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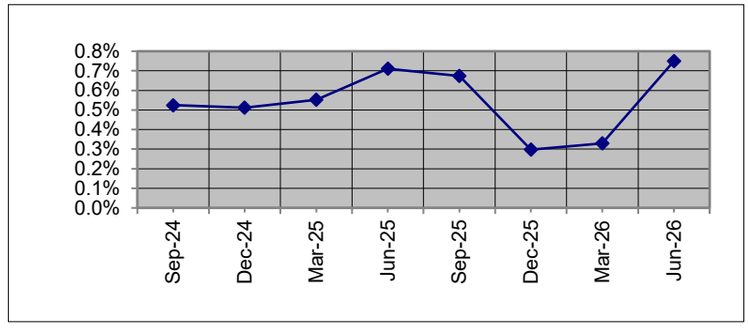
TREATMENT POPULATION BY QUARTER

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE BY QUARTER

Quarter	Tpop	% Change
Jun-24	292,344	
Sep-24	293,877	0.52%
Dec-24	295,382	0.51%
Mar-25	297,012	0.55%
Jun-25	299,121	0.71%
Sep-25	301,134	0.67%
Dec-25	302,030	0.30%
Mar-26	303,027	0.33%
Jun-26	305,298	0.75%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



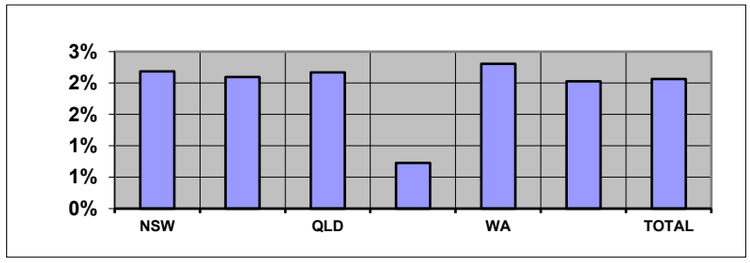
TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE: JUN 25 AND JUN 26

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Jun-25	Jun-26	% Change
NSW	89,716	91,678	2.19%
VIC	44,752	45,689	2.09%
QLD	97,311	99,421	2.17%
SA	27,761	27,963	0.73%
WA	29,902	30,592	2.31%
TAS	7,599	7,753	2.03%
TOTAL	299,121	305,298	2.07%

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

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



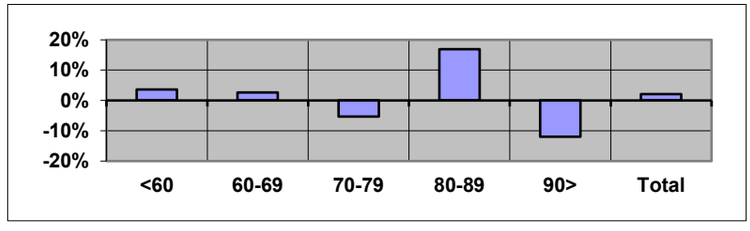
TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE GROUP: JUN 25 AND JUN 26

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

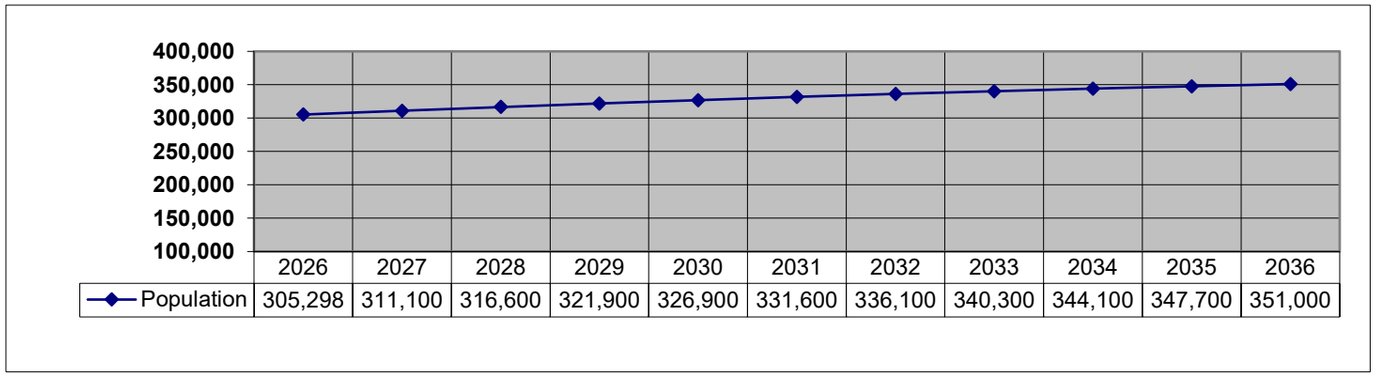
	Jun-25	Jun-26	% Change
<60	158,721	164,497	3.64%
60-69	39,696	40,752	2.66%
70-79	59,622	56,441	-5.34%
80-89	25,807	30,165	16.89%
90>	15,272	13,440	-12.00%
Total	299,121	305,298	2.07%

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE



TREATMENT POPULATION PROJECTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2025



	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Population	305,298	311,100	316,600	321,900	326,900	331,600	336,100	340,300	344,100	347,700	351,000

SUMMARY TREND (Continuation)
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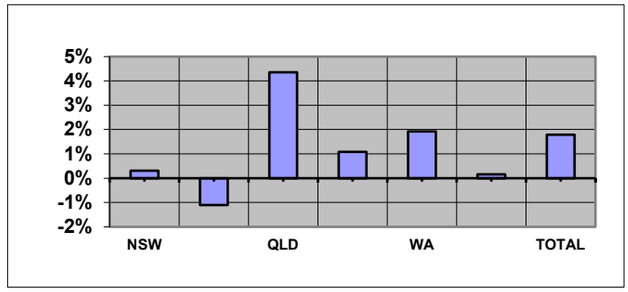
NUMBER OF GOLD CARDS BY STATE: JUN 25 AND JUN 26

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Jun-25	Jun-26	% Change
NSW	29,745	29,835	0.30%
VIC	16,342	16,161	-1.11%
QLD	36,422	38,008	4.35%
SA	8,611	8,704	1.08%
WA	10,693	10,899	1.93%
TAS	3,094	3,099	0.16%
TOTAL	105,754	107,651	1.79%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

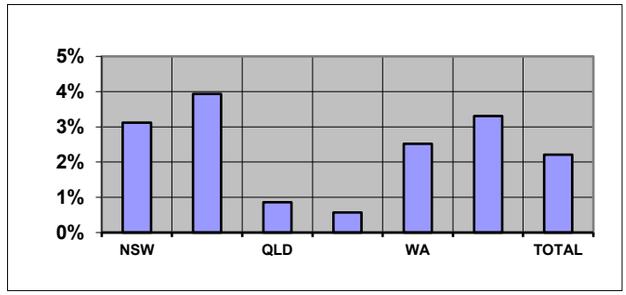


NUMBER OF WHITE CARDS BY STATE: JUN 25 AND JUN 26

TABLE: TOTAL AND % CHANGE

	Jun-25	Jun-26	% Change
NSW	59,971	61,843	3.12%
VIC	28,410	29,528	3.94%
QLD	60,889	61,413	0.86%
SA	19,150	19,259	0.57%
WA	19,209	19,693	2.52%
TAS	4,505	4,654	3.31%
TOTAL	193,367	197,647	2.21%

CHART: PERCENT CHANGE

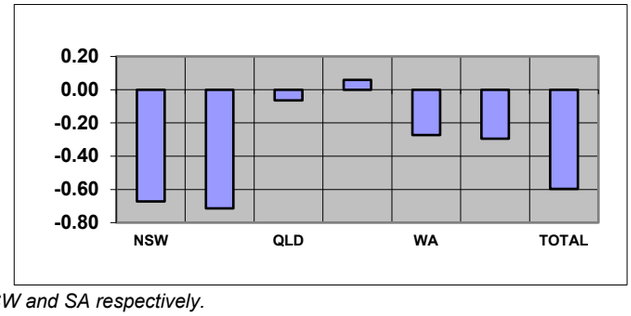


AVERAGE AGE BY STATE: JUN 25 AND JUN 26

TABLE: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

	Jun-25	Jun-26	Yrs Change
NSW	55.73	55.05	-0.67
VIC	59.59	58.88	-0.71
QLD	55.43	55.36	-0.06
SA	54.64	54.69	0.06
WA	57.93	57.66	-0.27
TAS	60.95	60.66	-0.30
TOTAL	56.72	56.12	-0.60

CHART: AVERAGE AGE CHANGE

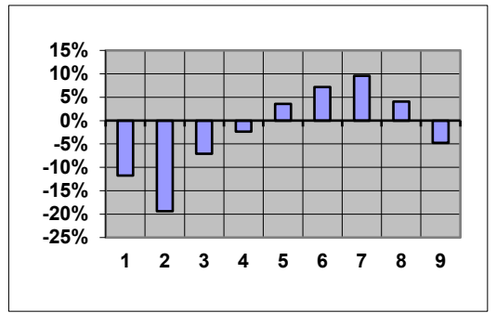


Overseas residents included in total but not reported. ACT and NT included within NSW and SA respectively.

TABLE: TREATMENT POPULATION BY CONFLICT (TOTAL)

Conflict	Jun-25	Jun-26	% Change
1. First World War	17	15	-11.76%
2. Second World War	16,139	13,008	-19.40%
3. Korea, Malaya & FESR	11,527	10,706	-7.12%
4. Vietnam	42,148	41,153	-2.36%
5. Gulf War	1,480	1,533	3.58%
6. East Timor, Afghanistan & Iraq	34,282	36,750	7.20%
7. Peacekeeping & Other Operations	20,286	22,232	9.59%
8. No Operational Service	190,426	198,151	4.06%
9. British Commonwealth & Allied	1,921	1,830	-4.74%

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*.

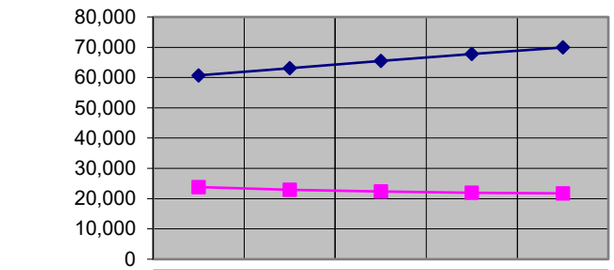
Revisions
From September 2013 table 5 reports card holders by the legislation under which treatment expenses are paid.

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'.

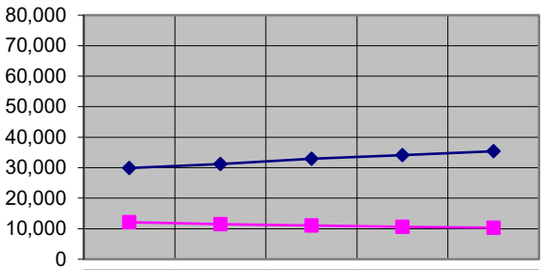
GRAPH 1: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX FROM JUN 2022 - JUN 2026

NEW SOUTH WALES



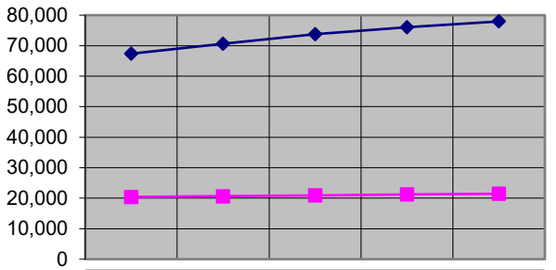
	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
MALE	60,724	63,111	65,529	67,767	69,925
FEMALE	23,838	22,965	22,383	21,949	21,753

VICTORIA



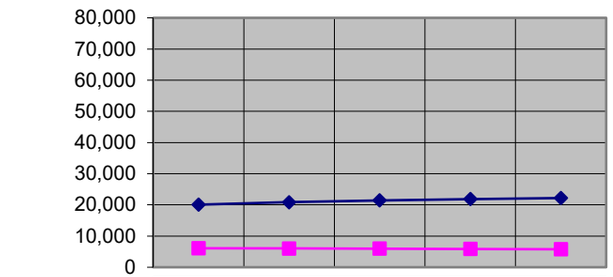
	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
MALE	29,890	31,225	32,912	34,119	35,388
FEMALE	12,139	11,528	11,083	10,633	10,301

QUEENSLAND



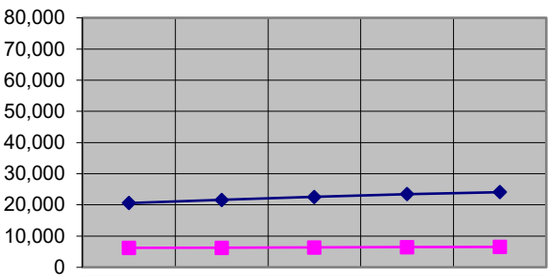
	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
MALE	67,388	70,654	73,778	76,089	77,961
FEMALE	20,421	20,647	20,950	21,222	21,460

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



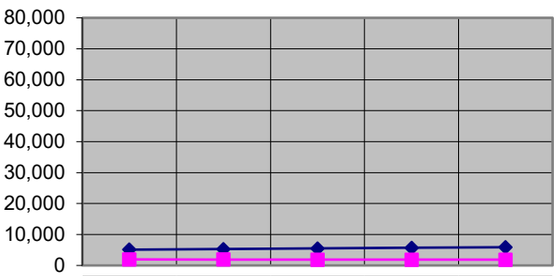
	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
MALE	20,074	20,875	21,465	21,896	22,195
FEMALE	6,082	6,048	5,961	5,865	5,768

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
MALE	20,579	21,600	22,578	23,454	24,073
FEMALE	6,228	6,234	6,343	6,448	6,519

TASMANIA



	Jun-22	Jun-23	Jun-24	Jun-25	Jun-26
MALE	5,100	5,274	5,507	5,720	5,882
FEMALE	1,952	1,900	1,880	1,879	1,871

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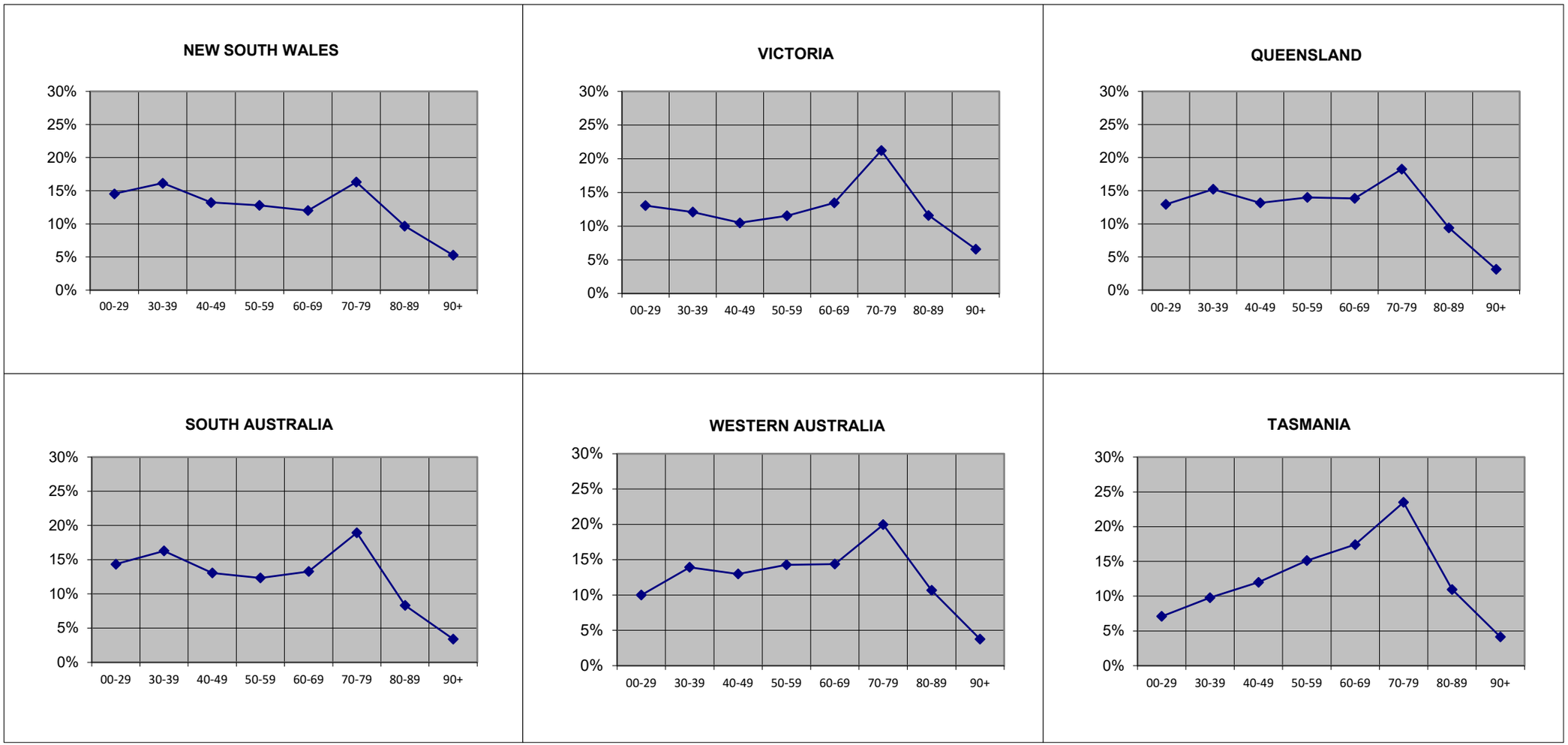
GRAPH 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026



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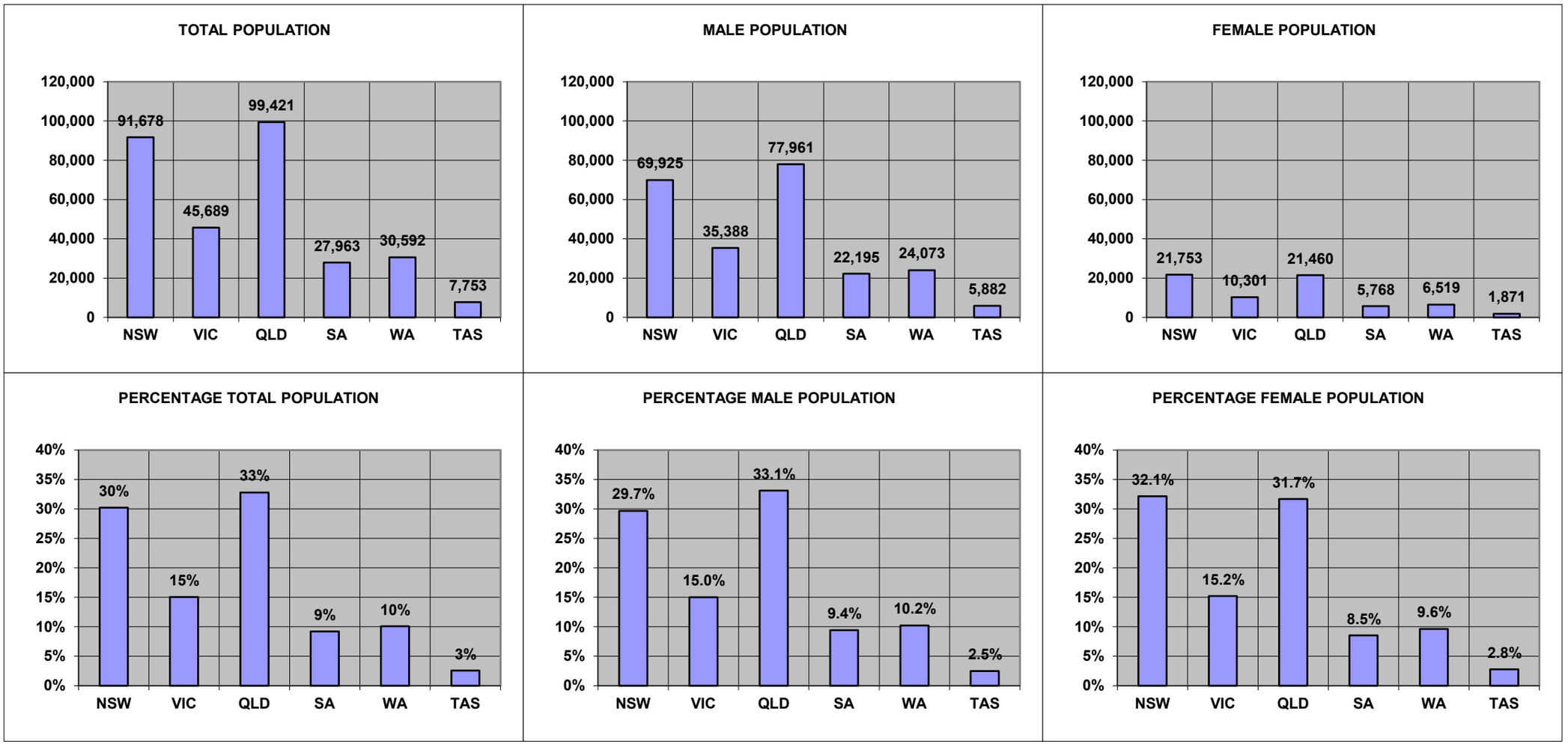
GRAPH 3: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND SEX, AS AT 03 JULY 2026



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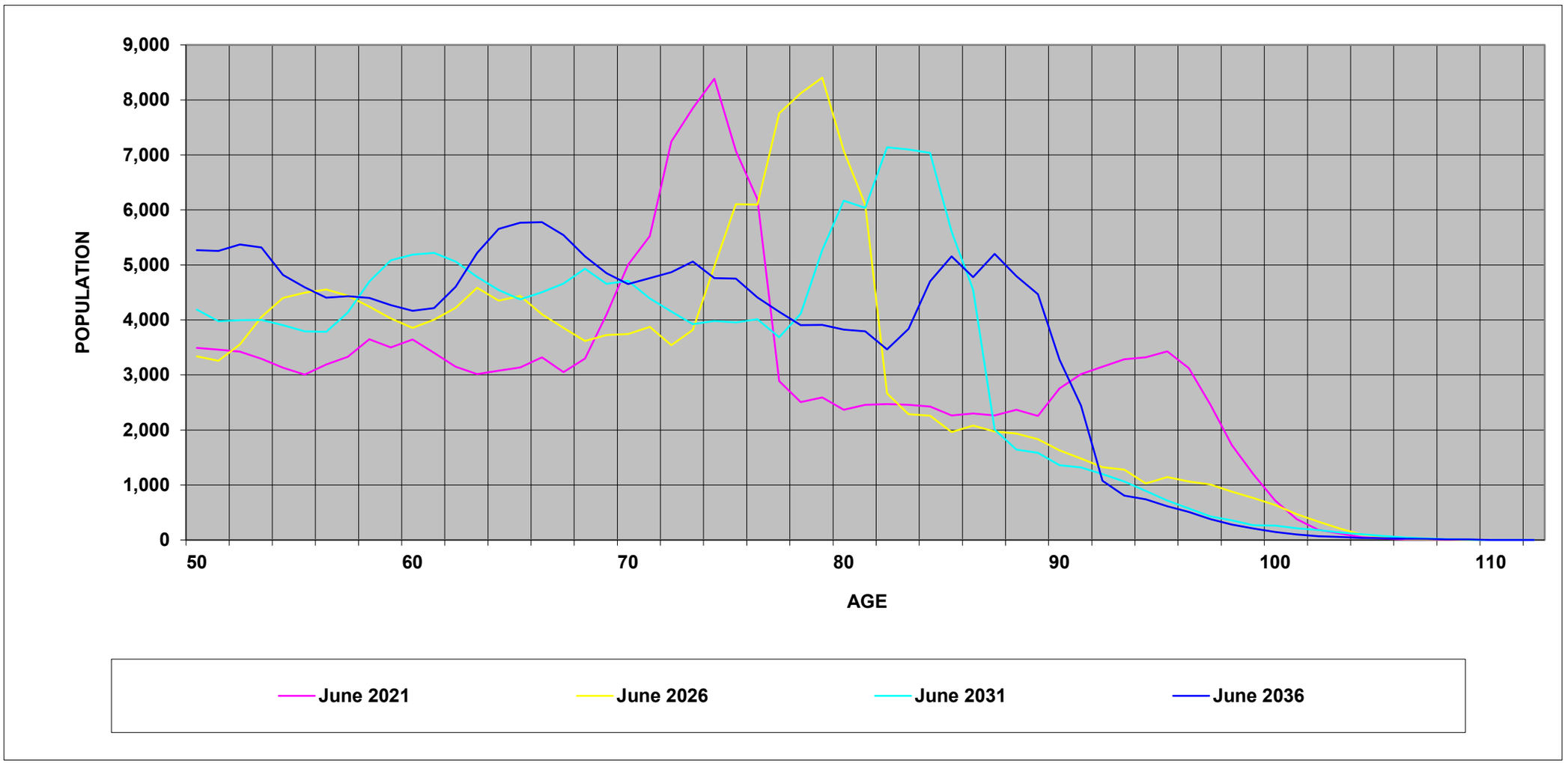
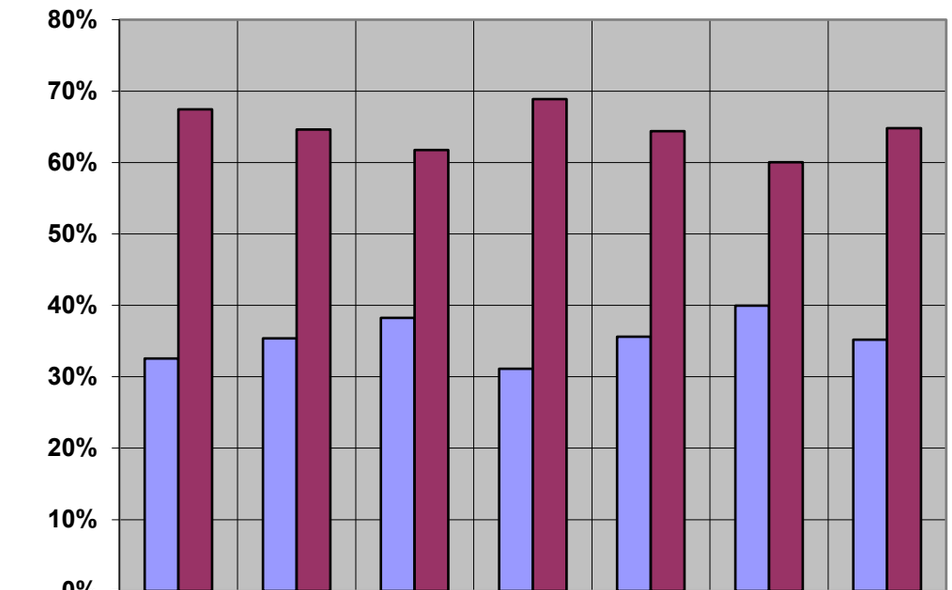
GRAPH 4: TOTAL TREATMENT POPULATION BY AGE TREND FROM JUNE 2021 TO JUNE 2036
DATA AS AT JULY 2026



Some client totals at older ages have been suppressed due to small numbers

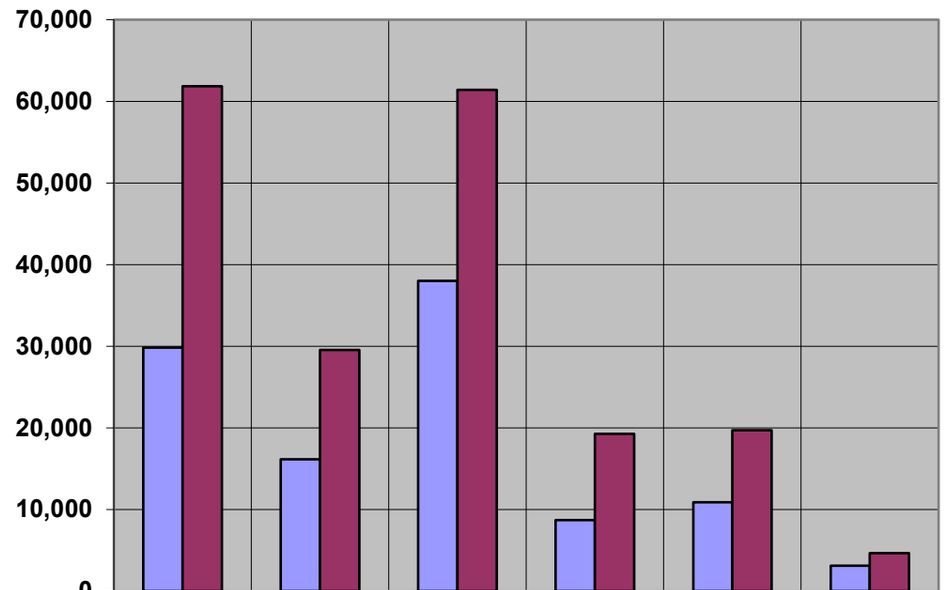
GRAPH 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND CARD HOLDER, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

PERCENTAGE OF GOLD AND WHITE CARD HOLDER POPULATION



	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	AUS
GOLD	32.5%	35.4%	38.2%	31.1%	35.6%	40.0%	35.2%
WHITE	67.5%	64.6%	61.8%	68.9%	64.4%	60.0%	64.8%

POPULATION NUMBERS OF GOLD AND WHITE CARD HOLDERS



	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS
GOLD	29,835	16,161	38,008	8,704	10,899	3,099
WHITE	61,843	29,528	61,413	19,259	19,693	4,654

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TABLE 1 : TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

	UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	10,621	12,182	9,540	9,048	9,139	13,385	7,975	4,526	**76,417**
	13.9%	15.9%	12.5%	11.8%	12.0%	17.5%	10.4%	5.9%	**100.0%**
VICTORIA	5,967	5,519	4,791	5,266	6,146	9,696	5,297	3,007	**45,689**
	13.1%	12.1%	10.5%	11.5%	13.5%	21.2%	11.6%	6.6%	**100.0%**
QUEENSLAND	12,882	15,141	13,091	13,917	13,756	18,159	9,359	3,114	**99,421**
	13.0%	15.2%	13.2%	14.0%	13.8%	18.3%	9.4%	3.1%	**100.0%**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	2,421	3,065	2,594	2,643	3,183	4,941	2,198	926	**21,971**
	11.0%	14.0%	11.8%	12.0%	14.5%	22.5%	10.0%	4.2%	**100.0%**
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	3,062	4,263	3,970	4,372	4,401	6,106	3,265	1,153	**30,592**
	10.0%	13.9%	13.0%	14.3%	14.4%	20.0%	10.7%	3.8%	**100.0%**
TASMANIA	550	759	930	1,172	1,350	1,821	850	321	**7,753**
	7.1%	9.8%	12.0%	15.1%	17.4%	23.5%	11.0%	4.1%	**100.0%**
NORTHERN TERRITORY	1,590	1,492	1,058	810	530	355	131	26	**5,992**
	26.5%	24.9%	17.7%	13.5%	8.8%	5.9%	2.2%	0.4%	**100.0%**
AUSTRALIAN	2,707	2,620	2,590	2,698	1,868	1,571	895	312	**15,261**
CAPITAL TERRITORY	17.7%	17.2%	17.0%	17.7%	12.2%	10.3%	5.9%	2.0%	**100.0%**
OVERSEAS	50	283	396	437	379	407	195	55	**2,202**
	2.3%	12.9%	18.0%	19.8%	17.2%	18.5%	8.9%	2.5%	**100.0%**
TOTAL	**39,850**	**45,324**	**38,960**	**40,363**	**40,752**	**56,441**	**30,165**	**13,440**	**305,298**
	13.1%	**14.8%**	**12.8%**	**13.2%**	**13.3%**	**18.5%**	**9.9%**	**4.4%**	**100.0%**

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 2: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, CARD AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	**GOLD**	371	1,986	1,873	1,813	2,497	8,316	6,126	3,984	**26,966**
	WHITE	10,250	10,196	7,667	7,235	6,642	5,069	1,849	542	**49,451**
	TOTAL	**10,621**	**12,182**	**9,540**	**9,048**	**9,139**	**13,385**	**7,975**	**4,526**	**76,417**
VICTORIA	**GOLD**	209	804	929	970	1,480	5,388	3,752	2,629	**16,161**
	WHITE	5,758	4,715	3,862	4,296	4,666	4,308	1,545	378	**29,528**
	TOTAL	**5,967**	**5,519**	**4,791**	**5,266**	**6,146**	**9,696**	**5,297**	**3,007**	**45,689**
QUEENSLAND	**GOLD**	992	3,913	3,892	3,966	4,684	10,766	7,127	2,667	**38,008**
	WHITE	11,890	11,228	9,199	9,951	9,072	7,393	2,232	447	**61,413**
	TOTAL	**12,882**	**15,141**	**13,091**	**13,917**	**13,756**	**18,159**	**9,359**	**3,114**	**99,421**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	**GOLD**	131	518	474	459	794	2,993	1,685	803	**7,857**
	WHITE	2,290	2,547	2,120	2,184	2,389	1,948	513	123	**14,114**
	TOTAL	**2,421**	**3,065**	**2,594**	**2,643**	**3,183**	**4,941**	**2,198**	**926**	**21,971**
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	**GOLD**	194	769	853	900	1,156	3,584	2,451	992	**10,899**
	WHITE	2,868	3,494	3,117	3,472	3,245	2,522	814	161	**19,693**
	TOTAL	**3,062**	**4,263**	**3,970**	**4,372**	**4,401**	**6,106**	**3,265**	**1,153**	**30,592**
TASMANIA	**GOLD**	39	166	196	270	382	1,098	668	280	**3,099**
	WHITE	511	593	734	902	968	723	182	41	**4,654**
	TOTAL	**550**	**759**	**930**	**1,172**	**1,350**	**1,821**	**850**	**321**	**7,753**
NORTHERN TERRITORY	**GOLD**	24	113	151	126	129	183	103	18	**847**
	WHITE	1,566	1,379	907	684	401	172	28	8	**5,145**
	TOTAL	**1,590**	**1,492**	**1,058**	**810**	**530**	**355**	**131**	**26**	**5,992**
AUSTRALIAN	**GOLD**	50	252	279	304	292	738	676	278	**2,869**
CAPITAL TERRITORY	**WHITE**	2,657	2,368	2,311	2,394	1,576	833	219	34	**12,392**
	TOTAL	**2,707**	**2,620**	**2,590**	**2,698**	**1,868**	**1,571**	**895**	**312**	**15,261**
OVERSEAS	**GOLD**	17	87	131	114	128	269	155	44	**945**
	WHITE	33	196	265	323	251	138	40	11	**1,257**
	TOTAL	**50**	**283**	**396**	**437**	**379**	**407**	**195**	**55**	**2,202**
TOTAL	**GOLD**	2,027	8,608	8,778	8,922	11,542	33,335	22,743	11,695	**107,651**
	WHITE	37,823	36,716	30,182	31,441	29,210	23,106	7,422	1,745	**197,647**
	TOTAL	**39,850**	**45,324**	**38,960**	**40,363**	**40,752**	**56,441**	**30,165**	**13,440**	**305,298**

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 3: AVERAGE AGE OF THE TREATMENT POPULATION BY CARD AND STATE, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

CARD	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	TOTAL
GOLD	72.10	74.07	66.15	71.74	70.16	71.15	59.51	68.44	64.69	**69.78**
WHITE	47.41	50.56	48.69	50.32	50.75	53.67	39.89	45.37	54.08	**48.68**
TOTAL	**56.12**	**58.88**	**55.36**	**57.98**	**57.66**	**60.66**	**42.66**	**49.71**	**58.64**	**56.12**

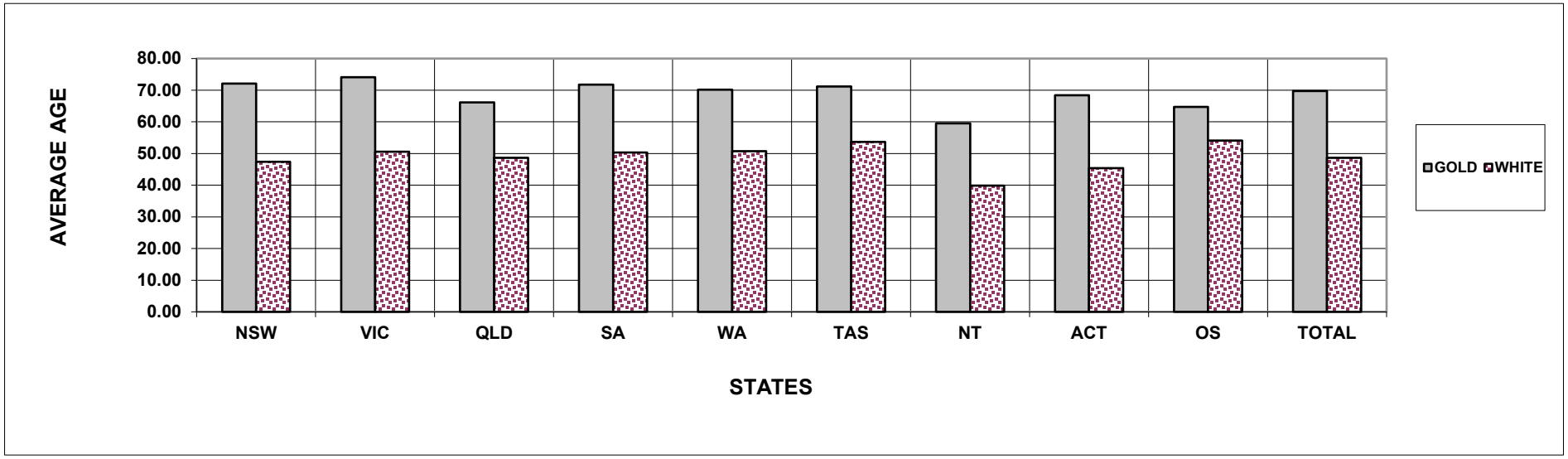

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

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**	8,066	9,850	7,903	7,469	7,698	10,815	5,449	1,105	**58,356**
	FEMALE	2,555	2,332	1,637	1,579	1,441	2,570	2,526	3,421	**18,061**
	TOTAL	**10,621**	**12,182**	**9,540**	**9,048**	**9,139**	**13,385**	**7,975**	**4,526**	**76,417**
VICTORIA	**MALE**	4,730	4,621	4,036	4,271	5,074	8,025	3,930	701	**35,388**
	FEMALE	1,237	898	755	995	1,072	1,671	1,367	2,306	**10,301**
	TOTAL	**5,967**	**5,519**	**4,791**	**5,266**	**6,146**	**9,696**	**5,297**	**3,007**	**45,689**
QUEENSLAND	**MALE**	9,849	12,309	10,768	11,231	11,360	14,708	6,707	1,029	**77,961**
	FEMALE	3,033	2,832	2,323	2,686	2,396	3,451	2,652	2,085	**21,460**
	TOTAL	**12,882**	**15,141**	**13,091**	**13,917**	**13,756**	**18,159**	**9,359**	**3,114**	**99,421**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	**MALE**	1,908	2,520	2,182	2,148	2,671	4,036	1,630	252	**17,347**
	FEMALE	513	545	412	495	512	905	568	674	**4,624**
	TOTAL	**2,421**	**3,065**	**2,594**	**2,643**	**3,183**	**4,941**	**2,198**	**926**	**21,971**
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	**MALE**	2,288	3,445	3,237	3,579	3,676	5,056	2,409	383	**24,073**
	FEMALE	774	818	733	793	725	1,050	856	770	**6,519**
	TOTAL	**3,062**	**4,263**	**3,970**	**4,372**	**4,401**	**6,106**	**3,265**	**1,153**	**30,592**
TASMANIA	**MALE**	432	620	713	894	1,074	1,478	584	87	**5,882**
	FEMALE	118	139	217	278	276	343	266	234	**1,871**
	TOTAL	**550**	**759**	**930**	**1,172**	**1,350**	**1,821**	**850**	**321**	**7,753**
NORTHERN TERRITORY	**MALE**	1,218	1,202	876	697	448	299	95	13	**4,848**
	FEMALE	372	290	182	113	82	56	36	13	**1,144**
	TOTAL	**1,590**	**1,492**	**1,058**	**810**	**530**	**355**	**131**	**26**	**5,992**
AUSTRALIAN	**MALE**	1,974	1,987	1,973	2,057	1,502	1,278	670	128	**11,569**
CAPITAL TERRITORY	**FEMALE**	733	633	617	641	366	293	225	184	**3,692**
	TOTAL	**2,707**	**2,620**	**2,590**	**2,698**	**1,868**	**1,571**	**895**	**312**	**15,261**
OVERSEAS	**MALE**	33	221	333	360	313	343	133	19	**1,755**
	FEMALE	17	62	63	77	66	64	62	36	**447**
	TOTAL	**50**	**283**	**396**	**437**	**379**	**407**	**195**	**55**	**2,202**
TOTAL	**MALE**	30,498	36,775	32,021	32,706	33,816	46,038	21,607	3,717	**237,179**
	FEMALE	9,352	8,549	6,939	7,657	6,936	10,403	8,558	9,723	**68,119**
	TOTAL	**39,850**	**45,324**	**38,960**	**40,363**	**40,752**	**56,441**	**30,165**	**13,440**	**305,298**

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

GOLD CARD

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	**MALE**	247	1,673	1,599	1,474	1,900	6,167	3,702	590	**17,352**
	FEMALE	124	313	274	339	597	2,149	2,424	3,394	**9,614**
	TOTAL	**371**	**1,986**	**1,873**	**1,813**	**2,497**	**8,316**	**6,126**	**3,984**	**26,966**
VICTORIA	**MALE**	154	676	785	808	1,080	4,023	2,443	347	**10,316**
	FEMALE	55	128	144	162	400	1,365	1,309	2,282	**5,845**
	TOTAL	**209**	**804**	**929**	**970**	**1,480**	**5,388**	**3,752**	**2,629**	**16,161**
QUEENSLAND	**MALE**	700	3,304	3,320	3,232	3,708	8,179	4,681	606	**27,730**
	FEMALE	292	609	572	734	976	2,587	2,446	2,061	**10,278**
	TOTAL	**992**	**3,913**	**3,892**	**3,966**	**4,684**	**10,766**	**7,127**	**2,667**	**38,008**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	**MALE**	94	446	415	372	579	2,279	1,137	132	**5,454**
	FEMALE	37	72	59	87	215	714	548	671	**2,403**
	TOTAL	**131**	**518**	**474**	**459**	**794**	**2,993**	**1,685**	**803**	**7,857**
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	**MALE**	133	640	689	730	891	2,782	1,672	238	**7,775**
	FEMALE	61	129	164	170	265	802	779	754	**3,124**
	TOTAL	**194**	**769**	**853**	**900**	**1,156**	**3,584**	**2,451**	**992**	**10,899**
TASMANIA	**MALE**	21	137	137	209	289	828	415	47	**2,083**
	FEMALE	18	29	59	61	93	270	253	233	**1,016**
	TOTAL	**39**	**166**	**196**	**270**	**382**	**1,098**	**668**	**280**	**3,099**
NORTHERN TERRITORY	**MALE**	16	103	141	113	97	147	68	6	**691**
	FEMALE	8	10	10	13	32	36	35	12	**156**
	TOTAL	**24**	**113**	**151**	**126**	**129**	**183**	**103**	**18**	**847**
AUSTRALIAN	**MALE**	35	199	217	226	216	573	470	96	**2,032**
CAPITAL TERRITORY	**FEMALE**	15	53	62	78	76	165	206	182	**837**
	TOTAL	**50**	**252**	**279**	**304**	**292**	**738**	**676**	**278**	**2,869**
OVERSEAS	**MALE**	8	65	100	74	77	211	93	9	**637**
	FEMALE	9	22	31	40	51	58	62	35	**308**
	TOTAL	**17**	**87**	**131**	**114**	**128**	**269**	**155**	**44**	**945**
TOTAL	**MALE**	1,408	7,243	7,403	7,238	8,837	25,189	14,681	2,071	**74,070**
	FEMALE	619	1,365	1,375	1,684	2,705	8,146	8,062	9,624	**33,581**
	TOTAL	**2,027**	**8,608**	**8,778**	**8,922**	**11,542**	**33,335**	**22,743**	**11,695**	**107,651**

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 4: TREATMENT POPULATION BY STATE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

WHITE CARD

		UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
NEW SOUTH WALES	**MALE**	7,819	8,177	6,304	5,995	5,798	4,648	1,747	515	**41,004**
	FEMALE	2,431	2,019	1,363	1,240	844	421	102	27	**8,447**
	TOTAL	**10,250**	**10,196**	**7,667**	**7,235**	**6,642**	**5,069**	**1,849**	**542**	**49,451**
VICTORIA	**MALE**	4,576	3,945	3,251	3,463	3,994	4,002	1,487	354	**25,072**
	FEMALE	1,182	770	611	833	672	306	58	24	**4,456**
	TOTAL	**5,758**	**4,715**	**3,862**	**4,296**	**4,666**	**4,308**	**1,545**	**378**	**29,528**
QUEENSLAND	**MALE**	9,149	9,005	7,448	7,999	7,652	6,529	2,026	423	**50,231**
	FEMALE	2,741	2,223	1,751	1,952	1,420	864	206	24	**11,182**
	TOTAL	**11,890**	**11,228**	**9,199**	**9,951**	**9,072**	**7,393**	**2,232**	**447**	**61,413**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	**MALE**	1,814	2,074	1,767	1,776	2,092	1,757	493	120	**11,893**
	FEMALE	476	473	353	408	297	191	20	5 or Fewer	**2,218 or Greater**
	TOTAL	**2,290**	**2,547**	**2,120**	**2,184**	**2,389**	**1,948**	**513**	**120 or Greater**	**14,111 or Greater**
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	**MALE**	2,155	2,805	2,548	2,849	2,785	2,274	737	145	**16,298**
	FEMALE	713	689	569	623	460	248	77	16	**3,395**
	TOTAL	**2,868**	**3,494**	**3,117**	**3,472**	**3,245**	**2,522**	**814**	**161**	**19,693**
TASMANIA	**MALE**	411	483	576	685	785	650	169	40	**3,799**
	FEMALE	100	110	158	217	183	73	13	5 or Fewer	**854 or Greater**
	TOTAL	**511**	**593**	**734**	**902**	**968**	**723**	**182**	**40 or Greater**	**4,653 or Greater**
NORTHERN TERRITORY	**MALE**	1,202	1,099	735	584	351	152	27	7	**4,157**
	FEMALE	364	280	172	100	50	20	5 or Fewer	5 or Fewer	**986 or Greater**
	TOTAL	**1,566**	**1,379**	**907**	**684**	**401**	**172**	**28**	**7 or Greater**	**5,143 or Greater**
AUSTRALIAN	**MALE**	1,939	1,788	1,756	1,831	1,286	705	200	32	**9,537**
CAPITAL TERRITORY	**FEMALE**	718	580	555	563	290	128	19	5 or Fewer	**2,853 or Greater**
	TOTAL	**2,657**	**2,368**	**2,311**	**2,394**	**1,576**	**833**	**219**	**32 or Greater**	**12,390 or Greater**
OVERSEAS	**MALE**	25	156	233	286	236	132	40	10	**1,118**
	FEMALE	8	40	32	37	15	6	0	5 or Fewer	**138 or Greater**
	TOTAL	**33**	**196**	**265**	**323**	**251**	**138**	**40**	**10 or Greater**	**1,256 or Greater**
TOTAL	**MALE**	29,090	29,532	24,618	25,468	24,979	20,849	6,926	1,646	**163,109**
	FEMALE	8,733	7,184	5,564	5,973	4,231	2,257	496	99	**34,538**
	TOTAL	**37,823**	**36,716**	**30,182**	**31,441**	**29,210**	**23,106**	**7,422**	**1,745**	**197,647**

Unknown ages included in total but not reported separately.

TABLE 5: TREATMENT POPULATION BY ACT, CARD TYPE, SEX AND AGE GROUP, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

			UNDER 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90 & OVER	TOTAL
VEA	**GOLD**	**MALE**	92	5 or Fewer	471	2,977	6,467	24,714	14,548	1,942	**51,213**
		FEMALE	77	17	158	910	2,354	8,092	8,012	9,619	**29,240**
		TOTAL	**169**	**17 or Greater**	**629**	**3,887**	**8,821**	**32,806**	**22,560**	**11,561**	**80,453**
	WHITE	**MALE**	26,101	20,334	17,309	20,435	21,447	19,436	6,359	1,537	**132,959**
		FEMALE	7,725	5,108	4,000	4,932	3,746	2,132	477	99	**28,220**
		TOTAL	**33,826**	**25,442**	**21,309**	**25,367**	**25,193**	**21,568**	**6,836**	**1,636**	**161,179**
	TOTAL	**MALE**	26,193	20,336	17,780	23,412	27,914	44,150	20,907	3,479	**184,172**
		FEMALE	7,802	5,125	4,158	5,842	6,100	10,224	8,489	9,718	**57,460**
		TOTAL	**33,995**	**25,461**	**21,938**	**29,254**	**34,014**	**54,374**	**29,396**	**13,197**	**241,632**
MRCA	**GOLD**	**MALE**	1,316	7,241	6,932	4,261	2,362	453	10	0	**22,575**
		FEMALE	542	1,348	1,217	774	351	51	0	0	**4,283**
		TOTAL	**1,858**	**8,589**	**8,149**	**5,035**	**2,713**	**504**	**10**	**0**	**26,858**
	WHITE	**MALE**	2,989	9,197	7,001	4,418	3,127	583	24	0	**27,339**
		FEMALE	1,008	2,072	1,454	858	399	64	0	0	**5,855**
		TOTAL	**3,997**	**11,269**	**8,455**	**5,276**	**3,526**	**647**	**24**	**0**	**33,194**
	TOTAL	**MALE**	4,305	16,438	13,933	8,679	5,489	1,036	34	0	**49,914**
		FEMALE	1,550	3,420	2,671	1,632	750	115	0	0	**10,138**
		TOTAL	**5,855**	**19,858**	**16,604**	**10,311**	**6,239**	**1,151**	**34**	**0**	**60,052**
DRCA	**WHITE**	**MALE**	0	5 or Fewer	308	615	405	830	543	109	**2,810 or Greater**
		FEMALE	0	5 or Fewer	110	183	86	61	19	0	**459 or Greater**
		TOTAL	**0**	**5 or Fewer**	**418**	**798**	**491**	**891**	**562**	**109**	**3,269 or Greater**
BNT/BCOF	**GOLD**	**MALE**	0	0	0	0	8	19	97	123	**247**
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	5 or Fewer	0	0	**5 or Fewer**
		TOTAL	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**19 or Greater**	**97**	**123**	**248**
SEATO	**GOLD**	**MALE**	0	0	0	0	0	5 or Fewer	26	6	**32 or Greater**
		FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	5 or Fewer	50	5 or Fewer	**57**
		TOTAL	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**5 or Fewer**	**76**	**6 or Greater**	**92**

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 03 JULY 2026

	Sex	Card	CONFLICTS - AUSTRALIAN FORCES											
			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	Total
Veterans	Male	Gold	0	472	5,398	30,179	869	7,278	9,655	5,294	7,519	2,015	21,282	**73,645**
		White	0	89	143	120	512	5,547	10,811	6,147	9,368	1,486	140,244	**161,370**
		Total	**0**	**561**	**5,541**	**30,299**	**1,381**	**12,825**	**20,466**	**11,441**	**16,887**	**3,501**	**161,526**	**235,015**
	Female	Gold	0	30	8	117	54	541	1,012	551	844	148	3,213	**5,379**
		White	0	31	54	354	32	567	1,347	712	1,505	220	31,108	**34,447**
		Total	**0**	**61**	**62**	**471**	**86**	**1,108**	**2,359**	**1,263**	**2,349**	**368**	**34,321**	**39,826**
	Total	Gold	0	502	5,406	30,296	923	7,819	10,667	5,845	8,363	2,163	24,495	**79,024**
		White	0	120	197	474	544	6,114	12,158	6,859	10,873	1,706	171,352	**195,817**
		Total	**0**	**622**	**5,603**	**30,770**	**1,467**	**13,933**	**22,825**	**12,704**	**19,236**	**3,869**	**195,847**	**274,841**
Dependants	Male	Gold	5 or Fewer	73	11	42	9	63	74	41	55	5 or Fewer	135	**425**
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
		Total	**5 or Fewer**	**73**	**11**	**42**	**9**	**63**	**74**	**41**	**55**	**5 or Fewer**	**135**	**425**
	Female	Gold	10	12,313	5,092	10,341	57	213	209	100	191	185	2,169	**28,202**
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
		Total	**10**	**12,313**	**5,092**	**10,341**	**57**	**213**	**209**	**100**	**191**	**185**	**2,169**	**28,202**
	Total	Gold	10 or Greater	12,386	5,103	10,383	66	276	283	141	246	185 or Greater	2,304	**28,627**
		White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
		Total	**10 or Greater**	**12,386**	**5,103**	**10,383**	**66**	**276**	**283**	**141**	**246**	**185 or Greater**	**2,304**	**28,627**
Total			**10 or Greater**	**13,008**	**10,706**	**41,153**	**1,533**	**14,209**	**23,108**	**12,845**	**19,482**	**4,054 or Greater**	**198,151**	**303,468**
			British Commonwealth and Allied veterans with a White card											**1,830**
Grand Total														**305,298**

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: VETERANS PRISONERS OF WAR, BY POW COUNTRY AND STATE WITH A GOLD CARD, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	OS	AUS
EUROPE										
JAPAN	Due to the low number of prisoners of war, this data is no longer published.									
KOREA										
TOTAL										

TABLE 8: DVA TREATMENT POPULATION COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIAN POPULATION BY AGE GROUP OVER 64 AND SEX, AS AT 03 JULY 2026

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	666,256	16,191	2.4%	721,709	3,546	0.5%	1,387,965	19,737	1.4%
70-74	567,034	15,713	2.8%	625,673	4,245	0.7%	1,192,707	19,958	1.7%
75-79	480,349	30,325	6.3%	530,871	6,158	1.2%	1,011,220	36,483	3.6%
80-84	298,918	15,820	5.3%	345,816	4,563	1.3%	644,734	20,383	3.2%
85 & over	244,702	9,504	3.9%	358,059	13,718	3.8%	602,761	23,222	3.9%
65 & over	2,257,259	87,553	3.9%	2,582,128	32,230	1.2%	4,839,387	119,783	2.5%
70 & over	1,591,003	71,362	4.5%	1,860,419	28,684	1.5%	3,451,422	100,046	2.9%
75 & over	1,023,969	55,649	5.4%	1,234,746	24,439	2.0%	2,258,715	80,088	3.5%
80 & over	543,620	25,324	4.7%	703,875	18,281	2.6%	1,247,495	43,605	3.5%
85 & over	244,702	9,504	3.9%	358,059	13,718	3.8%	602,761	23,222	3.9%

Source:

ABS - Quarterly Population Estimates (ERP), National, State and Territory Population - December 2025

TABLE 9: TREATMENT POPULATION TRENDS - ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS AS AT 03 JULY 2026

	ACTUALS														
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
CARD															
Gold	107,665	104,148	103,737	105,754	107,651	109,700	112,200	114,700	117,100	119,400	121,700	123,900	126,000	128,000	129,900
White	168,540	179,759	188,607	193,367	197,647	201,300	204,400	207,200	209,800	212,200	214,400	216,400	218,200	219,700	221,100
GENDER															
Male	191,963	205,180	214,206	223,343	230,708	236,500	241,800	246,700	251,100	255,000	258,500	261,600	264,300	266,700	268,900
Female	71,202	71,025	69,701	69,001	68,413	68,000	68,000	68,200	68,700	69,400	70,200	71,100	72,000	72,900	73,700
AVERAGE AGE															
Male	56	56	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55
Female	68	66	64	62	61	60	60	59	59	58	58	58	58	58	58
STATE															
NSW	84,562	86,076	87,912	89,716	91,678	93,300	94,900	96,300	97,700	99,000	100,200	101,400	102,400	103,400	104,200
Vic	42,029	42,753	43,995	44,752	45,689	46,400	47,100	47,800	48,500	49,100	49,600	50,200	50,700	51,200	51,600
Qld	87,809	91,301	94,728	97,311	99,421	101,300	103,200	104,900	106,600	108,200	109,800	111,200	112,500	113,700	114,900
SA	26,156	26,923	27,426	27,761	27,963	28,400	28,900	29,300	29,700	30,100	30,500	30,900	31,200	31,500	31,800
WA	26,807	27,834	28,921	29,902	30,592	31,300	32,000	32,600	33,200	33,700	34,200	34,600	35,000	35,300	35,600
Tas	8,842	9,020	9,362	9,679	9,955	10,300	10,600	10,900	11,200	11,500	11,800	12,100	12,300	12,600	12,800
Total	276,205	283,907	292,344	299,121	305,298	311,100	316,600	321,900	326,900	331,600	336,100	340,300	344,100	347,700	351,000

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 2026 are actual.

TABLE 9: TREATMENT POPULATION TRENDS - ACTUAL AND PROJECTIONS AS AT 03 July 2026 (Continuation)

	ACTUALS					PROJECTIONS									
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
GOLD AND WHITE CARDS															
AGE GROUP															
<55	118,838	126,602	133,293	138,289	142,740	146,500	150,200	154,100	158,100	161,900	165,400	168,800	172,000	175,100	177,900
55-59	17,532	18,110	19,209	20,432	21,757	22,800	23,400	23,100	22,300	21,500	20,800	20,500	20,700	21,300	22,100
60-64	17,789	19,349	20,520	21,084	21,015	21,200	21,400	22,200	23,400	24,800	25,900	26,400	26,000	25,000	23,900
65-69	16,668	16,968	17,901	18,612	19,737	20,700	22,100	22,800	23,200	23,100	23,300	23,600	24,400	25,700	27,100
70-74	30,552	27,050	23,678	21,939	19,958	19,000	19,100	19,700	20,200	21,200	22,000	23,200	23,800	24,200	24,100
75-79	27,049	32,774	37,737	37,683	36,483	33,100	29,200	25,300	23,200	21,000	19,800	19,600	20,000	20,400	21,100
80-84	12,109	11,833	12,030	15,672	20,383	25,800	30,700	34,600	34,400	33,500	30,800	27,400	23,900	21,800	19,600
85-89	10,986	10,520	10,364	10,135	9,782	9,600	9,300	9,500	12,200	15,400	19,200	22,500	25,100	24,900	24,400
90+	24,682	20,701	17,612	15,275	13,443	12,300	11,300	10,500	9,900	9,300	8,800	8,400	8,200	9,400	10,800
Total	276,205	283,907	292,344	299,121	305,298	311,100	316,600	321,900	326,900	331,600	336,100	340,300	344,100	347,700	351,000
GOLD CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	10,163	12,004	15,068	19,745	23,237	26,700	30,100	33,500	36,800	39,800	42,700	45,300	47,800	50,200	52,400
55-59	3,174	3,307	3,781	4,314	5,098	5,700	6,200	6,400	6,500	6,600	6,700	6,900	7,400	8,000	8,700
60-64	4,264	4,513	4,819	5,124	5,474	5,800	6,000	6,500	7,100	7,700	8,300	8,700	8,800	8,700	8,600
65-69	5,931	5,591	5,676	5,707	6,068	6,400	6,900	7,200	7,400	7,500	7,800	7,900	8,300	8,900	9,500
70-74	20,585	16,037	12,241	10,137	8,870	8,000	7,600	7,600	7,500	7,800	8,000	8,500	8,800	8,900	8,900
75-79	21,953	25,877	28,716	27,326	24,465	20,300	16,300	12,900	11,000	9,700	8,700	8,200	8,000	7,900	8,000
80-84	9,530	9,393	9,549	12,321	15,611	19,500	22,800	25,100	24,000	21,900	18,600	15,400	12,600	10,800	9,500
85-89	8,673	7,869	7,549	7,302	7,132	7,100	7,100	7,300	9,400	11,700	14,600	16,800	18,300	17,600	16,200
90+	23,392	19,557	16,338	13,778	11,696	10,200	9,000	8,100	7,400	6,800	6,400	6,100	6,000	7,000	8,100
Total	107,665	104,148	103,737	105,754	107,651	109,700	112,200	114,700	117,100	119,400	121,700	123,900	126,000	128,000	129,900
WHITE CARD															
AGE GROUP															
<55	108,675	114,598	118,225	118,544	119,503	119,800	120,100	120,600	121,300	122,100	122,700	123,400	124,100	124,800	125,500
55-59	14,358	14,803	15,428	16,118	16,659	17,200	17,200	16,700	15,800	14,900	14,100	13,600	13,300	13,300	13,400
60-64	13,525	14,836	15,701	15,960	15,541	15,400	15,400	15,700	16,400	17,100	17,600	17,700	17,200	16,300	15,300
65-69	10,737	11,377	12,225	12,905	13,669	14,300	15,100	15,600	15,800	15,600	15,600	15,700	16,100	16,800	17,600
70-74	9,967	11,013	11,437	11,802	11,088	11,000	11,500	12,100	12,700	13,400	14,000	14,700	15,100	15,300	15,200
75-79	5,096	6,897	9,021	10,357	12,018	12,800	12,800	12,400	12,300	11,400	11,100	11,400	12,000	12,500	13,100
80-84	2,579	2,440	2,481	3,351	4,772	6,300	7,900	9,500	10,400	11,600	12,200	12,000	11,300	11,000	10,100
85-89	2,313	2,651	2,815	2,833	2,650	2,400	2,200	2,100	2,700	3,700	4,700	5,700	6,800	7,300	8,200
90+	1,290	1,144	1,274	1,497	1,747	2,000	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,300	2,200	2,400	2,800
Total	168,540	179,759	188,607	193,367	197,647	201,300	204,400	207,200	209,800	212,200	214,400	216,400	218,200	219,700	221,100