AUSTRALIA

Population: 23 050 471

Gross national income per capita: US$ 59 790

Income group: High

Income inequality: –

ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE

National action plans

Interpersonal violence YES
Youth violence YES
Sexual violence YES

Firearms

Laws to regulate civilian access YES
Mandatory background check YES
Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons YES
Carrying firearms in public YES
Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use YES

National social and educational policies

Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling YES
Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty YES

Alcohol

Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol) 12.2
Patterns of drinking score LEAST RISKY
Excise taxes Beer: YES
Wine: NO
Spirits: YES

LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

Child maltreatment laws

Legal age of marriage (male/female) 18 / 18
Against child marriage YES
Against statutory rape YES
Against female genital mutilation YES
Ban on corporal punishment (all settings) YES

Youth violence laws

Against weapons on school premises YES
Against gang or criminal group membership YES

Intimate partner violence laws

Against rape in marriage YES
Allowing removal of violent spouse from home YES

Sexual violence laws

Against rape YES
Against contact sexual violence without rape YES
Against non-contact sexual violence YES

Elder abuse laws

Against elder abuse YES
Against elder abuse in institutions YES

VICTIM LAWS

Providing for victim compensation YES
Providing for victim legal representation YES

VICTIM SERVICES

Adult protective services YES
Child protection services YES
Medico-legal services for sexual violence YES
Mental health services YES

DATA ON VIOLENCE

National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence

Child maltreatment YES
Youth violence YES
Intimate partner violence YES
Sexual violence YES
Elder abuse YES

Mechanism of homicide

Firearm 17%
Sharp force 33%
Blunt force 1%
Other 46%
Unknown 3%

Reported homicides (2011) N= 244, Rate= 1.1/100 000 (64.3% M, 35.7% F)

Sources: Mechanism: Police/ Reported homicides: Police

Trends in homicides

Rate per 100 000 population


Unknown 3% Subnational.

Homicides classified as committed without a weapon are included in "other".