

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Division: Social Statistics Division
Question No: 1
Topic: Murdered women and children
Senator: Paul Scarr

Question:

1. Please provide the committee with:

- a) information on the number of Australian women and children who have been murdered, disaggregated by state/territory and by year (1980 - present if available).
- b) information on the number of First Nations women and children who have been murdered, disaggregated by state/territory and by year (1980 - present if available).
- c) information on the number of non-First Nations women and children who have been murdered, disaggregated by state/territory and by year (1980 - present if available).
- d) information on the rate of:
 - i) First Nations women and children,
 - ii) non-First Nations women and children,
 - iii) Australian (both First Nations and non-First Nations) women and children, and
 - iv) all Australians who have been murdered by state/territory and by year (1980 – present if available).
- e) If you are unable to provide this information, please explain the reasons for not being able to do so (e.g. certain data isn't collected in a particular state or territory, or isn't captured by your agency etc.). Are there other sources that may reliably record this information? If so, what are they?

Answer:

- a) The following link provides access to the most recent publicly available data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on the topic murder victims from [Recorded Crime - Victims, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics](#). Table 2 of *Recorded Crime – Victims* contains the national victim numbers and rates per 100,000 persons for murder from 2010 to 2021. The data is disaggregated by sex and age at time of police report. Table 11 of *Recorded Crime – Victims* contains state and territory victim numbers and rates per 100,000 persons for homicide and related offences for 2021. The data is disaggregated by sex and age at time of police recording. Previous years data is available in previous publications.

Data notes in relation to this request:

- Data is available from 2010 split by age and sex. Data between 1993 and 2010 is available as victim counts by offence type.
 - Data disaggregated by state and territory for age, sex and offence type is publicly available for homicide and related offences which includes murder, attempted murder and manslaughter.
- b) Table 23 of *Recorded Crime – Victims* contains the numbers and rates per 100,000 persons for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for victims of homicide and related offences for selected states and territories - New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA) and Northern Territory (NT). This data is presented from 2010 to 2021.

Data notes in relation to this request:

- Data is publicly available for homicide and related offences only
 - Data is only available for NSW, Qld, SA and NT. For further detail please refer to the Recorded Crime – Victims methodology - [Recorded Crime - Victims methodology, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics](#).
- c) Data is not published for non-First Nations people in *Recorded Crime – Victims*.
- d) i) ii) iii) iv) Relevant publicly available rates per 100,000 persons are presented in *Recorded Crime – Victims*, Tables 2, 11 and 23 as described in part (a) and (b).
- e) Please see data explanatory notes described in part (a), (b) and (c).

Some additional data may be available from the Australian Institute of Criminology via the National Homicide Monitoring Program - [Homicide | Australian Institute of Criminology](#).