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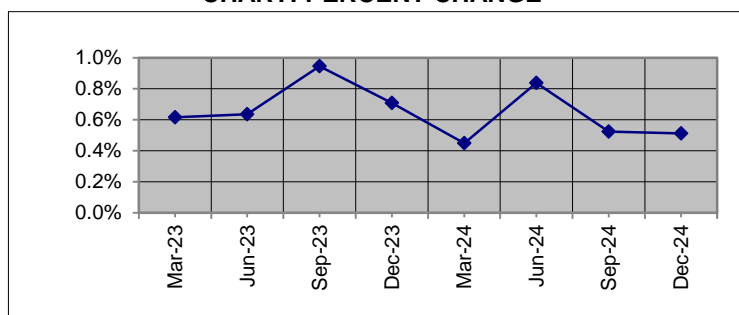
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TREATMENT POPULATION BY QUARTER

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE BY QUARTER

Quarter	Tpop	% Change
Dec-22	280,387	
Mar-23	282,115	0.62%
Jun-23	283,907	0.64%
Sep-23	286,591	0.95%
Dec-23	288,620	0.71%
Mar-24	289,915	0.45%
Jun-24	292,344	0.84%
Sep-24	293,877	0.52%
Dec-24	295,382	0.51%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

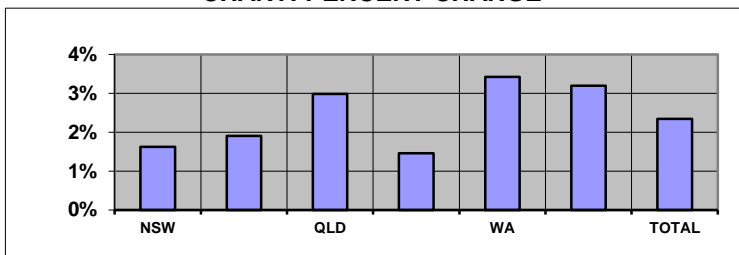


TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE: DEC 23 and DEC 24

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Dec-23	Dec-24	% Change
NSW	87,092	88,507	1.62%
VIC	43,443	44,271	1.91%
QLD	93,206	95,989	2.99%
SA	27,237	27,634	1.46%
WA	28,471	29,446	3.42%
TAS	7,262	7,494	3.19%
TOTAL	288,620	295,382	2.34%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



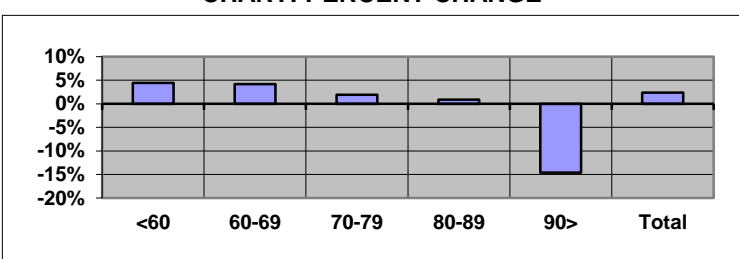
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TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUP: DEC 23 and DEC 24

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

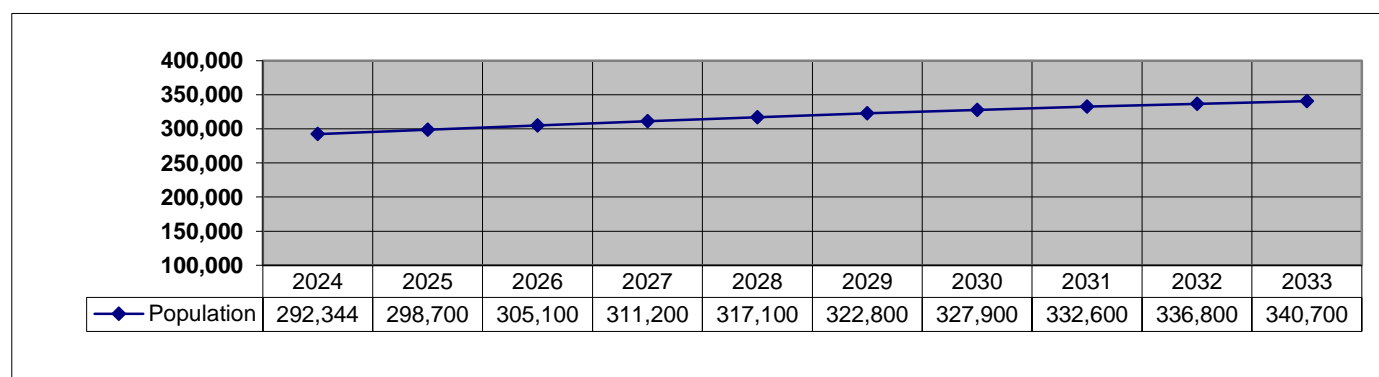
	Dec-23	Dec-24	% Change
<60	148,762	155,377	4.45%
60-69	37,465	39,036	4.19%
70-79	60,904	62,073	1.92%
80-89	22,349	22,551	0.90%
90>	19,138	16,342	-14.61%
Total	288,620	295,382	2.34%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



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TREATMENT POPULATION PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2024



SUMMARY TREND (Continuation)

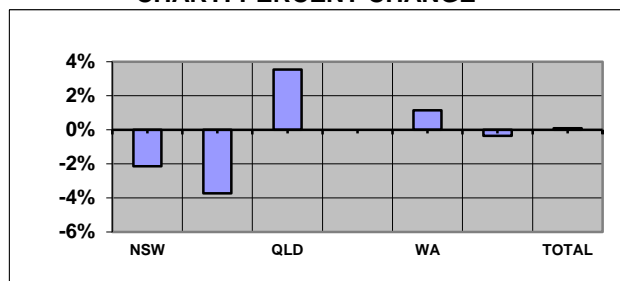
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NUMBER OF GOLD CARDS BY STATE: DEC 23 and DEC 24

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Dec-23	Dec-24	% Change
NSW	30,081	29,439	-2.13%
VIC	17,061	16,426	-3.72%
QLD	34,005	35,207	3.53%
SA	8,501	8,501	0.00%
WA	10,357	10,475	1.14%
TAS	3,103	3,092	-0.35%
TOTAL	103,870	103,958	0.08%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

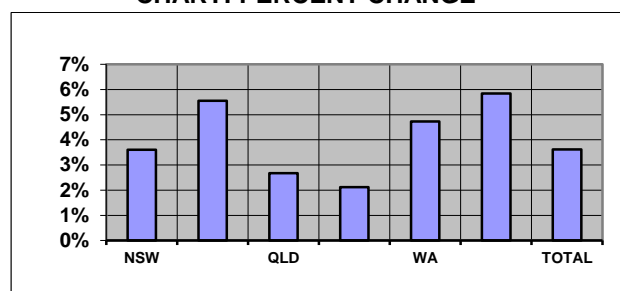


NUMBER OF WHITE CARDS BY STATE: DEC 23 and DEC 24

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Dec-23	Dec-24	% Change
NSW	57,011	59,068	3.61%
VIC	26,382	27,845	5.55%
QLD	59,201	60,782	2.67%
SA	18,736	19,133	2.12%
WA	18,114	18,971	4.73%
TAS	4,159	4,402	5.84%
TOTAL	184,750	191,424	3.61%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

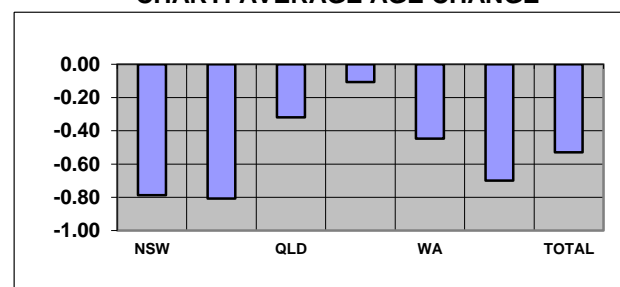


AVERAGE AGE BY STATE: DEC 23 and DEC 24

TABLE: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

	Dec-23	Dec-24	Yrs Change
NSW	56.93	56.14	-0.79
VIC	60.78	59.97	-0.81
QLD	55.88	55.56	-0.32
SA	54.70	54.60	-0.11
WA	58.57	58.13	-0.45
TAS	61.90	61.20	-0.70
TOTAL	57.25	56.72	-0.53

CHART: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

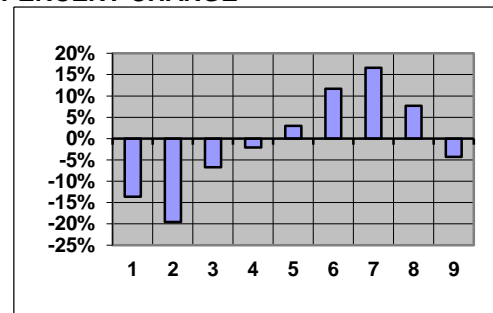


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TABLE: TREATMENT POPULATION BY CONFLICT (TOTAL)

Conflict	Dec-23	Dec-24	% Change
1. First World War	22	19	-13.64%
2. Second World War	22,150	17,816	-19.57%
3. Korea, Malaya & FESR	12,780	11,926	-6.68%
4. Vietnam	43,529	42,628	-2.07%
5. Gulf War	1,412	1,454	2.97%
6. East Timor, Afghanistan & Iraq	29,459	32,896	11.67%
7. Peacekeeping & Other Operations	16,375	19,091	16.59%
8. No Operational Service	172,744	186,050	7.70%
9. British Commonwealth & Allied	2,059	1,970	-4.32%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



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Definition

The "treatment population" consists of veterans and dependants who have been issued a Gold or White card entitling them to medical and other treatment at Department expense under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*, the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988*, the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006* or the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019*.

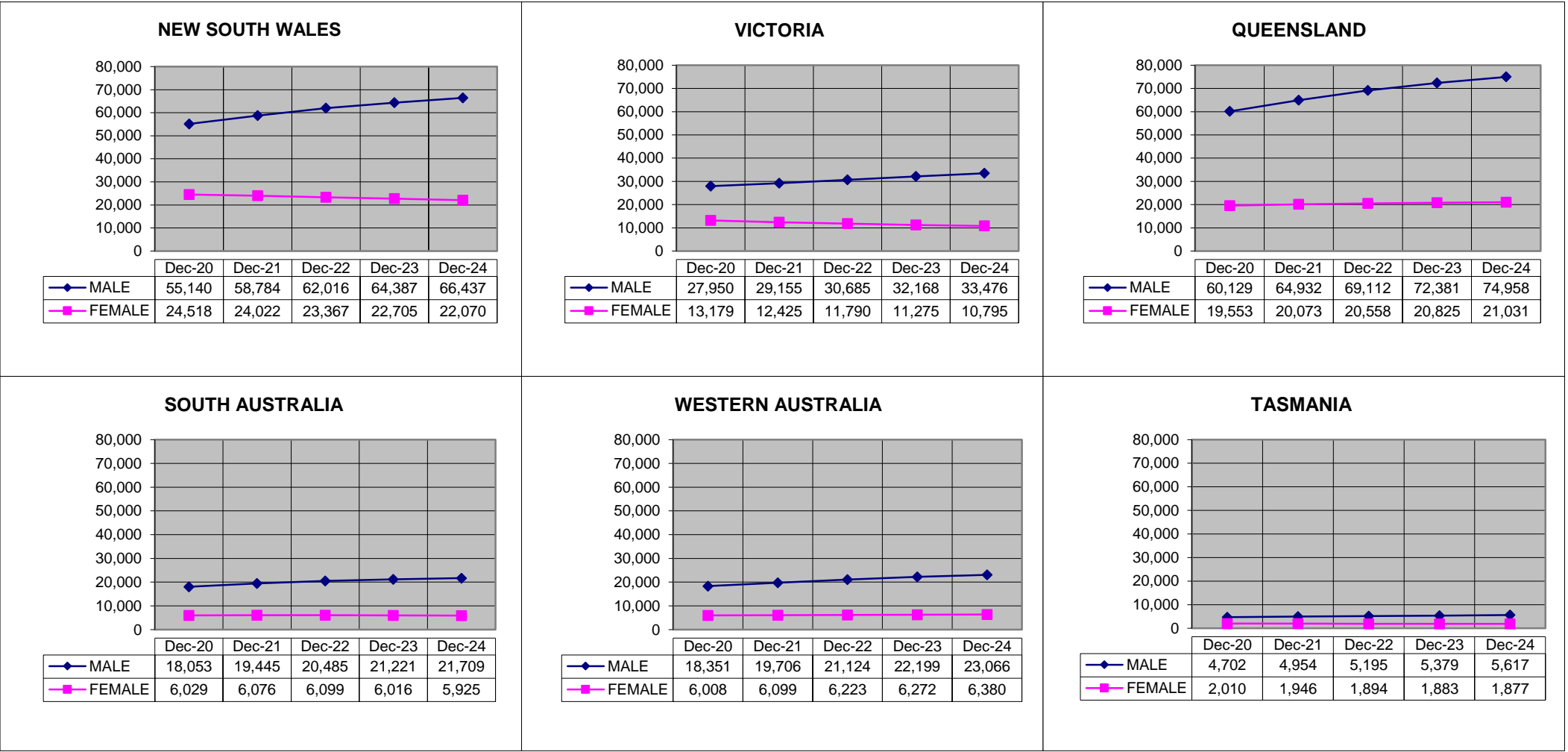
Revisions

From September 2013 table 5 reports card holders by the legislation under which treatment expenses are paid.

Considerable changes have been made to table 6 and so it is no longer comparable to historical reports. Prior to September 2013, table 6 grouped clients by conflict using DVA file number. This resulted in veterans from recent conflicts being counted in a single group (Defence/Peace Keeping). From September 2013, clients are now counted under each conflict or operation in which they are known to have served. This change has made it possible to report figures for conflicts such as East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq. Merchant mariners from the second world war are now included in the count of all former servicemen and women from World War II. Veterans from the Far East Strategic Reserve (FESR) are now included with those who served in Korea or Malaya.

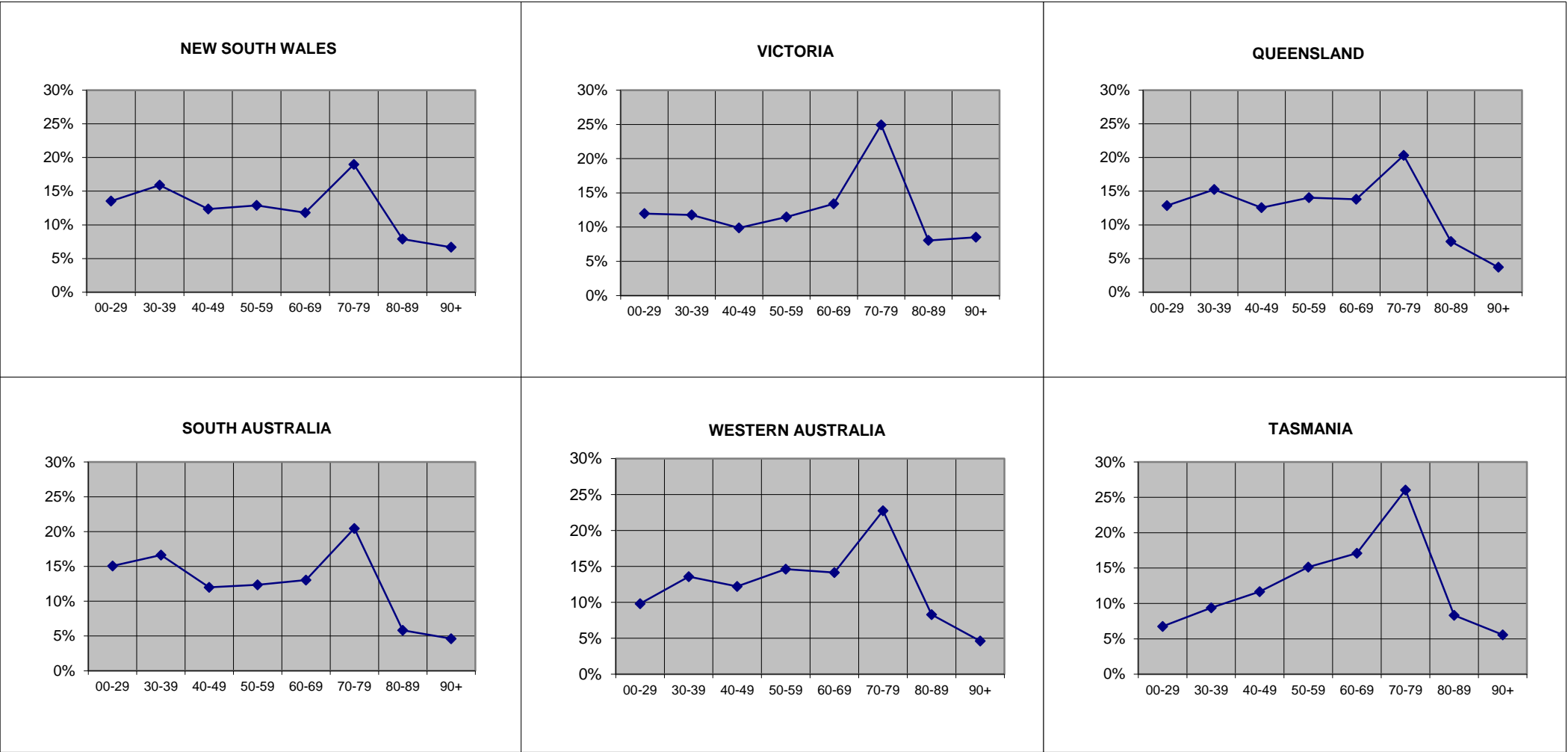
Veterans with service in more than one of the specified conflict groups are counted under each relevant conflict. For this reason, individual conflicts can not be summed. Net totals for multiple conflicts can be requested by emailing 'statistical.services@dva.gov.au'.

GRAPH 1: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX FROM DEC 2020- DEC 2024



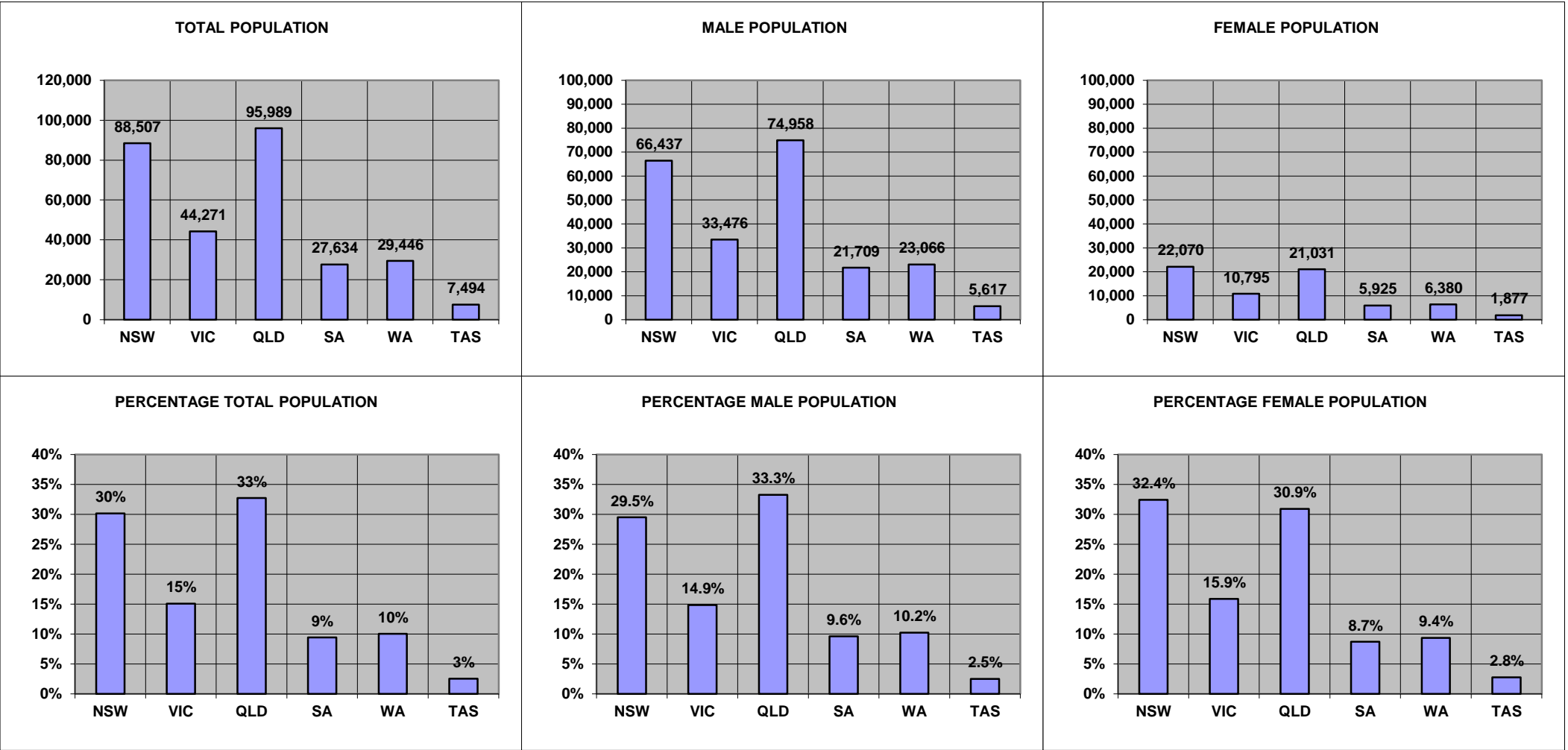
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GRAPH 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025



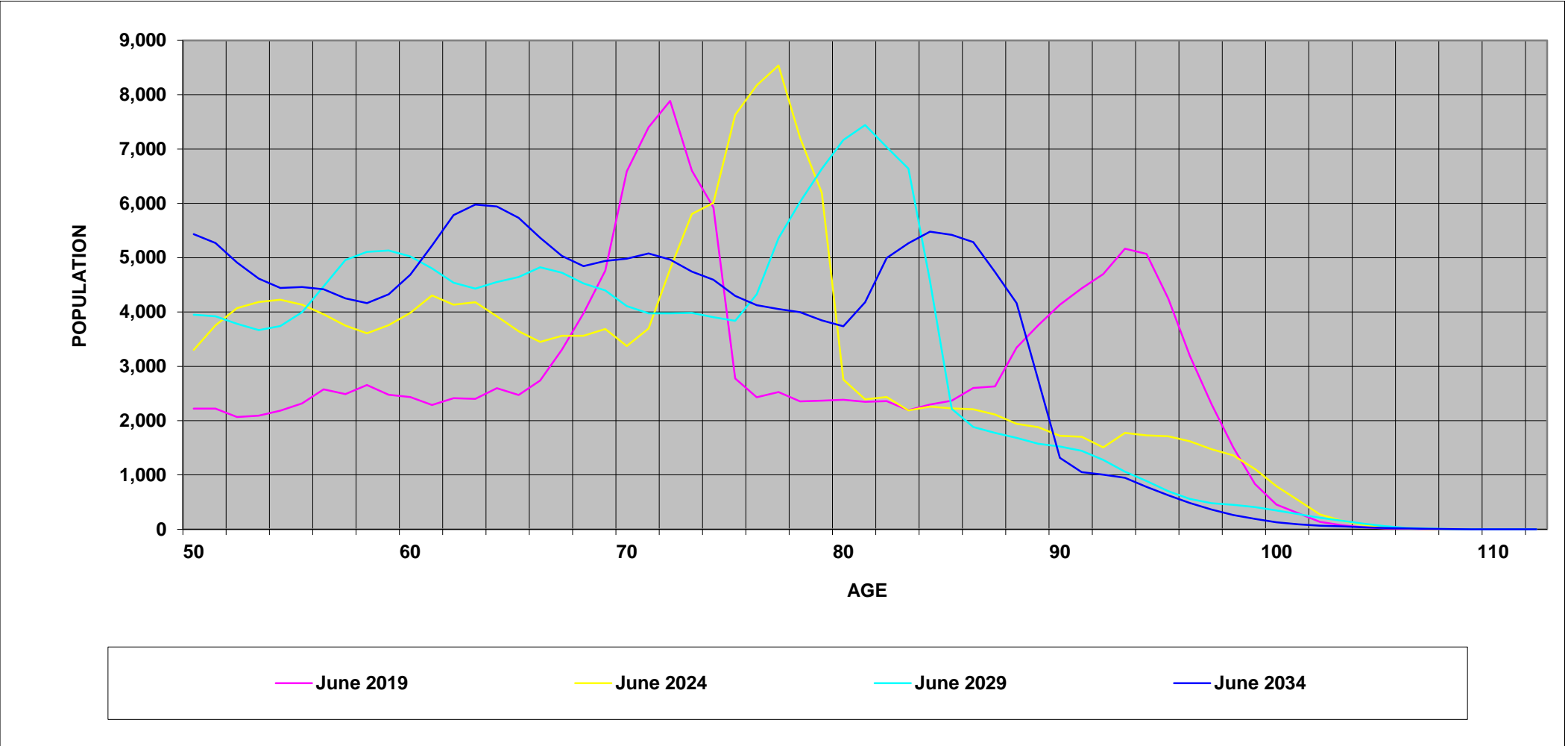
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GRAPH 3: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX, AS AT 3 January 2025

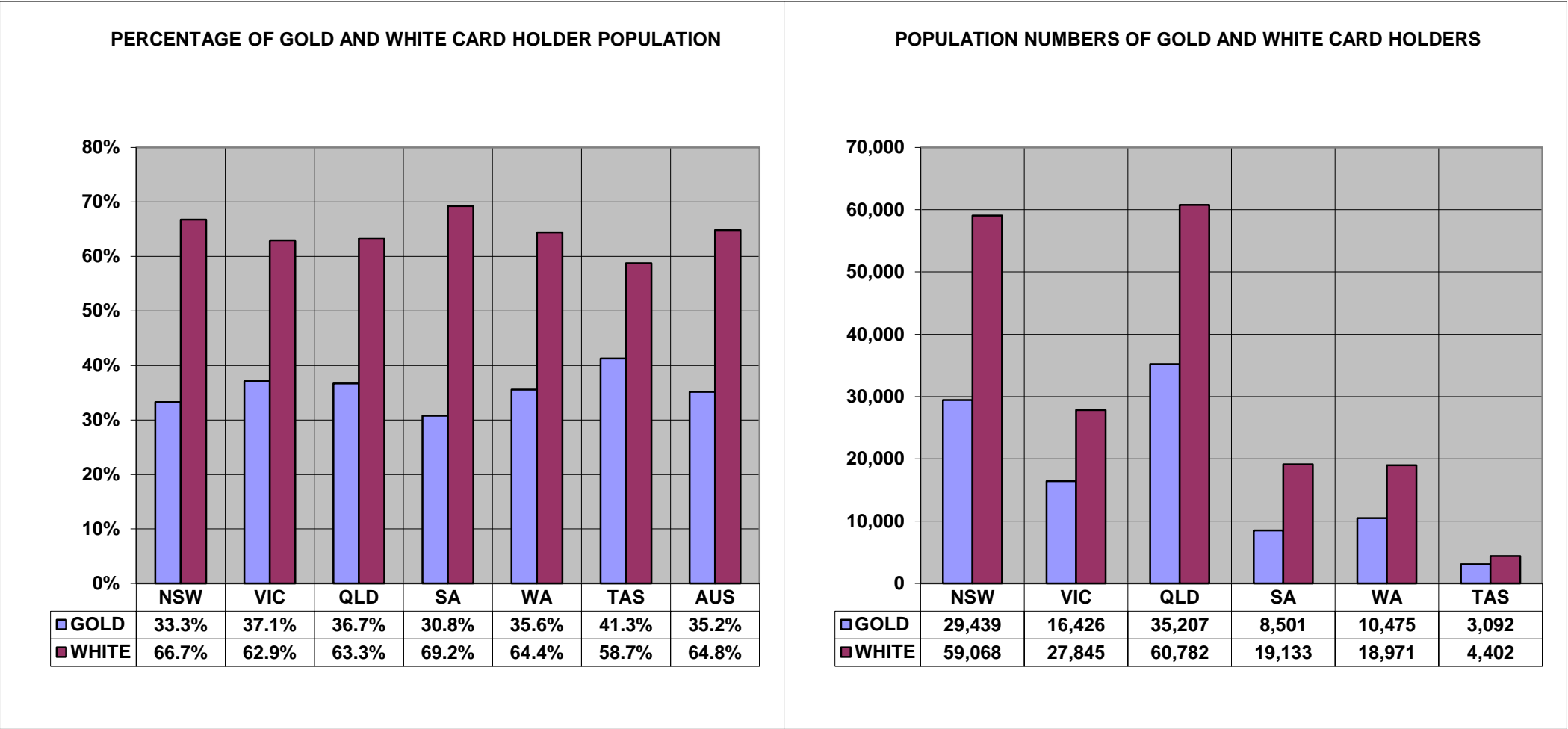


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GRAPH 4: TOTAL TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE TREND FROM JUNE 2019 TO JUNE 2034
DATA AS AT JUNE 2024



GRAPH 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND CARD HOLDER, AS AT 3 January 2025



Overseas residents not reported. ACT and NT included within NSW and SA respectively.

TABLE 1 : TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025

	UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	9,512	11,536	8,546	8,840	8,672	15,195	6,232	5,588	74,122
	12.8%	15.6%	11.5%	11.9%	11.7%	20.5%	8.4%	7.5%	100.0%
VICTORIA	5,297	5,207	4,373	5,086	5,938	11,037	3,562	3,771	44,271
	12.0%	11.8%	9.9%	11.5%	13.4%	24.9%	8.0%	8.5%	100.0%
QUEENSLAND	12,333	14,635	12,055	13,463	13,245	19,503	7,205	3,548	95,989
	12.8%	15.2%	12.6%	14.0%	13.8%	20.3%	7.5%	3.7%	100.0%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	2,465	3,023	2,340	2,588	3,116	5,312	1,506	1,247	21,597
	11.4%	14.0%	10.8%	12.0%	14.4%	24.6%	7.0%	5.8%	100.0%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	2,886	3,996	3,595	4,305	4,167	6,698	2,438	1,361	29,446
	9.8%	13.6%	12.2%	14.6%	14.2%	22.7%	8.3%	4.6%	100.0%
TASMANIA	505	704	875	1,135	1,282	1,952	623	418	7,494
	6.7%	9.4%	11.7%	15.1%	17.1%	26.0%	8.3%	5.6%	100.0%
NORTHERN TERRITORY	1,699	1,572	977	824	490	344	102	29	6,037
	28.1%	26.0%	16.2%	13.6%	8.1%	5.7%	1.7%	0.5%	100.0%
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	2,455	2,515	2,397	2,559	1,793	1,601	743	322	14,385
	17.1%	17.5%	16.7%	17.8%	12.5%	11.1%	5.2%	2.2%	100.0%
OVERSEAS	53	252	369	405	333	431	140	58	2,041
	2.6%	12.3%	18.1%	19.8%	16.3%	21.1%	6.9%	2.8%	100.0%
TOTAL	37,205	43,440	35,527	39,205	39,036	62,073	22,551	16,342	295,382
	12.6%	14.7%	12.0%	13.3%	13.2%	21.0%	7.6%	5.5%	100.0%

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, CARD AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	GOLD	327	1,286	1,246	1,495	2,325	10,265	4,828	5,162	26,934
	WHITE	9,185	10,250	7,300	7,345	6,347	4,930	1,404	426	47,188
	TOTAL	9,512	11,536	8,546	8,840	8,672	15,195	6,232	5,588	74,122
VICTORIA	GOLD	151	559	643	832	1,355	6,877	2,547	3,462	16,426
	WHITE	5,146	4,648	3,730	4,254	4,583	4,160	1,015	309	27,845
	TOTAL	5,297	5,207	4,373	5,086	5,938	11,037	3,562	3,771	44,271
QUEENSLAND	GOLD	803	2,820	2,771	3,244	4,259	12,577	5,522	3,210	35,207
	WHITE	11,530	11,815	9,284	10,219	8,986	6,926	1,683	338	60,782
	TOTAL	12,333	14,635	12,055	13,463	13,245	19,503	7,205	3,548	95,989
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	GOLD	118	331	326	411	722	3,600	1,152	1,135	7,795
	WHITE	2,347	2,692	2,014	2,177	2,394	1,712	354	112	13,802
	TOTAL	2,465	3,023	2,340	2,588	3,116	5,312	1,506	1,247	21,597
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	GOLD	144	491	601	758	1,064	4,332	1,877	1,208	10,475
	WHITE	2,742	3,505	2,994	3,547	3,103	2,366	561	153	18,971
	TOTAL	2,886	3,996	3,595	4,305	4,167	6,698	2,438	1,361	29,446
TASMANIA	GOLD	29	107	148	228	371	1,323	494	392	3,092
	WHITE	476	597	727	907	911	629	129	26	4,402
	TOTAL	505	704	875	1,135	1,282	1,952	623	418	7,494
NORTHERN TERRITORY	GOLD	18	84	88	105	98	211	77	25	706
	WHITE	1,681	1,488	889	719	392	133	25	4	5,331
	TOTAL	1,699	1,572	977	824	490	344	102	29	6,037
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	GOLD	46	157	146	210	216	850	583	297	2,505
	WHITE	2,409	2,358	2,251	2,349	1,577	751	160	25	11,880
	TOTAL	2,455	2,515	2,397	2,559	1,793	1,601	743	322	14,385
OVERSEAS	GOLD	16	50	95	99	105	296	111	46	818
	WHITE	37	202	274	306	228	135	29	12	1,223
	TOTAL	53	252	369	405	333	431	140	58	2,041
TOTAL	GOLD	1,652	5,885	6,064	7,382	10,515	40,331	17,191	14,937	103,958
	WHITE	35,553	37,555	29,463	31,823	28,521	21,742	5,360	1,405	191,424
	TOTAL	37,205	43,440	35,527	39,205	39,036	62,073	22,551	16,342	295,382

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TABLE 3: AVERAGE AGE OF THE TREATMENT POPULATION BY CARD
AND STATE, AS AT 3 January 2025

CARD	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	TOTAL
GOLD	74.90	76.30	68.48	73.91	72.47	73.19	62.13	71.78	66.54	72.35
WHITE	47.31	50.35	48.07	49.28	50.21	52.79	39.13	45.38	53.37	48.24
TOTAL	57.33	59.97	55.56	58.17	58.13	61.20	41.82	49.98	58.65	56.72

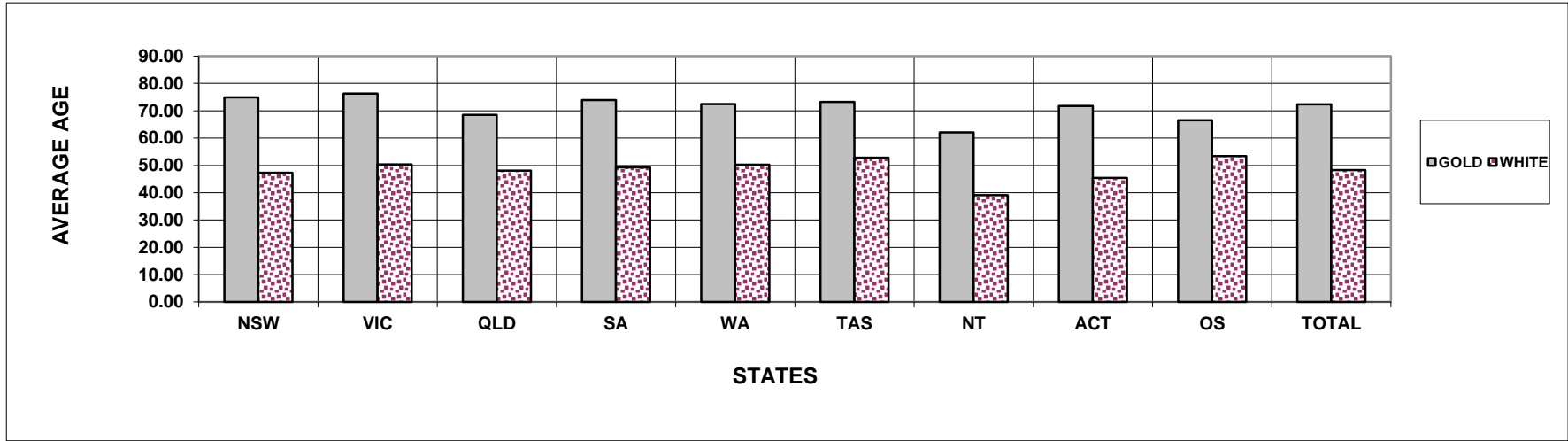


TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	7,139	9,441	7,099	7,355	7,246	12,649	3,491	1,152	55,573
	FEMALE	2,373	2,095	1,447	1,485	1,426	2,546	2,741	4,436	18,549
	TOTAL	9,512	11,536	8,546	8,840	8,672	15,195	6,232	5,588	74,122
VICTORIA	MALE	4,149	4,355	3,644	4,152	4,909	9,388	2,121	758	33,476
	FEMALE	1,148	852	729	934	1,029	1,649	1,441	3,013	10,795
	TOTAL	5,297	5,207	4,373	5,086	5,938	11,037	3,562	3,771	44,271
QUEENSLAND	MALE	9,373	12,014	9,911	10,926	10,981	16,128	4,655	970	74,958
	FEMALE	2,960	2,621	2,144	2,537	2,264	3,375	2,550	2,578	21,031
	TOTAL	12,333	14,635	12,055	13,463	13,245	19,503	7,205	3,548	95,989
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,933	2,500	1,976	2,127	2,607	4,451	951	280	16,825
	FEMALE	532	523	364	461	509	861	555	967	4,772
	TOTAL	2,465	3,023	2,340	2,588	3,116	5,312	1,506	1,247	21,597
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	2,130	3,252	2,952	3,530	3,487	5,712	1,587	416	23,066
	FEMALE	756	744	643	775	680	986	851	945	6,380
	TOTAL	2,886	3,996	3,595	4,305	4,167	6,698	2,438	1,361	29,446
TASMANIA	MALE	410	585	671	873	1,021	1,635	344	78	5,617
	FEMALE	95	119	204	262	261	317	279	340	1,877
	TOTAL	505	704	875	1,135	1,282	1,952	623	418	7,494
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	1,296	1,266	820	719	413	291	69	10	4,884
	FEMALE	403	306	157	105	77	53	33	19	1,153
	TOTAL	1,699	1,572	977	824	490	344	102	29	6,037
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	1,783	1,896	1,800	1,967	1,434	1,336	527	121	10,864
	FEMALE	672	619	597	592	359	265	216	201	3,521
	TOTAL	2,455	2,515	2,397	2,559	1,793	1,601	743	322	14,385
OVERSEAS	MALE	31	205	310	335	272	373	79	20	1,625
	FEMALE	22	47	59	70	61	58	61	38	416
	TOTAL	53	252	369	405	333	431	140	58	2,041
TOTAL	MALE	28,244	35,514	29,183	31,984	32,370	51,963	13,824	3,805	226,888
	FEMALE	8,961	7,926	6,344	7,221	6,666	10,110	8,727	12,537	68,494
	TOTAL	37,205	43,440	35,527	39,205	39,036	62,073	22,551	16,342	295,382

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025**GOLD CARD**

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	210	1,091	1,083	1,209	1,674	8,056	2,169	769	16,261
	FEMALE	117	195	163	286	651	2,209	2,659	4,393	10,673
	TOTAL	327	1,286	1,246	1,495	2,325	10,265	4,828	5,162	26,934
VICTORIA	MALE	103	472	542	684	948	5,475	1,149	477	9,850
	FEMALE	48	87	101	148	407	1,402	1,398	2,985	6,576
	TOTAL	151	559	643	832	1,355	6,877	2,547	3,462	16,426
QUEENSLAND	MALE	561	2,400	2,360	2,650	3,333	9,941	3,113	658	25,016
	FEMALE	242	420	411	594	926	2,636	2,409	2,552	10,191
	TOTAL	803	2,820	2,771	3,244	4,259	12,577	5,522	3,210	35,207
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	84	287	288	329	503	2,880	614	173	5,158
	FEMALE	34	44	38	82	219	720	538	962	2,637
	TOTAL	118	331	326	411	722	3,600	1,152	1,135	7,795
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	93	403	490	631	792	3,548	1,090	280	7,327
	FEMALE	51	88	111	127	272	784	787	928	3,148
	TOTAL	144	491	601	758	1,064	4,332	1,877	1,208	10,475
TASMANIA	MALE	20	88	105	172	272	1,061	227	54	1,999
	FEMALE	9	19	43	56	99	262	267	338	1,093
	TOTAL	29	107	148	228	371	1,323	494	392	3,092
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	12	78	86	86	69	174	46	7	558
	FEMALE	6	6	2	19	29	37	31	18	148
	TOTAL	18	84	88	105	98	211	77	25	706
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	30	127	109	159	147	685	378	98	1,733
	FEMALE	16	30	37	51	69	165	205	199	772
	TOTAL	46	157	146	210	216	850	583	297	2,505
OVERSEAS	MALE	6	41	67	59	60	242	50	9	534
	FEMALE	10	9	28	40	45	54	61	37	284
	TOTAL	16	50	95	99	105	296	111	46	818
TOTAL	MALE	1,119	4,987	5,130	5,979	7,798	32,062	8,836	2,525	68,436
	FEMALE	533	898	934	1,403	2,717	8,269	8,355	12,412	35,522
	TOTAL	1,652	5,885	6,064	7,382	10,515	40,331	17,191	14,937	103,958

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025
WHITE CARD

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	6,929	8,350	6,016	6,146	5,572	4,593	1,322	383	39,312
	FEMALE	2,256	1,900	1,284	1,199	775	337	82	43	7,876
	TOTAL	9,185	10,250	7,300	7,345	6,347	4,930	1,404	426	47,188
VICTORIA	MALE	4,046	3,883	3,102	3,468	3,961	3,913	972	281	23,626
	FEMALE	1,100	765	628	786	622	247	43	28	4,219
	TOTAL	5,146	4,648	3,730	4,254	4,583	4,160	1,015	309	27,845
QUEENSLAND	MALE	8,812	9,614	7,551	8,276	7,648	6,187	1,542	312	49,942
	FEMALE	2,718	2,201	1,733	1,943	1,338	739	141	26	10,840
	TOTAL	11,530	11,815	9,284	10,219	8,986	6,926	1,683	338	60,782
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,849	2,213	1,688	1,798	2,104	1,571	337	107	11,667
	FEMALE	498	479	326	379	290	141	17	5	2,135
	TOTAL	2,347	2,692	2,014	2,177	2,394	1,712	354	112	13,802
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	2,037	2,849	2,462	2,899	2,695	2,164	497	136	15,739
	FEMALE	705	656	532	648	408	202	64	17	3,232
	TOTAL	2,742	3,505	2,994	3,547	3,103	2,366	561	153	18,971
TASMANIA	MALE	390	497	566	701	749	574	117	24	3,618
	FEMALE	86	100	161	206	162	55	12	2	784
	TOTAL	476	597	727	907	911	629	129	26	4,402
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	1,284	1,188	734	633	344	117	23	3	4,326
	FEMALE	397	300	155	86	48	16	2	1	1,005
	TOTAL	1,681	1,488	889	719	392	133	25	4	5,331
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	1,753	1,769	1,691	1,808	1,287	651	149	23	9,131
	FEMALE	656	589	560	541	290	100	11	2	2,749
	TOTAL	2,409	2,358	2,251	2,349	1,577	751	160	25	11,880
OVERSEAS	MALE	25	164	243	276	212	131	29	11	1,091
	FEMALE	12	38	31	30	16	4	0	1	132
	TOTAL	37	202	274	306	228	135	29	12	1,223
TOTAL	MALE	27,125	30,527	24,053	26,005	24,572	19,901	4,988	1,280	158,452
	FEMALE	8,428	7,028	5,410	5,818	3,949	1,841	372	125	32,972
	TOTAL	35,553	37,555	29,463	31,823	28,521	21,742	5,360	1,405	191,424

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY ACT, CARD TYPE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 3 January 2025

			UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
VEA	GOLD	MALE	114	2	551	3,035	6,378	31,782	8,667	2,383	52,912
		FEMALE	111	21	169	904	2,525	8,235	8,306	12,409	32,681
		TOTAL	225	23	720	3,939	8,903	40,017	16,973	14,792	85,593
	WHITE	MALE	23,735	20,713	17,268	21,270	21,437	18,581	4,541	1,198	128,744
		FEMALE	7,271	4,999	3,892	4,869	3,528	1,755	358	125	26,798
		TOTAL	31,006	25,712	21,160	26,139	24,965	20,336	4,899	1,323	155,542
	TOTAL	MALE	23,849	20,715	17,819	24,305	27,815	50,363	13,208	3,581	181,656
		FEMALE	7,382	5,020	4,061	5,773	6,053	9,990	8,664	12,534	59,479
		TOTAL	31,231	25,735	21,880	30,078	33,868	60,353	21,872	16,115	241,135
MRCA	GOLD	MALE	1,005	4,985	4,579	2,944	1,408	255	3	0	15,179
		FEMALE	422	877	765	499	192	27	0	0	2,782
		TOTAL	1,427	5,862	5,344	3,443	1,600	282	3	0	17,961
	WHITE	MALE	3,390	9,802	6,331	4,125	2,742	411	6	0	26,807
		FEMALE	1,157	2,024	1,360	784	336	36	0	0	5,697
		TOTAL	4,547	11,826	7,691	4,909	3,078	447	6	0	32,504
	TOTAL	MALE	4,395	14,787	10,910	7,069	4,150	666	9	0	41,986
		FEMALE	1,579	2,901	2,125	1,283	528	63	0	0	8,479
		TOTAL	5,974	17,688	13,035	8,352	4,678	729	9	0	50,465
DRCA	WHITE	MALE	0	12	454	610	393	909	441	82	2,901
		FEMALE	0	5	158	165	85	50	14	0	477
		TOTAL	0	17	612	775	478	959	455	82	3,378
BNT/BCOF	GOLD	MALE	0	0	0	0	12	20	136	139	307
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	12	21	136	139	308
SEATO	GOLD	MALE	0	0	0	0	0	5	30	3	38
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	6	49	3	58
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	11	79	6	96

Note:

This table shows the Act liable to pay for all eligible treatment. Where a client has treatment eligibility under multiple Acts, all treatment costs are paid under a single Act.

VEA - Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986

MRCA - Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004

DRCA - Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-related Claims) Act 1988

BNT/BCOF - Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006

SEATO - Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019

TABLE 6: TREATMENT POPULATION BY CONFLICT, CARD AND SEX, AS AT 3 January 2025

	Sex	Card	CONFLICTS - AUSTRALIAN FORCES											Total
			First World War	Second World War	Korea, Malaya & FESR	Vietnam	Gulf War	East Timor	Afghan-istan	Iraq	Other Operations	Peace-keeping Forces	No Operational Service	
Veterans	Male	Gold	0	989	6,294	32,190	730	5,824	7,017	3,753	5,207	1,733	17,363	68,009
		White	0	157	169	148	580	5,873	11,113	6,124	9,142	1,505	134,750	156,573
		Total	0	1,146	6,463	32,338	1,310	11,697	18,130	9,877	14,349	3,238	152,113	224,582
	Female	Gold	0	63	9	119	45	400	686	375	537	95	2,219	3,795
		White	0	60	50	350	34	582	1,304	652	1,328	209	29,658	32,881
		Total	0	123	59	469	79	982	1,990	1,027	1,865	304	31,877	36,676
Total	Gold	0	1,052	6,303	32,309	775	6,224	7,703	4,128	5,744	1,828	19,582	71,804	
	White	0	217	219	498	614	6,455	12,417	6,776	10,470	1,714	164,408	189,454	
	Total	0	1,269	6,522	32,807	1,389	12,679	20,120	10,904	16,214	3,542	183,990	261,258	
Dependants	Male	Gold	5	87	12	45	11	67	71	39	45	7	112	427
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	5	87	12	45	11	67	71	39	45	7	112	427
	Female	Gold	14	16,460	5,392	9,776	54	193	199	92	172	172	1,948	31,727
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	14	16,460	5,392	9,776	54	193	199	92	172	172	1,948	31,727
Total	Gold	19	16,547	5,404	9,821	65	260	270	131	217	179	2,060	32,154	
	White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	19	16,547	5,404	9,821	65	260	270	131	217	179	2,060	32,154	
	Total		19	17,816	11,926	42,628	1,454	12,939	20,390	11,035	16,431	3,721	186,050	293,412
			British Commonwealth and Allied veterans with a White card											1,970
Grand Total														295,382

Notes:

- (1) For veterans, the conflict categories have been derived from a combination of the conflict(s) to which any accepted disabilities have been attributed, the conflict from which the veteran has Qualifying Service (QS) or the conflict(s) listed in the veterans' service details (where known by DVA). Where none of these are known, DVA File Number is used.
- (2) For dependants the conflict categories have been derived from a combination of the conflict(s) to which any accepted disabilities for the deceased veteran have been attributed or the conflict(s) listed in the deceased veterans' service details (where known by DVA). Where neither of these are known, DVA File Number is used.
- (3) Veterans and dependants of veterans who have served in multiple conflicts are counted once under each relevant conflict group. For this reason the reported numbers for each conflict must not be summed.

TABLE 7: PRISONERS OF WAR, BY POW COUNTRY AND STATE
WITH A GOLD CARD, AS AT 3 January 2025

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	AUS
EUROPE										4
JAPAN		Due to the low number of prisoners of war the breakdown by state is no longer published.								2
KOREA										2
TOTAL										8

**TABLE 8: DVA TREATMENT POPULATION COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIAN POPULATION
BY AGE GROUP OVER 64 AND SEX, AS AT 3 January 2025**

Age Groups	Males			Females			Persons		
	Total Population ¹	Treatment Population	% of Total Population	Total Population ¹	Treatment Population	% of Total Population	Total Population ¹	Treatment Population	% of Total Population
65-69	652,904	14,799	2.3%	706,658	3,383	0.5%	1,359,562	18,182	1.3%
70-74	560,091	18,211	3.3%	614,016	4,520	0.7%	1,174,107	22,731	1.9%
75-79	464,365	33,752	7.3%	508,777	5,590	1.1%	973,142	39,342	4.0%
80-84	283,270	8,112	2.9%	328,766	4,249	1.3%	612,036	12,361	2.0%
85 & over	233,727	9,517	4.1%	347,784	17,015	4.9%	581,511	26,532	4.6%
65 & over	2,194,357	84,391	3.8%	2,506,001	34,757	1.4%	4,700,358	119,148	2.5%
70 & over	1,541,453	69,592	4.5%	1,799,343	31,374	1.7%	3,340,796	100,966	3.0%
75 & over	981,362	51,381	5.2%	1,185,327	26,854	2.3%	2,166,689	78,235	3.6%
80 & over	516,997	17,629	3.4%	676,550	21,264	3.1%	1,193,547	38,893	3.3%
85 & over	233,727	9,517	4.1%	347,784	17,015	4.9%	581,511	26,532	4.6%

Source:

ABS - Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), National, State and Territory Population - June 2023

TABLE 9: TREATMENT POPULATION TRENDS - ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	ACTUALS														
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
<u>CARD</u>															
Gold	117,072	112,146	107,665	104,148	103,737	103,600	103,300	103,700	104,600	105,800	107,100	108,700	110,200	111,800	113,400
White	133,539	151,019	168,540	179,759	188,607	195,100	201,800	207,600	212,500	216,900	220,700	223,900	226,600	228,900	230,700
<u>GENDER</u>															
Male	178,878	191,963	205,180	214,206	223,343	230,400	237,100	243,200	248,700	253,600	258,100	262,000	265,400	268,300	270,900
Female	71,733	71,202	71,025	69,701	69,001	68,300	68,000	68,100	68,500	69,000	69,800	70,600	71,500	72,400	73,300
<u>AVERAGE AGE</u>															
Male	58.1	57.0	56.0	55.6	55.5	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.5	55.5	55.5	55.4	55.4
Female	73.2	70.5	67.7	65.6	63.8	62.4	61.1	60.1	59.3	58.7	58.3	58.0	57.8	57.7	57.6
<u>STATE</u>															
NSW	77,912	81,343	84,562	86,076	87,912	89,100	90,300	91,400	92,500	93,600	94,500	95,400	96,200	96,900	97,500
Vic	40,774	41,253	42,029	42,753	43,995	44,700	45,600	46,400	47,200	47,900	48,600	49,100	49,600	50,100	50,400
Qld	76,964	82,270	87,809	91,301	94,728	97,400	100,000	102,600	105,000	107,300	109,500	111,400	113,200	114,900	116,400
SA	23,258	24,829	26,156	26,923	27,426	27,900	28,500	29,000	29,500	30,100	30,500	31,000	31,400	31,700	32,100
WA	23,546	25,059	26,807	27,834	28,921	29,900	30,800	31,600	32,400	33,100	33,800	34,400	34,900	35,400	35,800
Tas	8,157	8,411	8,842	9,020	9,362	9,700	9,900	10,200	10,500	10,800	11,000	11,300	11,500	11,700	12,000
Total	250,611	263,165	276,205	283,907	292,344	298,700	305,100	311,200	317,100	322,800	327,900	332,600	336,800	340,700	344,200

Notes:

(1) State figures are by state of residence with ACT and NT included in NSW and SA respectively. Overseas residents included in Tasmania.

(2) Projected client numbers may not add exactly to totals due to rounding.

(3) Figures to June 2023 are actual.

TABLE 9: TREATMENT POPULATION TRENDS - ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2024 (Continuation)

ACTUALS						PROJECTIONS									
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS															
AGE GROUP															
<55	92,105	105,436	118,838	126,602	133,293	137,900	142,400	146,500	150,400	154,400	158,300	162,000	165,300	168,200	170,800
55-59	15,980	16,674	17,532	18,110	19,209	20,500	22,000	23,200	23,800	23,700	23,000	22,200	21,500	21,300	21,600
60-64	14,778	16,294	17,789	19,349	20,520	21,100	21,400	21,700	22,300	23,300	24,700	26,200	27,500	28,000	27,600
65-69	17,924	16,908	16,668	16,968	17,901	18,700	19,800	20,900	22,200	23,100	23,700	24,000	24,300	24,800	25,900
70-74	35,591	34,012	30,552	27,050	23,678	21,900	20,400	19,400	19,400	19,900	20,700	21,600	22,600	23,600	24,400
75-79	16,624	21,254	27,049	32,774	37,737	38,000	35,800	33,200	29,600	26,200	23,600	21,600	20,300	19,900	20,300
80-84	12,149	12,179	12,109	11,833	12,030	15,200	20,200	24,900	29,400	32,900	33,400	31,800	29,700	26,700	23,700
85-89	12,765	11,445	10,986	10,520	10,364	10,000	9,700	9,400	9,100	9,100	11,200	14,500	17,500	20,300	22,300
90+	32,695	28,963	24,682	20,701	17,612	15,300	13,400	12,000	10,800	10,000	9,300	8,800	8,300	7,800	7,500
Total	250,611	263,165	276,205	283,907	292,344	298,700	305,100	311,300	317,100	322,700	327,800	332,600	336,900	340,700	344,100
GOLD CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	7,673	8,840	10,163	12,004	15,068	18,200	20,800	23,500	26,200	29,000	31,700	34,300	36,700	39,000	41,200
55-59	3,061	3,108	3,174	3,307	3,781	4,200	4,600	5,100	5,500	5,700	5,800	5,800	5,900	6,300	6,700
60-64	4,081	4,215	4,264	4,513	4,819	5,000	5,100	5,300	5,500	5,800	6,300	6,900	7,400	7,700	7,800
65-69	7,722	6,545	5,931	5,591	5,676	5,700	5,800	6,100	6,400	6,600	6,800	7,000	7,100	7,300	7,700
70-74	28,484	25,273	20,585	16,037	12,241	10,200	8,700	7,800	7,400	7,200	7,200	7,400	7,600	8,000	8,300
75-79	13,896	17,517	21,953	25,877	28,716	27,400	24,000	20,300	16,400	13,200	10,900	9,500	8,500	7,900	7,600
80-84	9,722	9,578	9,530	9,393	9,549	12,000	15,700	19,000	22,000	23,900	23,300	20,800	18,000	15,000	12,500
85-89	11,404	9,585	8,673	7,869	7,549	7,200	7,000	7,000	6,900	7,000	8,600	11,200	13,400	15,200	16,300
90+	31,029	27,485	23,392	19,557	16,338	13,800	11,500	9,800	8,400	7,300	6,600	6,000	5,600	5,300	5,200
Total	117,072	112,146	107,665	104,148	103,737	103,600	103,300	103,700	104,600	105,800	107,100	108,700	110,200	111,800	113,400
WHITE CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	84,432	96,596	108,675	114,598	118,225	119,700	121,700	123,000	124,200	125,500	126,700	127,700	128,500	129,100	129,600
55-59	12,919	13,566	14,358	14,803	15,428	16,300	17,300	18,100	18,400	18,000	17,300	16,400	15,500	15,000	14,900
60-64	10,697	12,079	13,525	14,836	15,701	16,100	16,300	16,500	16,800	17,500	18,400	19,400	20,100	20,300	19,800
65-69	10,202	10,363	10,737	11,377	12,225	13,100	13,900	14,900	15,800	16,500	16,800	17,000	17,200	17,500	18,200
70-74	7,107	8,739	9,967	11,013	11,437	11,800	11,700	11,600	12,000	12,800	13,500	14,200	14,900	15,600	16,100
75-79	2,728	3,737	5,096	6,897	9,021	10,600	11,900	12,900	13,200	13,000	12,600	12,100	11,700	12,000	12,700
80-84	2,427	2,601	2,579	2,440	2,481	3,200	4,600	6,000	7,400	8,900	10,100	11,000	11,700	11,600	11,100
85-89	1,361	1,860	2,313	2,651	2,815	2,800	2,600	2,400	2,200	2,100	2,500	3,300	4,200	5,100	6,000
90+	1,666	1,478	1,290	1,144	1,274	1,600	1,900	2,200	2,500	2,600	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,500	2,200
Total	133,539	151,019	168,540	179,759	188,607	195,100	201,800	207,600	212,500	216,900	220,700	223,900	226,600	228,900	230,700