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Annual Administration Statistics, 2018-19

The following is a summary of information on the administration of personal insolvencies relating to the Northern Territory in 2018-19, unless otherwise stated. Part IV bankruptcy (declared unable to pay debts) and Part IX debt agreements (legally binding agreement between debtor and creditors regarding repayment of debts) are in reference to the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth).

- There were 144 new Part IV bankruptcies in 2018-19, a decrease of 9.4 per cent compared to 2017-18, primarily due to a decrease in involuntary bankruptcies (-54.2 per cent). Nationally, bankruptcies decreased by 8.8 per cent over the same period (Figure 1).

- Of the total number of new bankruptcies, 119 or 82.6 per cent were administered by the Official Trustee, the statutory body established under the Bankruptcy Act 1966 to administer a debtor’s estate. In comparison, bankruptcies administered by the Official Trustee ranged from 90.6 per cent in Tasmania to 72.9 per cent in Western Australia. In the Territory, the remaining 25 or 17.4 per cent of new bankruptcies were administered by private trustees registered with the Australian Financial Security Authority.

- In 2018-19, there were 84 bankruptcies in which contributions were paid (debtor payments to trustee from their income, either voluntarily or involuntarily if income exceeds threshold), with an average contribution of $6781. This was the second lowest average contribution of all jurisdictions, with Tasmania having a lower average contribution of $6318. Nationally the average contribution was $8847 (Figure 2).

- In 2018-19, there were 24 bankruptcies which had dividends (interim and final) declared and paid (payments from debtor’s estate to creditors), with an average dividend of $9631. This was the lowest average dividend of all jurisdictions and compares to the national average dividend of $33 607 (Figure 2).

- There were 644 Part IX debt agreements not yet completed as at 30 June 2019, an increase of 4.3 per cent compared to 30 June 2018. During 2018-19, 144 new debt agreements were made and 69 were completed (Table 1).

- The average rate of return on completed debt agreements in the Territory was 58.2 cents per dollar of debt, the highest rate of all jurisdictions and compares to the national average rate of 53.5 cents per dollar of debt.

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**Figure 1: Number of new bankruptcies by type, Northern Territory, 2014-15 to 2018-19**

Part IV bankruptcies can be either voluntary (debtor’s petition) or involuntary (creditor’s petition).

**Figure 2: Average bankruptcy contributions and dividends, 2018-19 (dollars)**

Contributions comprise of voluntary and involuntary contributions.

**Table 1: Dividends paid in completed debt agreements, 2018-19**

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Source data in Annual Administration Statistics 2018-19: Department of Treasury and Finance, AFSA.
The following is a summary of information about victims of selected offences in the Northern Territory as recorded by police during 2019, unless otherwise stated.

- There were 18,882 victims of crime in the Territory, a decrease of 5.8 per cent compared to 2018. Nationally, victims of crime increased by 6.9 per cent during the same period (Table 2).
- The number of assault victims decreased by 8.6 per cent to 6,730. This equates to a victimisation rate of 2737 per 100,000 population in 2019.
- Of the total number of assault victims, 4,352 or 64.7 per cent were female, 2,345 or 34.8 per cent were male and 33 or 0.5 per cent were unstated (Table 3).
- Female assault victims were more likely to know the offender (85.2 per cent) compared with male assault victims (56.3 per cent).
- Of the total number of assault victims, 4,694 or 69.7 per cent were Aboriginal, 1,650 or 24.5 per cent were non-Aboriginal and 386 or 5.7 per cent were not recorded. This equates to an Aboriginal assault victimisation rate of 6,049 per 100,000 population in 2019, compared with a non-Aboriginal rate of 980.
- Aboriginal assault victims were more likely to know the offender (86.7 per cent) compared with non-Aboriginal assault victims (46.5 per cent).
- There were 354 victims of sexual assault in the Territory, a decrease of 1.7 per cent compared to 2018. Of these, 315 or 89.0 per cent were female, 29 or 8.2 per cent were male and 10 or 2.8 per cent were unstated. Nationally, the number of sexual assault victims increased by 2.1 per cent.
- The sexual assault victimisation rate in the Territory was 144 per 100,000 population, the highest rate across all jurisdictions and above the national average of 106 per 100,000 population (Figure 3).
- The number of victims of unlawful entry with intent decreased by 6.6 per cent to 4,652 victims. Of these, 44.5 per cent involved the taking of property, the lowest rate of all jurisdictions.
- The homicide and related offences victimisation rate in the Territory was 4.5 per 100,000 population, the highest of all jurisdictions and above the national average of 1.6 per 100,000 population.
The following is a summary of information on tobacco, alcohol and drug usage in the Northern Territory in 2019, unless otherwise stated. The statistics are based on a household survey of over 22,000 people aged 14 and over across Australia, excluding remote Indigenous communities.

- The proportion of daily tobacco smokers in the Territory was 14.7 per cent, or 1 in 7 people, the highest of all jurisdictions and above the national average of 11.0 per cent (Figure 4).

- The proportion of daily tobacco smokers has decreased by 47.3 per cent since 2001, in line with the national average decrease of 43.3 per cent.

- In 2019, 15.3 per cent of people reported having tried e-cigarettes at least once, the highest proportion of all jurisdictions and above the national average of 11.2 per cent.

- The average age at which people first tried tobacco in the Territory was 16.4 years old, below the national average of 16.6 years old.

- The proportion of people drinking daily in the Territory was 8.2 per cent, or 1 in 12 people, the highest of all jurisdictions and above the national average of 5.4 per cent.

- In the Territory, 23.9 per cent of people exceeded the lifetime alcohol risk guidelines, a decrease from 27.6 per cent in 2016. Nationally, the Territory has the highest proportion of lifetime at risk drinkers (Table 4).

- The proportion of males who exceeded the lifetime alcohol risk guidelines was 32.2 per cent compared with 15.3 per cent for females.

- In the Territory, 35.4 per cent of people exceeded the single occasion alcohol risk guidelines, a slight decrease from 35.8 per cent in 2016. Nationally, the Territory has the highest proportion of single occasion at risk drinkers (Table 4).

- The average age at which people first tried drinking alcohol was 16.7 years old, the youngest of all jurisdictions.

- The proportion of people who reported illicit drug usage in the past 12 months was 19.6 per cent, or 1 in 5 people, the highest of all jurisdictions and above the national average of 16.4 per cent.

- Cannabis was the most commonly used illicit drug in the Territory (15.9 per cent) and nationally (11.6 per cent), followed by cocaine with 3.1 per cent and 4.2 per cent, respectively (Table 5).
The following is a summary of information on offence counts in the Northern Territory in the May quarter 2020 compared to the May quarter 2019, unless otherwise stated.

- Recorded offences against property decreased by 1121, or 20.3 per cent, to 4401. This decrease was driven by decreases in all offences related to property (Table 6).

- Commercial break-ins decreased by 43.2 per cent, to 402, with decreases across all the regions in the Territory. The largest decreases were in Katherine (-58) and Darwin (-56).

- House break-ins decreased by 10.2 per cent, to 526, primarily driven by decreases in the NT Balance (-67) and Darwin (-53), partially offset by increases in Palmerston (45) (Table 7).

- The number of offences against persons decreased by 40, or 2.1 per cent, to 1828, primarily driven by a decrease in sexual assault and related offences (-20) (Table 6).

- The number of acts intended to cause injury remained steady at 1588. This was primarily due to increases in Tennant Creek (31) and Alice Springs (30) with offsetting decreases in Darwin (-38) and the NT Balance (-29).

- Of the total number of acts intended to cause injury, 1582 were assaults, where 59.8 per cent involved domestic violence, 48.5 per cent involved alcohol and 33.1 per cent involved both domestic violence and alcohol.

- Following the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration in March 2020, offences against property reduced with the biggest reductions observed in theft and property damage offences. Monthly recorded theft offences have decreased by 418 offences (-56.2 per cent) and property damage offences have decreased by 368 offences (-46.9 per cent) (Figure 5).

- In the year ending May 2020, the number of theft and property damage offences per 100 000 population in the Territory was 2978 and 2982 respectively, the lowest recorded levels since 2016.

- The Northern Territory crime statistics are prepared by the Department of Attorney-General and Justice using data recorded by the Northern Territory Police.