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Acronyms and abbreviations

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AIC	Australian Institute of Criminology
MSO	most serious offence
NCIS	National Coronial Information System
NDICP	National Deaths in Custody Program
RCIADIC	Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
SCRGSP	Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision

Abstract

The National Deaths in Custody Program (NDICP) has monitored the extent and nature of deaths occurring in prison, police custody and youth detention in Australia since 1980. The Australian Institute of Criminology has coordinated the NDICP since its establishment in 1992, the result of a recommendation made by the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody the previous year. This report contains detailed information on the 113 deaths in custody in 2018–19—89 in prison custody and 24 in police custody or custody-related operations—and compares these findings to longer term trends.

Introduction

The National Deaths in Custody Program (NDICP) monitors the extent and nature of deaths occurring in prison, police custody and youth detention from 1980 onwards. The NDICP was established at the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) in 1992 in response to recommendation 41 of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC): that 'statistics and other information on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal deaths in prison, police custody and juvenile detention centres, and related matters, be monitored nationally on an ongoing basis…within the Australian Institute of Criminology'. The final report of the RCIADIC outlined the types of deaths that would require notification to the NDICP (recommendation 41, RCIADIC 1991). They are:

- a death, wherever occurring, of a person who is in prison custody, police custody or youth detention;
- a death, wherever occurring, of a person whose death is caused or contributed to by traumatic injuries sustained, or by lack of proper care, while in such custody or detention;
- a death, wherever occurring, of a person who dies, or is fatally injured, in the process of police or prison officers attempting to detain that person; or
- a death, wherever occurring, of a person attempting to escape from prison, police custody or youth detention.

This report examines the extent and nature of deaths occurring in prison and police custody and custody-related operations in 2018–19, and compares these findings to long-term trends. Definitions of these categories are presented in Box 1.

Box 1: Definitions of deaths in custody

Deaths in prison custody

Deaths in prison custody include deaths that occur in prison or youth detention facilities. This also includes the deaths that occur during transfer to or from prison or youth detention centres, or in medical facilities following transfer from adult or youth detention centres (RCIADIC 1991).

Deaths in police custody

Deaths in police custody are divided into two main categories:[a]

Category 1

(a) Deaths in institutional settings (eg police stations or lock-ups, police vehicles, during transfer to or from such an institution, or in hospitals following transfer from an institution).

(b) Other deaths in police operations where officers were in close contact with the deceased. This would include most raids and shootings by police. However, it would not include most sieges where a perimeter was established around a premise but officers did not have such close contact with the person to be able to significantly influence or control the person's behaviour.

Category 2

Other deaths during custody-related police operations. This would cover situations where officers did not have such close contact with the person to be able to significantly influence or control the person's behaviour. It would include most sieges, as described above, and most cases where officers were attempting to detain a person—for example, a pursuit.

a: This definition of a 'death in police custody' is based on a resolution of the Australasian Police Ministers' Council in 1994. Category 1(a) deaths have been included in the NDICP since 1980, whereas police operational deaths (category 1(b) and category 2 deaths) have been collected by the NDICP since 1990

Data used for the NDICP are based on two main sources: data provided by state and territory police services and corrections departments; and coronial records accessed through the National Coronial Information System (NCIS). For more information about the NDICP and its methodology, see *Appendix A*.

In the 28 years since the RCIADIC (1991), there have been 455 Indigenous deaths in custody (ie prison custody, police custody and custody-related operations and youth justice; see Table C2).

Deaths in prison custody

2018–19 findings

In 2018–19 there were 89 deaths in prison custody (see Table B1), 17 more than in 2017–18 (see Table D1). This is the highest number of deaths in prison custody since NDICP data collection began, attributable to the increasing prisoner population. The death rate also increased, from 0.17 to 0.21 per 100 prisoners (see Figure 1). The death rate in 2018–19 was higher than the average for the previous decade (0.17 per 100 for 2008–09 to 2017–18).

The largest number of deaths in prison custody occurred in New South Wales (*n*=33), followed by Victoria (*n*=19) and Western Australia (*n*=15; see Table B1). Consistent with 2017–18, there were no deaths in the Australian Capital Territory. The death rate was highest in Tasmania (0.29 per 100), followed by New South Wales (0.25 per 100) and Victoria (0.23 per 100).

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19 there were increases in the number of deaths occurring in New South Wales (+6), Victoria (+2), Western Australia (+4), South Australia (+4) and Tasmania (+1; see Table D1). The number of deaths remained the same in Queensland (*n*=11), the Australian Capital Territory (*n*=0) and the Northern Territory (*n*=3). No jurisdiction recorded a decrease in the number of deaths.

Indigenous status

In 2018–19 there were 16 Indigenous deaths in prison custody (see Table B1), accounting for 18 percent of all deaths in prison custody over the period. In comparison, Indigenous prisoners made up 28 percent (*n*=11,866) of the Australian prisoner population at 30 June 2019 (Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2019b). The highest number of Indigenous deaths in prison custody in 2018–19 occurred in Western Australia (*n*=5), followed by New South Wales (*n*=4) and the Northern Territory (*n*=3; see Figure 2). No Indigenous deaths occurred in South Australia or Tasmania. There were 73 non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody in 2018–19, the highest number recorded since 1979–80. The highest number of non-Indigenous deaths occurred in New South Wales (*n*=29), followed by Victoria (*n*=17) and Western Australia (*n*=10).

The death rate of Indigenous prisoners was 0.13 per 100 prisoners (see Table B1), and 3.11 per 100,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population aged 18 years and over (see Table B2). The death rate for Indigenous prisoners was highest in Victoria (0.24 per 100 prisoners), followed by the Northern Territory (0.21 per 100 prisoners) and Western Australia (0.19 per 100 prisoners; see Table B1). Comparatively, the death rate of non-Indigenous prisoners was 0.23 per 100 prisoners (see Table B1), and 0.38 per 100,000 non-Indigenous population aged 18 years and over (see Table B2). It was highest for non-Indigenous prisoners in Tasmania (0.36 per 100 prisoners), followed by New South Wales and South Australia (0.28 per 100 prisoners for each; see Table B1).

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19, the number of Indigenous deaths in prison custody remained stable (*n*=16; see Table D2), while the number of non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody increased by 17 (from *n*=56 to *n*=73; see Table D3). Over the same time period, there was a small decrease in the death rate of Indigenous prisoners (from 0.14 to 0.13 per 100) and an increase in the death rate of non-Indigenous prisoners (from 0.18 to 0.23 per 100; see Table D5).

The death rate of Indigenous prisoners was lower than the death rate of non-Indigenous prisoners nationally (0.13 and 0.23 per 100 respectively), and in all jurisdictions except for Victoria (0.24 vs 0.23 per 100 prisoners) and the Northern Territory (0.21 vs 0.00 per 100 prisoners; see Table B1). Death rates of Indigenous prisoners have been consistently lower than the death rates of non-Indigenous prisoners since 2003–04 (see Figure 3).

In 1991, the RCIADIC concluded that Indigenous persons were no more likely to die in custody than non-Indigenous persons, but were significantly more likely to be arrested and imprisoned. The same remains true today. The most recent Australian census found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders comprise three percent of the Australian population (ABS 2017). In comparison, Indigenous prisoners made up 28 percent (*n*=11,866) of the Australian prisoner population at 30 June 2019 (ABS 2019b). Further, the Indigenous imprisonment rate was 12 times the rate for non-Indigenous prisoners in 2019, and has increased by 35 percent since 2009, compared to an increase of 26 percent for non-Indigenous prisoners (ABS 2019b).

In the 28 years since the RCIADIC (1991), there have been 295 Indigenous deaths in prison custody (see Table C2).

Gender

Eighty-seven males and two females died in prison custody during 2018–19, representing death rates of 0.22 and 0.06 per 100 prisoners respectively (see Table B1). The death rate for male prisoners increased by 22 percent between 2017–18 and 2018–19 (from 0.18 per 100 in 2017–18), while the death rate for female prisoners remained stable (see Table D6).

Of the 87 male prisoner deaths in 2018–19, 16 were Indigenous males and 71 were non-Indigenous males (see Table D4). This represents death rates of 0.15 and 0.25 per 100 male prisoners (see Table B1) and 6.30 and 0.75 per 100,000 relevant population respectively (see Table B2). Both female deaths in prison custody in 2018–19 were non-Indigenous women, representing a death rate of 0.09 per 100 non-Indigenous female prisoners (see Table B1) and 0.02 per 100,000 non-Indigenous female population (see Table B2).

The number of male deaths in custody has been consistently higher than the number of female deaths in custody since 1979–80 (see Table D4), reflecting the composition of the total Australian prisoner population (ABS 2000–2018, 2019b). For every female death in prison custody since 1979–80, there have been approximately 24.6 male deaths in prison custody. In comparison, for every woman imprisoned in Australia at 30 June 2019, there were approximately 11.3 men imprisoned (ABS 2019b).

Age

The median age at time of death for prisoners in 2018–19 was 49 years (see Table B1), while the median age of all prisoners in Australia at 30 June 2019 was 35 years (ABS 2019b). Indigenous prisoners had a lower median age at time of death than non-Indigenous prisoners (47 and 52 years respectively). In comparison, the median age of Indigenous prisoners was 32 years and the median age of non-Indigenous prisoners was 36 years (ABS 2019b).

The greatest proportion of deaths in prison custody occurred in prisoners aged over 55 (46%, *n*=41). This represents a death rate of 1.19 per 100 prisoners aged 55 years and over (see Table B1). Since 2017–18, the number of deaths of prisoners in this age category increased by 15 (see Table D7), and the death rate increased by 51 percent (from 0.79 per 100 in 2017–18; see Table D10).

Half of Indigenous prisoner deaths in 2018–19 were of those aged between 40 and 54 years (50%, *n*=8), whereas the death rate was highest for Indigenous prisoners aged 55 years and over (1.85 per 100; see Table B1). Since 2017–18, there has been an increase in the number of Indigenous prisoner deaths in both of these age categories (see Table D8). Nearly half of non-Indigenous prisoners who died were aged over 55 (48%, *n*=35), and the death rate was also highest for this age group (1.12 per 100; see Table B1).

In each year since prison population data became available in 1981–82, the death rate has been the highest among prisoners aged 55 years and over (see Table D10).

Legal status

At 30 June 2019, 67 percent (*n*=28,721) of all prisoners in Australia were serving a sentence (ABS 2019b). In 2018–19, 63 percent (*n*=56) of deaths in prison custody were of sentenced prisoners. This represents a decrease in the proportion of deaths of sentenced prisoners compared to 2017–18 (67%, *n*=48; see Table D11).

In 2018–19, the death rate of sentenced prisoners was lower than that of unsentenced prisoners (0.19 vs 0.23 per 100; see Table B1). Among non-Indigenous prisoners, the death rate of sentenced prisoners was lower than that of unsentenced prisoners (0.22 vs 0.27 per 100), whereas for Indigenous prisoners the rates were comparable (0.13 and 0.12 per 100 respectively).

The death rate of unsentenced prisoners remained lower than the peak death rate recorded in 1983–84 (1.16 per 100; see Figure 4). Similarly, the death rate of sentenced prisoners has remained consistently lower than the peak of 0.28 per 100 prisoners recorded in 1989–90, in 1996–97 and in 1997–98 (see Table D12).

Cause of death

The cause of death was recorded for 75 of the 89 deaths in prison custody in 2018–19. Most of these 75 deaths were due to natural causes (68%, *n*=51; see Table B1). The remaining deaths were due to hanging and associated complications (all of which were self-inflicted; 20%, *n*=15), external trauma (8%, *n*=6), alcohol and/or drugs (3%, *n*=2) and other or multiple causes (1%, *n*=1). Prisoners aged over 55 accounted for almost two-thirds of natural cause deaths (63%, *n*=32), whereas prisoners aged under 55 made up the majority of hanging deaths (87%, *n*=13).

Three-quarters of natural cause deaths were of sentenced prisoners (76%, *n*=39), and the natural cause death rate was higher among sentenced prisoners than unsentenced prisoners (0.14 vs 0.08 per 100). Conversely, most hanging deaths were of unsentenced prisoners (73%, *n*=11), representing a death rate of 0.08 per 100 prisoners. This was higher than the rate of hanging deaths of sentenced prisoners (0.01 per 100).

The cause of death was recorded for 13 of the 16 Indigenous and 62 of the 73 non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody in 2018–19. Natural causes were the most common cause of death for both Indigenous (85%, *n*=11) and non-Indigenous prisoners (65%, *n*=40; see Table B1). The rate of natural cause deaths was higher for non-Indigenous prisoners than Indigenous prisoners (0.13 vs 0.09 per 100). The specific cause of death was known in 10 of the 11 Indigenous deaths that were attributable to natural causes. Three of these deaths were from heart disease or related ailments, two were from cancer, two were from respiratory conditions and one was from each of infectious diseases, other conditions and multiple conditions. Of the 29 non-Indigenous natural cause deaths where the specific cause of death was recorded, most (52%, *n*=15) were from cancer, followed by respiratory conditions (21%, *n*=6) and heart disease or related ailments (14%, *n*=4).

Of the 15 deaths attributed to hanging and associated complications, one was of an Indigenous prisoner and 14 were of non-Indigenous prisoners. The rate of hanging deaths was lower for Indigenous prisoners than non-Indigenous prisoners (0.01 vs 0.04 per 100). Consistent with previous years, most (53%, *n*=8) of the hanging deaths in prison custody involved the use of bed sheets. The most common hanging point was a cell fitting other than cell bars (60%, *n*=9), such as a cell door. Cell bars were used as a hanging point in one death. The number of hanging deaths in which cell bars were used as the hanging point has decreased since 2004–05, accounting for no more than three deaths per year.

The number of natural cause deaths has exceeded the number of hanging deaths since 2001–02 (see Table D13). Between 2017–18 and 2018–19, there was a slight increase in the number (45 vs 51; see Table D13) and rate (0.10 vs 0.12 per 100; see Table D16) of natural cause deaths. The rate of hanging deaths remained stable over this period (0.03 per 100 prisoners), representing an 86 percent decrease since the rate of hanging deaths reached its peak in 1983–84 (see Figure 5). The rate of Indigenous hanging deaths has remained the same or lower than the rate of non-Indigenous hanging deaths in all but one year over the last decade (see Figure 6).

Manner of death

The NDICP collects information on both the cause and manner of each death. Cause of death information relates to the direct cause of death, whereas the manner of death refers to the accountability or responsibility for the death (see *Appendix A*).

In 2018–19 the leading manner of death was natural causes (*n*=51), exceeding self-inflicted deaths (*n*=17) for the sixteenth year in a row (see Table D18). Five deaths were attributed to unlawful (prisoner-on-prisoner) homicide, the largest number of unlawful homicides in prison custody since 1998–99 (*n*=8). One death was classified as a justifiable homicide, the first to occur in prison custody since 2001–02. The manner of death was not recorded in a further 15 cases.

The death rate was highest for natural cause deaths (0.12 per 100), exceeding self-inflicted deaths (0.04 per 100; see Table B1). The death rate for natural cause deaths has exceeded that of self-inflicted deaths since 2004–05 (see Figure 7). The rate of death attributable to natural causes was higher for non-Indigenous prisoners than for Indigenous prisoners (0.13 vs 0.09 per 100), as was the rate of self-inflicted deaths (0.05 vs 0.01 per 100; see Table B1).

Of the 17 self-inflicted deaths, 15 were attributed to hanging and related complications, one was attributed to external trauma, and one was attributed to other/multiple causes (see Table B3). Of the three unlawful homicides in which the cause of death was known, all were attributed to external trauma. Finally, the one justifiable homicide was attributed to external trauma.

Most serious offence

The NDICP collects information on the most serious offence (MSO) leading to custody (see *Appendix A*). Of the 89 persons who died in prison custody in 2018–19, most had been incarcerated for a violent offence (73%, *n*=65), followed by theft-related offences (11%, *n*=10; see Table B1). In comparison, just over half of all prisoners in Australia as at 30 June 2019 were incarcerated for a violent offence (56%, *n*=24,151), and 15 percent (*n*=6,665) were incarcerated for a theft-related offence (ABS 2019b). Violent offences were the most common MSO for both Indigenous (81%, *n*=13) and non-Indigenous (71%, *n*=52) prisoners who died in prison custody in 2018–19. Each year since 1993–94, violent offences have been the most common MSO recorded for those who died in prison (see Table D22).

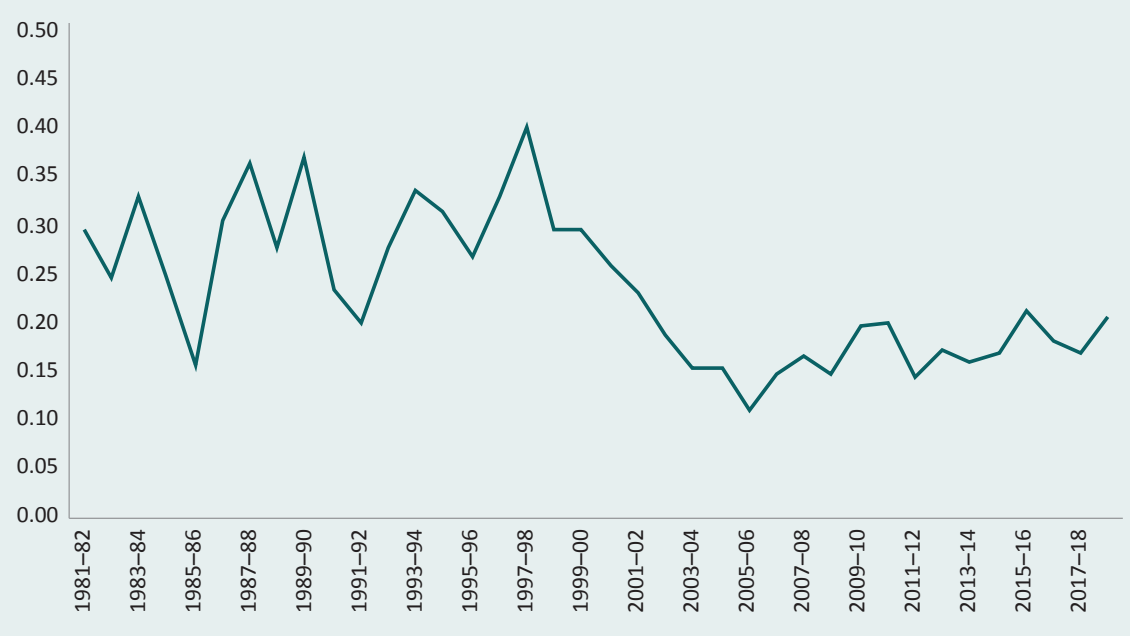
Location of death

The most common location at time of death was a cell (47%, *n*=42), followed by a public hospital (28%, *n*=25) and a prison hospital (18%, *n*=16; see Table B1). Four Indigenous and 38 non-Indigenous prisoners died in a cell. Seven Indigenous and 18 non-Indigenous prisoners died in a public hospital. Since 1979–80, almost half of all prison deaths have occurred in a cell (49%, *n*=940; see Table D25).

Type of prison

In 2018–19, most deaths in prison custody occurred while the prisoner was in the custody of a government-run prison (80%, *n*=71), with fewer occurring while the prisoner was in the custody of a privately-run prison (20%, *n*=18; see Table B1). Based on prison population estimates from the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision (2020), the rate of death was the same in government-run and privately-run prisons (0.21 per 100).

Figure 1: Deaths in prison custody, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners)



Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]; see Table D5

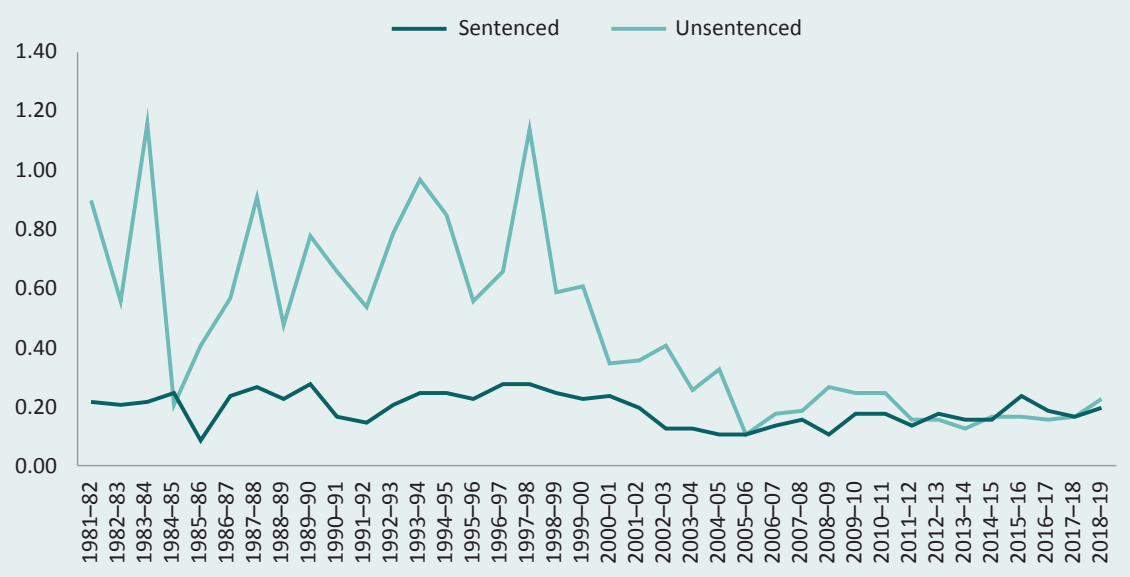
Figure 2: Deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction and Indigenous status, 2018–19 (*n*)

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]; see Table B1

Figure 3: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)

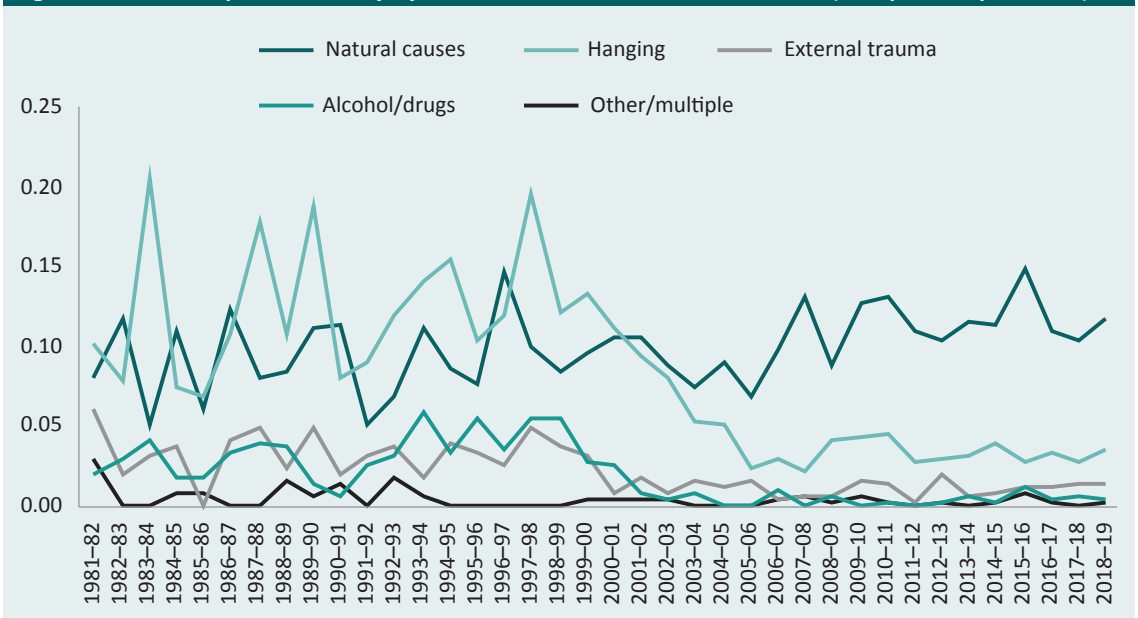
Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]; see Table D5

Figure 4: Deaths in prison custody by legal status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)



Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]; see Table D12

Figure 5: Deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners)



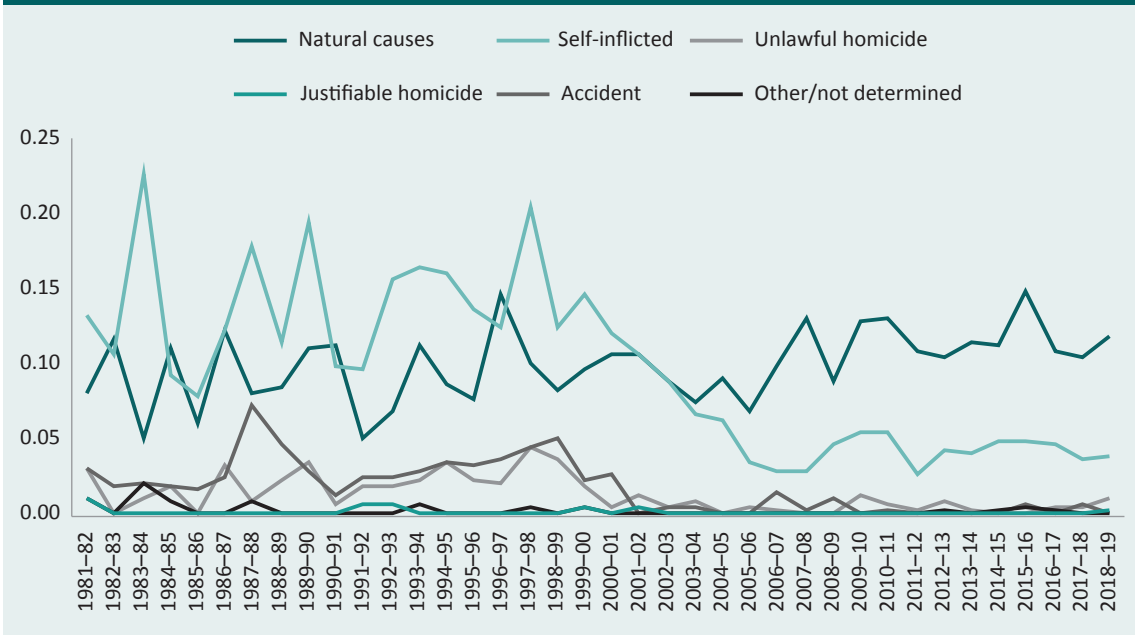
Note: External trauma includes head injuries and gunshot wounds

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]; see Table D16

Figure 6: Hanging deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]; see Table D17

Figure 7: Deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners)



Note: Self-inflicted includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown intent, and accidental hangings

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]; see Table D21

Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations

2018–19 findings

In 2018–19 there were 24 deaths in police custody and custody-related operations (hereafter referred to as police custody) in Australia (see Table B4), three more than in the previous year. The number of deaths in police custody fluctuates annually, which is attributable to the small number of deaths overall (see Figure 8). Death rates in police custody are not calculated due to the lack of national police custody population data. Instead, the death rate by Indigenous status and gender described below is calculated as a population rate.

The largest number of deaths in police custody occurred in Western Australia (*n*=6; see Table B4). There were five deaths in each of New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, two in South Australia and one in Tasmania. No deaths in police custody were recorded in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory.

Sixteen of the 24 deaths occurring in police custody were categorised as category 1 deaths (see Table B4). Category 1 deaths are those occurring during close police contact with the deceased, including deaths in police stations, and most police shootings and raids (see *Introduction*). The remaining eight deaths were categorised as category 2 deaths, as they occurred during non-close police contact, such as foot pursuits or self-inflicted deaths in the presence of police after the commission of an offence.

Indigenous status

Of the 24 deaths occurring in police custody in 2018–19, four were of Indigenous persons and 19 were of non-Indigenous persons (see Table B4). The Indigenous status of one deceased person was not recorded. The death rate of Indigenous persons in police custody was 0.61 per 100,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population aged 10 years and over (see Table B5). The death rate of non-Indigenous persons in police custody was 0.09 per 100,000 non-Indigenous population aged 10 years and over.

Consistent with all years of data on deaths in police custody (1989–90 onward), the number of non-Indigenous deaths exceeded the number of Indigenous deaths (see Figure 9). Since 1989–90, Indigenous persons have comprised 20 percent (*n*=168) of deaths in police custody (see Table E5).

In the 28 years since the RCIADIC (1991), there have been 156 Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations (see Table C2).

Gender

In 2018–19, 21 males and three females died in police custody (see Table B4). The number of male deaths in police custody has exceeded the number of female deaths in police custody for all 30 years of deaths in police custody data (see Table E6). Of the four Indigenous deaths in police custody, three were male and one was female (see Table B4), with death rates of 0.92 and 0.30 per 100,000 relevant population respectively (see Table B5). Of the 19 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody, 17 were male and two were female (see Table B4), with death rates of 0.16 and 0.02 per 100,000 relevant population respectively (see Table B5). The Indigenous status was not recorded for one male death.

Age

The median age at time of death in police custody was 35 years (see Table B4). The median age at time of death was higher for non-Indigenous persons (36 years) than for Indigenous persons (22 years). Deaths in police custody most commonly involved persons aged 25–39 (*n*=10), and were least likely to involve persons aged 55 years and over (*n*=2). Since 1989–90, persons aged 55 years and over have been the least likely to die in police custody (7%, *n*=61; see Table E7).

Cause of death

The specific cause of death was recorded in 21 of the 24 deaths in police custody in 2018–19. Of these, most were attributable to gunshot wounds (*n*=13), followed by other/multiple causes (*n*=3; see Figure 10). Consistent with 2017–18, there were no hanging deaths in police custody. In 2018–19, two Indigenous persons died as a result of other/multiple causes and one Indigenous person died as a result of gunshot wounds (see Table B4). The cause of death was unknown in the remaining Indigenous death. Of the 19 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody, 12 were attributable to gunshot wounds, two to each of natural causes and external trauma and one to each of alcohol and/or drugs and other/multiple causes. The cause of death was unknown in the remaining non-Indigenous death.

In 2018–19, the number of deaths attributable to gunshot wounds (*n*=13) was the greatest since 1999–2000 (*n*=15; see Table E10). Of these 13 deaths, nine were police shootings and four were self-inflicted (see *Manner of death* below). Gunshot wounds or external trauma have been the leading causes of death in police custody since 1989–90.

Since 1989–90, the greatest proportion of Indigenous deaths in police custody have been attributable to external trauma (33%, *n*=55), followed by natural causes (22%, *n*=36) and head injuries (14%, *n*=24; see Table E11). In comparison, most non-Indigenous deaths in police custody have been attributable to gunshot wounds (36%, *n*=243) or external trauma (31%, *n*=208; see Table E12).

Manner of death

In 2018–19, nine of the 21 deaths where manner of death information was available were justifiable homicides. All nine of these deaths were caused by gunshot wounds from a police shooting (see Table B6). A further six deaths were self-inflicted, three were accidental, two were a result of natural causes and one had other/not determined recorded as the manner of death (see Table B4). Of the self-inflicted deaths, four were attributed to gunshot wounds, one to external trauma and one to alcohol and/or drugs (see Table B6). One accidental death was attributed to external trauma, and two were attributed to other/multiple causes.

Of the four Indigenous deaths in police custody, two were accidental deaths attributable to other/multiple causes, one was a self-inflicted death attributable to gunshot wounds, and one had no manner of death recorded (see Table B6). Of the 19 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody, nine were justifiable homicides, five were self-inflicted, two were attributable to natural causes, one was an accident and one had other/not determined recorded as the manner of death. The remaining non-Indigenous death had no manner of death recorded.

Since 1989–90, the greatest proportion of deaths in police custody have been accidental deaths (37%, *n*=314; see Table E13), and this is true for both Indigenous (see Table E14) and non-Indigenous persons (see Table E15). However, despite annual fluctuations, the numbers of accidental deaths have been generally decreasing over the last decade (from *n*=13 in 2009–10 to *n*=3 in 2018–19). Deaths resulting from unlawful homicides have remained consistently low since 1989–90, comprising just two percent (*n*=16) of all deaths in police custody (see Table E13).

Most serious offence

Of the four Indigenous persons who died in police custody in 2018–19, two were suspected of having committed theft-related offences, and one was suspected of having committed a good order offence (see Table B4). The MSO was not stated or unknown for the remaining Indigenous death. Non-Indigenous persons who died in police custody were most commonly suspected of having committed a violent offence (58%, *n*=11).

Since 1989–90, deaths of persons who were suspected of committing a violent offence have been more frequent than deaths of those suspected of committing other types of offences (34%, *n*=292; see Table E16). The number of deaths in police custody of persons suspected of committing drug-related offences has remained low since 1989–90, reaching a peak of three deaths in 1994–95, in 2004–05 and in 2005–06, and comprising three percent (*n*=23) of all deaths in police custody in which an MSO was recorded.

Since 1989–90, Indigenous persons who died in police custody have most commonly been suspected of having committed a theft-related MSO (33%, *n*=53) or a good order offence (24%, *n*=39; see Table E17). Over the same time period, non-Indigenous persons have most commonly been suspected of committing a violent offence (38%, *n*=255), or a theft-related offence (17%, *n*=113; see Table E18).

Location of death

The most common location of deaths in police custody was private property (*n*=9), followed by public places (*n*=8) and public hospitals (*n*=7; see Table B4). In 2018–19, no deaths in police custody occurred in a cell or other custodial environment. Of the seven deaths occurring in a public hospital, the location of the incident preceding the death was a private property in three cases, a public place in two cases, and a cell in one case. The remaining case was a police shooting that occurred in a public hospital.

Of the four Indigenous deaths in police custody, two occurred in a public place, one on private property, and the other in a public hospital. The location of death for the individual whose Indigenous status was not recorded was a public place.

Since 1989–90, the largest number of deaths have occurred in a public place (*n*=353), followed by a public hospital (*n*=221; see Table E19). Almost one in 10 deaths have occurred in a cell (9%, *n*=78).

Circumstances of custodial period

In 2018–19, 19 of the 24 deaths in police custody occurred while police were in the process of detaining or attempting to detain the individual (see Table B4). A further two deaths occurred in an institutional setting, and the remaining three deaths occurred in circumstances classified as 'other'. Two Indigenous deaths in police custody occurred while police were detaining or attempting to detain the individual, and two were in circumstances classified as 'other'. The individual whose Indigenous status was not stated or unknown died while police were in the process of detaining or attempting to detain them.

Deaths occurring while police were in the process of detaining or attempting to detain the individual have outnumbered deaths in any other type of custody since 1992–93 (*n*=634; see Table E20). Since 1989–90, the most common method of detainment has been a motor vehicle pursuit (36%, *n*=230), followed by a shooting or other circumstance (33%, *n*=208; see Table E21).

Motor vehicle pursuit deaths

In 2018–19, there were no deaths that resulted from a motor vehicle pursuit. This was the second year since NDICP data collection began that there have been no motor vehicle pursuit deaths (see Figure 11). The peak number of motor vehicle pursuit deaths occurred in 2001–02 (*n*=18).

Shooting deaths

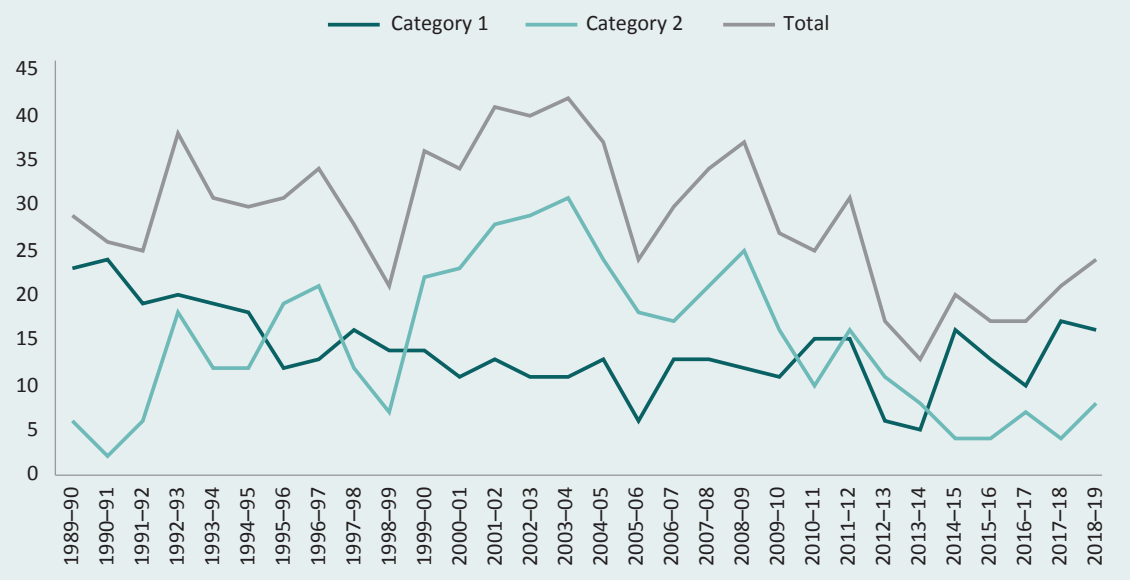
In 2018–19 there were 13 shooting deaths in police custody, five more than in 2017–18 (see Figure 12). The highest number of shooting deaths occurred in Queensland (*n*=5), followed by New South Wales (*n*=3) and Western Australia (*n*=2). The remaining shooting deaths occurred in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania (*n*=1 for each). Of the 13 shooting deaths in police custody, nine were police shootings, and four were self-inflicted shootings. Since 1989–90, there have been 148 police shootings and 108 self-inflicted shootings. Of the nine police shootings in 2018–19:

- All were of non-Indigenous persons. Police shootings of non-Indigenous persons have consistently outnumbered police shootings of Indigenous persons in all years since 1990–91.
- All involved males. Police shootings have been more likely to involve males than females in all years since 1989–90.
- Most were suspected of having committed a violent offence (*n*=7). The remaining two deaths involved persons suspected of committing a theft-related offence (*n*=1) or an offence categorised as 'other' (*n*=1). Since 1989–90, almost three-quarters (74%, *n*=111) of police shootings have involved persons suspected of having committed a violent offence.
- The location of the shooting was a private property in five cases, a public place in three cases, and a public hospital in one case.

In comparison, of the four self-inflicted shootings in 2018–19:

- Three involved non-Indigenous persons, and one involved an Indigenous person. Non-Indigenous self-inflicted shootings in police custody have consistently outnumbered Indigenous self-inflicted shootings since 1989–90.
- All involved males. Almost all (98%, *n*=106) self-inflicted shootings in police custody since 1989–90 have involved males.
- Two involved persons suspected of having committed a violent offence. Since 1989–90, most self-inflicted shootings in police custody have involved persons suspected of having committed a violent offence (60%, *n*=65).
- The location of the shooting was a private property in all four cases.

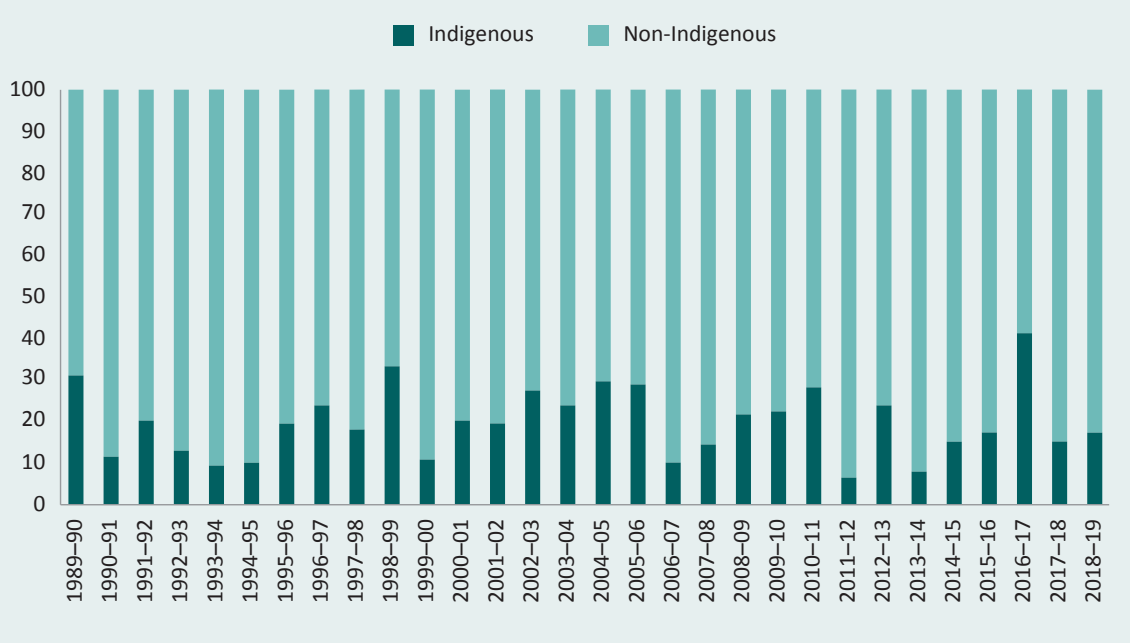
Figure 8: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)



Note: For a definition of these categories, see Box 1 in the *Introduction*

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]; see Table E4

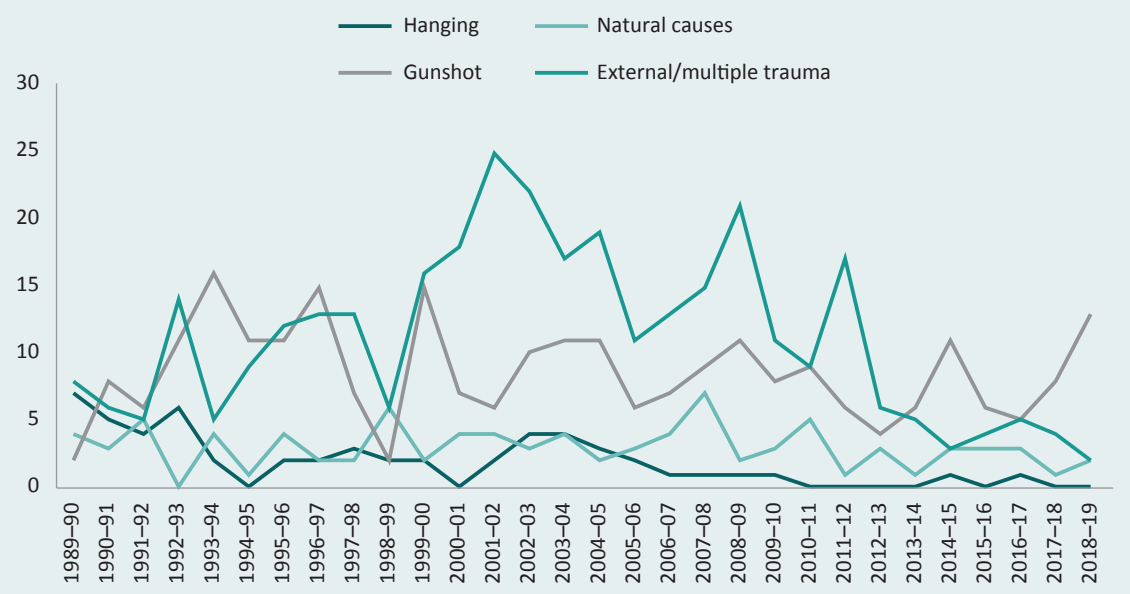
Figure 9: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by Indigenous status, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (%)



Note: Excludes 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]; see Table E5

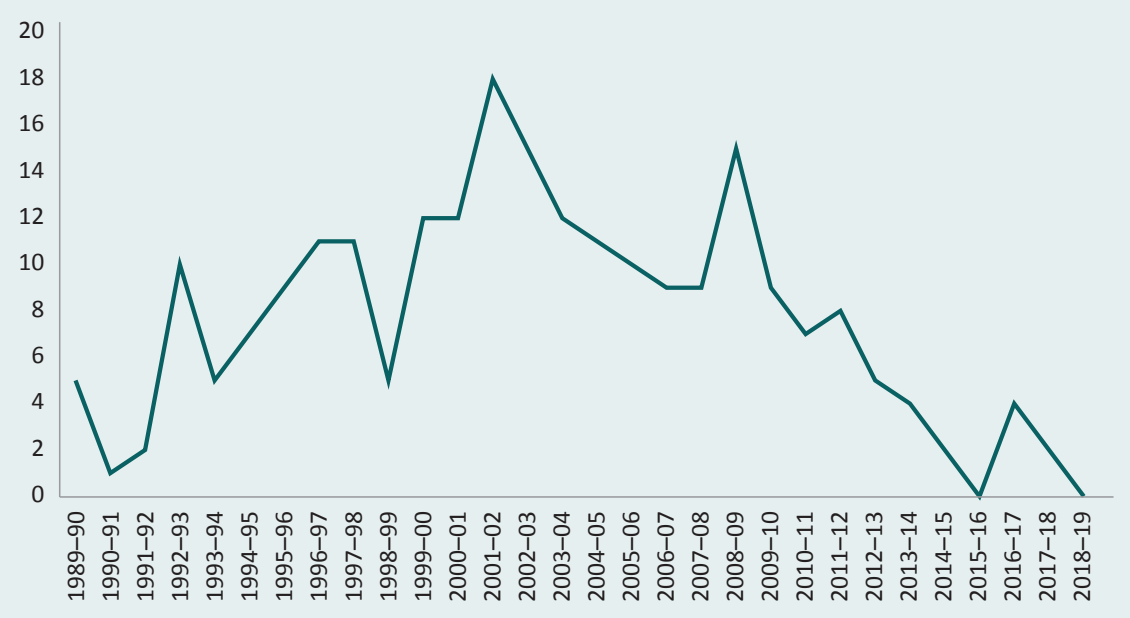
Figure 10: Deaths in police custody by select cause of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)



Note: External/multiple trauma includes head injuries. Excludes deaths caused by alcohol/drugs and other/multiple causes due to small numbers

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]; see Table E10

Figure 11: Motor vehicle pursuit deaths, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)



Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]; see Table E24

Figure 12: Shooting deaths, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

Note: Excludes one case where shooting death status was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]; see Table E25

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Appendix A: Methodology

Background and purpose of the NDICP

The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommended in its final report (RCIADIC 1991) that an ongoing program be established to monitor Indigenous and non-Indigenous deaths in prison, police custody and youth detention.

In response, the National Deaths in Custody Program (NDICP) was established at the Australian Institute of Criminology in 1992 and continues to provide comprehensive and authoritative data on all deaths which occur in custody and custody-related police operations. Although the NDICP began recording information in 1992, data on all custodial deaths between 1980 and 1992 were collected retrospectively, placing the NDICP in the unique position of holding detailed information on custodial deaths in Australia spanning 39 years.

The NDICP examines the circumstances of deaths in prison, police custody and youth detention around Australia on an ongoing basis. The purpose of monitoring deaths in custody is to provide accurate, up-to-date information that will contribute to public policy discussion in this important area, and to increase public understanding of the issues. It also allows for the monitoring of long-term trends and patterns in custody and police custody-related operations.

Scope

There are several key differences between the scope of the NDICP and legislated definitions of deaths in custody for coronial purposes. Thus deaths that may require notification to the coroner under state or territory legislation may not fall within the scope of the NDICP.

The NDICP collects information about the incidence and circumstances of deaths of persons who are detained, who are in the process of being detained or who are escaping or have escaped. Therefore, the NDICP only monitors deaths of persons who are in custody or who are alleged offenders. The program does not include deaths of persons who are clients of police services or innocent bystanders who die in the course of a police operation.

Consequently, deaths in the following circumstances are not recorded as a death in police custody in the NDICP:

- deaths during operations such as search and rescue, and evacuations, where the deceased was not being detained or in the process of being detained for breaching the law;
- deaths during operations to prevent a suicide, where the purpose was not to detain the deceased due to a breach of the law. For example, where police were responding to a concern for welfare notice and were attempting to stop a person suiciding, and the person was not threatening harm to others or not otherwise being sought by police;
- deaths of innocent bystanders killed during a police operation (eg a pedestrian or passenger who dies as a result of a motor vehicle pursuit and who the police were not seeking to detain). If the deceased passenger was involved in the commission of an offence prior to the pursuit commencing, such as an armed robbery or motor vehicle theft, the death falls within the scope of the NDICP.

Data collection and coding

The information held in the NDICP database is based on two main data sources:

- NDICP data collection forms completed by all state and territory police services and correctional departments in Australia; and
- coronial records, including transcripts of proceedings and findings, as well as toxicology and post-mortem reports.

NDICP data collection forms are provided on a financial year basis for each death that occurred during the reference period. These data are entered and cross-referenced with coronial records sourced from the NCIS. The AIC has access to open cases (those for which the coronial investigation has not been finalised) and closed cases (those for which the coronial investigation has been finalised and the coroner has made a finding) from all jurisdictions except Western Australia, which permits access to closed cases only.

The AIC confirms the number of deaths and Indigenous status of deceased persons with data providers at the end of each financial year and again prior to preparation of the annual *Deaths in custody in Australia* Statistical Report. These reports are prepared for publication 12 months after receipt of data to allow adequate time for release of coronial data on NCIS.

The following describes the data items used in this report and the method of coding. The value labels for cause of death, manner of death, method of detainment and most serious offence were derived at the inception of the NCIS and have been retained to ensure trend analysis. The Indigenous status variable was revised to meet the Indigenous status standard developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Indigenous status

Indigenous status is classified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, or neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander. This information, supplied by data providers on the notification form, is cross-referenced with Indigenous status and Indigenous origin fields recorded on the NCIS. Indigenous status is drawn from the police report to the coroner and Indigenous origin, introduced in 2020, from Births, Deaths and Marriages records. Where Indigenous status information from data providers and the NCIS do not correspond, the deceased's Indigenous status is recorded as not stated or unknown.

Location

The location information collected by the NDICP relates to the location at time of death. It therefore does not capture the location of any events that caused the death, if this differs from where the individual ultimately died. For example, where a person is shot on private property and later dies in a public hospital as a result of the gunshot wound, the location of death is recorded as public hospital.

Cause versus manner of death

The NDICP collects information on both the cause and manner of each death. Cause of death information relates to the direct cause of death as reported by the coroner or by police and prison authorities. Cause of death is categorised in the NDICP as:

- natural causes;
- hanging (which includes strangulation and suffocation);
- head injury;
- gunshot;
- other external trauma/multiple trauma;
- alcohol and/or drugs;
- other/multiple causes; or
- unknown/not determined.

Manner of death is a related variable, but it refers to the accountability or responsibility for the death as reported by the coroner or by police and prison authorities. It is categorised in the NDICP as:

- natural causes;
- self-inflicted;
- homicide (justifiable, excusable, unlawful);
- accident (or misadventure);
- other/not determined or not stated or unknown.

These categories were derived at the inception of the NDICP based on coronial terminology.

In some cases, cause and manner will correspond; for example, where a person dies as a result of natural causes, their death will be recorded as natural causes for both cause and manner of death. In other cases, cause and manner of death will differ; for example, where a person dies after hanging themselves, the cause of death will be recorded as hanging and the manner of death will be recorded as either self-inflicted or accidental.

Most serious offence

The NDICP collects information on the most serious offence (MSO) leading to custody. The ABS (2011) Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification is used to group offences into six categories: violent, theft-related, drug-related, traffic, good order and other/unknown (in order from most to least serious). Where information on more than one offence is provided, only the most serious of those is assigned to the case. Therefore, if a person has been charged with a violent offence and a theft-related offence, the violent offence will take precedence. For the purposes of the NDICP these categories are defined as follows:

- violent offence—includes homicide, assault, sex offences, other offences against the person and robbery;
- theft-related offence—includes break and enter, other theft, property damage and fraud;
- drug-related offence—includes possess, use, deal, traffic, manufacture/grow drugs;
- traffic offence—includes road traffic, driving and licence offences;
- good order offence—includes public drunkenness, protective custody for intoxication (in a jurisdiction where public drunkenness is not an offence), justice procedure offences, breaches of sentencing (including fine default) and other offences against good order (eg prostitution, betting and gambling, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, offensive behaviour); and
- other—includes offences not elsewhere classified.

Borderline cases

The NDICP uses the definition of a death in custody recommended by the RCIADIC in determining whether cases should or should not be included in the NDICP database. While most of the cases are straightforward and fall within the definition, every year there are some cases where it is unclear whether the death should be classified as a death in custody.

For the purposes of the NDICP, a person is considered to be in custody when they are not free to leave the detention or arrest of police or corrections officials. As outlined in the definitions provided in Box 1 in the *Introduction*, this includes deaths that occur in a hospital if the injuries or illness suffered while in custody caused or contributed to that death. In cases where police were clearly in the process of detaining or attempting to detain a person immediately prior to death, such as shootings, sieges, raids and pursuits, the person is considered to have been in custody at the time of death. In all these cases, the question of inclusion centres on whether the deceased was in custody at the time of death.

Any borderline cases are excluded from analysis pending their coronial outcome. This can mean a delay of several years before data are collected on those particular borderline cases, as it may take months or years for a case to be heard in the coroner's court of the relevant jurisdiction. Despite this, relying on coronial decisions ensures the integrity and reliability of the NDICP over the longer term, as coronial findings are legally binding determinations based on all available evidence. It is important to note that this means the total numbers of deaths may be revised in future reports as the inclusion or exclusion of borderline cases is resolved.

Data revisions

NDICP data are reviewed annually to ensure that the database is accurate and reliable. Where data are missing from the NDICP database, these are checked against coronial findings and other available data, and any necessary revisions made. Consequently, numbers and rates may differ between reports.

Calculation of death rates and population rates

Unless otherwise stated, rates of death in prison custody by prison population have been calculated using the annual results of the National Prisoner Census (ABS 2000–2018, 2019b), which counts all prisoners who are in legal custody in each jurisdiction as at midnight, 30 June. Further, where trends in rates of death are presented, the rates are calculated back to 1982, as prison census data are not available prior to 1982. The prison population is the standard denominator for calculating death rates in prison custody, reflecting changes in prison demographic composition.

Rates of death in police custody are not presented in this report because there is no reliable data source for the number of people who are placed into police custody each year or who come into contact with police in custody-related operations.

Population rates are presented for deaths in prison and police custody. Population rates are calculated using population data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (2020) *Australian Demographic Series* (ABS 2020) and the 2006–2031 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population projections (ABS 2019a). Rates of death in prison custody are calculated using the population aged 18 years and over, as no deaths occurred in youth justice in 2018–19. Rates of death in police custody and custody-related operations are calculated based on the population aged 10 years and over (the legal age of criminal responsibility).

Limitations

Time frames

The collection and release of NDICP data is based on the availability of the two primary sources of data. Data are prepared for publication 12 months after the conclusion of the financial year to enable a series of data checks in consultation with police services and correctional departments. This time period further ensures the majority of complete records or closed cases are accessible from the NCIS. Data available for open cases (those for which a coronial investigation has not been finalised) may be limited by the number or comprehensiveness of coronial records. Further, details may change once coronial investigations are finalised.

Contextual information

The purpose of the NDICP is to monitor annual and trend information on the nature and extent of deaths in Australian prison and police custody. This function is performed through the collation and cross-referencing of quantitative data from police services, correctional departments and NCIS sources on the characteristics of the deceased and the circumstances of the death. The compilation of qualitative data from coronial findings sits outside the scope of the NDICP and these data are not routinely reported in the *Deaths in custody in Australia* series. These contextual sources of data are instead collated for individual studies examining specific population groups or categories of deaths.

Appendix B: Data tables—Deaths in custody 2018–19 key findings

Table B1: Deaths in prison custody, 2018–19[a]						
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Total	
	n	rate	*n*	rate	*n*	rate
Jurisdiction						
NSW	4	0.13	29	0.28	33	0.25
Vic	2	0.24	17	0.23	19	0.23
Qld	2	0.07	9	0.15	11	0.13
WA	5	0.19	10	0.24	15	0.22
SA	0	0.00	6	0.28	6	0.21
Tas	0	0.00	2	0.36	2	0.29
ACT	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
NT	3	0.21	0	0.00	3	0.17
Gender						
Male	16	0.15	71	0.25	87	0.22
Female	0	0.00	2	0.09	2	0.06
Age group (years)						
18–24	0	0.00	4	0.11	4	0.07
25–39	2	0.03	15	0.10	17	0.08
40–54	8	0.32	19	0.22	27	0.24
55+	6	1.85	35	1.12	41	1.19
Median (mean)		47 (49)		52 (52)		49 (51)
Legal status[b]						
Sentenced	10	0.13	46	0.22	56	0.19
Unsentenced	5	0.12	27	0.27	32	0.23
Cause of death[c,d]						
Natural causes	11	0.09	40	0.13	51	0.12
Hanging	1	0.01	14	0.04	15	0.03

Table B1: Deaths in prison custody, 2018–19[a] (cont.)						
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Total	
	n	rate	*n*	rate	*n*	rate
External trauma[e]	1	0.01	5	0.02	6	0.01
Alcohol/drugs	0	0.00	2	0.01	2	<0.01
Other/multiple	0	0.00	1	<0.01	1	<0.01
Manner of death[d,f]						
Natural causes	11	0.09	40	0.13	51	0.12
Self-inflicted	1	0.01	16	0.05	17	0.04
Unlawful homicide	1	0.01	4	0.01	5	0.01
Justifiable homicide	1	0.01	0	0.00	1	<0.01
Accident	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Most serious offence						
Violent	13	–	52	–	65	–
Theft-related	1	–	9	–	10	–
Drug-related	0	–	7	–	7	–
Traffic-related	1	–	0	–	1	–
Good order	1	–	5	–	6	–
Location of death						
Cell	4	–	38	–	42	–
Other custodial setting	2	–	2	–	4	–
Public hospital	7	–	18	–	25	–
Prison hospital	1	–	15	–	16	–
Psychiatric hospital	0	–	0	–	0	–
Public place	1	–	0	–	1	–
Other	1	–	0	–	1	–
Type of prison[g]						
Private	3	–	15	–	18	0.21
Government	13	–	58	–	71	0.21
Total	**16**	**0.13**	**73**	**0.23**	**89**	**0.21**

a: Rates (unless otherwise specified) have been calculated using ABS (2019b) population estimates

b: Excludes 1 case where legal status was classified as 'other'

c: Excludes 14 cases where cause of death was not recorded

d: Rates based on total prison population by Indigenous status

e: External trauma includes head injuries and gunshot wounds

f: Excludes 15 cases where manner of death was not recorded

g: Rates have been calculated using SCRGSP (2020) population estimates

Note: Rates per 100 relevant prisoners

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]

Table B2: Deaths in prison custody, 2018–19 (rate per 100,000 population[a])			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
Gender			
Male	6.30	0.75	0.90
Female	0.00	0.02	0.02
Age group (years)			
18–24	0.00	0.18	0.17
25–39	1.15	0.28	0.30
40–54	6.29	0.41	0.56
55+	5.87	0.51	0.59
Total	**3.11**	**0.38**	**0.45**

a: Rates have been calculated using population data from the ABS *Australian Demographic Series* (ABS 2020) and 2006–2031 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population projections (ABS 2019a)

Note: Rates per 100,000 relevant population

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]

Table B3: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, cause of death and manner of death, 2018–19 (*n*)						
	Manner of death					
	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Total
Indigenous						
Natural causes	11	0	0	0	0	11
Hanging	0	1	0	0	0	1
External trauma[a]	0	0	0	1	0	1
Alcohol/drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/multiple	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Indigenous						
Natural causes	40	0	0	0	0	40
Hanging	0	14	0	0	0	14
External trauma[a]	0	1	3	0	0	4
Alcohol/drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/multiple	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total						
Natural causes	51	0	0	0	0	51
Hanging	0	15	0	0	0	15
External trauma[a]	0	1	3	1	0	5
Alcohol/drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/multiple	0	1	0	0	0	1

a: External trauma includes head injuries and gunshot wounds

Note: Excludes 17 cases where cause and/or manner of death were missing

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]

Table B4: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2018–19 (*n*)			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total[a]
Jurisdiction			
NSW	1	4	5
Vic	0	4	5
Qld	0	5	5
WA	3	3	6
SA	0	2	2
Tas	0	1	1
ACT	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0
Category of death			
Category 1	1	14	16
Category 2	3	5	8
Gender			
Male	3	17	21
Female	1	2	3
Age group (years)			
10[b]–24	2	5	7
25–39	1	8	10
40–54	1	4	5
55+	0	2	2
Median (mean)	22 (26)	36 (38)	35 (36)
Cause of death[c]			
Natural causes	0	2	2
Hanging	0	0	0
External trauma[d]	0	2	2
Gunshot	1	12	13
Alcohol/drugs	0	1	1
Other/multiple	2	1	3
Manner of death[e]			
Natural causes	0	2	2
Self-inflicted	1	5	6
Unlawful homicide	0	0	0
Justifiable homicide	0	9	9
Accident	2	1	3
Other/not determined	0	1	1

Table B4: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total[a]
Most serious offence[f]			
Violent	0	11	12
Theft-related	2	1	3
Drug-related	0	1	1
Traffic-related	0	0	0
Good order	1	0	1
Other	0	3	3
Location of death			
Cell	0	0	0
Other custodial environment	0	0	0
Public hospital	1	6	7
Psychiatric hospital	0	0	0
Private property	1	8	9
Public place	2	5	8
Circumstances of custodial period			
Institution	0	2	2
Detaining	2	16	19
Escaping	0	0	0
Other/marginal	2	1	3
Total	**4**	**19**	**24**

a: Includes 1 case where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

b: The legal age of criminal responsibility

c: Excludes 3 cases where cause of death was not recorded

d: External trauma includes head injuries

e: Excludes 3 cases where manner of death was not recorded

f: Excludes 1 case where most serious offence was not recorded, 1 case where police attended to serve an eviction notice, and 2 cases where police were responding to mental health welfare concerns

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]

Table B5: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 2018–19 (rate per 100,000 population[a])			
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
Gender			
Male	0.92	0.16	0.19
Female	0.30	0.02	0.03
Age group (years)			
10[b]–24	0.79	0.11	0.15
25–39	0.57	0.15	0.18
40–54	0.79	0.09	0.10
55+	0.00	0.03	0.03
Total	**0.61**	**0.09**	**0.11**

a: Rates have been calculated using population data from the ABS *Australian Demographic Series* (ABS 2020) and 2006–2031 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population projections (ABS 2019a)

b: The legal age of criminal responsibility

Note: Rates per 100,000 relevant population

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]

Table B6: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by Indigenous status, cause of death and manner of death, 2018–19 (*n*)							
	Manner of death						
	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
Indigenous							
Natural causes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hanging	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External trauma[a]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gunshot	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Alcohol/drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/multiple	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Non-Indigenous							
Natural causes	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hanging	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External trauma[a]	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Gunshot	0	3	0	9	0	0	12
Alcohol/drugs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other/multiple	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Table B6: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by Indigenous status, cause of death and manner of death, 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Manner of death						
	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
Total							
Natural causes	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hanging	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
External trauma[a]	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Gunshot	0	4	0	9	0	0	13
Alcohol/drugs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other/multiple	0	0	0	0	2	1	3

a: External trauma includes head injuries

Note: Excludes 3 cases where cause and manner of death were missing

Source: AIC NDICP 2018–19 [computer file]

Appendix C: Data tables—Deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19

Table C1: Deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)					
	Prison	Police[a]	Youth justice	Other	Total
1979–80	15	5	1	0	21
1980–81	28	12	1	0	41
1981–82	29	15	0	0	44
1982–83	25	22	0	0	47
1983–84	32	14	1	0	47
1984–85	27	21	0	0	48
1985–86	18	20	0	0	38
1986–87	37	42	1	0	80
1987–88	45	23	2	0	70
1988–89	36	29	0	0	65
1989–90	53	29	1	0	83
1990–91	35	26	1	0	62
1991–92	31	25	0	0	56
1992–93	44	38	0	0	82
1993–94	57	31	2	0	90
1994–95	55	30	0	0	85
1995–96	49	31	2	0	82
1996–97	63	34	1	0	98
1997–98	80	28	0	0	108
1998–99	64	21	1	1	87

Table C1: Deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Prison	Police[a]	Youth justice	Other	Total
1999–2000	64	36	1	0	101
2000–01	58	34	1	1	94
2001–02	52	41	0	1	94
2002–03	44	40	0	0	84
2003–04	37	42	0	0	79
2004–05	39	37	0	0	76
2005–06	28	24	1	1	54
2006–07	40	30	0	0	70
2007–08	46	34	0	0	80
2008–09	43	37	0	0	80
2009–10	58	27	0	0	85
2010–11	58	25	1	0	84
2011–12	42	31	0	0	73
2012–13	53	17	0	0	70
2013–14	54	13	0	0	67
2014–15	61	20	0	0	81
2015–16	83	17	0	0	100
2016–17	74	17	0	0	91
2017–18	72	21	0	0	93
2018–19	89	24	0	0	113
Total	**1,918**	**1,063**	**18**	**4**	**3,003**

a: Category 1(a) deaths have been included in the NDICP since 1980, whereas police operational deaths (category 1(b) and category 2 deaths) have only been collected by the NDICP since 1990. For more detail, see *Introduction*

Note: Includes 582 Indigenous deaths in custody, 2,419 non-Indigenous deaths in custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table C2: Indigenous deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Prison	Police[a]	Youth justice	Other	Total
1979–80	4	1	1	0	6
1980–81	2	7	1	0	10
1981–82	3	2	0	0	5
1982–83	4	5	0	0	9
1983–84	2	3	0	0	5
1984–85	5	8	0	0	13
1985–86	4	5	0	0	9
1986–87	2	15	1	0	18
1987–88	4	6	1	0	11
1988–89	5	10	0	0	15
1989–90	9	9	0	0	18
1990–91	5	3	0	0	8
1991–92	4	5	0	0	9
1992–93	5	5	0	0	10
1993–94	12	3	0	0	15
1994–95	12	3	0	0	15
1995–96	13	6	0	0	19
1996–97	10	8	0	0	18
1997–98	11	5	0	0	16
1998–99	10	7	1	0	18
1999–2000	14	4	1	0	19
2000–01	14	7	0	0	21
2001–02	6	8	0	0	14
2002–03	13	11	0	0	24
2003–04	6	10	0	0	16
2004–05	8	11	0	0	19
2005–06	3	7	1	0	11
2006–07	8	3	0	0	11
2007–08	6	5	0	0	11
2008–09	7	8	0	0	15
2009–10	14	6	0	0	20
2010–11	12	7	1	0	20
2011–12	6	2	0	0	8

Table C2: Indigenous deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Prison	Police[a]	Youth justice	Other	Total
2012–13	9	4	0	0	13
2013–14	10	1	0	0	11
2014–15	15	3	0	0	18
2015–16	19	3	0	0	22
2016–17	16	7	0	0	23
2017–18	16	3	0	0	19
2018–19	16	4	0	0	20
Total	**344**	**230**	**8**	**0**	**582**

a: Category 1(a) deaths have been included in the NDICP since 1980, whereas police operational deaths (category 1(b) and category 2 deaths) have only been collected by the NDICP since 1990. For more detail, see *Introduction*

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table C3: Non-Indigenous deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Prison	Police[a]	Youth justice	Other	Total
1979–80	11	4	0	0	15
1980–81	26	5	0	0	31
1981–82	26	13	0	0	39
1982–83	21	17	0	0	38
1983–84	30	11	1	0	42
1984–85	22	13	0	0	35
1985–86	14	15	0	0	29
1986–87	35	27	0	0	62
1987–88	41	17	1	0	59
1988–89	31	19	0	0	50
1989–90	44	20	1	0	65
1990–91	30	23	1	0	54
1991–92	27	20	0	0	47
1992–93	39	33	0	0	72
1993–94	45	28	2	0	75
1994–95	43	27	0	0	70
1995–96	36	25	2	0	63
1996–97	53	26	1	0	80
1997–98	69	23	0	0	92
1998–99	54	14	0	1	69
1999–2000	50	32	0	0	82
2000–01	44	27	1	1	73

Table C3: Non-Indigenous deaths in custody by custodial authority, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Prison	Police[a]	Youth justice	Other	Total
2001–02	46	33	0	1	80
2002–03	31	29	0	0	60
2003–04	31	32	0	0	63
2004–05	31	26	0	0	57
2005–06	25	17	0	1	43
2006–07	32	27	0	0	59
2007–08	40	29	0	0	69
2008–09	36	29	0	0	65
2009–10	44	21	0	0	65
2010–11	46	18	0	0	64
2011–12	36	29	0	0	65
2012–13	44	13	0	0	57
2013–14	44	12	0	0	56
2014–15	46	17	0	0	63
2015–16	64	14	0	0	78
2016–17	58	10	0	0	68
2017–18	56	17	0	0	73
2018–19	73	19	0	0	92
Total	**1,574**	**831**	**10**	**4**	**2,419**

a: Category 1(a) deaths have been included in the NDICP since 1980, whereas police operational deaths (category 1(b) and category 2 deaths) have only been collected by the NDICP since 1990. For more detail, see *Introduction*

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Appendix D: Data tables—Deaths in prison custody, 1979–80 to 2018–19

Table D1: Deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1979–80	3	2	3	1	5	0	0	1	15
1980–81	8	6	8	3	3	0	0	0	28
1981–82	7	7	8	5	1	1	0	0	29
1982–83	5	4	5	5	6	0	0	0	25
1983–84	12	14	4	2	0	0	0	0	32
1984–85	10	5	5	5	2	0	0	0	27
1985–86	6	2	7	1	0	0	0	2	18
1986–87	17	7	7	3	2	0	0	1	37
1987–88	13	18	6	3	2	2	1	0	45
1988–89	7	11	5	6	1	4	0	2	36
1989–90	28	4	12	3	5	1	0	0	53
1990–91	18	2	4	6	3	1	0	1	35
1991–92	6	2	11	4	5	3	0	0	31
1992–93	20	7	6	6	4	0	0	1	44
1993–94	29	5	11	2	6	3	0	1	57
1994–95	22	7	12	6	7	0	0	1	55
1995–96	18	5	10	6	6	2	1	1	49
1996–97	30	5	13	9	5	1	0	0	63
1997–98	29	13	11	16	6	1	1	3	80
1998–99	27	9	19	6	1	1	0	1	64
1999–2000	23	3	14	15	4	5	0	0	64
2000–01	18	11	11	9	7	0	0	2	58

Table D1: Deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
2001–02	18	6	14	10	2	1	0	1	52
2002–03	16	5	7	8	5	1	0	2	44
2003–04	13	4	13	4	2	0	0	1	37
2004–05	15	4	4	7	6	2	0	1	39
2005–06	10	5	2	6	3	1	0	1	28
2006–07	22	3	6	3	4	1	0	1	40
2007–08	11	13	8	8	4	2	0	0	46
2008–09	15	8	9	4	5	1	1	0	43
2009–10	21	8	10	8	5	3	1	2	58
2010–11	20	10	11	5	4	2	0	6	58
2011–12	18	4	6	7	4	1	0	2	42
2012–13	19	13	9	10	0	1	0	1	53
2013–14	13	11	11	7	4	1	2	5	54
2014–15	21	15	7	4	7	3	1	3	61
2015–16	23	19	10	11	13	2	1	4	83
2016–17	21	20	12	14	2	1	1	3	74
2017–18	27	17	11	11	2	1	0	3	72
2018–19	33	19	11	15	6	2	0	3	89
Total	**692**	**333**	**353**	**264**	**159**	**51**	**10**	**56**	**1,918**

Note: Includes 344 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,574 non-Indigenous deaths in custody

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D2: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1979–80	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
1980–81	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
1981–82	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
1982–83	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
1983–84	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
1984–85	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
1985–86	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	4
1986–87	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
1987–88	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
1988–89	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	5
1989–90	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	9
1990–91	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
1991–92	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4

Table D2: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1992–93	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
1993–94	4	1	3	2	1	0	0	1	12
1994–95	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	1	12
1995–96	4	0	3	2	3	0	0	1	13
1996–97	3	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	10
1997–98	3	0	1	4	1	0	0	2	11
1998–99	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	10
1999–2000	7	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	14
2000–01	5	1	1	3	2	0	0	2	14
2001–02	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	6
2002–03	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	2	13
2003–04	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	6
2004–05	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	8
2005–06	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
2006–07	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	8
2007–08	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	6
2008–09	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	7
2009–10	4	1	4	4	0	0	0	1	14
2010–11	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	5	12
2011–12	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	6
2012–13	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	9
2013–14	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	4	10
2014–15	5	1	3	1	1	0	1	3	15
2015–16	2	1	3	6	3	0	1	3	19
2016–17	1	2	4	5	1	0	0	3	16
2017–18	5	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	16
2018–19	4	2	2	5	0	0	0	3	16
Total	**91**	**17**	**77**	**85**	**25**	**3**	**2**	**44**	**344**

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D3: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1979–80	2	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	11
1980–81	8	6	7	3	2	0	0	0	26
1981–82	7	7	8	2	1	1	0	0	26
1982–83	4	4	5	4	4	0	0	0	21
1983–84	11	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	30
1984–85	9	5	4	2	2	0	0	0	22
1985–86	6	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	14
1986–87	17	7	6	2	2	0	0	1	35
1987–88	12	18	5	2	1	2	1	0	41
1988–89	6	11	4	5	1	4	0	0	31
1989–90	23	4	10	3	3	1	0	0	44
1990–91	15	2	3	5	3	1	0	1	30
1991–92	5	2	10	3	5	2	0	0	27
1992–93	18	6	4	6	4	0	0	1	39
1993–94	25	4	8	0	5	3	0	0	45
1994–95	17	7	9	6	4	0	0	0	43
1995–96	14	5	7	4	3	2	1	0	36
1996–97	27	5	9	7	4	1	0	0	53
1997–98	26	13	10	12	5	1	1	1	69
1998–99	23	8	15	6	1	1	0	0	54
1999–2000	16	3	13	9	4	5	0	0	50
2000–01	13	10	10	6	5	0	0	0	44
2001–02	17	6	11	8	2	1	0	1	46
2002–03	14	5	4	3	4	1	0	0	31
2003–04	13	4	8	4	2	0	0	0	31
2004–05	11	4	4	4	6	2	0	0	31
2005–06	10	4	2	5	3	1	0	0	25
2006–07	18	3	5	1	4	1	0	0	32
2007–08	10	13	7	4	4	2	0	0	40
2008–09	14	8	7	1	4	1	1	0	36
2009–10	17	7	6	4	5	3	1	1	44
2010–11	19	9	10	3	3	1	0	1	46
2011–12	17	4	4	5	4	1	0	1	36
2012–13	17	12	7	8	0	0	0	0	44

Table D3: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by jurisdiction, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)									
	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
2013–14	12	11	7	6	4	1	2	1	44
2014–15	16	14	4	3	6	3	0	0	46
2015–16	21	18	7	5	10	2	0	1	64
2016–17	20	18	8	9	1	1	1	0	58
2017–18	22	14	8	8	2	1	0	1	56
2018–19	29	17	9	10	6	2	0	0	73
Total	**601**	**316**	**276**	**179**	**134**	**48**	**8**	**12**	**1,574**

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D4: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status and gender, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)									
	Indigenous			Non-Indigenous			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1979–80	4	0	4	11	0	11	15	0	15
1980–81	2	0	2	26	0	26	28	0	28
1981–82	2	1	3	23	3	26	25	4	29
1982–83	4	0	4	20	1	21	24	1	25
1983–84	2	0	2	29	1	30	31	1	32
1984–85	5	0	5	22	0	22	27	0	27
1985–86	4	0	4	12	2	14	16	2	18
1986–87	2	0	2	32	3	35	34	3	37
1987–88	4	0	4	40	1	41	44	1	45
1988–89	5	0	5	30	1	31	35	1	36
1989–90	9	0	9	42	2	44	51	2	53
1990–91	5	0	5	29	1	30	34	1	35
1991–92	4	0	4	26	1	27	30	1	31
1992–93	5	0	5	39	0	39	44	0	44
1993–94	11	1	12	40	5	45	51	6	57
1994–95	12	0	12	42	1	43	54	1	55
1995–96	13	0	13	36	0	36	49	0	49
1996–97	9	1	10	52	1	53	61	2	63
1997–98	11	0	11	67	2	69	78	2	80
1998–99	9	1	10	52	2	54	61	3	64
1999–2000	14	0	14	46	4	50	60	4	64
2000–01	13	1	14	43	1	44	56	2	58
2001–02	5	1	6	43	3	46	48	4	52

Table D4: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status and gender, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Indigenous			Non-Indigenous			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2002–03	13	0	13	28	3	31	41	3	44
2003–04	5	1	6	31	0	31	36	1	37
2004–05	5	3	8	30	1	31	35	4	39
2005–06	3	0	3	24	1	25	27	1	28
2006–07	8	0	8	31	1	32	39	1	40
2007–08	6	0	6	37	3	40	43	3	46
2008–09	7	0	7	34	2	36	41	2	43
2009–10	14	0	14	44	0	44	58	0	58
2010–11	10	2	12	45	1	46	55	3	58
2011–12	6	0	6	36	0	36	42	0	42
2012–13	9	0	9	43	1	44	52	1	53
2013–14	10	0	10	41	3	44	51	3	54
2014–15	15	0	15	45	1	46	60	1	61
2015–16	19	0	19	63	1	64	82	1	83
2016–17	13	3	16	55	3	58	68	6	74
2017–18	15	1	16	55	1	56	70	2	72
2018–19	16	0	16	71	2	73	87	2	89
Total	**328**	**16**	**344**	**1,515**	**59**	**1,574**	**1,843**	**75**	**1,918**

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D5: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
1981–82	0.29	0.37	0.30
1982–83	0.36	0.29	0.25
1983–84	0.20	0.46	0.33
1984–85	0.43	0.29	0.25
1985–86	0.30	0.18	0.16
1986–87	0.11	0.34	0.31
1987–88	0.22	0.40	0.37
1988–89	0.27	0.28	0.28
1989–90	0.44	0.37	0.37
1990–91	0.23	0.24	0.23
1991–92	0.18	0.20	0.20
1992–93	0.21	0.29	0.28
1993–94	0.43	0.32	0.34

Table D5: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners) (cont.)

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
1994–95	0.40	0.30	0.32
1995–96	0.40	0.24	0.27
1996–97	0.28	0.35	0.33
1997–98	0.29	0.43	0.40
1998–99	0.23	0.31	0.30
1999–2000	0.34	0.28	0.29
2000–01	0.31	0.24	0.26
2001–02	0.13	0.26	0.23
2002–03	0.27	0.17	0.19
2003–04	0.12	0.16	0.15
2004–05	0.14	0.16	0.15
2005–06	0.05	0.13	0.11
2006–07	0.12	0.16	0.15
2007–08	0.09	0.19	0.17
2008–09	0.09	0.17	0.15
2009–10	0.18	0.20	0.20
2010–11	0.16	0.21	0.20
2011–12	0.08	0.17	0.14
2012–13	0.11	0.20	0.17
2013–14	0.11	0.18	0.16
2014–15	0.15	0.18	0.17
2015–16	0.18	0.23	0.21
2016–17	0.14	0.19	0.18
2017–18	0.14	0.18	0.17
2018–19	0.13	0.23	0.21

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D6: Deaths in prison custody by gender, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)

	Male	Female
1981–82	0.26	1.19
1982–83	0.23	0.25
1983–84	0.34	0.26
1984–85	0.26	0.00
1985–86	0.15	0.36
1986–87	0.29	0.53
1987–88	0.38	0.15
1988–89	0.28	0.15

Table D6: Deaths in prison custody by gender, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners) (cont.)

	Male	Female
1989–90	0.38	0.26
1990–91	0.24	0.14
1991–92	0.20	0.13
1992–93	0.29	0.00
1993–94	0.32	0.72
1994–95	0.33	0.12
1995–96	0.28	0.00
1996–97	0.34	0.18
1997–98	0.42	0.18
1998–99	0.30	0.22
1999–2000	0.30	0.29
2000–01	0.27	0.13
2001–02	0.23	0.27
2002–03	0.19	0.19
2003–04	0.16	0.06
2004–05	0.15	0.23
2005–06	0.11	0.05
2006–07	0.15	0.05
2007–08	0.17	0.15
2008–09	0.15	0.09
2009–10	0.21	0.00
2010–11	0.20	0.15
2011–12	0.15	0.00
2012–13	0.18	0.04
2013–14	0.16	0.12
2014–15	0.18	0.03
2015–16	0.23	0.03
2016–17	0.18	0.18
2017–18	0.18	0.06
2018–19	0.22	0.06

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D7: Deaths in prison custody by age category, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Under 25 years[a]	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1979–80	4	4	5	2	15
1980–81	5	14	7	2	28
1981–82	9	11	7	2	29
1982–83	5	12	4	4	25
1983–84	14	12	3	3	32
1984–85	5	14	4	4	27
1985–86	3	9	1	5	18
1986–87	10	16	8	3	37
1987–88	16	20	5	4	45
1988–89	10	15	8	3	36
1989–90	16	23	8	6	53
1990–91	8	12	5	10	35
1991–92	7	12	8	4	31
1992–93	14	20	5	5	44
1993–94	12	27	10	8	57
1994–95	16	21	12	6	55
1995–96	12	21	11	5	49
1996–97	10	26	21	6	63
1997–98	25	30	16	9	80
1998–99	9	35	11	9	64
1999–2000	14	28	10	12	64
2000–01	7	32	6	13	58
2001–02	5	19	17	11	52
2002–03	6	17	12	9	44
2003–04	2	12	15	8	37
2004–05	3	16	11	9	39
2005–06	1	8	6	13	28
2006–07	3	9	11	17	40
2007–08	2	14	12	18	46
2008–09	1	16	16	10	43
2009–10	5	10	18	25	58
2010–11	5	18	15	20	58
2011–12	3	8	11	20	42

Table D7: Deaths in prison custody by age category, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Under 25 years[a]	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
2012–13	2	10	22	19	53
2013–14	1	9	20	24	54
2014–15	1	14	16	30	61
2015–16	5	16	19	43	83
2016–17	5	16	18	35	74
2017–18	5	14	27	26	72
2018–19	4	17	27	41	89
Total	**290**	**657**	**468**	**503**	**1,918**

a: Includes 9 cases where the deceased was aged under 18 years but was in adult prison at time of death

Note: Includes 344 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,574 non-Indigenous deaths in custody

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D8: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by age category, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Under 25 years[a]	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1979–80	1	2	1	0	4
1980–81	0	1	1	0	2
1981–82	1	0	2	0	3
1982–83	0	4	0	0	4
1983–84	1	0	1	0	2
1984–85	0	4	1	0	5
1985–86	0	2	1	1	4
1986–87	0	1	1	0	2
1987–88	1	3	0	0	4
1988–89	3	2	0	0	5
1989–90	5	4	0	0	9
1990–91	1	4	0	0	5
1991–92	3	0	1	0	4
1992–93	3	1	0	1	5
1993–94	4	6	1	1	12
1994–95	5	5	2	0	12
1995–96	6	4	3	0	13
1996–97	1	9	0	0	10
1997–98	3	6	2	0	11
1998–99	3	3	4	0	10
1999–2000	2	9	3	0	14

Table D8: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by age category, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)					
	Under 25 years[a]	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
2000–01	4	7	2	1	14
2001–02	1	3	2	0	6
2002–03	3	6	2	2	13
2003–04	1	3	2	0	6
2004–05	0	5	3	0	8
2005–06	0	1	2	0	3
2006–07	2	2	2	2	8
2007–08	0	1	4	1	6
2008–09	0	4	2	1	7
2009–10	2	3	5	4	14
2010–11	1	9	2	0	12
2011–12	0	2	2	2	6
2012–13	1	3	5	0	9
2013–14	0	2	5	3	10
2014–15	0	3	8	4	15
2015–16	0	9	5	5	19
2016–17	1	5	3	7	16
2017–18	3	5	6	2	16
2018–19	0	2	8	6	16
Total	**62**	**145**	**94**	**43**	**344**

a: Includes 5 cases where the deceased was aged under 18 years but was in adult prison at time of death

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D9: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by age category, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)					
	Under 25 years[a]	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1979–80	3	2	4	2	11
1980–81	5	13	6	2	26
1981–82	8	11	5	2	26
1982–83	5	8	4	4	21
1983–84	13	12	2	3	30
1984–85	5	10	3	4	22
1985–86	3	7	0	4	14
1986–87	10	15	7	3	35
1987–88	15	17	5	4	41
1988–89	7	13	8	3	31
1989–90	11	19	8	6	44
1990–91	7	8	5	10	30
1991–92	4	12	7	4	27

Table D9: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by age category, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Under 25 years[a]	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1992–93	11	19	5	4	39
1993–94	8	21	9	7	45
1994–95	11	16	10	6	43
1995–96	6	17	8	5	36
1996–97	9	17	21	6	53
1997–98	22	24	14	9	69
1998–99	6	32	7	9	54
1999–2000	12	19	7	12	50
2000–01	3	25	4	12	44
2001–02	4	16	15	11	46
2002–03	3	11	10	7	31
2003–04	1	9	13	8	31
2004–05	3	11	8	9	31
2005–06	1	7	4	13	25
2006–07	1	7	9	15	32
2007–08	2	13	8	17	40
2008–09	1	12	14	9	36
2009–10	3	7	13	21	44
2010–11	4	9	13	20	46
2011–12	3	6	9	18	36
2012–13	1	7	17	19	44
2013–14	1	7	15	21	44
2014–15	1	11	8	26	46
2015–16	5	7	14	38	64
2016–17	4	11	15	28	58
2017–18	2	9	21	24	56
2018–19	4	15	19	35	73
Total	**228**	**512**	**374**	**460**	**1,574**

a: Includes 4 cases where the deceased was aged under 18 years but was in adult prison at time of death

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D10: Deaths in prison custody by age category, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)

	Under 25 years	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years
1981–82	0.23	0.24	0.66	1.01
1982–83	0.12	0.25	0.36	1.92
1983–84	0.38	0.25	0.28	1.53
1984–85	0.12	0.27	0.34	1.99
1985–86	0.07	0.16	0.07	2.18
1986–87	0.23	0.27	0.53	1.15
1987–88	0.37	0.33	0.31	1.50
1988–89	0.23	0.23	0.45	1.24
1989–90	0.34	0.32	0.41	1.99
1990–91	0.16	0.16	0.24	3.04
1991–92	0.14	0.15	0.36	1.05
1992–93	0.29	0.25	0.21	1.09
1993–94	0.24	0.31	0.37	1.45
1994–95	0.32	0.24	0.40	0.98
1995–96	0.23	0.23	0.36	0.73
1996–97	0.18	0.27	0.63	0.82
1997–98	0.46	0.29	0.47	1.11
1998–99	0.16	0.31	0.29	1.02
1999–2000	0.25	0.25	0.26	1.25
2000–01	0.12	0.27	0.15	1.30
2001–02	0.09	0.16	0.41	1.06
2002–03	0.11	0.14	0.26	0.77
2003–04	0.04	0.09	0.31	0.62
2004–05	0.06	0.12	0.21	0.64
2005–06	0.02	0.06	0.11	0.88
2006–07	0.06	0.06	0.18	1.10
2007–08	0.04	0.10	0.19	1.05
2008–09	0.02	0.11	0.24	0.56
2009–10	0.09	0.07	0.26	1.33
2010–11	0.09	0.12	0.21	1.00
2011–12	0.06	0.05	0.15	0.97
2012–13	0.04	0.06	0.29	0.87
2013–14	0.02	0.05	0.24	1.01

Table D10: Deaths in prison custody by age category, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners) (cont.)

	Under 25 years	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years
2014–15	0.02	0.08	0.18	1.15
2015–16	0.08	0.08	0.19	1.54
2016–17	0.08	0.08	0.17	1.14
2017–18	0.08	0.06	0.24	0.79
2018–19	0.07	0.08	0.24	1.19

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D11: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status and legal status, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Total		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Total
1979–80	2	2	9	2	11	4	15
1980–81	2	0	18	7	20	7	27
1981–82	3	0	16	9	19	9	28
1982–83	4	0	15	6	19	6	25
1983–84	2	0	17	13	19	13	32
1984–85	4	1	19	2	23	3	26
1985–86	2	1	7	5	9	6	15
1986–87	2	0	23	9	25	9	34
1987–88	2	2	27	13	29	15	44
1988–89	5	0	21	8	26	8	34
1989–90	9	0	26	15	35	15	50
1990–91	4	1	18	12	22	13	35
1991–92	3	1	18	9	21	10	31
1992–93	3	2	26	13	29	15	44
1993–94	9	3	29	16	38	19	57
1994–95	7	5	31	12	38	17	55
1995–96	9	4	27	9	36	13	49
1996–97	7	3	39	14	46	17	63
1997–98	6	5	42	27	48	32	80
1998–99	8	2	37	17	45	19	64
1999–2000	8	6	33	17	41	23	64
2000–01	7	7	36	8	43	15	58
2001–02	4	2	32	14	36	16	52
2002–03	7	6	17	14	24	20	44
2003–04	5	1	19	12	24	13	37

Table D11: Deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status and legal status, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)							
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous		Total		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Sentenced	Unsentenced	Total
2004–05	5	3	17	14	22	17	39
2005–06	3	0	19	6	22	6	28
2006–07	8	0	21	11	29	11	40
2007–08	4	2	30	10	34	12	46
2008–09	6	1	20	16	26	17	43
2009–10	11	3	31	13	42	16	58
2010–11	9	3	32	14	41	17	58
2011–12	6	0	25	11	31	11	42
2012–13	9	0	32	12	41	12	53
2013–14	9	1	33	10	42	11	53
2014–15	14	1	29	16	43	17	60
2015–16	14	5	49	15	63	20	83
2016–17	9	7	45	13	54	20	74
2017–18	9	7	39	17	48	24	72
2018–19	10	5	46	27	56	32	88
Total	**250**	**92**	**1,070**	**488**	**1,320**	**580**	**1,900**

Note: Excludes 15 cases where legal status was not recorded, and 3 cases where legal status was recorded as 'other'

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D12: Deaths in prison custody by legal status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced
1981–82	0.22	0.90
1982–83	0.21	0.56
1983–84	0.22	1.16
1984–85	0.25	0.21
1985–86	0.09	0.41
1986–87	0.24	0.57
1987–88	0.27	0.92
1988–89	0.23	0.48
1989–90	0.28	0.78
1990–91	0.17	0.66
1991–92	0.15	0.54
1992–93	0.21	0.80
1993–94	0.25	0.98
1994–95	0.25	0.85
1995–96	0.23	0.56

Table D12: Deaths in prison custody by legal status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners) (cont.)

	Sentenced	Unsentenced
1996–97	0.28	0.66
1997–98	0.28	1.15
1998–99	0.25	0.59
1999–2000	0.23	0.61
2000–01	0.24	0.35
2001–02	0.20	0.36
2002–03	0.13	0.42
2003–04	0.12	0.26
2004–05	0.11	0.33
2005–06	0.11	0.11
2006–07	0.14	0.18
2007–08	0.16	0.19
2008–09	0.11	0.27
2009–10	0.18	0.25
2010–11	0.18	0.25
2011–12	0.14	0.16
2012–13	0.18	0.16
2013–14	0.16	0.13
2014–15	0.16	0.17
2015–16	0.24	0.17
2016–17	0.19	0.15
2017–18	0.17	0.17
2018–19	0.19	0.23

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D13: Deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1979–80	8	3	1	3	0	0	0	15
1980–81	13	9	1	4	1	0	0	28
1981–82	8	10	0	5	1	2	3	29
1982–83	12	8	0	2	0	3	0	25
1983–84	5	20	0	2	1	4	0	32
1984–85	12	8	0	4	0	2	1	27
1985–86	7	8	0	0	0	2	1	18
1986–87	15	13	2	3	0	4	0	37

Table D13: Deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1987–88	10	22	0	6	0	5	0	43
1988–89	11	14	1	2	0	5	2	35
1989–90	16	27	0	6	1	2	1	53
1990–91	17	12	1	2	0	1	2	35
1991–92	8	14	2	2	1	4	0	31
1992–93	11	19	1	4	1	5	3	44
1993–94	19	24	0	3	0	10	1	57
1994–95	15	27	0	7	0	6	0	55
1995–96	14	19	1	5	0	10	0	49
1996–97	28	23	1	4	0	7	0	63
1997–98	20	39	0	10	0	11	0	80
1998–99	18	26	0	8	0	12	0	64
1999–2000	21	29	1	6	0	6	1	64
2000–01	24	25	0	2	0	6	1	58
2001–02	24	21	0	3	1	2	1	52
2002–03	21	19	0	2	0	1	1	44
2003–04	18	13	1	3	0	2	0	37
2004–05	23	13	1	2	0	0	0	39
2005–06	18	6	1	3	0	0	0	28
2006–07	27	8	1	0	0	3	1	40
2007–08	36	6	0	2	0	0	2	46
2008–09	26	12	1	1	0	2	1	43
2009–10	38	13	1	4	0	0	2	58
2010–11	38	13	2	2	0	1	1	57
2011–12	32	8	0	1	0	0	0	41
2012–13	32	9	1	5	0	1	1	49
2013–14	39	11	0	2	0	2	0	54
2014–15	41	14	1	2	0	1	1	60
2015–16	58	11	1	4	0	5	3	82
2016–17	45	14	2	3	0	2	1	67
2017–18	45	12	0	6	0	3	0	66
2018–19	51	15	1	4	1	2	1	75
Total	**924**	**617**	**26**	**139**	**8**	**134**	**32**	**1,880**

Note: Includes 335 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,545 non-Indigenous deaths in custody. Excludes 38 cases where cause of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D14: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1979–80	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
1980–81	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
1981–82	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
1982–83	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
1983–84	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
1984–85	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
1985–86	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
1986–87	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
1987–88	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
1988–89	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
1989–90	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	9
1990–91	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
1991–92	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
1992–93	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
1993–94	8	3	0	0	0	1	0	12
1994–95	4	7	0	0	0	1	0	12
1995–96	5	5	0	3	0	0	0	13
1996–97	4	5	0	0	0	1	0	10
1997–98	3	6	0	1	0	1	0	11
1998–99	4	4	0	1	0	1	0	10
1999–2000	6	6	0	1	0	1	0	14
2000–01	6	7	0	0	0	1	0	14
2001–02	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
2002–03	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	13
2003–04	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	6
2004–05	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	8
2005–06	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2006–07	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
2007–08	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
2008–09	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
2009–10	11	3	0	0	0	0	0	14
2010–11	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	12
2011–12	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6

Table D14: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
2012–13	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
2013–14	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
2014–15	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	14
2015–16	11	3	0	1	0	2	2	19
2016–17	9	4	0	0	0	0	1	14
2017–18	11	2	0	0	0	1	0	14
2018–19	11	1	0	0	1	0	0	13
Total	**199**	**98**	**1**	**15**	**2**	**15**	**5**	**335**

Note: Excludes 9 cases where cause of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D15: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1979–80	7	1	1	2	0	0	0	11
1980–81	12	9	0	4	1	0	0	26
1981–82	6	10	0	5	0	2	3	26
1982–83	9	8	0	1	0	3	0	21
1983–84	4	20	0	2	1	3	0	30
1984–85	9	8	0	2	0	2	1	22
1985–86	4	7	0	0	0	2	1	14
1986–87	13	13	2	3	0	4	0	35
1987–88	9	19	0	6	0	5	0	39
1988–89	9	12	1	2	0	4	2	30
1989–90	11	23	0	6	1	2	1	44
1990–91	14	11	1	1	0	1	2	30
1991–92	7	11	2	2	1	4	0	27
1992–93	9	16	1	4	1	5	3	39
1993–94	11	21	0	3	0	9	1	45
1994–95	11	20	0	7	0	5	0	43
1995–96	9	14	1	2	0	10	0	36
1996–97	24	18	1	4	0	6	0	53
1997–98	17	33	0	9	0	10	0	69
1998–99	14	22	0	7	0	11	0	54

Table D15: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1999–2000	15	23	1	5	0	5	1	50
2000–01	18	18	0	2	0	5	1	44
2001–02	22	17	0	3	1	2	1	46
2002–03	13	14	0	2	0	1	1	31
2003–04	14	12	1	3	0	1	0	31
2004–05	18	11	1	1	0	0	0	31
2005–06	15	6	1	3	0	0	0	25
2006–07	22	5	1	0	0	3	1	32
2007–08	31	6	0	2	0	0	1	40
2008–09	21	11	1	1	0	1	1	36
2009–10	27	10	1	4	0	0	2	44
2010–11	30	10	2	2	0	1	0	45
2011–12	27	7	0	1	0	0	0	35
2012–13	25	8	1	5	0	1	1	41
2013–14	30	11	0	2	0	1	0	44
2014–15	31	12	1	0	0	1	1	46
2015–16	47	8	1	3	0	3	1	63
2016–17	36	10	2	3	0	2	0	53
2017–18	34	10	0	6	0	2	0	52
2018–19	40	14	1	4	0	2	1	62
Total	**725**	**519**	**25**	**124**	**6**	**119**	**27**	**1,545**

Note: Excludes 29 cases where cause of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D16: Deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners)

	Natural causes	Hanging	External trauma	Alcohol/drugs	Other/ multiple causes
1981–82	0.08	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.03
1982–83	0.12	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.00
1983–84	0.05	0.21	0.03	0.04	0.00
1984–85	0.11	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.01
1985–86	0.06	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.01
1986–87	0.12	0.11	0.04	0.03	0.00
1987–88	0.08	0.18	0.05	0.04	0.00
1988–89	0.08	0.11	0.02	0.04	0.02

Table D16: Deaths in prison custody by cause of death, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Hanging	External trauma	Alcohol/drugs	Other/ multiple causes
1989–90	0.11	0.19	0.05	0.01	0.01
1990–91	0.11	0.08	0.02	0.01	0.01
1991–92	0.05	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.00
1992–93	0.07	0.12	0.04	0.03	0.02
1993–94	0.11	0.14	0.02	0.06	0.01
1994–95	0.09	0.15	0.04	0.03	0.00
1995–96	0.08	0.10	0.03	0.05	0.00
1996–97	0.15	0.12	0.03	0.04	0.00
1997–98	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.06	0.00
1998–99	0.08	0.12	0.04	0.06	0.00
1999–2000	0.10	0.13	0.03	0.03	<0.01
2000–01	0.11	0.11	0.01	0.03	<0.01
2001–02	0.11	0.09	0.02	0.01	<0.01
2002–03	0.09	0.08	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
2003–04	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.00
2004–05	0.09	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00
2005–06	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00
2006–07	0.10	0.03	<0.01	0.01	<0.01
2007–08	0.13	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01
2008–09	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.01	<0.01
2009–10	0.13	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.01
2010–11	0.13	0.04	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
2011–12	0.11	0.03	<0.01	0.00	0.00
2012–13	0.10	0.03	0.02	<0.01	<0.01
2013–14	0.12	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00
2014–15	0.11	0.04	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
2015–16	0.15	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01
2016–17	0.11	0.03	0.01	<0.01	<0.01
2017–18	0.10	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.00
2018–19	0.12	0.03	0.01	<0.01	<0.01

Note: External trauma includes head injuries and gunshot wounds

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D17: Hanging deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners)

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
1981–82	0.00	0.14
1982–83	0.00	0.11
1983–84	0.00	0.31
1984–85	0.00	0.11
1985–86	0.08	0.09
1986–87	0.00	0.13
1987–88	0.17	0.19
1988–89	0.11	0.11
1989–90	0.20	0.19
1990–91	0.05	0.09
1991–92	0.13	0.08
1992–93	0.12	0.12
1993–94	0.11	0.15
1994–95	0.23	0.14
1995–96	0.15	0.09
1996–97	0.14	0.12
1997–98	0.16	0.21
1998–99	0.09	0.13
1999–2000	0.15	0.13
2000–01	0.16	0.10
2001–02	0.09	0.09
2002–03	0.10	0.07
2003–04	0.02	0.06
2004–05	0.04	0.06
2005–06	0.00	0.03
2006–07	0.05	0.02
2007–08	0.00	0.03
2008–09	0.01	0.05
2009–10	0.04	0.05
2010–11	0.04	0.05
2011–12	0.01	0.03
2012–13	0.01	0.04

Table D17: Hanging deaths in prison custody by Indigenous status, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 relevant prisoners) (cont.)

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
2013–14	0.00	0.04
2014–15	0.02	0.05
2015–16	0.03	0.03
2016–17	0.04	0.03
2017–18	0.02	0.03
2018–19	0.01	0.04

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D18: Deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1979–80	8	6	0	0	0	0	14
1980–81	13	9	3	1	1	1	28
1981–82	8	13	3	1	3	1	29
1982–83	12	11	0	0	2	0	25
1983–84	5	22	1	0	2	2	32
1984–85	12	10	2	0	2	1	27
1985–86	7	9	0	0	2	0	18
1986–87	15	15	4	0	3	0	37
1987–88	10	22	1	0	9	1	43
1988–89	11	15	3	0	6	0	35
1989–90	16	28	5	0	4	0	53
1990–91	17	15	1	0	2	0	35
1991–92	8	15	3	1	4	0	31
1992–93	11	25	3	1	4	0	44
1993–94	19	28	4	0	5	1	57
1994–95	15	28	6	0	6	0	55
1995–96	14	25	4	0	6	0	49
1996–97	28	24	4	0	7	0	63
1997–98	20	41	9	0	9	1	80
1998–99	18	27	8	0	11	0	64
1999–2000	21	32	4	1	5	1	64
2000–01	24	27	1	0	6	0	58
2001–02	24	24	3	1	0	0	52
2002–03	21	21	1	0	1	0	44

Table D18: Deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
2003–04	18	16	2	0	1	0	37
2004–05	23	16	0	0	0	0	39
2005–06	18	9	1	0	0	0	28
2006–07	27	8	1	0	4	0	40
2007–08	36	8	0	0	1	0	45
2008–09	26	14	0	0	3	0	43
2009–10	38	16	4	0	0	0	58
2010–11	38	16	2	0	1	0	57
2011–12	32	8	1	0	0	0	41
2012–13	32	13	3	0	0	1	49
2013–14	39	14	1	0	0	0	54
2014–15	41	18	0	0	0	1	60
2015–16	58	19	0	0	3	2	82
2016–17	45	19	2	0	0	1	67
2017–18	45	16	2	0	3	0	66
2018–19	51	17	5	1	0	0	74
Total	**924**	**719**	**97**	**7**	**116**	**14**	**1,877**

Notes: The self-inflicted category includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings. Includes 335 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,542 non-Indigenous deaths in custody. Excludes 40 cases where manner of death was not recorded and one case classified as excusable homicide

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D19: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1979–80	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
1980–81	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
1981–82	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
1982–83	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
1983–84	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
1984–85	3	1	0	0	0	1	5
1985–86	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
1986–87	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
1987–88	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
1988–89	2	2	0	0	1	0	5
1989–90	5	4	0	0	0	0	9

Table D19: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1990–91	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
1991–92	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
1992–93	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
1993–94	8	3	1	0	0	0	12
1994–95	4	7	0	0	1	0	12
1995–96	5	6	2	0	0	0	13
1996–97	4	5	0	0	1	0	10
1997–98	3	6	1	0	1	0	11
1998–99	4	4	1	0	1	0	10
1999–2000	6	6	1	0	1	0	14
2000–01	6	7	0	0	1	0	14
2001–02	2	4	0	0	0	0	6
2002–03	8	5	0	0	0	0	13
2003–04	4	1	0	0	1	0	6
2004–05	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
2005–06	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
2006–07	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
2007–08	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
2008–09	5	1	0	0	1	0	7
2009–10	11	3	0	0	0	0	14
2010–11	8	4	0	0	0	0	12
2011–12	5	1	0	0	0	0	6
2012–13	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
2013–14	9	1	0	0	0	0	10
2014–15	10	4	0	0	0	0	14
2015–16	11	6	0	0	0	2	19
2016–17	9	4	1	0	0	0	14
2017–18	11	3	0	0	0	0	14
2018–19	11	1	1	1	0	0	14
Total	**199**	**112**	**8**	**2**	**10**	**4**	**335**

Notes: The self-inflicted category includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings. Excludes 8 cases where manner of death was not recorded and one case classified as excusable homicide

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D20: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1979–80	7	3	0	0	0	0	10
1980–81	12	9	3	1	1	0	26
1981–82	6	13	3	0	3	1	26
1982–83	9	10	0	0	2	0	21
1983–84	4	22	1	0	1	2	30
1984–85	9	9	2	0	2	0	22
1985–86	4	8	0	0	2	0	14
1986–87	13	15	4	0	3	0	35
1987–88	9	19	1	0	9	1	39
1988–89	9	13	3	0	5	0	30
1989–90	11	24	5	0	4	0	44
1990–91	14	13	1	0	2	0	30
1991–92	7	12	3	1	4	0	27
1992–93	9	22	3	1	4	0	39
1993–94	11	25	3	0	5	1	45
1994–95	11	21	6	0	5	0	43
1995–96	9	19	2	0	6	0	36
1996–97	24	19	4	0	6	0	53
1997–98	17	35	8	0	8	1	69
1998–99	14	23	7	0	10	0	54
1999–2000	15	26	3	1	4	1	50
2000–01	18	20	1	0	5	0	44
2001–02	22	20	3	1	0	0	46
2002–03	13	16	1	0	1	0	31
2003–04	14	15	2	0	0	0	31
2004–05	18	13	0	0	0	0	31
2005–06	15	9	1	0	0	0	25
2006–07	22	5	1	0	4	0	32
2007–08	31	8	0	0	1	0	40
2008–09	21	13	0	0	2	0	36
2009–10	27	13	4	0	0	0	44
2010–11	30	12	2	0	1	0	45
2011–12	27	7	1	0	0	0	35

Table D20: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
2012–13	25	12	3	0	0	1	41
2013–14	30	13	1	0	0	0	44
2014–15	31	14	0	0	0	1	46
2015–16	47	13	0	0	3	0	63
2016–17	36	15	1	0	0	1	53
2017–18	34	13	2	0	3	0	52
2018–19	40	16	4	0	0	0	60
Total	**725**	**607**	**89**	**5**	**106**	**10**	**1,542**

Notes: The self-inflicted category includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings. Excludes 32 cases where manner of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D21: Deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined
1981–82	0.08	0.13	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01
1982–83	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
1983–84	0.05	0.23	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02
1984–85	0.11	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01
1985–86	0.06	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
1986–87	0.12	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00
1987–88	0.08	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.01
1988–89	0.08	0.12	0.02	0.00	0.05	0.00
1989–90	0.11	0.20	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
1990–91	0.11	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
1991–92	0.05	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.00
1992–93	0.07	0.16	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.00
1993–94	0.11	0.17	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.01
1994–95	0.09	0.16	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
1995–96	0.08	0.14	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.00
1996–97	0.15	0.13	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00
1997–98	0.10	0.21	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.01
1998–99	0.08	0.13	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.00
1999–2000	0.10	0.15	0.02	<0.01	0.02	<0.01
2000–01	0.11	0.12	<0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00

Table D21: Deaths in prison custody by manner of death, 1981–82 to 2018–19 (rate per 100 prisoners) (cont.)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined
2001–02	0.11	0.11	0.01	<0.01	0.00	0.00
2002–03	0.09	0.09	<0.01	0.00	<0.01	0.00
2003–04	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.00	<0.01	0.00
2004–05	0.09	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005–06	0.07	0.03	<0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
2006–07	0.10	0.03	<0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
2007–08	0.13	0.03	0.00	0.00	<0.01	0.00
2008–09	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
2009–10	0.13	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010–11	0.13	0.05	0.01	0.00	<0.01	0.00
2011–12	0.11	0.03	<0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012–13	0.10	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	<0.01
2013–14	0.12	0.04	<0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
2014–15	0.11	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	<0.01
2015–16	0.15	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
2016–17	0.11	0.05	<0.01	0.00	0.00	<0.01
2017–18	0.10	0.04	<0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
2018–19	0.12	0.04	0.01	<0.01	0.00	0.00

Note: Self-inflicted includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings

Source: AIC NDICP 1981–2019 [computer file]

Table D22: Deaths in prison custody by most serious offence, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1979–80	8	3	1	1	1	1	15
1980–81	9	7	3	2	5	1	27
1981–82	10	12	3	0	3	0	28
1982–83	11	5	1	2	4	1	24
1983–84	14	13	0	0	5	0	32
1984–85	13	9	2	2	0	0	26
1985–86	8	6	1	0	1	0	16
1986–87	14	10	2	1	5	0	32
1987–88	18	18	2	1	3	2	44
1988–89	21	10	1	1	1	2	36
1989–90	28	16	3	0	2	2	51

Table D22: Deaths in prison custody by most serious offence, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1990–91	19	10	2	0	1	3	35
1991–92	16	8	2	0	4	1	31
1992–93	18	19	3	0	2	1	43
1993–94	25	22	2	2	5	1	57
1994–95	28	18	4	2	2	1	55
1995–96	21	20	5	2	0	1	49
1996–97	29	18	7	2	4	3	63
1997–98	38	23	11	1	6	0	79
1998–99	27	26	5	1	5	0	64
1999–2000	33	24	2	2	1	2	64
2000–01	33	9	7	2	4	3	58
2001–02	28	11	5	2	4	2	52
2002–03	32	7	0	2	2	1	44
2003–04	29	2	3	0	1	2	37
2004–05	23	9	3	3	0	1	39
2005–06	22	4	1	0	1	0	28
2006–07	22	9	3	2	4	0	40
2007–08	31	5	4	3	3	0	46
2008–09	26	8	3	0	1	5	43
2009–10	39	5	3	5	0	6	58
2010–11	29	11	5	0	2	11	58
2011–12	27	5	7	0	3	0	42
2012–13	34	9	7	2	0	1	53
2013–14	36	9	5	0	1	3	54
2014–15	42	11	3	1	2	1	60
2015–16	62	5	4	3	7	2	83
2016–17	58	5	2	1	4	3	73
2017–18	59	5	3	1	4	0	72
2018–19	65	10	7	1	6	0	89
Total	**1,105**	**436**	**137**	**50**	**109**	**63**	**1,900**

Note: Includes 342 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,558 non-Indigenous deaths in custody. Excludes 18 cases where MSO was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D23: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by most serious offence, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1979–80	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
1980–81	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
1981–82	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
1982–83	3	0	0	1	0	0	4
1983–84	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
1984–85	4	0	0	1	0	0	5
1985–86	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
1986–87	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
1987–88	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
1988–89	2	2	0	0	1	0	5
1989–90	4	2	0	0	2	1	9
1990–91	2	2	0	0	0	1	5
1991–92	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
1992–93	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
1993–94	6	5	0	0	1	0	12
1994–95	8	2	0	1	0	1	12
1995–96	8	3	1	0	0	1	13
1996–97	6	2	1	0	0	1	10
1997–98	8	3	0	0	0	0	11
1998–99	4	4	0	0	2	0	10
1999–2000	8	6	0	0	0	0	14
2000–01	9	2	1	0	1	1	14
2001–02	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
2002–03	10	0	0	1	2	0	13
2003–04	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
2004–05	4	2	0	2	0	0	8
2005–06	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
2006–07	4	3	0	1	0	0	8
2007–08	3	0	0	3	0	0	6
2008–09	3	1	2	0	0	1	7
2009–10	9	2	1	1	0	1	14
2010–11	7	1	0	0	0	4	12
2011–12	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
2012–13	6	1	1	1	0	0	9
2013–14	7	2	0	0	0	1	10

Table D23: Indigenous deaths in prison custody by most serious offence, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
2014–15	9	4	0	0	1	1	15
2015–16	16	0	0	2	1	0	19
2016–17	10	2	1	1	1	0	15
2017–18	14	2	0	0	0	0	16
2018–19	13	1	0	1	1	0	16
Total	**214**	**67**	**10**	**18**	**18**	**15**	**342**

Note: Excludes 2 cases where MSO was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D24: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by most serious offence, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1979–80	5	3	1	0	1	1	11
1980–81	9	7	3	2	3	1	25
1981–82	9	11	3	0	2	0	25
1982–83	8	5	1	1	4	1	20
1983–84	13	13	0	0	4	0	30
1984–85	9	9	2	1	0	0	21
1985–86	6	5	1	0	1	0	13
1986–87	13	9	2	1	5	0	30
1987–88	17	17	2	0	3	1	40
1988–89	19	8	1	1	0	2	31
1989–90	24	14	3	0	0	1	42
1990–91	17	8	2	0	1	2	30
1991–92	14	6	2	0	4	1	27
1992–93	15	17	3	0	2	1	38
1993–94	19	17	2	2	4	1	45
1994–95	20	16	4	1	2	0	43
1995–96	13	17	4	2	0	0	36
1996–97	23	16	6	2	4	2	53
1997–98	30	20	11	1	6	0	68
1998–99	23	22	5	1	3	0	54
1999–2000	25	18	2	2	1	2	50
2000–01	24	7	6	2	3	2	44
2001–02	25	9	4	2	4	2	46

Table D24: Non-Indigenous deaths in prison custody by most serious offence, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
2002–03	22	7	0	1	0	1	31
2003–04	23	2	3	0	1	2	31
2004–05	19	7	3	1	0	1	31
2005–06	21	3	1	0	0	0	25
2006–07	18	6	3	1	4	0	32
2007–08	28	5	4	0	3	0	40
2008–09	23	7	1	0	1	4	36
2009–10	30	3	2	4	0	5	44
2010–11	22	10	5	0	2	7	46
2011–12	24	3	6	0	3	0	36
2012–13	28	8	6	1	0	1	44
2013–14	29	7	5	0	1	2	44
2014–15	33	7	3	1	1	0	45
2015–16	46	5	4	1	6	2	64
2016–17	48	3	1	0	3	3	58
2017–18	45	3	3	1	4	0	56
2018–19	52	9	7	0	5	0	73
Total	**891**	**369**	**127**	**32**	**91**	**48**	**1,558**

Note: Excludes 16 cases where MSO was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D25: Deaths in prison custody by location of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Cell	Other custodial setting	Public hospital	Prison hospital	Psychiatric hospital	Public place	Other	Total
1979–80	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	12
1980–81	14	0	6	0	0	0	0	20
1981–82	6	0	10	0	0	0	0	16
1982–83	13	0	8	0	0	0	0	21
1983–84	23	0	6	0	0	0	0	29
1984–85	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	20
1985–86	9	0	4	0	0	0	0	13
1986–87	15	0	14	0	0	0	0	29
1987–88	26	0	8	0	0	0	0	34
1988–89	19	1	11	0	0	0	0	31
1989–90	31	2	10	0	0	1	0	44

Table D25: Deaths in prison custody by location of death, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Cell	Other custodial setting	Public hospital	Prison hospital	Psychiatric hospital	Public place	Other	Total
1990–91	21	0	14	0	0	0	0	35
1991–92	18	1	9	2	0	1	0	31
1992–93	26	2	13	3	0	0	0	44
1993–94	34	2	11	10	0	0	0	57
1994–95	33	3	11	7	0	0	1	55
1995–96	34	4	9	1	0	0	1	49
1996–97	32	4	20	5	0	1	1	63
1997–98	53	4	16	7	0	0	0	80
1998–99	41	8	9	5	1	0	0	64
1999–2000	38	5	14	7	0	0	0	64
2000–01	35	2	18	1	0	2	0	58
2001–02	26	7	18	1	0	0	0	52
2002–03	21	5	13	5	0	0	0	44
2003–04	22	2	9	4	0	0	0	37
2004–05	16	1	17	5	0	0	0	39
2005–06	14	4	7	3	0	0	0	28
2006–07	14	2	14	10	0	0	0	40
2007–08	12	5	16	12	0	0	1	46
2008–09	18	1	17	7	0	0	0	43
2009–10	24	4	18	11	0	0	1	58
2010–11	21	0	27	10	0	0	0	58
2011–12	17	1	15	9	0	0	0	42
2012–13	23	4	21	5	0	0	0	53
2013–14	17	3	21	13	0	0	0	54
2014–15	29	2	10	18	0	0	2	61
2015–16	25	1	38	18	0	0	1	83
2016–17	36	0	28	8	1	0	1	74
2017–18	27	3	24	17	0	0	1	72
2018–19	42	4	25	16	0	1	1	89
Total	**940**	**87**	**576**	**220**	**2**	**6**	**11**	**1,842**

Note: Includes 334 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,508 non-Indigenous deaths in custody. Excludes 76 cases where location of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Table D26: Deaths in prison custody by prison type, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Private	Government	Total
1979–80	0	15	15
1980–81	0	28	28
1981–82	0	29	29
1982–83	0	25	25
1983–84	0	32	32
1984–85	0	27	27
1985–86	0	18	18
1986–87	0	37	37
1987–88	0	45	45
1988–89	0	36	36
1989–90	0	53	53
1990–91	0	35	35
1991–92	0	31	31
1992–93	3	41	44
1993–94	5	52	57
1994–95	2	53	55
1995–96	5	44	49
1996–97	4	59	63
1997–98	10	70	80
1998–99	10	54	64
1999–2000	5	59	64
2000–01	10	48	58
2001–02	7	45	52
2002–03	6	38	44
2003–04	4	33	37
2004–05	6	33	39
2005–06	5	23	28
2006–07	4	36	40
2007–08	18	28	46
2008–09	11	32	43
2009–10	7	51	58
2010–11	12	46	58
2011–12	10	32	42
2012–13	9	44	53

Table D26: Deaths in prison custody by prison type, 1979–80 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	Private	Government	Total
2013–14	11	43	54
2014–15	13	48	61
2015–16	17	66	83
2016–17	21	53	74
2017–18	19	53	72
2018–19	18	71	89
Total	**252**	**1,666**	**1,918**

Note: Includes 344 Indigenous deaths in custody and 1,574 non-Indigenous deaths in custody

Source: AIC NDICP 1979–2019 [computer file]

Appendix E: Data tables—Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations, 1989–90 to 2018–19

Table E1: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by jurisdiction, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1989–90	5	7	7	5	2	1	1	1	29
1990–91	3	9	6	4	2	0	0	2	26
1991–92	4	9	5	0	2	3	1	1	25
1992–93	16	14	3	1	4	0	0	0	38
1993–94	8	10	7	0	1	2	1	2	31
1994–95	14	5	4	3	1	1	0	1	29
1995–96	9	7	5	4	1	3	1	1	31
1996–97	16	2	2	6	2	1	0	5	34
1997–98	14	8	1	3	0	0	0	2	28
1998–99	6	4	6	3	0	0	0	2	21
1999–2000	11	4	4	5	7	0	0	4	35
2000–01	17	4	3	4	5	0	0	1	34
2001–02	13	13	3	6	1	0	0	5	41
2002–03	14	6	7	6	3	1	0	3	40
2003–04	15	6	9	6	2	0	1	3	42
2004–05	11	7	10	6	2	0	0	0	36
2005–06	6	2	4	6	4	0	1	1	24
2006–07	10	6	4	4	4	0	1	1	30
2007–08	7	8	5	4	4	1	0	5	34
2008–09	6	3	8	8	6	0	1	5	37

Table E1: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by jurisdiction, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
2009–10	5	6	6	3	1	1	1	4	27
2010–11	6	1	7	6	2	2	1	0	25
2011–12	11	3	7	5	3	0	0	2	31
2012–13	6	2	2	6	1	0	0	0	17
2013–14	1	5	3	1	2	0	0	1	13
2014–15	7	2	5	3	1	0	0	2	20
2015–16	6	1	3	2	3	1	0	1	17
2016–17	6	0	2	2	5	0	0	2	17
2017–18	6	5	4	3	2	0	1	0	21
2018–19	5	5	5	6	2	1	0	0	24
Total	**264**	**164**	**147**	**121**	**75**	**18**	**11**	**57**	**857**

Note: Includes 168 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 687 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown. Excludes 3 cases categorised as 'Other Commonwealth'

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E2: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by jurisdiction, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1989–90	0	1	2	4	1	0	0	1	9
1990–91	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
1991–92	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
1992–93	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
1993–94	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
1994–95	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
1995–96	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	6
1996–97	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	8
1997–98	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	5
1998–99	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	7
1999–2000	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
2000–01	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	7
2001–02	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	8
2002–03	3	0	1	3	1	0	0	3	11
2003–04	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	10
2004–05	2	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	11

Table E2: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by jurisdiction, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*) (cont.)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
2005–06	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	1	7
2006–07	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
2007–08	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	5
2008–09	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	8
2009–10	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	6
2010–11	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	7
2011–12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
2012–13	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
2013–14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2014–15	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
2015–16	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
2016–17	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	7
2017–18	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
2018–19	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Total	**30**	**8**	**22**	**51**	**18**	**2**	**0**	**37**	**168**

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E3: Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by jurisdiction, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Total
1989–90	5	6	5	1	1	1	1	0	20
1990–91	3	9	4	3	2	0	0	2	23
1991–92	4	7	3	0	1	3	1	1	20
1992–93	13	14	2	0	4	0	0	0	33
1993–94	8	10	6	0	1	1	1	1	28
1994–95	14	4	4	2	0	1	0	1	26
1995–96	7	7	4	2	1	3	1	0	25
1996–97	14	2	2	3	2	0	0	3	26
1997–98	12	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	23
1998–99	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	14
1999–2000	11	4	3	3	6	0	0	4	31
2000–01	15	4	3	2	3	0	0	0	27
2001–02	12	13	3	4	1	0	0	0	33
2002–03	11	6	6	3	2	1	0	0	29
2003–04	11	6	8	4	2	0	1	0	32
2004–05	9	6	8	1	1	0	0	0	25
2005–06	6	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	17
2006–07	10	5	3	4	4	0	1	0	27
2007–08	7	8	4	4	2	1	0	3	29
2008–09	6	3	7	7	4	0	1	1	29
2009–10	3	6	6	1	1	1	1	2	21
2010–11	5	1	6	1	2	2	1	0	18
2011–12	11	3	7	5	3	0	0	0	29
2012–13	6	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	13
2013–14	1	5	3	1	2	0	0	0	12
2014–15	7	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	17
2015–16	6	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	14
2016–17	3	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	10
2017–18	5	4	3	3	1	0	1	0	17
2018–19	4	4	5	3	2	1	0	0	19
Total	**233**	**155**	**125**	**70**	**57**	**16**	**11**	**20**	**687**

Note: Excludes 3 cases categorised as 'Other Commonwealth'

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E4: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by category of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Category 1	Category 2	Total
1989–90	23	6	29
1990–91	24	2	26
1991–92	19	6	25
1992–93	20	18	38
1993–94	19	12	31
1994–95	18	12	30
1995–96	12	19	31
1996–97	13	21	34
1997–98	16	12	28
1998–99	14	7	21
1999–2000	14	22	36
2000–01	11	23	34
2001–02	13	28	41
2002–03	11	29	40
2003–04	11	31	42
2004–05	13	24	37
2005–06	6	18	24
2006–07	13	17	30
2007–08	13	21	34
2008–09	12	25	37
2009–10	11	16	27
2010–11	15	10	25
2011–12	15	16	31
2012–13	6	11	17
2013–14	5	8	13
2014–15	16	4	20
2015–16	13	4	17
2016–17	10	7	17
2017–18	17	4	21
2018–19	16	8	24
Total	**419**	**441**	**860**

Note: For a definition of these categories, see Box 1 in the *Introduction*. Includes 168 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 690 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E5: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by Indigenous status, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Total
1989–90	9	20	29
1990–91	3	23	26
1991–92	5	20	25
1992–93	5	33	38
1993–94	3	28	31
1994–95	3	27	30
1995–96	6	25	31
1996–97	8	26	34
1997–98	5	23	28
1998–99	7	14	21
1999–2000	4	32	36
2000–01	7	27	34
2001–02	8	33	41
2002–03	11	29	40
2003–04	10	32	42
2004–05	11	26	37
2005–06	7	17	24
2006–07	3	27	30
2007–08	5	29	34
2008–09	8	29	37
2009–10	6	21	27
2010–11	7	18	25
2011–12	2	29	31
2012–13	4	13	17
2013–14	1	12	13
2014–15	3	17	20
2015–16	3	14	17
2016–17	7	10	17
2017–18	3	17	20
2018–19	4	19	23
Total	**168**	**690**	**858**

Note: Excludes 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E6: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by Indigenous status and gender, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Indigenous			Non-Indigenous			Total[a]		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1989–90	8	1	9	19	1	20	27	2	29
1990–91	3	0	3	22	1	23	25	1	26
1991–92	2	3	5	18	2	20	20	5	25
1992–93	4	1	5	30	3	33	34	4	38
1993–94	2	1	3	24	4	28	26	5	31
1994–95	2	1	3	26	1	27	28	2	30
1995–96	6	0	6	24	1	25	30	1	31
1996–97	8	0	8	26	0	26	34	0	34
1997–98	4	1	5	21	2	23	25	3	28
1998–99	5	2	7	13	1	14	18	3	21
1999–2000	4	0	4	32	0	32	36	0	36
2000–01	7	0	7	26	1	27	33	1	34
2001–02	5	3	8	31	2	33	36	5	41
2002–03	9	2	11	27	2	29	36	4	40
2003–04	10	0	10	30	2	32	40	2	42
2004–05	11	0	11	23	3	26	34	3	37
2005–06	6	1	7	16	1	17	22	2	24
2006–07	3	0	3	24	3	27	27	3	30
2007–08	4	1	5	28	1	29	32	2	34
2008–09	8	0	8	29	0	29	37	0	37
2009–10	5	1	6	21	0	21	26	1	27
2010–11	7	0	7	18	0	18	25	0	25
2011–12	2	0	2	28	1	29	30	1	31
2012–13	3	1	4	13	0	13	16	1	17
2013–14	1	0	1	12	0	12	13	0	13
2014–15	2	1	3	15	2	17	17	3	20
2015–16	3	0	3	14	0	14	17	0	17
2016–17	6	1	7	10	0	10	16	1	17
2017–18	2	1	3	13	4	17	16	5	21
2018–19	3	1	4	17	2	19	21	3	24
Total	**145**	**23**	**168**	**650**	**40**	**690**	**797**	**63**	**860**

a: Total includes 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E7: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by age category, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	10[a]–24 years	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1989–90	10	10	6	3	29
1990–91	9	14	2	1	26
1991–92	6	10	6	3	25
1992–93	14	9	12	3	38
1993–94	9	13	7	2	31
1994–95	10	11	9	0	30
1995–96	13	10	5	3	31
1996–97	11	14	5	4	34
1997–98	7	16	4	1	28
1998–99	7	10	2	1	20
1999–2000	8	21	6	1	36
2000–01	13	11	7	3	34
2001–02	16	14	9	2	41
2002–03	13	16	8	3	40
2003–04	12	20	9	1	42
2004–05	10	19	7	1	37
2005–06	6	13	4	1	24
2006–07	5	17	6	2	30
2007–08	7	13	12	2	34
2008–09	14	15	5	3	37
2009–10	9	11	5	2	27
2010–11	6	10	6	3	25
2011–12	4	18	7	2	31
2012–13	0	7	8	2	17
2013–14	0	4	7	2	13
2014–15	4	6	7	3	20
2015–16	2	5	8	2	17
2016–17	4	7	5	1	17
2017–18	4	7	8	2	21
2018–19	7	10	5	2	24
Total	**240**	**361**	**197**	**61**	**859**

a: The legal age of criminal responsibility

Note: Includes 168 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 689 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown. Excludes one case where age was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E8: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by age category, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	10[a]–24 years	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1989–90	5	2	2	0	9
1990–91	1	2	0	0	3
1991–92	0	3	1	1	5
1992–93	3	1	1	0	5
1993–94	2	0	1	0	3
1994–95	0	2	1	0	3
1995–96	4	1	1	0	6
1996–97	6	1	1	0	8
1997–98	2	1	2	0	5
1998–99	4	2	0	1	7
1999–2000	2	2	0	0	4
2000–01	2	3	2	0	7
2001–02	2	4	2	0	8
2002–03	3	5	2	1	11
2003–04	6	3	1	0	10
2004–05	5	5	1	0	11
2005–06	2	5	0	0	7
2006–07	0	2	1	0	3
2007–08	1	2	2	0	5
2008–09	6	2	0	0	8
2009–10	3	3	0	0	6
2010–11	3	1	3	0	7
2011–12	0	2	0	0	2
2012–13	0	1	3	0	4
2013–14	0	1	0	0	1
2014–15	1	0	1	1	3
2015–16	0	1	1	1	3
2016–17	1	4	2	0	7
2017–18	0	1	1	1	3
2018–19	2	1	1	0	4
Total	**66**	**63**	**33**	**6**	**168**

a: The legal age of criminal responsibility

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E9: Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by age category, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	10[a]–24 years	25–39 years	40–54 years	55+ years	Total
1989–90	5	8	4	3	20
1990–91	8	12	2	1	23
1991–92	6	7	5	2	20
1992–93	11	8	11	3	33
1993–94	7	13	6	2	28
1994–95	10	9	8	0	27
1995–96	9	9	4	3	25
1996–97	5	13	4	4	26
1997–98	5	15	2	1	23
1998–99	3	8	2	0	13
1999–2000	6	19	6	1	32
2000–01	11	8	5	3	27
2001–02	14	10	7	2	33
2002–03	10	11	6	2	29
2003–04	6	17	8	1	32
2004–05	5	14	6	1	26
2005–06	4	8	4	1	17
2006–07	5	15	5	2	27
2007–08	6	11	10	2	29
2008–09	8	13	5	3	29
2009–10	6	8	5	2	21
2010–11	3	9	3	3	18
2011–12	4	16	7	2	29
2012–13	0	6	5	2	13
2013–14	0	3	7	2	12
2014–15	3	6	6	2	17
2015–16	2	4	7	1	14
2016–17	3	3	3	1	10
2017–18	4	6	6	1	17
2018–19	5	8	4	2	19
Total	**174**	**297**	**163**	**55**	**689**

a: The legal age of criminal responsibility

Note: Excludes one case where age was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E10: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by cause of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1989–90	4	7	2	6	2	6	2	29
1990–91	3	5	3	3	8	2	2	26
1991–92	5	4	3	2	6	5	0	25
1992–93	0	6	6	8	11	4	3	38
1993–94	4	2	1	4	16	2	2	31
1994–95	1	0	4	5	11	7	2	30
1995–96	4	2	0	12	11	1	1	31
1996–97	2	2	3	10	15	2	0	34
1997–98	2	3	1	12	7	3	0	28
1998–99	6	2	0	6	2	4	1	21
1999–2000	2	2	3	13	15	1	0	36
2000–01	4	0	5	13	7	2	3	34
2001–02	4	2	8	17	6	1	3	41
2002–03	3	4	5	17	10	0	1	40
2003–04	4	4	1	16	11	3	3	42
2004–05	2	3	3	16	11	0	2	37
2005–06	3	2	6	5	6	2	0	24
2006–07	4	1	0	13	7	2	2	29
2007–08	7	1	2	13	9	1	1	34
2008–09	2	1	4	17	11	1	1	37
2009–10	3	1	3	8	8	1	3	27
2010–11	5	0	1	8	9	2	0	25
2011–12	1	0	2	15	6	2	4	30
2012–13	3	0	1	5	4	0	3	16
2013–14	1	0	1	4	6	0	1	13
2014–15	3	1	1	2	11	0	2	20
2015–16	3	0	1	3	6	0	4	17
2016–17	3	1	0	5	5	0	3	17
2017–18	1	0	1	3	8	0	2	15
2018–19	2	0	0	2	13	1	3	21
Total	**91**	**56**	**71**	**263**	**258**	**55**	**54**	**848**

Note: Includes 166 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 681 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and one death where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown. Excludes 12 cases where cause of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E11: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by cause of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1989–90	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	9
1990–91	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
1991–92	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	5
1992–93	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	5
1993–94	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
1994–95	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
1995–96	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	6
1996–97	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	8
1997–98	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	5
1998–99	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	7
1999–2000	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
2000–01	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	7
2001–02	2	0	2	2	1	0	1	8
2002–03	2	1	2	5	1	0	0	11
2003–04	2	0	1	5	0	0	2	10
2004–05	2	2	0	5	0	0	2	11
2005–06	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	7
2006–07	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
2007–08	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
2008–09	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	8
2009–10	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	6
2010–11	1	0	1	3	1	1	0	7
2011–12	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
2012–13	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
2013–14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
2014–15	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
2015–16	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
2016–17	2	0	0	2	0	0	3	7
2017–18	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
2018–19	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Total	**36**	**15**	**24**	**55**	**14**	**5**	**17**	**166**

Note: Excludes 2 cases where cause of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E12: Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by cause of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Hanging	Head injury	External trauma	Gunshot	Alcohol/ drugs	Other/ multiple causes	Total
1989–90	2	5	1	4	1	5	2	20
1990–91	2	5	2	2	8	2	2	23
1991–92	3	3	2	2	6	4	0	20
1992–93	0	5	6	6	11	3	2	33
1993–94	2	2	1	4	15	2	2	28
1994–95	0	0	4	5	9	7	2	27
1995–96	4	1	0	7	11	1	1	25
1996–97	1	2	1	6	14	2	0	26
1997–98	1	1	1	11	7	2	0	23
1998–99	4	1	0	4	1	4	0	14
1999–2000	2	0	3	11	15	1	0	32
2000–01	3	0	4	9	6	2	3	27
2001–02	2	2	6	15	5	1	2	33
2002–03	1	3	3	12	9	0	1	29
2003–04	2	4	0	11	11	3	1	32
2004–05	0	1	3	11	11	0	0	26
2005–06	2	1	3	3	6	2	0	17
2006–07	2	1	0	12	7	2	2	26
2007–08	4	1	2	12	8	1	1	29
2008–09	1	0	1	15	10	1	1	29
2009–10	2	1	2	6	7	1	2	21
2010–11	4	0	0	5	8	1	0	18
2011–12	1	0	1	15	6	2	3	28
2012–13	2	0	0	5	4	0	1	12
2013–14	1	0	1	3	6	0	1	12
2014–15	1	1	0	2	11	0	2	17
2015–16	3	0	0	2	6	0	3	14
2016–17	1	1	0	3	5	0	0	10
2017–18	0	0	0	3	7	0	2	12
2018–19	2	0	0	2	12	1	1	18
Total	**55**	**41**	**47**	**208**	**243**	**50**	**37**	**681**

Note: Excludes 9 cases where cause of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E13: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by manner of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1989–90	4	9	1	1	13	0	28
1990–91	3	10	0	3	7	0	23
1991–92	5	9	0	4	7	0	25
1992–93	0	13	1	4	18	2	38
1993–94	4	11	0	9	6	1	31
1994–95	1	10	0	7	12	0	30
1995–96	4	12	0	4	11	0	31
1996–97	2	12	1	7	12	0	34
1997–98	2	8	1	5	12	0	28
1998–99	6	2	0	2	11	0	21
1999–2000	2	9	0	11	12	1	35
2000–01	4	8	1	2	19	0	34
2001–02	4	12	2	2	21	0	41
2002–03	3	16	1	4	15	0	39
2003–04	4	14	0	6	18	0	42
2004–05	2	13	3	6	12	0	36
2005–06	3	8	2	3	8	0	24
2006–07	4	10	0	3	12	0	29
2007–08	7	12	0	3	12	0	34
2008–09	2	10	1	4	18	1	36
2009–10	3	7	0	3	13	1	27
2010–11	6	5	0	6	8	0	25
2011–12	1	11	1	4	11	1	29
2012–13	3	5	0	1	7	0	16
2013–14	1	5	0	3	3	1	13
2014–15	3	3	0	10	4	0	20
2015–16	3	4	0	5	1	4	17
2016–17	3	3	0	4	5	2	17
2017–18	1	0	1	8	3	2	15
2018–19	2	6	0	9	3	1	21
Total	**92**	**257**	**16**	**143**	**314**	**17**	**839**

Note: The self-inflicted category includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings. Includes 161 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 677 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and one death where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown. Excludes 8 cases classified as excusable homicide and 13 cases where manner of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E14: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by manner of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1989–90	2	2	0	0	4	0	8
1990–91	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
1991–92	2	2	0	0	1	0	5
1992–93	0	1	0	0	4	0	5
1993–94	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
1994–95	1	0	0	2	0	0	3
1995–96	0	1	0	0	5	0	6
1996–97	1	1	1	0	5	0	8
1997–98	1	3	0	0	1	0	5
1998–99	2	1	0	1	3	0	7
1999–2000	0	2	0	0	2	0	4
2000–01	1	1	0	1	4	0	7
2001–02	2	1	1	0	4	0	8
2002–03	2	4	1	0	3	0	10
2003–04	2	1	0	0	7	0	10
2004–05	2	2	2	0	4	0	10
2005–06	1	2	2	0	2	0	7
2006–07	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
2007–08	3	1	0	0	1	0	5
2008–09	1	2	1	0	4	0	8
2009–10	1	1	0	0	4	0	6
2010–11	2	0	0	1	4	0	7
2011–12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2012–13	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
2013–14	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2014–15	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
2015–16	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
2016–17	2	0	0	0	3	2	7
2017–18	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
2018–19	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Total	**37**	**31**	**8**	**6**	**76**	**3**	**161**

Note: The self-inflicted category includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings. Excludes 5 cases classified as excusable homicide and 2 cases where manner of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E15: Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by manner of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Unlawful homicide	Justifiable homicide	Accident	Other/not determined	Total
1989–90	2	7	1	1	9	0	20
1990–91	2	10	0	3	6	0	21
1991–92	3	7	0	4	6	0	20
1992–93	0	12	1	4	14	2	33
1993–94	2	11	0	8	6	1	28
1994–95	0	10	0	5	12	0	27
1995–96	4	11	0	4	6	0	25
1996–97	1	11	0	7	7	0	26
1997–98	1	5	1	5	11	0	23
1998–99	4	1	0	1	8	0	14
1999–2000	2	7	0	11	10	1	31
2000–01	3	7	1	1	15	0	27
2001–02	2	11	1	2	17	0	33
2002–03	1	12	0	4	12	0	29
2003–04	2	13	0	6	11	0	32
2004–05	0	11	1	6	8	0	26
2005–06	2	6	0	3	6	0	17
2006–07	2	10	0	3	11	0	26
2007–08	4	11	0	3	11	0	29
2008–09	1	8	0	4	14	1	28
2009–10	2	6	0	3	9	1	21
2010–11	4	5	0	5	4	0	18
2011–12	1	11	1	4	10	1	28
2012–13	2	5	0	1	4	0	12
2013–14	1	4	0	3	3	1	12
2014–15	1	3	0	10	3	0	17
2015–16	3	3	0	5	0	3	14
2016–17	1	3	0	4	2	0	10
2017–18	0	0	1	7	2	2	12
2018–19	2	5	0	9	1	1	18
Total	**55**	**226**	**8**	**136**	**238**	**14**	**677**

Note: The self-inflicted category includes self-harm, whether intentional, unintentional or unknown, and accidental hangings. Excludes 3 cases classified as excusable homicide and 10 cases where manner of death was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E16: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by most serious offence, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1989–90	4	6	0	3	15	1	29
1990–91	7	7	0	0	12	0	26
1991–92	5	2	1	2	11	4	25
1992–93	8	16	2	5	4	3	38
1993–94	14	7	0	3	4	3	31
1994–95	13	7	3	3	3	0	29
1995–96	13	9	0	4	4	1	31
1996–97	14	10	1	1	6	2	34
1997–98	6	6	0	4	9	1	26
1998–99	6	9	0	1	2	2	20
1999–2000	18	10	2	2	3	1	36
2000–01	9	7	0	6	7	5	34
2001–02	8	14	0	6	3	10	41
2002–03	7	8	1	9	4	10	39
2003–04	16	9	1	7	5	3	41
2004–05	16	9	3	5	2	1	36
2005–06	8	3	3	4	3	3	24
2006–07	9	2	1	6	0	8	26
2007–08	9	4	1	7	2	10	33
2008–09	11	3	0	12	5	4	35
2009–10	7	2	1	7	3	6	26
2010–11	9	3	0	7	2	1	22
2011–12	13	2	0	8	3	5	31
2012–13	7	2	0	2	1	3	15
2013–14	4	2	0	3	0	3	12
2014–15	13	1	1	2	1	2	20
2015–16	11	0	0	1	3	2	17
2016–17	6	2	0	2	1	5	16
2017–18	9	1	1	0	5	4	20
2018–19	12	3	1	0	1	3	20
Total	**292**	**166**	**23**	**122**	**124**	**106**	**833**

Note: Includes 162 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 669 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown. Excludes 27 cases where MSO was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E17: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by most serious offence, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1989–90	1	4	0	1	3	0	9
1990–91	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
1991–92	1	0	0	0	3	1	5
1992–93	0	3	1	0	1	0	5
1993–94	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
1994–95	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
1995–96	0	4	0	1	1	0	6
1996–97	1	5	0	0	2	0	8
1997–98	0	1	0	0	4	0	5
1998–99	2	4	0	0	1	0	7
1999–2000	1	2	0	0	1	0	4
2000–01	3	2	0	0	1	1	7
2001–02	2	1	0	1	1	3	8
2002–03	1	2	0	2	2	3	10
2003–04	2	4	0	1	3	0	10
2004–05	5	5	0	0	1	0	11
2005–06	2	3	0	1	1	0	7
2006–07	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
2007–08	2	1	0	0	0	2	5
2008–09	3	1	0	0	3	1	8
2009–10	0	2	0	1	1	1	5
2010–11	1	3	0	1	1	0	6
2011–12	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
2012–13	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
2013–14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
2014–15	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
2015–16	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
2016–17	2	1	0	1	1	2	7
2017–18	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
2018–19	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Total	**35**	**53**	**2**	**13**	**39**	**20**	**162**

Note: Excludes 6 cases where MSO was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E18: Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by most serious offence, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Violent	Theft-related	Drug-related	Traffic-related	Good order	Other	Total
1989–90	3	2	0	2	12	1	20
1990–91	7	6	0	0	10	0	23
1991–92	4	2	1	2	8	3	20
1992–93	8	13	1	5	3	3	33
1993–94	13	7	0	3	2	3	28
1994–95	10	7	3	3	3	0	26
1995–96	13	5	0	3	3	1	25
1996–97	13	5	1	1	4	2	26
1997–98	6	5	0	4	5	1	21
1998–99	4	5	0	1	1	2	13
1999–2000	17	8	2	2	2	1	32
2000–01	6	5	0	6	6	4	27
2001–02	6	13	0	5	2	7	33
2002–03	6	6	1	7	2	7	29
2003–04	14	5	1	6	2	3	31
2004–05	11	4	3	5	1	1	25
2005–06	6	0	3	3	2	3	17
2006–07	9	1	1	6	0	7	24
2007–08	7	3	1	7	2	8	28
2008–09	8	2	0	12	2	3	27
2009–10	7	0	1	6	2	5	21
2010–11	8	0	0	6	1	1	16
2011–12	13	2	0	7	2	5	29
2012–13	7	1	0	1	1	2	12
2013–14	4	2	0	2	0	3	11
2014–15	13	1	0	2	1	0	17
2015–16	9	0	0	1	3	1	14
2016–17	4	1	0	1	0	3	9
2017–18	8	1	1	0	3	3	16
2018–19	11	1	1	0	0	3	16
Total	**255**	**113**	**21**	**109**	**85**	**86**	**669**

Note: Excludes 21 cases where MSO was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E19: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by location of death, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Cell	Other custodial setting	Public hospital	Psychiatric hospital	Private property	Public place	Other	Total
1989–90	11	5	6	0	1	6	0	29
1990–91	6	4	7	0	5	4	0	26
1991–92	5	3	11	0	3	3	0	25
1992–93	3	2	13	0	3	15	2	38
1993–94	2	2	8	0	5	13	1	31
1994–95	2	2	7	0	5	14	0	30
1995–96	3	0	11	0	7	8	2	31
1996–97	2	2	12	0	4	12	2	34
1997–98	6	1	7	0	3	10	1	28
1998–99	3	2	10	0	2	3	1	21
1999–2000	1	1	8	0	9	17	0	36
2000–01	5	0	8	0	3	18	0	34
2001–02	2	2	9	0	5	23	0	41
2002–03	2	2	7	0	4	24	1	40
2003–04	4	0	3	0	8	27	0	42
2004–05	1	3	7	0	7	18	1	37
2005–06	2	1	5	0	4	12	0	24
2006–07	2	1	7	0	5	14	1	30
2007–08	1	0	18	0	4	11	0	34
2008–09	2	0	8	0	7	19	1	37
2009–10	3	1	9	0	5	8	1	27
2010–11	1	0	4	0	8	12	0	25
2011–12	1	1	6	0	8	15	0	31
2012–13	1	0	2	0	2	12	0	17
2013–14	0	0	1	0	5	6	1	13
2014–15	3	0	4	0	6	6	1	20
2015–16	0	1	6	0	8	2	0	17
2016–17	1	0	4	0	5	7	0	17
2017–18	3	0	6	1	4	6	1	21
2018–19	0	0	7	0	9	8	0	24
Total	**78**	**36**	**221**	**1**	**154**	**353**	**17**	**860**

Note: Includes 168 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 690 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E20: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by type of custody, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Institutional	Escape	Detainment	Other	Total
1989–90	20	0	9	0	29
1990–91	16	0	10	0	26
1991–92	13	0	11	1	25
1992–93	11	0	26	1	38
1993–94	8	0	21	2	31
1994–95	7	0	23	0	30
1995–96	7	0	24	0	31
1996–97	5	1	28	0	34
1997–98	10	0	18	0	28
1998–99	9	0	10	2	21
1999–2000	4	0	32	0	36
2000–01	6	0	27	1	34
2001–02	6	0	29	6	41
2002–03	6	1	30	3	40
2003–04	5	2	35	0	42
2004–05	7	0	29	1	37
2005–06	5	0	19	0	24
2006–07	5	0	23	2	30
2007–08	4	0	30	0	34
2008–09	4	1	32	0	37
2009–10	5	0	21	1	27
2010–11	3	0	22	0	25
2011–12	3	0	23	5	31
2012–13	1	0	15	1	17
2013–14	1	0	12	0	13
2014–15	5	0	15	0	20
2015–16	4	0	11	2	17
2016–17	4	0	13	0	17
2017–18	4	0	17	0	21
2018–19	2	0	19	3	24
Total	**190**	**5**	**634**	**31**	**860**

Note: Includes 168 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 690 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 deaths where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E21: Deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by method of detainment[a], 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Motor vehicle pursuit	Other pursuit	Siege	Raid	Shooting/ other	Total
1989–90	5	1	0	0	3	9
1990–91	1	0	1	2	6	10
1991–92	2	2	1	0	6	11
1992–93	10	4	3	0	9	26
1993–94	5	1	4	1	10	21
1994–95	7	2	3	1	10	23
1995–96	9	0	3	1	11	24
1996–97	11	1	7	2	7	28
1997–98	11	1	2	0	4	18
1998–99	5	0	1	0	4	10
1999–2000	12	2	3	5	10	32
2000–01	12	6	6	2	1	27
2001–02	18	2	3	1	5	29
2002–03	15	4	3	1	7	30
2003–04	12	7	7	2	7	35
2004–05	11	4	2	1	11	29
2005–06	10	0	3	0	6	19
2006–07	9	2	4	0	8	23
2007–08	9	5	5	0	11	30
2008–09	15	1	6	3	7	32
2009–10	9	2	7	1	2	21
2010–11	7	2	5	5	3	22
2011–12	8	1	6	5	3	23
2012–13	5	3	2	4	1	15
2013–14	4	0	2	1	5	12
2014–15	2	0	2	0	11	15
2015–16	0	0	4	0	7	11
2016–17	4	1	1	1	6	13
2017–18	2	1	1	0	13	17
2018–19	0	2	3	0	14	19
Total	**230**	**57**	**100**	**39**	**208**	**634**

a: Includes detainment-related deaths only

Note: Includes 96 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 536 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and 2 cases where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E22: Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by method of detainment[a], 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Motor vehicle pursuit	Other pursuit	Siege	Raid	Shooting/ other	Total
1989–90	3	0	0	0	1	4
1990–91	1	0	0	0	0	1
1991–92	0	0	0	0	1	1
1992–93	2	1	0	0	0	3
1993–94	0	0	0	0	1	1
1994–95	0	0	0	0	2	2
1995–96	5	0	0	0	0	5
1996–97	5	0	1	0	1	7
1997–98	0	0	0	0	1	1
1998–99	2	0	0	0	2	4
1999–2000	2	0	0	0	0	2
2000–01	2	1	0	1	1	5
2001–02	2	1	1	0	0	4
2002–03	1	2	0	0	3	6
2003–04	2	3	0	0	1	6
2004–05	3	3	0	0	0	6
2005–06	4	0	1	0	0	5
2006–07	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007–08	1	0	1	0	2	4
2008–09	2	0	1	0	2	5
2009–10	3	1	1	0	0	5
2010–11	4	0	0	1	0	5
2011–12	1	0	0	0	0	1
2012–13	1	2	0	0	0	3
2013–14	1	0	0	0	0	1
2014–15	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015–16	0	0	1	0	0	1
2016–17	2	1	0	0	2	5
2017–18	0	0	0	0	1	1
2018–19	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	**49**	**17**	**7**	**2**	**21**	**96**

a: Includes detainment-related deaths only

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E23: Non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and custody-related operations by method of detainment[a], 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Motor vehicle pursuit	Other pursuit	Siege	Raid	Shooting/ other	Total
1989–90	2	1	0	0	2	5
1990–91	0	0	1	2	6	9
1991–92	2	2	1	0	5	10
1992–93	8	3	3	0	9	23
1993–94	5	1	4	1	9	20
1994–95	7	2	3	1	8	21
1995–96	4	0	3	1	11	19
1996–97	6	1	6	2	6	21
1997–98	11	1	2	0	3	17
1998–99	3	0	1	0	2	6
1999–2000	10	2	3	5	10	30
2000–01	10	5	6	1	0	22
2001–02	16	1	2	1	5	25
2002–03	14	2	3	1	4	24
2003–04	10	4	7	2	6	29
2004–05	8	1	2	1	11	23
2005–06	6	0	2	0	6	14
2006–07	9	2	4	0	8	23
2007–08	8	5	4	0	9	26
2008–09	13	1	5	3	5	27
2009–10	6	1	6	1	2	16
2010–11	3	2	5	4	3	17
2011–12	7	1	6	5	3	22
2012–13	4	1	2	4	1	12
2013–14	3	0	2	1	5	11
2014–15	2	0	2	0	11	15
2015–16	0	0	3	0	7	10
2016–17	2	0	1	1	4	8
2017–18	2	1	1	0	11	15
2018–19	0	0	3	0	13	16
Total	**181**	**40**	**93**	**37**	**185**	**536**

a: Includes detainment-related deaths only

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E24: Motor vehicle pursuit deaths by Indigenous status and gender, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Indigenous			Non-Indigenous			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1989–90	2	1	3	2	0	2	4	1	5
1990–91	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
1991–92	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
1992–93	2	0	2	7	1	8	9	1	10
1993–94	0	0	0	4	1	5	4	1	5
1994–95	0	0	0	7	0	7	7	0	7
1995–96	5	0	5	4	0	4	9	0	9
1996–97	5	0	5	6	0	6	11	0	11
1997–98	0	0	0	11	0	11	11	0	11
1998–99	1	1	2	2	1	3	3	2	5
1999–2000	2	0	2	10	0	10	12	0	12
2000–01	2	0	2	10	0	10	12	0	12
2001–02	1	1	2	16	0	16	17	1	18
2002–03	1	0	1	12	2	14	13	2	15
2003–04	2	0	2	10	0	10	12	0	12
2004–05	3	0	3	7	1	8	10	1	11
2005–06	3	1	4	6	0	6	9	1	10
2006–07	0	0	0	8	1	9	8	1	9
2007–08	0	1	1	8	0	8	8	1	9
2008–09	2	0	2	13	0	13	15	0	15
2009–10	2	1	3	6	0	6	8	1	9
2010–11	4	0	4	3	0	3	7	0	7
2011–12	1	0	1	7	0	7	8	0	8
2012–13	1	0	1	4	0	4	5	0	5
2013–14	1	0	1	3	0	3	4	0	4
2014–15	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
2015–16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016–17	2	0	2	2	0	2	4	0	4
2017–18	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2
2018–19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**43**	**6**	**49**	**172**	**9**	**181**	**215**	**15**	**230**

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E25: Shooting deaths, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Shot by self	Shot by police	Shot by other person	Total
1989–90	0	2	0	2
1990–91	3	5	0	8
1991–92	2	4	0	6
1992–93	5	4	1	10
1993–94	7	9	0	16
1994–95	5	6	0	11
1995–96	7	4	0	11
1996–97	8	7	0	15
1997–98	2	5	0	7
1998–99	0	2	0	2
1999–2000	4	11	0	15
2000–01	4	3	0	7
2001–02	4	2	0	6
2002–03	5	5	0	10
2003–04	5	6	0	11
2004–05	5	6	0	11
2005–06	3	3	0	6
2006–07	4	3	0	7
2007–08	6	3	0	9
2008–09	6	5	0	11
2009–10	5	3	0	8
2010–11	3	6	0	9
2011–12	2	4	0	6
2012–13	3	1	0	4
2013–14	3	3	0	6
2014–15	1	10	0	11
2015–16	1	5	0	6
2016–17	1	4	0	5
2017–18	0	8	0	8
2018–19	4	9	0	13
Total	**108**	**148**	**1**	**257**

Note: Includes 14 Indigenous deaths in police custody, 242 non-Indigenous deaths in police custody and one death where Indigenous status was not stated or unknown. Excludes one case where shooting death status was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E26: Indigenous shooting deaths, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Shot by self	Shot by police	Shot by other person	Total
1989–90	0	1	0	1
1990–91	0	0	0	0
1991–92	0	0	0	0
1992–93	0	0	0	0
1993–94	0	1	0	1
1994–95	0	2	0	2
1995–96	0	0	0	0
1996–97	1	0	0	1
1997–98	0	0	0	0
1998–99	0	1	0	1
1999–2000	0	0	0	0
2000–01	0	1	0	1
2001–02	1	0	0	1
2002–03	0	1	0	1
2003–04	0	0	0	0
2004–05	0	0	0	0
2005–06	0	0	0	0
2006–07	0	0	0	0
2007–08	1	0	0	1
2008–09	1	0	0	1
2009–10	1	0	0	1
2010–11	0	1	0	1
2011–12	0	0	0	0
2012–13	0	0	0	0
2013–14	0	0	0	0
2014–15	0	0	0	0
2015–16	0	0	0	0
2016–17	0	0	0	0
2017–18	0	0	0	0
2018–19	1	0	0	1
Total	**6**	**8**	**0**	**14**

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

Table E27: Non-Indigenous shooting deaths, 1989–90 to 2018–19 (*n*)

	Shot by self	Shot by police	Shot by other person	Total
1989–90	0	1	0	1
1990–91	3	5	0	8
1991–92	2	4	0	6
1992–93	5	4	1	10
1993–94	7	8	0	15
1994–95	5	4	0	9
1995–96	7	4	0	11
1996–97	7	7	0	14
1997–98	2	5	0	7
1998–99	0	1	0	1
1999–2000	4	11	0	15
2000–01	4	2	0	6
2001–02	3	2	0	5
2002–03	5	4	0	9
2003–04	5	6	0	11
2004–05	5	6	0	11
2005–06	3	3	0	6
2006–07	4	3	0	7
2007–08	5	3	0	8
2008–09	5	5	0	10
2009–10	4	3	0	7
2010–11	3	5	0	8
2011–12	2	4	0	6
2012–13	3	1	0	4
2013–14	3	3	0	6
2014–15	1	10	0	11
2015–16	1	5	0	6
2016–17	1	4	0	5
2017–18	0	7	0	7
2018–19	3	9	0	12
Total	**102**	**139**	**1**	**242**

Note: Excludes one case where shooting death status was not recorded

Source: AIC NDICP 1989–2019 [computer file]

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