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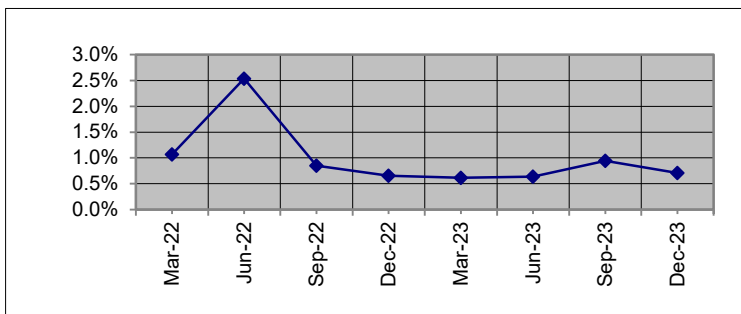
SUMMARY TREND TREATMENT POPULATION STATISTICS

TREATMENT POPULATION BY QUARTER

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE BY QUARTER

Quarter	Tpop	% Change
Dec-21	266,523	
Mar-22	269,376	1.07%
Jun-22	276,205	2.54%
Sep-22	278,554	0.85%
Dec-22	280,387	0.66%
Mar-23	282,115	0.62%
Jun-23	283,907	0.64%
Sep-23	286,591	0.95%
Dec-23	288,620	0.71%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

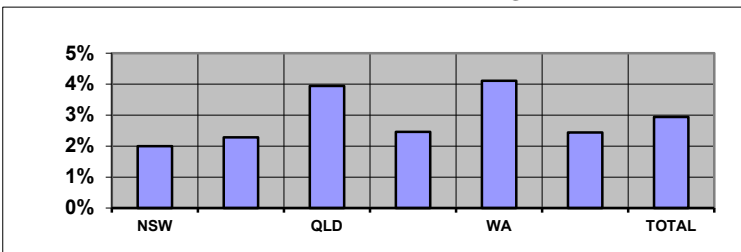


TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE: DEC 22 and DEC 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Dec-22	Dec-23	% Change
NSW	85,383	87,092	2.00%
VIC	42,475	43,443	2.28%
QLD	89,670	93,206	3.94%
SA	26,584	27,237	2.46%
WA	27,347	28,471	4.11%
TAS	7,089	7,262	2.44%
TOTAL	280,387	288,620	2.94%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



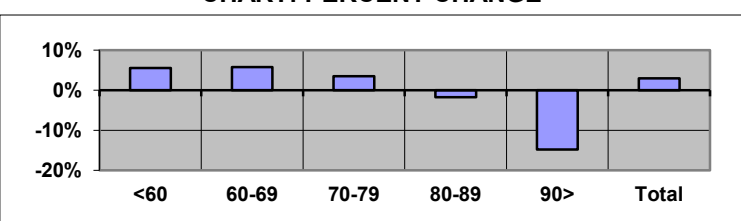
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TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUP: DEC 22 and DEC 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

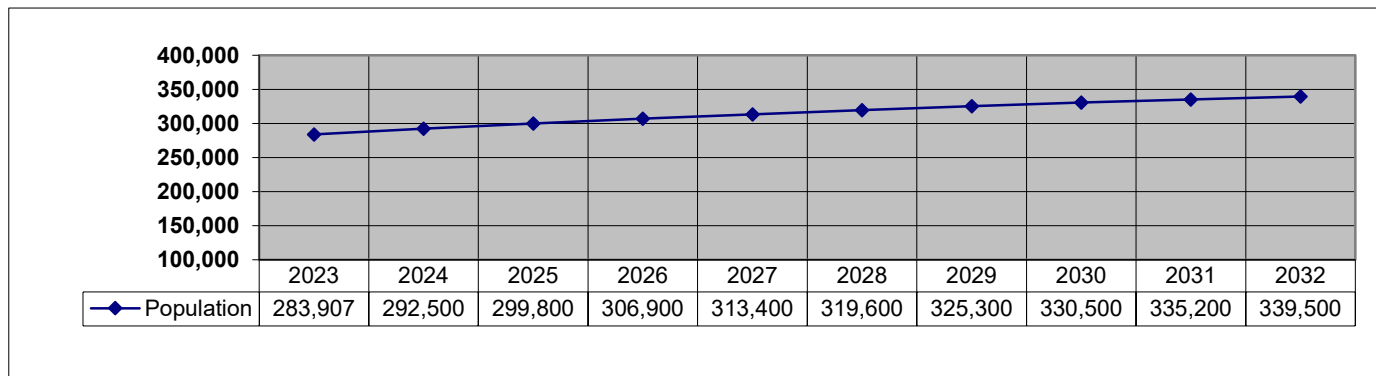
	Dec-22	Dec-23	% Change
<60	140,923	148,762	5.56%
60-69	35,429	37,465	5.75%
70-79	58,834	60,904	3.52%
80-89	22,744	22,349	-1.74%
90>	22,453	19,138	-14.76%
Total	280,387	288,620	2.94%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



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TREATMENT POPULATION PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE



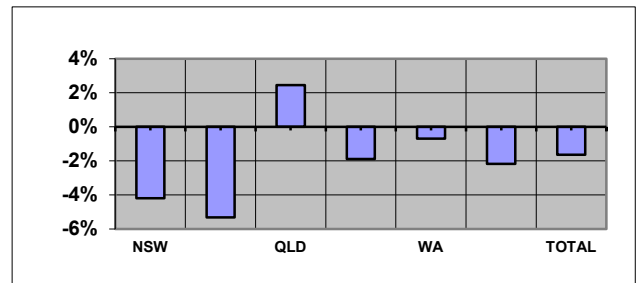
SUMMARY TREND (Continuation)
TREATMENT POPULATION STATISTICS

NUMBER OF GOLD CARDS BY STATE: DEC 22 and DEC 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Dec-22	Dec-23	% Change
NSW	31,397	30,081	-4.19%
VIC	18,020	17,061	-5.32%
QLD	33,188	34,005	2.46%
SA	8,664	8,501	-1.88%
WA	10,430	10,357	-0.70%
TAS	3,172	3,103	-2.18%
TOTAL	105,603	103,870	-1.64%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

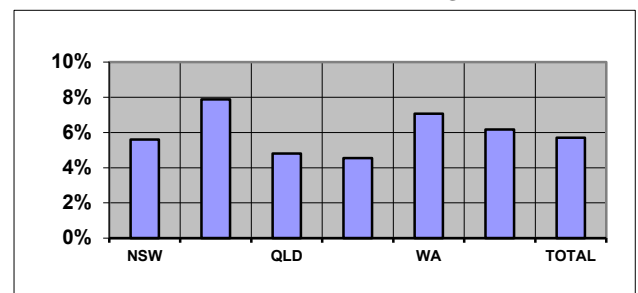


NUMBER OF WHITE CARDS BY STATE: DEC 22 and DEC 23

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Dec-22	Dec-23	% Change
NSW	53,986	57,011	5.60%
VIC	24,455	26,382	7.88%
QLD	56,482	59,201	4.81%
SA	17,920	18,736	4.55%
WA	16,917	18,114	7.08%
TAS	3,917	4,159	6.18%
TOTAL	174,784	184,750	5.70%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

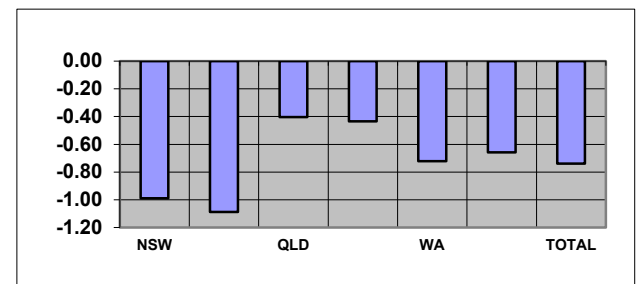


AVERAGE AGE BY STATE: DEC 22 and DEC 23

TABLE: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

	Dec-22	Dec-23	Yrs Change
NSW	57.92	56.93	-0.99
VIC	61.87	60.78	-1.09
QLD	56.28	55.88	-0.40
SA	55.14	54.70	-0.43
WA	59.30	58.57	-0.72
TAS	62.56	61.90	-0.66
TOTAL	57.99	57.25	-0.74

CHART: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

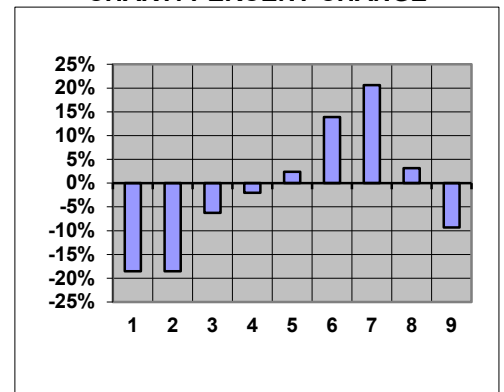


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TABLE: TREATMENT POPULATION BY CONFLICT (TOTAL)

Conflict	Dec-22	Dec-23	% Change
1. First World War	27	22	-18.52%
2. Second World War	27,181	22,150	-18.51%
3. Korea, Malaya & FESR	13,635	12,780	-6.27%
4. Vietnam	44,426	43,529	-2.02%
5. Gulf War	1,379	1,412	2.39%
6. East Timor, Afghanistan & Iraq	25,862	29,459	13.91%
7. Peacekeeping & Other Operations	13,578	16,375	20.60%
8. No Operational Service	167,483	172,744	3.14%
9. British Commonwealth & Allied	2,271	2,059	-9.34%

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

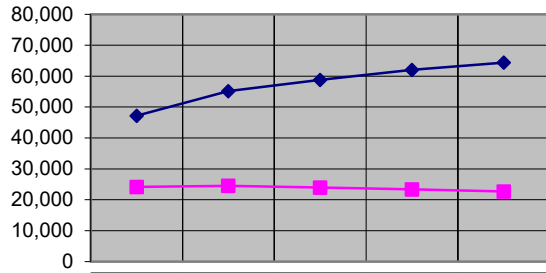
From September 2013 table 5 reports card holders by the legislation under which treatment expenses are paid.

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'.

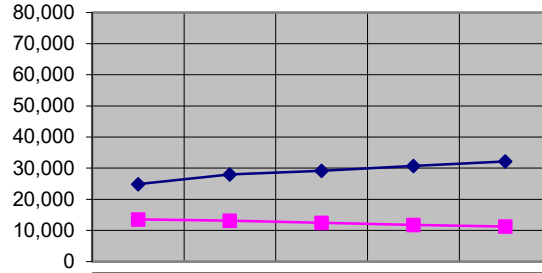
GRAPH 1: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX FROM SEPT 2019 - DEC 2023

NEW SOUTH WALES



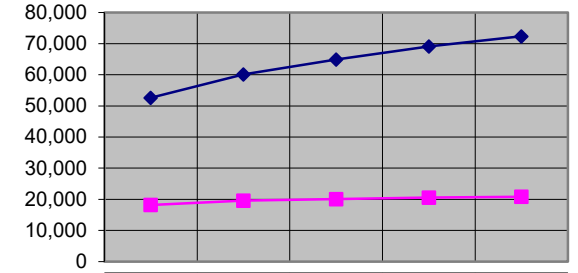
	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
MALE	47,202	55,140	58,784	62,016	64,387
FEMALE	24,162	24,518	24,022	23,367	22,705

VICTORIA



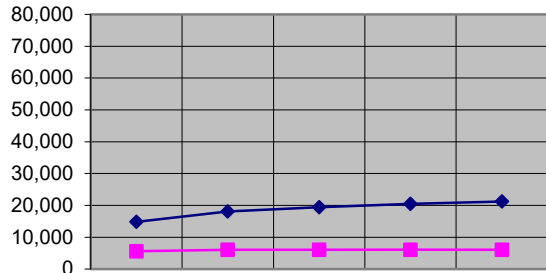
	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
MALE	24,887	27,950	29,155	30,685	32,168
FEMALE	13,567	13,179	12,425	11,790	11,275

QUEENSLAND



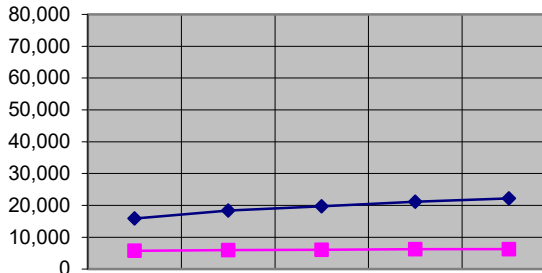
	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
MALE	52,625	60,129	64,932	69,112	72,381
FEMALE	18,188	19,553	20,073	20,558	20,825

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



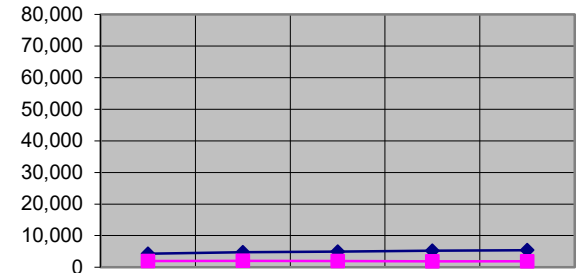
	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
MALE	14,830	18,053	19,445	20,485	21,221
FEMALE	5,606	6,029	6,076	6,099	6,016

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
MALE	15,877	18,351	19,706	21,124	22,199
FEMALE	5,735	6,008	6,099	6,223	6,272

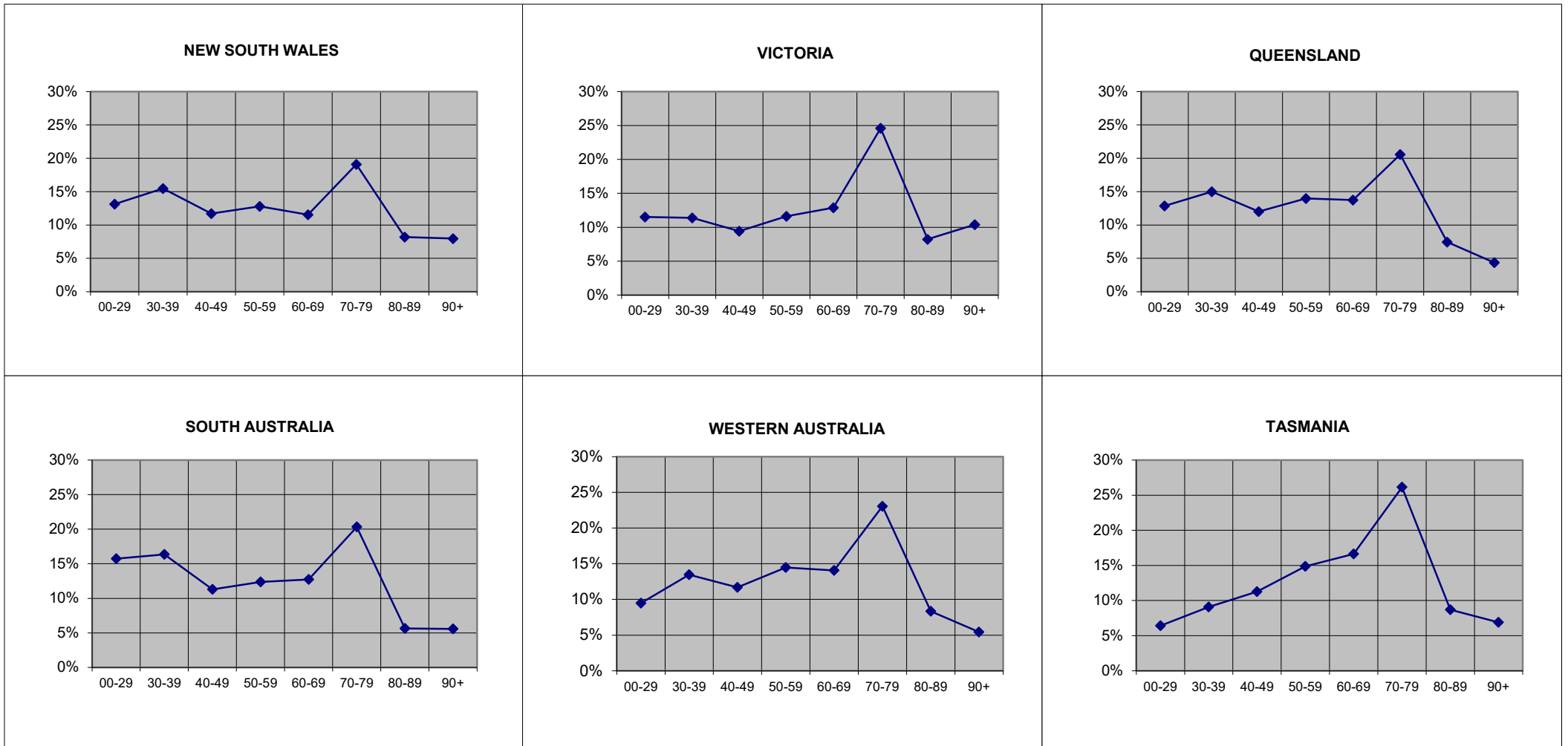
TASMANIA



	Dec-19	Dec-20	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
MALE	4,278	4,702	4,954	5,195	5,379
FEMALE	1,982	2,010	1,946	1,894	1,883

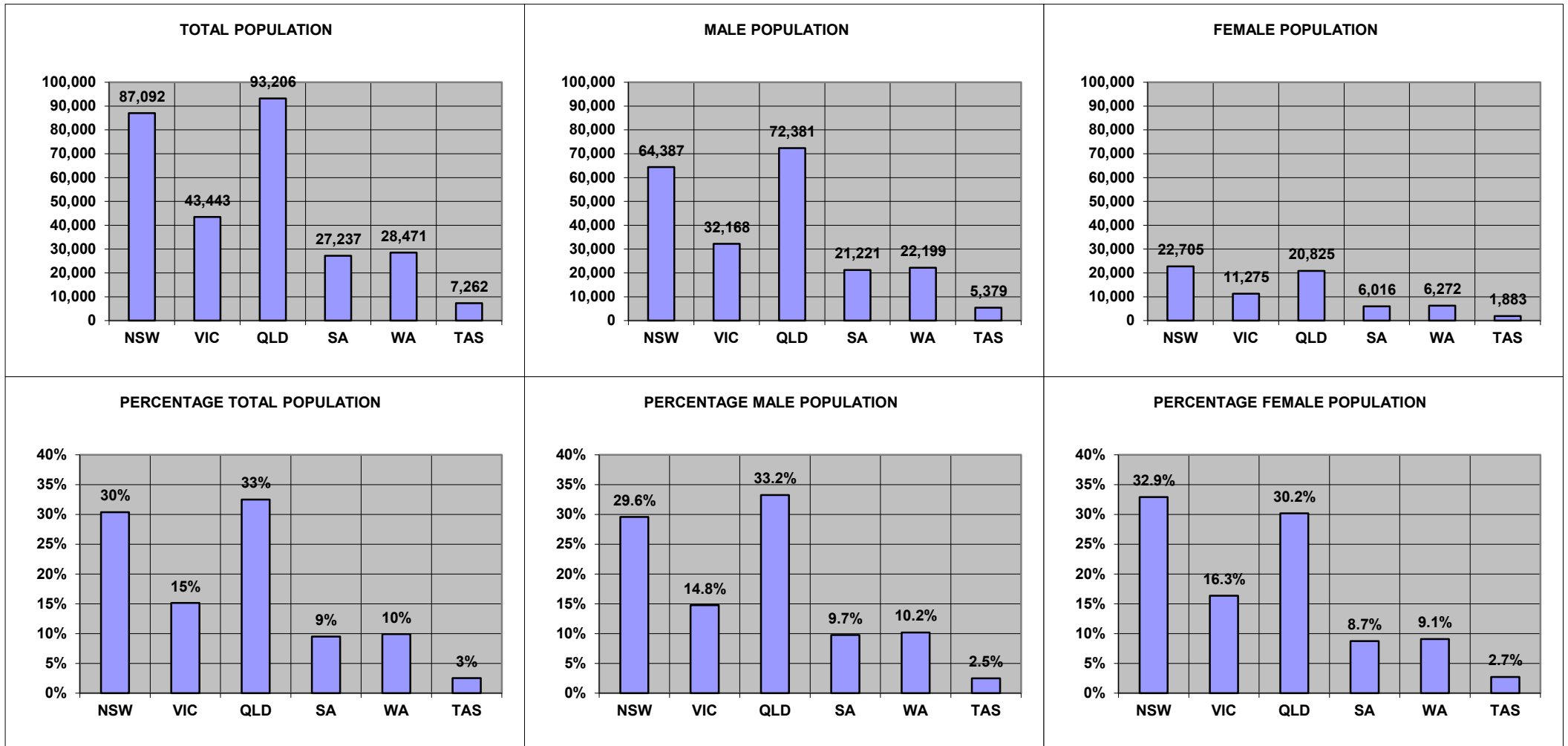
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GRAPH 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023



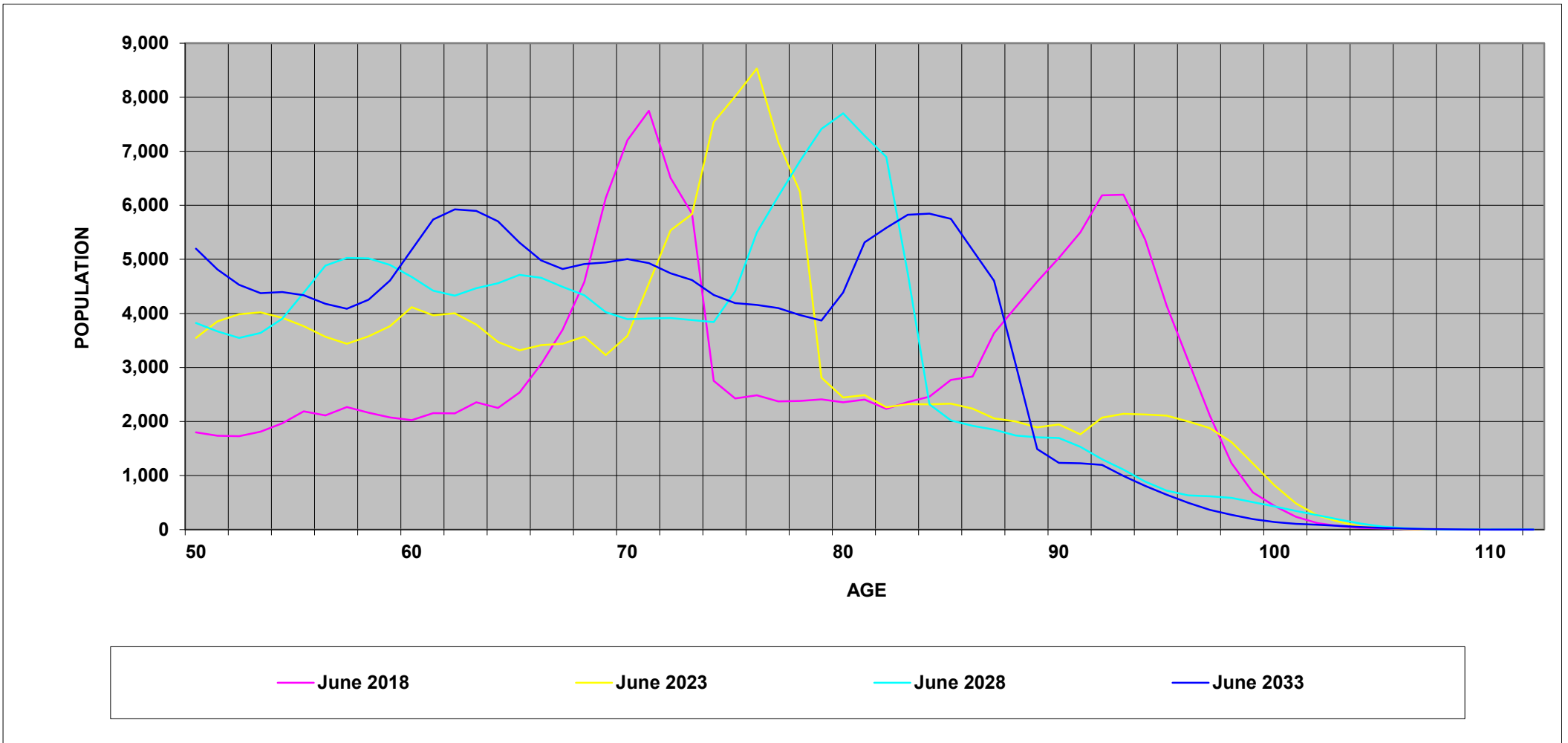
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GRAPH 3: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023



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**GRAPH 4: TOTAL TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE TREND FROM JUNE 2018 TO JUNE 2033
DATA AS AT JUNE 2023**



GRAPH 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND CARD HOLDER, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023



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TABLE 1 : TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023

	UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	9,080	11,048	7,949	8,663	8,363	15,058	6,437	6,590	73,188
	12.4%	15.1%	10.9%	11.8%	11.4%	20.6%	8.8%	9.0%	100.0%
VICTORIA	4,998	4,942	4,094	5,041	5,596	10,687	3,579	4,506	43,443
	11.5%	11.4%	9.4%	11.6%	12.9%	24.6%	8.2%	10.4%	100.0%
QUEENSLAND	11,986	13,987	11,193	13,032	12,826	19,172	6,947	4,063	93,206
	12.9%	15.0%	12.0%	14.0%	13.8%	20.6%	7.5%	4.4%	100.0%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	2,486	2,846	2,178	2,544	3,007	5,195	1,445	1,489	21,190
	11.7%	13.4%	10.3%	12.0%	14.2%	24.5%	6.8%	7.0%	100.0%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	2,701	3,829	3,327	4,122	4,004	6,564	2,376	1,548	28,471
	9.5%	13.4%	11.7%	14.5%	14.1%	23.1%	8.3%	5.4%	100.0%
TASMANIA	466	659	819	1,080	1,208	1,898	632	500	7,262
	6.4%	9.1%	11.3%	14.9%	16.6%	26.1%	8.7%	6.9%	100.0%
NORTHERN TERRITORY	1,802	1,605	893	825	461	341	91	29	6,047
	29.8%	26.5%	14.8%	13.6%	7.6%	5.6%	1.5%	0.5%	100.0%
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	2,369	2,440	2,269	2,478	1,702	1,572	716	357	13,904
	17.0%	17.5%	16.3%	17.8%	12.2%	11.3%	5.1%	2.6%	100.0%
OVERSEAS	42	259	311	399	298	417	126	56	1,909
	2.2%	13.6%	16.3%	20.9%	15.6%	21.8%	6.6%	2.9%	100.0%
TOTAL	35,930	41,615	33,033	38,184	37,465	60,904	22,349	19,138	288,620
	12.4%	14.4%	11.4%	13.2%	13.0%	21.1%	7.7%	6.6%	100.0%

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, CARD AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	GOLD	260	951	992	1,339	2,289	10,590	5,005	6,233	27,659
	WHITE	8,820	10,097	6,957	7,324	6,074	4,468	1,432	357	45,529
	TOTAL	9,080	11,048	7,949	8,663	8,363	15,058	6,437	6,590	73,188
VICTORIA	GOLD	109	433	507	787	1,344	7,036	2,606	4,239	17,061
	WHITE	4,889	4,509	3,587	4,254	4,252	3,651	973	267	26,382
	TOTAL	4,998	4,942	4,094	5,041	5,596	10,687	3,579	4,506	43,443
QUEENSLAND	GOLD	618	2,080	2,180	2,923	4,137	12,931	5,351	3,785	34,005
	WHITE	11,368	11,907	9,013	10,109	8,689	6,241	1,596	278	59,201
	TOTAL	11,986	13,987	11,193	13,032	12,826	19,172	6,947	4,063	93,206
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	GOLD	77	245	249	369	738	3,689	1,121	1,390	7,878
	WHITE	2,409	2,601	1,929	2,175	2,269	1,506	324	99	13,312
	TOTAL	2,486	2,846	2,178	2,544	3,007	5,195	1,445	1,489	21,190
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	GOLD	117	352	438	688	1,069	4,457	1,832	1,404	10,357
	WHITE	2,584	3,477	2,889	3,434	2,935	2,107	544	144	18,114
	TOTAL	2,701	3,829	3,327	4,122	4,004	6,564	2,376	1,548	28,471
TASMANIA	GOLD	18	67	122	211	364	1,334	507	480	3,103
	WHITE	448	592	697	869	844	564	125	20	4,159
	TOTAL	466	659	819	1,080	1,208	1,898	632	500	7,262
NORTHERN TERRITORY	GOLD	21	55	64	82	85	221	69	26	623
	WHITE	1,781	1,550	829	743	376	120	22	3	5,424
	TOTAL	1,802	1,605	893	825	461	341	91	29	6,047
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	GOLD	36	98	102	186	197	905	564	333	2,422
	WHITE	2,333	2,342	2,167	2,292	1,505	667	152	24	11,482
	TOTAL	2,369	2,440	2,269	2,478	1,702	1,572	716	357	13,904
OVERSEAS	GOLD	13	42	73	85	101	303	97	48	762
	WHITE	29	217	238	314	197	114	29	8	1,147
	TOTAL	42	259	311	399	298	417	126	56	1,909
TOTAL	GOLD	1,269	4,323	4,727	6,670	10,324	41,466	17,152	17,938	103,870
	WHITE	34,661	37,292	28,306	31,514	27,141	19,438	5,197	1,200	184,750
	TOTAL	35,930	41,615	33,033	38,184	37,465	60,904	22,349	19,138	288,620

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TABLE 3: AVERAGE AGE OF THE TREATMENT POPULATION BY CARD AND STATE, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023

CARD	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	TOTAL
GOLD	76.56	77.66	70.30	75.37	73.85	74.64	64.16	73.76	67.57	74.07
WHITE	47.09	49.87	47.59	48.61	49.84	52.40	38.56	45.07	52.81	47.81
TOTAL	58.23	60.78	55.88	58.56	58.57	61.90	41.20	50.06	58.71	57.26

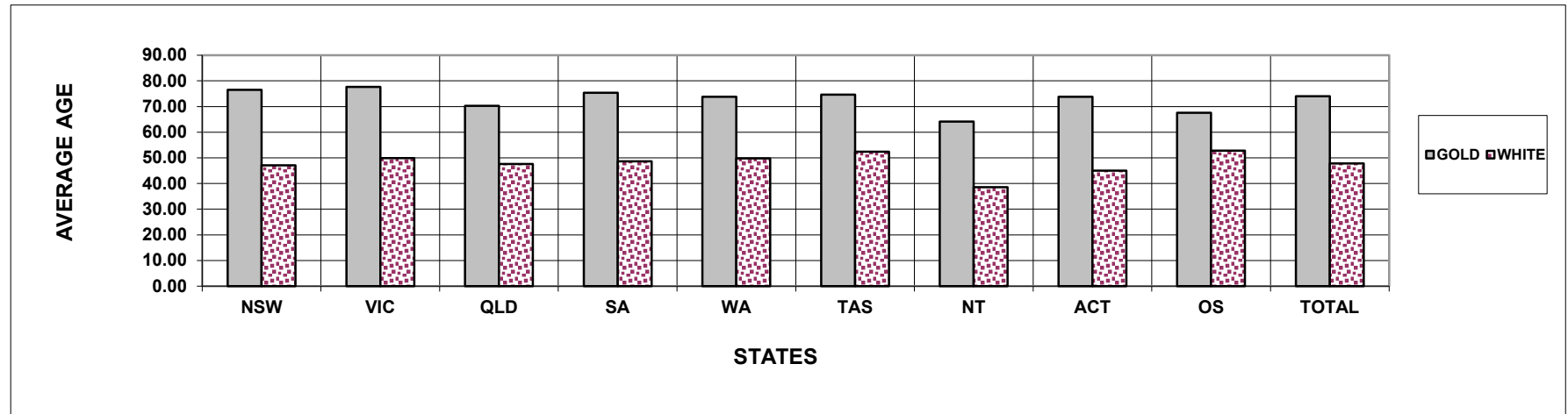


TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	6,743	9,097	6,626	7,233	6,948	12,548	3,406	1,295	53,896
	FEMALE	2,337	1,951	1,323	1,430	1,415	2,510	3,031	5,295	19,292
	TOTAL	9,080	11,048	7,949	8,663	8,363	15,058	6,437	6,590	73,188
VICTORIA	MALE	3,906	4,160	3,400	4,139	4,591	9,086	2,022	864	32,168
	FEMALE	1,092	782	694	902	1,005	1,601	1,557	3,642	11,275
	TOTAL	4,998	4,942	4,094	5,041	5,596	10,687	3,579	4,506	43,443
QUEENSLAND	MALE	9,095	11,518	9,226	10,625	10,652	15,940	4,324	1,001	72,381
	FEMALE	2,891	2,469	1,967	2,407	2,174	3,232	2,623	3,062	20,825
	TOTAL	11,986	13,987	11,193	13,032	12,826	19,172	6,947	4,063	93,206
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,964	2,368	1,826	2,113	2,510	4,362	877	307	16,327
	FEMALE	522	478	352	431	497	833	568	1,182	4,863
	TOTAL	2,486	2,846	2,178	2,544	3,007	5,195	1,445	1,489	21,190
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,984	3,122	2,741	3,404	3,347	5,631	1,518	452	22,199
	FEMALE	717	707	586	718	657	933	858	1,096	6,272
	TOTAL	2,701	3,829	3,327	4,122	4,004	6,564	2,376	1,548	28,471
TASMANIA	MALE	383	535	646	827	969	1,588	341	90	5,379
	FEMALE	83	124	173	253	239	310	291	410	1,883
	TOTAL	466	659	819	1,080	1,208	1,898	632	500	7,262
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	1,373	1,302	759	714	389	283	61	13	4,894
	FEMALE	429	303	134	111	72	58	30	16	1,153
	TOTAL	1,802	1,605	893	825	461	341	91	29	6,047
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	1,707	1,883	1,686	1,907	1,371	1,317	501	119	10,491
	FEMALE	662	557	583	571	331	255	215	238	3,413
	TOTAL	2,369	2,440	2,269	2,478	1,702	1,572	716	357	13,904
OVERSEAS	MALE	27	212	261	329	242	359	70	20	1,521
	FEMALE	15	47	50	70	56	58	56	36	388
	TOTAL	42	259	311	399	298	417	126	56	1,909
TOTAL	MALE	27,182	34,197	27,171	31,291	31,019	51,114	13,120	4,161	219,256
	FEMALE	8,748	7,418	5,862	6,893	6,446	9,790	9,229	14,977	69,364
	TOTAL	35,930	41,615	33,033	38,184	37,465	60,904	22,349	19,138	288,620

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TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023
GOLD CARD

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	159	813	858	1,085	1,587	8,373	2,045	985	15,905
	FEMALE	101	138	134	254	702	2,217	2,960	5,248	11,754
	TOTAL	260	951	992	1,339	2,289	10,590	5,005	6,233	27,659
VICTORIA	MALE	75	362	436	637	906	5,646	1,076	631	9,769
	FEMALE	34	71	71	150	438	1,390	1,530	3,608	7,292
	TOTAL	109	433	507	787	1,344	7,036	2,606	4,239	17,061
QUEENSLAND	MALE	426	1,804	1,854	2,377	3,205	10,341	2,839	753	23,599
	FEMALE	192	276	326	546	932	2,590	2,512	3,032	10,406
	TOTAL	618	2,080	2,180	2,923	4,137	12,931	5,351	3,785	34,005
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	53	214	218	294	511	2,974	561	213	5,038
	FEMALE	24	31	31	75	227	715	560	1,177	2,840
	TOTAL	77	245	249	369	738	3,689	1,121	1,390	7,878
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	74	290	356	564	780	3,703	1,022	328	7,117
	FEMALE	43	62	82	124	289	754	810	1,076	3,240
	TOTAL	117	352	438	688	1,069	4,457	1,832	1,404	10,357
TASMANIA	MALE	11	54	95	163	259	1,074	223	72	1,951
	FEMALE	7	13	27	48	105	260	284	408	1,152
	TOTAL	18	67	122	211	364	1,334	507	480	3,103
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	15	51	59	65	58	176	41	10	475
	FEMALE	6	4	5	17	27	45	28	16	148
	TOTAL	21	55	64	82	85	221	69	26	623
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	22	77	68	141	132	734	359	98	1,631
	FEMALE	14	21	34	45	65	171	205	235	791
	TOTAL	36	98	102	186	197	905	564	333	2,422
OVERSEAS	MALE	5	32	51	47	58	248	41	12	494
	FEMALE	8	10	22	38	43	55	56	36	268
	TOTAL	13	42	73	85	101	303	97	48	762
TOTAL	MALE	840	3,697	3,995	5,373	7,496	33,269	8,207	3,102	65,979
	FEMALE	429	626	732	1,297	2,828	8,197	8,945	14,836	37,891
	TOTAL	1,269	4,323	4,727	6,670	10,324	41,466	17,152	17,938	103,870

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023
WHITE CARD

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	MALE	6,584	8,284	5,768	6,148	5,361	4,175	1,361	310	37,991
	FEMALE	2,236	1,813	1,189	1,176	713	293	71	47	7,538
	TOTAL	8,820	10,097	6,957	7,324	6,074	4,468	1,432	357	45,529
VICTORIA	MALE	3,831	3,798	2,964	3,502	3,685	3,440	946	233	22,399
	FEMALE	1,058	711	623	752	567	211	27	34	3,983
	TOTAL	4,889	4,509	3,587	4,254	4,252	3,651	973	267	26,382
QUEENSLAND	MALE	8,669	9,714	7,372	8,248	7,447	5,599	1,485	248	48,782
	FEMALE	2,699	2,193	1,641	1,861	1,242	642	111	30	10,419
	TOTAL	11,368	11,907	9,013	10,109	8,689	6,241	1,596	278	59,201
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,911	2,154	1,608	1,819	1,999	1,388	316	94	11,289
	FEMALE	498	447	321	356	270	118	8	5	2,023
	TOTAL	2,409	2,601	1,929	2,175	2,269	1,506	324	99	13,312
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	MALE	1,910	2,832	2,385	2,840	2,567	1,928	496	124	15,082
	FEMALE	674	645	504	594	368	179	48	20	3,032
	TOTAL	2,584	3,477	2,889	3,434	2,935	2,107	544	144	18,114
TASMANIA	MALE	372	481	551	664	710	514	118	18	3,428
	FEMALE	76	111	146	205	134	50	7	2	731
	TOTAL	448	592	697	869	844	564	125	20	4,159
NORTHERN TERRITORY	MALE	1,358	1,251	700	649	331	107	20	3	4,419
	FEMALE	423	299	129	94	45	13	2	0	1,005
	TOTAL	1,781	1,550	829	743	376	120	22	3	5,424
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	MALE	1,685	1,806	1,618	1,766	1,239	583	142	21	8,860
	FEMALE	648	536	549	526	266	84	10	3	2,622
	TOTAL	2,333	2,342	2,167	2,292	1,505	667	152	24	11,482
OVERSEAS	MALE	22	180	210	282	184	111	29	8	1,027
	FEMALE	7	37	28	32	13	3	0	0	120
	TOTAL	29	217	238	314	197	114	29	8	1,147
TOTAL	MALE	26,342	30,500	23,176	25,918	23,523	17,845	4,913	1,059	153,277
	FEMALE	8,319	6,792	5,130	5,596	3,618	1,593	284	141	31,473
	TOTAL	34,661	37,292	28,306	31,514	27,141	19,438	5,197	1,200	184,750

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY ACT, CARD TYPE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023

			UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
VEA	GOLD	MALE	107	5	625	3,151	6,470	33,096	8,010	2,945	54,409
		FEMALE	106	24	170	929	2,693	8,163	8,901	14,834	35,821
		TOTAL	213	29	795	4,080	9,163	41,259	16,911	17,779	90,230
	WHITE	MALE	23,093	21,313	17,156	21,678	20,827	16,601	4,474	1,008	126,151
		FEMALE	7,214	4,967	3,790	4,755	3,256	1,521	275	141	25,919
		TOTAL	30,307	26,280	20,946	26,433	24,083	18,122	4,749	1,149	152,070
TOTAL		MALE	23,200	21,318	17,781	24,829	27,297	49,697	12,484	3,953	180,560
		FEMALE	7,320	4,991	3,960	5,684	5,949	9,684	9,176	14,975	61,740
		TOTAL	30,520	26,309	21,741	30,513	33,246	59,381	21,660	18,928	242,300
MRCA	GOLD	MALE	733	3,692	3,370	2,222	1,010	149	3	0	11,179
		FEMALE	323	602	562	368	135	21	0	0	2,011
		TOTAL	1,056	4,294	3,932	2,590	1,145	170	3	0	13,190
	WHITE	MALE	3,249	9,158	5,496	3,618	2,313	335	3	0	24,172
		FEMALE	1,105	1,816	1,158	670	280	21	0	0	5,050
		TOTAL	4,354	10,974	6,654	4,288	2,593	356	3	0	29,222
TOTAL		MALE	3,982	12,850	8,866	5,840	3,323	484	6	0	35,351
		FEMALE	1,428	2,418	1,720	1,038	415	42	0	0	7,061
		TOTAL	5,410	15,268	10,586	6,878	3,738	526	6	0	42,412
DRCA	WHITE	MALE	0	29	524	622	383	909	436	51	2,954
		FEMALE	0	9	182	171	82	51	9	0	504
		TOTAL	0	38	706	793	465	960	445	51	3,458
BNT/BCOF	GOLD	MALE	0	0	0	0	16	19	163	153	351
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	16	20	163	153	352
SEATO	GOLD	MALE	0	0	0	0	0	5	31	4	40
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	12	44	2	58
		TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	17	75	6	98

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 29 DECEMBER 2023

	Sex	Card	CONFLICTS - AUSTRALIAN FORCES											Total
			First World War	Second World War	Korea, Malaya & FESR	Vietnam	Gulf War	East Timor	Afghanistan	Iraq	Other Operations	Peace-keeping Forces	No Operational Service	
Veterans	Male	Gold	0	1,567	6,979	33,411	665	5,012	5,490	2,851	4,037	1,595	15,316	65,580
		White	0	233	191	202	612	5,827	10,540	5,622	8,118	1,416	130,384	151,324
		Total	0	1,800	7,170	33,613	1,277	10,839	16,030	8,473	12,155	3,011	145,700	216,904
	Female	Gold	0	95	12	118	42	337	487	259	367	73	1,776	3,037
		White	0	90	43	334	31	543	1,158	576	1,085	175	28,484	31,386
		Total	0	185	55	452	73	880	1,645	835	1,452	248	30,260	34,423
Total	Gold	0	1,662	6,991	33,529	707	5,349	5,977	3,110	4,404	1,668	17,092	68,617	
	White	0	323	234	536	643	6,370	11,698	6,198	9,203	1,591	158,868	182,710	
	Total	0	1,985	7,225	34,065	1,350	11,719	17,675	9,308	13,607	3,259	175,960	251,327	
Dependants	Male	Gold	5	97	13	41	11	48	66	31	38	5	101	399
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	5	97	13	41	11	48	66	31	38	5	101	399
	Female	Gold	17	20,068	5,542	9,423	51	161	177	73	156	163	1,808	34,854
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	17	20,068	5,542	9,423	51	161	177	73	156	163	1,808	34,854
Total	Gold	22	20,165	5,555	9,464	62	209	243	104	194	168	1,909	35,253	
	White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	22	20,165	5,555	9,464	62	209	243	104	194	168	1,909	35,253	
Total			22	22,150	12,780	43,529	1,412	11,928	17,918	9,412	13,801	3,427	177,869	286,580
			British Commonwealth and Allied veterans with a White card											2,040
Grand Total														288,620

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 29 DECEMBER 2023**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	AUS
EUROPE										7
JAPAN	Due to the low number of prisoners of war the breakdown by state is no longer published.									3
KOREA										2
TOTAL										12

**TABLE 8: DVA TREATMENT POPULATION COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIAN POPULATION
BY AGE GROUP OVER 64 AND SEX, AS AT 29 DECEMBER 2023**

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	637,572	14,103	2.2%	689,379	3,297	0.5%	1,326,951	17,400	1.3%
70-74	533,160	21,001	3.9%	601,922	4,619	0.8%	1,135,082	25,620	2.3%
75-79	445,969	30,113	6.8%	484,969	5,171	1.1%	930,938	35,284	3.8%
80-84	268,904	7,622	2.8%	314,184	4,287	1.4%	583,088	11,909	2.0%
85 & over	223,704	9,659	4.3%	337,140	19,919	5.9%	560,844	29,578	5.3%
65 & over	2,109,309	82,498	3.9%	2,427,594	37,293	1.5%	4,536,903	119,791	2.6%
70 & over	1,471,737	68,395	4.6%	1,738,215	33,996	2.0%	3,209,952	102,391	3.2%
75 & over	938,577	47,394	5.0%	1,136,293	29,377	2.6%	2,074,870	76,771	3.7%
80 & over	492,608	17,281	3.5%	651,324	24,206	3.7%	1,143,932	41,487	3.6%
85 & over	223,704	9,659	4.3%	337,140	19,919	5.9%	560,844	29,578	5.3%

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

	2019	2020	ACTUALS			2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
			2021	2022	2023										
CARD															
Gold	122,536	117,072	112,146	107,665	104,148	102,700	100,800	99,600	99,000	98,800	99,000	99,400	99,900	100,400	101,100
White	84,624	133,539	151,019	168,540	179,759	189,800	199,100	207,200	214,400	220,700	226,200	231,100	235,400	239,000	242,100
GENDER															
Male	139,720	178,878	191,963	205,180	214,206	223,400	231,300	238,400	244,800	250,400	255,400	259,900	263,700	267,000	269,800
Female	67,440	71,733	71,202	71,025	69,701	69,100	68,600	68,400	68,600	69,100	69,800	70,600	71,500	72,500	73,500
AVERAGE AGE															
Male	62.3	58.1	57.0	56.0	55.6	55.5	55.4	55.4	55.4	55.5	55.5	55.6	55.6	55.6	55.5
Female	78.6	73.2	70.5	67.7	65.6	63.9	62.3	60.9	59.8	59.0	58.4	57.9	57.6	57.4	57.2
STATE															
NSW	63,754	77,912	81,343	84,562	86,076	87,900	89,500	91,000	92,300	93,700	94,900	96,000	97,000	97,900	98,700
Vic	35,903	40,774	41,253	42,029	42,753	43,900	44,700	45,500	46,200	46,900	47,500	48,000	48,500	48,900	49,200
Qld	62,988	76,964	82,270	87,809	91,301	94,800	97,900	100,800	103,600	106,100	108,500	110,700	112,700	114,500	116,100
SA	17,938	23,258	24,829	26,156	26,923	27,600	28,300	29,000	29,600	30,200	30,800	31,300	31,700	32,200	32,500
WA	19,278	23,546	25,059	26,807	27,834	29,000	29,900	30,800	31,700	32,500	33,200	33,900	34,500	35,000	35,500
Tas	7,299	8,157	8,411	8,842	9,020	9,300	9,500	9,800	10,000	10,200	10,400	10,600	10,800	11,000	11,100
Total	207,160	250,611	263,165	276,205	283,907	292,500	299,800	306,900	313,400	319,600	325,300	330,500	335,200	339,500	343,100

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 2023 (Continuation)

	ACTUALS					PROJECTIONS									
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS															
AGE GROUP															
<55	55,492	92,105	105,436	118,838	126,602	133,100	138,700	143,500	147,600	151,700	155,700	159,600	163,300	166,600	169,400
55-59	12,508	15,980	16,674	17,532	18,110	19,300	20,700	22,200	23,600	24,200	24,100	23,400	22,500	21,700	21,500
60-64	12,135	14,778	16,294	17,789	19,349	20,500	21,100	21,500	21,800	22,500	23,600	24,900	26,500	27,900	28,400
65-69	17,254	17,924	16,908	16,668	16,968	17,800	18,700	19,800	21,000	22,200	23,200	23,700	24,000	24,400	25,000
70-74	34,402	35,591	34,012	30,552	27,050	24,300	22,200	20,600	19,500	19,400	20,000	20,800	21,700	22,600	23,600
75-79	12,459	16,624	21,254	27,049	32,774	37,300	38,100	36,200	33,800	30,300	26,900	24,200	22,100	20,600	20,300
80-84	11,584	12,149	12,179	12,109	11,833	12,100	15,000	19,900	24,500	28,900	32,500	33,200	31,800	29,900	27,000
85-89	14,702	12,765	11,445	10,986	10,520	10,300	10,000	9,800	9,500	9,200	9,200	11,100	14,300	17,200	20,100
90+	36,624	32,695	28,963	24,682	20,701	17,800	15,400	13,500	12,100	11,000	10,200	9,500	9,100	8,600	8,000
Total	207,160	250,611	263,165	276,205	283,907	292,500	299,900	306,800	313,400	319,500	325,200	330,500	335,200	339,500	343,200
GOLD CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	6,533	7,673	8,840	10,163	12,004	14,300	16,100	18,000	19,900	21,800	23,800	25,700	27,600	29,300	31,000
55-59	2,911	3,061	3,108	3,174	3,307	3,700	4,000	4,400	4,800	5,000	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,500
60-64	4,056	4,081	4,215	4,264	4,513	4,700	4,800	4,900	4,900	5,000	5,300	5,700	6,200	6,600	6,900
65-69	9,620	7,722	6,545	5,931	5,591	5,600	5,600	5,700	5,900	6,100	6,300	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,700
70-74	30,126	28,484	25,273	20,585	16,037	12,500	10,100	8,600	7,700	7,200	7,000	7,000	7,100	7,400	7,700
75-79	10,702	13,896	17,517	21,953	25,877	28,200	27,300	24,000	20,300	16,400	13,200	10,900	9,400	8,400	7,800
80-84	10,047	9,722	9,578	9,530	9,393	9,600	11,900	15,500	18,800	21,800	23,800	23,200	20,700	18,000	15,000
85-89	13,868	11,404	9,585	8,673	7,869	7,500	7,200	7,000	6,900	6,900	7,000	8,600	11,100	13,300	15,100
90+	34,673	31,029	27,485	23,392	19,557	16,500	13,800	11,500	9,800	8,400	7,400	6,600	6,100	5,700	5,400
Total	122,536	117,072	112,146	107,665	104,148	102,700	100,800	99,600	99,000	98,800	99,000	99,400	99,900	100,400	101,100
WHITE CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	48,959	84,432	96,596	108,675	114,598	118,800	122,600	125,500	127,700	129,800	131,900	133,900	135,700	137,200	138,400
55-59	9,597	12,919	13,566	14,358	14,803	15,600	16,700	17,800	18,800	19,200	18,900	18,200	17,300	16,500	16,000
60-64	8,079	10,697	12,079	13,525	14,836	15,800	16,300	16,600	16,900	17,400	18,200	19,200	20,300	21,300	21,500
65-69	7,634	10,202	10,363	10,737	11,377	12,200	13,100	14,100	15,100	16,100	16,800	17,300	17,500	17,800	18,200
70-74	4,276	7,107	8,739	9,967	11,013	11,800	12,100	12,000	11,800	12,200	13,000	13,800	14,500	15,300	15,900
75-79	1,757	2,728	3,737	5,096	6,897	9,000	10,800	12,200	13,500	13,900	13,700	13,300	12,700	12,300	12,500
80-84	1,537	2,427	2,601	2,579	2,440	2,400	3,100	4,300	5,700	7,100	8,700	10,000	11,000	11,900	11,900
85-89	834	1,361	1,860	2,313	2,651	2,800	2,800	2,700	2,600	2,300	2,200	2,500	3,200	4,000	4,900
90+	1,951	1,666	1,478	1,290	1,144	1,300	1,700	2,000	2,300	2,600	2,800	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,500
Total	84,624	133,539	151,019	168,540	179,759	189,800	199,100	207,200	214,400	220,700	226,200	231,100	235,400	239,000	242,100