167	18 890	5 527	16 197	..	733 898
2011-12	164 809	182 807	196 489	90 520	61 594	22 355	6 202	14 995	..	739 771

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 Finalisations, criminal (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All criminal courts										
2017-18	217 059	178 850	210 586	104 351	46 778	20 218	9 282	13 330	..	800 454
2016-17	210 161	183 185	227 048	108 958	53 242	18 245	6 406	13 779	..	821 024
2015-16	204 798	190 200	237 119	102 773	55 537	18 522	5 912	15 137	..	829 998
2014-15	192 563	267 646	219 736	102 952	57 977	17 316	6 534	16 218	..	880 942
2013-14	180 908	237 522	214 421	88 634	63 635	16 493	7 427	15 498	..	824 538
2012-13	171 138	194 625	203 782	89 763	62 695	19 451	5 968	16 655	..	764 077
2011-12	175 748	188 684	203 817	93 083	64 005	22 918	6 599	15 525	..	770 379

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) The counting unit for finalisations is the same as for lodgments (Table 7A.1). A criminal matter is considered finalised at the date on which all charges laid against a defendant are regarded as formally completed by the court and the matter ceases to be an active unit of work to be dealt with by the court.
- (b) Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.
- (c) Supreme Court of Victoria: The downturn in finalisations in 2017-18 was multi-factorial. Contributing factors included an unprecedented 37 per cent increase in the Division's application caseload, a material increase in the number of committals without a guilty plea, a series of late mistrials, trial adjournments and a spike in interlocutory appeals suggestive of heightened trial complexity.
- (d) In NSW, Victoria and Queensland the criminal jurisdiction of the district/county courts can hear appeals. Appeals are not heard in this jurisdiction in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the Supreme courts in SA and WA. There is no district court in Tasmania, the ACT, the NT or the Australian courts.
- (e) The number of finalisations in the Queensland District appeal court for 2012-13 was unusually high due to a further appeal pending in a higher appeal court jurisdiction. The outcome of that higher court appeal set the precedent for those appeals pending in the district court (all related to the alcohol management program) which were all finalised together, resulting in a very high clearance rate.
- (f) Includes cases finalised by committals.
- (g) The increase in the ACT Magistrates court criminal matters in 2013-14 was due to the prosecution of a large number of non-voting matters.
- (h) The NSW Magistrates court counts a case as finalised where a warrant is issued, and initiates a new lodgment when the warrant is executed. The NSW Magistrates Court is currently unable to exclude warrants from its lodgments and finalisation counts.
- (i) Criminal finalisations in the NT Magistrates' and Children's courts have been revised between 2011-12 and 2017-18 to exclude breaches.
- (j) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.

TABLE 7A.5

Table 7A.5 **Finalisations, criminal (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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(k) The decline in criminal finalisations in the Victorian Children's court in 2017-18 was predominantly due to a decrease in Children and Young Persons Infringement Notice System (CAYPINS) registrations (registrations in 2017-18 were less than half those in 2016-17).

.. Not applicable

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 Finalisations, civil (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate) (b), (c) /Federal Court (f)										
Appeal										
2017-18	599	337	171	126	126	48	58	107	1 229	2 801
2016-17	677	362	245	168	108	71	100	108	886	2 725
2015-16	727	309	282	178	89	74	55	115	956	2 785
2014-15	750	398	213	168	101	80	65	126	766	2 667
2013-14	840	426	275	171	129	90	40	84	699	2 754
2012-13	721	468	283	194	111	95	44	132	634	2 682
2011-12	614	451	266	170	108	75	41	113	685	2 523
Non-appeal										
2017-18	6 687	5 656	2 779	2 436	1 065	711	531	151	4 374	24 390
2016-17	7 098	5 703	2 789	2 331	977	771	606	129	4 747	25 151
2015-16	8 255	6 774	3 134	2 414	1 139	767	564	115	4 914	28 076
2014-15	8 815	6 906	3 153	2 249	1 066	864	550	138	3 150	26 891
2013-14	9 291	6 526	3 599	2 199	1 128	1 002	627	148	4 912	29 432
2012-13	11 741	6 991	3 960	2 632	1 195	950	818	166	5 922	34 375
2011-12	11 644	8 212	5 118	3 048	1 307	1 007	1 022	177	5 113	36 648
Total										
2017-18	7 286	5 993	2 950	2 562	1 191	759	589	258	5 603	27 191
2016-17	7 775	6 065	3 034	2 499	1 085	842	706	237	5 633	27 876
2015-16	8 982	7 083	3 416	2 592	1 228	841	619	230	5 870	30 861
2014-15	9 565	7 304	3 366	2 417	1 167	944	615	264	3 916	29 558
2013-14	10 131	6 952	3 874	2 370	1 257	1 092	667	232	5 611	32 186
2012-13	12 462	7 459	4 243	2 826	1 306	1 045	862	298	6 556	37 057
2011-12	12 258	8 663	5 384	3 218	1 415	1 082	1 063	290	5 798	39 171

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
Appeal										
2017-18	62	45	80	99	68	354
2016-17	85	65	74	109	108	..	..	..	..	441
2015-16	119	41	78	107	102	..	..	..	..	447
2014-15	127	89	56	118	188	..	..	..	..	578
2013-14	181	143	57	105	206	..	..	..	..	692
2012-13	193	128	63	119	169	..	..	..	..	672
2011-12	243	205	71	119	37	..	..	..	..	675
Non-appeal										
2017-18	7 184	6 503	4 977	4 910	1 702	..	..	..	..	25 276
2016-17	7 745	6 430	4 855	4 881	1 845	..	..	..	..	25 756
2015-16	7 764	6 744	5 170	4 862	1 741	..	..	..	..	26 281
2014-15	6 720	6 729	5 358	4 654	2 262	..	..	..	..	25 723
2013-14	7 315	6 542	5 304	4 476	2 769	..	..	..	..	26 406
2012-13	7 661	6 207	5 951	4 414	2 758	..	..	..	..	26 991
2011-12	8 096	6 146	5 973	5 189	3 144	..	..	..	..	28 548
Total										
2017-18	7 246	6 548	5 057	5 009	1 770	..	..	..	..	25 630
2016-17	7 830	6 495	4 929	4 990	1 953	..	..	..	..	26 197
2015-16	7 883	6 785	5 248	4 969	1 843	..	..	..	..	26 728
2014-15	6 847	6 818	5 414	4 772	2 450	..	..	..	..	26 301
2013-14	7 496	6 685	5 361	4 581	2 975	..	..	..	..	27 098
2012-13	7 854	6 335	6 014	4 533	2 927	27 663
2011-12	8 339	6 351	6 044	5 308	3 181	29 223

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)										
2017-18	119 997	86 359	58 851	48 517	25 558	5 760	3 401	5 225	..	353 668
2016-17	126 174	89 583	58 570	50 744	25 112	6 143	3 476	6 271	..	366 073
2015-16	123 959	90 499	59 337	51 189	25 982	6 348	3 652	6 534	..	367 500
2014-15	133 768	96 376	57 956	49 104	27 596	6 904	3 908	6 789	..	382 401
2013-14	142 646	103 022	56 744	51 971	27 395	7 707	3 955	6 955	..	400 395
2012-13	146 072	106 204	53 866	50 662	26 367	8 404	3 758	7 052	..	402 385
2011-12	149 319	105 913	53 048	50 333	27 107	8 909	3 661	6 609	..	404 899
Children's courts (e)										
2017-18	9 435	7 512	4 453	2 024	1 875	406	116	501	..	26 322
2016-17	9 430	7 785	3 912	1 759	2 094	327	208	481	..	25 996
2015-16	8 304	7 849	3 910	1 768	2 173	342	181	385	..	24 912
2014-15	8 389	6 635	3 514	2 192	1 430	354	107	443	..	23 064
2013-14	8 800	6 089	3 609	2 634	1 118	277	119	429	..	23 075
2012-13	8 798	6 241	3 921	2 757	1 256	423	119	366	..	23 881
2011-12	8 900	5 687	3 549	1 619	1 275	440	102	322	..	21 894
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	129 432	93 871	63 304	50 541	27 433	6 166	3 517	5 726	..	379 990
2016-17	135 604	97 368	62 482	52 503	27 206	6 470	3 684	6 752	..	392 069
2015-16	132 263	98 348	63 247	52 957	28 155	6 690	3 833	6 919	..	392 412
2014-15	142 157	103 011	61 470	51 296	29 026	7 258	4 015	7 232	..	405 465
2013-14	151 446	109 111	60 353	54 605	28 513	7 984	4 074	7 384	..	423 470
2012-13	154 870	112 445	57 787	53 419	27 623	8 827	3 877	7 418	..	426 266
2011-12	158 219	111 600	56 597	51 952	28 382	9 349	3 763	6 931	..	426 793

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	143 964	106 412	71 311	58 112	30 394	6 925	4 106	5 984	5 603	432 811
2016-17	151 209	109 928	70 445	59 992	30 244	7 312	4 390	6 989	5 633	446 142
2015-16	149 128	112 216	71 911	60 518	31 226	7 531	4 452	7 149	5 870	450 001
2014-15	158 569	117 133	70 250	58 485	32 643	8 202	4 630	7 496	3 916	461 324
2013-14	169 073	122 748	69 588	61 556	32 745	9 076	4 741	7 616	5 611	482 754
2012-13	175 186	126 239	68 044	60 778	31 856	9 872	4 739	7 716	6 556	490 986
2011-12	178 816	126 614	68 025	60 478	32 978	10 431	4 826	7 221	5 798	495 187
Family courts (f), (g), (h)										
Appeal										
2017-18	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	320	326
2016-17	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	377	388
2015-16	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	354	358
2014-15	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	356	364
2013-14	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	349	354
2012-13	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	333	335
2011-12	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	332	336
Non-appeal										
2017-18	..	..	..	16 042	..	..	..	..	20 377	36 419
2016-17	..	..	..	14 942	..	..	..	..	20 247	35 189
2015-16	..	..	..	15 769	..	..	..	..	20 199	35 968
2014-15	..	..	..	14 529	..	..	..	..	20 108	34 637
2013-14	14 227	19 338	33 565
2012-13	14 978	18 040	33 018
2011-12	15 153	17 682	32 835

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total										
2017-18	16 048	20 697	36 745
2016-17	14 953	20 624	35 577
2015-16	..	..	..	15 773	..	..	..	..	20 553	36 326
2014-15	..	..	..	14 537	..	..	..	..	20 464	35 001
2013-14	..	..	..	14 232	..	..	..	..	19 687	33 919
2012-13	..	..	..	14 980	..	..	..	..	18 373	33 353
2011-12	..	..	..	15 157	..	..	..	..	18 014	33 171
Federal Circuit Court (g), (h)										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95 195	95 195
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 770	90 770
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 338	90 338
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 582	89 582
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 000	89 000
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90 563	90 563
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 557	89 557
Coroners' courts (i)										
2017-18	6 387	6 500	5 403	2 322	2 813	605	299	241	..	24 570
2016-17	5 991	6 285	5 014	2 419	1 850	582	305	333	..	22 779
2015-16	6 166	6 596	5 313	2 049	2 181	494	250	305	..	23 354
2014-15	6 097	6 884	4 621	2 021	2 441	489	1 016	257	..	23 826
2013-14	6 211	7 623	4 909	2 036	2 044	536	1 184	341	..	24 884
2012-13	5 985	5 534	4 999	2 217	1 853	450	1 391	302	..	22 731
2011-12	7 851	4 949	4 771	2 215	2 379	462	1 277	281	..	24 185

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.6

Table 7A.6 **Finalisations, civil (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	The counting unit for finalisations is the same as for lodgments (Table 7A.2). In general a civil case is considered finalised at the date on which all matters pertaining to a file are regarded as formally completed by the court and the file ceases to be an active unit of work to be dealt with by the court. In the civil jurisdiction, (with the exception of appeals heard in the Supreme and District courts, the Federal Court of Australia, and all matters finalised in the Family court of Australia), cases may be deemed finalised if there is no action on a file for more than 12 months. From 2007-08, the Family Court of WA has deemed cases finalised if there has not been a court event for at least 12 months.									
(b)	Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.									
(c)	Data quality auditing by the Tasmanian Supreme Court during 2011-12 identified a number of revisions to be made in previous years' figures.									
(d)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(e)	Queensland Children's Court data for civil cases is based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.									
(f)	The Federal Court of Australia has not applied the rule where a case is deemed to have been finalised if there is no action on a file in the last 12 months.									
(g)	Family Court of Australia data do not include instances where its registrars are given delegation to conduct Federal Circuit Court divorce applications, or when conducting conciliation conferences on Federal Circuit Court matters. These services are provided free of charge to the Federal Circuit Court. The Family Court of Australia does not deem a matter finalised even if it has not had a court event for at least 12 months as this is not consistent with its case management practices.									
(h)	Family Court of Western Australia civil finalisations data between the financial years 2009-10 and 2011-12 were revised following a review of the data extraction processes, which revealed some discrepancies in the counting rules used to extract the data. Data for the reference periods prior to 2009-10 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.									
(i)	Reporting rates for deaths and fires which are reported to the coroner vary across jurisdictions due to differing reporting requirements. Fires are reported to the coroner in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT although the scope of fires reported in the ACT changed in 2015-16, resulting in a substantial reduction in cases finalised in the coroner's court.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.7

Table 7A.7	Finalisations, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total (b)
Supreme courts										
2017-18	6	6	59	26	17	100	95	212	..	25
2016-17	7	6	50	24	16	91	76	228	..	23
2015-16	6	7	40	23	21	91	66	243	..	21
2014-15	7	8	31	23	17	87	79	231	..	20
2013-14	6	7	26	25	18	82	95	161	..	18
2012-13	7	8	29	29	20	110	116	192	..	21
2011-12	6	12	34	25	22	110	107	228	..	23
District/county courts										
2017-18	151	80	150	103	114	..	..	..	..	118
2016-17	152	80	138	93	124	..	..	..	..	115
2015-16	157	86	125	81	128	..	..	..	..	115
2014-15	141	91	122	74	125	..	..	..	..	109
2013-14	145	90	116	73	143	..	..	..	..	110
2012-13	136	88	132	82	132	..	..	..	..	111
2011-12	145	93	128	82	124	..	..	..	..	113
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	2 452	2 507	3 713	3 624	2 399	3 496	2 049	4 653	..	2 874
2016-17	2 405	2 514	4 194	3 836	2 751	3 210	1 442	4 766	..	2 991
2015-16	2 373	2 607	4 490	3 688	2 867	3 278	1 342	5 281	..	3 063
2014-15	2 260	4 033	4 225	3 721	3 002	3 045	1 518	5 780	..	3 351
2013-14	2 141	3 610	4 175	3 187	3 312	2 875	1 736	5 630	..	3 160
2012-13	2 048	2 928	3 987	3 265	3 293	3 352	1 332	6 116	..	2 937
2011-12	2 117	2 910	4 071	3 489	3 370	3 974	1 514	5 881	..	3 014

TABLE 7A.7

Table 7A.7 Finalisations, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	134	209	319	285	177	257	87	538	..	215
2016-17	132	333	267	290	210	214	59	629	..	238
2015-16	134	422	280	241	239	223	74	677	..	262
2014-15	139	360	251	253	280	237	70	670	..	246
2013-14	135	365	259	256	319	257	92	606	..	251
2012-13	136	385	272	277	325	339	123	669	..	264
2011-12	154	359	277	304	369	395	152	555	..	271
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	2 585	2 715	4 032	3 909	2 576	3 753	2 136	5 191	..	3 089
2016-17	2 536	2 847	4 461	4 126	2 961	3 424	1 501	5 395	..	3 229
2015-16	2 507	3 029	4 770	3 929	3 107	3 501	1 416	5 958	..	3 325
2014-15	2 398	4 394	4 476	3 974	3 282	3 281	1 588	6 450	..	3 597
2013-14	2 276	3 975	4 434	3 444	3 631	3 133	1 828	6 236	..	3 411
2012-13	2 184	3 312	4 258	3 542	3 618	3 691	1 455	6 785	..	3 201
2011-12	2 270	3 269	4 348	3 794	3 739	4 368	1 667	6 437	..	3 285
All criminal courts										
2017-18	2 742	2 801	4 241	4 037	2 707	3 853	2 232	5 403	..	3 231
2016-17	2 695	2 934	4 649	4 243	3 101	3 515	1 576	5 623	..	3 367
2015-16	2 670	3 122	4 935	4 034	3 256	3 592	1 482	6 201	..	3 461
2014-15	2 546	4 493	4 629	4 071	3 424	3 369	1 667	6 681	..	3 726
2013-14	2 427	4 072	4 576	3 542	3 792	3 215	1 923	6 396	..	3 539
2012-13	2 327	3 409	4 419	3 653	3 770	3 800	1 571	6 977	..	3 333
2011-12	2 421	3 374	4 511	3 901	3 886	4 478	1 774	6 664	..	3 421

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.7

Table 7A.7 **Finalisations, criminal, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
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(a) Finalisations per 100 000 persons are derived from finalisations data presented in table 7A.5, and Estimated Residential Population (ERP) data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint (December) population estimate of the relevant financial year. ERP data for 2011-12 to 2015-16 are final, based on the *2016 Census of Population and Housing*. Estimates for 2016-17 (December quarter) onwards are also based on the 2016 Census but are preliminary. From December 2016 the ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.5 and 2A.2.

(b) The total number of finalisations for all states and territories in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).
.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, various years (cat. no. 3101.0); Tables 7A.5 and 2A.2.

TABLE 7A.8

Table 7A.8 Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	92	94	59	99	69	145	142	105	23	110
2016-17	100	97	62	97	63	162	174	97	23	114
2015-16	117	116	71	102	72	163	155	94	24	129
2014-15	126	123	71	96	69	184	157	109	17	125
2013-14	136	119	83	95	75	213	173	96	24	138
2012-13	169	131	92	115	79	204	227	125	29	162
2011-12	169	155	119	135	86	211	286	124	26	174
District/county courts										
2017-18	92	103	102	194	102	..	..	..	..	103
2016-17	100	104	101	194	114	..	..	..	..	107
2015-16	103	111	109	195	108	..	..	..	..	111
2014-15	91	114	114	189	145	..	..	..	..	111
2013-14	101	115	114	183	177	..	..	..	..	116
2012-13	107	111	130	184	176	..	..	..	..	121
2011-12	115	114	134	222	193	..	..	..	..	130
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	1 516	1 352	1 185	1 877	1 479	1 098	818	2 118	..	1 428
2016-17	1 618	1 435	1 199	1 976	1 463	1 184	855	2 559	..	1 501
2015-16	1 616	1 485	1 235	2 009	1 523	1 231	916	2 677	..	1 532
2014-15	1 769	1 618	1 221	1 942	1 630	1 343	997	2 797	..	1 618
2013-14	1 913	1 766	1 211	2 077	1 633	1 502	1 024	2 870	..	1 719
2012-13	1 987	1 860	1 168	2 062	1 585	1 642	989	2 954	..	1 755
2011-12	2 057	1 894	1 174	2 110	1 646	1 741	984	2 837	..	1 798

TABLE 7A.8

Table 7A.8 Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	119	118	90	78	109	77	28	203	..	106
2016-17	121	125	80	69	122	63	51	196	..	107
2015-16	108	129	81	69	127	66	45	158	..	104
2014-15	111	111	74	87	84	69	27	182	..	98
2013-14	118	104	77	105	67	54	31	177	..	99
2012-13	120	109	85	112	76	83	31	153	..	104
2011-12	123	102	79	68	77	86	27	138	..	97
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	1 635	1 470	1 275	1 955	1 588	1 175	846	2 321	..	1 534
2016-17	1 739	1 559	1 279	2 045	1 585	1 247	906	2 755	..	1 608
2015-16	1 724	1 614	1 316	2 079	1 650	1 297	961	2 835	..	1 636
2014-15	1 880	1 729	1 295	2 029	1 714	1 412	1 024	2 979	..	1 715
2013-14	2 031	1 871	1 288	2 182	1 699	1 556	1 055	3 047	..	1 818
2012-13	2 106	1 969	1 253	2 174	1 661	1 725	1 021	3 107	..	1 859
2011-12	2 180	1 996	1 253	2 177	1 723	1 827	1 011	2 975	..	1 895
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	1 819	1 666	1 436	2 248	1 759	1 320	987	2 425	23	1 747
2016-17	1 939	1 760	1 442	2 336	1 761	1 409	1 080	2 852	23	1 830
2015-16	1 944	1 842	1 497	2 375	1 830	1 460	1 116	2 929	24	1 876
2014-15	2 097	1 966	1 480	2 313	1 928	1 596	1 181	3 088	17	1 951
2013-14	2 268	2 105	1 485	2 460	1 951	1 769	1 227	3 143	24	2 072
2012-13	2 382	2 211	1 476	2 473	1 915	1 929	1 248	3 232	29	2 141
2011-12	2 463	2 264	1 505	2 535	2 002	2 038	1 297	3 100	26	2 199

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Table 7A.8 Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	621	..	..	..	..	84	148
2016-17	..	..	..	582	..	..	..	..	85	146
2015-16	..	..	..	619	..	..	..	..	86	151
2014-15	..	..	..	575	..	..	..	..	87	148
2013-14	..	..	..	569	..	..	..	..	85	146
2012-13	..	..	..	610	..	..	..	..	80	145
2011-12	..	..	..	635	..	..	..	..	80	147
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	384	384
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	372	372
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	377	377
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	379	379
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	382	382
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	395	395
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	398	398
Coroners' courts										
2017-18	81	102	109	90	163	115	72	98	..	99
2016-17	77	101	103	94	108	112	75	136	..	93
2015-16	80	108	111	80	128	96	63	125	..	97
2014-15	81	116	97	80	144	95	259	106	..	101
2013-14	83	131	105	81	122	104	306	141	..	107
2012-13	81	97	108	90	111	88	366	127	..	99
2011-12	108	89	106	93	144	90	343	121	..	107

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.8

Table 7A.8 **Finalisations, civil, per 100 000 people (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (b)</i>
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(a) Finalisations per 100 000 persons are derived from finalisations data presented in table 7A.6, and Estimated Residential Population (ERP) data presented in table 2A.2. The financial year population estimate is based on the midpoint (December) population estimate of the relevant financial year. ERP data for 2011-12 to 2015-16 are final, based on the *2016 Census of Population and Housing*. Estimates for 2016-17 (December quarter) onwards are also based on the 2016 Census but are preliminary. From December 2016 the ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.6 and 2A.2.

(b) The total number of finalisations for all states and territories, including the Federal Court where applicable, in the financial year, divided by the Australian population (per 100 000 people).

.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, various years (cat. no. 3101.0); Tables 7A.6 and 2A.2.

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts (d), (e), (f)										
2017-18	21 788	19 305	19 858	17 021	10 166	9 229	9 544	12 725	..	119 635
2016-17	21 442	24 553	17 744	16 225	9 472	7 940	9 103	14 046	..	120 525
2015-16	23 865	25 993	16 736	15 497	9 660	7 985	8 865	13 467	..	122 068
2014-15	21 695	23 508	15 205	15 422	9 441	7 912	7 808	11 953	..	112 944
2013-14	19 082	22 465	16 148	13 554	8 658	8 155	7 661	10 724	..	106 445
2012-13	20 497	22 184	17 820	13 445	9 773	8 148	6 222	10 632	..	108 722
2011-12	20 096	23 599	16 370	12 928	9 500	8 105	5 557	9 320	..	105 474
District/county courts (g), (h), (i)										
2017-18	95 797	86 657	49 918	47 255	22 651	..	..	..	..	302 279
2016-17	85 752	83 412	48 961	40 706	21 407	..	..	..	..	280 238
2015-16	76 797	82 261	46 617	38 633	20 019	..	..	..	..	264 329
2014-15	70 671	83 019	45 421	39 743	20 451	..	..	..	..	259 305
2013-14	73 108	72 490	44 415	38 282	21 968	..	..	..	..	250 262
2012-13	71 813	80 562	48 642	38 941	23 987	..	..	..	..	263 945
2011-12	85 400	82 862	43 828	40 081	22 795	..	..	..	..	274 966
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (i), (j)										
2017-18	125 644	125 488	93 802	67 544	40 736	9 816	8 947	14 133	..	486 111
2016-17	121 256	109 422	91 609	71 558	40 463	9 191	8 481	13 906	..	465 887
2015-16	119 283	99 216	86 551	67 529	41 868	9 198	10 064	13 585	..	447 294
2014-15	121 805	93 321	85 003	82 591	40 993	9 350	8 017	13 518	..	454 596
2013-14	120 130	88 496	84 918	81 794	34 071	10 370	7 323	13 308	..	440 409
2012-13	120 815	87 464	86 909	83 544	34 392	9 984	7 023	11 926	..	442 057
2011-12	132 802	88 145	87 776	80 776	35 045	9 791	7 617	11 367	..	453 317

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Table 7A.9 Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Children's courts										
2017-18	9 394	5 258	12 361	4 042	2 101	870	830	1 627	..	36 483
2016-17	9 163	4 822	10 786	4 195	2 003	764	594	1 865	..	34 192
2015-16	8 391	4 565	7 993	4 437	2 183	746	684	2 129	..	31 128
2014-15	7 587	3 938	8 037	6 544	2 394	730	1 079	1 755	..	32 065
2013-14	7 250	3 697	7 988	6 351	4 088	1 162	1 106	1 703	..	33 346
2012-13	8 055	3 113	9 511	6 119	4 107	1 120	954	1 550	..	34 530
2011-12	9 477	2 665	9 519	6 600	4 118	1 083	1 072	1 477	..	36 010
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	135 038	130 746	106 164	71 586	42 837	10 686	9 777	15 759	..	522 594
2016-17	130 419	114 245	102 394	75 754	42 466	9 955	9 075	15 771	..	500 078
2015-16	127 673	103 782	94 544	71 966	44 051	9 944	10 748	15 714	..	478 423
2014-15	129 392	97 259	93 040	89 134	43 388	10 080	9 096	15 273	..	486 661
2013-14	127 380	92 194	92 907	88 145	38 159	11 532	8 428	15 011	..	473 755
2012-13	128 870	90 577	96 421	89 663	38 498	11 104	7 978	13 475	..	476 587
2011-12	142 278	90 809	97 294	87 375	39 163	10 874	8 689	12 844	..	489 327
All criminal courts										
2017-18	252 623	236 708	175 940	135 862	75 654	19 915	19 321	28 484	..	944 508
2016-17	237 612	222 210	169 099	132 684	73 344	17 895	18 178	29 817	..	900 841
2015-16	228 336	212 036	157 897	126 097	73 730	17 929	19 613	29 181	..	864 819
2014-15	221 758	203 785	153 666	144 299	73 280	17 992	16 904	27 226	..	858 910
2013-14	219 570	187 149	153 469	139 980	68 785	19 687	16 089	25 734	..	830 463
2012-13	221 179	193 324	162 883	142 050	72 258	19 252	14 200	24 108	..	849 254
2011-12	247 775	197 270	157 493	140 384	71 458	18 978	14 246	22 164	..	869 767

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts (d), (e), (f)										
2017-18	22 449	19 782	19 858	17 021	10 539	9 229	9 544	13 014	..	121 435
2016-17	22 103	25 225	17 744	16 225	9 814	7 940	9 103	14 299	..	122 453
2015-16	24 707	26 659	16 744	15 497	10 022	7 985	8 865	13 809	..	124 288
2014-15	22 367	24 129	15 214	15 422	9 778	7 912	7 808	12 190	..	114 820
2013-14	19 680	23 051	16 508	13 554	8 986	8 155	7 661	10 933	..	108 528
2012-13	21 097	22 777	18 188	13 445	10 138	8 188	6 222	10 900	..	110 956
2011-12	20 906	24 173	16 768	12 928	9 862	8 245	5 557	9 537	..	107 976
District/county courts (g), (h), (i)										
2017-18	98 067	88 249	49 918	47 255	23 501	..	..	..	..	306 991
2016-17	87 687	84 894	48 961	40 706	22 153	..	..	..	..	284 401
2015-16	78 993	83 662	46 639	38 633	20 722	..	..	..	..	268 649
2014-15	72 691	84 466	45 449	39 743	21 151	..	..	..	..	263 500
2013-14	75 204	73 804	45 317	38 282	22 727	..	..	..	..	255 334
2012-13	73 824	81 908	49 709	38 941	24 796	..	..	..	..	269 180
2011-12	88 278	84 199	44 783	40 081	23 606	..	..	..	..	280 947
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (i), (j)										
2017-18	129 808	128 672	93 802	67 544	42 147	9 816	8 947	14 497	..	495 233
2016-17	125 077	112 262	91 609	71 558	41 819	9 191	8 481	14 256	..	474 254
2015-16	123 629	101 839	86 617	67 529	43 251	9 198	10 064	13 950	..	456 077
2014-15	126 111	95 824	85 090	82 591	42 348	9 350	8 017	13 872	..	463 202
2013-14	124 254	90 972	87 523	81 794	35 258	10 370	7 323	13 615	..	451 107
2012-13	124 863	89 894	89 388	83 544	35 597	10 034	7 023	12 290	..	452 632
2011-12	137 795	90 544	90 282	80 776	36 285	9 990	7 617	11 742	..	465 031

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	9 777	5 396	12 361	4 042	2 168	870	830	1 667	..	37 111
2016-17	9 511	4 949	10 786	4 195	2 067	764	594	1 912	..	34 777
2015-16	8 739	4 685	7 999	4 437	2 258	746	684	2 186	..	31 733
2014-15	7 890	4 046	8 046	6 544	2 478	730	1 079	1 801	..	32 613
2013-14	7 537	3 795	8 192	6 351	4 247	1 162	1 106	1 742	..	34 132
2012-13	8 359	3 196	9 753	6 119	4 264	1 128	954	1 597	..	35 371
2011-12	9 986	2 736	9 767	6 600	4 278	1 107	1 072	1 521	..	37 066
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	139 585	134 068	106 164	71 586	44 314	10 686	9 777	16 164	..	532 345
2016-17	134 588	117 211	102 394	75 754	43 886	9 955	9 075	16 168	..	509 030
2015-16	132 367	106 523	94 616	71 966	45 508	9 944	10 748	16 136	..	487 810
2014-15	134 001	99 870	93 135	89 134	44 826	10 080	9 096	15 673	..	495 815
2013-14	131 792	94 766	95 714	88 145	39 505	11 532	8 428	15 357	..	485 239
2012-13	133 222	93 090	99 141	89 663	39 861	11 162	7 978	13 887	..	488 003
2011-12	147 781	93 279	100 049	87 375	40 562	11 097	8 689	13 263	..	502 096
All criminal courts										
2017-18	260 101	242 099	175 940	135 862	78 354	19 915	19 321	29 178	..	960 770
2016-17	244 378	227 330	169 099	132 684	75 852	17 895	18 178	30 467	..	915 885
2015-16	236 067	216 845	157 999	126 097	76 252	17 929	19 613	29 945	..	880 747
2014-15	229 059	208 465	153 798	144 299	75 755	17 992	16 904	27 863	..	874 135
2013-14	226 675	191 622	157 539	139 980	71 219	19 687	16 089	26 290	..	849 101
2012-13	228 143	197 775	167 038	142 050	74 795	19 350	14 200	24 787	..	868 138
2011-12	256 965	201 651	161 600	140 384	74 030	19 342	14 246	22 800	..	891 019

Aust cts = Australian courts.

TABLE 7A.9

Table 7A.9 **Real recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	In 2014-15 Queensland government departments were no longer required to pay payroll tax on salaries and wages. Appropriation was reduced accordingly and the expense is no longer reflected in costs resulting in an overall reduction in total expenditure.									
(d)	NSW accommodation expenditure for the primary Supreme Court building location includes depreciation and related contract fees. This is instead of the imputed rent which was reported in prior years. This change has been made to better reflect the actual ownership of the primary Supreme Court building. NSW majority owns the building and land and now reports the depreciation and related contract fees in proportion to its ownership.									
(e)	WA Supreme Court expenditure data for years prior to 2015-16 were revised in accordance with changes to judicial officer FTEs.									
(f)	Victorian Supreme Court expenditure data for 2017-18 excludes expenditure associated with bail applications, consistent with RoGS counting rules. Expenditure data should not be directly compared with prior years.									
(g)	Victorian County court criminal data include costs relating to the Public Private Partnership for the Victorian County Court facility. Victorian County Court depreciation increased in 2016-17 as a result of an increase in the value to the building asset class due to a revaluation taken in 2016.									
(h)	For the WA District court, the increase in expenditure in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.									
(i)	For the NSW District and Magistrates' courts, the increase in expenditure in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.									
(j)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.10

Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d), (e), (f)										
2017-18	68 914	63 546	23 626	35 042	10 263	5 290	6 285	5 691	102 009	320 665
2016-17	64 053	59 151	23 687	38 656	9 514	4 688	5 814	4 943	98 790	309 297
2015-16	64 511	55 746	20 124	25 622	11 320	4 690	5 719	4 702	105 952	298 388
2014-15	72 953	54 569	22 149	25 553	10 623	4 185	5 455	5 230	105 573	306 289
2013-14	78 264	49 428	22 141	27 453	10 422	4 545	5 337	5 776	106 809	310 176
2012-13	74 196	50 428	21 978	27 105	10 342	5 101	5 954	5 834	101 422	302 360
2011-12	82 321	52 094	19 325	29 796	11 983	4 962	5 545	6 108	107 433	319 567
District/county courts (g), (h), (i)										
2017-18	29 970	37 455	12 803	11 962	8 166	..	..	..	..	100 355
2016-17	36 873	36 423	13 532	18 093	8 288	..	..	..	..	113 209
2015-16	37 346	35 668	11 517	17 317	8 341	..	..	..	..	110 190
2014-15	38 168	33 223	11 305	16 801	8 309	..	..	..	..	107 806
2013-14	36 147	32 825	10 719	16 294	7 245	..	..	..	..	103 230
2012-13	38 018	31 694	11 394	17 056	7 702	..	..	..	..	105 865
2011-12	30 464	29 502	10 230	16 098	7 862	..	..	..	..	94 155
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (i), (j)										
2017-18	49 611	60 076	27 186	31 141	9 825	2 806	6 436	6 759	..	193 840
2016-17	56 698	51 969	25 833	31 651	10 054	2 482	6 319	5 820	..	190 826
2015-16	49 847	46 121	24 682	30 942	10 139	2 554	6 475	6 036	..	176 796
2014-15	60 376	43 226	23 425	20 307	10 216	2 503	6 797	5 952	..	172 804
2013-14	65 664	41 647	22 842	18 127	12 620	1 957	6 756	5 389	..	175 002
2012-13	73 024	41 152	23 497	17 356	12 662	1 880	6 575	5 501	..	181 648
2011-12	76 395	41 474	23 263	16 618	13 007	1 846	7 210	5 342	..	185 154

TABLE 7A.10

Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts (k)										
2017-18	7 703	21 034	3 015	2 979	3 023	244	848	655	..	39 501
2016-17	8 288	19 286	3 175	3 044	2 875	211	965	586	..	38 429
2015-16	7 149	18 251	4 908	2 446	2 810	212	1 024	374	..	37 174
2014-15	6 730	15 763	4 852	1 480	1 998	255	401	375	..	31 854
2013-14	6 639	14 791	4 843	1 666	827	577	419	397	..	30 158
2012-13	7 497	12 490	5 906	1 652	813	521	423	302	..	29 604
2011-12	7 517	10 690	6 323	1 402	906	557	530	309	..	28 233
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	57 314	81 110	30 201	34 120	12 848	3 050	7 284	7 415	..	233 341
2016-17	64 986	71 255	29 008	34 695	12 929	2 693	7 284	6 405	..	229 256
2015-16	56 996	64 372	29 590	33 388	12 949	2 766	7 499	6 410	..	213 970
2014-15	67 107	58 990	28 277	21 788	12 214	2 758	7 198	6 327	..	204 658
2013-14	72 303	56 438	27 685	19 793	13 448	2 534	7 175	5 786	..	205 161
2012-13	80 522	53 642	29 404	19 008	13 474	2 400	6 998	5 803	..	211 251
2011-12	83 912	52 164	29 586	18 020	13 913	2 402	7 740	5 651	..	213 388
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	156 198	182 111	66 629	81 125	31 276	8 340	13 568	13 106	102 009	654 362
2016-17	165 912	166 829	66 227	91 444	30 731	7 381	13 097	11 349	98 790	651 761
2015-16	158 853	155 787	61 232	76 327	32 610	7 456	13 218	11 112	105 952	622 548
2014-15	178 228	146 782	61 731	64 141	31 145	6 942	12 653	11 557	105 573	618 753
2013-14	186 713	138 690	60 546	63 540	31 115	7 079	12 513	11 562	106 809	618 567
2012-13	192 736	135 764	62 775	63 170	31 518	7 502	12 952	11 637	101 422	619 476
2011-12	196 696	133 760	59 140	63 915	33 758	7 365	13 285	11 759	107 433	627 110

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Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts (l)										
2017-18	..	..	..	32 513	..	..	..	..	54 009	86 522
2016-17	..	..	..	31 699	..	..	..	..	53 631	85 330
2015-16	..	..	..	29 635	..	..	..	..	72 701	102 336
2014-15	..	..	..	29 954	..	..	..	..	72 816	102 770
2013-14	..	..	..	28 820	..	..	..	..	72 138	100 958
2012-13	..	..	..	30 408	..	..	..	..	99 769	130 177
2011-12	..	..	..	28 893	..	..	..	..	114 055	142 948
Federal Circuit Court (l), (m)										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	151 979	151 979
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	148 435	148 435
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	137 415	137 415
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	139 960	139 960
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	142 899	142 899
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111 069	111 069
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112 363	112 363
Coroners' courts (n), (o)										
2017-18	6 566	16 712	11 265	6 977	4 304	1 413	1 158	990	..	49 387
2016-17	6 835	13 501	10 818	6 844	3 357	1 271	965	980	..	44 572
2015-16	5 901	13 014	10 531	6 347	3 528	1 233	1 066	975	..	42 594
2014-15	5 612	12 644	10 068	5 930	3 472	992	2 050	1 030	..	41 799
2013-14	5 783	13 291	9 345	5 644	3 377	430	1 700	1 041	..	40 611
2012-13	5 491	15 591	11 846	6 621	3 265	423	1 124	1 268	..	45 628
2011-12	4 814	15 386	13 616	5 137	3 224	469	1 164	1 220	..	45 031

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Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Probate (p)</i>										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	1 188	962	304	1 038	869	291	29	40	..	4 721
2016-17	1 261	902	296	1 078	811	273	78	54	..	4 753
2015-16	1 010	800	291	1 235	800	272	59	80	..	4 547
2014-15	1 219	903	275	1 267	718	255	68	53	..	4 759
2013-14	1 007	854	279	1 166	659	110	81	47	..	4 203
2012-13	952	858	283	1 244	667	121	76	62	..	4 264
2011-12	849	805	216	1 239	566	147	37	35	..	3 892
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d), (e), (f)										
2017-18	71 192	65 200	23 626	35 042	10 653	5 290	6 285	5 815	102 009	325 111
2016-17	66 301	60 704	23 687	38 656	9 872	4 688	5 814	5 027	98 790	313 540
2015-16	66 853	57 301	20 137	25 622	11 737	4 690	5 719	4 816	105 952	302 827
2014-15	75 528	56 018	22 166	25 553	10 992	4 185	5 455	5 331	105 573	310 802
2013-14	80 858	50 795	22 701	27 453	10 813	4 545	5 337	5 889	106 809	315 201
2012-13	76 693	51 812	22 497	27 105	10 722	5 120	5 954	5 978	101 422	307 304
2011-12	85 649	53 431	19 866	29 796	12 448	5 038	5 545	6 253	107 433	325 458
District/county courts (g), (h), (i)										
2017-18	30 964	38 196	12 803	11 962	8 467	..	..	..	..	102 391
2016-17	38 080	37 109	13 532	18 093	8 586	..	..	..	..	115 400
2015-16	38 632	36 360	11 526	17 317	8 647	..	..	..	..	112 482
2014-15	39 453	33 832	11 315	16 801	8 616	..	..	..	..	110 018
2013-14	37 297	33 465	10 992	16 294	7 519	..	..	..	..	105 567
2012-13	39 223	32 259	11 688	17 056	7 990	108 216
2011-12	31 594	30 000	10 511	16 098	8 164	96 368

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Table 7A.10 Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (i), (j)										
2017-18	51 147	61 588	27 186	31 141	10 148	2 806	6 436	6 933	..	197 385
2016-17	58 414	53 318	25 833	31 651	10 373	2 482	6 319	5 966	..	194 356
2015-16	51 527	47 355	24 701	30 942	10 450	2 554	6 475	6 198	..	180 201
2014-15	62 342	44 404	23 451	20 307	10 525	2 503	6 797	6 108	..	176 438
2013-14	67 748	42 812	23 460	18 127	13 003	1 957	6 756	5 513	..	179 375
2012-13	75 295	42 295	24 089	17 356	13 056	1 889	6 575	5 672	..	186 227
2011-12	78 839	42 603	23 839	16 618	13 421	1 882	7 210	5 506	..	189 919
Children's courts (k)										
2017-18	8 014	21 585	3 015	2 979	3 141	244	848	672	..	40 497
2016-17	8 596	19 790	3 175	3 044	2 981	211	965	600	..	39 363
2015-16	7 446	18 730	4 912	2 446	2 921	212	1 024	384	..	38 075
2014-15	7 000	16 193	4 857	1 480	2 082	255	401	385	..	32 653
2013-14	6 903	15 180	4 970	1 666	859	577	419	406	..	30 980
2012-13	7 780	12 823	6 060	1 652	844	524	423	311	..	30 416
2011-12	7 885	10 975	6 489	1 402	941	567	530	318	..	29 107
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	59 161	83 173	30 201	34 120	13 289	3 050	7 284	7 605	..	237 882
2016-17	67 010	73 108	29 008	34 695	13 354	2 693	7 284	6 567	..	233 719
2015-16	58 972	66 085	29 613	33 388	13 371	2 766	7 499	6 582	..	218 276
2014-15	69 342	60 598	28 308	21 788	12 606	2 758	7 198	6 493	..	209 091
2013-14	74 650	57 992	28 429	19 793	13 862	2 534	7 175	5 919	..	210 354
2012-13	83 075	55 118	30 149	19 008	13 899	2 413	6 998	5 982	..	216 643
2011-12	86 724	53 578	30 328	18 020	14 362	2 450	7 740	5 823	..	219 026

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Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	161 317	186 568	66 629	81 125	32 408	8 340	13 568	13 420	102 009	665 384
2016-17	171 392	170 921	66 227	91 444	31 812	7 381	13 097	11 594	98 790	662 659
2015-16	164 457	159 745	61 276	76 327	33 755	7 456	13 218	11 398	105 952	633 585
2014-15	184 324	150 449	61 790	64 141	32 214	6 942	12 653	11 824	105 573	629 911
2013-14	192 805	142 251	62 121	63 540	32 195	7 079	12 513	11 808	106 809	631 122
2012-13	198 991	139 189	64 334	63 170	32 611	7 534	12 952	11 960	101 422	632 163
2011-12	203 967	137 009	60 706	63 915	34 975	7 488	13 285	12 076	107 433	640 852
Family courts (l)										
2017-18	..	..	..	32 513	..	..	..	..	54 009	86 522
2016-17	..	..	..	31 699	..	..	..	..	53 631	85 330
2015-16	..	..	..	29 635	..	..	..	..	72 701	102 336
2014-15	..	..	..	29 954	..	..	..	..	72 816	102 770
2013-14	..	..	..	28 820	..	..	..	..	72 138	100 958
2012-13	..	..	..	30 408	..	..	..	..	99 769	130 177
2011-12	..	..	..	28 893	..	..	..	..	114 055	142 948
Federal Circuit Court (l), (m)										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	151 979	151 979
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	148 435	148 435
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	137 415	137 415
2014-15	139 960	139 960
2013-14	142 899	142 899
2012-13	111 069	111 069
2011-12	112 363	112 363

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	NSW	Vic	Qld (c)	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
Coroners' courts (n), (o)										
2017-18	6 805	17 167	11 265	6 977	4 466	1 413	1 158	1 022	..	50 274
2016-17	7 054	13 827	10 818	6 844	3 483	1 271	965	1 007	..	45 269
2015-16	6 134	13 392	10 539	6 347	3 655	1 233	1 066	1 001	..	43 365
2014-15	5 843	13 011	10 080	5 930	3 595	992	2 050	1 051	..	42 553
2013-14	6 023	13 686	9 526	5 644	3 492	430	1 700	1 070	..	41 571
2012-13	5 738	15 985	12 231	6 621	3 386	423	1 124	1 299	..	46 806
2011-12	5 099	15 830	13 958	5 137	3 346	478	1 164	1 253	..	46 266
Autopsy (q), (r)										
Coroners' courts autopsy expenditure										
2017-18	19 675	4 274	2 942	11 475	474	479	1 194	360	..	40 872
2016-17	23 598	4 310	3 138	11 443	427	487	1 126	367	..	44 898
2015-16	20 792	4 349	2 802	10 986	4 363	401	998	538	..	45 228
2014-15	20 230	3 998	2 455	11 304	4 240	414	1 035	487	..	44 162
2013-14	19 046	2 784	2 564	8 978	4 108	504	1 070	455	..	39 510
2012-13	18 153	2 753	2 729	10 574	3 973	466	1 040	428	..	40 118
2011-12	18 995	2 084	2 787	9 149	3 787	477	1 134	479	..	38 892

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded.
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) In 2014-15 Queensland government departments were no longer required to pay payroll tax on salaries and wages. Appropriation was reduced accordingly and the expense is no longer reflected in costs resulting in an overall reduction in total expenditure.
- (d) NSW accommodation expenditure for the primary Supreme Court building location includes depreciation and related contract fees. This is instead of the imputed rent which was reported in prior years. This change has been made to better reflect the actual ownership of the primary Supreme Court building. NSW majority owns the building and land and now reports the depreciation and related contract fees in proportion to its ownership.
- (e) Data for the Federal Court of Australia exclude the costs of resources provided free of charge to the Federal Circuit Court.
- (f) For the WA Supreme court, the civil expenditure increased significantly in 2016-17 due to the General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre. This resulted in a significant accommodation cost incurred by the WA Supreme court.

Table 7A.10 **Real recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (c)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(g)	Victorian County court civil data include costs relating to the Public Private Partnership for the Victorian County Court facility. Victorian County Court depreciation increased in 2016-17 as a result of an increase in the value to the building asset class due to a revaluation taken in 2016.									
(h)	For the WA District court, the decrease in expenditure in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.									
(i)	For the NSW District and Magistrates' courts, the decrease in expenditure in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.									
(j)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(k)	In Tasmania, civil matters in the children's court (care and protection orders) are dealt with by the criminal registry and therefore civil expenditure from the children's court is included in criminal expenditure figures.									
(l)	A single set of financial statements is maintained on behalf of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court and expenses/assets have been attributed to each jurisdiction on the basis of either being directly attributed to the jurisdiction or an estimated allocation to the jurisdiction. Prior to 1 July 2013 the Family Court of Australia expenditure figures had been discounted (estimated) for resources and services (work of Court staff and accommodation) provided free of charge to the Federal Circuit Court in accordance with the Federal Magistrates Act 1999.									
(m)	The Federal Circuit Court expenditure data include some resources received free of charge from the Federal Court of Australia and prior to 1 July 2013 it also included resources received free of charge from the Family Court of Australia. Expenditure is based on total expenditure and does not isolate family law work from general federal law work. Some bankruptcy and immigration matters filed with the Federal Circuit Court are delegated to be dealt with by the Federal Court of Australia registrars. Those matters finalised by Federal Court of Australia registrars are counted as part of the Federal Circuit Court matters as they form part of the Federal Circuit Court filings and expenditure and contribute to cost per finalisation.									
(n)	Excludes expenditure associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. Expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In some states and territories autopsy expenses are shared with health departments and are not recognised in the court's expenditure.									
(o)	Expenditure data for the Queensland Coroners Court and the Victorian Coroners Court include the full costs of government assisted burials/cremations, legal fees incurred in briefing counsel assisting for inquests and costs of preparing matters for inquest, including the costs of obtaining independent expert reports.									
(p)	Payroll tax could not be separately estimated for probate registries. Expenditure data for probate registries excludes payroll tax.									
(q)	Refers to costs for autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. In 2016-17 forensic science costs in South Australia were transferred to another department.									
(r)	Data for the WA Coroner's court in 2011-12 excludes a refund of an autopsy invoice for \$415,000 as this amount was reimbursed income from expenses of autopsy from the previous year.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.11

Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Criminal income										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	257	–	82	122	533	–	35	367	..	1 395
2016-17	186	–	106	136	543	–	38	544	..	1 552
2015-16	58	–	86	156	478	–	57	529	..	1 364
2014-15	111	–	94	71	525	–	51	302	..	1 153
2013-14	143	–	89	62	471	–	83	241	..	1 089
2012-13	101	–	202	69	512	–	48	247	..	1 179
2011-12	155	–	191	83	545	–	29	250	..	1 254
District/county courts										
2017-18	3 525	–	175	169	680	..	..	..	..	4 550
2016-17	3 797	–	294	188	729	..	..	..	..	5 009
2015-16	3 549	–	301	159	621	..	..	..	..	4 630
2014-15	2 939	–	344	96	588	..	..	..	..	3 968
2013-14	2 457	–	326	82	621	..	..	..	..	3 485
2012-13	2 788	–	669	45	731	..	..	..	..	4 233
2011-12	3 355	–	614	127	802	..	..	..	..	4 898
Magistrates' courts (c)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	13 563	–	1 144	8 023	808	922	429	419	..	25 308
2016-17	15 005	–	1 164	8 034	997	892	511	73	..	26 676
2015-16	11 680	–	1 324	7 711	833	899	302	96	..	22 846
2014-15	12 498	–	1 384	7 822	818	777	560	98	..	23 958
2013-14	11 848	–	1 374	7 268	2 432	617	321	89	..	23 950
2012-13	9 732	–	1 580	7 106	4 011	957	146	29	..	23 561
2011-12	10 602	–	1 465	8 271	4 166	1 009	268	29	..	25 809

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	5	–	95	46	12	1	–	42	..	200
2016-17	27	–	142	46	14	–	–	10	..	240
2015-16	–	–	183	50	13	–	–	7	..	253
2014-15	–	–	186	19	14	3	–	7	..	229
2013-14	1	–	196	27	41	4	9	6	..	285
2012-13	1	–	190	42	60	5	–	1	..	298
2011-12	69	–	178	46	58	3	–	4	..	358
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	13 568	–	1 239	8 069	820	923	429	460	..	25 508
2016-17	15 032	–	1 307	8 080	1 011	892	511	83	..	26 916
2015-16	11 680	–	1 507	7 761	847	899	302	103	..	23 099
2014-15	12 498	–	1 570	7 841	832	780	560	105	..	24 187
2013-14	11 849	–	1 570	7 295	2 473	621	331	95	..	24 234
2012-13	9 733	–	1 770	7 148	4 070	963	146	30	..	23 860
2011-12	10 671	–	1 643	8 317	4 224	1 012	268	33	..	26 167
All criminal courts										
2017-18	17 350	–	1 496	8 360	2 033	923	464	827	..	31 453
2016-17	19 015	–	1 707	8 404	2 283	892	549	627	..	33 477
2015-16	15 287	–	1 894	8 076	1 946	899	359	632	..	29 093
2014-15	15 548	–	2 008	8 008	1 945	780	611	407	..	29 308
2013-14	14 449	–	1 984	7 438	3 565	621	414	336	..	28 808
2012-13	12 622	–	2 641	7 262	5 313	963	194	277	..	29 272
2011-12	14 181	–	2 448	8 528	5 570	1 012	297	283	..	32 318

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Civil income										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	31 612	12 674	7 442	7 782	4 370	947	1 963	730	19 627	87 147
2016-17	30 598	12 144	7 696	8 182	4 270	808	1 860	838	18 499	84 896
2015-16	28 210	12 380	7 615	6 981	4 558	729	1 819	606	18 237	81 136
2014-15	27 983	14 084	6 928	6 016	4 555	811	1 463	564	20 532	82 937
2013-14	30 610	11 497	7 093	5 799	4 570	854	1 882	572	23 532	86 411
2012-13	31 195	10 623	7 406	5 673	5 012	826	1 276	370	21 638	84 018
2011-12	33 183	9 628	6 980	6 225	5 519	602	1 162	350	16 229	79 876
District/county courts										
2017-18	15 330	10 448	4 998	6 290	2 077	..	..	..	..	39 143
2016-17	16 315	12 034	5 431	6 731	2 357	..	..	..	..	42 868
2015-16	14 688	11 054	5 550	5 731	2 309	..	..	..	..	39 331
2014-15	14 170	11 172	5 538	5 286	2 137	..	..	..	..	38 302
2013-14	13 642	12 583	5 667	5 014	2 475	..	..	..	..	39 380
2012-13	14 012	10 108	5 724	4 775	3 863	..	..	..	..	38 481
2011-12	13 219	8 670	6 179	4 520	3 319	..	..	..	..	35 908
Magistrates' courts (c)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	26 052	22 032	6 773	7 811	5 323	997	1 703	200	..	70 892
2016-17	27 717	23 134	7 887	8 439	4 935	864	1 797	96	..	74 869
2015-16	26 654	22 053	7 316	7 936	4 826	886	1 407	356	..	71 435
2014-15	25 220	23 990	7 793	7 517	5 123	929	1 572	437	..	72 581
2013-14	25 431	24 784	8 528	7 111	5 294	821	1 547	382	..	73 898
2012-13	27 882	23 243	8 256	6 781	6 230	1 072	1 115	334	..	74 913
2011-12	28 680	17 266	7 503	5 936	5 831	1 005	1 027	393	..	67 640

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	5	–	24	29	11	–	–	17	..	85
2016-17	24	–	43	29	14	–	–	3	..	113
2015-16	–	–	119	34	14	–	–	–	..	167
2014-15	1	–	121	25	13	–	–	1	..	160
2013-14	1	–	128	25	4	–	4	1	..	164
2012-13	1	–	126	29	7	–	–	–	..	163
2011-12	57	–	119	23	7	–	–	1	..	207
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	26 057	22 032	6 798	7 840	5 334	997	1 703	217	..	70 977
2016-17	27 742	23 134	7 930	8 468	4 948	864	1 797	99	..	74 982
2015-16	26 654	22 053	7 436	7 970	4 840	886	1 407	356	..	71 602
2014-15	25 221	23 990	7 914	7 542	5 135	929	1 572	437	..	72 741
2013-14	25 432	24 785	8 655	7 136	5 298	821	1 551	383	..	74 061
2012-13	27 883	23 243	8 381	6 810	6 237	1 072	1 115	334	..	75 076
2011-12	28 737	17 266	7 621	5 958	5 838	1 005	1 027	394	..	67 847
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	72 999	45 154	19 238	21 912	11 781	1 944	3 666	947	19 627	197 267
2016-17	74 655	47 313	21 057	23 381	11 576	1 672	3 657	937	18 499	202 747
2015-16	69 552	45 488	20 601	20 682	11 706	1 614	3 227	963	18 237	192 069
2014-15	67 374	49 245	20 380	18 844	11 828	1 740	3 035	1 002	20 532	193 980
2013-14	69 685	48 864	21 416	17 950	12 343	1 675	3 432	955	23 532	199 853
2012-13	73 089	43 974	21 511	17 257	15 111	1 899	2 391	704	21 638	197 575
2011-12	75 139	35 564	20 780	16 704	14 676	1 607	2 189	743	16 229	183 631

TABLE 7A.11

Table 7A.11 Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts (d)										
2017-18	..	..	..	6 583	..	..	..	..	6 199	12 782
2016-17	..	..	..	6 817	..	..	..	..	6 334	13 151
2015-16	..	..	..	6 266	..	..	..	..	8 183	14 449
2014-15	..	..	..	6 605	..	..	..	..	6 730	13 335
2013-14	..	..	..	6 024	..	..	..	..	6 426	12 450
2012-13	..	..	..	4 898	..	..	..	..	6 228	11 126
2011-12	..	..	..	4 091	..	..	..	..	6 012	10 103
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59 762	59 762
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59 494	59 494
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68 850	68 850
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55 062	55 062
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52 905	52 905
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41 695	41 695
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34 032	34 032
Coroners' courts (e)										
2017-18	4	—	412	117	26	6	62	19	..	646
2016-17	45	—	435	73	33	5	46	15	..	652
2015-16	165	—	36	443	44	—	48	17	..	754
2014-15	101	—	53	64	38	—	27	10	..	294
2013-14	130	—	29	71	30	2	48	—	..	311
2012-13	150	—	122	87	44	2	43	—	..	449
2011-12	132	—	155	51	34	4	16	—	..	392

TABLE 7A.11

Table 7A.11 **Real income (excluding fines), criminal and civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a), (b)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	41 254	8 422	7 625	2 599	10 913	2 141	1 564	301	..	74 820
2016-17	38 853	8 093	7 114	2 629	10 510	1 679	1 329	259	..	70 464
2015-16	37 816	7 906	6 560	2 300	7 628	1 498	1 179	271	..	65 159
2014-15	34 882	7 392	6 192	1 974	7 193	1 371	1 112	272	..	60 388
2013-14	30 820	6 975	5 883	1 671	6 307	1 336	1 029	271	..	54 292
2012-13	29 774	7 151	5 847	1 399	6 368	1 329	913	191	..	52 972
2011-12	28 305	6 512	5 099	1 310	5 920	918	573	176	..	48 813

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Income is derived from court fees, library revenue, court reporting revenue, sheriff and bailiff revenue, probate revenue, mediation revenue, rental income and any other sources of revenue (excluding fines).
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- (d) Many lodgments and hearings in the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court do not attract fees and a proportion of fees are reduced or exempted. From 1 July 2012 compulsory hearing fees were introduced and since that date a number of significant increases to fee rates have applied. On 1 July 2013 Conciliation Conference fees were introduced.
- (e) Income in 2011-12 for the WA Coroner's court excluded a refund of an autopsy invoice for \$415,000 as this amount was reimbursed income from expenses of autopsy from the previous year.

.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.12

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	21 531	19 305	19 776	16 899	9 633	9 229	9 509	12 358	..	118 240
2016-17	21 256	24 553	17 638	16 089	8 929	7 940	9 065	13 502	..	118 972
2015-16	23 807	25 993	16 650	15 341	9 182	7 985	8 808	12 938	..	120 704
2014-15	21 584	23 508	15 111	15 351	8 917	7 912	7 757	11 652	..	111 791
2013-14	18 938	22 465	16 059	13 492	8 186	8 155	7 578	10 483	..	105 356
2012-13	20 395	22 184	17 618	13 376	9 262	8 148	6 174	10 385	..	107 542
2011-12	19 941	23 599	16 179	12 845	8 955	8 105	5 528	9 070	..	104 220
District/county courts										
2017-18	92 272	86 657	49 743	47 086	21 971	..	..	..	..	297 729
2016-17	81 954	83 412	48 667	40 518	20 677	..	..	..	..	275 229
2015-16	73 248	82 261	46 316	38 474	19 399	..	..	..	..	259 698
2014-15	67 732	83 019	45 077	39 647	19 862	..	..	..	..	255 337
2013-14	70 651	72 490	44 089	38 200	21 347	..	..	..	..	246 778
2012-13	69 024	80 562	47 973	38 897	23 256	..	..	..	..	259 712
2011-12	82 045	82 862	43 215	39 954	21 993	..	..	..	..	270 069
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	112 081	125 488	92 658	59 521	39 929	8 894	8 518	13 714	..	460 803
2016-17	106 251	109 422	90 444	63 524	39 466	8 299	7 971	13 833	..	439 211
2015-16	107 603	99 216	85 227	59 818	41 034	8 299	9 762	13 489	..	424 449
2014-15	109 306	93 321	83 619	74 769	40 175	8 573	7 456	13 420	..	430 638
2013-14	108 282	88 496	83 545	74 526	31 638	9 753	7 001	13 219	..	416 460
2012-13	111 083	87 464	85 329	76 438	30 381	9 027	6 877	11 897	..	418 496
2011-12	122 200	88 145	86 311	72 505	30 879	8 782	7 350	11 338	..	427 509

TABLE 7A.12

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	9 389	5 258	12 267	3 996	2 088	870	830	1 585	..	36 283
2016-17	9 135	4 822	10 643	4 149	1 989	764	594	1 855	..	33 952
2015-16	8 391	4 565	7 810	4 387	2 170	746	684	2 122	..	30 875
2014-15	7 587	3 938	7 851	6 524	2 381	727	1 079	1 748	..	31 836
2013-14	7 249	3 697	7 793	6 324	4 047	1 158	1 096	1 697	..	33 062
2012-13	8 054	3 113	9 322	6 078	4 047	1 115	954	1 549	..	34 232
2011-12	9 408	2 665	9 341	6 553	4 060	1 080	1 072	1 473	..	35 651
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	121 470	130 746	104 925	63 517	42 017	9 763	9 348	15 299	..	497 086
2016-17	115 386	114 245	101 088	67 674	41 455	9 063	8 565	15 688	..	473 163
2015-16	115 994	103 782	93 037	64 205	43 204	9 045	10 446	15 611	..	455 324
2014-15	116 893	97 259	91 471	81 293	42 555	9 299	8 535	15 168	..	462 474
2013-14	115 531	92 194	91 337	80 849	35 686	10 911	8 097	14 916	..	449 521
2012-13	119 137	90 577	94 651	82 515	34 428	10 142	7 832	13 445	..	452 728
2011-12	131 607	90 809	95 652	79 058	34 940	9 862	8 422	12 811	..	463 160
All criminal courts										
2017-18	235 273	236 708	174 443	127 502	73 621	18 992	18 857	27 657	..	913 055
2016-17	218 597	222 210	167 392	124 281	71 062	17 003	17 629	29 190	..	867 364
2015-16	213 049	212 036	156 003	118 021	71 785	17 030	19 254	28 548	..	835 726
2014-15	206 210	203 785	151 658	136 291	71 335	17 212	16 292	26 819	..	829 602
2013-14	205 120	187 149	151 485	132 542	65 219	19 066	15 676	25 399	..	801 655
2012-13	208 557	193 324	160 242	134 788	66 945	18 290	14 006	23 831	..	819 982
2011-12	233 593	197 270	155 045	131 857	65 887	17 967	13 949	21 881	..	837 449

TABLE 7A.12

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	22 192	19 782	19 776	16 899	10 006	9 229	9 509	12 647	..	120 040
2016-17	21 917	25 225	17 638	16 089	9 271	7 940	9 065	13 756	..	120 901
2015-16	24 649	26 659	16 658	15 341	9 544	7 985	8 808	13 280	..	122 924
2014-15	22 256	24 129	15 120	15 351	9 253	7 912	7 757	11 889	..	113 667
2013-14	19 536	23 051	16 419	13 492	8 515	8 155	7 578	10 692	..	107 439
2012-13	20 996	22 777	17 986	13 376	9 626	8 188	6 174	10 652	..	109 776
2011-12	20 751	24 173	16 577	12 845	9 317	8 245	5 528	9 287	..	106 722
District/county courts										
2017-18	94 542	88 249	49 743	47 086	22 821	..	..	..	..	302 441
2016-17	83 890	84 894	48 667	40 518	21 424	..	..	..	..	279 393
2015-16	75 444	83 662	46 338	38 474	20 101	..	..	..	..	264 019
2014-15	69 752	84 466	45 104	39 647	20 563	..	..	..	..	259 532
2013-14	72 748	73 804	44 992	38 200	22 106	..	..	..	..	251 850
2012-13	71 036	81 908	49 040	38 897	24 065	..	..	..	..	264 947
2011-12	84 923	84 199	44 169	39 954	22 804	..	..	..	..	276 049
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	116 245	128 672	92 658	59 521	41 339	8 894	8 518	14 078	..	469 925
2016-17	110 072	112 262	90 444	63 524	40 822	8 299	7 971	14 183	..	447 578
2015-16	111 949	101 839	85 293	59 818	42 417	8 299	9 762	13 854	..	433 231
2014-15	113 612	95 824	83 706	74 769	41 530	8 573	7 456	13 774	..	439 244
2013-14	112 406	90 972	86 149	74 526	32 826	9 753	7 001	13 526	..	427 158
2012-13	115 131	89 894	87 807	76 438	31 586	9 077	6 877	12 261	..	429 071
2011-12	127 193	90 544	88 817	72 505	32 119	8 982	7 350	11 713	..	439 222

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Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	9 772	5 396	12 267	3 996	2 155	870	830	1 625	..	36 911
2016-17	9 484	4 949	10 643	4 149	2 053	764	594	1 902	..	34 537
2015-16	8 739	4 685	7 816	4 387	2 244	746	684	2 179	..	31 480
2014-15	7 890	4 046	7 859	6 524	2 465	727	1 079	1 794	..	32 384
2013-14	7 536	3 795	7 996	6 324	4 206	1 158	1 096	1 736	..	33 847
2012-13	8 358	3 196	9 563	6 078	4 205	1 122	954	1 596	..	35 073
2011-12	9 917	2 736	9 589	6 553	4 220	1 104	1 072	1 517	..	36 707
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	126 017	134 068	104 925	63 517	43 494	9 763	9 348	15 703	..	506 836
2016-17	119 556	117 211	101 088	67 674	42 875	9 063	8 565	16 085	..	482 115
2015-16	120 688	106 523	93 109	64 205	44 662	9 045	10 446	16 033	..	464 711
2014-15	121 503	99 870	91 566	81 293	43 994	9 299	8 535	15 568	..	471 628
2013-14	119 942	94 766	94 145	80 849	37 032	10 911	8 097	15 262	..	461 005
2012-13	123 489	93 090	97 371	82 515	35 791	10 199	7 832	13 857	..	464 143
2011-12	137 110	93 279	98 406	79 058	36 339	10 085	8 422	13 231	..	475 929
All criminal courts										
2017-18	242 751	242 099	174 443	127 502	76 321	18 992	18 857	28 351	..	929 317
2016-17	225 363	227 330	167 392	124 281	73 570	17 003	17 629	29 840	..	882 408
2015-16	220 781	216 845	156 105	118 021	74 307	17 030	19 254	29 312	..	851 655
2014-15	213 511	208 465	151 790	136 291	73 810	17 212	16 292	27 457	..	844 828
2013-14	212 226	191 622	155 555	132 542	67 654	19 066	15 676	25 954	..	820 293
2012-13	215 521	197 775	164 397	134 788	69 482	18 388	14 006	24 510	..	838 866
2011-12	242 784	201 651	159 152	131 857	68 460	18 330	13 949	22 518	..	858 701

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.9 and income data presented in table 7A.11. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in the footnotes to these tables.

Table 7A.12 **Real net recurrent expenditure, criminal, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
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.. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	37 302	50 872	16 184	27 260	5 893	4 343	4 322	4 961	82 382	233 518
2016-17	33 455	47 007	15 991	30 475	5 244	3 880	3 954	4 105	80 291	224 401
2015-16	36 301	43 366	12 509	18 641	6 763	3 961	3 900	4 096	87 715	217 252
2014-15	44 970	40 485	15 221	19 536	6 067	3 374	3 992	4 665	85 041	223 352
2013-14	47 653	37 931	15 048	21 654	5 852	3 690	3 456	5 204	83 277	223 765
2012-13	43 001	39 805	14 572	21 433	5 330	4 275	4 678	5 464	79 784	218 342
2011-12	49 137	42 466	12 345	23 571	6 465	4 360	4 383	5 759	91 204	239 690
District/county courts										
2017-18	14 640	27 007	7 804	5 672	6 089	..	..	..	..	61 212
2016-17	20 558	24 389	8 101	11 362	5 931	..	..	..	..	70 340
2015-16	22 658	24 614	5 967	11 586	6 033	..	..	..	..	70 859
2014-15	23 998	22 052	5 767	11 515	6 172	..	..	..	..	69 503
2013-14	22 505	20 242	5 052	11 280	4 770	..	..	..	..	63 850
2012-13	24 006	21 586	5 670	12 282	3 840	..	..	..	..	67 384
2011-12	17 245	20 832	4 051	11 578	4 542	..	..	..	..	58 248
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	23 559	38 044	20 413	23 330	4 502	1 809	4 733	6 559	..	122 949
2016-17	28 981	28 835	17 946	23 212	5 119	1 619	4 521	5 724	..	115 957
2015-16	23 193	24 068	17 365	23 006	5 313	1 668	5 068	5 680	..	105 361
2014-15	35 156	19 237	15 632	12 790	5 093	1 574	5 226	5 515	..	100 223
2013-14	40 232	16 863	14 314	11 016	7 327	1 136	5 210	5 007	..	101 105
2012-13	45 143	17 909	15 242	10 576	6 432	807	5 459	5 167	..	106 735
2011-12	47 715	24 207	15 761	10 682	7 176	840	6 183	4 949	..	117 514

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	7 698	21 034	2 990	2 950	3 012	244	848	639	..	39 415
2016-17	8 263	19 286	3 132	3 015	2 862	211	965	582	..	38 316
2015-16	7 149	18 251	4 789	2 412	2 796	212	1 024	374	..	37 007
2014-15	6 729	15 763	4 731	1 455	1 985	255	401	375	..	31 694
2013-14	6 638	14 790	4 715	1 640	823	577	415	396	..	29 995
2012-13	7 496	12 490	5 781	1 623	806	521	423	302	..	29 441
2011-12	7 460	10 690	6 204	1 380	899	557	530	308	..	28 026
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	31 257	59 078	23 403	26 281	7 514	2 053	5 581	7 198	..	162 364
2016-17	37 244	48 120	21 078	26 227	7 981	1 829	5 486	6 307	..	154 273
2015-16	30 342	42 319	22 154	25 418	8 109	1 880	6 092	6 054	..	142 367
2014-15	41 885	35 000	20 363	14 246	7 078	1 829	5 627	5 890	..	131 917
2013-14	46 870	31 653	19 029	12 656	8 150	1 713	5 625	5 403	..	131 099
2012-13	52 639	30 399	21 022	12 199	7 238	1 328	5 883	5 468	..	136 176
2011-12	55 175	34 897	21 964	12 062	8 075	1 397	6 713	5 257	..	145 541
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	83 199	136 957	47 392	59 213	19 495	6 396	9 902	12 158	82 382	457 094
2016-17	91 257	119 517	45 170	68 064	19 155	5 709	9 440	10 412	80 291	449 014
2015-16	89 301	110 299	40 631	55 645	20 904	5 842	9 992	10 150	87 715	430 478
2014-15	110 853	97 537	41 352	45 296	19 317	5 203	9 618	10 555	85 041	424 773
2013-14	117 028	89 826	39 130	45 591	18 772	5 403	9 080	10 607	83 277	418 714
2012-13	119 647	91 790	41 264	45 913	16 407	5 603	10 561	10 933	79 784	421 902
2011-12	121 557	98 195	38 360	47 211	19 082	5 757	11 096	11 016	91 204	443 479

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	25 930	..	..	..	..	47 810	73 740
2016-17	..	..	..	24 883	..	..	..	..	47 297	72 179
2015-16	..	..	..	23 369	..	..	..	..	64 518	87 887
2014-15	..	..	..	23 349	..	..	..	..	66 086	89 435
2013-14	..	..	..	22 796	..	..	..	..	65 712	88 508
2012-13	..	..	..	25 510	..	..	..	..	93 541	119 051
2011-12	..	..	..	24 803	..	..	..	..	108 043	132 845
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 217	92 217
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88 940	88 940
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68 565	68 565
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84 898	84 898
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 994	89 994
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69 374	69 374
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78 330	78 330
Coroners' courts										
2017-18	6 562	16 712	10 853	6 861	4 279	1 407	1 096	971	..	48 741
2016-17	6 789	13 501	10 384	6 771	3 324	1 266	919	965	..	43 920
2015-16	5 736	13 014	10 495	5 905	3 484	1 233	1 018	957	..	41 841
2014-15	5 511	12 644	10 016	5 866	3 434	992	2 023	1 020	..	41 505
2013-14	5 653	13 291	9 315	5 573	3 347	428	1 652	1 041	..	40 300
2012-13	5 341	15 591	11 723	6 534	3 221	421	1 081	1 268	..	45 180
2011-12	4 683	15 386	13 461	5 086	3 190	465	1 148	1 220	..	44 639

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
<i>Probate</i>										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	- 40 066	- 7 460	- 7 320	- 1 562	- 10 044	- 1 850	- 1 535	- 261	..	- 70 099
2016-17	- 37 591	- 7 191	- 6 818	- 1 551	- 9 700	- 1 406	- 1 251	- 205	..	- 65 712
2015-16	- 36 806	- 7 106	- 6 269	- 1 065	- 6 829	- 1 226	- 1 119	- 192	..	- 60 612
2014-15	- 33 663	- 6 489	- 5 917	- 707	- 6 474	- 1 116	- 1 043	- 219	..	- 55 630
2013-14	- 29 813	- 6 121	- 5 604	- 505	- 5 648	- 1 226	- 949	- 223	..	- 50 089
2012-13	- 28 822	- 6 293	- 5 563	- 155	- 5 701	- 1 208	- 837	- 128	..	- 48 708
2011-12	- 27 456	- 5 708	- 4 883	- 70	- 5 354	- 771	- 536	- 141	..	- 44 921
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	39 580	52 526	16 184	27 260	6 283	4 343	4 322	5 085	82 382	237 964
2016-17	35 703	48 560	15 991	30 475	5 602	3 880	3 954	4 189	80 291	228 644
2015-16	38 643	44 920	12 521	18 641	7 179	3 961	3 900	4 210	87 715	221 691
2014-15	47 545	41 934	15 239	19 536	6 436	3 374	3 992	4 767	85 041	227 865
2013-14	50 247	39 298	15 607	21 654	6 243	3 690	3 456	5 317	83 277	228 790
2012-13	45 499	41 188	15 092	21 433	5 711	4 294	4 678	5 608	79 784	223 286
2011-12	52 465	43 804	12 887	23 571	6 929	4 436	4 383	5 903	91 204	245 582
District/county courts										
2017-18	15 634	27 748	7 804	5 672	6 389	..	..	..	..	63 248
2016-17	21 766	25 074	8 101	11 362	6 229	..	..	..	..	72 532
2015-16	23 944	25 306	5 976	11 586	6 339	..	..	..	..	73 150
2014-15	25 283	22 661	5 778	11 515	6 479	..	..	..	..	71 716
2013-14	23 655	20 882	5 325	11 280	5 045	..	..	..	..	66 187
2012-13	25 211	22 152	5 964	12 282	4 127	..	..	..	..	69 735
2011-12	18 375	21 329	4 332	11 578	4 845	..	..	..	..	60 460

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	25 095	39 556	20 413	23 330	4 824	1 809	4 733	6 733	..	126 494
2016-17	30 696	30 184	17 946	23 212	5 438	1 619	4 521	5 871	..	119 487
2015-16	24 872	25 302	17 385	23 006	5 623	1 668	5 068	5 842	..	108 766
2014-15	37 122	20 415	15 658	12 790	5 402	1 574	5 226	5 671	..	103 858
2013-14	42 316	18 027	14 932	11 016	7 709	1 136	5 210	5 131	..	105 477
2012-13	47 413	19 052	15 834	10 576	6 826	817	5 459	5 337	..	111 314
2011-12	50 160	25 337	16 337	10 682	7 590	877	6 183	5 113	..	122 279
Children's courts										
2017-18	8 009	21 585	2 990	2 950	3 130	244	848	655	..	40 411
2016-17	8 572	19 790	3 132	3 015	2 967	211	965	597	..	39 250
2015-16	7 446	18 730	4 793	2 412	2 907	212	1 024	384	..	37 908
2014-15	6 999	16 193	4 736	1 455	2 069	255	401	384	..	32 493
2013-14	6 902	15 180	4 842	1 640	855	577	415	405	..	30 816
2012-13	7 778	12 823	5 934	1 623	837	524	423	311	..	30 254
2011-12	7 827	10 975	6 370	1 380	934	567	530	316	..	28 900
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	33 104	61 141	23 403	26 281	7 955	2 053	5 581	7 388	..	166 905
2016-17	39 268	49 974	21 078	26 227	8 406	1 829	5 486	6 468	..	158 737
2015-16	32 318	44 032	22 178	25 418	8 531	1 880	6 092	6 226	..	146 674
2014-15	44 121	36 608	20 394	14 246	7 471	1 829	5 627	6 056	..	136 351
2013-14	49 218	33 207	19 774	12 656	8 565	1 713	5 625	5 536	..	136 293
2012-13	55 192	31 875	21 768	12 199	7 662	1 341	5 883	5 648	..	141 568
2011-12	57 987	36 312	22 707	12 062	8 524	1 444	6 713	5 429	..	151 179

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	88 318	141 415	47 392	59 213	20 627	6 396	9 902	12 473	82 382	468 117
2016-17	96 737	123 608	45 170	68 064	20 236	5 709	9 440	10 657	80 291	459 913
2015-16	94 905	114 258	40 674	55 645	22 049	5 842	9 992	10 436	87 715	441 516
2014-15	116 949	101 203	41 411	45 296	20 387	5 203	9 618	10 823	85 041	435 931
2013-14	123 120	93 387	40 706	45 591	19 852	5 403	9 080	10 853	83 277	431 270
2012-13	125 901	95 215	42 823	45 913	17 500	5 635	10 561	11 256	79 784	434 588
2011-12	128 828	101 445	39 926	47 211	20 299	5 880	11 096	11 333	91 204	457 221
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	25 930	..	..	..	..	47 810	73 740
2016-17	..	..	..	24 883	..	..	..	..	47 297	72 179
2015-16	..	..	..	23 369	..	..	..	..	64 518	87 887
2014-15	..	..	..	23 349	..	..	..	..	66 086	89 435
2013-14	..	..	..	22 796	..	..	..	..	65 712	88 508
2012-13	..	..	..	25 510	..	..	..	..	93 541	119 051
2011-12	..	..	..	24 803	..	..	..	..	108 043	132 845
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92 217	92 217
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88 940	88 940
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68 565	68 565
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84 898	84 898
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89 994	89 994
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69 374	69 374
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78 330	78 330

TABLE 7A.13

Table 7A.13 **Real net recurrent expenditure, civil, 2017-18 dollars (\$'000) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Coroners' courts										
2017-18	6 801	17 167	10 853	6 861	4 441	1 407	1 096	1 003	..	49 628
2016-17	7 008	13 827	10 384	6 771	3 451	1 266	919	992	..	44 617
2015-16	5 968	13 392	10 503	5 905	3 610	1 233	1 018	983	..	42 612
2014-15	5 741	13 011	10 027	5 866	3 557	992	2 023	1 040	..	42 259
2013-14	5 893	13 686	9 496	5 573	3 462	428	1 652	1 070	..	41 260
2012-13	5 588	15 985	12 109	6 534	3 342	421	1 081	1 299	..	46 358
2011-12	4 968	15 830	13 803	5 086	3 312	474	1 148	1 253	..	45 874

Aust cts = Australian courts.

(a) Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.10 and income data presented in table 7A.11. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in the footnotes to these tables.

.. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.14

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**
(a) (b) (c) (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (f)										
2017-18	44.4	19.5	30.8	19.9	33.5	13.9	30.8	10.1	16.3	25.1
2016-17	45.9	20.5	31.6	19.0	35.7	12.8	31.6	13.6	15.5	25.3
2015-16	42.1	22.1	37.3	25.3	32.8	12.2	31.1	8.2	15.2	25.5
2014-15	35.8	25.7	30.6	22.1	34.6	14.4	26.1	8.3	16.0	24.7
2013-14	35.0	23.2	31.4	19.9	36.0	15.4	31.8	7.7	18.3	25.0
2012-13	39.5	21.0	32.5	19.4	40.3	13.0	20.6	4.1	17.7	25.3
2011-12	39.3	18.4	35.0	19.7	38.5	10.2	19.8	3.0	10.4	22.6
District/county courts (g), (h)										
2017-18	44.5	27.9	38.2	51.1	20.0	..	..	..	..	36.3
2016-17	38.6	33.0	39.1	35.8	23.8	..	..	..	..	35.3
2015-16	34.4	31.0	47.4	31.8	23.0	..	..	..	..	33.4
2014-15	32.1	33.6	48.1	30.2	21.5	..	..	..	..	33.1
2013-14	34.7	38.3	52.0	29.3	29.3	..	..	..	..	36.4
2012-13	31.6	31.9	49.0	27.2	44.4	..	..	..	..	33.8
2011-12	40.3	29.4	59.3	26.9	36.3	..	..	..	..	36.3
Magistrates' courts (i) (j)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	50.0	34.7	24.0	23.7	36.0	21.1	16.0	0.8	..	33.4
2016-17	45.9	40.7	29.1	25.2	33.6	20.5	15.1	1.6	..	35.4
2015-16	49.7	43.6	27.3	24.2	31.2	22.0	11.5	5.7	..	36.1
2014-15	38.0	50.8	30.8	34.8	33.1	23.8	12.9	7.2	..	37.3
2013-14	35.0	54.6	34.7	36.8	27.3	30.7	12.5	6.9	..	37.5
2012-13	34.0	51.6	32.6	37.2	35.0	38.1	6.6	6.0	..	36.4
2011-12	34.9	37.4	29.9	34.5	30.6	37.6	5.2	7.1	..	32.6

TABLE 7A.14

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**
(a) (b) (c) (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Children's courts (k)										
2017-18	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.4	..	–
2016-17	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	..	–
2015-16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	–
2014-15	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	..	–
2013-14	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	–	–	..	–
2012-13	–	–	–	–	0.4	–	–	–	..	–
2011-12	–	–	–	–	0.4	–	–	–	..	–
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	43.3	25.7	21.6	21.6	27.5	19.4	14.2	0.7	..	27.8
2016-17	40.0	29.7	25.9	23.0	26.1	18.9	13.1	1.4	..	29.5
2015-16	43.4	31.2	22.8	22.4	24.4	20.3	9.9	5.4	..	29.8
2014-15	34.2	37.2	25.5	32.5	27.7	21.6	12.2	6.7	..	31.5
2013-14	31.8	40.3	28.6	33.7	25.6	23.7	11.8	6.4	..	32.0
2012-13	30.9	39.6	26.1	33.9	32.9	29.8	6.2	5.7	..	31.3
2011-12	31.8	29.7	23.5	31.8	28.6	28.9	4.8	6.7	..	28.3
Family courts (l)										
2017-18	..	..	..	18.7	..	..	..	..	9.3	12.9
2016-17	..	..	..	19.8	..	..	..	..	10.3	13.8
2015-16	..	..	..	20.2	..	..	..	..	8.9	12.2
2014-15	..	..	..	21.7	..	..	..	..	6.4	10.9
2013-14	..	..	..	20.6	..	..	..	..	6.2	10.3
2012-13	..	..	..	15.8	..	..	..	..	3.3	6.2
2011-12	..	..	..	13.7	..	..	..	..	2.3	4.6

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**
(a) (b) (c) (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Federal Circuit Court (l)										
2017-18	38.5	38.5
2016-17	39.5	39.5
2015-16	50.1	50.1
2014-15	39.3	39.3
2013-14	37.0	37.0
2012-13	37.3	37.3
2011-12	30.2	30.2

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Expenditure is real recurrent expenditure with no income or revenue deducted (table 7A.10). Further information relating specifically to expenditure, and which is pertinent to the interpretation of data in this table, is provided in table 7A.10.
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) To improve comparability across jurisdictions, payroll tax is excluded. Civil court fees collected exclude enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees.
- (d) Some jurisdictions charge corporations twice the amount individuals are charged. Therefore, the average fees do not always represent the charge to individuals.
- (e) The total amount of civil court fees collected, divided by the total real recurrent expenditure (table 7A.10).
- (f) The Victorian supreme court fees include photocopying fees derived from the administration of probate matters.
- (g) Victorian county court fees decreased in 2015-16 due to the implementation of e-commerce and online technology. A fee review has been recently completed and the court is in the process of implementing changes.
- (h) For the WA District court, the increase in cost recovery in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.
- (i) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- (j) The introduction of the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal has resulted in a reduction in civil court fees associated with small claims collected by the NT Magistrates Court (now collected by the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal).
- (k) Victoria, Tasmania, the ACT and the NT do not collect court fees in the civil jurisdiction of the children's courts.

Table 7A.14 **Cost recovery – civil court fees collected as a proportion of civil expenditure excluding payroll tax (per cent)**
(a) (b) (c) (d)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
(l) The Family Court of WA does elements of work of both the Federal Circuit Court and the Family Court of Australia, so direct comparisons with each are not possible. Many of the Family Court of Australia's applications do not attract a fee.										
.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.										

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.15

Table 7A.15 Real average civil court fees paid per lodgment, 2017-18 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate) (f)/Federal Court										
2017-18	4 023	2 169	2 496	2 602	3 251	1 097	3 009	2 527	2 808	2 936
2016-17	3 853	2 129	2 303	2 670	2 968	716	3 120	2 548	2 686	2 805
2015-16	3 171	1 980	2 308	2 378	3 060	699	2 900	1 517	2 685	2 563
2014-15	3 030	1 788	2 003	2 256	3 062	650	2 485	1 605	3 875	2 547
2013-14	3 121	1 681	2 002	2 235	3 208	736	2 696	1 845	3 902	2 623
2012-13	3 100	1 493	1 882	2 046	3 321	582	2 195	920	3 092	2 397
2011-12	3 211	1 246	1 599	1 985	3 223	474	1 727	604	2 116	2 143
District/county courts										
2017-18	2 093	1 684	976	1 163	1 077	..	..	..	..	1 495
2016-17	1 916	1 907	1 069	1 224	1 065	..	..	..	..	1 549
2015-16	1 781	1 834	1 072	1 124	1 121	..	..	..	..	1 475
2014-15	1 706	1 647	1 009	1 023	1 009	..	..	..	..	1 369
2013-14	1 739	1 896	994	1 020	1 059	..	..	..	..	1 438
2012-13	1 606	1 478	998	1 011	1 098	..	..	..	..	1 295
2011-12	1 574	1 326	953	874	1 115	..	..	..	..	1 212
Magistrates' courts (g) (h)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	218	232	115	155	142	102	310	10	..	187
2016-17	219	229	123	157	135	86	273	19	..	187
2015-16	213	232	117	142	125	92	211	54	..	180
2014-15	180	243	130	140	126	92	233	62	..	176
2013-14	166	242	137	130	128	85	213	67	..	170
2012-13	169	215	139	128	153	91	109	50	..	166
2011-12	182	153	131	111	150	81	100	59	..	152

TABLE 7A.15

Table 7A.15 Real average civil court fees paid per lodgment, 2017-18 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i> (d)	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i> (e)	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	6	..	–
2016-17	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
2015-16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	..	–
2014-15	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
2013-14	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..	–
2012-13	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	..	–
2011-12	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	..	–
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	203	212	106	149	132	96	298	9	..	173
2016-17	204	211	115	151	125	82	261	17	..	174
2015-16	198	212	109	137	115	87	201	51	..	168
2014-15	169	224	123	134	119	88	224	58	..	164
2013-14	156	225	129	123	123	82	206	62	..	160
2012-13	160	202	130	120	147	87	106	47	..	156
2011-12	172	144	122	107	143	77	97	56	..	143
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	387	..	..	..	..	242	305
2016-17	..	..	..	387	..	..	..	..	263	317
2015-16	..	..	..	368	..	..	..	..	311	336
2014-15	..	..	..	419	..	..	..	..	226	308
2013-14	..	..	..	395	..	..	..	..	223	297
2012-13	..	..	..	322	..	..	..	..	182	245
2011-12	..	..	..	264	..	..	..	..	146	200

TABLE 7A.15

Table 7A.15 Real average civil court fees paid per lodgment, 2017-18 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	612	612
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	616	616
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	736	736
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	577	577
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	575	575
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	462	462
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	366	366
Probate										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	1 503	392	683	350	1 662	856	1 462	1 369	..	960
2016-17	1 463	387	666	350	1 626	693	1 334	1 226	..	930
2015-16	1 421	382	650	319	1 277	617	1 358	1 377	..	880
2014-15	1 372	375	637	291	1 135	604	1 330	1 215	..	847
2013-14	1 278	367	623	255	1 118	580	1 316	1 177	..	798
2012-13	1 252	384	634	217	1 102	567	1 261	949	..	789
2011-12	1 172	350	620	219	1 078	396	807	1 127	..	743

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.
 ■ Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.
- (a) The total court fees collected, divided by the total number of lodgments. Further information relating specifically to lodgment data, and which is pertinent to the interpretation of data in this table, is provided in table 7A.3. Civil court fees collected exclude enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees.
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) Some jurisdictions charge corporations twice the amount individuals are charged. Therefore the average fees do not always represent the charge to individuals.
- (d) In Queensland legislative change restructuring court fees was effected from 1 September 2011.
- (e) During 2010-11 the federal government imposed minimum filing and hearing fees even for parties that are eligible for exemptions or waivers.

Table 7A.15 **Real average civil court fees paid per lodgment, 2017-18 dollars (\$) (a) (b) (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (d)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (e)</i>	<i>Total</i>
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- (f) The Victorian supreme court fees include photocopying fees derived from the administration of probate matters.
- (g) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- (h) The introduction of the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal resulted in a reduction in 2016-17 of civil court fees associated with small claims collected by the NT Magistrates Court.
- .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.16

Table 7A.16 **Court fee relief (waivers and reductions), exemptions and cost recovery for civil courts, 2017-18**
(a), (b)

	Real recurrent expenditure \$000	Court fees collected \$000	Fee relief (waivers and reductions) \$000	Exemptions \$000	Cost recovery excl. fee relief and exemptions (%)	Cost recovery incl. fee relief and exemptions (%)
NSW						
Supreme	68 914	30 609	265	1 089	44.4	46.4
District	29 970	13 346	1	2	44.5	44.5
Magistrates' (only)	49 611	24 819	–	–	50.0	50.0
Vic (c)						
Supreme	63 546	12 415	278	na	19.5	20.0
District	37 455	10 448	111	na	27.9	28.2
Magistrates' (only)	60 076	20 839	na	na	34.7	34.7
Qld (d)						
Supreme	23 626	7 284	na	1 625	30.8	37.7
District	12 803	4 896	na	852	38.2	44.9
Magistrates' (only)	27 186	6 525	na	27	24.0	24.1
WA (e)						
Supreme	35 042	6 988	342	na	19.9	20.9
District	11 962	6 116	571	na	51.1	55.9
Magistrates' (only)	31 141	7 377	191	na	23.7	24.3
Family	32 513	6 092	2 422	58	18.7	26.4
SA						
Supreme	10 263	3 443	183	200	33.5	37.3
District	8 166	1 635	38	200	20.0	22.9
Magistrates' (only)	9 825	3 533	14	283	36.0	39.0
Tas						
Supreme	5 290	737	10	na	13.9	14.1
Magistrates' (only)	2 806	593	na	na	21.1	21.1

Table 7A.16 **Court fee relief (waivers and reductions), exemptions and cost recovery for civil courts, 2017-18**
(a), (b)

	Real recurrent expenditure \$000	Court fees collected \$000	Fee relief (waivers and reductions) \$000	Exemptions \$000	Cost recovery excl. fee relief and exemptions (%)	Cost recovery incl. fee relief and exemptions (%)
ACT						
Supreme	6 285	1 938	122	122	30.8	34.7
Magistrates' (only)	6 436	1 031	8	19	16.0	16.4
NT (f)						
Supreme	5 691	576	13	32	10.1	10.9
Magistrates' (only)	6 759	51	29	–	0.8	1.2
Aust cts						
Federal	102 009	16 629	2 882	1 547	16.3	20.6
Family	54 009	5 045	1 240	952	9.3	13.4
Federal Circuit	151 979	58 547	12 949	4 686	38.5	50.1
TOTAL	853 362	251 512	21 669	11 695	29.5	33.4

Aust cts = Australian courts.

- (a) Excludes enforcement, transcript, probate and mediation fees and payroll tax.
- (b) Children's courts are not included as cost recovery tends to be very low due to many applications not attracting fees.
- (c) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- (d) Queensland has no provision for waiving fees and is currently unable to provide data on fee reductions.
- (e) WA Supreme court civil court fees which were waived or reduced for the financial years 2015-16 to 2016-17 have been revised following a systematic review process to ensure data extraction is in line with the RoGS counting rules. Comparative analysis should not be undertaken with data in reports from previous years.
- (f) The introduction of the NT Civil and Administrative Tribunal resulted in a reduction since 2016-17 of civil court fees collected by the NT Magistrates Court.

na Not available. – Nil or rounded to zero.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme courts — appeal (d), (e), (f)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	(no.)	168	187	247	246	120	18	54	26	..
2016-17	(no.)	141	205	237	222	122	17	81	23	..
2015-16	(no.)	194	150	225	219	116	25	84	13	..
2014-15	(no.)	173	175	226	195	134	26	85	9	..
2013-14	(no.)	270	200	205	211	105	17	81	11	..
2012-13	(no.)	216	199	208	241	71	14	60	18	..
2011-12	(no.)	246	236	180	236	76	18	122	6	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	8	16	33	27	14	1	12	5	..
2016-17	(no.)	2	5	29	23	13	3	20	5	..
2015-16	(no.)	6	12	21	41	9	2	21	4	..
2014-15	(no.)	25	15	9	31	15	2	26	1	..
2013-14	(no.)	35	12	10	11	9	1	3	1	..
2012-13	(no.)	31	29	15	12	1	—	7	—	..
2011-12	(no.)	28	45	7	7	2	1	29	—	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	4.8	8.6	13.4	11.0	11.7	5.6	22.2	19.2	..
2016-17	(%)	1.4	2.4	12.2	10.4	10.7	17.6	24.7	21.7	..
2015-16	(%)	3.1	8.0	9.3	18.7	7.8	8.0	25.0	30.8	..
2014-15	(%)	14.5	8.6	4.0	15.9	11.2	7.7	30.6	11.1	..
2013-14	(%)	13.0	6.0	4.8	5.2	8.6	5.9	3.7	9.1	..
2012-13	(%)	14.4	14.6	7.2	5.0	1.4	—	11.7	—	..
2011-12	(%)	11.4	19.1	3.9	3.0	2.6	5.6	23.8	—	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	–	–	7	–	–	–	4	–	..
2016-17	(no.)	–	1	6	8	8	–	3	–	..
2015-16	(no.)	–	1	–	13	1	1	4	–	..
2014-15	(no.)	5	–	1	–	2	1	–	–	..
2013-14	(no.)	11	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	..
2012-13	(no.)	9	2	–	1	1	–	3	–	..
2011-12	(no.)	3	22	–	–	–	–	5	–	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	–	–	2.8	–	–	–	7.4	–	..
2016-17	(%)	–	0.5	2.5	3.6	6.6	–	3.7	–	..
2015-16	(%)	–	0.7	–	5.9	0.9	4.0	4.8	–	..
2014-15	(%)	2.9	–	0.4	–	1.5	3.8	–	–	..
2013-14	(%)	4.1	–	–	–	1.0	–	–	–	..
2012-13	(%)	4.2	1.0	–	0.4	1.4	–	5.0	–	..
2011-12	(%)	1.2	9.3	–	–	–	–	4.1	–	..
Supreme courts — non-appeal (d), (f)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	(no.)	137	124	750	170	49	524	228	271	..
2016-17	(no.)	120	86	1 022	219	39	448	232	229	..
2015-16	(no.)	119	98	735	171	32	381	186	280	..
2014-15	(no.)	99	119	548	156	45	388	183	221	..
2013-14	(no.)	105	98	439	172	41	348	176	179	..
2012-13	(no.)	108	99	345	125	40	316	194	114	..
2011-12	(no.)	144	83	502	120	44	351	340	153	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	44	31	142	17	11	185	31	21	..
2016-17	(no.)	43	22	109	22	5	130	34	24	..
2015-16	(no.)	38	32	88	19	4	110	43	18	..
2014-15	(no.)	15	28	76	14	5	107	28	10	..
2013-14	(no.)	32	18	67	9	4	92	31	5	..
2012-13	(no.)	22	7	91	9	8	79	85	3	..
2011-12	(no.)	34	24	126	6	14	46	145	8	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	32.1	25.0	18.9	10.0	22.4	35.3	13.6	7.7	..
2016-17	(%)	35.8	25.6	10.7	10.0	12.8	29.0	14.7	10.5	..
2015-16	(%)	31.9	32.7	12.0	11.1	12.5	28.9	23.1	6.4	..
2014-15	(%)	15.2	23.5	13.9	9.0	11.1	27.6	15.3	4.5	..
2013-14	(%)	30.5	18.4	15.3	5.2	9.8	26.4	17.6	2.8	..
2012-13	(%)	20.4	7.1	26.4	7.2	20.0	25.0	43.8	2.6	..
2011-12	(%)	23.6	28.9	25.1	5.0	31.8	13.1	42.6	5.2	..
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	13	10	29	2	–	53	8	2	..
2016-17	(no.)	12	13	26	8	–	40	7	3	..
2015-16	(no.)	3	11	18	3	2	28	6	4	..
2014-15	(no.)	3	1	29	1	–	34	7	–	..
2013-14	(no.)	4	2	28	3	2	21	11	–	..
2012-13	(no.)	3	2	35	1	–	33	33	–	..
2011-12	(no.)	6	10	32	1	4	20	56	2	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	9.5	8.1	3.9	1.2	—	10.1	3.5	0.7	..
2016-17	(%)	10.0	15.1	2.5	3.7	—	8.9	3.0	1.3	..
2015-16	(%)	2.5	11.2	2.4	1.8	6.3	7.3	3.2	1.4	..
2014-15	(%)	3.0	0.8	5.3	0.6	—	8.8	3.8	—	..
2013-14	(%)	3.8	2.0	6.4	1.7	4.9	6.0	6.3	—	..
2012-13	(%)	2.8	2.0	10.1	0.8	—	10.4	17.0	—	..
2011-12	(%)	4.2	12.0	6.4	0.8	9.1	5.7	16.5	1.3	..
District/county courts — appeal (g)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	(no.)	1 779	916	227	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	1 584	959	230	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	1 544	887	235	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	1 450	913	249	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	1 320	1 030	208	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	1 297	1 080	161	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	1 234	892	855	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	22	60	45	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	27	37	48	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	22	31	55
2014-15	(no.)	18	39	40
2013-14	(no.)	17	80	20
2012-13	(no.)	17	69	14
2011-12	(no.)	8	120	541

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	1.2	6.6	19.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	1.7	3.9	20.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	1.4	3.5	23.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	1.2	4.3	16.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	1.3	7.8	9.6	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	1.3	6.4	8.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	0.6	13.5	63.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	2	10	16	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	3	6	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	2	4	21	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	3	6	12	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	1	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	–	18	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	–	47	18	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	0.1	1.1	7.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	0.2	0.6	8.3
2015-16	(%)	0.1	0.5	8.9
2014-15	(%)	0.2	0.7	4.8
2013-14	(%)	0.1	1.0	1.0
2012-13	(%)	–	1.7	3.7
2011-12	(%)	–	5.3	2.1

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal (g)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	(no.)	4 103	2 088	2 651	1 728	1 186	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	4 274	1 664	2 327	1 805	1 393	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	4 073	1 439	2 165	1 630	1 381	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	3 672	1 424	1 901	1 243	1 420	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	3 037	1 604	1 698	1 060	1 332	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	2 805	1 637	1 490	986	1 485	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	2 372	1 587	1 757	1 093	1 370	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	889	407	408	189	338	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	952	252	325	188	401	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	979	235	299	104	357	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	666	309	274	81	314	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	574	276	212	75	265	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	305	296	259	69	261	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	252	363	315	123	263	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	21.7	19.5	15.4	10.9	28.5	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	22.3	15.1	14.0	10.4	28.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	24.0	16.3	13.8	6.4	25.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	18.1	21.7	14.4	6.5	22.1	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	18.9	17.2	12.5	7.1	19.9	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	10.9	18.1	17.4	7.0	17.6	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	10.6	22.9	17.9	11.3	19.2	..	..	..	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	192	85	128	20	103	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	232	44	99	21	136	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	197	56	104	10	95	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	135	35	82	7	75	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	87	53	75	11	54	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	31	53	80	13	47	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	34	72	97	31	72	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	4.7	4.1	4.8	1.2	8.7	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	5.4	2.6	4.3	1.2	9.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	4.8	3.9	4.8	0.6	6.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	3.7	2.5	4.3	0.6	5.3	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	2.9	3.3	4.4	1.0	4.1	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	1.1	3.2	5.4	1.3	3.2	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	1.4	4.5	5.5	2.8	5.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excluding children's) (h), (i)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	(no.)	38 659	50 146	38 979	14 985	16 281	7 788	2 096	2 072	..
2016-17	(no.)	43 329	51 554	44 306	14 415	16 134	7 952	4 278	2 146	..
2015-16	(no.)	41 096	44 254	46 174	14 576	18 438	7 426	1 936	2 307	..
2014-15	(no.)	39 331	45 762	41 033	12 201	15 883	7 312	1 915	2 507	..
2013-14	(no.)	34 539	39 216	36 228	10 467	16 288	5 938	1 858	3 077	..
2012-13	(no.)	34 567	36 686	31 131	10 039	18 429	5 566	1 604	2 732	..
2011-12	(no.)	31 645	32 149	29 300	9 542	19 583	7 380	1 574	3 105	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	5 037	14 006	13 855	5 014	4 361	2 816	555	476	..
2016-17	(no.)	6 068	13 382	16 322	5 007	4 617	2 748	709	546	..
2015-16	(no.)	5 182	11 935	15 222	4 593	4 666	2 261	530	641	..
2014-15	(no.)	4 948	10 599	12 847	3 458	3 749	2 360	519	857	..
2013-14	(no.)	4 044	9 968	10 788	2 814	4 077	1 595	455	1 115	..
2012-13	(no.)	4 232	8 678	8 230	2 733	4 888	1 545	433	972	..
2011-12	(no.)	3 988	8 328	7 322	2 476	4 739	2 349	374	1 386	..
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	13.0	27.9	35.5	33.5	26.8	36.2	26.5	23.0	..
2016-17	(%)	14.0	26.0	36.8	34.7	28.6	34.6	16.6	25.4	..
2015-16	(%)	12.6	27.0	33.0	31.5	25.3	30.4	27.4	27.8	..
2014-15	(%)	12.6	23.2	31.3	28.3	23.6	32.3	27.1	34.2	..
2013-14	(%)	11.7	25.4	29.8	26.9	25.0	26.9	24.5	36.2	..
2012-13	(%)	12.2	23.7	26.4	27.2	26.5	27.8	27.0	35.6	..
2011-12	(%)	12.6	25.9	25.0	25.9	24.2	31.8	23.8	44.6	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	753	5 187	6 261	2 069	1 411	1 166	207	153	..
2016-17	(no.)	721	4 918	7 387	1 714	1 480	1 000	227	247	..
2015-16	(no.)	830	3 853	6 528	1 539	1 416	967	197	325	..
2014-15	(no.)	778	3 192	5 474	1 083	1 243	1 007	165	452	..
2013-14	(no.)	586	3 065	4 429	867	1 460	698	125	559	..
2012-13	(no.)	836	2 777	3 445	906	1 654	715	148	696	..
2011-12	(no.)	732	2 782	3 277	853	1 728	1 016	121	979	..

TABLE 7A.17

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	1.9	10.3	16.1	13.8	8.7	15.0	9.9	7.4	..
2016-17	(%)	1.7	9.5	16.7	11.9	9.2	12.6	5.3	11.5	..
2015-16	(%)	2.0	8.7	14.1	10.6	7.7	13.0	10.2	14.1	..
2014-15	(%)	2.0	7.0	13.3	8.9	7.8	13.8	8.6	18.0	..
2013-14	(%)	1.7	7.8	12.2	8.3	9.0	11.8	6.7	18.2	..
2012-13	(%)	2.4	7.6	11.1	9.0	9.0	12.8	9.2	25.5	..
2011-12	(%)	2.3	8.7	11.2	8.9	8.8	13.8	7.7	31.5	..
Children's courts										
Pending case load										
2017-18	(no.)	2 880	2 080	3 757	1 401	716	413	90	475	..
2016-17	(no.)	2 986	3 220	2 903	1 116	662	442	106	529	..
2015-16	(no.)	2 789	3 593	2 472	1 105	1 151	354	77	506	..
2014-15	(no.)	2 739	4 223	2 394	927	1 108	438	115	465	..
2013-14	(no.)	2 573	3 424	2 339	1 081	1 466	412	124	512	..
2012-13	(no.)	3 009	3 605	2 285	1 172	1 641	524	135	430	..
2011-12	(no.)	2 924	3 668	2 574	1 213	1 602	718	185	484	..
Cases >6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	525	346	697	253	90	84	8	108	..
2016-17	(no.)	498	459	700	186	78	72	24	108	..
2015-16	(no.)	475	436	545	151	209	86	18	123	..
2014-15	(no.)	367	433	655	122	223	122	42	140	..
2013-14	(no.)	374	445	597	207	246	91	32	129	..
2012-13	(no.)	430	530	544	290	303	152	41	104	..
2011-12	(no.)	455	565	601	346	318	186	43	153	..

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Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	18.2	16.6	18.6	18.1	12.6	20.3	8.9	22.7	..
2016-17	(%)	16.7	14.3	24.1	16.7	11.8	16.3	22.6	20.4	..
2015-16	(%)	17.0	12.1	22.0	13.7	18.2	24.3	23.4	24.3	..
2014-15	(%)	13.4	10.3	27.4	13.2	20.1	27.9	36.5	30.1	..
2013-14	(%)	14.5	13.0	25.5	19.1	16.8	22.1	25.8	25.2	..
2012-13	(%)	14.3	14.7	23.8	24.7	18.5	29.0	30.4	24.2	..
2011-12	(%)	15.6	15.4	23.3	28.5	19.9	25.9	23.2	31.6	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	59	87	243	70	18	29	1	39	..
2016-17	(no.)	47	123	275	52	34	24	7	44	..
2015-16	(no.)	61	142	272	28	47	47	10	33	..
2014-15	(no.)	45	123	337	29	74	53	20	61	..
2013-14	(no.)	42	154	219	75	70	43	15	46	..
2012-13	(no.)	69	146	248	109	50	69	17	56	..
2011-12	(no.)	69	134	235	134	75	50	16	66	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	2.0	4.2	6.5	5.0	2.5	7.0	1.1	8.2	..
2016-17	(%)	1.6	3.8	9.5	4.7	5.1	5.4	6.6	8.3	..
2015-16	(%)	2.2	4.0	11.0	2.5	4.1	13.3	13.0	6.5	..
2014-15	(%)	1.6	2.9	14.1	3.1	6.7	12.1	17.4	13.1	..
2013-14	(%)	1.6	4.5	9.4	6.9	4.8	10.4	12.1	9.0	..
2012-13	(%)	2.3	4.0	10.9	9.3	3.0	13.2	12.6	13.0	..
2011-12	(%)	2.4	3.7	9.1	11.0	4.7	7.0	8.6	13.6	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

 Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 7A.17 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), criminal (a) (b) (c)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
(a)	This indicator compares the age (in elapsed time) of a court's pending caseload against agreed time standards. Pending counts are taken at 30 June each year (the most recent is 30 June 2018). In the criminal jurisdiction, those lodgments that have bench warrants associated with them have been excluded from the count. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an active pending population. Jurisdictions diverting from this national counting rule are footnoted.									
(b)	Court backlog and timeliness of case processing can be affected by a number of factors. In addition to changes in lodgment and finalisation numbers, case timeliness in criminal courts may be influenced by:									
	(a) the complexity of cases, which may vary across court levels and across jurisdictions									
	(b) whether cases have become inactive or remain an active part of the court's workload									
	(c) cases which require finalisation in another court level									
	(d) matters on interlocutory appeal									
	(e) cases delayed by related cases or co-accused									
	(f) family law matters determined 'on hold'.									
(c)	In the Magistrates and Children's criminal courts the date of lodgment of a case is the date of registration and refers to the date the documentary evidence for a defendant is initially received in the court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Victoria, the ACT and the NT use the date the case is added into the court system (date of physical lodgment is not captured in their systems). In the Supreme and District courts, the date of lodgment is generally the date of committal in the Magistrates' court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Queensland uses the date the documentary evidence is lodged in the court (primarily because the date of committal is usually recorded on the higher court file at the time of indictment presentment at the first hearing which can be up to six months after the committal). This means Queensland Supreme and District courts data may reflect shorter backlog times and are not directly comparable with other jurisdictions.									
(d)	The criminal casemix of the NSW Supreme Court is principally murder and manslaughter cases and therefore not directly comparable with supreme courts in other states and territories.									
(e)	Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.									
(f)	Supreme Court of Victoria: This result is primarily driven by the downturn in finalisations. Throughput of trials and pleas have slowed, largely due to the higher number of adjourned trials and mistrials, particularly at the end of the 2016-17 financial year. Late adjournments in close proximity to the trial date hasn't allowed for the listing of a replacement trial.									
(g)	The criminal jurisdiction of the District Courts in SA and WA do not have appellate jurisdiction. All appeals from the magistrates (criminal) court go directly to the supreme (criminal) courts in these two states.									
(h)	Criminal finalisations in the NT Magistrates' Court have been revised between 2011-12 and 2017-18 to exclude breaches.									
(i)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
	.. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.18

Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme/Federal Court — appeal (c), (d)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	368	213	93	107	118	60	48	58	828
2016-17	no.	366	203	148	109	103	71	37	69	699
2015-16	no.	421	242	104	126	95	61	83	52	521
2014-15	no.	452	215	164	147	80	62	76	62	474
2013-14	no.	543	286	103	110	68	50	86	56	317
2012-13	no.	669	297	114	127	79	56	59	41	282
2011-12	no.	543	319	105	138	75	61	47	56	266
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	48	23	15	31	28	23	10	16	88
2016-17	no.	32	26	2	29	26	13	11	13	87
2015-16	no.	54	33	14	28	24	12	39	1	26
2014-15	no.	71	34	24	19	11	7	36	4	31
2013-14	no.	97	45	—	20	11	9	37	3	2
2012-13	no.	174	75	—	18	12	8	20	1	18
2011-12	no.	88	77	—	25	10	15	17	2	25
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	13.0	10.8	16.1	29.0	23.7	38.3	20.8	27.6	10.6
2016-17	%	8.7	12.8	1.4	26.6	25.2	18.3	29.7	18.8	12.4
2015-16	%	12.8	13.6	13.5	22.2	25.3	19.7	47.0	1.9	5.0
2014-15	%	15.7	15.8	14.6	12.9	13.8	11.3	47.4	6.5	6.5
2013-14	%	17.9	15.7	—	18.2	16.2	18.0	43.0	5.4	0.6
2012-13	%	26.0	25.3	—	14.2	15.2	14.3	33.9	2.4	6.4
2011-12	%	16.2	24.1	—	18.1	13.3	24.6	36.2	3.6	9.4

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	4	12	1	4	6	7	5	4	21
2016-17	no.	6	6	1	7	4	4	6	1	15
2015-16	no.	12	7	4	5	3	1	26	–	2
2014-15	no.	12	7	5	2	4	1	20	–	3
2013-14	no.	23	15	–	1	7	3	13	–	2
2012-13	no.	69	12	–	2	8	2	7	1	6
2011-12	no.	33	18	–	2	2	–	3	–	4
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	1.1	5.6	1.1	3.7	5.1	11.7	10.4	6.9	2.5
2016-17	%	1.6	3.0	0.7	6.4	3.9	5.6	16.2	1.4	2.1
2015-16	%	2.9	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.2	1.6	31.3	–	0.4
2014-15	%	2.7	3.3	3.0	1.4	5.0	1.6	26.3	–	0.6
2013-14	%	4.2	5.2	–	0.9	10.3	6.0	15.1	–	0.6
2012-13	%	10.3	4.0	–	1.6	10.1	3.6	11.9	2.4	2.1
2011-12	%	6.1	5.6	–	1.4	2.7	–	6.4	–	1.5
Supreme (excl probate) / Federal Court — non-appeal (c), (d), (e)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	5 484	3 997	2 518	2 765	691	675	526	96	2 655
2016-17	no.	5 167	4 029	2 567	2 670	809	807	461	116	2 474
2015-16	no.	5 209	4 289	2 411	2 389	780	796	551	112	3 035
2014-15	no.	5 336	4 999	2 574	2 276	786	806	572	86	2 388
2013-14	no.	5 788	4 202	2 637	2 343	667	809	632	87	2 044
2012-13	no.	6 609	4 164	3 054	2 296	703	898	723	104	2 602
2011-12	no.	7 402	4 447	3 512	2 618	736	802	1 042	133	2 337

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	1 769	1 276	693	919	182	265	103	28	917
2016-17	no.	1 690	1 472	609	919	257	292	128	33	913
2015-16	no.	1 527	1 680	577	776	210	271	165	31	907
2014-15	no.	1 514	1 233	623	867	242	281	210	29	952
2013-14	no.	1 706	1 219	755	887	214	256	215	26	589
2012-13	no.	2 010	1 205	903	850	219	253	353	37	991
2011-12	no.	2 096	1 259	987	983	194	242	524	51	1 056
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	32.3	31.9	27.5	33.2	26.3	39.3	19.6	29.2	34.5
2016-17	%	32.7	36.5	23.7	34.4	31.8	36.2	27.8	28.4	36.9
2015-16	%	29.3	39.2	23.9	32.5	26.9	34.0	29.9	27.7	29.9
2014-15	%	28.4	24.7	24.2	38.1	30.8	34.9	36.7	33.7	39.9
2013-14	%	29.5	29.0	28.6	37.9	32.1	31.6	34.0	29.9	28.8
2012-13	%	30.4	28.9	29.6	37.0	31.2	28.2	48.8	35.6	38.1
2011-12	%	28.3	28.3	28.1	37.5	26.4	30.2	50.3	38.3	45.2
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	747	578	182	304	84	157	32	11	496
2016-17	no.	684	769	180	320	107	79	41	9	517
2015-16	no.	682	499	184	330	91	73	72	10	561
2014-15	no.	616	551	185	340	101	89	66	10	587
2013-14	no.	725	533	209	396	123	73	70	12	389
2012-13	no.	944	505	308	397	102	74	173	12	601
2011-12	no.	904	517	353	407	85	74	284	17	611

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	13.6	14.5	7.2	11.0	12.2	23.3	6.1	11.5	18.7
2016-17	%	13.2	19.1	7.0	12.0	13.2	9.8	8.9	7.8	20.9
2015-16	%	13.1	11.6	7.6	13.8	11.7	9.2	13.1	8.9	18.5
2014-15	%	11.5	11.0	7.2	14.9	12.8	11.0	11.5	11.6	24.6
2013-14	%	12.5	12.7	7.9	16.9	18.4	9.0	11.1	13.8	19.0
2012-13	%	14.3	12.1	10.1	17.3	14.5	8.2	23.9	11.5	23.1
2011-12	%	12.2	11.6	10.1	15.5	11.5	9.2	27.3	12.8	26.1
District/county courts — appeal										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	33	15	70	103	36	..	..	..	..
2016-17	no.	36	10	63	77	36	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	50	54	54	75	57	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	61	18	51	71	48	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	81	53	48	72	53	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	80	91	38	59	77	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	97	66	45	57	14	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	5	1	15	12	5	..	..	..	..
2016-17	no.	3	2	17	12	13	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	1	—	14	9	3
2014-15	no.	8	1	18	12	2
2013-14	no.	6	8	7	7	6
2012-13	no.	7	10	9	5	6
2011-12	no.	13	12	10	15	—

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	15.2	6.7	21.4	11.7	13.9	..	..	..	..
2016-17	%	8.3	20.0	27.0	15.6	36.1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	2.0	–	25.9	12.0	5.3	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	13.1	5.6	35.3	16.9	4.2	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	7.4	15.1	14.6	9.7	11.3	..	..	..	..
2012-13	%	8.8	11.0	23.7	8.5	7.8	..	..	..	..
2011-12	%	13.4	18.2	22.2	26.3	–	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	–	–	8	2	4	..	..	..	..
2016-17	no.	–	–	11	1	1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	–	–	5	5	1	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	1	1	5	2	–	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	1	1	3	2	–	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	–	2	4	–	1	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	–	4	2	3	–	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	–	–	11.4	1.9	11.1	..	..	..	..
2016-17	%	–	–	17.5	1.3	2.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	–	–	9.3	6.7	1.8
2014-15	%	1.6	5.6	9.8	2.8	–
2013-14	%	1.2	1.9	6.3	2.8	–
2012-13	%	–	2.2	10.5	–	1.3
2011-12	%	–	6.1	4.4	5.3	–

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	5 751	6 969	4 622	4 172	2 054	..	..	..	..
2016-17	no.	6 163	6 752	4 681	4 040	2 263	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	6 242	6 643	4 684	3 748	2 109	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	6 844	7 362	4 895	3 889	2 209	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	6 459	7 159	4 935	3 785	2 697	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	6 520	7 350	4 710	3 758	3 518	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	6 714	6 818	5 125	3 708	3 245	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	969	2 542	916	1 761	1 014	..	..	..	..
2016-17	no.	1 081	2 560	1 008	1 530	968	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	1 433	2 361	949	1 552	991	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	1 564	2 433	1 001	1 498	1 095	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	1 427	2 306	968	1 451	1 432	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	1 507	2 296	935	1 378	1 354	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	1 470	1 933	929	1 332	1 525	..	..	..	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	16.8	36.5	19.8	42.2	49.4	..	..	..	..
2016-17	%	17.5	37.9	21.5	37.9	42.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	23.0	35.5	20.3	41.4	47.0	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	22.9	33.0	20.4	38.5	49.6	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	22.1	32.2	19.6	38.3	53.1
2012-13	%	23.1	31.2	19.9	36.7	38.5
2011-12	%	21.9	28.4	18.1	35.9	47.0

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	174	1 130	193	622	446	..	..	..	..
2016-17	no.	227	1 257	193	548	479	..	..	..	..
2015-16	no.	287	840	184	535	481	..	..	..	..
2014-15	no.	373	966	206	514	571	..	..	..	..
2013-14	no.	307	1 156	203	482	590	..	..	..	..
2012-13	no.	326	973	182	426	677	..	..	..	..
2011-12	no.	279	700	152	268	768	..	..	..	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	3.0	16.2	4.2	14.9	21.7	..	..	..	..
2016-17	%	3.7	18.6	4.1	13.6	21.2	..	..	..	..
2015-16	%	4.6	12.6	3.9	14.3	22.8	..	..	..	..
2014-15	%	5.5	13.1	4.2	13.2	25.8	..	..	..	..
2013-14	%	4.8	16.1	4.1	12.7	21.9	..	..	..	..
2012-13	%	5.0	13.2	3.9	11.3	19.2	..	..	..	..
2011-12	%	4.2	10.3	3.0	7.2	23.7	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts (excluding children's courts) (f)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	44 554	11 074	23 711	14 237	13 318	3 547	761	577	..
2016-17	no.	45 968	9 308	25 418	17 334	14 121	3 477	844	581	..
2015-16	no.	43 510	8 336	22 666	20 016	13 982	3 557	860	1 957	..
2014-15	no.	49 563	6 944	24 594	20 518	14 675	3 729	981	1 796	..
2013-14	no.	52 518	11 814	26 562	21 137	15 284	4 203	1 157	1 846	..
2012-13	no.	58 514	11 857	25 212	22 100	14 773	4 848	1 112	2 056	..
2011-12	no.	58 977	12 079	23 289	22 192	12 876	5 457	864	2 370	..

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Table 7A.18		Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)									
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	
Cases >6 mths											
2017-18	no.	8 669	3 872	9 658	5 848	5 993	1 450	191	216	..	
2016-17	no.	9 480	3 184	9 698	6 462	6 105	1 425	288	265	..	
2015-16	no.	10 876	2 593	9 133	7 857	6 137	1 423	272	637	..	
2014-15	no.	12 430	1 787	11 784	9 482	6 071	1 637	407	838	..	
2013-14	no.	12 865	4 201	11 176	8 855	6 930	1 803	471	660	..	
2012-13	no.	14 922	4 544	10 421	10 101	5 167	1 922	425	833	..	
2011-12	no.	14 333	4 854	9 556	10 014	5 041	2 337	255	709	..	
Cases >6 mths (per cent)											
2017-18	%	19.5	35.0	40.7	41.1	45.0	40.9	25.1	37.4	..	
2016-17	%	20.6	34.2	38.2	37.3	43.2	41.0	34.1	45.6	..	
2015-16	%	25.0	31.1	40.3	39.3	43.9	40.0	31.6	32.5	..	
2014-15	%	25.1	25.7	47.9	46.2	41.4	43.9	41.5	46.7	..	
2013-14	%	24.5	35.6	42.1	41.9	45.3	42.9	40.7	35.8	..	
2012-13	%	25.5	38.3	41.3	45.7	35.0	39.6	38.2	40.5	..	
2011-12	%	24.3	40.2	41.0	45.1	39.2	42.8	29.5	29.9	..	
Cases >12 mths											
2017-18	no.	553	2 860	2 459	1 340	1 575	378	75	78	..	
2016-17	no.	479	2 312	2 080	1 435	1 620	431	79	105	..	
2015-16	no.	443	1 762	2 130	1 493	1 702	409	89	146	..	
2014-15	no.	421	1 086	2 611	2 071	1 625	460	168	130	..	
2013-14	no.	284	2 429	1 945	1 701	2 393	472	168	107	..	
2012-13	no.	249	2 576	2 499	1 972	1 073	492	165	129	..	
2011-12	no.	299	2 730	1 857	2 051	1 108	670	83	189	..	

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	1.2	25.8	10.4	9.4	11.8	10.7	9.9	13.5	..
2016-17	%	1.0	24.8	8.2	8.3	11.5	12.4	9.4	18.1	..
2015-16	%	1.0	21.1	9.4	7.5	12.2	11.5	10.3	7.5	..
2014-15	%	0.8	15.6	10.6	10.1	11.1	12.3	17.1	7.2	..
2013-14	%	0.5	20.6	7.3	8.0	15.7	11.2	14.5	5.8	..
2012-13	%	0.4	21.7	9.9	8.9	7.3	10.1	14.8	6.3	..
2011-12	%	na	22.6	8.0	9.2	8.6	12.3	9.6	8.0	..
Children's courts										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	2 764	2 832	1 527	861	256	66	61	112	..
2016-17	no.	3 099	2 401	1 444	817	183	59	53	128	..
2015-16	no.	na	2 593	1 116	772	195	58	91	120	..
2014-15	no.	na	2 454	1 036	760	180	45	110	94	..
2013-14	no.	na	2 305	974	902	67	86	56	124	..
2012-13	no.	na	1 709	1 073	896	95	79	52	55	..
2011-12	no.	na	2 003	1 039	616	120	113	59	68	..
Cases >6 mths										
2017-18	no.	1 245	690	697	373	17	24	21	21	..
2016-17	no.	1 104	576	583	396	18	12	16	23	..
2015-16	no.	na	817	409	335	16	8	32	16	..
2014-15	no.	na	805	351	332	3	7	35	22	..
2013-14	no.	na	636	321	422	12	11	10	17	..
2012-13	no.	na	491	336	420	11	22	21	26	..
2011-12	no.	na	564	359	235	14	24	19	13	..

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	45.0	24.4	45.6	43.3	6.6	36.4	34.4	18.8	..
2016-17	%	35.6	24.0	40.4	48.5	9.8	20.3	30.2	18.0	..
2015-16	%	na	31.5	36.6	43.4	8.2	13.8	35.2	13.3	..
2014-15	%	na	32.8	33.9	43.7	1.7	15.6	31.8	23.4	..
2013-14	%	na	27.6	33.0	46.8	17.9	12.8	17.9	13.7	..
2012-13	%	na	28.7	31.3	46.9	11.6	27.8	40.4	47.3	..
2011-12	%	na	28.2	34.6	38.1	11.7	21.2	32.2	19.1	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	282	236	260	154	4	11	4	2	..
2016-17	no.	451	253	214	136	1	6	6	4	..
2015-16	no.	na	405	132	145	1	3	11	1	..
2014-15	no.	na	427	117	123	1	4	6	3	..
2013-14	no.	na	287	91	133	5	3	2	–	..
2012-13	no.	na	228	92	100	2	17	4	–	..
2011-12	no.	na	224	111	92	7	8	–	–	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	10.2	8.3	17.0	17.9	1.6	16.7	6.6	1.8	..
2016-17	%	14.6	10.5	14.8	16.6	0.5	10.2	11.3	3.1	..
2015-16	%	na	15.6	11.8	18.8	0.5	5.2	12.1	0.8	..
2014-15	%	na	17.4	11.3	16.2	0.6	8.9	5.5	3.2	..
2013-14	%	na	12.5	9.3	14.7	7.5	3.5	3.6	–	..
2012-13	%	na	13.3	8.6	11.2	2.1	21.5	7.7	–	..
2011-12	%	na	11.2	10.7	14.9	5.8	7.1	–	–	..

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Family courts — appeal (g)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	220
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	208
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	270
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	289
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	237
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	273
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	273
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	27
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	40
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	82
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	89
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	91
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	84
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	71
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	20.0	12.3
2016-17	%	—	19.2
2015-16	%	—	30.4
2014-15	%	—	30.8
2013-14	%	—	38.4
2012-13	%	—	30.8
2011-12	%	—	26.0

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	7
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	6
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	26
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	40
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	31
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	27
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	26
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	3.2
2016-17	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	2.9
2015-16	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	9.6
2014-15	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	13.8
2013-14	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	13.1
2012-13	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	9.9
2011-12	%	..	..	..	—	..	..	..	..	9.5
Family courts — non-appeal (g)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	10 906	..	..	..	..	6 589
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	11 093	..	..	..	..	6 343
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	9 765	..	..	..	..	5 844
2014-15	no.	9 596	5 644
2013-14	no.	8 743	5 321
2012-13	no.	8 034	4 997
2011-12	no.	8 150	5 155

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	3 829	2 207
2016-17	no.	3 609	2 048
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	2 903	..	..	..	..	1 635
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	2 403	..	..	..	..	1 486
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	2 053	..	..	..	..	1 357
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	2 015	..	..	..	..	1 475
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	1 997	..	..	..	..	1 403
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	..	..	..	35.1	..	..	..	..	33.5
2016-17	%	..	..	..	32.5	..	..	..	..	32.3
2015-16	%	..	..	..	29.7	..	..	..	..	28.0
2014-15	%	..	..	..	25.0	..	..	..	..	26.3
2013-14	%	..	..	..	23.5	..	..	..	..	25.5
2012-13	%	..	..	..	25.1	..	..	..	..	29.5
2011-12	%	..	..	..	24.5	..	..	..	..	27.2
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	1 457	..	..	..	..	1 045
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	1 119	..	..	..	..	911
2015-16	no.	829	706
2014-15	no.	574	593
2013-14	no.	494	567
2012-13	no.	468	560
2011-12	no.	515	559

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	..	..	..	13.4	..	..	..	..	15.9
2016-17	%	..	..	..	10.1	..	..	..	..	14.4
2015-16	%	..	..	..	8.5	..	..	..	..	12.1
2014-15	%	..	..	..	6.0	..	..	..	..	10.5
2013-14	%	..	..	..	5.7	..	..	..	..	10.7
2012-13	%	..	..	..	5.8	..	..	..	..	11.2
2011-12	%	..	..	..	6.3	..	..	..	..	10.8
Federal Circuit Court (h)										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49 670
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46 864
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	42 724
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 452
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34 010
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 067
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31 444
Cases >6 mths										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19 933
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18 442
2015-16	no.	16 164
2014-15	no.	13 272
2013-14	no.	11 598
2012-13	no.	10 688
2011-12	no.	9 653

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40.1
2016-17	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39.4
2015-16	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37.8
2014-15	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33.6
2013-14	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34.1
2012-13	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34.4
2011-12	%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.7
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11 006
2016-17	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8 534
2015-16	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 563
2014-15	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 475
2013-14	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 769
2012-13	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 117
2011-12	no.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 683
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	22.2
2016-17	%	18.2
2015-16	%	17.7
2014-15	%	13.9
2013-14	%	14.0
2012-13	%	13.3
2011-12	%	11.7

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Coroners' courts										
Pending case load										
2017-18	no.	2 991	3 938	2 441	2 127	2 275	553	177	365	..
2016-17	no.	2 849	3 785	2 684	2 173	2 478	563	164	275	..
2015-16	no.	2 487	3 526	2 127	2 178	2 050	555	169	304	..
2014-15	no.	2 489	3 895	2 185	2 027	1 747	518	137	427	..
2013-14	no.	2 841	4 209	1 844	1 891	1 862	479	150	407	..
2012-13	no.	3 331	5 306	2 069	1 926	1 661	440	234	454	..
2011-12	no.	2 543	4 956	2 333	1 994	1 249	481	281	397	..
Cases >12 mths										
2017-18	no.	753	1 112	953	447	847	226	85	113	..
2016-17	no.	669	1 066	991	361	917	219	69	87	..
2015-16	no.	540	936	706	465	720	177	53	132	..
2014-15	no.	695	1 242	565	397	619	172	53	159	..
2013-14	no.	1 009	1 366	515	416	472	174	53	119	..
2012-13	no.	1 221	2 106	549	425	465	110	85	134	..
2011-12	no.	316	2 048	701	570	307	112	81	106	..
Cases >12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	25.2	28.2	39.0	21.0	37.2	40.9	48.0	31.0	..
2016-17	%	23.5	28.2	36.9	16.6	37.0	38.9	42.1	31.6	..
2015-16	%	21.7	26.5	33.2	21.3	35.1	31.9	31.4	43.4	..
2014-15	%	27.9	31.9	25.9	19.6	35.4	33.2	38.7	37.2	..
2013-14	%	35.5	32.5	27.9	22.0	25.3	36.3	35.3	29.2	..
2012-13	%	36.7	39.7	26.5	22.1	28.0	25.0	36.3	29.5	..
2011-12	%	12.4	41.3	30.0	28.6	24.6	23.3	28.8	26.7	..

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Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases >24 mths										
2017-18	no.	344	523	431	141	405	81	47	67	..
2016-17	no.	283	396	445	138	324	87	34	64	..
2015-16	no.	214	355	290	147	230	45	30	95	..
2014-15	no.	463	601	263	170	225	65	33	95	..
2013-14	no.	698	646	219	189	207	62	27	80	..
2012-13	no.	742	1 072	211	189	175	45	40	88	..
2011-12	no.	63	1 203	328	259	133	48	45	73	..
Cases >24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	%	11.5	13.3	17.7	6.6	17.8	14.6	26.6	18.4	..
2016-17	%	9.9	10.5	16.6	6.4	13.1	15.5	20.7	23.3	..
2015-16	%	8.6	10.1	13.6	6.7	11.2	8.1	17.8	31.3	..
2014-15	%	18.6	15.4	12.0	8.4	12.9	12.5	24.1	22.2	..
2013-14	%	24.6	15.3	11.9	10.0	11.1	12.9	18.0	19.7	..
2012-13	%	22.3	20.2	10.2	9.8	10.5	10.2	17.1	19.4	..
2011-12	%	2.5	24.3	14.1	13.0	10.6	10.0	16.0	18.4	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) Care should be taken when interpreting data in this table as the states and territories are not identical in their allocation of civil business between their court levels. This indicator compares the age (in elapsed time) of a court's pending caseload against agreed time standards. The date of lodgment of a case is the date of registration and refers to the date the documentary evidence is received in the court. Unless otherwise specified, pending counts are taken at 30 June each year. In the civil jurisdiction those lodgments that have not been acted upon in the last 12 months are deemed finalised and excluded from the pending population counts. The deeming rule does not apply to appeal cases. The aim has been to focus on those matters that are part of an 'active pending' population. Jurisdictions diverting from this national counting rule are footnoted.

Table 7A.18 **Backlog indicator (as at 30 June), civil (a) (b)**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
(b)	Court backlog and timeliness of case processing can be affected by a number of factors. In addition to changes in lodgment and finalisation numbers, case timeliness in civil matters may be influenced by:									
	(a) different case flow management practices across court levels and across jurisdictions									
	(b) a single case may involve several related applications or issues that require judgements and decision by the court									
	(c) matters which may be adjourned at the instigation of, and by the consent of, the parties which are outside the control of the court									
	(d) the court may employ case management or other dispute resolution processes (for example, mediation) as alternatives to formal adjudication.									
(c)	Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.									
(d)	Supreme Court of Victoria: With respect to the Commercial Court, the significant reduction in the number of matters pending greater than 24 months is likely due to a number of long-standing high volume debt recovery matters being finalised during the 2017-18 financial year.									
(e)	Non-appeal matters for the Federal Court include a significant number of Native Title matters which by nature are both long and complex.									
(f)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(g)	The Australian Courts do not apply the "deeming" rule. The Family Court of Australia does not deem a matter finalised even if it has not had a court event for at least 12 months as this is not consistent with its case management practices. Therefore some matters may be affected by proceedings in other courts and are counted as pending but are currently inactive. The more complex and entrenched Family Law disputes commence with the Family Court so a higher proportion of its cases require more lengthy and intensive case management. The Federal Court and the Federal Circuit Court do not apply the deeming rule.									
(h)	As the Federal Circuit Court undertakes a higher proportion of simpler Family Law matters, the more complex and entrenched disputes remain with the Family Court and therefore a higher proportion of its cases now require more lengthy and intensive case management.									
	na Not available. .. Not applicable. – Nil or rounded to zero.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

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Table 7A.19 On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme courts — appeal (b)									
Cases finalised <=12 mths									
2017-18 (no.)	360	254	236	265	212	22	88	24	..
2016-17 (no.)	403	241	348	249	215	23	73	5	..
2015-16 (no.)	303	261	377	239	253	23	na	10	..
2014-15 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)									
2017-18 (%)	98.6	83.8	74.2	79.8	87.6	66.7	88.0	80.0	..
2016-17 (%)	96.6	87.6	88.3	75.7	93.1	62.2	77.7	50.0	..
2015-16 (%)	89.1	86.7	86.3	82.1	90.4	67.6	na	90.9	..
2014-15 (%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14 (%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13 (%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12 (%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths									
2017-18 (no.)	365	301	310	323	232	30	100	29	..
2016-17 (no.)	417	272	390	321	231	33	92	10	..
2015-16 (no.)	333	300	428	288	278	33	na	11	..
2014-15 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	19	..
2013-14 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	26	..
2012-13 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	15	..
2011-12 (no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	23	..

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Table 7A.19 On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	100.0	99.3	97.5	97.3	95.9	90.9	100.0	96.7	..
2016-17	(%)	100.0	98.9	99.0	97.6	100.0	89.2	97.9	100.0	..
2015-16	(%)	97.9	99.7	97.9	99.0	99.3	97.1	na	100.0	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Supreme courts — non-appeal										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	41	57	2 371	283	53	293	234	456	..
2016-17	(no.)	49	84	1 885	278	29	273	150	498	..
2015-16	(no.)	58	63	1 345	277	66	278	na	550	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	69	na	na	na	278	na	525	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	288	na	350	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	455	na	423	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	469	na	478	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	41.8	69.5	90.6	85.8	89.8	59.4	78.8	92.7	..
2016-17	(%)	48.5	70.0	92.0	92.7	67.4	62.5	70.4	90.9	..
2015-16	(%)	65.2	58.9	90.6	90.5	86.8	63.8	na	94.3	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.19 On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	87	76	2 575	327	57	431	292	485	..
2016-17	(no.)	91	119	2 026	295	42	386	204	533	..
2015-16	(no.)	82	103	1 458	305	74	374	na	575	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	88.8	92.7	98.4	99.1	96.6	87.4	98.3	98.6	..
2016-17	(%)	90.1	99.2	98.8	98.3	97.7	88.3	95.8	97.3	..
2015-16	(%)	92.1	96.3	98.2	99.7	97.4	85.8	na	98.6	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
District/county courts — appeal (c)										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	6 279	2 882	322	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	6 339	2 829	346	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	6 656	3 008	422
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	87.3	97.4	86.8
2016-17	(%)	88.2	97.6	83.2	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	87.9	98.2	94.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	7 024	2 953	353	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	7 040	2 896	388	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	7 395	3 058	444	..	..	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	97.7	99.8	95.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	98.0	99.9	93.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	97.7	99.8	98.9
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na

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Table 7A.19 On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal (c)										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	1 059	1 743	6 607	2 245	1 431	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	1 264	1 744	5 842	2 057	1 639	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	1 466	1 677	5 146	1 831	1 746	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	22.1	82.1	93.3	84.7	72.7	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	27.0	82.6	92.4	86.5	77.2	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	32.8	77.1	92.9	88.4	79.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	2 648	2 071	6 948	2 618	1 801	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	2 794	2 042	6 194	2 351	1 966	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	2 899	2 103	5 443	2 057	2 091	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na

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	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	55.4	97.6	98.1	98.8	91.5
2016-17	(%)	59.8	96.7	98.0	98.9	92.6	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	64.8	96.7	98.3	99.3	95.7	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excluding children's) (d)										
Cases finalised <=6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	171 020	118 067	150 200	78 512	29 034	9 849	6 970	9 620	..
2016-17	(no.)	164 492	116 978	169 848	79 919	33 033	9 723	4 454	9 690	..
2015-16	(no.)	161 790	125 593	185 540	80 451	37 425	10 135	na	10 828	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	88.1	74.7	81.5	85.8	70.0	54.6	81.8	83.8	..
2016-17	(%)	87.7	75.5	82.9	82.9	69.9	59.2	76.0	83.0	..
2015-16	(%)	88.9	80.0	86.0	87.5	76.5	60.9	na	84.0	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.19 On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	190 499	143 334	169 631	86 248	36 631	14 415	7 978	10 865	..
2016-17	(no.)	184 347	141 742	191 084	89 466	41 287	13 920	5 403	10 938	..
2015-16	(no.)	179 188	146 815	204 068	88 444	44 847	14 061	na	12 124	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	98.2	90.7	92.0	94.3	88.4	79.9	93.6	94.6	..
2016-17	(%)	98.3	91.5	93.3	92.8	87.4	84.8	92.2	93.7	..
2015-16	(%)	98.4	93.5	94.6	96.2	91.7	84.4	na	94.1	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Children's courts										
Cases finalised <=6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	8 601	11 736	13 565	5 854	2 730	917	301	906	..
2016-17	(no.)	8 273	19 169	11 197	5 402	2 919	814	203	1 094	..
2015-16	(no.)	8 611	24 289	11 621	5 545	3 345	780	na	1 249	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.19 On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	81.3	88.1	85.6	79.5	89.4	68.1	83.1	68.3	..
2016-17	(%)	80.5	92.2	86.0	72.6	80.9	73.3	85.3	70.9	..
2015-16	(%)	83.5	94.4	86.3	90.2	81.9	67.8	na	75.6	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	10 316	12 885	15 108	6 967	2 943	1 217	341	1 214	..
2016-17	(no.)	9 984	20 331	12 416	6 891	3 370	1 016	227	1 412	..
2015-16	(no.)	10 120	25 320	12 750	6 055	3 874	1 009	na	1 508	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	97.5	96.8	95.4	94.6	96.4	90.3	94.2	91.5	..
2016-17	(%)	97.1	97.8	95.3	92.6	93.4	91.5	95.4	91.6	..
2015-16	(%)	98.1	98.5	94.7	98.5	94.8	87.7	na	91.3	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 7A.19 **On-time case processing indicator, criminal (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
(a)	<p>'On-time case processing' refers to the time taken to finalise a case from its date of lodgment in the relevant court. In the Magistrates and Children's criminal courts the date of lodgment is the date of registration and refers to the date the documentary evidence for a defendant is initially received in the court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Victoria, the ACT and the NT use the date the case is added into the court system (date of physical lodgment is not captured in their systems). In the Supreme and District courts, the date of lodgment is generally the date of committal in the Magistrates' court. Exceptions to this counting rule are: Queensland uses the date the documentary evidence is lodged in the court (primarily because the date of committal is usually recorded on the higher court file at the time of indictment presentment at the first hearing which can be up to six months after the committal). This means Queensland Supreme and District courts data may reflect shorter times for finalising cases and are not directly comparable with other jurisdictions.</p>									
(b)	<p>Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.</p>									
(c)	<p>The criminal jurisdiction of the District Courts in SA and WA do not have appellate jurisdiction. All appeals from the magistrates (criminal) court go directly to the supreme (criminal) courts in these two states.</p>									
(d)	<p>The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.</p>									
	<p>na Not available. .. Not applicable.</p>									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Supreme/Federal courts — appeal (b)										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	517	292	142	89	84	34	43	93	972
2016-17	(no.)	572	283	215	121	68	50	50	99	773
2015-16	(no.)	604	226	248	126	60	51	na	106	878
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	86.3	86.6	83.0	70.6	66.7	70.8	74.1	86.9	79.1
2016-17	(%)	84.5	78.2	87.8	72.0	63.0	70.4	50.0	91.7	87.3
2015-16	(%)	83.1	73.1	87.9	70.4	67.4	68.9	na	92.2	91.8
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	588	332	170	119	121	42	55	102	1 203
2016-17	(no.)	660	358	239	161	104	58	74	105	876
2015-16	(no.)	712	302	274	176	85	73	na	114	949
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	98.2	98.5	99.4	94.4	96.0	87.5	94.8	95.3	97.9
2016-17	(%)	97.5	98.9	97.6	95.8	96.3	81.7	74.0	97.2	99.0
2015-16	(%)	97.9	97.7	97.2	98.3	95.5	98.6	na	99.1	99.3
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Supreme (excl probate) / Federal courts — non-appeal										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	5 183	4 135	1 274	1 298	768	307	316	104	3 806
2016-17	(no.)	5 667	4 227	1 405	1 474	756	286	336	91	4 156
2015-16	(no.)	6 710	5 355	1 950	1 551	869	361	na	90	4 306
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	77.5	73.1	45.8	53.3	72.1	43.2	59.5	68.9	87.0
2016-17	(%)	79.8	74.1	50.4	63.2	77.4	37.1	55.4	70.5	87.6
2015-16	(%)	81.3	79.1	62.2	64.3	76.3	47.1	na	78.3	87.6
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	6 153	5 051	2 584	2 172	967	593	490	134	4 106
2016-17	(no.)	6 546	5 129	2 583	2 085	905	655	521	116	4 455
2015-16	(no.)	7 645	6 308	2 924	2 147	1 058	675	–	105	4 598
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	92.0	89.3	93.0	89.2	90.8	83.4	92.3	88.7	93.9
2016-17	(%)	92.2	89.9	92.6	89.4	92.6	85.0	86.0	89.9	93.8
2015-16	(%)	92.6	93.1	93.3	88.9	92.9	88.0	na	91.3	93.6
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
District/county courts — appeal										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	57	42	58	84	50	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	77	63	65	91	90	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	105	41	72	90	96	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	91.9	93.3	72.5	84.8	73.5	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	90.6	96.9	87.8	83.5	83.3	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	88.2	100.0	92.3	84.1	94.1	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	61	45	75	98	64	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	85	64	71	104	106	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	114	41	76	105	102	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	98.4	100.0	93.8	99.0	94.1	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	100.0	98.5	95.9	95.4	98.1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	95.8	100.0	97.4	98.1	100.0	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
District/county courts — non-appeal										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	4 946	3 672	2 021	3 398	899	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	4 820	3 346	2 040	3 383	886	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	4 517	3 296	2 856	3 337	849	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	68.8	56.5	40.6	69.2	52.8	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	62.2	52.0	42.0	69.3	48.0	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	58.2	48.9	55.2	68.6	48.8	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	6 824	5 726	4 683	4 492	1 332	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(no.)	7 069	5 768	4 590	4 367	1 326	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(no.)	7 052	5 840	4 839	4 404	1 288	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	95.0	88.1	94.1	91.5	78.3	..	..	..	..
2016-17	(%)	91.3	89.7	94.5	89.5	71.9	..	..	..	..
2015-16	(%)	90.8	86.6	93.6	90.6	74.0	..	..	..	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excluding children's) (c)										
Cases finalised <=6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	73 005	64 720	38 213	38 285	15 273	3 048	2 917	4 925	..
2016-17	(no.)	77 322	68 618	40 136	38 564	13 476	3 274	2 928	5 184	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	68 197	39 465	38 020	14 503	na	na	5 492	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	60.8	74.9	64.9	78.9	59.8	52.9	85.8	94.3	..
2016-17	(%)	61.3	76.6	68.5	76.0	53.7	53.3	84.2	82.7	..
2015-16	(%)	na	75.4	66.5	74.3	55.8	na	na	84.1	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	115 792	67 657	42 542	40 604	17 796	5 008	3 243	5 119	..
2016-17	(no.)	122 830	71 302	43 752	40 783	16 743	5 345	3 246	6 158	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	70 338	42 452	40 403	17 683	na	na	6 356	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	96.5	78.3	72.3	83.7	69.6	86.9	95.4	98.0	..
2016-17	(%)	97.3	79.6	74.7	80.4	66.7	87.0	93.4	98.2	..
2015-16	(%)	na	77.7	71.5	78.9	68.1	na	na	97.3	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Children's courts										
Cases finalised <=6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	5 005	6 113	3 371	1 399	1 824	354	96	416	..
2016-17	(no.)	5 732	6 295	3 081	1 142	2 046	277	145	402	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	6 116	3 149	1 195	2 146	314	na	336	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	53.0	81.4	75.7	69.1	97.3	87.2	82.8	83.0	..
2016-17	(%)	60.8	80.9	78.8	64.9	97.7	84.7	69.7	83.6	..
2015-16	(%)	na	77.9	80.5	67.6	98.8	91.8	na	87.3	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	8 508	7 187	4 031	1 661	1 871	388	109	486	..
2016-17	(no.)	8 596	7 340	3 628	1 404	2 089	316	185	479	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	7 312	3 656	1 429	2 171	338	na	375	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	90.2	95.7	90.5	82.1	99.8	95.6	94.0	97.0	..
2016-17	(%)	91.2	94.3	92.7	79.8	99.8	96.6	88.9	99.6	..
2015-16	(%)	na	93.2	93.5	80.8	99.9	98.8	na	97.4	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Family courts - appeal										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	309
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	284
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	273
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	..	..	..	83.3	..	..	..	..	83.5
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	75.3
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	77.1
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	354
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	356
2015-16	(no.)	4	336
2014-15	(no.)	na	na
2013-14	(no.)	na	na
2012-13	(no.)	na	na
2011-12	(no.)	na	na

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	95.7
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	94.4
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	94.9
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Family courts - non appeal										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	..	..	..	12 389	..	..	..	..	18 884
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	11 678	..	..	..	..	18 926
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	12 603	..	..	..	..	18 853
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	..	..	..	77.2	..	..	..	..	92.7
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	78.2	..	..	..	..	93.5
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	79.9	..	..	..	..	93.3
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na

TABLE 7A.20

Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	..	..	..	14 851	..	..	..	..	19 731
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	14 047	..	..	..	..	19 710
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	15 065	..	..	..	..	19 705
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	..	..	..	92.6	..	..	..	..	96.8
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	94.0	..	..	..	..	97.3
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	95.5	..	..	..	..	97.6
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	na	..	..	..	..	na
Federal Circuit Court										
Cases finalised <=6 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71 987
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	69 482
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71 574
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na

TABLE 7A.20

Table 7A.20		On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data								
	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=6 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75.6
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76.5
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79.2
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84 047
2016-17	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81 654
2015-16	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	82 657
2014-15	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(no.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88.3
2016-17	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90.0
2015-16	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	91.5
2014-15	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2013-14	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2012-13	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na
2011-12	(%)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	na

TABLE 7A.20

Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Coroners courts										
Cases finalised <=12 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	5 708	5 526	4 629	1 103	1 621	271	272	179	..
2016-17	(no.)	5 383	5 047	4 562	1 463	1 263	235	281	242	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	5 289	4 794	1 113	1 662	116	na	210	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=12 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	89.4	85.0	85.7	47.5	57.6	44.8	91.0	74.3	..
2016-17	(%)	89.9	80.3	91.0	60.5	68.3	40.4	92.1	72.7	..
2015-16	(%)	na	80.2	90.2	54.3	76.2	23.5	na	68.9	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
Cases finalised <=24 mths										
2017-18	(no.)	6 226	6 248	5 132	2 219	2 692	467	283	229	..
2016-17	(no.)	5 873	5 902	4 877	2 306	1 767	480	292	310	..
2015-16	(no.)	na	6 074	5 149	1 919	2 055	451	na	273	..
2014-15	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(no.)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

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Table 7A.20 **On-time case processing indicator, civil (a) - Experimental data**

	units	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Cases finalised <=24 mths (per cent)										
2017-18	(%)	97.5	96.1	95.0	95.6	95.7	77.2	94.6	95.0	..
2016-17	(%)	98.0	93.9	97.3	95.3	95.5	82.5	95.7	93.1	..
2015-16	(%)	na	92.1	96.9	93.7	94.2	91.3	na	89.5	..
2014-15	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2013-14	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2012-13	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..
2011-12	(%)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

■ Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

■ Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) 'On-time case processing' refers to the time taken to finalise a case from its date of lodgment in the relevant court. For the purposes of this report, civil non-appeal lodgments that have had no court action in the past 12 months are counted (deemed) as finalised. A case which is deemed finalised is considered closed - in the event that it becomes active again in the court after 12 months it is not counted again in this Report. The inclusion of deemed cases means that time taken to finalise a matter may be overestimated for some cases (where the inactivity was outside the court's control) or underestimated (where a case may become active again in the court after having been deemed as finalised).
- (b) Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.
- (c) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- na** Not available. **..** Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.21

Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Criminal — attendances per finalisation									
Supreme courts (e)									
2017-18	na	na	3.0	3.3	3.7	5.1	7.4	6.4	..
2016-17	na	na	2.9	3.2	4.2	5.4	5.9	6.7	..
2015-16	na	na	3.9	3.2	3.7	5.4	7.9	7.3	..
2014-15	na	na	4.0	2.9	3.5	7.0	6.6	7.1	..
2013-14	na	na	3.5	2.5	3.7	6.0	8.6	6.5	..
2012-13	na	na	3.0	2.6	3.7	5.6	10.1	6.9	..
2011-12	na	na	3.0	2.6	3.5	5.4	7.4	6.9	..
District/county courts									
2017-18	3.2	4.9	3.7	4.1	6.5	..	..	..	..
2016-17	3.1	4.4	4.0	4.0	6.1	..	..	..	..
2015-16	3.1	4.8	4.8	3.8	6.1	..	..	..	..
2014-15	3.2	4.7	4.3	3.7	6.1	..	..	..	..
2013-14	3.1	4.7	4.3	3.6	6.0	..	..	..	..
2012-13	na	4.9	3.9	3.8	6.3	..	..	..	..
2011-12	na	5.1	4.0	4.0	6.3	..	..	..	..
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f), (g)									
2017-18	2.6	3.2	3.7	2.9	4.3	4.4	3.6	4.1	..
2016-17	2.7	3.3	3.5	2.7	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.9	..
2015-16	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.7	4.0	4.3	4.0	3.7	..
2014-15	2.6	2.3	3.2	2.5	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.8	..
2013-14	2.6	2.3	3.0	2.4	3.7	4.0	3.3	3.5	..
2012-13	na	2.5	3.1	2.3	3.7	4.1	3.8	3.5	..
2011-12	na	2.4	2.6	2.2	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.6	..

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Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Children's courts (f), (h)									
2017-18	4.0	3.1	4.2	5.3	3.3	5.5	5.7	7.7	..
2016-17	3.9	2.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.9	4.7	7.3	..
2015-16	3.6	2.1	4.3	3.8	4.3	5.2	5.4	6.3	..
2014-15	3.6	2.2	4.5	3.8	3.9	5.1	3.9	6.2	..
2013-14	3.9	2.1	4.5	3.8	4.2	5.6	6.8	5.7	..
2012-13	na	2.7	4.9	4.0	4.1	5.5	6.8	5.5	..
2011-12	na	2.9	3.8	4.0	3.8	5.2	5.6	6.0	..
Civil — attendances per finalisation									
Supreme (excl probate)/Federal Court (e)									
2017-18	na	na	1.2	1.5	3.0	1.9	2.8	5.8	3.0
2016-17	na	na	1.2	1.9	3.1	1.6	5.4	6.0	3.0
2015-16	na	na	1.3	2.1	3.9	1.9	5.0	5.2	2.9
2014-15	na	na	1.2	2.2	4.0	1.8	5.9	4.2	3.2
2013-14	na	na	1.2	2.4	3.9	1.9	7.2	4.4	3.0
2012-13	na	na	1.0	2.1	3.4	1.9	4.9	4.5	2.5
2011-12	na	na	1.1	2.2	4.0	2.1	4.9	4.5	3.2
District/county courts									
2017-18	3.4	0.7	0.3	0.9	2.7	..	..	..	..
2016-17	3.3	0.6	0.3	1.1	2.8	..	..	..	..
2015-16	3.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	3.9	..	..	..	..
2014-15	3.7	0.8	0.4	1.2	4.0	..	..	..	..
2013-14	3.4	0.9	0.3	1.3	3.5	..	..	..	..
2012-13	na	1.0	0.2	1.2	4.1	..	..	..	..
2011-12	na	1.2	0.4	1.1	3.7	..	..	..	..

TABLE 7A.21

Table 7A.21 Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)

	NSW (b)	Vic (c)	Qld	WA (d)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f), (g)									
2017-18	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.5	..
2016-17	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.3	..
2015-16	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.1	..
2014-15	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.1	..
2013-14	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	1.1	..
2012-13	na	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.8	1.0	..
2011-12	na	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.6	1.3	..
Children's courts (f), (h), (i)									
2017-18	4.9	4.4	3.8	4.5	2.9	4.6	6.9	4.1	..
2016-17	4.8	4.5	3.6	5.0	2.8	4.8	8.7	4.3	..
2015-16	na	4.4	3.6	4.4	2.6	5.0	7.3	4.3	..
2014-15	na	4.1	3.5	4.0	2.5	5.4	5.7	3.7	..
2013-14	na	3.8	3.7	3.6	2.5	5.9	7.3	3.1	..
2012-13	na	3.9	3.5	3.1	2.8	5.3	8.0	3.2	..
2011-12	na	4.0	3.2	4.5	2.6	5.2	7.9	2.4	..
Family courts (j)									
2017-18	..	..	..	2.3	..	..	..	..	2.0
2016-17	..	..	..	2.2	..	..	..	..	2.0
2015-16	..	..	..	1.8	..	..	..	..	2.1
2014-15	..	..	..	1.8	..	..	..	..	2.2
2013-14	..	..	..	1.9	..	..	..	..	2.2
2012-13	..	..	..	1.9	..	..	..	..	2.4
2011-12	..	..	..	2.0	..	..	..	..	2.4

TABLE 7A.21

Table 7A.21 **Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)**

	<i>NSW</i> (b)	<i>Vic</i> (c)	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i> (d)	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>
Federal Circuit Court (k)									
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.9
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2.0
Coroners' courts (l)									
2017-18	5.3	1.6	3.5	2.3	5.0	3.1	8.3	1.0	..
2016-17	6.8	1.5	4.0	2.7	1.3	3.2	7.1	1.0	..
2015-16	5.0	1.1	5.9	2.1	2.7	2.2	4.5	1.0	..
2014-15	4.0	1.0	3.8	2.7	1.9	1.0	3.4	1.0	..
2013-14	3.8	1.0	3.3	1.4	1.5	1.0	8.5	1.0	..
2012-13	na	1.0	3.6	4.6	1.5	1.0	5.8	1.0	..
2011-12	na	1.0	3.4	2.1	1.5	1.0	2.6	1.0	..

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.

Data are incomplete for the current reporting period.

- (a) The attendance index is based on a count of the number of times each case actually comes before the court before it is finalised. An attendance is defined as the number of times that parties or their representatives were required to be present in court (including any appointment which is adjourned or rescheduled) for all finalised matters during the year. Unless otherwise noted, a court appearance extending over more than one day is counted as one attendance. Attendances are heard by a judicial officer or mediator/arbitrator.
- (b) NSW attendance indicator data have been sourced from a combination of recently developed reports and manual interpretation. The reporting process continues to be refined.
- (c) Although Victorian Supreme Court attendance data were provided up until the 2015 report, data have not been provided by the Victorian Supreme Court in subsequent year reports.
- (d) Attendance data for WA are based on number of hearings listed, not the number which actually occurred.

Table 7A.21 **Attendance indicator (average number of attendances per finalisation) (a)**

	<i>NSW (b)</i>	<i>Vic (c)</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (d)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>
(e)	Queensland Supreme Court data for the count of attendances in the criminal and civil jurisdictions do not include appeal cases.								
(f)	For the civil jurisdiction of the ACT Magistrates and Children's court, data are based on all listings for a case, including return of subpoenas, settlement and case management conferences and multiple attendances are counted for a single event. For the criminal jurisdiction of the ACT Magistrates and Children's court, data are based on all listings for a case and multiple attendances are counted for a single event.								
(g)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.								
(h)	Queensland Children's Court finalisation data are based on a count of cases, not the number of children involved in the care and protection case.								
(i)	The Victorian Children's Court civil attendance data have been revised back to 2011-12. Comparisons with prior years should not be undertaken.								
(j)	Family Court of Australia data include all conference events that may have a binding order made. It also contains divorce hearings that may not require the attendance of parties, however these are included as they form part of the lodgment and finalisation data.								
(k)	Excludes responses to applications.								
(l)	Coroner court data refer to attendances where an inquest was held.								

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.22

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme courts									
Appeal (b)									
2017-18	93.1	105.2	90.9	93.5	98.8	94.3	120.5	83.3	96.6
2016-17	114.6	83.3	104.2	97.3	97.1	160.9	93.1	52.6	99.8
2015-16	94.2	109.1	106.6	93.9	106.5	106.3	93.9	73.3	101.2
2014-15	127.2	107.6	94.4	104.9	89.4	74.3	95.7	111.8	104.4
2013-14	86.3	99.7	101.4	108.0	87.5	81.8	79.0	140.0	95.8
2012-13	109.1	112.7	92.8	98.2	99.6	113.6	122.2	55.6	102.5
2011-12	87.6	151.7	104.1	90.4	105.1	92.9	103.5	115.0	106.9
Non-appeal (c)									
2017-18	86.0	69.5	111.1	115.8	90.8	85.7	96.7	85.1	101.6
2016-17	101.0	111.1	86.8	86.5	81.1	85.4	83.9	105.2	89.5
2015-16	81.7	124.4	86.7	93.3	126.7	97.1	93.9	85.7	90.2
2014-15	105.8	83.2	89.6	88.9	92.0	90.0	90.5	85.6	89.2
2013-14	103.4	100.9	89.8	81.2	104.6	88.8	106.6	78.0	89.4
2012-13	129.5	89.0	118.4	98.1	115.3	102.5	175.6	96.5	111.9
2011-12	79.6	139.8	105.8	91.4	98.3	95.2	99.3	99.8	100.5
All matters									
2017-18	91.5	94.8	108.5	103.4	97.1	86.2	101.8	85.0	100.2
2016-17	111.6	90.2	89.2	91.8	94.2	88.6	86.5	103.3	92.6
2015-16	91.3	112.7	90.5	93.6	110.2	97.7	93.9	85.5	93.8
2014-15	122.4	100.9	90.6	96.9	89.8	88.9	92.2	86.3	94.6
2013-14	89.4	100.0	93.0	95.9	90.9	88.4	96.6	80.5	92.1
2012-13	114.7	104.9	110.5	98.2	103.7	102.9	155.3	94.2	108.0
2011-12	85.4	149.4	105.3	90.8	104.0	95.1	100.5	100.4	103.0

TABLE 7A.22

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts									
Appeal									
2017-18	98.0	98.9	100.5	..	..	..	..	..	98.3
2016-17	99.9	97.4	102.5	..	..	..	..	..	99.3
2015-16	99.3	100.2	103.5	..	..	..	..	..	99.7
2014-15	98.3	108.4	91.1	..	..	..	..	..	100.8
2013-14	99.8	103.4	87.4	..	..	..	..	..	100.3
2012-13	99.2	92.1	271.9	..	..	..	..	..	104.2
2011-12	102.8	103.6	83.4	..	..	..	..	..	102.0
Non-appeal									
2017-18	103.8	82.7	95.2	102.4	111.5	..	..	..	98.1
2016-17	94.5	88.1	96.8	93.9	98.2	..	..	..	94.8
2015-16	91.8	97.4	94.2	84.6	100.6	..	..	..	93.4
2014-15	85.9	105.3	96.5	86.0	92.5	..	..	..	92.9
2013-14	94.9	99.5	96.8	95.3	101.3	..	..	..	97.2
2012-13	89.5	96.1	105.9	101.4	95.3	..	..	..	98.0
2011-12	98.7	109.6	104.5	99.5	99.8	..	..	..	102.5
All matters									
2017-18	100.2	91.5	95.5	102.4	111.5	..	..	..	98.2
2016-17	97.7	93.3	97.1	93.9	98.2	..	..	..	96.4
2015-16	96.4	99.0	94.8	84.6	100.6	..	..	..	95.9
2014-15	93.6	107.1	96.1	86.0	92.5	..	..	..	96.0
2013-14	98.0	101.7	96.0	95.3	101.3	..	..	..	98.4
2012-13	95.6	94.0	119.1	101.4	95.3	..	..	..	100.4
2011-12	101.4	106.3	102.5	99.5	99.8	..	..	..	102.3

TABLE 7A.22

Table 7A.22 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, criminal (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts									
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (d)									
2017-18	102.1	100.7	101.9	99.6	99.7	100.9	132.3	97.7	101.4
2016-17	100.0	94.3	101.3	105.6	104.6	92.2	71.5	99.4	99.5
2015-16	97.4	98.7	98.4	101.9	94.1	95.7	97.3	100.1	98.3
2014-15	101.1	97.3	97.4	103.4	102.7	91.9	95.7	103.9	99.1
2013-14	100.4	96.4	95.4	98.4	105.8	94.3	97.5	94.6	97.8
2012-13	98.4	95.3	97.5	95.6	100.8	108.1	98.8	108.3	97.6
2011-12	104.9	94.4	100.1	96.5	101.3	102.9	103.8	112.6	99.7
Children's courts									
2017-18	97.4	103.4	94.7	109.0	97.0	98.3	100.0	102.0	99.6
2016-17	100.9	111.4	97.8	112.2	113.2	86.5	85.0	97.8	105.3
2015-16	98.1	108.6	110.5	96.8	98.2	103.7	108.8	96.8	104.7
2014-15	100.0	103.3	102.4	104.6	110.0	98.9	102.6	102.6	103.0
2013-14	101.9	106.7	101.3	100.0	105.2	101.2	105.0	88.8	103.2
2012-13	99.6	105.5	106.9	98.5	100.8	110.6	114.5	103.0	103.6
2011-12	105.6	101.7	101.8	101.4	101.9	94.8	107.6	90.2	101.9
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)									
2017-18	101.8	100.9	101.3	100.3	99.5	100.7	130.6	98.1	101.3
2016-17	100.0	96.0	101.1	106.1	105.2	91.9	71.9	99.2	99.9
2015-16	97.4	100.0	99.1	101.5	94.4	96.2	97.8	99.7	98.8
2014-15	101.1	97.7	97.7	103.5	103.3	92.4	95.9	103.7	99.4
2013-14	100.5	97.3	95.7	98.5	105.8	94.8	97.8	94.0	98.2
2012-13	98.5	96.4	98.1	95.8	100.8	108.3	100.0	107.8	98.1
2011-12	105.0	95.2	100.2	96.8	101.3	102.1	104.1	110.2	99.9

TABLE 7A.22

Table 7A.22 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, criminal (per cent) (a)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
All criminal courts									
2017-18	101.7	100.6	101.1	100.3	100.0	100.3	129.0	97.5	101.2
2016-17	99.9	95.9	100.8	105.7	104.8	91.8	72.5	99.4	99.8
2015-16	97.3	100.0	98.9	101.1	94.7	96.2	97.6	99.1	98.6
2014-15	100.7	97.9	97.6	103.0	102.8	92.3	95.8	103.0	99.3
2013-14	100.3	97.4	95.7	98.4	105.5	94.7	97.8	93.6	98.1
2012-13	98.3	96.4	98.7	96.0	100.6	108.1	102.7	107.3	98.2
2011-12	104.7	95.6	100.3	96.9	101.3	102.0	103.9	109.9	100.0

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Note: < 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.
 100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.
 >100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.

- (a) The clearance indicator is derived by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period, by the number of lodgments in the same period. The result is multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage. The clearance rate should be interpreted alongside lodgment and finalisation data (tables 7A.1 and 7A.5), and the backlog indicator (table 7A.17). Trends over time should also be considered. The clearance rate can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator: • a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload should be similar to the pending caseload 12 months earlier, • a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have decreased, • a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have increased.
- (b) Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.
- (c) A reduction in non-appeal finalisations in the Victorian Supreme Court in 2017-18 was influenced by an increase in the number of committals without a guilty plea, a series of late mistrials, trial adjournments and trial complexity.
- (d) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- .. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.1 and 7A.5.

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
Appeal (b)										
2017-18	99.3	96.6	125.7	100.0	92.6	71.6	93.5	112.6	97.4	98.8
2016-17	109.5	112.1	90.1	110.5	89.3	89.9	169.5	86.4	84.8	97.5
2015-16	105.8	93.1	127.0	112.7	87.3	90.2	88.7	106.5	96.4	101.5
2014-15	111.9	117.8	75.5	81.6	91.0	85.1	116.1	95.5	84.2	95.3
2013-14	112.9	104.7	104.2	107.5	110.3	101.1	59.7	83.2	96.0	102.9
2012-13	91.2	105.9	99.6	106.0	86.7	105.6	80.0	110.9	100.2	98.4
2011-12	78.9	107.9	98.5	93.9	98.2	89.3	95.3	81.9	111.6	95.7
Non-appeal										
2017-18	95.4	105.2	99.9	95.2	115.4	117.5	91.2	113.5	93.9	99.0
2016-17	101.2	106.1	93.5	89.5	95.6	101.3	114.6	93.5	102.1	100.3
2015-16	104.8	115.0	103.5	94.0	102.4	103.6	102.2	78.8	98.3	104.3
2014-15	110.9	91.9	101.7	98.0	97.9	103.7	106.4	99.3	91.4	100.0
2013-14	115.6	101.9	111.9	96.3	107.1	116.5	111.4	106.5	114.7	109.7
2012-13	135.7	105.2	112.6	110.1	106.0	90.3	162.0	120.3	114.6	117.7
2011-12	125.3	112.9	129.2	109.6	98.8	102.7	172.3	107.9	109.7	118.1
All matters										
2017-18	95.8	104.7	101.1	95.4	112.5	112.9	91.5	113.2	94.6	99.0
2016-17	101.9	106.5	93.2	90.6	94.9	100.2	120.1	90.1	98.9	100.0
2015-16	104.9	113.8	105.1	95.1	101.2	102.3	100.8	90.6	98.0	104.0
2014-15	111.0	93.0	99.5	96.6	97.3	101.8	107.3	97.4	89.9	99.6
2013-14	115.4	102.1	111.4	97.0	107.4	115.1	105.9	96.7	112.0	109.1
2012-13	132.0	105.3	111.7	109.8	104.1	91.5	153.9	116.0	113.0	116.1
2011-12	121.7	112.6	127.3	108.7	98.7	101.6	167.1	96.0	109.9	116.3

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
Appeal										
2017-18	105.1	83.3	90.9	73.9	101.5	..	..	..	..	88.1
2016-17	119.7	185.7	88.1	97.3	138.5	..	..	..	..	116.1
2015-16	152.6	67.2	97.5	95.5	90.3	..	..	..	..	100.7
2014-15	118.7	181.6	91.8	99.2	102.7	..	..	..	..	111.4
2013-14	99.5	125.4	83.8	84.7	113.2	..	..	..	..	103.3
2012-13	107.2	81.5	118.9	98.3	80.9	..	..	..	..	93.3
2011-12	106.6	109.6	109.2	120.2	102.8	..	..	..	..	109.8
Non-appeal										
2017-18	113.7	105.7	101.0	95.8	117.3	..	..	..	..	105.4
2016-17	105.3	102.4	99.7	94.3	104.1	..	..	..	..	101.2
2015-16	108.9	113.0	103.2	101.7	108.9	..	..	..	..	107.3
2014-15	94.9	99.9	100.7	96.1	142.4	..	..	..	..	100.6
2013-14	103.9	100.3	95.7	98.1	152.1	..	..	..	..	103.6
2012-13	104.8	92.9	107.4	98.8	94.8	..	..	..	..	100.3
2011-12	107.0	96.8	94.9	106.8	124.5	..	..	..	..	103.4
All matters										
2017-18	113.6	105.5	100.8	95.2	116.6	..	..	..	..	105.2
2016-17	105.5	102.9	99.5	94.3	105.5	..	..	..	..	101.4
2015-16	109.4	112.6	103.1	101.5	107.7	..	..	..	..	107.2
2014-15	95.2	100.5	100.6	96.2	138.3	..	..	..	..	100.8
2013-14	103.8	100.8	95.6	97.8	148.6	..	..	..	..	103.6
2012-13	104.9	92.6	107.5	98.8	93.9	..	..	..	..	100.1
2011-12	107.0	97.2	95.0	107.1	124.2	..	..	..	..	103.6

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (c)										
2017-18	105.5	96.1	103.6	102.0	102.9	99.2	102.1	100.7	..	101.9
2016-17	106.5	96.9	96.2	99.6	100.4	104.5	99.6	128.0	..	101.1
2015-16	106.7	104.5	102.9	97.1	102.9	104.0	103.7	101.3	..	103.7
2014-15	105.1	106.9	104.8	96.9	102.7	106.8	104.2	99.0	..	104.1
2013-14	103.3	109.9	97.9	101.1	101.4	108.9	99.7	125.2	..	104.1
2012-13	99.5	107.7	97.5	100.1	91.3	107.1	93.6	106.5	..	100.9
2011-12	101.9	104.4	99.9	97.9	102.1	104.4	98.0	103.5	..	101.8
Children's courts										
2017-18	106.9	89.1	98.4	98.5	96.1	116.3	92.1	103.5	..	98.4
2016-17	103.2	97.4	91.9	97.8	100.7	107.6	122.4	97.4	..	99.1
2015-16	92.9	94.7	98.3	97.6	98.8	100.9	111.7	95.8	..	95.4
2014-15	95.1	86.5	98.4	105.1	88.1	121.2	72.3	102.3	..	93.6
2013-14	99.0	87.0	103.1	100.7	102.5	97.5	97.5	105.4	..	96.5
2012-13	100.4	98.2	99.2	90.2	102.0	108.7	112.3	103.1	..	98.6
2011-12	102.7	87.8	94.0	86.1	96.3	97.3	87.2	92.8	..	95.1
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	105.6	95.5	103.3	101.9	102.4	100.2	101.8	100.9	..	101.6
2016-17	106.2	96.9	95.9	99.5	100.4	104.6	100.7	125.2	..	101.0
2015-16	105.7	103.6	102.6	97.1	102.6	103.8	104.0	101.0	..	103.1
2014-15	104.4	105.3	104.4	97.2	101.9	107.4	103.0	99.2	..	103.4
2013-14	103.1	108.3	98.2	101.1	101.5	108.5	99.7	123.8	..	103.6
2012-13	99.5	107.1	97.6	99.6	91.7	107.2	94.1	106.3	..	100.8
2011-12	101.9	103.4	99.5	97.4	101.8	104.0	97.6	103.0	..	101.4

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	105.5	96.5	103.0	101.0	103.5	101.4	100.1	101.4	94.6	101.7
2016-17	106.0	97.8	96.0	98.6	100.5	104.1	103.4	123.5	98.9	100.9
2015-16	105.9	104.7	102.8	97.4	102.8	103.6	103.6	100.6	98.0	103.4
2014-15	104.4	104.2	103.8	97.1	103.7	106.7	103.5	99.2	89.9	103.0
2013-14	103.8	107.5	98.7	100.6	104.7	109.2	100.5	122.8	112.0	104.0
2012-13	101.5	106.2	99.2	99.9	92.4	105.3	101.3	106.6	113.0	101.8
2011-12	103.3	103.6	100.8	98.8	103.5	103.7	107.5	102.7	109.9	102.6
Family courts										
Appeal										
2017-18	..	..	..	75.0	..	..	..	..	82.1	81.9
2016-17	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	109.6	109.3
2015-16	..	..	..	100.0	..	..	..	..	95.4	95.5
2014-15	..	..	..	133.3	..	..	..	..	91.5	92.2
2013-14	..	..	..	83.3	..	..	..	..	105.8	105.4
2012-13	..	..	..	50.0	..	..	..	..	102.1	101.5
2011-12	..	..	..	80.0	..	..	..	..	89.0	88.9
Non-appeal										
2017-18	..	..	..	102.0	..	..	..	..	99.7	100.7
2016-17	..	..	..	92.3	..	..	..	..	97.6	95.3
2015-16	..	..	..	97.1	..	..	..	..	98.9	98.1
2014-15	..	..	..	93.5	..	..	..	..	98.6	96.4
2013-14	..	..	..	95.0	..	..	..	..	98.4	96.9
2012-13	..	..	..	100.5	..	..	..	..	101.2	100.9
2011-12	..	..	..	101.2	..	..	..	..	99.6	100.3

TABLE 7A.23

Table 7A.23 Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
All matters										
2017-18	..	..	..	102.0	..	..	..	..	99.4	100.5
2016-17	..	..	..	92.3	..	..	..	..	97.8	95.4
2015-16	..	..	..	97.1	..	..	..	..	98.9	98.1
2014-15	..	..	..	93.6	..	..	..	..	98.5	96.4
2013-14	..	..	..	95.0	..	..	..	..	98.5	97.0
2012-13	..	..	..	100.5	..	..	..	..	101.2	100.9
2011-12				101.2					99.4	100.2
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	99.5	99.5
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95.4	95.4
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96.5	96.5
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	93.9	93.9
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96.7	96.7
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101.1	101.1
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	96.8	96.8
Coroners' courts										
2017-18	98.2	97.9	93.1	101.4	108.2	101.2	97.1	78.2	..	98.1
2016-17	94.5	100.6	89.7	99.9	72.9	100.5	102.0	118.5	..	93.8
2015-16	100.2	104.6	100.5	92.5	89.8	87.0	85.6	115.1	..	99.3
2014-15	106.1	108.5	93.1	92.2	106.6	90.2	104.4	91.1	..	102.1
2013-14	108.8	121.7	104.8	101.3	90.9	92.3	105.0	116.8	..	108.6
2012-13	110.9	93.3	105.0	102.9	84.2	81.1	104.0	99.7	..	100.4
2011-12	131.9	98.4	106.9	115.6	113.9	96.7	100.9	93.4	..	112.5

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 7A.23 **Clearance indicator – finalisations/lodgments, civil (per cent) (a)**

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts	Total
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Note: < 100: There were more lodgments than finalisations in the reported year.

100: There were the same number of lodgments as finalisations in the reported year.

>100: There were more finalisations than lodgments in the reported year.

- (a) The clearance indicator is derived by dividing the number of finalisations in the reporting period, by the number of lodgments in the same period. The result is multiplied by 100 to convert to a percentage. The clearance rate should be interpreted alongside lodgment and finalisation data (tables 7A.2 and 7A.6), and the backlog indicator (table 7A.18). Trends over time should also be considered. The clearance rate can be affected by external factors (such as those causing changes in lodgment rates), as well as by changes in a court's case management practices. The following can assist in interpretation of this indicator:
- a figure of 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised as many cases as were lodged, and the pending caseload should be similar to the pending caseload 12 months earlier,
 - a figure greater than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised more cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have decreased,
 - a figure less than 100 per cent indicates that, during the reporting period, the court finalised fewer cases than were lodged, and the pending caseload should have increased.
- (b) Prior to 2017-18 Supreme Court appeal data in Queensland were overstated due to secondary applications on appeal files being counted as new lodgments. This was corrected in 2017-18. Therefore data for 2017-18 are not comparable with previous years.
- (c) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
- .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.2 and 7A.6.

TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24		Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)									
	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Criminal											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
Supreme courts (f), (g)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	13.2	13.2	11.7	6.8	6.7	4.7	4.3	4.8	..	65.4
2016-17	(no. FTE)	13.0	15.3	10.5	6.4	6.8	4.0	4.4	5.0	..	65.4
2015-16	(no. FTE)	15.3	17.5	10.2	7.5	7.3	3.9	4.0	5.0	..	70.7
2014-15	(no. FTE)	12.3	17.4	9.6	7.5	6.5	3.9	3.4	4.4	..	65.0
2013-14	(no. FTE)	11.6	16.4	10.2	6.3	6.3	3.9	3.4	4.1	..	62.3
2012-13	(no. FTE)	12.1	16.1	10.6	6.5	7.2	3.9	3.1	4.0	..	63.5
2011-12	(no. FTE)	13.5	16.1	10.9	7.7	6.6	3.9	2.6	3.7	..	65.0
District/county courts (h), (i), (j)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	52.6	47.2	27.9	22.1	14.7	..	..	..	..	164.4
2016-17	(no. FTE)	43.7	44.1	26.7	16.3	13.9	..	..	..	..	144.6
2015-16	(no. FTE)	42.7	43.2	27.9	18.3	12.9	..	..	..	..	145.0
2014-15	(no. FTE)	38.6	43.0	29.5	17.5	12.3	..	..	..	..	140.9
2013-14	(no. FTE)	38.0	41.0	28.1	16.9	14.0	..	..	..	..	138.0
2012-13	(no. FTE)	37.5	42.7	28.0	18.3	15.8	..	..	..	..	142.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	37.6	43.9	28.4	18.4	15.4	..	..	..	..	143.7
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (k), (l)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	98.1	78.2	73.0	31.2	27.7	8.7	6.3	9.2	..	332.5
2016-17	(no. FTE)	83.9	75.1	73.6	32.3	26.9	8.6	5.8	8.8	..	315.0
2015-16	(no. FTE)	89.7	71.7	69.1	31.3	27.7	8.6	6.1	8.5	..	312.7
2014-15	(no. FTE)	91.8	71.8	70.0	37.0	27.3	8.6	4.0	8.8	..	319.4
2013-14	(no. FTE)	88.5	72.4	69.2	37.5	24.7	9.9	3.8	8.3	..	314.3
2012-13	(no. FTE)	89.0	70.9	67.3	38.6	25.1	9.9	3.7	8.5	..	313.0
2011-12	(no. FTE)	108.3	72.9	64.6	34.9	26.0	9.9	3.5	8.2	..	328.3

TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24		Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)									
	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Children's courts (m)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	15.5	2.6	6.7	2.4	1.3	1.1	0.5	1.0	..	31.0
2016-17	(no. FTE)	14.7	2.7	5.0	2.3	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	..	28.6
2015-16	(no. FTE)	14.3	2.9	3.4	2.3	1.8	1.1	0.4	1.3	..	27.6
2014-15	(no. FTE)	11.9	2.5	3.6	3.7	1.9	1.1	0.4	1.2	..	26.2
2013-14	(no. FTE)	12.3	2.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	1.1	0.4	1.1	..	28.6
2012-13	(no. FTE)	12.7	2.4	5.2	3.6	3.8	1.1	0.4	1.1	..	30.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	13.8	2.0	5.3	3.9	3.6	1.1	0.4	1.1	..	31.1
Total number FTE judicial officers for criminal courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	179.4	141.1	119.3	62.4	50.4	14.5	11.1	15.0	..	593.2
2016-17	(no. FTE)	155.2	137.2	115.8	57.3	48.9	13.7	10.6	15.0	..	553.6
2015-16	(no. FTE)	162.0	135.3	110.6	59.5	49.7	13.6	10.5	14.8	..	556.0
2014-15	(no. FTE)	154.6	134.7	112.7	65.7	48.0	13.6	7.9	14.4	..	551.6
2013-14	(no. FTE)	150.4	132.4	111.1	64.4	48.8	14.9	7.6	13.5	..	543.2
2012-13	(no. FTE)	151.3	132.1	111.1	67.0	51.9	14.9	7.1	13.6	..	549.0
2011-12	(no. FTE)	173.2	134.9	109.2	64.9	51.6	14.9	6.5	13.0	..	568.1
Civil											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
Supreme/Federal Court (f), (g)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	45.4	45.6	13.5	15.5	6.2	3.5	2.3	4.0	45.7	181.7
2016-17	(no. FTE)	45.3	42.1	13.4	15.6	6.0	3.2	2.1	3.4	44.7	175.9
2015-16	(no. FTE)	41.3	40.9	12.3	14.6	6.9	3.1	1.9	3.3	56.0	180.3
2014-15	(no. FTE)	45.9	40.5	14.5	14.9	6.2	3.1	2.1	3.8	55.2	186.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	48.7	38.2	14.2	16.4	6.9	3.1	2.1	4.1	61.0	194.7
2012-13	(no. FTE)	45.5	37.6	13.2	16.1	6.4	3.1	3.0	4.1	56.0	185.0
2011-12	(no. FTE)	47.2	37.7	13.5	19.4	7.8	3.1	2.8	4.6	57.0	193.0

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	<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
District/county courts (h), (i), (j)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	22.3	20.5	6.3	5.9	5.4	..	..	..	..	60.5
2016-17	(no. FTE)	27.8	18.9	7.1	11.1	5.7	..	..	..	..	70.5
2015-16	(no. FTE)	25.1	20.3	6.7	9.9	5.5	..	..	..	..	67.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	25.7	19.7	7.0	9.8	5.9	..	..	..	..	68.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	26.4	20.6	6.5	9.1	5.2	..	..	..	..	67.8
2012-13	(no. FTE)	27.1	18.6	6.3	9.9	5.4	..	..	..	..	67.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	28.0	17.0	6.5	9.9	5.6	..	..	..	..	67.0
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (k), (l)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	19.1	37.2	14.9	14.5	6.3	1.8	1.4	6.3	..	101.6
2016-17	(no. FTE)	25.7	35.6	13.0	14.4	6.1	1.8	1.3	5.4	..	103.3
2015-16	(no. FTE)	17.8	33.7	12.8	14.6	6.1	1.8	1.4	5.5	..	93.7
2014-15	(no. FTE)	19.5	33.8	11.9	8.6	6.0	1.9	2.7	5.7	..	90.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	22.8	34.1	11.2	8.7	8.2	1.8	2.5	4.9	..	94.1
2012-13	(no. FTE)	24.0	33.4	10.9	9.0	8.4	1.8	2.4	6.2	..	96.1
2011-12	(no. FTE)	5.7	34.3	9.8	12.8	8.7	1.8	2.5	6.2	..	81.8
Children's courts (m)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	12.6	10.5	1.7	2.7	2.9	0.3	0.5	0.6	..	31.8
2016-17	(no. FTE)	13.0	10.9	1.5	2.6	2.9	0.3	0.5	0.5	..	32.2
2015-16	(no. FTE)	12.2	11.6	2.1	2.2	2.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	..	31.9
2014-15	(no. FTE)	10.6	10.1	2.2	1.0	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.4	..	26.5
2013-14	(no. FTE)	10.9	10.4	2.2	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.4	..	26.7
2012-13	(no. FTE)	11.3	9.6	3.3	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.1	0.3	..	27.3
2011-12	(no. FTE)	11.3	8.0	3.6	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.3	..	25.7

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	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Total civil (excluding family courts, federal circuit court and coroners courts)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	99.4	113.8	36.4	38.6	20.8	5.6	4.3	10.8	45.7	375.5
2016-17	(no. FTE)	111.7	107.5	35.0	43.7	20.8	5.3	3.9	9.4	44.7	381.9
2015-16	(no. FTE)	96.4	106.5	33.9	41.3	21.1	5.2	3.8	9.2	56.0	373.3
2014-15	(no. FTE)	101.7	104.1	35.6	34.3	20.0	5.3	4.8	9.9	55.2	370.9
2013-14	(no. FTE)	108.7	103.3	34.1	35.4	21.2	5.5	4.7	9.4	61.0	383.3
2012-13	(no. FTE)	107.9	99.2	33.7	36.2	21.1	5.5	5.5	10.6	56.0	375.7
2011-12	(no. FTE)	92.1	97.0	33.4	43.1	22.9	5.5	5.3	11.2	57.0	367.5
Family courts (n)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	16.2	..	..	..	..	31.6	47.8
2016-17	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.1	..	..	..	..	32.0	47.1
2015-16	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.3	..	..	..	..	33.4	48.7
2014-15	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	14.8	..	..	..	..	32.7	47.5
2013-14	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	14.0	..	..	..	..	33.4	47.4
2012-13	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	15.9	..	..	..	..	31.2	47.1
2011-12	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	14.0	..	..	..	..	31.0	45.0
Federal Circuit Court (n)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.1	66.1
2016-17	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.1	63.1
2015-16	(no. FTE)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61.4	61.4
2014-15	(no. FTE)	62.2	62.2
2013-14	(no. FTE)	64.8	64.8
2012-13	(no. FTE)	62.5	62.5
2011-12	(no. FTE)	62.4	62.4

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	Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Coroners' courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	5.5	9.8	8.0	3.9	2.8	2.8	0.2	1.5	..	34.5
2016-17	(no. FTE)	5.3	9.0	8.0	4.0	2.0	2.8	0.2	1.5	..	32.7
2015-16	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.0	8.1	3.9	2.0	2.8	0.2	1.6	..	32.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.3	8.0	4.0	2.0	2.5	0.9	1.5	..	33.1
2013-14	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.5	8.0	3.3	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	..	30.5
2012-13	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.5	9.5	4.0	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	..	32.7
2011-12	(no. FTE)	5.0	9.5	10.2	2.5	2.0	0.4	0.8	1.5	..	31.9
Total number FTE judicial officers for civil courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	104.9	123.7	44.5	58.7	23.6	8.4	4.5	12.3	143.3	523.8
2016-17	(no. FTE)	117.0	116.5	43.0	62.8	22.8	8.1	4.0	10.9	139.7	524.7
2015-16	(no. FTE)	101.4	115.5	42.0	60.5	23.1	8.0	3.9	10.7	150.8	516.0
2014-15	(no. FTE)	106.7	113.3	43.6	53.1	22.0	7.8	5.7	11.3	150.1	513.6
2013-14	(no. FTE)	113.7	112.8	42.1	52.7	23.2	5.9	5.5	10.9	159.2	526.0
2012-13	(no. FTE)	112.9	108.7	43.2	56.1	23.1	5.9	6.3	12.1	149.7	517.9
2011-12	(no. FTE)	97.1	106.5	43.6	59.6	24.9	5.9	6.1	12.7	150.4	506.8
Criminal and civil											
Number of FTE judicial officers											
Supreme/ Federal Court											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	58.6	58.8	25.2	22.3	12.9	8.2	6.6	8.8	45.7	247.1
2016-17	(no. FTE)	58.3	57.5	23.9	22.0	12.9	7.2	6.5	8.4	44.7	241.3
2015-16	(no. FTE)	56.6	58.4	22.5	22.1	14.2	7.0	5.8	8.4	56.0	251.0
2014-15	(no. FTE)	58.2	57.9	24.1	22.4	12.7	7.0	5.5	8.2	55.2	251.2
2013-14	(no. FTE)	60.4	54.6	24.4	22.7	13.2	7.0	5.5	8.3	61.0	257.0
2012-13	(no. FTE)	57.6	53.7	23.8	22.6	13.6	7.0	6.1	8.1	56.0	248.5
2011-12	(no. FTE)	60.7	53.8	24.4	27.1	14.4	7.0	5.3	8.3	57.0	258.0

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District/county courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	74.9	67.7	34.2	28.0	20.1	224.9
2016-17	(no. FTE)	71.4	63.0	33.8	27.3	19.6	215.1
2015-16	(no. FTE)	67.8	63.5	34.6	28.2	18.4	..	..	..	..	212.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	64.3	62.7	36.5	27.3	18.2	..	..	..	..	209.0
2013-14	(no. FTE)	64.4	61.6	34.6	26.0	19.2	..	..	..	..	205.8
2012-13	(no. FTE)	64.6	61.3	34.3	28.2	21.2	..	..	..	..	209.6
2011-12	(no. FTE)	65.6	60.9	34.9	28.3	21.0	..	..	..	..	210.7
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	117.3	115.4	87.9	45.7	34.1	10.5	7.8	15.5	..	434.0
2016-17	(no. FTE)	109.5	110.7	86.6	46.7	33.1	10.4	7.1	14.2	..	418.3
2015-16	(no. FTE)	107.5	105.4	81.9	45.9	33.8	10.4	7.5	14.0	..	406.4
2014-15	(no. FTE)	111.3	105.6	81.9	45.6	33.3	10.5	6.7	14.6	..	409.5
2013-14	(no. FTE)	111.3	106.5	80.4	46.2	32.9	11.7	6.2	13.2	..	408.4
2012-13	(no. FTE)	113.0	104.3	78.2	47.6	33.5	11.7	6.1	14.6	..	409.1
2011-12	(no. FTE)	114.0	107.2	74.4	47.7	34.7	11.7	6.0	14.4	..	410.1
Children's courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE)	28.0	13.1	8.4	5.0	4.2	1.4	1.0	1.6	..	62.7
2016-17	(no. FTE)	27.8	13.6	6.5	4.9	4.1	1.4	0.9	1.7	..	60.9
2015-16	(no. FTE)	26.5	14.5	5.5	4.6	4.4	1.4	0.9	1.7	..	59.5
2014-15	(no. FTE)	22.5	12.6	5.8	4.7	3.8	1.4	0.5	1.5	..	52.7
2013-14	(no. FTE)	23.2	13.0	5.8	4.9	4.7	1.7	0.5	1.4	..	55.2
2012-13	(no. FTE)	24.0	12.0	8.5	4.8	4.7	1.7	0.4	1.4	..	57.6
2011-12	(no. FTE)	25.0	10.0	8.9	4.9	4.4	1.7	0.4	1.4	..	56.8

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Total number FTE judicial officers for criminal and civil courts										
2017-18 (no. FTE)	284.2	264.8	163.8	121.1	74.0	22.9	15.5	27.4	143.3	1 117.1
2016-17 (no. FTE)	272.2	253.7	158.7	120.0	71.7	21.8	14.6	25.9	139.7	1 078.4
2015-16 (no. FTE)	263.3	250.8	152.6	120.1	72.8	21.6	14.4	25.6	150.8	1 072.0
2014-15 (no. FTE)	261.3	248.0	156.3	118.8	70.0	21.4	13.6	25.8	150.1	1 065.2
2013-14 (no. FTE)	264.2	245.3	153.2	117.1	72.0	20.8	13.0	24.4	159.2	1 069.2
2012-13 (no. FTE)	264.2	240.8	154.3	123.1	75.0	20.8	13.5	25.7	149.7	1 067.0
2011-12 (no. FTE)	270.3	241.4	152.8	124.5	76.5	20.8	12.5	25.7	150.4	1 074.9
Criminal										
Number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.9	1.0	2.0	..	0.3
2016-17	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.0	..	0.3
2015-16	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.0	2.1	..	0.3
2014-15	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.8	..	0.3
2013-14	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.7	..	0.3
2012-13	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.8	1.7	..	0.3
2011-12	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.6	..	0.3
District/county courts										
2017-18	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.9	..	..	..	..	0.7
2016-17	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	..	..	..	..	0.6
2015-16	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	..	..	..	..	0.6
2014-15	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
2013-14	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
2012-13	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.6
2011-12	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6

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Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2017-18	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.5	3.7	..	1.3
2016-17		1.1	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.4	3.6	..	1.3
2015-16		1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.5	3.5	..	1.3
2014-15		1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.0	3.6	..	1.4
2013-14		1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.0	3.4	..	1.3
2012-13		1.2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.0	3.6	..	1.4
2011-12		1.5	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.9	1.0	3.5	..	1.5
Children's courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	..	0.1
2016-17		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2015-16		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2014-15		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2013-14		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4	..	0.1
2012-13		0.2	–	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
2011-12		0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	..	0.1
Total for criminal courts											
2017-18	(no. FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people)	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.7	6.1	..	2.4
2016-17		2.0	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.8	2.6	2.6	6.1	..	2.3
2015-16		2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.6	2.6	6.1	..	2.3
2014-15		2.0	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.0	5.9	..	2.3
2013-14		2.0	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.0	5.6	..	2.3
2012-13		2.1	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.9	1.9	5.7	..	2.4
2011-12		2.4	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.9	1.7	5.6	..	2.5

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Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)	
Civil											
Number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people											
Supreme/Federal Court											
2017-18	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.6	0.2	0.7	
2016-17	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.7	
2015-16	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.4	0.2	0.8	
2014-15	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.6	0.2	0.8	
2013-14	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.7	0.3	0.8	
2012-13	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.7	0.2	0.8	
2011-12	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.3	0.9	
District/county courts											
2017-18	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.2
2016-17	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.3
2015-16	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.3
2014-15	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.3
2013-14	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.3
2012-13	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.3
2011-12	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.3	..	..	..	..	0.3
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)											
2017-18	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.5	..	0.4	
2016-17	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.2	..	0.4	
2015-16	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.3	..	0.4	
2014-15	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	2.4	..	0.4	
2013-14	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.0	..	0.4	
2012-13	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	2.6	..	0.4	
2011-12	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7	2.7	..	0.4	

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Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Children's courts										
2017-18	0.2	0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	..	0.1
2016-17	0.2	0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	..	0.1
2015-16	0.2	0.2	–	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	..	0.1
2014-15	0.1	0.2	–	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	..	0.1
2013-14	0.1	0.2	–	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	..	0.1
2012-13	0.2	0.2	0.1	–	0.1	0.1	–	0.1	..	0.1
2011-12	0.2	0.1	0.1	–	0.0	0.1	–	0.1	..	0.1
Total civil (excluding family courts, federal circuit court and coroners courts)										
2017-18	1.3	1.8	0.7	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	4.4	0.2	1.5
2016-17	1.4	1.7	0.7	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.9	3.8	0.2	1.6
2015-16	1.3	1.7	0.7	1.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	3.8	0.2	1.6
2014-15	1.3	1.7	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.2	4.1	0.2	1.6
2013-14	1.5	1.8	0.7	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.2	3.9	0.3	1.6
2012-13	1.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.4	4.4	0.2	1.6
2011-12	1.3	1.7	0.7	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.4	4.8	0.3	1.6
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2016-17	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2015-16	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2014-15	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2013-14	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2012-13	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2
2011-12	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	..	..	0.1	0.2

TABLE 7A.24

Unit (b)	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA (c)	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust cts (d)	Total (e)
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.3	0.3
Coroner's court										
2017-18	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
2016-17	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
2015-16	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	–	0.6	..	0.1
2014-15	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2013-14	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2012-13	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
2011-12	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	..	0.1
Total for civil courts										
2017-18	1.3	1.9	0.9	2.3	1.4	1.6	1.1	5.0	0.6	2.1
2016-17	1.5	1.9	0.9	2.4	1.3	1.6	1.0	4.4	0.6	2.2
2015-16	1.3	1.9	0.9	2.4	1.4	1.6	1.0	4.4	0.6	2.2
2014-15	1.4	1.9	0.9	2.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	4.7	0.6	2.2
2013-14	1.5	1.9	0.9	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	4.5	0.7	2.3
2012-13	1.5	1.9	0.9	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.7	5.1	0.7	2.3
2011-12	1.3	1.9	1.0	2.5	1.5	1.2	1.6	5.4	0.7	2.3

TABLE 7A.24

Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Criminal and civil										
Number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people										
Supreme/Federal Court										
2017-18	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.6	1.6	3.6	0.2	1.0
2016-17	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.4	0.2	1.0
2015-16	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.5	3.4	0.2	1.0
2014-15	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	3.4	0.2	1.1
2013-14	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	3.4	0.3	1.1
2012-13	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.4	0.2	1.1
2011-12	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.4	3.6	0.3	1.1
District/county courts										
2017-18	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.2	..	..	..	..	0.9
2016-17	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	0.9
2015-16	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	0.9
2014-15	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	0.9
2013-14	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.1	..	..	..	..	0.9
2012-13	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.3	..	..	..	..	0.9
2011-12	0.9	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.3	..	..	..	..	0.9
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	6.3	..	1.8
2016-17	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.7	5.8	..	1.7
2015-16	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	5.7	..	1.7
2014-15	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.7	6.0	..	1.7
2013-14	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.3	1.6	5.5	..	1.8
2012-13	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.3	1.6	6.1	..	1.8
2011-12	1.6	1.9	1.6	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.6	6.2	..	1.8

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Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	..	0.3
2016-17	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.7	..	0.2
2015-16	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	..	0.2
2014-15	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	..	0.2
2013-14	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	..	0.2
2012-13	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	..	0.3
2011-12	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.6	..	0.3
Total for criminal and civil courts										
2017-18	3.6	4.1	3.3	4.7	4.3	4.4	3.7	11.1	0.6	4.5
2016-17	3.5	4.1	3.3	4.7	4.2	4.2	3.6	10.6	0.6	4.4
2015-16	3.4	4.1	3.2	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.6	10.5	0.6	4.5
2014-15	3.5	4.2	3.3	4.7	4.1	4.2	3.5	10.6	0.6	4.5
2013-14	3.5	4.2	3.3	4.7	4.3	4.1	3.4	10.1	0.7	4.6
2012-13	3.6	4.2	3.3	5.0	4.5	4.1	3.5	10.7	0.7	4.7
2011-12	3.7	4.3	3.4	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.4	11.0	0.7	4.8

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) Judicial officers are defined as: judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data are provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.
- (b) no. FTE = number of full time equivalent judicial officers.
- (c) WA Supreme Court judicial officers FTE and registry court FTE staff between 2011-12 and 2014-15 were revised following a detailed review of WA's adherence to relevant counting rules. The data extraction process is now in line with the counting rules. Bail hearings are now excluded, however this significantly under-represents the true FTE usage associated with the processing of bail applications in their entirety as out of court time is not captured. Data for the reference periods prior to 2011-12 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.

Table 7A.24 **Judicial officers (FTE and number per 100 000 people) (a)**

	<i>Unit (b)</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA (c)</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts (d)</i>	<i>Total (e)</i>
(d)	For the Australian courts, the number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people is derived by dividing the number of FTE officers for each court by the Australian population.										
(e)	FTE totals in this column are the sum of all states and territories, and the Australian courts, as applicable. Totals for the number of FTE judicial officers per 100 000 people are derived by dividing the total number of judicial FTE in the financial year by the Australian population (per 100,000 people) for the relevant reference period. Population is estimated by taking the midpoint population estimate of the relevant financial year (31 December). ERP data for 2011-2012 to 2015-16 are final based on the <i>2016 Census of Population and Housing</i> . Estimates for 2016-17 (December quarter) onwards are also based on the 2016 Census but are preliminary. From December 2016 the ERP also includes Norfolk Island in the Australian total (in addition to the other territories).										
(f)	In the NSW Supreme Court the FTE counts for permanent judges are based on the appointments in place at 30 June; for acting judges the FTE counts are based on actual days paid for during the reporting period.										
(g)	Victorian Supreme Court FTE data for 2017-18 excludes FTE work associated with bail applications, consistent with RoGS counting rules. FTE data should not be directly compared with prior years.										
(h)	Appeals are not heard in the criminal jurisdiction of the district courts in WA or SA, instead they are heard in the supreme courts in WA and SA.										
(i)	WA District Court judicial officers FTE for 2017-18 has been revised following a detailed review of WA's apportionment model between criminal and civil jurisdictions. FTE data for the years prior to 2017-18 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.										
(j)	NSW District Court judicial officers FTE for 2017-18 have been revised following a review of the apportionment model between criminal and civil jurisdictions. FTE data for the years prior to 2017-18 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.										
(k)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.										
(l)	NSW Magistrates' Court judicial officers FTE for 2017-18 have been revised following a review of the apportionment model between criminal and civil jurisdictions. FTE data for the years prior to 2017-18 should not be used to undertake comparative analysis.										
(m)	In Tasmania, all children's court judicial resources are included in the criminal jurisdiction. Child protection matters are lodged in the Criminal Registry.										
(n)	The Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court share resources for administration and some judicial type functions. The FTE values have been attributed to each jurisdiction on the basis of either being directly attributed to the jurisdiction or allocated to the jurisdiction on a proportional basis of the total services that jurisdiction has generated and subsequently likely to have consumed to deliver that service. These are estimates only.										
	.. Not applicable.										

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished); ABS *Australian Demographic Statistics*, December quarter, various years (cat. no. 3101.0).

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Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Criminal										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	28.5	34.2	4.0	10.3	22.3	8.9	10.8	9.2	..	10.6
2016-17	25.1	38.8	4.3	10.1	24.9	8.4	14.3	9.0	..	11.7
2015-16	35.7	43.0	5.3	12.6	20.5	8.3	15.2	8.5	..	14.0
2014-15	21.8	38.2	6.6	12.6	23.0	8.7	11.1	7.9	..	13.9
2013-14	26.9	37.6	8.2	10.0	21.0	9.3	9.3	10.6	..	14.8
2012-13	23.4	34.5	7.9	9.2	21.4	7.0	7.0	8.8	..	13.2
2011-12	31.2	24.4	7.1	12.8	17.9	6.9	6.4	7.1	..	12.8
District/county courts										
2017-18	4.4	9.3	3.7	8.3	7.5	..	..	..	..	5.6
2016-17	3.7	8.8	4.0	6.8	6.5	..	..	..	..	5.1
2015-16	3.5	8.2	4.7	8.9	5.9	..	..	..	..	5.3
2014-15	3.6	7.9	5.1	9.3	5.8	..	..	..	..	5.5
2013-14	3.5	7.8	5.2	9.2	5.8	..	..	..	..	5.4
2012-13	3.7	8.5	4.6	9.1	7.2	..	..	..	..	5.6
2011-12	3.6	8.4	4.9	9.4	7.5	..	..	..	..	5.6
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	..	0.5
2016-17	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.8	..	0.4
2015-16	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.7	..	0.4
2014-15	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	..	0.4
2013-14	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6	..	0.4
2012-13	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	..	0.5
2011-12	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	..	0.5

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Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	1.5	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.2	0.8	..	0.6
2016-17	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.7	0.8	..	0.5
2015-16	1.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.4	0.8	..	0.4
2014-15	1.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.4	0.7	..	0.5
2013-14	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.7	..	0.5
2012-13	1.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.7	..	0.5
2011-12	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	..	0.5
Total criminal										
2017-18	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.1	..	0.7
2016-17	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.1	..	0.7
2015-16	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.8	1.0	..	0.7
2014-15	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.9	..	0.6
2013-14	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	..	0.7
2012-13	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.2	0.8	..	0.7
2011-12	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.8	..	0.7
Civil										
Supreme/Federal Court										
2017-18	6.2	7.6	4.6	6.0	5.2	4.7	3.9	15.4	8.2	6.7
2016-17	5.8	6.9	4.4	6.3	5.6	3.8	2.9	14.5	7.9	6.3
2015-16	4.6	5.8	3.6	5.6	5.6	3.7	3.0	14.4	9.5	5.8
2014-15	4.8	5.5	4.3	6.2	5.3	3.3	3.4	14.4	14.1	6.3
2013-14	4.8	5.5	3.7	6.9	5.5	2.8	3.1	17.8	10.9	6.0
2012-13	3.7	5.0	3.1	5.7	4.9	3.0	3.5	13.7	8.5	5.0
2011-12	3.8	4.4	2.5	6.0	5.5	2.9	2.6	15.9	9.8	4.9

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Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
District/county courts										
2017-18	3.1	3.1	1.3	1.2	3.1	..	..	..	..	2.4
2016-17	3.5	2.9	1.4	2.2	2.9	..	..	..	..	2.7
2015-16	3.2	3.0	1.3	2.0	3.0	..	..	..	..	2.5
2014-15	3.8	2.9	1.3	2.1	2.4	..	..	..	..	2.6
2013-14	3.5	3.1	1.2	2.0	1.7	..	..	..	..	2.5
2012-13	3.5	2.9	1.0	2.2	1.8	..	..	..	..	2.4
2011-12	3.4	2.7	1.1	1.9	1.8	..	..	..	..	2.3
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.2	..	0.3
2016-17	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.9	..	0.3
2015-16	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.8	..	0.3
2014-15	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	..	0.2
2013-14	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	..	0.2
2012-13	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.9	..	0.2
2011-12	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.9	..	0.2
Children's courts										
2017-18	1.3	1.4	0.4	1.3	1.6	0.7	4.7	1.2	..	1.2
2016-17	1.4	1.4	0.4	1.5	1.4	0.9	2.4	1.1	..	1.2
2015-16	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.3	1.2	0.9	2.8	0.9	..	1.3
2014-15	1.3	1.5	0.6	0.4	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.8	..	1.1
2013-14	1.2	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	2.2	0.7	0.8	..	1.2
2012-13	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.6	0.9	..	1.1
2011-12	1.3	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.6	1.4	0.9	1.0	..	1.2

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Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total civil (excluding family courts, federal circuit court and coroners courts)										
2017-18	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.8	8.2	0.9
2016-17	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	7.9	0.9
2015-16	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.3	9.5	0.8
2014-15	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.3	14.1	0.8
2013-14	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.2	10.9	0.8
2012-13	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.2	1.4	8.5	0.8
2011-12	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.1	1.5	9.8	0.7
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.5	1.3
2016-17	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.6	1.3
2015-16	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.6	1.3
2014-15	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.6	1.4
2013-14	..	..	..	1.0	..	..	..	..	1.7	1.4
2012-13	..	..	..	1.1	..	..	..	..	1.7	1.4
2011-12	..	..	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	1.7	1.4
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.7	0.7
2016-17	0.7	0.7
2015-16	0.7	0.7
2014-15	0.7	0.7
2013-14	0.7	0.7
2012-13	0.7	0.7
2011-12	0.7	0.7

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Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Coroners' courts										
2017-18	0.9	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.0	4.6	0.6	6.2	..	1.4
2016-17	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.1	4.8	0.5	4.5	..	1.4
2015-16	0.8	1.4	1.5	1.9	0.9	5.7	0.7	5.1	..	1.4
2014-15	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.0	0.8	5.1	0.9	5.7	..	1.4
2013-14	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.0	0.7	0.7	4.4	..	1.2
2012-13	0.8	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	5.0	..	1.4
2011-12	0.6	1.9	2.1	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	5.3	..	1.3
Criminal and Civil										
Supreme/Federal Court										
2017-18	7.6	9.2	4.3	6.9	8.6	6.4	6.7	11.3	8.2	7.4
2016-17	7.0	8.9	4.4	7.0	9.5	5.5	6.4	10.6	7.9	7.2
2015-16	6.0	7.8	4.2	6.9	9.0	5.3	6.6	10.1	9.5	7.0
2014-15	5.7	7.5	5.0	7.4	8.8	5.0	6.0	10.0	14.1	7.3
2013-14	5.7	7.4	4.8	7.6	8.5	4.6	5.3	13.3	10.9	7.1
2012-13	4.4	6.8	4.3	6.4	8.3	4.4	4.7	10.7	8.5	5.9
2011-12	4.8	5.8	3.5	7.1	8.1	4.3	3.6	10.2	9.8	5.8
District/county courts										
2017-18	3.9	5.8	2.7	3.7	5.4	..	..	..	..	4.1
2016-17	3.6	5.5	2.9	3.7	4.8	..	..	..	..	4.0
2015-16	3.4	5.3	3.1	4.0	4.6	..	..	..	..	3.9
2014-15	3.7	5.1	3.3	4.1	4.0	..	..	..	..	4.0
2013-14	3.5	5.2	3.2	4.1	3.6	..	..	..	..	3.9
2012-13	3.6	5.4	2.8	4.3	4.1	..	..	..	..	4.0
2011-12	3.5	5.3	2.9	3.9	4.0	..	..	..	..	3.8

TABLE 7A.25

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.9	..	0.4
2016-17	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	..	0.4
2015-16	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7	..	0.4
2014-15	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	..	0.3
2013-14	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	..	0.4
2012-13	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	..	0.4
2011-12	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	..	0.4
Children's courts										
2017-18	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.8	2.1	0.9	..	0.8
2016-17	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.0	2.0	0.9	..	0.7
2015-16	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.9	2.0	0.8	..	0.7
2014-15	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.7	..	0.6
2013-14	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.7	..	0.7
2012-13	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	..	0.7
2011-12	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	..	0.7
Total criminal and civil										
2017-18	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.2	0.8
2016-17	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.8
2015-16	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.7
2014-15	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.3	0.7
2013-14	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.7
2012-13	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.3	0.8
2011-12	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.3	0.8

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 7A.25 **Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(a)	Judicial officers are defined as: judges; magistrates; masters; coroners; judicial registrars; and all other officers who, following argument and giving of evidence, make enforceable orders of the court. The data are provided on the basis of the proportion of time spent on the judicial activity.									
(b)	FTE judicial officer numbers are presented relative to finalisations and may therefore appear higher than the actual number of judicial officers employed in courts (actual FTE judicial officer numbers are reported in table 7A.24).									
(c)	Judicial officers per 1000 finalisations are derived from FTE judicial officer data presented in table 7A.24 and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5 and 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.5, 7A.6 and 7A.24.									
	.. Not applicable.									
<i>Source:</i>	Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).									

TABLE 7A.26

Table 7A.26 Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Criminal										
Total criminal courts										
2017-18	6.0	4.9	3.3	3.8	8.6	4.1	8.0	6.7	..	4.9
2016-17	6.3	5.0	3.0	3.6	7.5	4.5	10.8	6.5	..	4.8
2015-16	5.7	4.9	2.8	3.8	7.0	4.3	11.6	5.4	..	4.5
2014-15	6.4	3.6	3.0	4.6	6.7	4.6	10.0	5.1	..	4.5
2013-14	6.4	3.6	3.1	5.5	6.1	5.4	8.4	5.2	..	4.6
2012-13	7.0	4.4	3.8	5.8	6.5	4.5	9.4	4.2	..	5.2
2011-12	7.6	4.4	4.0	5.8	6.2	3.8	8.6	4.3	..	5.4
Civil										
Total civil courts (excluding family courts, federal magistrates court and coroners courts)										
2017-18	5.9	6.6	4.0	5.6	5.5	6.0	14.0	7.8	57.2	6.5
2016-17	6.1	6.4	4.0	5.7	5.6	5.0	13.1	5.8	54.4	6.4
2015-16	5.7	6.2	4.1	5.5	5.7	4.9	11.9	6.8	51.4	6.2
2014-15	6.5	6.2	4.2	4.7	5.1	4.7	11.4	6.8	77.7	6.4
2013-14	6.0	5.2	4.2	4.3	5.3	4.3	11.3	6.8	55.7	5.9
2012-13	6.2	5.0	4.8	4.3	5.7	4.0	11.1	6.5	46.5	6.0
2011-12	5.5	4.6	4.8	4.3	5.8	3.8	11.5	7.4	52.3	5.7
Family courts (f)										
2017-18	..	..	..	9.2	..	..	..	..	7.7	8.4
2016-17	..	..	..	9.3	..	..	..	..	10.1	9.8
2015-16	..	..	..	8.9	..	..	..	..	12.1	10.7
2014-15	..	..	..	9.7	..	..	..	..	12.5	11.3
2013-14	..	..	..	9.7	..	..	..	..	12.9	11.6
2012-13	..	..	..	9.4	..	..	..	..	18.8	14.6
2011-12	..	..	..	9.0	..	..	..	..	19.8	14.9

TABLE 7A.26

Table 7A.26 Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
Federal Circuit Court (f)										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.4	6.4
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.9	5.9
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.7	5.7
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.8	5.8
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.0	6.0
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.0	5.0
2011-12									5.0	5.0
Coroners' courts (g)										
2017-18	5.9	14.5	11.5	13.6	9.1	11.8	16.9	23.7	..	11.0
2016-17	7.1	12.6	12.0	13.1	11.5	10.1	14.7	14.8	..	10.8
2015-16	6.0	11.3	11.5	14.5	10.0	11.7	np	15.0	..	10.2
2014-15	7.2	11.2	12.6	14.7	8.7	11.2	8.3	16.5	..	10.4
2013-14	6.8	10.4	11.3	14.1	10.4	4.3	5.9	11.1	..	9.6
2012-13	7.3	15.3	14.2	13.8	12.0	5.1	3.5	12.7	..	11.6
2011-12	5.0	18.5	16.7	10.4	9.0	5.2	3.9	13.8	..	11.0

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Data are comparable (subject to caveats) across jurisdictions and over time.

Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

- (a) FTE staff include: Judicial officers, judicial support staff, registry court staff, court security and sheriff type staff, court reporters, library staff, information technology staff, counsellors and mediators, interpreters, cleaners, gardening and maintenance staff, first line support staff, probate staff and corporate administration staff.
- (b) FTE staff numbers are presented relative to finalisations and may therefore appear higher than the actual number of staff employed in courts. Fluctuations in the numbers of cases finalised each year will impact on this indicator.
- (c) FTE staff per 1000 finalisations are derived from FTE staff data and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5 and 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.5 and 7A.6.
- (d) WA Supreme Court judicial officers FTE and registry court staff FTE between 2011-12 and 2014-15, and WA District Court judicial officers FTE for financial year 2016-17 have been revised following a detailed review of WA's adherence to relevant counting rules. Data extraction processes are now in line with the counting rules.

Table 7A.26 **Full time equivalent (FTE) staff per 1000 finalisations (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total</i>
(e)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(f)	The Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court prescribed agencies were merged from 1 July 2013 into a single prescribed agency. As a result FCoA and FCC share resources for administration and some judicial type functions. The FTE values have been attributed to each jurisdiction on the basis of either being directly attributed to the jurisdiction or allocated to the jurisdiction on a proportional basis of the total services that jurisdiction has generated and subsequently likely to have consumed to deliver that service. These are estimates only.									
(g)	The scope of fires captured by the ACT Coroner's court changed in 2015-16, resulting in a substantial reduction in lodgments and finalisations. The number of cases finalised in 2015-16 was too small to produce a reliable result. Total column in 2015-16 excludes ACT coroner's court.									
	.. Not applicable. np Not published									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	46 503	50 142	6 736	25 528	32 003	17 546	23 952	23 675	..	19 096
2016-17	41 035	62 160	7 217	25 578	32 587	16 752	29 527	24 198	..	21 249
2015-16	55 624	63 709	8 667	25 697	25 792	16 989	33 619	21 781	..	23 968
2014-15	38 338	51 553	10 357	25 843	31 508	17 661	25 103	20 769	..	23 923
2013-14	43 838	51 525	12 982	21 348	27 288	19 370	20 649	26 948	..	25 001
2012-13	39 526	47 504	13 128	19 000	27 565	14 524	14 000	22 675	..	22 289
2011-12	46 052	35 810	10 526	21 372	24 333	14 395	13 923	17 113	..	20 484
District/county courts										
2017-18	7 707	17 052	6 672	17 768	11 159	..	..	..	..	10 221
2016-17	6 908	16 646	7 225	17 039	9 744	..	..	..	..	9 791
2015-16	6 082	15 702	7 736	18 578	8 874	..	..	..	..	9 434
2014-15	6 368	15 261	7 815	21 179	9 360	..	..	..	..	9 882
2013-14	6 541	13 792	8 112	20 795	8 887	..	..	..	..	9 591
2012-13	6 881	16 016	7 888	19 265	10 609	..	..	..	..	10 243
2011-12	7 809	15 880	7 462	20 364	10 765	..	..	..	..	10 583
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	578	784	503	635	963	485	999	1 194	..	647
2016-17	567	697	442	645	835	498	1 360	1 184	..	602
2015-16	591	625	395	637	839	491	1 824	1 046	..	578
2014-15	640	388	417	795	790	548	1 253	956	..	544
2013-14	678	420	427	934	569	661	1 044	969	..	566
2012-13	738	523	464	953	555	526	1 359	815	..	621
2011-12	795	542	469	871	556	432	1 304	828	..	630

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	888	395	774	543	684	646	2 293	1 194	..	682
2016-17	889	232	817	558	551	688	2 496	1 203	..	585
2015-16	814	178	580	714	531	649	2 302	1 284	..	491
2014-15	724	183	659	1 019	502	597	3 910	1 074	..	548
2013-14	720	174	641	986	756	877	3 088	1 156	..	566
2012-13	806	142	744	894	749	643	2 044	970	..	566
2011-12	843	133	746	902	668	535	1 891	1 138	..	584
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	594	754	524	629	944	496	1 052	1 194	..	650
2016-17	583	643	464	639	815	510	1 404	1 187	..	601
2015-16	603	562	406	641	815	501	1 849	1 073	..	571
2014-15	645	372	430	809	766	551	1 371	969	..	544
2013-14	681	398	440	938	586	679	1 147	987	..	566
2012-13	742	479	482	948	572	537	1 417	830	..	617
2011-12	799	497	487	873	567	441	1 358	854	..	626
All criminal courts										
2017-18	1 084	1 324	828	1 222	1 574	939	2 032	2 075	..	1 141
2016-17	1 040	1 213	737	1 141	1 335	932	2 752	2 118	..	1 056
2015-16	1 040	1 115	658	1 148	1 293	919	3 257	1 886	..	1 007
2014-15	1 071	761	690	1 324	1 230	994	2 493	1 654	..	942
2013-14	1 134	788	706	1 495	1 025	1 156	2 111	1 639	..	972
2012-13	1 219	993	786	1 502	1 068	940	2 347	1 431	..	1 073
2011-12	1 329	1 046	761	1 417	1 029	784	2 114	1 409	..	1 087

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	47 931	51 381	6 736	25 528	33 243	17 546	23 952	24 229	..	19 386
2016-17	42 311	63 862	7 217	25 578	33 836	16 752	29 527	24 652	..	21 593
2015-16	57 591	65 342	8 672	25 697	26 809	16 989	33 619	22 357	..	24 409
2014-15	39 532	52 915	10 363	25 843	32 696	17 661	25 103	21 192	..	24 324
2013-14	45 223	52 869	13 273	21 348	28 384	19 370	20 649	27 487	..	25 496
2012-13	40 690	48 774	13 403	19 000	28 649	14 596	14 000	23 258	..	22 752
2011-12	47 923	36 681	10 785	21 372	25 318	14 645	13 923	17 523	..	20 975
District/county courts										
2017-18	7 896	17 365	6 672	17 768	11 590	..	..	..	..	10 383
2016-17	7 072	16 942	7 225	17 039	10 096	..	..	..	..	9 939
2015-16	6 264	15 969	7 740	18 578	9 195	..	..	..	..	9 591
2014-15	6 558	15 527	7 820	21 179	9 690	..	..	..	..	10 045
2013-14	6 735	14 042	8 278	20 795	9 203	..	..	..	..	9 788
2012-13	7 082	16 284	8 063	19 265	10 979	..	..	..	..	10 450
2011-12	8 083	16 136	7 627	20 364	11 162	..	..	..	..	10 817
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	599	804	503	635	997	485	999	1 226	..	660
2016-17	587	715	442	645	864	498	1 360	1 214	..	614
2015-16	615	641	395	637	867	491	1 824	1 075	..	590
2014-15	665	399	417	795	817	548	1 253	982	..	554
2013-14	704	432	440	934	591	661	1 044	992	..	580
2012-13	765	538	478	953	577	529	1 359	840	..	637
2011-12	828	556	483	871	579	442	1 304	855	..	647

TABLE 7A.27

Table 7A.27 Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	924	405	774	543	706	646	2 293	1 225	..	694
2016-17	923	238	817	558	569	688	2 496	1 233	..	595
2015-16	847	182	580	714	549	649	2 302	1 319	..	501
2014-15	753	188	659	1 019	519	597	3 910	1 103	..	557
2013-14	748	178	658	986	786	877	3 088	1 183	..	579
2012-13	836	146	763	894	779	648	2 044	1 000	..	580
2011-12	888	136	766	902	694	547	1 891	1 173	..	602
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	616	773	524	629	977	496	1 052	1 226	..	662
2016-17	604	659	464	639	843	510	1 404	1 217	..	612
2015-16	628	577	406	641	843	501	1 849	1 102	..	583
2014-15	670	382	431	809	792	551	1 371	994	..	555
2013-14	707	409	453	938	608	679	1 147	1 010	..	580
2012-13	769	492	496	948	595	540	1 417	856	..	632
2011-12	832	510	501	873	590	451	1 358	882	..	643
All criminal courts										
2017-18	1 118	1 354	828	1 222	1 632	939	2 032	2 127	..	1 161
2016-17	1 072	1 241	737	1 141	1 382	932	2 752	2 166	..	1 075
2015-16	1 078	1 140	658	1 148	1 338	919	3 257	1 936	..	1 026
2014-15	1 109	779	691	1 324	1 273	994	2 493	1 693	..	959
2013-14	1 173	807	725	1 495	1 063	1 156	2 111	1 675	..	995
2012-13	1 259	1 016	807	1 502	1 108	945	2 347	1 472	..	1 098
2011-12	1 381	1 069	781	1 417	1 070	800	2 114	1 450	..	1 115

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.27 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
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- Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.
- Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.
- (a) Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.9, income data presented in table 7A.11 and finalisation data presented in table 7A.5. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.9, 7A.11 and 7A.5.
- (b) Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.
- (c) The total (i.e. for all states and territories) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories) number of finalisations for the same reference period.
- (d) The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.
.. Not applicable.

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.5, 7A.9, 7A.11.

TABLE 7A.28

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2017-18	5 120	8 489	5 486	10 640	4 948	5 722	7 337	19 228	14 703	8 588
2016-17	4 303	7 751	5 271	12 195	4 833	4 608	5 600	17 320	14 254	8 050
2015-16	4 042	6 123	3 662	7 192	5 507	4 710	6 300	17 808	14 943	7 040
2014-15	4 702	5 543	4 522	8 083	5 199	3 574	6 491	17 671	21 716	7 556
2013-14	4 704	5 456	3 884	9 137	4 655	3 379	5 181	22 431	14 842	6 952
2012-13	3 451	5 336	3 434	7 584	4 081	4 091	5 427	18 337	12 170	5 892
2011-12	4 009	4 902	2 293	7 325	4 569	4 030	4 123	19 858	15 730	6 119
District/county courts (e)										
2017-18	2 020	4 124	1 543	1 132	3 440	..	..	..	..	2 388
2016-17	2 626	3 755	1 644	2 277	3 037	..	..	..	..	2 685
2015-16	2 874	3 628	1 137	2 332	3 273	..	..	..	..	2 651
2014-15	3 505	3 234	1 065	2 413	2 519	..	..	..	..	2 643
2013-14	3 002	3 028	942	2 462	1 603	..	..	..	..	2 356
2012-13	3 057	3 407	943	2 709	1 312	..	..	..	..	2 436
2011-12	2 068	3 280	670	2 181	1 428	..	..	..	..	1 993
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2017-18	196	441	347	481	176	314	1 392	1 255	..	348
2016-17	230	322	306	457	204	263	1 301	913	..	317
2015-16	187	266	293	449	204	263	1 388	869	..	287
2014-15	263	200	270	260	185	228	1 337	812	..	262
2013-14	282	164	252	212	267	147	1 317	720	..	253
2012-13	309	169	283	209	244	96	1 453	733	..	265
2011-12	320	229	297	212	265	94	1 689	749	..	290

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Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	816	2 800	672	1 458	1 606	600	7 307	1 275	..	1 497
2016-17	876	2 477	801	1 714	1 367	645	4 639	1 211	..	1 474
2015-16	861	2 325	1 225	1 364	1 287	620	5 656	972	..	1 486
2014-15	802	2 376	1 346	664	1 388	720	3 748	846	..	1 374
2013-14	754	2 429	1 307	623	736	2 083	3 488	923	..	1 300
2012-13	852	2 001	1 474	589	641	1 231	3 558	824	..	1 233
2011-12	838	1 880	1 748	852	705	1 265	5 192	957	..	1 280
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	241	629	370	520	274	333	1 587	1 257	..	427
2016-17	275	494	337	500	293	283	1 489	934	..	393
2015-16	229	430	350	480	288	281	1 589	875	..	363
2014-15	295	340	331	278	244	252	1 401	814	..	325
2013-14	309	290	315	232	286	215	1 381	732	..	310
2012-13	340	270	364	228	262	150	1 517	737	..	319
2011-12	349	313	388	232	284	149	1 784	758	..	341
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	578	1 287	665	1 019	641	924	2 412	2 032	14 703	1 056
2016-17	604	1 087	641	1 135	633	781	2 150	1 490	14 254	1 006
2015-16	599	983	565	919	669	776	2 244	1 420	14 943	957
2014-15	699	833	589	774	592	634	2 077	1 408	21 716	921
2013-14	692	732	562	741	573	595	1 915	1 393	14 842	867
2012-13	683	727	606	755	515	568	2 228	1 417	12 170	859
2011-12	680	776	564	781	579	552	2 299	1 526	15 730	896

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Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	1 616	..	..	..	..	2 310	2 007
2016-17	..	..	..	1 664	..	..	..	..	2 293	2 029
2015-16	..	..	..	1 482	..	..	..	..	3 139	2 419
2014-15	..	..	..	1 606	..	..	..	..	3 229	2 555
2013-14	..	..	..	1 602	..	..	..	..	3 338	2 609
2012-13	..	..	..	1 703	..	..	..	..	5 091	3 569
2011-12				1 636					5 998	4 005
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	969	969
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	980	980
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	759	759
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	948	948
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 011	1 011
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	766	766
2011-12									875	875
Coroners' courts (g)										
2017-18	1 027	2 571	2 009	2 955	1 521	2 326	3 666	4 029	..	1 984
2016-17	1 133	2 148	2 071	2 799	1 797	2 176	3 012	2 899	..	1 928
2015-16	930	1 973	1 975	2 882	1 597	2 495	4 071	3 139	..	1 792
2014-15	904	1 837	2 167	2 903	1 407	2 029	1 991	3 969	..	1 742
2013-14	910	1 744	1 898	2 737	1 637	799	1 395	3 052	..	1 620
2012-13	892	2 817	2 345	2 947	1 738	935	777	4 199	..	1 988
2011-12	596	3 109	2 821	2 296	1 341	1 006	899	4 342	..	1 846

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Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2017-18	5 432	8 765	5 486	10 640	5 275	5 722	7 337	19 709	14 703	8 752
2016-17	4 592	8 007	5 271	12 195	5 163	4 608	5 600	17 676	14 254	8 202
2015-16	4 302	6 342	3 666	7 192	5 846	4 710	6 300	18 303	14 943	7 184
2014-15	4 971	5 741	4 527	8 083	5 515	3 574	6 491	18 056	21 716	7 709
2013-14	4 960	5 653	4 029	9 137	4 967	3 379	5 181	22 918	14 842	7 108
2012-13	3 651	5 522	3 557	7 584	4 373	4 109	5 427	18 819	12 170	6 025
2011-12	4 280	5 056	2 394	7 325	4 897	4 100	4 123	20 356	15 730	6 269
District/county courts (e)										
2017-18	2 158	4 238	1 543	1 132	3 610	..	..	..	..	2 468
2016-17	2 780	3 861	1 644	2 277	3 189	..	..	..	..	2 769
2015-16	3 037	3 730	1 139	2 332	3 439	..	..	..	..	2 737
2014-15	3 693	3 324	1 067	2 413	2 645	..	..	..	..	2 727
2013-14	3 156	3 124	993	2 462	1 696	..	..	..	..	2 443
2012-13	3 210	3 497	992	2 709	1 410	..	..	..	..	2 521
2011-12	2 204	3 358	717	2 181	1 523	..	..	..	..	2 069
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2017-18	209	458	347	481	189	314	1 392	1 289	..	358
2016-17	243	337	306	457	217	263	1 301	936	..	326
2015-16	201	280	293	449	216	263	1 388	894	..	296
2014-15	278	212	270	260	196	228	1 337	835	..	272
2013-14	297	175	263	212	281	147	1 317	738	..	263
2012-13	325	179	294	209	259	97	1 453	757	..	277
2011-12	336	239	308	212	280	98	1 689	774	..	302

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Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**


	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	849	2 873	672	1 458	1 670	600	7 307	1 307	..	1 535
2016-17	909	2 542	801	1 714	1 417	645	4 639	1 242	..	1 510
2015-16	897	2 386	1 226	1 364	1 338	620	5 656	998	..	1 522
2014-15	834	2 441	1 348	664	1 447	720	3 748	868	..	1 409
2013-14	784	2 493	1 342	623	765	2 083	3 488	944	..	1 335
2012-13	884	2 055	1 513	589	666	1 239	3 558	849	..	1 267
2011-12	879	1 930	1 795	852	733	1 290	5 192	983	..	1 320
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	256	651	370	520	290	333	1 587	1 290	..	439
2016-17	290	513	337	500	309	283	1 489	958	..	405
2015-16	244	448	351	480	303	281	1 589	900	..	374
2014-15	310	355	332	278	257	252	1 401	837	..	336
2013-14	325	304	328	232	300	215	1 381	750	..	322
2012-13	356	283	377	228	277	152	1 517	761	..	332
2011-12	366	325	401	232	300	155	1 784	783	..	354
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	613	1 329	665	1 019	679	924	2 412	2 084	14 703	1 082
2016-17	640	1 124	641	1 135	669	781	2 150	1 525	14 254	1 031
2015-16	636	1 018	566	919	706	776	2 244	1 460	14 943	981
2014-15	738	864	589	774	625	634	2 077	1 444	21 716	945
2013-14	728	761	585	741	606	595	1 915	1 425	14 842	893
2012-13	719	754	629	755	549	571	2 228	1 459	12 170	885
2011-12	720	801	587	781	616	564	2 299	1 569	15 730	923

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Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	1 616	..	..	..	..	2 310	2 007
2016-17	..	..	..	1 664	..	..	..	..	2 293	2 029
2015-16	..	..	..	1 482	..	..	..	..	3 139	2 419
2014-15	..	..	..	1 606	..	..	..	..	3 229	2 555
2013-14	..	..	..	1 602	..	..	..	..	3 338	2 609
2012-13	..	..	..	1 703	..	..	..	..	5 091	3 569
2011-12	..	..	..	1 636	..	..	..	..	5 998	4 005
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	969	969
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	980	980
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	759	759
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	948	948
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 011	1 011
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	766	766
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	875	875
Coroners' courts (g)										
2017-18	1 065	2 641	2 009	2 955	1 579	2 326	3 666	4 161	..	2 020
2016-17	1 170	2 200	2 071	2 799	1 865	2 176	3 012	2 979	..	1 959
2015-16	968	2 030	1 977	2 882	1 655	2 495	4 071	3 224	..	1 825
2014-15	942	1 890	2 170	2 903	1 457	2 029	1 991	4 048	..	1 774
2013-14	949	1 795	1 934	2 737	1 694	799	1 395	3 138	..	1 658
2012-13	934	2 889	2 422	2 947	1 803	935	777	4 301	..	2 039
2011-12	633	3 199	2 893	2 296	1 392	1 025	899	4 457	..	1 897

Aust cts = Australian courts.

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.


 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 7A.28 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.10, income data presented in table 7A.11 and finalisation data presented in table 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.10, 7A.11 and 7A.6.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	For the WA Supreme court, the civil net expenditure increased significantly in 2016-17 due to the General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre. This resulted in a significant accommodation cost incurred by the WA Supreme court.									
(e)	For the WA District court, the reduction in net expenditure per finalisation in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.									
(f)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(g)	Excludes expenditure associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. Expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In some states and territories autopsy expenses are shared with health departments and are not recognised in the court's expenditure.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.6, 7A.10, 7A.11.

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Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	7 592	11 003	6 109	13 697	10 406	10 562	14 027	22 204	14 703	10 537
2016-17	6 597	11 077	6 139	14 886	10 429	8 982	12 851	22 147	14 254	10 258
2015-16	6 388	9 259	5 464	10 656	10 066	9 112	14 425	20 672	14 943	9 415
2014-15	6 571	8 247	6 286	11 586	10 334	8 108	12 715	19 778	21 716	9 791
2013-14	6 304	8 175	6 086	11 708	9 016	7 829	10 671	25 261	14 842	9 042
2012-13	4 885	7 821	5 764	9 861	8 887	7 735	8 329	20 965	12 170	7 781
2011-12	5 443	7 087	4 121	9 535	8 648	7 577	6 788	18 084	15 730	7 770
District/county courts										
2017-18	5 563	9 773	4 599	6 888	7 505	..	..	..	..	6 555
2016-17	5 206	9 369	4 867	7 041	6 530	..	..	..	..	6 363
2015-16	4 813	8 889	4 654	7 111	6 312	..	..	..	..	6 093
2014-15	5 247	8 572	4 547	7 700	5 694	..	..	..	..	6 230
2013-14	5 091	7 766	4 552	7 710	4 857	..	..	..	..	5 880
2012-13	5 202	8 988	4 435	7 811	5 293	..	..	..	..	6 170
2011-12	5 269	8 963	3 994	7 088	5 080	..	..	..	..	5 997
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	432	664	465	583	663	444	1 111	1 213	..	548
2016-17	431	561	411	581	616	435	1 338	1 090	..	507
2015-16	427	494	373	571	619	429	1 647	987	..	481
2014-15	474	334	384	612	577	450	1 287	909	..	452
2013-14	491	336	388	649	470	485	1 145	885	..	455
2012-13	527	385	423	665	454	385	1 399	788	..	488
2011-12	561	418	431	623	461	329	1 456	802	..	503

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Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	854	1 262	752	740	1 035	635	3 510	1 216	..	952
2016-17	883	844	813	779	851	678	3 495	1 205	..	860
2015-16	835	680	725	859	794	642	3 572	1 225	..	774
2014-15	759	701	815	928	707	625	3 865	1 025	..	782
2013-14	736	675	794	880	753	1 086	3 189	1 103	..	774
2012-13	827	553	918	806	729	759	2 351	943	..	755
2011-12	841	518	967	893	674	665	2 394	1 102	..	768
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	457	710	487	592	688	457	1 204	1 214	..	576
2016-17	458	590	436	593	633	449	1 436	1 101	..	532
2015-16	451	516	394	586	632	442	1 744	1 009	..	502
2014-15	491	363	408	629	587	461	1 383	920	..	473
2013-14	506	363	412	664	490	525	1 232	903	..	477
2012-13	545	401	455	674	475	414	1 458	801	..	508
2011-12	578	427	465	640	478	355	1 519	824	..	522
All courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court, and coroners' courts)										
2017-18	882	1 310	787	1 149	1 207	935	2 148	2 061	14 703	1 111
2016-17	857	1 166	715	1 138	1 081	889	2 507	1 907	14 254	1 039
2015-16	854	1 066	636	1 064	1 068	878	2 822	1 736	14 943	989
2014-15	903	783	666	1 125	1 000	878	2 321	1 576	21 716	935
2013-14	920	769	671	1 186	871	957	2 034	1 558	14 842	934
2012-13	948	889	741	1 200	882	815	2 294	1 426	12 170	989
2011-12	1 002	937	711	1 166	876	711	2 192	1 446	15 730	1 012

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Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court										
2017-18	7 972	11 337	6 109	13 697	10 918	10 562	14 027	22 734	14 703	10 724
2016-17	6 948	11 422	6 139	14 886	10 944	8 982	12 851	22 572	14 254	10 442
2015-16	6 726	9 555	5 467	10 656	10 558	9 112	14 425	21 225	14 943	9 600
2014-15	6 892	8 513	6 292	11 586	10 820	8 108	12 715	20 189	21 716	9 977
2013-14	6 606	8 439	6 266	11 708	9 479	7 829	10 671	25 780	14 842	9 237
2012-13	5 124	8 070	5 923	9 861	9 340	7 772	8 329	21 509	12 170	7 952
2011-12	5 769	7 292	4 257	9 535	9 112	7 709	6 788	18 525	15 730	7 960
District/county courts										
2017-18	5 733	9 974	4 599	6 888	7 812	..	..	..	..	6 678
2016-17	5 365	9 557	4 867	7 041	6 786	..	..	..	..	6 480
2015-16	4 988	9 063	4 656	7 111	6 562	..	..	..	..	6 215
2014-15	5 436	8 739	4 550	7 700	5 915	..	..	..	..	6 353
2013-14	5 269	7 929	4 661	7 710	5 049	..	..	..	..	6 020
2012-13	5 381	9 156	4 547	7 811	5 507	..	..	..	..	6 313
2011-12	5 481	9 122	4 098	7 088	5 293	..	..	..	..	6 147
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	476	730	487	592	715	457	1 204	1 246	..	588
2016-17	476	608	436	593	657	449	1 436	1 129	..	543
2015-16	471	532	394	586	655	442	1 744	1 037	..	514
2014-15	512	374	409	629	608	461	1 383	945	..	484
2013-14	527	375	425	664	510	525	1 232	925	..	490
2012-13	566	414	469	674	495	416	1 458	826	..	522
2011-12	604	440	479	640	499	364	1 519	851	..	538

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Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	450	683	465	583	689	444	1 111	1 246	..	560
2016-17	449	578	411	581	639	435	1 338	1 117	..	518
2015-16	447	510	373	571	641	429	1 647	1 014	..	492
2014-15	495	345	384	612	598	450	1 287	934	..	462
2013-14	512	348	401	649	489	485	1 145	906	..	469
2012-13	548	399	436	665	473	387	1 399	813	..	502
2011-12	585	431	444	623	481	337	1 456	828	..	518
Children's courts										
2017-18	888	1 295	752	740	1 072	635	3 510	1 247	..	972
2016-17	916	866	813	779	880	678	3 495	1 235	..	878
2015-16	869	698	726	859	823	642	3 572	1 258	..	791
2014-15	789	720	816	928	734	625	3 865	1 052	..	799
2013-14	765	693	814	880	782	1 086	3 189	1 129	..	793
2012-13	859	568	942	806	757	764	2 351	972	..	774
2011-12	884	532	993	893	701	680	2 394	1 135	..	791
All courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Circuit Court, and coroners' courts)										
2017-18	917	1 344	787	1 149	1 256	935	2 148	2 114	14 703	1 133
2016-17	891	1 197	715	1 138	1 124	889	2 507	1 950	14 254	1 059
2015-16	892	1 095	637	1 064	1 111	878	2 822	1 784	14 943	1 010
2014-15	941	805	666	1 125	1 039	878	2 321	1 614	21 716	954
2013-14	958	791	691	1 186	908	957	2 034	1 592	14 842	957
2012-13	986	913	762	1 200	920	819	2 294	1 468	12 170	1 015
2011-12	1 048	961	732	1 166	915	726	2 192	1 488	15 730	1 040

Aust cts = Australian courts.

Table 7A.29 **Real net recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal and civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real net recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in tables 7A.9 (criminal) and 7A.10 (civil), income data presented in table 7A.11 and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5 (criminal) and 7A.6 (civil). Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.9, 7A.10, 7A.11, 7A.5 and 7A.6.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed. .. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished); tables 7A.5, 7A.6, 7A.9-11.

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	47 058	50 142	6 764	25 711	33 774	17 546	24 040	24 377	..	19 321
2016-17	41 394	62 160	7 260	25 794	34 568	16 752	29 652	25 172	..	21 526
2015-16	55 760	63 709	8 712	25 958	27 135	16 989	33 837	22 671	..	24 239
2014-15	38 535	51 553	10 421	25 962	33 362	17 661	25 267	21 307	..	24 169
2013-14	44 171	51 525	13 054	21 446	28 859	19 370	20 874	27 567	..	25 260
2012-13	39 722	47 504	13 279	19 098	29 087	14 524	14 109	23 215	..	22 533
2011-12	46 411	35 810	10 651	21 510	25 815	14 395	13 997	17 586	..	20 730
District/county courts										
2017-18	8 001	17 052	6 696	17 832	11 504	..	..	..	..	10 377
2016-17	7 228	16 646	7 269	17 118	10 088	..	..	..	..	9 969
2015-16	6 376	15 702	7 786	18 654	9 158	..	..	..	..	9 603
2014-15	6 645	15 261	7 875	21 230	9 638	..	..	..	..	10 036
2013-14	6 769	13 792	8 172	20 839	9 146	..	..	..	..	9 726
2012-13	7 159	16 016	7 998	19 287	10 943	..	..	..	..	10 410
2011-12	8 129	15 880	7 568	20 429	11 157	..	..	..	..	10 775
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	648	784	509	721	983	535	1 050	1 231	..	683
2016-17	647	697	447	726	857	552	1 447	1 191	..	639
2015-16	655	625	401	719	856	544	1 880	1 054	..	609
2014-15	713	388	424	878	807	597	1 348	963	..	574
2013-14	753	420	434	1 026	613	703	1 092	976	..	598
2012-13	802	523	473	1 041	628	582	1 388	817	..	656
2011-12	864	542	477	970	631	481	1 352	830	..	668

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	888	395	780	549	688	646	2 293	1 226	..	686
2016-17	892	232	828	564	555	688	2 496	1 209	..	589
2015-16	814	178	594	722	534	649	2 302	1 289	..	495
2014-15	724	183	674	1 022	504	600	3 910	1 079	..	552
2013-14	720	174	657	990	764	880	3 115	1 160	..	571
2012-13	806	142	759	900	760	646	2 044	971	..	571
2011-12	849	133	760	909	678	536	1 891	1 141	..	590
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	660	754	530	709	962	543	1 100	1 230	..	683
2016-17	659	643	470	715	835	560	1 488	1 193	..	635
2015-16	664	562	412	719	831	551	1 902	1 081	..	600
2014-15	713	372	438	887	781	598	1 461	975	..	572
2013-14	751	398	447	1 023	626	718	1 194	994	..	596
2012-13	802	479	491	1 030	640	588	1 443	832	..	649
2011-12	863	497	495	965	636	486	1 401	857	..	661
All criminal courts										
2017-18	1 164	1 324	835	1 302	1 617	985	2 082	2 137	..	1 180
2016-17	1 131	1 213	745	1 218	1 378	981	2 838	2 164	..	1 097
2015-16	1 115	1 115	666	1 227	1 328	968	3 318	1 928	..	1 042
2014-15	1 152	761	699	1 402	1 264	1 039	2 587	1 679	..	975
2013-14	1 214	788	716	1 579	1 081	1 194	2 166	1 660	..	1 007
2012-13	1 292	993	799	1 583	1 153	990	2 379	1 447	..	1 111
2011-12	1 410	1 046	773	1 508	1 116	828	2 159	1 428	..	1 129

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)


	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme courts										
2017-18	48 486	51 381	6 764	25 711	35 013	17 546	24 040	24 931	..	19 612
2016-17	42 670	63 862	7 260	25 794	35 817	16 752	29 652	25 626	..	21 871
2015-16	57 727	65 342	8 716	25 958	28 152	16 989	33 837	23 247	..	24 680
2014-15	39 728	52 915	10 428	25 962	34 549	17 661	25 267	21 730	..	24 571
2013-14	45 555	52 869	13 345	21 446	29 955	19 370	20 874	28 106	..	25 754
2012-13	40 886	48 774	13 553	19 098	30 171	14 596	14 109	23 798	..	22 996
2011-12	48 282	36 681	10 910	21 510	26 799	14 645	13 997	17 995	..	21 222
District/county courts										
2017-18	8 191	17 365	6 696	17 832	11 936	..	..	..	..	10 539
2016-17	7 392	16 942	7 269	17 118	10 440	..	..	..	..	10 117
2015-16	6 559	15 969	7 790	18 654	9 479	..	..	..	..	9 759
2014-15	6 834	15 527	7 879	21 230	9 968	..	..	..	..	10 198
2013-14	6 963	14 042	8 338	20 839	9 462	..	..	..	..	9 923
2012-13	7 360	16 284	8 173	19 287	11 312	..	..	..	..	10 617
2011-12	8 403	16 136	7 733	20 429	11 554	..	..	..	..	11 009
Magistrates' courts (d)										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts)										
2017-18	669	804	509	721	1 017	535	1 050	1 263	..	696
2016-17	667	715	447	726	885	552	1 447	1 221	..	650
2015-16	679	641	401	719	884	544	1 880	1 082	..	621
2014-15	738	399	424	878	833	597	1 348	989	..	585
2013-14	779	432	447	1 026	634	703	1 092	998	..	613
2012-13	829	538	486	1 041	650	585	1 388	842	..	672
2011-12	897	556	491	970	654	491	1 352	857	..	685

TABLE 7A.30

Table 7A.30 Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	924	405	780	549	710	646	2 293	1 256	..	698
2016-17	925	238	828	564	573	688	2 496	1 240	..	599
2015-16	847	182	594	722	553	649	2 302	1 323	..	505
2014-15	753	188	675	1 022	522	600	3 910	1 107	..	561
2013-14	748	178	674	990	793	880	3 115	1 187	..	584
2012-13	836	146	779	900	790	651	2 044	1 001	..	585
2011-12	895	136	780	909	704	548	1 891	1 175	..	608
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	682	773	530	709	996	543	1 100	1 262	..	696
2016-17	680	659	470	715	863	560	1 488	1 223	..	647
2015-16	688	577	413	719	859	551	1 902	1 110	..	612
2014-15	739	382	438	887	807	598	1 461	1 001	..	583
2013-14	777	409	461	1 023	648	718	1 194	1 016	..	611
2012-13	830	492	505	1 030	663	591	1 443	857	..	665
2011-12	897	510	509	965	659	496	1 401	885	..	679
All criminal courts										
2017-18	1 198	1 354	835	1 302	1 675	985	2 082	2 189	..	1 200
2016-17	1 163	1 241	745	1 218	1 425	981	2 838	2 211	..	1 116
2015-16	1 153	1 140	666	1 227	1 373	968	3 318	1 978	..	1 061
2015-16	1 190	779	700	1 402	1 307	1 039	2 587	1 718	..	992
2013-14	1 253	807	735	1 579	1 119	1 194	2 166	1 696	..	1 030
2012-13	1 333	1 016	820	1 583	1 193	995	2 379	1 488	..	1 136
2011-12	1 462	1 069	793	1 508	1 157	844	2 159	1 469	..	1 157

Aust cts = Australian courts.

 Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.


 Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.

Table 7A.30 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, criminal, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
(a)	Real recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in tables 7A.9 and finalisation data presented in tables 7A.5. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.9 and 7A.5.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed. .. Not applicable.									

Source: State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Excluding payroll tax										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2017-18	9 458	10 603	8 009	13 678	8 617	6 970	10 670	22 058	18 206	11 793
2016-17	8 238	9 753	7 807	15 469	8 769	5 568	8 234	20 857	17 538	11 095
2015-16	7 182	7 870	5 891	9 885	9 218	5 576	9 240	20 443	18 050	9 669
2014-15	7 627	7 471	6 580	10 572	9 102	4 433	8 870	19 809	26 959	10 362
2013-14	7 725	7 110	5 715	11 584	8 291	4 162	8 002	24 899	19 036	9 637
2012-13	5 954	6 761	5 180	9 591	7 919	4 882	6 907	19 577	15 470	8 159
2011-12	6 716	6 013	3 589	9 259	8 469	4 586	5 216	21 063	18 529	8 158
District/county courts (e)										
2017-18	4 136	5 720	2 532	2 388	4 613	..	..	..	..	3 916
2016-17	4 709	5 608	2 745	3 626	4 244	..	..	..	..	4 321
2015-16	4 738	5 257	2 195	3 485	4 526	..	..	..	..	4 123
2014-15	5 574	4 873	2 088	3 521	3 391	..	..	..	..	4 099
2013-14	4 822	4 910	2 000	3 557	2 435	..	..	..	..	3 810
2012-13	4 841	5 003	1 895	3 763	2 631	..	..	..	..	3 827
2011-12	3 653	4 645	1 693	3 033	2 471	..	..	..	..	3 222
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2017-18	413	696	462	642	384	487	1 892	1 294	..	548
2016-17	449	580	441	624	400	404	1 818	928	..	521
2015-16	402	510	416	604	390	402	1 773	924	..	481
2014-15	451	449	404	414	370	363	1 739	877	..	452
2013-14	460	404	403	349	461	254	1 708	775	..	437
2012-13	500	387	436	343	480	224	1 750	780	..	451
2011-12	512	392	439	330	480	207	1 970	808	..	457

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	816	2 800	677	1 472	1 612	600	7 307	1 308	..	1 501
2016-17	879	2 477	812	1 731	1 373	645	4 639	1 218	..	1 478
2015-16	861	2 325	1 255	1 383	1 293	620	5 656	972	..	1 492
2014-15	802	2 376	1 381	675	1 397	720	3 748	847	..	1 381
2013-14	754	2 429	1 342	632	740	2 083	3 523	925	..	1 307
2012-13	852	2 001	1 506	599	647	1 231	3 558	824	..	1 240
2011-12	845	1 880	1 782	866	710	1 265	5 192	960	..	1 290
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	443	864	477	675	468	495	2 071	1 295	..	614
2016-17	479	732	464	661	475	416	1 977	949	..	585
2015-16	431	655	468	630	460	413	1 956	926	..	545
2014-15	472	573	460	425	421	380	1 793	875	..	505
2013-14	477	517	459	362	472	317	1 761	784	..	484
2012-13	520	477	509	356	488	272	1 805	782	..	496
2011-12	530	467	523	347	490	257	2 057	815	..	500
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	1 085	1 711	934	1 396	1 029	1 204	3 304	2 190	18 206	1 512
2016-17	1 097	1 518	940	1 524	1 016	1 009	2 983	1 624	17 538	1 461
2015-16	1 065	1 388	851	1 261	1 044	990	2 969	1 554	18 050	1 383
2014-15	1 124	1 253	879	1 097	954	846	2 733	1 542	26 959	1 341
2013-14	1 104	1 130	870	1 032	950	780	2 639	1 518	19 036	1 281
2012-13	1 100	1 075	923	1 039	989	760	2 733	1 508	15 470	1 262
2011-12	1 100	1 056	869	1 057	1 024	706	2 753	1 628	18 529	1 266

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	2 026	..	..	..	..	2 610	2 355
2016-17	..	..	..	2 120	..	..	..	..	2 600	2 398
2015-16	..	..	..	1 879	..	..	..	..	3 537	2 817
2014-15	..	..	..	2 061	..	..	..	..	3 558	2 936
2013-14	..	..	..	2 025	..	..	..	..	3 664	2 976
2012-13	..	..	..	2 030	..	..	..	..	5 430	3 903
2011-12	..	..	..	1 906	..	..	..	..	6 331	4 309
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 597	1 597
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 635	1 635
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 521	1 521
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 562	1 562
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 606	1 606
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 226	1 226
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 255	1 255
Coroners' courts (g)										
2017-18	1 028	2 571	2 085	3 005	1 530	2 336	3 873	4 109	..	2 010
2016-17	1 141	2 148	2 158	2 829	1 814	2 185	3 164	2 944	..	1 957
2015-16	957	1 973	1 982	3 098	1 618	2 495	4 262	3 196	..	1 824
2014-15	920	1 837	2 179	2 934	1 422	2 029	2 018	4 009	..	1 754
2013-14	931	1 744	1 904	2 772	1 652	803	1 436	3 052	..	1 632
2012-13	917	2 817	2 370	2 987	1 762	940	808	4 199	..	2 007
2011-12	613	3 109	2 854	2 319	1 355	1 016	912	4 342	..	1 862

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Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Including payroll tax where applicable										
Supreme (excl. probate)/Federal Court (d)										
2017-18	9 771	10 879	8 009	13 678	8 944	6 970	10 670	22 539	18 206	11 957
2016-17	8 528	10 009	7 807	15 469	9 099	5 568	8 234	21 213	17 538	11 248
2015-16	7 443	8 090	5 895	9 885	9 558	5 576	9 240	20 939	18 050	9 813
2014-15	7 896	7 670	6 585	10 572	9 419	4 433	8 870	20 194	26 959	10 515
2013-14	7 981	7 307	5 860	11 584	8 603	4 162	8 002	25 385	19 036	9 793
2012-13	6 154	6 946	5 302	9 591	8 210	4 900	6 907	20 060	15 470	8 293
2011-12	6 987	6 168	3 690	9 259	8 797	4 656	5 216	21 561	18 529	8 309
District/county courts (e)										
2017-18	4 273	5 833	2 532	2 388	4 783	..	..	..	..	3 995
2016-17	4 863	5 713	2 745	3 626	4 396	..	..	..	..	4 405
2015-16	4 901	5 359	2 196	3 485	4 692	..	..	..	..	4 208
2014-15	5 762	4 962	2 090	3 521	3 517	..	..	..	..	4 183
2013-14	4 976	5 006	2 050	3 557	2 528	..	..	..	..	3 896
2012-13	4 994	5 092	1 943	3 763	2 730	..	..	..	..	3 912
2011-12	3 789	4 724	1 739	3 033	2 567	..	..	..	..	3 298
Magistrates' courts										
Magistrates' courts only (excl. children's courts) (f)										
2017-18	426	713	462	642	397	487	1 892	1 327	..	558
2016-17	463	595	441	624	413	404	1 818	951	..	531
2015-16	416	523	416	604	402	402	1 773	949	..	490
2014-15	466	461	405	414	381	363	1 739	900	..	461
2013-14	475	416	413	349	475	254	1 708	793	..	448
2012-13	515	398	447	343	495	225	1 750	804	..	463
2011-12	528	402	449	330	495	211	1 970	833	..	469

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Children's courts										
2017-18	849	2 873	677	1 472	1 675	600	7 307	1 341	..	1 539
2016-17	912	2 542	812	1 731	1 424	645	4 639	1 248	..	1 514
2015-16	897	2 386	1 256	1 383	1 344	620	5 656	998	..	1 528
2014-15	834	2 441	1 382	675	1 456	720	3 748	869	..	1 416
2013-14	784	2 493	1 377	632	768	2 083	3 523	946	..	1 343
2012-13	884	2 055	1 545	599	672	1 239	3 558	849	..	1 274
2011-12	886	1 930	1 828	866	738	1 290	5 192	986	..	1 329
Total magistrates' courts (incl. children's courts)										
2017-18	457	886	477	675	484	495	2 071	1 328	..	626
2016-17	494	751	464	661	491	416	1 977	973	..	596
2015-16	446	672	468	630	475	413	1 956	951	..	556
2014-15	488	588	461	425	434	380	1 793	898	..	516
2013-14	493	531	471	362	486	317	1 761	802	..	497
2012-13	536	490	522	356	503	273	1 805	806	..	508
2011-12	548	480	536	347	506	262	2 057	840	..	513
All civil courts (excl. the family courts, the Federal Magistrates Court and the coroners' courts)										
2017-18	1 121	1 753	934	1 396	1 066	1 204	3 304	2 243	18 206	1 537
2016-17	1 133	1 555	940	1 524	1 052	1 009	2 983	1 659	17 538	1 485
2015-16	1 103	1 424	852	1 261	1 081	990	2 969	1 594	18 050	1 408
2014-15	1 162	1 284	880	1 097	987	846	2 733	1 577	26 959	1 365
2013-14	1 140	1 159	893	1 032	983	780	2 639	1 550	19 036	1 307
2012-13	1 136	1 103	945	1 039	1 024	763	2 733	1 550	15 470	1 288
2011-12	1 141	1 082	892	1 057	1 061	718	2 753	1 672	18 529	1 294

TABLE 7A.31

Table 7A.31 **Real recurrent expenditure per finalisation, civil, 2017–18 dollars (\$) (a), (b)**

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
Family courts										
2017-18	..	..	..	2 026	..	..	..	..	2 610	2 355
2016-17	..	..	..	2 120	..	..	..	..	2 600	2 398
2015-16	..	..	..	1 879	..	..	..	..	3 537	2 817
2014-15	..	..	..	2 061	..	..	..	..	3 558	2 936
2013-14	..	..	..	2 025	..	..	..	..	3 664	2 976
2012-13	..	..	..	2 030	..	..	..	..	5 430	3 903
2011-12	..	..	..	1 906	..	..	..	..	6 331	4 309
Federal Circuit Court										
2017-18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 597	1 597
2016-17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 635	1 635
2015-16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 521	1 521
2014-15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 562	1 562
2013-14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 606	1 606
2012-13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 226	1 226
2011-12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 255	1 255
Coroners' courts (g)										
2017-18	1 065	2 641	2 085	3 005	1 588	2 336	3 873	4 242	..	2 046
2016-17	1 177	2 200	2 158	2 829	1 883	2 185	3 164	3 023	..	1 987
2015-16	995	2 030	1 984	3 098	1 676	2 495	4 262	3 281	..	1 857
2014-15	958	1 890	2 181	2 934	1 473	2 029	2 018	4 088	..	1 786
2013-14	970	1 795	1 940	2 772	1 708	803	1 436	3 138	..	1 671
2012-13	959	2 889	2 447	2 987	1 827	940	808	4 301	..	2 059
2011-12	650	3 199	2 926	2 319	1 407	1 034	912	4 457	..	1 913

Aust cts = Australian courts.

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	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust cts</i>	<i>Total (c)</i>
	Data are not comparable across jurisdictions, but are comparable (subject to caveats) within jurisdictions over time.									
	Data are complete (subject to caveats) for the current reporting period.									
(a)	Real recurrent expenditure results are derived from expenditure data presented in table 7A.10 and finalisation data presented in table 7A.6. Further information pertinent to the data included in this table and/or its interpretation is provided in tables 7A.10 and 7A.6.									
(b)	Time series financial data are adjusted to 2017-18 dollars using the General Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GGFCE) chain price index deflator (2017-18=100). See table 2A.50 and Chapter 2 for more information.									
(c)	The total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) expenditure in the financial year, divided by the total (i.e. for all states and territories, and the Australian courts where applicable) number of finalisations for the same reference period.									
(d)	For the WA Supreme court, the civil net expenditure increased significantly in 2016-17 due to the General Division of the Supreme Court of Western Australia moving to the new David Malcolm Justice Centre. This resulted in a significant accommodation cost incurred by the WA Supreme court.									
(e)	For the WA District court, the reduction in net expenditure per finalisation in 2017-18 is mainly attributed to the revised methodology of the apportionment split between criminal and civil jurisdictions which has resulted in a greater percentage split apportioned to criminal than civil.									
(f)	The Magistrates' Court of Victoria data is unaudited and subject to revision. A review of data capture and extraction processes has been foreshadowed.									
(g)	Excludes expenditure associated with autopsy, forensic science, pathology tests and body conveyancing fees. Expenditure for autopsy and chemical analysis work is inconsistent between states and territories. In some states and territories autopsy expenses are shared with health departments and are not recognised in the court's expenditure.									
	.. Not applicable.									

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments (unpublished).

TABLE 7A.32

Table 7A.32 Treatment of assets by court authorities

		<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Federal Circuit Court</i>	<i>Family Court of Australia</i>	<i>NSW (a)</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld (b)</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>
Revaluation method	Land	na	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	na	..	Market	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value
	Buildings	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	na	..	Market	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value
	Other assets	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	na	..	..	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value	Fair value
Frequency of revaluations	Land, buildings	3yrs	sufficient regularity to avoid material misstatement	sufficient regularity to avoid material misstatement	5yrs	5yrs	5yrs	na	3yrs	5yrs	3 yrs	sufficient regularity to avoid material misstatement
	Other assets	3yrs			..	..	..	na	3yrs	5yrs	3 yrs	
Useful asset lives (c)	Buildings	na	na	na	various	40yrs	50yrs	40–50yrs	30–60yrs	50yrs	1-40 yrs	50yrs
	General equipment	4–10yrs	4–8yrs	1–10yrs	4–10yrs	5–10yrs	3–7yrs	5–10yrs	3–25yrs	5–20yrs	3-20 yrs	5–10yrs
	IT	4yrs	4–8yrs	1–10yrs	3–4yrs	3–5yrs	3–4yrs	3–10yrs	3–25yrs	na	4-5 yrs	3–6yrs
	Office equipment	8yrs	4–8yrs	1–10yrs	4–10yrs	10yrs	3–5yrs	5–10yrs	3–25yrs	na	3-20 yrs	5–10yrs
	Vehicles	na	na	na	na	5yrs	na	2–8yrs	na	na	na	na
	Library material	10–40yrs	na	10yrs	na	na	Infinite	na	25 years	20yrs	50 yrs	na
Capitalisation threshold	Buildings	2 000	2 000	2 000	3 000	na	10 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000
	IT	1 500	2 000	2 000	3 000	na	5 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	50 000 (d)	5 000
	Other assets	2 000	2 000	2 000	3 000	5 000	5 000	1 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000

(a) NSW: Land and buildings are revalued at least every five years. Property, plant and equipment are measured on an existing use basis, where there are no feasible alternative uses in the existing natural, legal, financial and socio-political environment. The straight line method of depreciation is used.

(b) In Queensland non-current physical assets measured at Fair value are comprehensively revalued at least every five years with interim valuations, using appropriate indices, being otherwise performed on an annual basis where there has been a material variation in the index.

(c) Asset lives for some assets have been grouped with other classifications. For some jurisdictions, IT equipment includes software.

(d) For software only.

na Not available. .. Not applicable.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

Table 7A.33 Supreme court jurisdictions across states and territories

Criminal courts

All State and Territory supreme courts have jurisdiction over similar criminal matters such as murder, treason and certain serious drug offences, but significant differences exist in this court level across the states and territories:

- District/county courts do not operate in Tasmania, the ACT and the NT, so in this state and these territories the supreme courts generally exercise a jurisdiction equal to that of both the supreme and district/county courts in other states.
- The Queensland Supreme Court deals with a number of drug matters, which supreme courts in other states and territories do not hear.
- In the NSW Supreme Court, almost all indictments are for offences of murder and manslaughter, whereas the range of indictments routinely presented in most other states and territories is broader.

All State and Territory supreme courts hear appeals, but the number and type of appeals vary because NSW, Victoria and Queensland also hear some appeals in their district/county courts.

Civil courts

All supreme courts deal with appeals and probate applications and have an unlimited jurisdiction on claims but:

NSW usually deals with complex cases, all claims over \$750 000 (except claims related to motor vehicle accidents or worker's compensation) and various other civil matters.

Victoria generally handles civil claims over \$200 000.

Queensland deals with claims over \$750 000 from 1 November 2010 and administrative law matters.

WA usually deals with claims over \$750 000.

SA exercises its unlimited jurisdiction for general and personal injury matters.

Tasmania usually deals with claims over \$50 000.

ACT usually deals with claims over \$250 000.

NT also deals with mental health, family law and *Coroners Act 1993* applications.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

Table 7A.34 District/county court jurisdictions across states and territories

There are no district/county courts in Tasmania, the ACT or the NT.

Criminal courts

The district/county courts have jurisdiction over indictable criminal matters (such as rape and armed robbery) except murder and treason, but differences exist among the states that have a district/county court. For example, appeals from magistrates' courts are heard in the district/county courts in NSW, Victoria and Queensland, but not in WA and SA. Briefly, the jurisdictions of the district/county courts are:

NSW: The NSW District Court deals with most of the serious criminal cases that come before the courts in NSW. It has responsibility for indictable criminal offences that are normally heard by a judge and jury, but on occasions by a judge alone. It does not deal with treason or murder.

Victoria: The Victorian County Court deals with all indictable offences, except the following which must be heard in the Supreme court: murder, attempted murder, child destruction, certain conspiracy charges, treason, and concealing an offence of treason. Examples of criminal offences heard in the County Court include drug trafficking, serious assaults, serious theft, rape and obtaining financial advantage by deception.

Queensland: The Queensland District Court deals with more serious criminal offences than heard by the Magistrates' Court - for example, rape, armed robbery and fraud.

WA: The WA District Court deals with any indictable offence except those that carry a penalty of life imprisonment.

SA: The SA District Court is the principal trial court and has jurisdiction to try a charge of any offence except treason or murder or offences related to those charges. Almost all matters have been referred following a committal process in the Magistrates Court.

Civil courts

All district/county courts hear appeals and deal with the following types of cases:

NSW: claims up to \$750 000 (or more if the parties consent) and has unlimited jurisdiction in motor accident injury claims.

Victoria: appeals under the *Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987*, adoption matters and change-of-name applications. Has unlimited jurisdiction in both personal injury claims and other claims.

Queensland: claims between \$150 000 and \$750 000 from 1 November 2010.

WA: claims up to \$750 000 and unlimited claims for personal injuries and has exclusive jurisdiction for motor accident injury claims.

SA: unlimited claims for general and personal injury matters.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

Table 7A.35

Magistrates' court jurisdictions across states and territories**Criminal courts**

NSW: deals summarily with matters with a maximum penalty of up to two years' imprisonment for a single offence, and up to five years' imprisonment for multiple offences, including some indictable offences.

Victoria: deals with summary offences and determines some indictable offences summarily.

Queensland: deals with summary offences and determines summarily some indictable matters where the penalty imposed by this jurisdiction may be up to three years' imprisonment.

WA: deals with summary offences and determines some indictable offences summarily.

SA: deals with matters with a maximum penalty of up to five years imprisonment for a single offence and 10 years imprisonment for multiple offences. Magistrates are able to sentence a defendant in relation to certain major indictable offences where the Director of Public Prosecutions and defence agree to the defendant being sentenced in the Magistrates Court.

Tasmania: deals with matters with a maximum penalty of up to two years imprisonment for a single offence and up to five years imprisonment for multiple offences. Also deals with some indictable offences summarily.

ACT: deals summarily with matters with a maximum penalty of up to two years imprisonment. With the DPP's consent, an offence punishable by imprisonment for longer than two years but up to five years. With a defendant's consent, matters with a maximum penalty of up to 14 years imprisonment where the offence relates to money or property (up to 10 years in other cases).

NT: deals with some drug and fraud charges and matters with a maximum penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment (or 10-14 years imprisonment if the accused consents).

Civil courts

NSW: deals with small claims up to \$10 000 and general division claims up to \$100 000, as well as family law matters.

Victoria: deals with claims up to \$100 000 for monetary damages, and applications for equitable relief and applications under the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008* and *Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010*.

Queensland: [prior to 1 December 2009] dealt with small claims (including residential tenancy disputes) up to \$7500, minor debt claims up to \$7500 and other claims up to \$50 000. Now deals with claims up to \$150 000. Since 1 November 2010 minor civil disputes are lodged with the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

WA: deals with claims for debt recovery and damages (not personal injury) up to \$75 000, minor cases up to \$10 000, residential tenancy applications for monies up to \$10 000, residential tenancy disputes and restraining orders.

SA: [from 1 August 2016] deals with minor civil claims up to \$12 000, and all other claims including commercial cases and personal injury claims up to \$100 000.

Tasmania: deals with claims up to \$50 000 (or more if both parties consent) for monetary damages and debt recovery, minor civil claims up to \$5000, residential tenancy disputes, restraint orders and family violence orders.

Table 7A.35

Magistrates' court jurisdictions across states and territories

ACT: deals with claims between \$25 000 and \$250 000, victims financial assistance applications up to \$50 000, matters under the *Domestic Relationships Act 1994* and commercial leasing matters. From February 2009 until December 2016, small claims up to \$10 000 were dealt with by the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. From December 2016 the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal has jurisdiction for small claims up to \$25 000.

NT: deals with claims up to \$100 000 and workers compensation claims.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

Table 7A.36 State and territory court levels - specific elements

The data sets from the following areas are reported separately from their court level to improve comparability and understanding of the data presented.

Probate

In all states and territories, probate issues are heard in supreme courts and encompass applications for the appointment of an executor or administrator to the estate of a deceased person. The two most common types of application are:

- where the executor nominated by a will applies to have the will proved
- where the deceased was intestate (died without a will) and a person applies for letters of administration to be entitled to administer the estate.

Children's courts

Children's Courts are specialist jurisdiction courts which sit within Magistrates' courts. Depending on the State or Territory legislation, children's courts may hear both criminal and civil matters. These courts in the main deal with summary proceedings, however some jurisdictions have the power to also hear indictable matters.

Children's courts deal with complaints of offences alleged to have been committed by young people. In all states and territories, children aged under 10 years cannot be charged with a criminal offence. People aged under 18 years at the time the offence was committed are considered a child or juvenile in all states and territories. In February 2018, the *Youth Justice and Other Legislation (Inclusion of 17-year-old Persons) Amendment Act 2016* commenced in Queensland, increasing the age that a person can be charged as an adult from 17 to 18 years. This brings Queensland legislation in line with all other Australian states and territories.

Children's courts may also hear matters where a child has been seriously abused or neglected. In these instances, the court has jurisdiction to determine matters relating to the child's care and protection. The majority of matters heard in the civil jurisdiction of children's courts are care and protection orders although some jurisdictions also hear matters such as applications for intervention orders. In Tasmania, child protection matters are lodged in the criminal registry.

Coroners' courts

In all states and territories, coroners' courts (which generally operate under the auspices of State and Territory magistrates' courts) inquire into the cause of sudden and/or unexpected reported deaths. The definition of a reported death differs across states and territories, but generally includes deaths for which the cause is violent, suspicious or unknown. All coronial jurisdictions investigate deaths in accordance with their respective *Coroners Act*. Each *Act* defines what constitutes a 'reportable death' to determine which deaths must be investigated by a Coroner. In some states and territories, the coroner has the power to commit for hearing, while in others the coroner is prohibited from making any finding of criminal or civil liability (but may refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions). Suspicious fires are generally within the jurisdiction of the coroners' courts in NSW, Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT but not in the other states and territories. In 2015-16 the scope of fires captured by the ACT Coroners' Act changed which has resulted in a substantial reduction in the number of fires reported to the Coroner in the ACT.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.

Table 7A.37 Australian court levels - specific elements

The Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia are, for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, a single listed entity known as the Federal Court of Australia.

Federal Court of Australia

This court is a superior court of record and a court of law and equity. It sits in all capital cities on a continuous basis and elsewhere in Australia from time to time. The Federal Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine any civil matter arising under laws made by the Federal Parliament, as well as any matter arising under the Constitution or involving its interpretation. The Federal Court also has original jurisdiction in respect of specific subject matter conferred by over 150 statutes of the Federal Parliament.

The Federal Court has a substantial and diverse appellate jurisdiction. It hears appeals from decisions of single judges of the Federal Court, decisions of the Federal Circuit Court in non-family law matters, decisions of the Supreme Court of Norfolk Island and particular decisions of State and Territory supreme courts exercising federal jurisdiction.

The Federal Court has the power to exercise indictable criminal jurisdiction for serious cartel offences under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (formerly the *Trade Practices Act*). The jurisdiction came into force on 6 November 2009 and the first Australian prosecution for a cartel offence was finalised in the Federal Court in 2017. The Federal Court also exercises a very small summary criminal jurisdiction, but the cases are not separately counted. There are so few cases, these would not make a material difference by being included in the civil case totals.

Family Court of Australia and Family Court of Western Australia

The Family Court of Australia has jurisdiction in all states and territories except WA (which has its own family court). It has jurisdiction to deal with matrimonial cases and associated responsibilities, including divorce proceedings, financial issues and children's matters such as who the children will live with, spend time with and communicate with, as well as other specific issues relating to parental responsibilities. It can also deal with ex nuptial cases involving children's matters.

A practice direction was issued by the Family Court of Australia with agreement from the [then] Federal Magistrates Court that, from November 2003, all divorce applications were to be lodged in the [then] Federal Magistrates Court. As a result, almost all divorces (other than in Western Australia) are now brought in the Federal Circuit Court where they are heard and decided finally by registrars. The Family Court's practice direction does not affect the Family Court of WA.

Table 7A.37 **Australian court levels - specific elements****Federal Circuit Court of Australia (formerly the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia)**

The first sittings of the Federal Magistrates Court were on 3 July 2000. The court was established to provide a simpler and more accessible service for litigants, and to ease the workloads of both the Federal Court and the Family Court of Australia. As a result of legislative amendments which recognise the work and status of the Court, the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia was renamed the Federal Circuit Court of Australia on 12 April 2013. The inclusion of the word 'circuit' to the name of the court highlights the importance of the Court's circuit work in regional areas and its broad Commonwealth jurisdiction in both family law and general federal law. The jurisdiction, status and arrangements under which the Court operates have not changed. Its jurisdiction includes family law and child support, administrative law, admiralty, anti-terrorism, bankruptcy, copyright, human rights, migration, privacy and trade practices. State and Territory courts also continue to do some work in these areas.

The Federal Circuit Court has concurrent jurisdiction in almost all family law matters with the Family Court and in some significant areas of general federal law with the Federal Court. The intention is for the latter two courts to focus on more complex legal matters. The Federal Circuit Court hears most first instance judicial reviews of migration matters. In trade practices matters it can award damages up to \$750 000. In family law matters its jurisdiction is similar to that of the Family Court of Australia, except that only the Family Court of Australia can consider adoption disputes, applications concerning the nullity and validity of marriages, and dealing with parenting issues under The Hague Convention. Otherwise, the Federal Circuit Court has jurisdiction to hear any matter transferred to it by either the Federal Court or the Family Court of Australia.

Source: Australian, State and Territory court administration authorities and departments.