

Table 8A.16 **Deaths from apparent unnatural causes, all prisoners, number and rate per 100 prisoners (a)**


	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Deaths from apparent unnatural causes										
All prisoners										
Number										
2021-22	no.	9	1	–	2	1	2	1	1	17
2020-21	no.	12	2	4	6	–	–	–	–	24
2019-20	no.	9	3	5	1	–	–	–	2	20
2018-19	no.	11	6	4	5	–	1	–	–	27
2017-18	no.	9	6	2	–	1	–	–	1	19
2016-17	no.	12	4	1	2	–	–	1	1	21
2015-16	no.	6	1	3	6	2	–	1	1	20
2014-15	no.	2	3	3	3	4	2	–	–	17
2013-14	no.	4	–	3	5	2	–	1	1	16
2012-13	no.	8	3	3	2	–	–	–	–	16
Rate per 100 prisoners										
2021-22	rate	0.07	0.01	–	0.03	0.03	0.31	0.26	0.05	0.04
2020-21	rate	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.09	–	–	–	–	0.06
2019-20	rate	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.01	–	–	–	0.12	0.05
2018-19	rate	0.08	0.07	0.04	0.07	–	0.15	–	–	0.06
2017-18	rate	0.07	0.08	0.02	–	0.03	–	–	0.06	0.05
2016-17	rate	0.09	0.06	0.01	0.03	–	–	0.22	0.06	0.05
2015-16	rate	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.10	0.07	–	0.25	0.06	0.05
2014-15	rate	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.15	0.43	–	–	0.05
2013-14	rate	0.04	–	0.04	0.10	0.08	–	0.30	0.07	0.05
2012-13	rate	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.04	–	–	–	–	0.05

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Source: State and Territory governments (unpublished).

Table 8A.17 **Deaths from apparent unnatural causes by Indigenous status, number and rate per 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander/non-Indigenous prisoners (a)**

	<i>Unit</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Deaths from apparent unnatural causes										
Number										
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners										
2021-22	no.	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	5
2020-21	no.	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
2019-20	no.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2018-19	no.	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
2017-18	no.	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2016-17	no.	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	1	4
2015-16	no.	1	—	1	3	—	—	1	—	6
2014-15	no.	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	4
2013-14	no.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
2012-13	no.	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Non-Indigenous prisoners (b)										
2021-22	no.	7	1	—	1	—	2	1	—	12
2020-21	no.	12	2	4	3	—	—	—	—	21
2019-20	no.	8	3	5	1	—	—	—	2	19
2018-19	no.	10	6	4	4	—	1	—	—	25
2017-18	no.	7	5	2	—	1	—	—	1	16
2016-17	no.	12	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	17
2015-16	no.	5	1	2	3	2	—	—	1	14
2014-15	no.	2	3	1	2	3	2	—	—	13
2013-14	no.	4	—	2	5	2	—	1	1	15
2012-13	no.	8	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	15

Rate per 100 prisoners

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners										
2021-22	rate	0.06	–	–	0.04	0.14	–	–	0.06	0.04
2020-21	rate	–	–	–	0.11	–	–	–	–	0.02
2019-20	rate	0.03	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.01
2018-19	rate	0.03	–	–	0.04	–	–	–	–	0.02
2017-18	rate	0.06	0.16	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.03
2016-17	rate	–	–	0.04	0.08	–	–	–	0.07	0.04
2015-16	rate	0.03	–	0.04	0.14	–	–	1.09	–	0.06
2014-15	rate	–	–	0.09	0.05	0.17	–	–	–	0.04
2013-14	rate	–	–	0.05	–	–	–	–	–	0.01
2012-13	rate	–	–	–	0.05	–	–	–	–	0.01
Non-Indigenous prisoners (b)										
2021-22	rate	0.08	0.02	–	0.03	–	0.42	0.35	–	0.04
2020-21	rate	0.13	0.03	0.06	0.08	–	–	–	–	0.07
2019-20	rate	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.02	–	–	–	0.68	0.06
2018-19	rate	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.09	–	0.19	–	–	0.08
2017-18	rate	0.07	0.08	0.03	–	0.04	–	–	0.36	0.05
2016-17	rate	0.12	0.06	–	–	–	–	0.29	–	0.06
2015-16	rate	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.09	–	–	0.37	0.05
2014-15	rate	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.15	0.51	–	–	0.05
2013-14	rate	0.05	–	0.04	0.17	0.11	–	0.38	0.49	0.06
2012-13	rate	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.03	–	–	–	–	0.07

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(b) Includes deaths where Indigenous status was unknown.

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