

Queensland Courts’ domestic and family violence (DFV) statistics

Data collections cover three topics:

- Applications for domestic violence protection orders (DVOs) lodged
- DVOs made
- Criminal charges lodged relating to DFV

Figures are provided for larger court locations as well as statewide totals.

Accuracy of data

Data on this page is sourced from a live operational system that is continually updated as court matter statuses change or errors are identified and corrected. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, revised data may be published to address any errors, omissions, or updates, which may result in a slight variations in figures over time.



Applications Lodged

An application for a DVO can be made by:

- a police officer
- another person. These are called 'private applications'. Private applications can be made by:
 - i. an aggrieved
 - ii. an authorised person for an aggrieved
 - iii. a person acting under another Act for an aggrieved
- a party to a child protection proceeding
- a court. When sentencing an offender for a domestic violence offence, a court can make a protection against an offender on its own initiative.

Data below shows the number of applications for DVOs lodged. New (or ‘initiating’) applications and applications to vary an existing DVO are shown separately.

Table 1 shows the trend in lodgements over the previous 5 years as well as the current year-to-date (YTD) figures. The figures are also broken down to show the nature of applications for DVOs brought to court, that is:

- who has lodged the application
- sex of the aggrieved
- age of the aggrieved at the time when the application was lodged
- relationship of aggrieved and respondent parties
- how the application was lodged.

Table 1. DVO applications (statewide) and comparison between current YTD vs previous YTD

Application Category	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Initiating	28,796	28,560	31,649	27,858	25,876	22,695
Vary	12,022	13,054	15,849	14,775	14,412	13,265

Application Category	# change YTD	% change YTD
Initiating	-3,181	-12.3%
Vary	-1,147	-8.0%

Table 2. DVO applications (Magistrates Courts with the most lodgements) initiating applications only and comparison between current YTD vs previous YTD

Court Location	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26		Court Location	# change YTD	% change YTD
Beenleigh	2,707	2,847	3,001	2,607	2,238	1,909		Beenleigh	-329	-14.7%
Southport	2,576	2,357	2,634	2,353	1,983	1,692		Southport	-291	-14.7%
Brisbane	1,899	1,909	2,144	2,025	2,088	1,654		Brisbane	-434	-20.8%
Ipswich	1,532	1,654	1,756	1,536	1,384	1,348		Ipswich	-36	-2.6%
Townsville	1,497	1,351	1,554	1,451	1,400	1,183		Townsville	-217	-15.5%
Cairns	1,249	1,322	1,556	1,275	1,172	1,050		Cairns	-122	-10.4%
Caboolture	985	1,140	1,322	1,159	1,205	1,102		Caboolture	-103	-8.5%
Rockhampton	933	886	1,033	873	787	694		Rockhampton	-93	-11.8%
Maroochydore	930	879	962	909	788	677		Maroochydore	-111	-14.1%
Pine Rivers	928	851	976	752	687	656		Pine Rivers	-31	-4.5%
Mackay	776	787	883	816	757	683		Mackay	-74	-9.8%
Toowoomba	712	747	874	738	760	687		Toowoomba	-73	-9.6%
Richlands	587	588	756	605	671	577		Richlands	-94	-14.0%
Holland Park	682	642	735	572	565	457		Holland Park	-108	-19.1%
Cleveland	599	617	692	577	576	504		Cleveland	-72	-12.5%
Bundaberg	595	616	633	599	562	501		Bundaberg	-61	-10.9%
Redcliffe	661	543	619	468	370	318		Redcliffe	-52	-14.1%
Mount Isa	460	486	586	523	441	418		Mount Isa	-23	-5.2%
Gladstone	596	546	549	490	399	277		Gladstone	-122	-30.6%
Caloundra	483	482	479	401	455	403		Caloundra	-52	-11.4%

Nature of applications

Table 3. Lodging authority

2025-26		
Lodging Authority	Number	Percent
Police	18,064	79.59%
Private	4,389	19.34%
Court	242	1.07%
Total	22,695	100.00%

Table 4. Method of Lodgement

2025-26		
Method of Lodgement	Number	Percent
Electronic	18,022	79.41%
Counter	4,328	19.07%
Other	345	1.52%
Total	22,695	100.00%

Table 5. Sex of Aggrieved

2025-26		
Sex of Aggrieved	Number	Percent
Female	18,257	80.45%
Male	4,323	19.05%
Unknown	115	0.51%
Total	22,695	100.00%

Table 6. Relationship

2025-26		
Relationship	Number	Percent
Intimate Personal Relationship	16,458	72.52%
Family Relationship	6,131	27.01%
Informal Care Relationship	94	0.41%
Unknown	12	0.05%
Total	22,695	100.00%

Table 7. Age of Aggrieved

2025-26		
Aggrieved Age Group	Number	Percent
19 and under	1,417	6.24%
20 - 29	5,342	23.54%
30 - 39	6,182	27.24%
40 - 49	4,760	20.97%
50 and over	4,909	21.63%
Unknown	85	0.37%
Total	22,695	100.00%



Orders Made

Data shows the total number of DVOs made.

DVOs are made to protect the aggrieved party and children or other relatives or associates.

Table 8. DVOs made and comparison between current YTD vs previous YTD

Order Category	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Protection	25,366	24,324	26,231	22,889	20,962	18,230
Temporary Protection	14,559	14,804	16,545	15,403	14,812	13,018
Vary Protection	11,772	12,994	15,534	14,711	14,491	13,361
Total	51,697	52,122	58,310	53,003	50,265	44,609

Order Category	# change	% change
Protection	-2,732	-13.0%
Temporary Protection	-1,794	-12.1%
Vary Protection	-1,130	-7.8%
Total	-5,656	-11.3%

Table 9. DVOs for First Nations people

2025-26

Order Category	Aggrieved Number	Aggrieved Percent	Respondent Number	Respondent Percent
Protection	2,955	16.2%	3,336	18.3%
Temporary Protection	2,018	15.5%	2,204	16.9%
Vary Protection	2,043	15.3%	2,274	17.0%
Total	7,016	15.7%	7,814	17.5%

Table 10. DVOs, by sex of the aggrieved and respondent

2025-26

Aggrieved	Respondent	# orders made	% orders made
Female	Male	34,606	78.09%
Female	Female	2,997	6.76%
Male	Female	3,911	8.82%
Male	Male	2,804	6.33%

Table 11. DVOs, by age group of the aggrieved

2025-26

Aggrieved Age Group	# orders made	% orders made
19 and under	2,353	5.27%
20 - 29	10,676	23.93%
30 - 39	12,626	28.30%
40 - 49	9,364	20.99%
50 and over	9,502	21.30%
Unknown	88	0.20%
Total	44,609	100.00%

So far in 2025-26

29%

of all DVOs have been temporary protection orders made to protect the aggrieved until the application is finalised

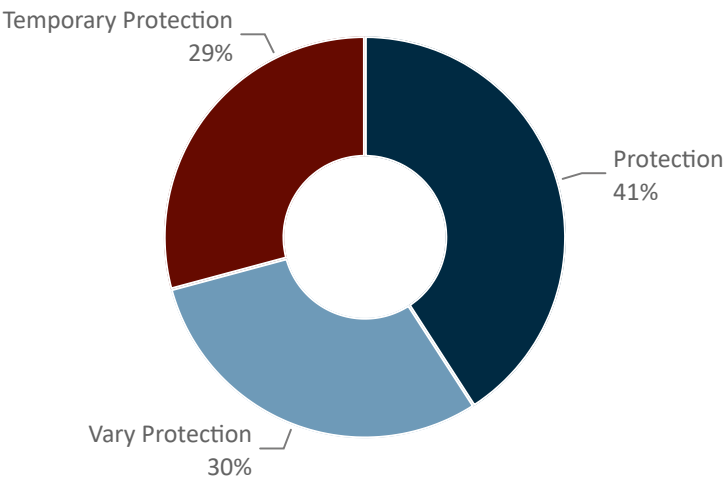
85%

of DVOs protect a female aggrieved

16%

of DVOs protect a First Nations person

DVOs made by category, 2025-26





Contravention Offences

Offences

Criminal offending in relation to domestic and family violence can be grouped into the following categories:

Contravene DVO: where the respondent breaches a condition of a DVO. A conviction in relation to this offence is recorded on a defendant's criminal history. Contravene DVO offences include any offences against the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*.

Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) related offences (flagged offences): Effective 1 December 2015, criminal offending that occurs in the context of DFV can be recorded by way of a notation under the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*. This helps to ensure that the patterns of behaviour of those who commit acts of DFV are clearly evident to police officers and courts.

Non-fatal strangulation: Effective 5 May 2016, choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting is a stand-alone offence under the *Criminal Code 1899*, with a maximum penalty of 7 years imprisonment.

Coercive control: Effective from 26 May 2025, coercive control is a criminal offence in Queensland under the *Criminal Code 1899 Section 334C*, which carries a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

DV to aid respondent: Under the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012 Section 179A*, it is an offence to engage in domestic violence behaviours against someone protected by a domestic violence order, police notice, or release conditions, with the intent of helping the person bound by those protections.

Several data tables that follow relate to all court levels including Childrens, Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts. Due to the seriousness of some of the charges, not all charges are heard in the Magistrates Court, but are instead committed to the District or Supreme Courts.

Contravene offences

This section shows the number of charges in relation to breaches of DVOs.

Table 12 is a count of all offences relating to contravention of DVOs lodged with the Magistrates Court. This includes: contraventions of DVOs, contraventions of police protection notices and contraventions of release conditions.

Table 12. Contravene DVO charges lodged (Magistrates Courts with the most lodgements) and comparison between current YTD vs previous YTD

Court Location	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Townsville	4,032	2,714	2,789	4,245	5,227	4,936
Brisbane	2,209	2,732	3,382	4,628	4,144	4,129
Beenleigh	2,913	2,899	3,578	3,112	3,004	3,627
Cairns	1,449	2,248	2,749	3,099	2,910	3,014
Southport	1,982	1,891	2,664	2,377	2,252	2,281
Ipswich	1,355	1,596	1,967	2,015	2,220	2,438
Rockhampton	1,345	1,604	2,163	1,871	2,287	1,981
Caboolture	880	976	1,399	1,296	1,524	2,370
Maroochydore	1,465	1,524	1,292	1,706	1,410	927
Toowoomba	735	852	1,206	1,278	1,619	2,451
Mount Isa	710	880	1,365	1,363	1,408	1,217
Mackay	1,011	796	869	861	966	981
Richlands	749	632	794	1,037	902	881
Gladstone	587	911	999	720	967	751
Bundaberg	576	705	748	813	661	672
Cleveland	430	486	487	826	1,000	932
Redcliffe	722	650	836	645	534	523
Pine Rivers	626	491	683	575	536	722
Caloundra	328	601	1,222	391	304	550
Mareeba	279	458	704	704	336	482
State Totals						
State Total	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
State Total	30,553	32,220	39,186	40,478	41,530	43,295

Court Location	# change	% change
Townsville	-291	-5.6%
Brisbane	-15	-0.4%
Beenleigh	623	20.7%
Cairns	104	3.6%
Southport	29	1.3%
Ipswich	218	9.8%
Rockhampton	-306	-13.4%
Caboolture	846	55.5%
Maroochydore	-483	-34.3%
Toowoomba	832	51.4%
Mount Isa	-191	-13.6%
Mackay	15	1.6%
Richlands	-21	-2.3%
Gladstone	-216	-22.3%
Bundaberg	11	1.7%
Cleveland	-68	-6.8%
Redcliffe	-11	-2.1%
Pine Rivers	186	34.7%
Caloundra	246	80.9%
Mareeba	146	43.5%
State Totals		
State Total	# change	% change
State Total	1,765	4.2%

Table 13 is a count of defendants convicted of contravention of a DVO. One defendant can be convicted of more than one offence. Table 13 shows the most serious penalty imposed on a defendant at the time they are sentenced for their charge/s.

Table 13. Defendants convicted of contravention DVO offences, listed by penalty imposed

Penalty	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Imprisonment/Detention	6,353	6,572	7,482	7,940	8,301	8,938
Custody in the Community	83	62	54	42	47	64
Community Service Order	312	293	285	285	301	232
Probation	3,990	3,856	4,201	4,303	3,933	3,479
Monetary Order	6,105	6,037	6,998	6,400	5,891	5,329
Good behaviour/Recognisance	1,088	1,170	1,268	1,176	1,045	839
Convicted - not punished	943	1,190	1,687	1,853	1,736	1,812
Other	136	159	190	225	155	150
Total	19,010	19,339	22,165	22,224	21,409	20,843

- Note:**
1. A defendant can be given one penalty in relation to multiple offences; or multiple penalties for one offence. The data shows only the most serious penalty for each defendant when convicted of the offence(s). This method of counting is used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for Criminal Courts, Australian Publication (4513.0).
 2. The order 'Custody in the community' may refer to 'Intensive Correction Order'; 'Conditional Release Order' or 'Intensive Supervision Order'.
 3. The 'Other' category includes nominal penalties, such as 'convicted and not further punished'. In some instances, a court may sentence a defendant to a term of imprisonment on one offence and convict and not further punish them on a lesser offence.



Flagged Offences

Flagged offences lodged

This section shows the number of charges in relation to offences 'flagged' as being in a DFV context (other than offences under the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*).

Table 14. Flagged offences DFV offences, charges lodged

Court	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Magistrates Court	7,820	10,201	14,769	16,042	16,916	16,726
District Court	4,065	5,041	6,070	6,382	6,555	7,519
Supreme Court	369	360	129	118	153	158
Total	12,254	15,602	20,968	22,542	23,624	24,403

Note:

1. All offences are initially lodged in the Magistrates Court. However depending on the seriousness of the offence, some charges can only be dealt with on indictment in the Supreme or District Courts. Therefore the charges counted in the District and Supreme Courts are also counted in the Magistrates Court.
2. Flagged offence data for all years has been recalculated due to revision of included offences under the legislation.

Table 15. Flagged DFV offences, charges lodged (Magistrates Courts with the most lodgements) and comparison between current YTD vs previous YTD

Court Location	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Cairns	879	1,277	2,023	2,546	2,241	2,089
Townsville	673	826	1,346	1,543	1,777	1,569
Brisbane	518	667	1,029	1,389	1,696	1,557
Mount Isa	415	626	912	933	1,164	1,105
Beenleigh	553	635	934	928	936	969
Southport	646	559	955	989	874	913
Ipswich	459	686	970	894	888	1,014
Rockhampton	341	376	593	538	780	688
Toowoomba	201	410	445	452	455	510
Maroochydore	221	453	326	534	469	360
Caboolture	143	249	306	351	558	598
Mackay	218	216	259	303	401	460
Bundaberg	217	188	273	334	298	281
Mareeba	110	170	302	281	187	267
Gladstone	135	144	219	233	319	193
Pine Rivers	112	155	244	205	250	208
Redcliffe	124	153	249	229	190	218
Mornington Island	77	120	131	248	264	214
Richlands	98	88	171	171	231	218
Doomadgee	105	120	166	213	188	166

Court Location	# change	% change
Cairns	-152	-6.8%
Townsville	-208	-11.7%
Brisbane	-139	-8.2%
Mount Isa	-59	-5.1%
Beenleigh	33	3.5%
Southport	39	4.5%
Ipswich	126	14.2%
Rockhampton	-92	-11.8%
Toowoomba	55	12.1%
Maroochydore	-109	-23.2%
Caboolture	40	7.2%
Mackay	59	14.7%
Bundaberg	-17	-5.7%
Mareeba	80	42.8%
Gladstone	-126	-39.5%
Pine Rivers	-42	-16.8%
Redcliffe	28	14.7%
Mornington Island	-50	-18.9%
Richlands	-13	-5.6%
Doomadgee	-22	-11.7%

State Totals

State Total	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
State Total	7,820	10,201	14,769	16,042	16,916	16,726

State Total	# change	% change
State Total	-190	-1.1%



Strangulation Offences

Strangulation offences

This section shows the number of charges in relation to offences relating to section 315A of the *Criminal Code 1899* (offences of choking, suffocation or strangulation in a domestic setting).

Table 16. Strangulation offences lodged, by court level

Court	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Magistrates Court	834	969	1,273	1,185	1,338	1,299
District Court	591	841	964	1,042	1,095	1,272
Supreme Court	17	5	22	7	10	6
Total	1,442	1,815	2,259	2,234	2,443	2,577

Note:

1. All offences are initially lodged in the Magistrates Court. However depending on the seriousness of the offence, some charges can only be dealt with on indictment in the Supreme or District Courts. Therefore the charges counted in the District and Supreme Courts are also counted in the Magistrates Court.

Table 17. Strangulation offences lodged (Magistrates Courts with the most lodgements) and comparison between current YTD vs previous YTD

Court Location	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Brisbane	109	139	177	197	183	205
Cairns	59	87	125	123	148	117
Ipswich	80	101	134	90	106	115
Southport	78	67	86	120	86	96
Townsville	56	43	69	78	130	77
Beenleigh	67	57	86	71	101	70
Maroochydore	38	59	44	54	63	51
Mount Isa	41	38	52	40	48	62
Rockhampton	25	27	52	49	62	58
Toowoomba	21	57	57	47	27	28
Caboolture	26	23	31	28	40	57
Mackay	17	16	26	18	30	58
Bundaberg	19	24	40	22	26	20
Pine Rivers	14	25	28	21	30	17
Richlands	17	7	18	19	33	32
Warwick	7	42	24	5	8	17
Mareeba	7	8	29	28	11	19
Redcliffe	19	12	21	12	19	18
Gladstone	8	14	17	14	20	12
Cleveland	14	5	13	13	15	20

Court Location	# change	% change
Brisbane	22	12.0%
Cairns	-31	-20.9%
Ipswich	9	8.5%
Southport	10	11.6%
Townsville	-53	-40.8%
Beenleigh	-31	-30.7%
Maroochydore	-12	-19.0%
Mount Isa	14	29.2%
Rockhampton	-4	-6.5%
Toowoomba	1	3.7%
Caboolture	17	42.5%
Mackay	28	93.3%
Bundaberg	-6	-23.1%
Pine Rivers	-13	-43.3%
Richlands	-1	-3.0%
Warwick	9	112.5%
Mareeba	8	72.7%
Redcliffe	-1	-5.3%
Gladstone	-8	-40.0%
Cleveland	5	33.3%

State Totals

State Total	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
State Total	834	969	1,273	1,185	1,338	1,299

State Total	# change	% change
State Total	-39	-2.9%

Table 18. Defendants convicted of strangulation offences, by penalty imposed

Penalty	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Imprisonment/Detention	281	354	360	407	417	466
Custody in the Community	2	1	1	2	1	2
Community Service Order	2		1			
Probation	7	7	11	9	15	7
Monetary Order						1
Good behaviour/Recognisance				1		
Convicted - not punished			3	3	4	2
Other	1	2	1		2	
Total	293	364	377	422	439	478

- Note:**
- 1. A defendant can be given one penalty in relation to multiple offences; or multiple penalties for one offence. The data shows only the most serious penalty for each defendant when convicted of the offence(s). This method of counting is used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for Criminal Courts, Australian Publication (4513.0).
 - 2. The order 'Custody in the community' may refer to 'Intensive Correction Order'; 'Conditional Release Order' or 'Intensive Supervision Order'.
 - 3. The 'Other' category includes nominal penalties, such as 'convicted and not further punished'. In some instances, a court may sentence a defendant to a term of imprisonment on one offence and convict and not further punish them on a lesser offence.

Coercive control offences

This section shows the number of charges in relation to offences relating to section 334C of the *Criminal Code 1899* (applies to adults who use violence to hurt, humiliate, isolate, frighten or threaten a current or former partner, family member, or unpaid carer).

Table 19. Coercive control offences lodged (Magistrates Courts with the most lodgements)

Court Location	2024-25	2025-26
Brisbane	2	33
Southport	1	13
Cairns	3	9
Mount Isa	1	11
Ipswich		11
Richlands		9
Townsville		8
Beenleigh		7
Maroochydore	1	6
Bundaberg		6
Caboolture		6
Pine Rivers		5
Toowoomba	1	4
Mareeba		4
Hervey Bay		3
Mackay		3
Rockhampton	1	2
Caloundra		2
Cleveland		2
Gympie		2
Noosa		2
Redcliffe	1	1
Warwick		2

State Totals

State Total	2024-25	2025-26
State Total	12	161

Note:
Coercive control (s 334C of the *Criminal Code Act 1899*) related offences were introduced 26 May 2025. As a result, data for this offence is only available from then onwards.

Table 20. Defendants convicted of coercive control offences, by penalty imposed

Penalty	2025-26
Imprisonment/Detention	16
Total	16

Note:
1. A defendant can be given one penalty in relation to multiple offences; or multiple penalties for one offence. The data shows only the most serious penalty for each defendant when convicted of the offence(s). This method of counting is used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for Criminal Courts, Australian Publication (4513.0).



DV to Aid Respondent Offences

DV to aid respondent offences

This section shows the number of charges in relation to offences relating to section 179A *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012* (applies to people using domestic and family violence, including coercive control, on behalf of a respondent).

Table 21. DV to aid respondent offences lodged (Magistrates Courts with the most lodgements)

Court Location	2025-26
Beenleigh	17
Brisbane	14
Beaudesert	5
Townsville	5
Rockhampton	4

State Totals

State Total	2025-26
State Total	67

Note:

DV to aid respondent (s 197A of the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*) related offences were introduced 26 May 2025. As a result, data for this offence is only available from then onwards.

Table 22. Defendants convicted of DV to aid respondent offences, by penalty imposed

Penalty	2025-26
Imprisonment/Detention	3
Community Service Order	1
Probation	2
Monetary Order	7
Good behaviour/Recognisance	2
Convicted - not punished	2
Total	17

Note:

1. A defendant can be given one penalty in relation to multiple offences; or multiple penalties for one offence. The data shows only the most serious penalty for each defendant when convicted of the offence(s). This method of counting is used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for Criminal Courts, Australian Publication (4513.0).
2. The order 'Custody in the community' may refer to 'Intensive Correction Order'; 'Conditional Release Order' or 'Intensive Supervision Order'.
3. The 'Other' category includes nominal penalties, such as 'convicted and not further punished'. In some instances, a court may sentence a defendant to a term of imprisonment on one offence and convict and not further punish them on a lesser offence.