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Introduction

This publication presents data about firearms deaths and violent deaths, and examines some of the trends that stretch back as far as eighty years.

Homicide has the highest potential to cause fear in the general population. It is the most serious offence against the person under Australian law. In its more shocking forms it preoccupies our media, and gives rise to general public concern. The incidence of homicide is considered as the best measure of the level of violence prevailing in any society.

Causes of death statistics revealed that there were 332 victims of homicide in the calendar year 1994 (Australian Bureau of Statistics 1995) which corresponded to a rate of 1.86 victims per 100 000 total population and that firearms were involved in nearly one-quarter of the homicide deaths recorded in 1994; that is about every fourth day one person is killed by another, with the use of a firearm.

Homicide victims were much more likely to be attacked in a residential setting than in a public place, and in three out of ten residential homicides firearms were used, compared with a firearm being used in two out of ten street/open area homicides. Not only is the home more dangerous than the street from a homicide risk perspective, the chances of a firearm being used in the home are much higher than on the street.

Suicide, however, accounts for the largest number of violent deaths in Australia. During the year 1994, there were 2258 deaths caused by suicide, of which approximately one in five (420) involved firearms. For every murder or manslaughter where a firearm was used, there were five suicides perpetrated by using a firearm. There was a suicide death by firearm every day of the year. Suicide by firearm is rare among females, but high among males. The rate of suicide by firearm outside capital cities is almost four times that in capital cities. The highest rate of firearm suicide in Australia is found among men over the age of 60.

Gun massacres are not new to Australia. There have been 24 known mass killings between 1987 and mid-1996, resulting in 128 deaths (see Table 1.2). On average, 13 persons have died in multiple firearm killings every year during this period—an average of 5.3 deaths per incident. The first half of 1996 has seen two mass killings, one in Brisbane and the other in Tasmania, and these have added 42 people to our death statistics. Recent tragic events such as these and especially the Port Arthur massacre have re-ignited the debate on gun control, and the issues

have been debated vigorously. Informed discussion leading to policies and regulations on gun control requires good statistical data.

From 1997, the Australian Institute of Criminology will extend its national data base on homicide incidents. It will report regularly to the Australasian Police Ministers' Council identifying variables relating to weapons and instruments used in homicide, and will also report on detailed socio-demographic variables. In addition, reports will include details of other firearms deaths and accidents.

The Data Management and Analysis Program within the Australian Institute of Criminology disseminates and analyses statistical information on crime and the criminal justice system. This publication presents statistics on firearms and violent death in Australia collated from a number of sources including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Police Service Annual Reports, and the Australian Institute of Criminology's National Homicide Monitoring program. Its aim is to assist in the better understanding of the relationship between use of firearms and violent death in Australia.

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Director

October 1996

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Trends in Violent Death and Firearms, 1915-94

Violent Deaths & Firearms

Each year in Australia hundreds of suicides and homicides are committed with firearms and a number of firearm-related accidental deaths occur.

- In 1994 a firearm was used in one in four homicides and one in five suicides.
- Less than one in 25 firearm-related deaths are accidents.

For homicide and suicide, Table 1.1 shows the total numbers of deaths and the number and percentage of these caused by firearms. It also shows the number of accidental deaths involving a firearm.

Table 1.1
AUSTRALIA, Violent Deaths and Use of Firearms, 1915-94
(Quinquennial Data up to 1985, annual data thereafter)

Year	Homicide			Suicide			Accidents	Total Firearm Deaths ¹
	Total	By Firearm	% Firearm	Total	By Firearm	% Firearm	By Firearm	
1915	91	26	28.6	658	201	30.5	111	338
1920	113	33	29.2	636	198	31.1	135	366
1925	83	16	19.3	700	174	24.9	106	296
1930	103	44	42.7	943	246	26.1	140	430
1935	106	41	38.7	791	209	26.4	92	342
1940	96	41	42.7	732	224	30.6	87	352
1945	77	27	35.1	567	124	21.9	62	213
1950	85	13	15.3	760	188	24.7	89	290
1955	129	38	29.5	946	273	28.9	106	417
1960	151	51	33.8	1092	283	25.9	101	435
1965	162	57	35.2	1683	331	19.7	94	482
1970	190	71	37.4	1551	400	25.8	53	524
1975	224	88	39.3	1528	398	26.0	55	541
1980	280	112	40.0	1607	517	32.2	62	691
1985	314	99	31.5	1826	552	30.2	35	686
1986	314	101	32.2	1982	549	27.7	28	678
1987	319	97	30.4	2240	572	25.5	27	696
1988	395	124	31.4	2197	521	23.7	30	675
1989	319	80	25.1	2096	451	21.5	19	550
1990	385	79	20.5	2161	488	22.6	30	597
1991	354	84	23.7	2360	510	21.6	29	623
1992	319	96	30.1	2294	490	21.4	24	610
1993	326	64	19.6	2081	435	20.9	18	517
1994	332	79	23.8	2258	420	18.6	20	519

1. Figures do not include deaths by firearm used in legal intervention and a few unknown causes.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death*, annual, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra.

Violent Deaths: Absolute Numbers

Homicide

- The total number of homicides increased by an average of 1.6 per cent each year during the period from 1915 to 1994. This is the same increase as the rate of population growth over this period. Homicides where a firearm was used increased by an average 1.4 per cent a year over the 80 years from 1915 to 1994 (*see* Table 1.1 and Figure 1.1).
- The percentage of homicides committed with firearm has varied between 15.3 per cent (1950) and 44 per cent (1968) (*see* Figure 1.2). The average percentage of homicide deaths involving the use of firearms is 30.6 per cent a year for the period from 1915 to 1994.

Suicide

- The total number of suicides increased at an average 1.5 per cent a year for the period from 1915 to 1994. The number of suicides where a firearm was used increased by 0.9 per cent each year (*see* Table 1.1 and Figure 1.1).
- The percentage of suicides involving the use of firearms varied between 32.2 per cent (1980) and 18.6 per cent (1994) (*see* Figure 1.2). The average percentage of firearm suicide deaths is 25.3 per cent a year for the period from 1915 to 1994.

Accidental Death

- The number of accidental deaths caused by firearms has decreased by an average 2.1 per cent a year during the period from 1915 to 1994.

Figure 1.1
AUSTRALIA, Number of Firearm-Related Homicides and Suicide 1915-94

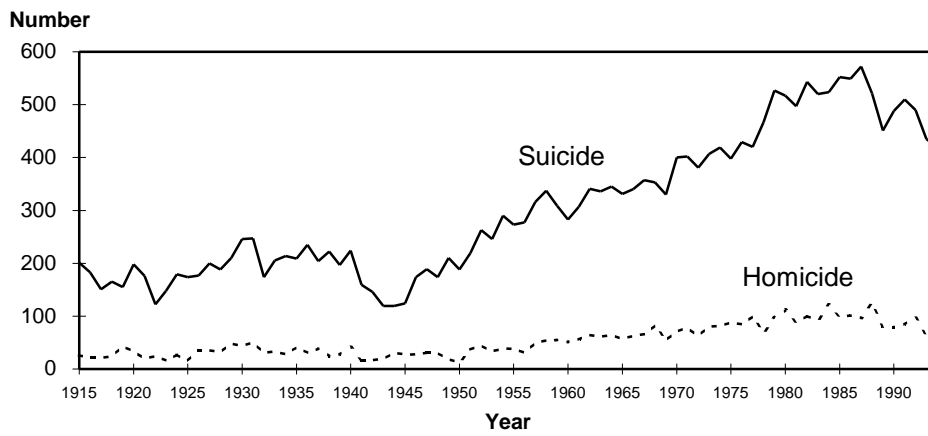
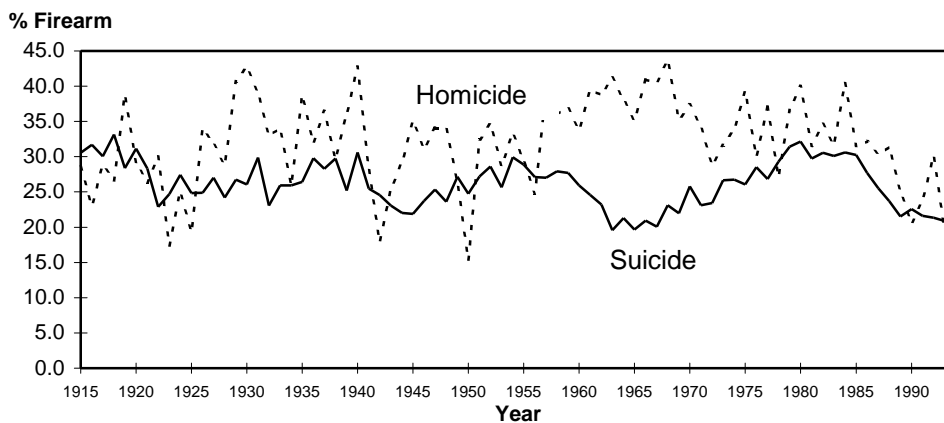


Figure 1.2
AUSTRALIA, Percentage of Homicides and Suicides Caused by Firearm 1915-94



Data on the number of fatal incidents relating to the use of firearms needs to be viewed against the backdrop of population growth. Adjustment of the number of violent deaths by the growth in the Australian population leads to calculation of rates for homicides, suicides and accidents. Using these rates, the main characteristics of the long-term trends of each of these three causes of death have been determined as follows.

Violent Deaths: Rate per 100 000 Population

Homicide

Homicide is considered by scholars and researchers to be the most reliable indicator of the level of violence in a society. The number of homicides in Australia has remained fairly low during the period from 1915 to 1994. Figure 1.3 shows the rate of homicide per 100 000 total population and the rate of homicide where a firearm was used per 100 000 total population.

- The average total homicide rate per year for the period from 1915 to 1994 was 1.6 per 100 000 total population; whereas the average rate for homicide by firearm was 0.5 per 100 000 total population during the same period.
- The total homicide rate decreased over the period from 1915 to 1940, and remained relatively stable during the 10 years from 1941 to 1950. Since 1951, the total homicide rate has come back to the levels that existed in the early part of this century.
- The temporal behaviour of the rate of homicide by firearm mirrors that of the total homicide rate.

Suicide

Suicide accounts for the largest number of firearm deaths in Australia. During 1994, there were 2258 deaths caused by suicide, of which approximately one in five involved firearms. There were about seven suicides for every homicide in Australia during 1994. Figure 1.4 shows the total number of suicides per 100 000 total population and the number of suicides where a firearm was used for the period from 1915 to 1994.

- The total suicide rate remained fairly stable during the period from 1915 to 1950. It showed an upward trend during the period from 1951 to 1967. From 1968 onwards the total suicide rate has declined and has reached the levels that existed in the early part of this century.
- The rate of suicide by firearm followed the same pattern as the rate of total suicide until about 1960. Since then, it has behaved differently from that of the rate of total suicide. The rate of suicide by firearm remained relatively stable from 1961 until about 1978 when it began to increase but then became stable until about 1987. The rate of suicide by firearm has declined since 1988.

Accident

Death can also result from accidents where the agent is a firearm. Figure 1.5 shows the rate of accidental deaths caused by firearms during the period 1915 to 1994.

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Figure 1.3
*AUSTRALIA, Total Homicide and Homicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1915-94*

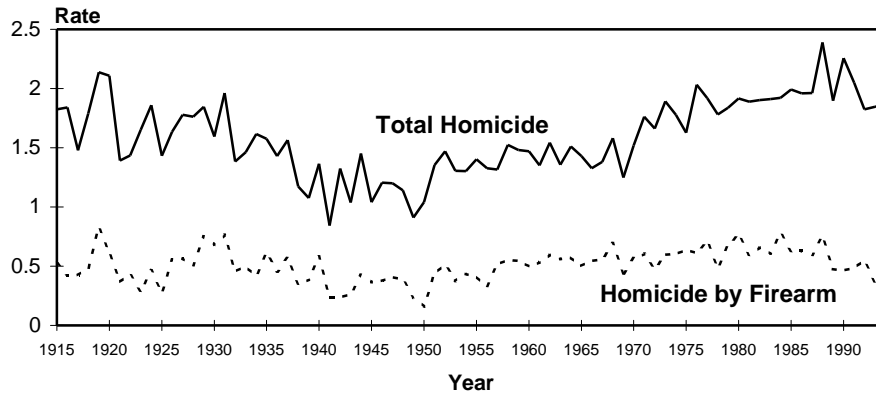


Figure 1.4
*AUSTRALIA, Total Suicide and Suicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1915-94*

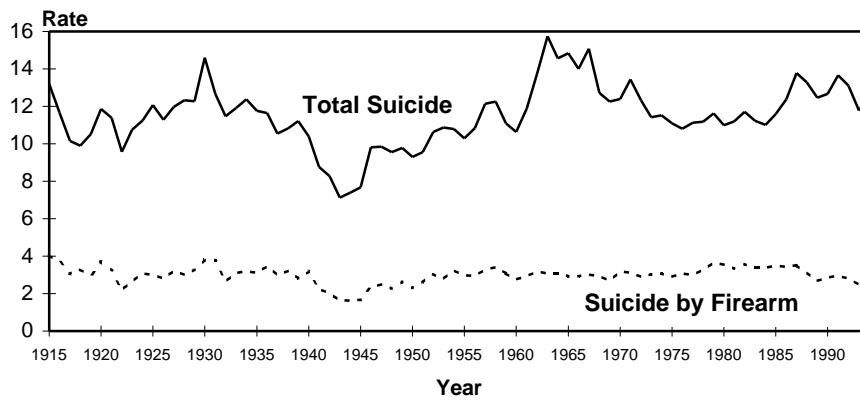
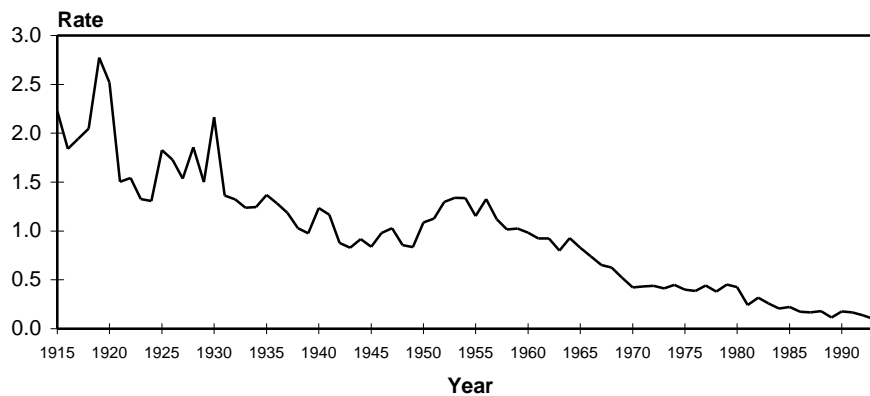


Figure 1.5
*AUSTRALIA, Accidental Deaths by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1915-94*



Multiple Killings committed with a Firearm

A number of homicide incidents in Australia have involved multiple killings. A multiple killing is defined as any incident where two or more persons are murdered. According to available literature, there have been 24 multiple killings by firearm between 1987 and 1996. These resulted in 128 deaths. Multiple killings which have been recorded for the period 1987 to 28 April 1996 are as follows:

Table 1.2
*AUSTRALIA, Recorded Multiple Killings,
1987 - 28 April 1996*

Year	Incidents	Deaths
1987	6	32
1988	1	3
1989	3	7
1990	4	11
1991	2	10
1992	5	20
1993	1	3
1994	0	0
1995	0	0
1996 ¹	2	42
Total	24	128

1. Up to and including 28 April

Sources: Crook J. & Harding A. 1994, *Gun Massacres in Australia. The Case for Gun Control*, 2nd edn, Gun Control Australia Inc., Chelsea, Vic.; Parliamentary Research Service 1996, *After Port Arthur—Issues of Gun Control in Australia*. Current Issues Brief No. 16 1995-1996.

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Australian Institute of Criminology, National Homicide Monitoring Program, 1989-90 to 1992-93

Note:

Since 1990 the National Homicide Monitoring Program has been collecting information about the characteristics of homicide incidents, victims and offenders. The development of long data sets gives a unique understanding of the characteristics of homicide incidents, perpetrators and victims.

Incidents included in the Monitoring Program are gathered from the reports on each homicide coming to attention of the Police that are available at the date of collection. Therefore, the number of homicides recorded in this database differs slightly from data in published police annual reports which include later revisions (see Chapter 3).

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Number of Incidents, Victims and Accused Persons (see Figure 2.1).

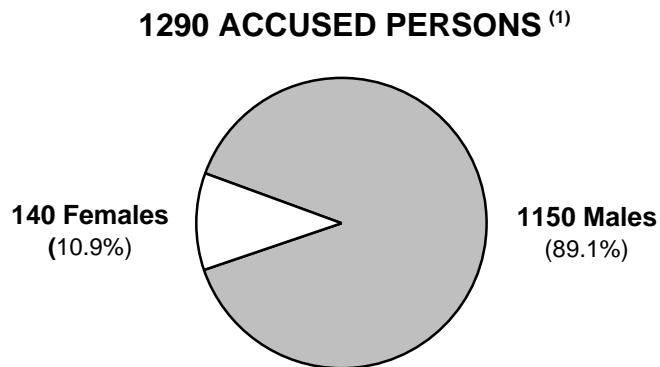
- From July 1989 to June 1993, there were 1267 homicide incidents in Australia 22.8 per cent of these involved firearms.
- There were 1367 victims associated with these incidents, of whom 532 (38.9 per cent) were female and 835 (61.1 per cent) were male.
- Gender was known for 1290 of the 1484 accused persons. Of these, 140 (10.9 per cent) were female and 1150 (89.1 per cent) were male.

Homicide, like other violent offences, is committed predominantly by males; indeed the data indicate that males are more than 8 times likely as females to commit homicide.

Victim-Accused Relationship and Use of Firearms (see Figures 2.2 and 2.3).

- Just under one-third of homicide incidents for the four-year period took place within the family. One-third of these were committed with a firearm.
- Homicides between friends and acquaintances accounted for another one-third of all incidents. One-fifth of these were firearm related.
- Over 11 per cent of all homicides for the four-year period where the offender was identified, were stranger homicides. One-tenth of these deaths were committed with a firearm. This is likely to be an underestimate because a greater proportion of unsolved homicides are likely to have been committed by strangers.

Figure 2.1
Australian Institute of Criminology National Homicide Monitoring Program
Number of Victims and Number of Accused Persons, Gender
1989-90 to 1992-93



⁽¹⁾ There were an additional 194 accused persons whose gender was not recorded at time of data collection.

Figure 2.2
Australian Institute of Criminology National Homicide Monitoring Program
Victim-Accused Relationship
1989-90 to 1992-93

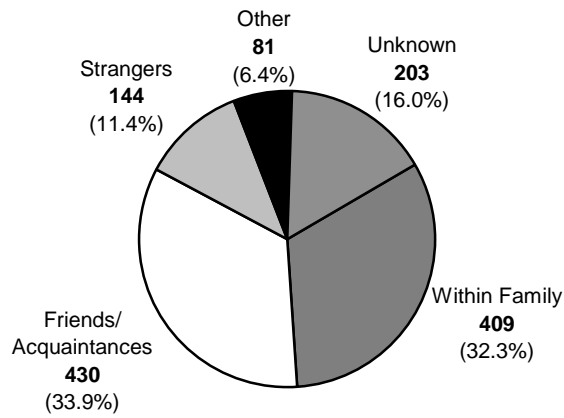
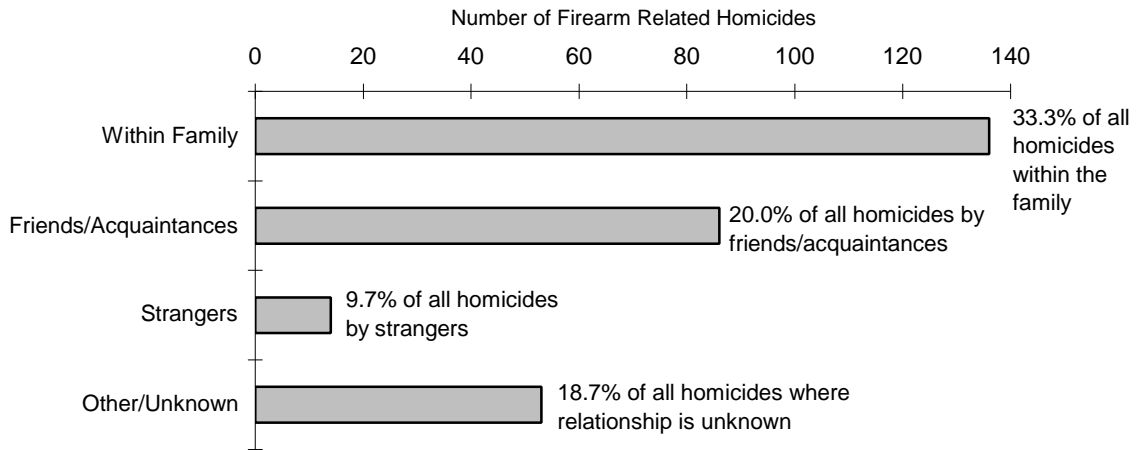


Figure 2.3
Australian Institute of Criminology National Homicide Monitoring Program
Firearm-related homicides (n=289) by Victim-Accused Relationship

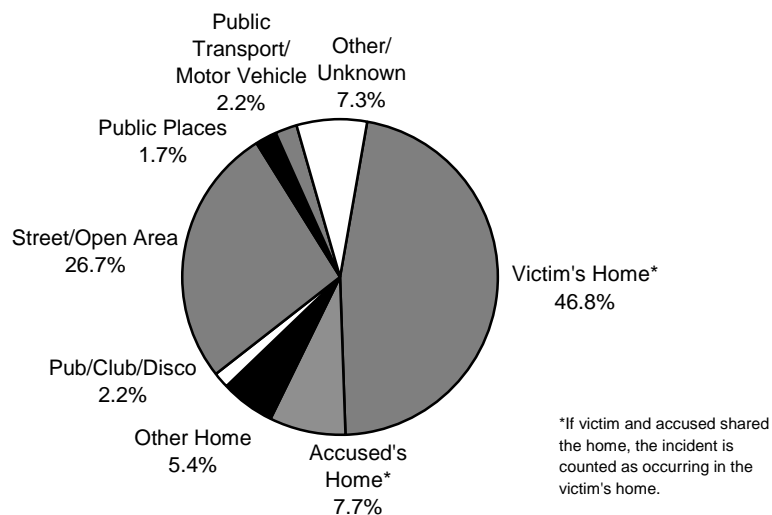


Place of Occurrence and Use of Firearms

- Six out of ten of the 1267 homicide incidents recorded for the period from 1989 to 1993 occurred in a residential location (*see* Figure 2.4).
- 593 (46.8 per cent) occurred in the victim's home; 98 (7.7 per cent) occurred in the accused's home; and 68 (5.4 per cent) occurred in other residential locations (*see* Figure 2.5).
- About one-third of the homicides that occurred in the victim's home or in the accused's home were committed with a firearm. A firearm was used in almost one-sixth of the homicides occurring in other residential locations.
- There were 338 (26.7 per cent) homicide incidents that occurred in the street and other open areas (for example, the bush, public park, car park). A firearm was used in one-fifth of these cases.
- Pubs, clubs and discos accounted for 28 (2.2 per cent) of the homicides. About one-third of these cases involved firearms.
- 22 (1.7 per cent) of the homicide incidents occurred in other public places (for example, shop, shopping mall) with 45 per cent of these involving use of firearms. 28 (2.2 per cent) incidents occurred in public transport or other motor vehicle and a firearm was used in one-third of them.

Figure 2.4

*Australian Institute of Criminology National Homicide Monitoring Program
Place of Occurrence of Homicide
1989-90 to 1992-93*



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Homicide Reported to the
Police,
1975-76 to 1994-95

Table 3.1
AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES, Number of Homicides¹ reported to Police, Rate per 100000 Population, 1975-76 to 1994-95
(N= number, R= rate)

	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	88-89	89-90	90-91	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95
New South Wales																				
N	104	103	108	115	109	110	122	124	122	112	112	110	117	120	134	128	113	116	117	112
R	2.12	2.08	2.16	2.26	2.12	2.10	2.30	2.32	2.26	2.05	2.02	1.96	2.05	2.08	2.30	2.17	1.90	1.93	1.93	1.83
Victoria																				
N	49	54	68	51	90	56	68	71	68	79	71	77	109	79	80	81	62	62	64	79
R	1.31	1.43	1.78	1.32	2.32	1.42	1.70	1.76	1.67	1.92	1.71	1.83	2.56	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.39	1.39	1.43	1.75
Queensland																				
N	53	61	43	42	40	40	42	46	53	44	76	63	75	68	71	60	70	75	56	52
R	2.51	2.85	1.98	1.91	1.78	1.71	1.73	1.85	2.10	1.71	2.90	2.36	2.74	2.40	2.45	2.03	2.31	2.41	1.75	1.59
Western Australia																				
N	18	32	19	33	26	20	27	20	29	30	29	26	30	31	28	24	37	46	37	50
R	1.54	2.67	1.55	2.66	2.06	1.54	2.02	1.46	2.08	2.11	1.99	1.74	1.95	1.96	1.74	1.47	2.23	2.74	2.17	2.89
South Australia																				
N	32	31	37	27	30	16	23	19	21	18	20	14	13	18	21	25	31	29	29	32
R	2.54	2.43	2.86	2.09	2.31	1.21	1.73	1.41	1.54	1.31	1.45	1.01	0.93	1.27	1.47	1.73	2.13	1.98	1.97	2.17
Tasmania																				
N	7	9	8	6	9	7	5	9	6	5	16	6	6	1	7	5	11	6	4	4
R	1.72	2.19	1.93	1.44	2.13	1.64	1.16	2.08	1.37	1.13	3.58	1.34	1.33	0.22	1.51	1.07	2.34	1.27	0.85	0.85
Northern Territory																				
N	22	24	20	9	19	16	16	27	24	18	18	25	25	28	23	31	20	18	24	24
R	21.7	22.7	17.9	7.76	15.6	13.1	12.3	19.9	16.9	12.1	11.7	15.8	15.7	17.4	14.1	18.7	12.0	10.6	14.0	13.8
Australian Capital Territory																				
N	1	3	3	2	-	n/a	2	2	9	2	2	3	4	5	-	3	1	1	2	4
R	0.49	1.44	1.40	0.90	-	n/a	0.86	0.84	3.67	0.80	0.77	1.13	1.47	1.81	-	1.04	0.34	0.34	0.66	1.32
Australia																				
N	286	317	306	285	323	265	305	318	332	308	344	324	379	350	364	357	345	353	333	357
R	2.06	2.25	2.15	1.98	2.21	1.80	2.01	2.07	2.13	1.95	2.15	1.99	2.29	2.08	2.13	2.07	1.97	2.00	1.87	1.98

1. Murder, manslaughter (not by driving), infanticide. Data in this set do not include attempts unless otherwise stated.

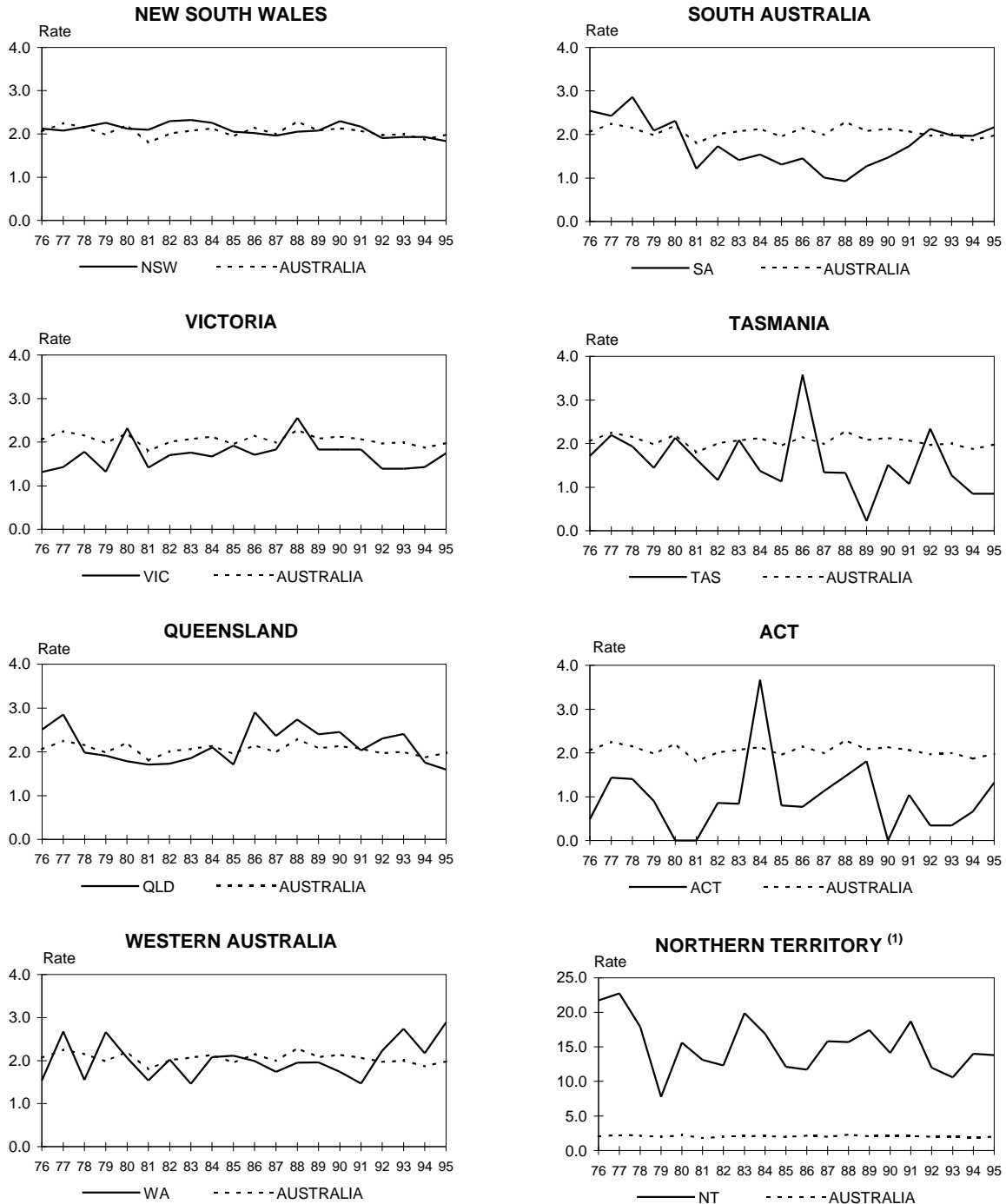
Notes:

New South Wales 1989-90 to 1993-94 data are calendar year count (1990 to 1994); 1994-95 are counts of recorded victims, not criminal incidents and are financial year count. South Australia 1973-74 to 1977-78 data include attempted murder. Western Australia 1991-92 data are calendar year count 1992. Northern Territory 1976-77 data include manslaughter by driving.

Sources: State and Territory Police *Annual Reports*; *New South Wales Recorded Crime Statistics* 1992, 1994 and 1995; WA data provided by Crime Research Centre, Western Australia.

- The number of homicides reported to the police per 100 000 total population has remained relatively stable during the twenty-year period from 1975-76 to 1994-95 (see Table 3.1).
- For Australia, the homicide rate has oscillated between a low of 1.80 in 1980-81 and a high of 2.29 in 1987-88.
- Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory have generally tended to experience homicide rates below the national average.

Figure 3.1
AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES,
Homicide reported to Police per 100 000 Population, 1975-76 to 1994-95



1. Note that homicide rates for the Northern Territory are higher than for the other jurisdictions, and therefore they have been drawn on a different scale.

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**Deaths caused by
Firearms,
Australia, 1983-94**

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Table 4.1
AUSTRALIA, Deaths Caused by Firearms
Number and Rate per 100 000 population, 1983-94

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	33	28	29	27	21	26	18	28	28	23	16	15
	Females	7	4	6	1	6	4	1	2	1	1	2	5
	Total	40	32	35	28	27	30	19	30	29	24	18	20
Suicide	Males	485	478	507	508	534	489	421	456	487	464	418	400
	Females	35	46	45	41	38	32	30	32	23	26	17	20
	Total	520	524	552	549	572	521	451	488	510	490	435	420
Assault ⁽¹⁾	Males	59	77	69	64	55	79	60	45	46	62	42	51
	Females	34	44	30	37	42	45	20	34	38	34	22	28
	Total	93	121	99	101	97	124	80	79	84	96	64	79
Legal Interv.	Males	4	5	4	4	7	4	7	4	6	7	3	6
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1
	Total	4	5	4	4	7	4	7	4	6	14	3	7
Unknown	Males	5	6	19	12	10	16	15	15	4	7	6	0
	Females	1	1	5	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Total	6	7	24	15	10	17	15	16	5	7	6	0
Total Males		586	594	628	615	627	614	521	548	571	563	485	472
Total Females		77	95	86	82	86	82	51	69	63	68	41	54
Total Persons		663	689	714	697	713	696	572	617	634	631	526	526
		Rate per 100 000 Population											
Accident	Males	0.43	0.36	0.37	0.34	0.26	0.31	0.21	0.33	0.32	0.26	0.18	0.17
	Females	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.01	0.07	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.06
	Total	0.26	0.21	0.22	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.11	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.10	0.11
Suicide	Males	6.31	6.15	6.43	6.35	6.58	5.92	5.01	5.34	5.65	5.33	4.75	4.51
	Females	0.45	0.59	0.57	0.51	0.47	0.39	0.36	0.37	0.27	0.30	0.19	0.22
	Total	3.38	3.36	3.50	3.43	3.52	3.15	2.68	2.86	2.95	2.80	2.46	2.35
Assault ¹	Males	0.77	0.99	0.88	0.80	0.68	0.96	0.71	0.53	0.53	0.71	0.48	0.57
	Females	0.44	0.56	0.38	0.46	0.52	0.54	0.24	0.40	0.44	0.39	0.25	0.31
	Total	0.60	0.78	0.63	0.63	0.60	0.75	0.48	0.46	0.49	0.55	0.36	0.44
Legal Interv.	Males	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.03	0.07
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.01
	Total	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.04
Unknown	Males	0.07	0.08	0.24	0.15	0.12	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.00
	Females	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.04	0.04	0.15	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.00
Total Males		7.62	7.64	7.97	7.69	7.73	7.44	6.20	6.42	6.63	6.46	5.51	5.31
Total Females		1.00	1.22	1.09	1.02	1.06	0.99	0.61	0.81	0.73	0.78	0.46	0.60
Total Persons		4.31	4.42	4.52	4.35	4.39	4.21	3.40	3.61	3.67	3.61	2.98	2.95

1. Assault resulting in death.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death*, ABS, Canberra.

As can be seen from Table 4.2 and Figures 4.1 and 4.2:

- The victims of 9 out of 10 firearm-related deaths are male.
- 85 per cent of all firearm-related deaths among males are suicides.
- In 1994, 8 times more males died of self-inflicted firearm injury than by firearm-related homicide.

For every female that used a firearm to commit suicide in 1994, 20 males used a firearm to commit suicide.

Whereas one-tenth of firearms deaths among males in 1994 were homicides, one-half of firearm deaths among females were homicides.

Table 4.2
*AUSTRALIA, Percentage of Firearm-Related Deaths
in relation to Gender of Victim, 1983, 1988, 1994*

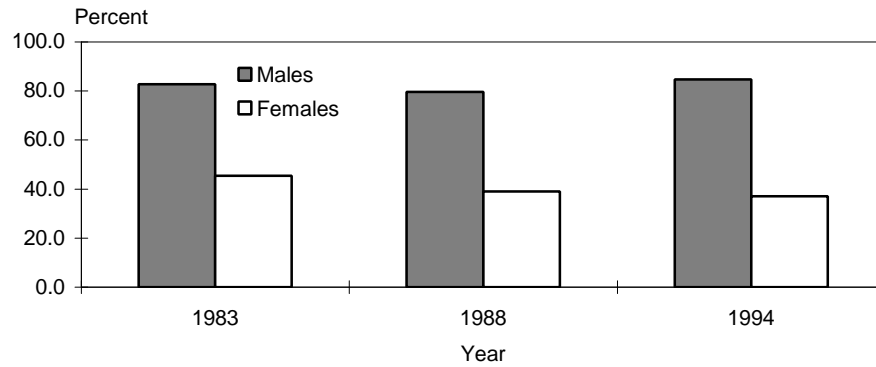
	Accident		Suicide		Homicide ¹		Other		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Males										
1983	33	5.6	485	82.8	59	10.1	9	1.5	586	100.0
1988	26	4.2	489	79.6	79	12.9	20	3.3	614	100.0
1994	15	3.2	400	84.7	51	10.8	6	1.3	472	100.0
Females										
1983	7	9.1	35	45.5	34	44.2	1	1.3	77	100.0
1988	4	4.9	32	39.0	45	54.9	1	1.2	82	100.0
1994	5	9.3	20	37.0	28	51.9	1	1.9	54	100.0

1. Note that for these data, the Australian Bureau of Statistics terminology is "assault death".

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Figure 4.1

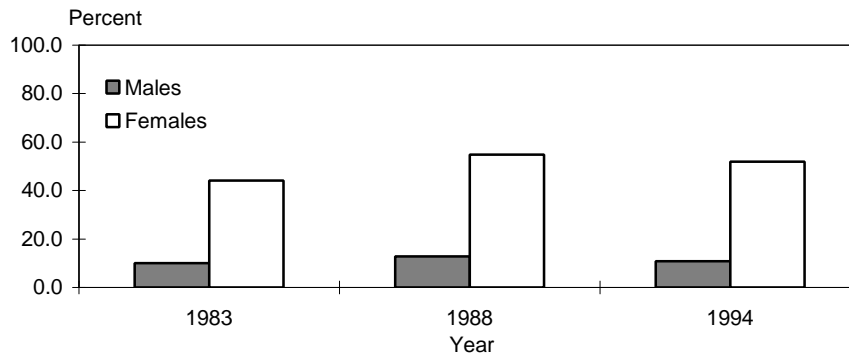
AUSTRALIA, Firearm-Related Suicide as a Percentage of Total Firearm-Related Deaths¹ in each year, by Gender



1. Refer to Total Deaths in Table 4.1

Figure 4.2

AUSTRALIA, Firearm Related Homicide as a Percentage of Total Firearm-Related Deaths¹ in each Year, by Gender



1. Refer to Total Deaths in Table 4.1

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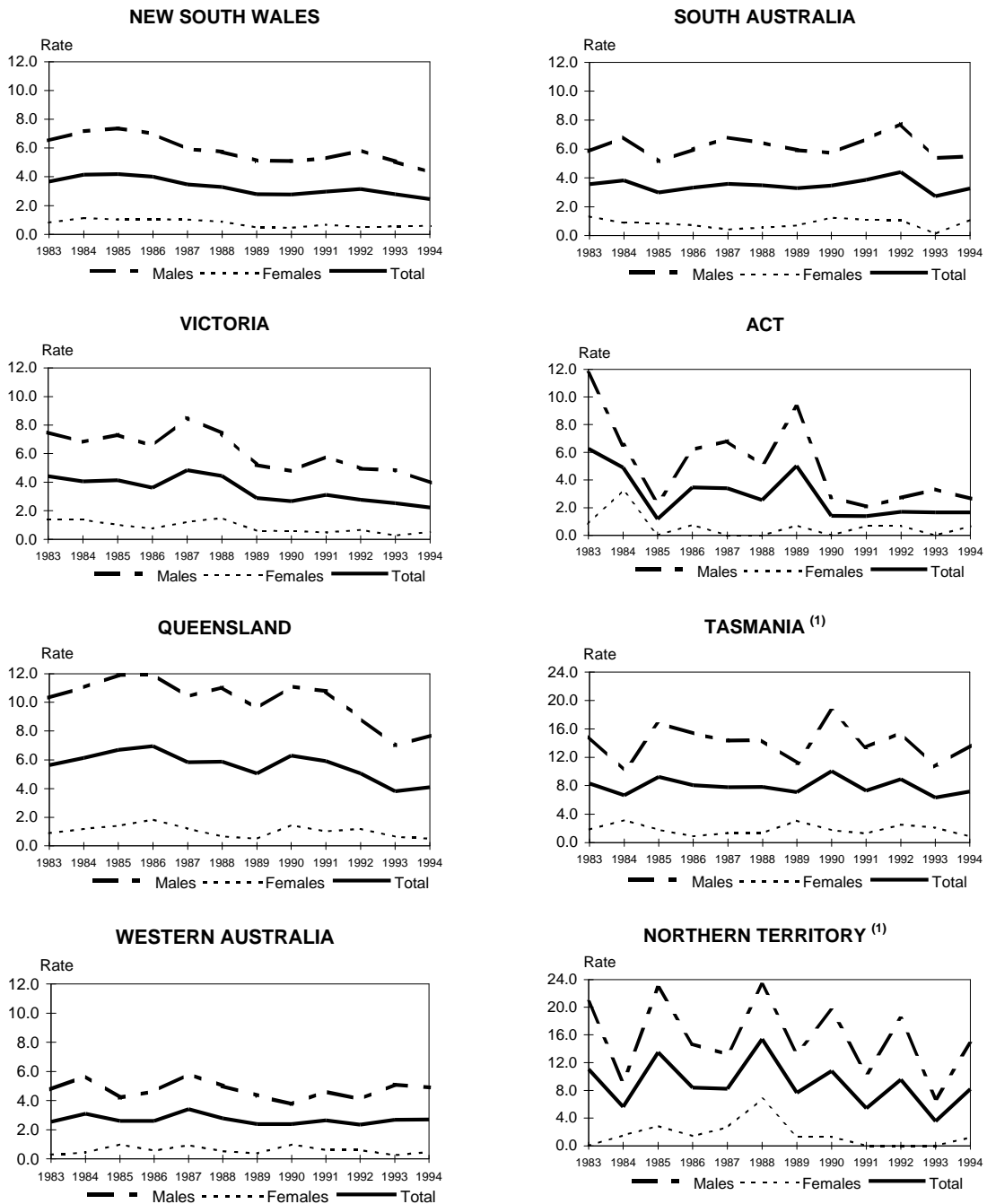


Deaths caused by
Firearms,
Australian States and
Territories, 1983-94

- Males suffer from firearm related deaths more than females in all the States and Territories (*see* Figure 5.1).
- The greatest risk of firearm death for males is mostly due to their greater risk of committing suicide using firearms (*see* Figure 5.2 and *refer to* Tables 5.1 to 5.8).
- Victims of firearm related homicide are more likely to be male than female in all the States and Territories (*see* Figure 5.3).

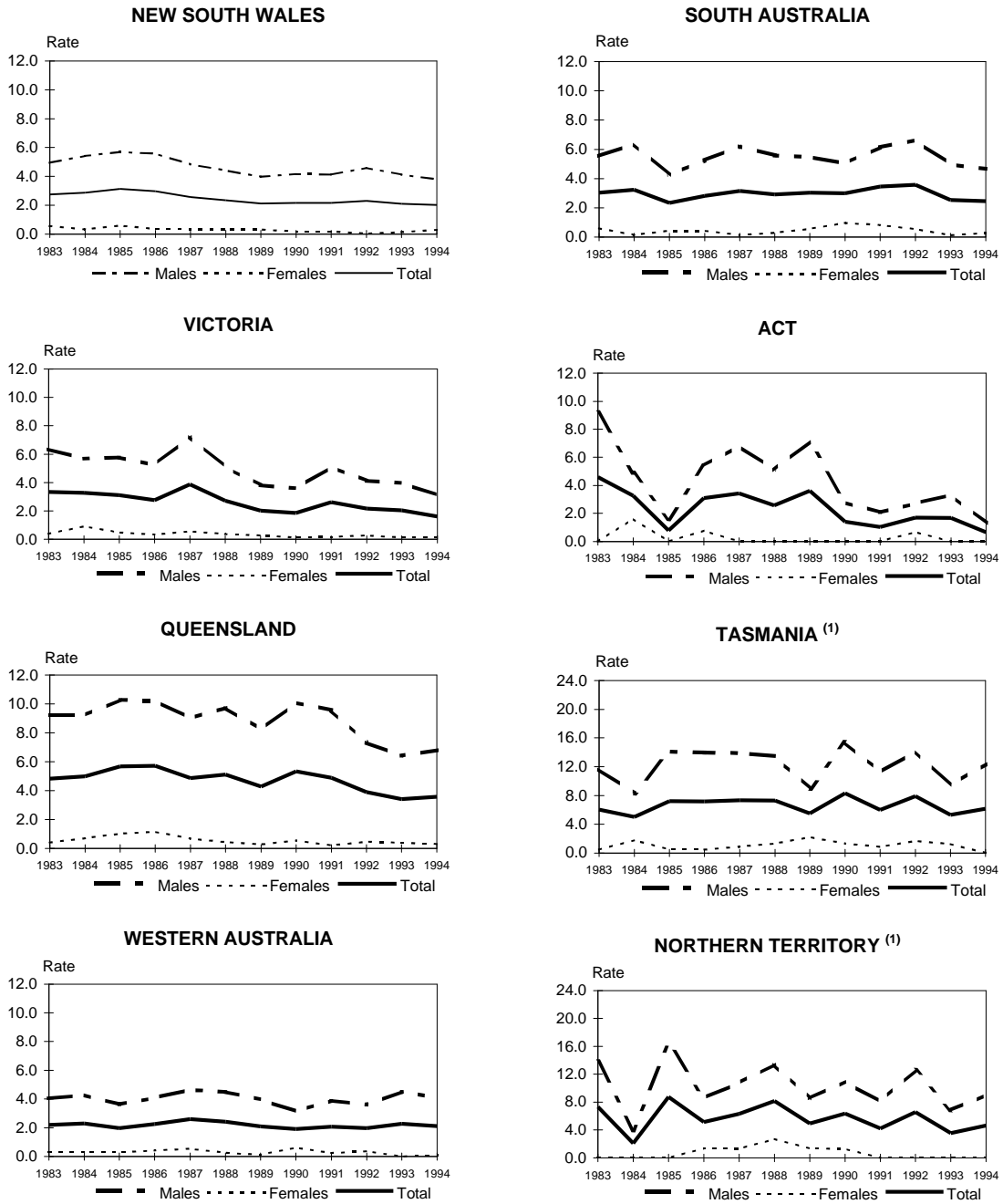
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Figure 5.1
AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES, All Deaths Caused by Firearms
Rate per 100 000 Population, 1983-94



1. Note that rates of firearm-related deaths in Tasmania and the Northern Territory are higher than for the other jurisdictions, and therefore they are drawn on a different scale.

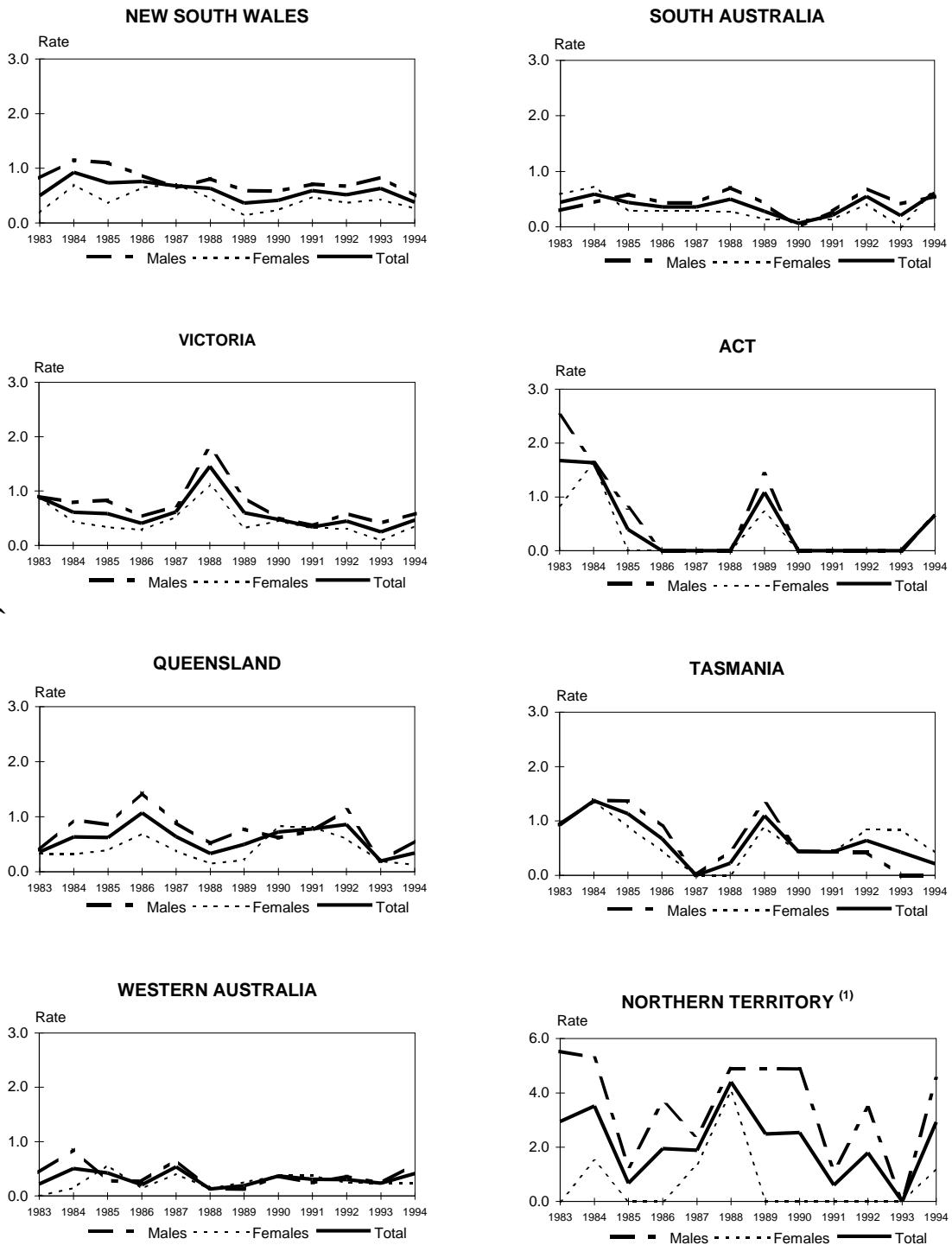
Figure 5.2
AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES, Firearm-Related Suicide
Rate per 100 000 Population, 1983-94



1. Note that firearm-related suicide rates for Tasmania and the Northern Territory are higher than for the other jurisdictions, and therefore they are drawn on a different scale.

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Figure 5.3
AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES, Firearm-Related Homicide
Rate per 100 000 Population, 1983-94



1. Note that firearm-related homicide rates for the Northern Territory are higher than for the other jurisdictions, and therefore they are drawn on a different scale

Table 5.1
*NEW SOUTH WALES, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	16	11	11	9	9	11	10	8	11	14	1	0
	Females	2	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	18	13	13	10	9	13	11	9	11	14	1	1
Suicide	Males	132	146	155	154	135	125	114	121	121	136	123	114
	Females	15	9	16	10	9	9	9	5	6	1	4	9
	Total	147	155	171	164	144	134	123	126	127	137	127	123
Assault	Males	22	31	30	24	18	23	17	17	21	20	25	15
	Females	5	19	10	18	20	13	4	7	14	11	13	8
	Total	27	50	40	42	38	36	21	24	35	31	38	23
Legal Interv.	Males	3	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
	Total	3	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	6	1	1
Unknown	Males	1	1	3	4	3	3	4	1	0	0	1	
	Females	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	1	2	3	4	3	4	4	1	0	0	1	0
Total Males		174	193	201	193	166	163	147	148	155	173	151	130
Total Females		22	31	28	29	29	25	14	13	20	15	17	18
Total Persons		196	224	229	222	195	188	161	161	175	188	168	148
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.60	0.41	0.40	0.33	0.32	0.39	0.35	0.28	0.37	0.47	0.03	0.00
	Females	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
	Total	0.34	0.24	0.24	0.18	0.16	0.23	0.19	0.15	0.19	0.23	0.02	0.02
Suicide	Males	4.95	5.42	5.69	5.59	4.83	4.40	3.97	4.17	4.12	4.59	4.12	3.79
	Females	0.56	0.33	0.58	0.36	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.17	0.20	0.03	0.13	0.30
	Total	2.75	2.87	3.13	2.96	2.57	2.35	2.13	2.16	2.15	2.30	2.11	2.03
Assault	Males	0.82	1.15	1.10	0.87	0.64	0.81	0.59	0.59	0.72	0.67	0.84	0.50
	Females	0.19	0.70	0.36	0.65	0.71	0.45	0.14	0.24	0.47	0.37	0.43	0.26
	Total	0.50	0.93	0.73	0.76	0.68	0.63	0.36	0.41	0.59	0.52	0.63	0.38
Legal Interv.	Males	0.11	0.15	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.07	0.10	0.03	0.03
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.10	0.02	0.02
Unknown	Males	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.15	0.11	0.11	0.14	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
Total Males		6.52	7.17	7.38	7.00	5.94	5.74	5.11	5.10	5.28	5.84	5.05	4.32
Total Females		0.82	1.14	1.02	1.05	1.03	0.87	0.48	0.44	0.68	0.50	0.56	0.59
Total Persons		3.66	4.15	4.19	4.01	3.48	3.30	2.79	2.76	2.97	3.16	2.80	2.45

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Table 5.2
*VICTORIA, Deaths caused by Firearms,
Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	2	7	4	9	4	4	1	6	2	2	7	2
	Females	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Total	3	7	4	9	7	4	1	6	2	2	8	2
Suicide	Males	127	115	118	108	151	108	82	78	112	91	88	69
	Females	8	19	10	7	12	8	6	3	4	6	3	3
	Total	135	134	128	115	163	116	88	81	116	97	91	72
Assault	Males	18	16	17	11	15	38	19	11	8	13	9	13
	Females	18	9	7	6	11	24	7	10	7	7	2	8
	Total	36	25	24	17	26	62	26	21	15	20	11	21
Legal Interv.	Males	1	0	1	2	4	2	4	1	2	2	2	4
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
	Total	1	0	1	2	4	2	4	1	2	4	2	5
Unknown	Males	2	0	10	5	4	5	6	8	3	1	1	
	Females	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	3	0	14	8	4	5	6	8	3	1	1	0
Total Males		150	138	150	135	178	157	112	104	127	109	107	88
Total Females		28	28	21	16	26	32	13	13	11	15	6	12
Total Persons		178	166	171	151	204	189	125	117	138	124	113	100
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.10	0.35	0.20	0.44	0.19	0.19	0.05	0.28	0.09	0.09	0.32	0.09
	Females	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00
	Total	0.07	0.17	0.10	0.22	0.17	0.09	0.02	0.14	0.05	0.04	0.18	0.04
Suicide	Males	6.34	5.68	5.77	5.23	7.23	5.10	3.82	3.59	5.11	4.13	3.98	3.11
	Females	0.39	0.93	0.48	0.33	0.57	0.37	0.28	0.14	0.18	0.27	0.13	0.13
	Total	3.35	3.29	3.11	2.76	3.87	2.72	2.04	1.85	2.62	2.18	2.04	1.61
Assault	Males	0.90	0.79	0.83	0.53	0.72	1.80	0.89	0.51	0.36	0.59	0.41	0.59
	Females	0.89	0.44	0.34	0.29	0.52	1.12	0.32	0.45	0.31	0.31	0.09	0.35
	Total	0.89	0.61	0.58	0.41	0.62	1.45	0.60	0.48	0.34	0.45	0.25	0.47
Legal Interv.	Males	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.10	0.19	0.09	0.19	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.18
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.04
	Total	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.09	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.04	0.11
Unknown	Males	0.10	0.00	0.49	0.24	0.19	0.24	0.28	0.37	0.14	0.05	0.05	0.00
	Females	0.05	0.00	0.19	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.07	0.00	0.34	0.19	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.18	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.00
Total Males		7.49	6.82	7.33	6.54	8.52	7.42	5.22	4.78	5.79	4.94	4.84	3.97
Total Females		1.38	1.36	1.01	0.76	1.23	1.49	0.60	0.59	0.49	0.67	0.27	0.53
Total Persons		4.41	4.07	4.15	3.63	4.85	4.44	2.89	2.67	3.12	2.79	2.53	2.23

Table 5.3
*QUEENSLAND, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	8	5	5	3	3	6	5	5	7	3	2	5
	Females	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Total	10	7	5	3	5	7	5	5	7	4	3	6
Suicide	Males	115	117	133	135	121	134	117	147	142	111	100	109
	Females	5	9	13	15	9	6	4	8	3	7	6	5
	Total	120	126	146	150	130	140	121	155	145	118	106	114
Assault	Males	5	12	11	19	12	7	11	9	11	17	3	9
	Females	4	4	5	9	5	2	3	12	12	9	3	2
	Total	9	16	16	28	17	9	14	21	23	26	6	11
Legal Interv.	Males	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Total	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Unknown	Males	1	5	4	1	3	4	3	1	0	3	4	
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Total	1	5	4	1	3	4	3	2	0	3	4	0
Total Males		129	140	154	158	140	152	136	162	160	135	109	123
Total Females		11	15	18	24	16	9	7	21	15	18	10	8
Total Persons		140	155	172	182	156	161	143	183	175	153	119	131
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.64	0.39	0.39	0.23	0.22	0.44	0.35	0.34	0.47	0.20	0.13	0.31
	Females	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.06	0.06
	Total	0.40	0.28	0.19	0.11	0.19	0.26	0.18	0.17	0.24	0.13	0.10	0.19
Suicide	Males	9.21	9.22	10.28	10.22	9.00	9.73	8.23	10.08	9.57	7.31	6.41	6.80
	Females	0.41	0.72	1.02	1.15	0.68	0.44	0.28	0.55	0.20	0.46	0.39	0.31
	Total	4.83	4.99	5.68	5.72	4.86	5.11	4.28	5.33	4.90	3.89	3.41	3.57
Assault	Males	0.40	0.95	0.85	1.44	0.89	0.51	0.77	0.62	0.74	1.12	0.19	0.56
	Females	0.32	0.32	0.39	0.69	0.38	0.15	0.21	0.83	0.81	0.60	0.19	0.13
	Total	0.36	0.63	0.62	1.07	0.64	0.33	0.50	0.72	0.78	0.86	0.19	0.34
Legal Interv.	Males	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00
Unknown	Males	0.08	0.39	0.31	0.08	0.22	0.29	0.21	0.07	0.00	0.20	0.26	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.04	0.20	0.16	0.04	0.11	0.15	0.11	0.07	0.00	0.10	0.13	0.00
Total Males		10.33	11.03	11.91	11.96	10.41	11.04	9.56	11.11	10.78	8.89	6.99	7.68
Total Females		0.89	1.20	1.41	1.84	1.20	0.66	0.50	1.45	1.02	1.19	0.64	0.50
Total Persons		5.64	6.14	6.69	6.93	5.83	5.87	5.05	6.30	5.91	5.05	3.82	4.10

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Table 5.4
*WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	2	4	2	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	3	2
	Females	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	2	4	3	2	3	3	0	0	3	1	3	3
Suicide	Males	28	30	26	30	35	35	32	26	32	30	38	35
	Females	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	5	2	3	0	1
	Total	30	32	28	33	39	37	33	31	34	33	38	36
Assault	Males	3	6	2	2	5	1	1	3	2	3	2	5
	Females	0	1	4	1	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	2
	Total	3	7	6	3	8	2	3	6	5	5	4	7
Legal Interv.	Males	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Unknown	Males	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Total Males		33	40	30	34	44	39	35	31	38	34	43	42
Total Females		2	3	7	4	7	4	3	8	5	5	2	4
Total Persons		35	43	37	38	51	43	38	39	43	39	45	46
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.29	0.57	0.28	0.27	0.40	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.12	0.36	0.23
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12
	Total	0.15	0.29	0.21	0.14	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.18	0.06	0.18	0.18
Suicide	Males	4.05	4.27	3.63	4.08	4.64	4.49	3.97	3.15	3.89	3.60	4.51	4.09
	Females	0.30	0.29	0.28	0.42	0.54	0.26	0.13	0.62	0.25	0.36	0.00	0.12
	Total	2.19	2.30	1.97	2.26	2.61	2.41	2.09	1.90	2.08	1.99	2.27	2.12
Assault	Males	0.43	0.85	0.28	0.27	0.66	0.13	0.12	0.36	0.24	0.36	0.24	0.58
	Females	0.00	0.15	0.57	0.14	0.40	0.13	0.25	0.37	0.37	0.24	0.24	0.24
	Total	0.22	0.50	0.42	0.21	0.53	0.13	0.19	0.37	0.31	0.30	0.24	0.41
Legal Interv.	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unknown	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.12	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Males		4.77	5.69	4.19	4.62	5.83	5.00	4.35	3.76	4.62	4.08	5.10	4.91
Total Females		0.30	0.44	1.00	0.55	0.94	0.52	0.38	0.99	0.61	0.61	0.24	0.47
Total Persons		2.56	3.09	2.61	2.60	3.41	2.79	2.38	2.39	2.63	2.35	2.68	2.70

Table 5.5
*SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	1
	Females	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
	Total	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	5	3	2	0	2
Suicide	Males	37	43	29	36	43	39	39	36	44	48	36	34
	Females	4	1	3	3	1	2	4	7	6	4	1	2
	Total	41	44	32	39	44	41	43	43	50	52	37	36
Assault	Males	2	3	4	3	3	5	3	0	2	5	3	4
	Females	4	5	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	5
	Total	6	8	6	5	5	7	4	1	3	8	3	9
Legal Interv.	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
Unknown	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Females	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Males		39	46	35	41	47	45	42	41	48	56	39	40
Total Females		9	6	6	5	3	4	5	9	8	8	1	8
Total Persons		48	52	41	46	50	49	47	50	56	64	40	48
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.29	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.56	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.14
	Females	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14
	Total	0.07	0.00	0.15	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.35	0.21	0.14	0.00	0.14
Suicide	Males	5.54	6.37	4.26	5.23	6.20	5.57	5.50	5.02	6.13	6.64	4.96	4.66
	Females	0.59	0.15	0.43	0.43	0.14	0.28	0.56	0.97	0.82	0.55	0.14	0.27
	Total	3.05	3.24	2.33	2.82	3.16	2.92	3.03	2.99	3.46	3.57	2.53	2.45
Assault	Males	0.30	0.44	0.59	0.44	0.43	0.71	0.42	0.00	0.28	0.69	0.41	0.55
	Females	0.59	0.73	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.41	0.00	0.68
	Total	0.45	0.59	0.44	0.36	0.36	0.50	0.28	0.07	0.21	0.55	0.21	0.61
Legal Interv.	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.14
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.07
Unknown	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Males		5.84	6.81	5.14	5.96	6.78	6.42	5.92	5.72	6.69	7.75	5.37	5.48
Total Females		1.33	0.88	0.87	0.72	0.43	0.57	0.70	1.25	1.10	1.09	0.14	1.08
Total Persons		3.57	3.82	2.99	3.33	3.59	3.48	3.30	3.47	3.87	4.39	2.74	3.27

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Table 5.6
*TASMANIA, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	5	1	3	1	1	0	2	3	3	0	3	3
	Females	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	6	1	4	1	2	0	2	3	3	0	3	4
Suicide	Males	25	18	31	31	31	30	20	35	26	33	22	29
	Females	1	4	1	1	2	3	5	3	2	4	3	0
	Total	26	22	32	32	33	33	25	38	28	37	25	29
Assault	Males	2	3	3	2	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	0
	Females	2	3	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	1
	Total	4	6	5	3	0	1	5	2	2	3	2	1
Legal Interv.	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Unknown	Males	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	0
Total Males		32	22	37	34	32	32	25	42	31	36	25	32
Total Females		4	7	4	2	3	3	7	4	3	6	5	2
Total Persons		36	29	41	36	35	35	32	46	34	42	30	34
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	2.32	0.46	1.36	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.89	1.32	1.30	0.00	1.28	1.28
	Females	0.46	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42
	Total	1.39	0.23	0.90	0.22	0.45	0.00	0.44	0.66	0.64	0.00	0.64	0.85
Suicide	Males	11.62	8.28	14.10	13.99	13.91	13.48	8.93	15.43	11.23	14.17	9.41	12.38
	Females	0.46	1.82	0.45	0.44	0.88	1.33	2.20	1.31	0.85	1.69	1.26	0.00
	Total	6.01	5.03	7.23	7.17	7.35	7.31	5.49	8.32	6.00	7.87	5.30	6.14
Assault	Males	0.93	1.38	1.36	0.90	0.00	0.45	1.34	0.44	0.43	0.43	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.92	1.36	0.90	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.44	0.42	0.84	0.84	0.42
	Total	0.92	1.37	1.13	0.67	0.00	0.22	1.10	0.44	0.43	0.64	0.42	0.21
Legal Interv.	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unknown	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	1.32	0.00	0.86	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.00
Total Males		14.88	10.12	16.83	15.34	14.36	14.38	11.17	18.52	13.39	15.46	10.69	13.66
Total Females		1.84	3.18	1.79	0.89	1.33	1.33	3.08	1.74	1.27	2.53	2.10	0.84
Total Persons		8.32	6.62	9.26	8.06	7.79	7.81	7.09	10.07	7.28	8.94	6.36	7.20

Table 5.7
*NORTHERN TERRITORY, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
	Females	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
Suicide	Males	10	3	13	7	9	11	7	9	7	11	6	8
	Females	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Total	10	3	13	8	10	13	8	10	7	11	6	8
Assault	Males	4	4	1	3	2	4	4	4	1	3	0	4
	Females	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	4	5	1	3	3	7	4	4	1	3	0	5
Legal Interv.	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Unknown	Males	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Total Males		15	7	18	12	11	19	11	16	9	16	6	13
Total Females		0	1	2	1	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
Total Persons		15	8	20	13	13	24	12	17	9	16	6	14
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.00	0.00	2.53	0.00	0.00	2.44	0.00	2.44	0.00	1.15	0.00	1.13
	Females	0.00	0.00	2.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	2.69	0.00	0.00	1.26	0.00	1.27	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.58
Suicide	Males	13.82	3.96	16.46	8.57	10.76	13.42	8.55	10.97	8.08	12.62	6.86	9.04
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.38	1.34	2.71	1.34	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	7.36	2.11	8.75	5.18	6.31	8.17	4.96	6.36	4.23	6.58	3.57	4.67
Assault	Males	5.53	5.29	1.27	3.67	2.39	4.88	4.88	4.87	1.15	3.44	0.00	4.52
	Females	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.34	4.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.21
	Total	2.94	3.52	0.67	1.94	1.89	4.40	2.48	2.54	0.60	1.80	0.00	2.92
Legal Interv.	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unknown	Males	1.38	0.00	2.53	2.45	0.00	2.44	0.00	0.00	1.15	1.15	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.74	0.00	1.35	1.30	0.00	1.26	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.60	0.00	0.00
Total Males		20.74	9.25	22.79	14.68	13.16	23.17	13.43	19.50	10.39	18.36	6.86	14.69
Total Females		0.00	1.50	2.88	1.38	2.67	6.78	1.34	1.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.21
Total Persons		11.04	5.63	13.46	8.42	8.21	15.41	7.68	10.81	5.44	9.58	3.57	8.18

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Table 5.8
*AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, Deaths caused by Firearms,
 Gender of Victims, 1983-94*

		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
		Number											
Accident	Males	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Suicide	Males	11	6	2	7	9	7	10	4	3	4	5	2
	Females	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Total	11	8	2	8	9	7	10	4	3	5	5	2
Assault	Males	3	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
	Females	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Total	4	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2
Legal Interv.	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	Males	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total Males		14	8	3	8	9	7	13	4	3	4	5	4
Total Females		1	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Total Persons		15	12	3	9	9	7	14	4	4	5	5	5
		Rate per 100 000 Total Population											
Accident	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.66
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33
Suicide	Males	9.21	4.90	1.59	5.40	6.83	5.10	7.13	2.78	2.07	2.71	3.33	1.32
	Females	0.00	1.63	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.00
	Total	4.60	3.26	0.80	3.09	3.42	2.57	3.62	1.40	1.04	1.70	1.67	0.66
Assault	Males	2.51	1.63	0.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.66
	Females	0.84	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67
	Total	1.67	1.63	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.66
Legal Interv.	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unknown	Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Males		11.72	6.53	2.39	6.17	6.83	5.10	9.27	2.78	2.07	2.71	3.33	2.64
Total Females		0.84	3.26	0.00	0.77	0.00	0.00	0.72	0.00	0.69	0.68	0.00	0.67
Total Persons		6.28	4.90	1.19	3.48	3.42	2.56	5.02	1.40	1.38	1.70	1.67	1.66

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Deaths caused by Firearms, Australian Major Regions, 1989 and 1994

Note:

Major population centres included in the regions specified in this section are listed at page 84.

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Data in this section display deaths by firearms in regional Australia. The regions are defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics as Statistical Divisions within each State and Territory. The boundaries of these divisions are subject to alterations following significant shifts in demography and economic activity. Usually such alterations take place in population census years.

Data in the following tables and figures have been obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and in the first instance this section will describe the pattern of the data for the two years 1989 and 1994. Yearly population estimates for each of the statistical divisions, distributed by age group and gender, were not readily available and hence figures from the 1991 census of population have been used to calculate rates for both 1989 and 1994.

At this point it is important to note that although the firearm-related death rates for each of the statistical divisions have been standardised, this cannot explain the variations in rates between divisions—in some instances very significant variation between divisions within a State. For a proper understanding of these variations it is necessary to engage in a deeper analysis of each region and its characteristics and this is not attempted here.

There are in Australia well over 50 statistical divisions and their population size and structure vary in a major way. The number of deaths by firearm (accidents, homicides and suicides) is also very small in some regions, and some regions may not have an incident of firearm-related death in a particular year.

Data in this section have been presented separately for each State and Territory and there is no intention to engage in comparison across jurisdictions. Although in the earlier sections firearm-related accidents, homicides and suicides have been presented, in this section only the last two types of violent deaths have been described. There were only 19 and 20 firearm accidental deaths in Australia in 1989 and 1994 respectively and the distribution of the data into statistical divisions would not have yielded meaningful information.

The section is organised in two parts dealing with suicides and homicides. Within each part at first we look at Australia as a whole, followed by the State/Territory data, and then data for statistical divisions within each State and Territory. For Australia as a whole the data have been presented for Capital Cities and the rest of Australia. Capital Cities include statistical divisions incorporating Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin.

Because of the limited number of statistical divisions in Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, data for these three jurisdictions have been presented in the same Table.

■ *Suicides in Australia*

In 1994, about 2 in 3 suicides by firearm occurred in towns and rural Australia (away from capital cities) and an overwhelming majority of victims were males.

Young males in the 10-19 age group in regional Australia are about 12 times as likely to commit suicides by firearm as their counterparts in capital cities; while rates of suicide by firearm are much higher in rural Australia than in capital cities, the group with the highest rate of firearm suicide in Australia is males aged 60 and over.

■ *Homicides in Australia*

Firearm-related homicides in Australia show a pattern different from that observed for suicides. In 1994 for example, 6 out of 10 such homicides occurred in the capital cities and young males in the age group 20-29 were most at risk of becoming victims.

Overall, the difference in the firearm-related homicide rates of male and female victims was of a much lower magnitude than for suicide victims.

■ *States, Territories and the Regions*

There were 420 suicides by firearm in Australia in 1994. Once this number is disaggregated for the States, Territories and regions, the numbers become small and a change in the number of incidents could present the appearance of a major movement in the phenomenon under consideration. A few examples may illustrate this matter. Table 6.2 shows that Illawarra in 1989 recorded 9 firearm-related suicides, in 1994 the figure was only two. For New South Wales as a whole, the number of suicides was 123 for each of the years. Similarly, Table 6.7 shows that the statistical division of Northern Tasmania recorded two males in the age group 60 years and over committed suicide by firearm in 1989, the comparative number for 1994 was 7. The situation becomes much more difficult when firearm-related homicide data are examined. *It is therefore, important to stress that any interpretation of the data be carried out with utmost caution.* As noted earlier, in order to understand the variation in firearm-related homicide and suicide rates it will be necessary to conduct systematic investigation of the characteristics of each region, State and Territory.

Suicide by Firearm Regional Data

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Table 6.1
AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population Aged 10 years and Over
Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

		1989					1994				
REGION	Age Group						Age Group				
	10 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 59	60&over	Total	10 to 19	20 to 29	30 to 59	60&over	Total	
Capital Cities	<i>Number</i>	21	60	81	42	204	14	40	71	36	161
	<i>Rate</i>										
	Males	2.33	6.08	3.57	5.78	4.19	1.47	4.16	3.33	5.06	3.42
	Females	0.25	0.67	0.39	0.22	0.39	0.25	0.33	0.15	0.11	0.19
	Total	1.31	3.36	1.97	2.65	2.25	0.87	2.24	1.73	2.27	1.77
Rest of Australia	<i>Number</i>	35	58	99	55	247	22	66	108	63	259
	<i>Rate</i>										
	Males	28.71	11.62	7.88	10.84	8.93	17.22	13.78	8.47	12.93	9.42
	Females	0.00	0.88	0.43	0.55	0.46	0.87	0.44	0.61	0.18	0.42
	Total	14.75	6.32	4.22	5.36	4.70	9.27	7.19	4.61	6.14	4.93
Total	<i>Number</i>	56	118	180	97	451	36	106	179	99	420
	<i>Rate</i>										
	Males	4.12	7.98	5.16	7.85	5.95	2.51	7.46	5.22	8.28	5.66
	Females	0.16	0.74	0.40	0.35	0.41	0.24	0.37	0.31	0.14	0.28
	Total	2.18	4.36	2.79	3.71	3.15	1.40	3.92	2.78	3.79	2.93

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994, *Census Counts for Small Areas 1991*, Cat. Nos. 2730.1, 2730.2, 2730.3, 2730.4, 2730.5, 2730.6, 2730.7, 2730.8

Figure 6.1
AUSTRALIA, Suicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Population
Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

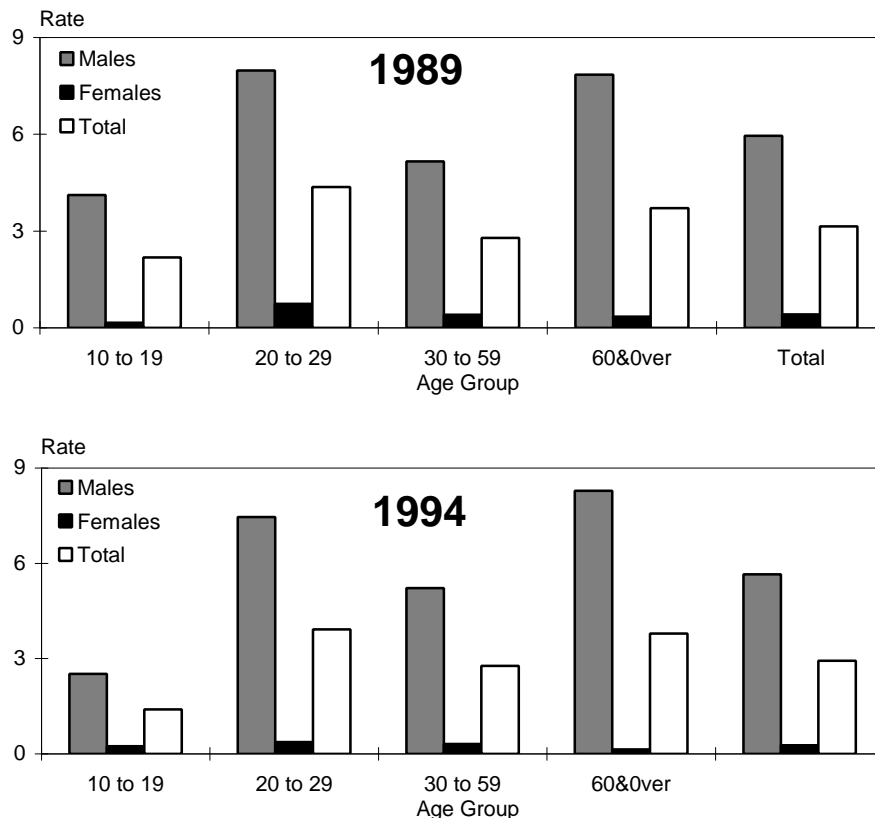


Figure 6.2
*AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994*

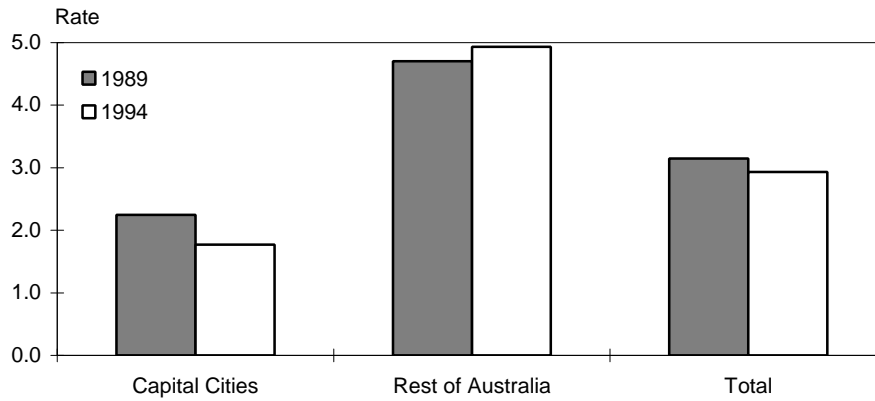


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 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994*

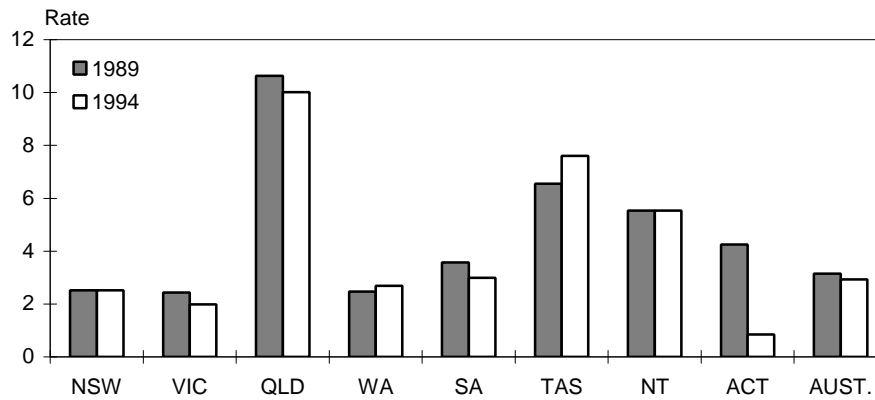


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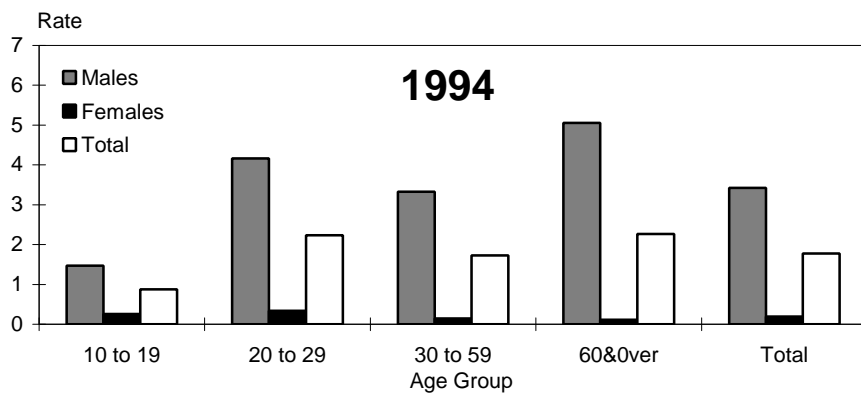
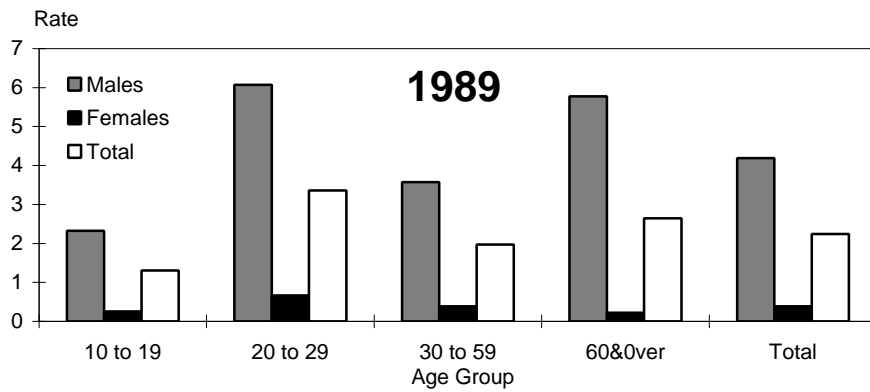
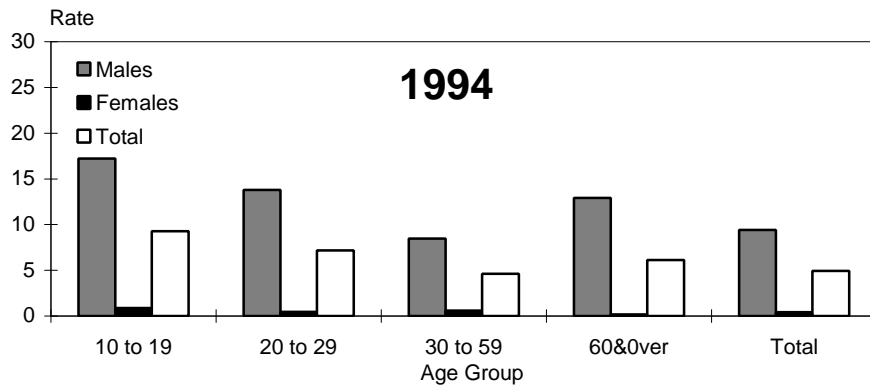
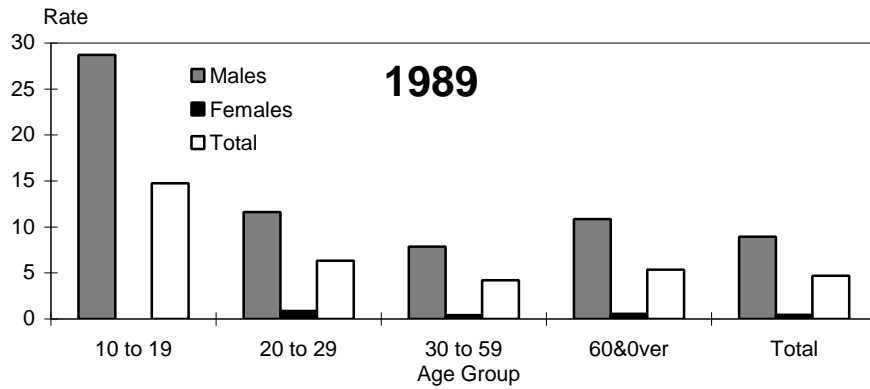


Figure 6.5
REST OF AUSTRALIA, Suicide by Firearm,
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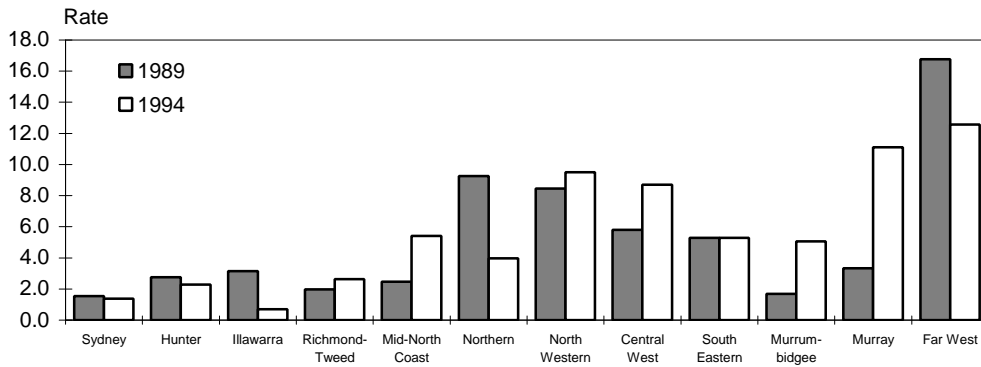
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Table 6.2
NEW SOUTH WALES, Suicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population
Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age and Gender 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Sydney										
Number	6	12	19	10	47	5	11	11	15	42
Rate										
Males	1.88	3.71	2.31	3.79	2.75	1.13	3.04	1.45	5.89	2.41
Females	0.39	0.34	0.44	0.32	0.39	0.79	0.68	0.15	0.32	0.39
Total	1.15	2.03	1.38	1.83	1.55	0.96	1.86	0.80	2.74	1.38
Hunter										
Number	1	1	7	3	12	1	2	3	4	10
Rate										
Males	2.54	2.59	7.26	7.31	5.57	2.54	5.17	3.11	9.75	4.64
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1.30	1.31	3.64	3.28	2.75	1.30	2.63	1.56	4.37	2.29
Illawarra										
Number	2	4	3	0	9	0	1	0	1	2
Rate										
Males	7.60	15.94	4.73	0.00	6.36	0.00	3.98	0.00	3.75	1.41
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.90	8.06	2.36	0.00	3.15	0.00	2.02	0.00	1.74	0.70
Richmond-Tweed										
Number	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	4
Rate										
Males	0.00	18.66	3.07	0.00	4.01	0.00	0.00	12.26	0.00	5.35
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	9.13	1.51	0.00	1.97	0.00	0.00	6.05	0.00	2.63
Mid-North Coast										
Number	1	2	2	0	5	0	2	6	3	11
Rate										
Males	5.59	14.96	4.51	0.00	5.02	0.00	14.96	11.27	12.47	10.03
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.20	0.00	0.97
Total	2.86	7.32	2.23	0.00	2.46	0.00	7.32	6.69	5.87	5.42
Northern										
Number	2	3	2	7	14	0	2	2	2	6
Rate										
Males	13.22	22.53	5.86	55.76	18.64	0.00	15.02	5.86	15.93	7.99
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	6.71	11.36	2.97	25.37	9.26	0.00	7.57	2.97	7.25	3.97
North Western										
Number	2	4	2	0	8	0	1	5	3	9
Rate										
Males	22.11	35.91	8.99	0.00	14.63	0.00	11.97	13.48	36.63	14.63
Females	0.00	12.05	0.00	0.00	2.14	0.00	0.00	9.55	0.00	4.27
Total	11.41	24.02	4.63	0.00	8.45	0.00	6.01	11.58	17.34	9.51
Central West										
Number	1	2	4	1	8	3	2	4	3	12
Rate										
Males	7.15	16.82	12.93	0.00	10.18	21.45	16.82	12.93	25.17	17.46
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.85	1.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.66	8.56	6.58	3.77	5.80	10.97	8.56	6.58	11.31	8.69
South Eastern										
Number	1	4	3	0	8	0	1	6	1	8
Rate										
Males	7.55	28.70	8.40	0.00	10.35	0.00	7.17	16.79	6.97	10.35
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.89	14.87	4.35	0.00	5.28	0.00	3.72	8.71	3.33	5.28
Murrumbidgee										
Number	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	4	0	6
Rate										
Males	0.00	9.17	3.81	0.00	3.38	0.00	18.34	15.25	0.00	10.14
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	4.63	1.94	0.00	1.69	0.00	9.26	7.75	0.00	5.06
Murray										
Number	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	2	4	10
Rate										
Males	0.00	13.07	4.79	0.00	4.41	0.00	52.30	9.59	48.65	22.07
Females	0.00	13.52	0.00	0.00	2.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	13.29	2.46	0.00	3.33	0.00	26.59	4.93	22.56	11.10
Far West										
Number	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	1	1	3
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	35.99	89.47	33.21	49.48	0.00	18.00	44.73	24.91
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	18.77	39.54	16.76	26.12	0.00	9.39	19.77	12.57
STATE TOTAL										
Number	16	37	47	23	123	10	28	48	37	123
Rate										
Males	3.42	7.50	3.98	5.07	3.97	1.83	5.73	3.98	8.69	3.79
Females	0.24	0.67	0.27	0.39	0.31	0.48	0.45	0.37	0.19	0.30
Total	1.87	4.10	2.14	2.47	2.13	1.17	3.10	2.18	3.97	2.03

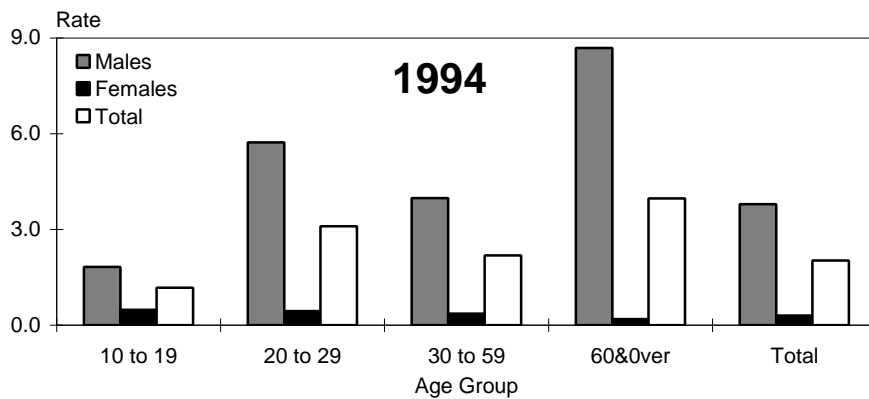
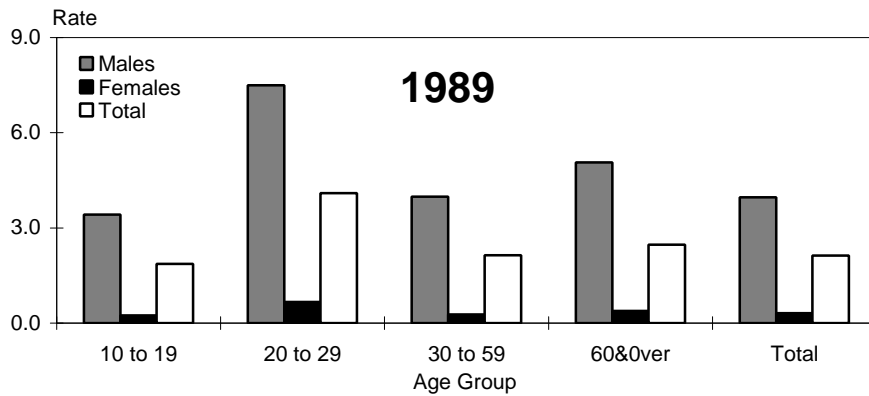
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Figure 6.6
*NEW SOUTH WALES, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, 1989 and 1994¹*



1. Refer to Table 6.2 as the number of cases in some regions is small.

Figure 6.7
*NEW SOUTH WALES, Suicide by Firearm
 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994*



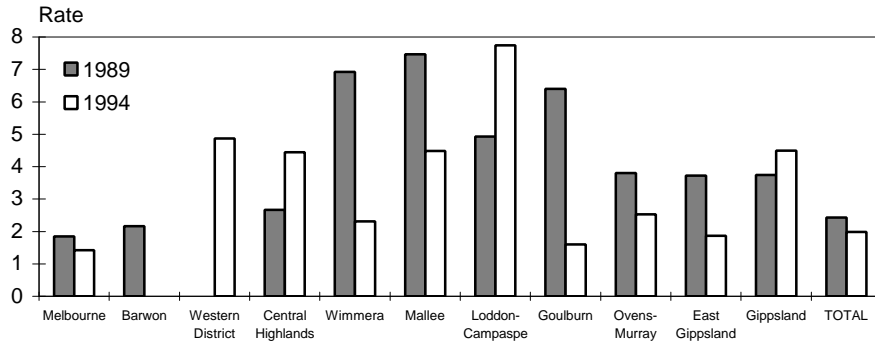
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Table 6.3
VICTORIA, Suicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population
Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age and Gender 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Melbourne										
Number	7	12	21	8	48	1	11	19	6	37
Rate										
Males	3.06	3.81	3.25	4.10	3.47	0.44	4.19	3.25	3.08	2.91
Females	0.00	0.75	0.34	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1.56	2.28	1.79	1.79	1.85	0.22	2.09	1.62	1.35	1.43
Barwon										
Number	0	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Rate										
Males	0.00	12.47	2.50	6.16	4.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	6.17	1.24	2.70	2.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Western District										
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.92	5.49	13.16	9.82
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.51	2.79	5.89	4.87
Central Highlands										
Number	0	2	1	0	3	1	0	2	2	5
Rate										
Males	0.00	10.36	4.12	0.00	3.65	8.65	0.00	8.24	10.76	7.30
Females	0.00	9.99	0.00	0.00	1.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.37	1.73
Total	0.00	10.17	2.05	0.00	2.67	4.41	0.00	4.09	9.42	4.45
Wimmera										
Number	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	1
Rate										
Males	25.90	0.00	20.95	0.00	14.10	0.00	0.00	10.48	0.00	4.70
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	13.33	0.00	10.57	0.00	6.93	0.00	0.00	5.28	0.00	2.31
Mallee										
Number	0	2	2	1	5	0	1	2	0	3
Rate										
Males	0.00	35.97	13.28	15.40	15.00	0.00	17.98	6.64	0.00	6.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.80	0.00	2.98
Total	0.00	18.06	6.72	7.12	7.47	0.00	9.03	6.72	0.00	4.48
Loddon-Campaspe										
Number	2	0	3	2	7	1	4	5	1	11
Rate										
Males	14.39	0.00	9.59	15.64	10.09	7.19	35.14	12.79	7.82	14.42
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.17	0.00	1.38
Total	7.32	0.00	4.77	6.94	4.93	3.66	17.33	7.96	3.47	7.74
Goulburn										
Number	1	3	2	2	8	0	0	1	1	2
Rate										
Males	7.78	27.26	7.04	18.74	12.71	0.00	0.00	3.52	9.37	3.18
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	4.09	13.92	3.57	8.71	6.40	0.00	0.00	1.78	4.35	1.60
Ovens-Murray										
Number	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	2
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	16.57	0.00	7.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.25	5.06
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	8.41	0.00	3.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.26	2.53
East Gippsland										
Number	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.40	3.74	0.00	0.00	8.28	0.00	3.74
Females	0.00	0.00	8.45	0.00	3.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	4.18	9.04	3.72	0.00	0.00	4.18	0.00	1.86
Gippsland										
Number	3	0	2	0	5	1	2	3	0	6
Rate										
Males	22.55	0.00	6.62	0.00	7.52	7.52	17.17	9.93	0.00	9.02
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	11.49	0.00	3.36	0.00	3.75	3.83	8.60	5.04	0.00	4.49
STATE TOTAL										
Number	14	21	38	15	88	4	20	35	13	72
Rate										
Males	4.26	5.15	4.31	5.25	3.82	1.22	5.72	4.07	4.20	3.11
Females	0.00	0.85	0.37	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.28	0.13
Total	2.18	2.99	2.34	2.32	2.04	0.62	2.85	2.15	2.01	1.61

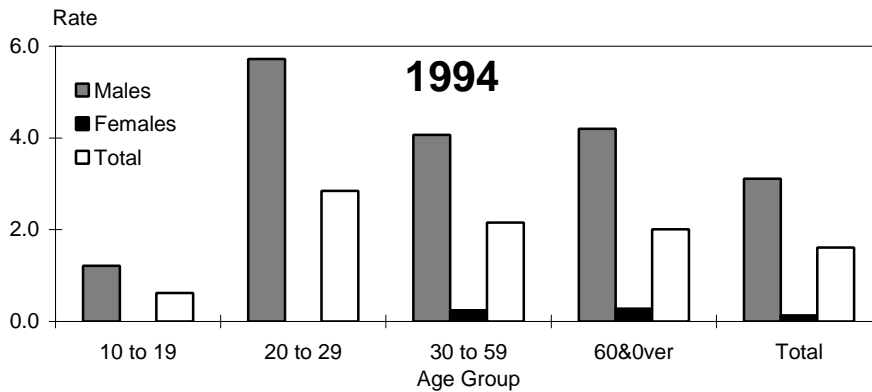
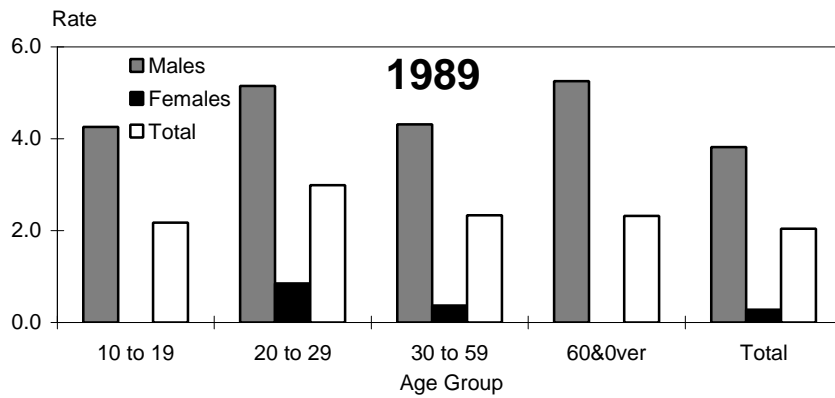
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Figure 6.8
VICTORIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994¹



1. Refer to Table 6.3 as the number of cases in some regions is small.

Figure 6.9
VICTORIA, Suicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994



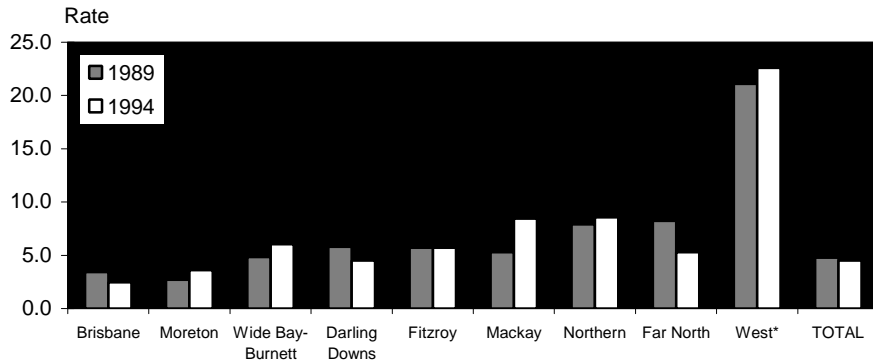
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Table 6.4
QUEENSLAND, Suicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population
Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age and Gender 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Brisbane										
Number	1	17	13	8	39	1	6	14	7	28
Rate										
Males	0.91	13.83	4.79	9.40	6.50	0.91	5.53	5.59	8.22	5.06
Females	0.00	1.79	0.39	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.46	7.72	2.57	4.09	3.43	0.46	2.72	2.77	3.58	2.46
Moreton										
Number	2	3	3	4	12	0	6	4	6	16
Rate										
Males	5.51	8.70	3.13	7.82	5.52	0.00	17.41	4.18	11.74	7.35
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	2.84	4.29	1.54	3.69	2.70	0.00	8.57	2.05	5.53	3.60
Wide Bay-Burnett										
Number	1	0	4	3	8	1	2	3	4	10
Rate										
Males	6.57	0.00	10.87	16.42	9.73	6.57	16.74	8.15	21.89	12.16
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.39	0.00	5.44	7.93	4.84	3.39	8.23	4.08	10.58	6.05
Darling Downs										
Number	0	1	2	6	9	1	2	3	1	7
Rate										
Males	0.00	7.29	6.03	37.30	10.46	6.18	14.59	6.03	7.46	7.85
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.16	1.27	0.00	0.00	2.99	0.00	1.27
Total	0.00	3.66	3.00	20.24	5.79	3.14	7.32	4.51	3.37	4.51
South West										
Number	0	1	4	0	5	2	0	0	0	2
Rate										
Males	0.00	38.79	68.97	0.00	40.54	47.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.11
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.30
Total	0.00	20.43	37.60	0.00	21.66	50.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.66
Fitzroy										
Number	1	0	5	2	8	0	4	3	1	8
Rate										
Males	6.94	0.00	15.19	18.97	11.16	0.00	21.67	6.08	9.48	8.37
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.63	3.35	0.00	2.93
Total	3.58	0.00	7.97	9.01	5.72	0.00	14.85	4.78	4.51	5.72
Central West										
Number	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	6
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	35.42	189.75	48.04	179.69	79.68	70.85	94.88	96.08
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	19.40	98.91	25.99	100.43	42.08	38.80	49.46	51.97
Mackay										
Number	1	3	1	0	5	2	1	4	1	8
Rate										
Males	10.80	32.46	4.30	0.00	10.30	1.83	0.92	1.60	1.17	1.45
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	5.59	16.29	2.26	0.00	5.28	11.17	5.43	9.03	7.14	8.45
Northern										
Number	1	2	6	3	12	0	4	7	2	13
Rate										
Males	6.36	12.17	17.37	24.97	15.25	0.00	18.26	20.27	16.65	15.25
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.60	0.00	0.00	1.37
Total	3.27	6.33	8.92	13.47	7.91	0.00	12.66	10.41	8.98	8.57
Far North										
Number	1	3	6	4	14	0	6	1	2	9
Rate										
Males	6.65	18.08	14.85	27.91	16.21	0.00	36.16	2.47	13.95	10.42
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.41	9.07	7.63	13.77	8.23	0.00	18.13	1.27	6.89	5.29
North West										
Number	1	3	2	0	6	0	5	1	1	7
Rate										
Males	31.16	70.54	24.99	0.00	34.83	0.00	117.56	12.49	56.80	40.63
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	16.21	38.23	13.79	0.00	18.87	0.00	63.72	6.89	30.62	22.02
STATE TOTAL										
Number	9	33	47	32	121	9	37	42	26	114
Rate										
Males	3.78	13.30	8.15	14.32	8.23	3.36	15.02	7.09	12.01	6.80
Females	0.00	0.85	0.18	0.40	0.28	0.44	0.85	0.36	0.00	0.31
Total	1.93	7.06	4.18	6.83	4.28	1.93	7.92	3.73	5.55	3.57

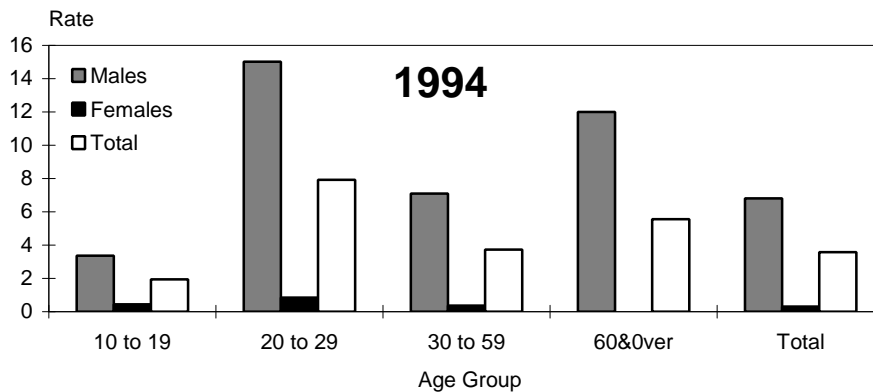
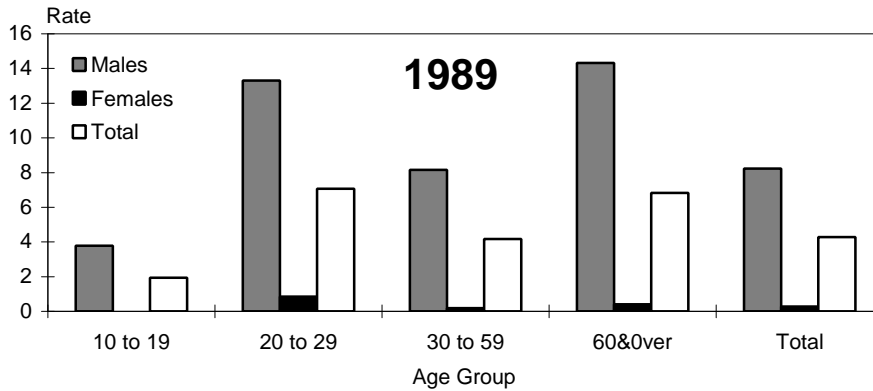
Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994, *Census Counts for Small Areas 1991*: Queensland, Cat. No. 2730.3.

Figure 6.10
QUEENSLAND, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994¹



1. Refer to Table 6.4 as the number of cases in some regions is small.
 *West includes the South West, Central West and North West Statistical Divisions.

Figure 6.11
QUEENSLAND, Suicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994



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Table 6.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Suicide by Firearm,
Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population
Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age and Gender 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Perth										
<i>Number</i>	1	4	8	5	18	4	3	12	2	21
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	1.08	4.36	3.67	7.07	3.81	4.33	3.27	5.04	2.83	4.23
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.20
Total	0.55	2.15	1.81	3.10	1.85	2.20	1.61	2.71	1.24	2.16
South West										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	3
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	10.76	0.00	9.99	3.58	0.00	0.00	3.93	19.98	5.38
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	5.35	0.00	4.77	1.80	0.00	0.00	1.98	9.54	2.69
Lower Great Southern										
<i>Number</i>	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	27.45	0.00	11.44	0.00	10.60	0.00	0.00	22.87	0.00	10.60
Females	0.00	0.00	11.83	0.00	5.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	14.15	0.00	11.63	0.00	8.01	0.00	0.00	11.63	0.00	5.34
Upper Great Southern										
<i>Number</i>	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	117.68	0.00	0.00	21.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	61.65	0.00	0.00	11.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Midland										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	10.08	30.48	9.68	0.00	0.00	10.08	30.48	9.68
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	5.34	15.62	5.08	0.00	0.00	5.34	15.62	5.08
South Eastern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	1	3
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.21	8.74	25.08	0.00	9.14	47.10	13.12
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.42	4.84	13.32	0.00	5.23	23.71	7.27
Central										
<i>Number</i>	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	3
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	20.50	0.00	7.54	0.00	6.98	0.00	0.00	22.63	0.00	10.47
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	10.82	0.00	4.08	0.00	3.74	0.00	0.00	12.25	0.00	5.61
Pilbara										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	8.51	0.00	4.53	26.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.53
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	5.03	0.00	2.55	14.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.55
Kimberley										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.73	7.63	0.00	0.00	16.65	0.00	7.63
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.43	4.14	0.00	0.00	9.17	0.00	4.14
STATE TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	3	7	13	10	33	6	3	21	6	36
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	2.35	5.40	3.88	10.09	3.97	4.71	2.32	6.47	6.05	4.09
Females	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.12
Total	1.20	2.72	2.12	4.59	2.09	2.41	1.16	3.43	2.75	2.12

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994, *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991, Western Australia, Cat. No. 2730.5.

Figure 6.12
*WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994*

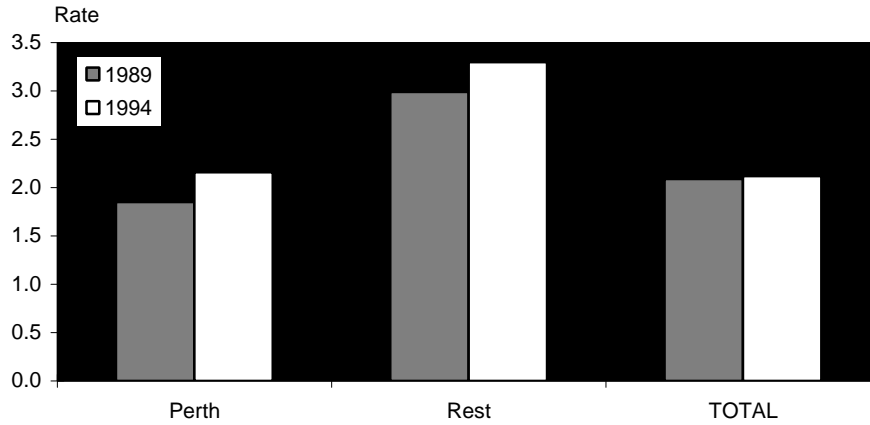
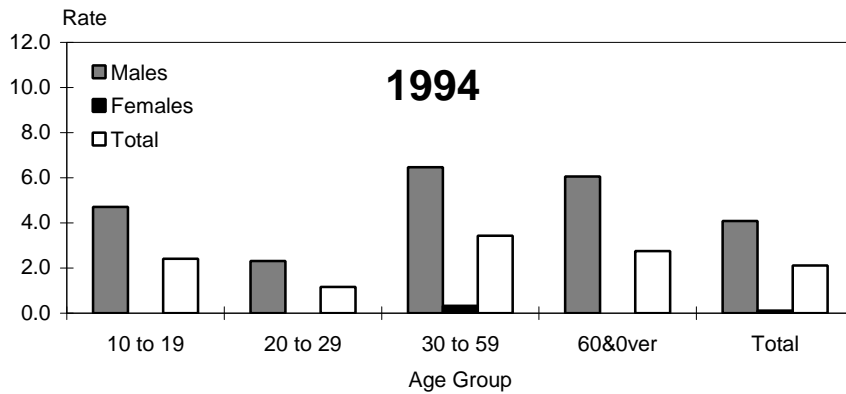
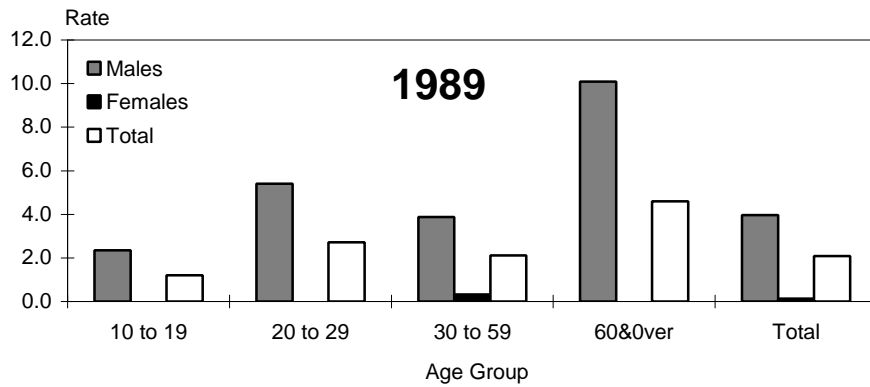


Figure 6.13
*WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994*



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Table 6.6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Suicide by Firearm,
Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population
Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Adelaide										
Number	4	5	7	6	22	1	6	8	2	17
Rate										
Males	5.33	4.77	3.10	7.85	4.66	1.33	5.96	3.62	2.62	3.50
Females	0.00	1.19	0.50	0.00	0.44	0.00	1.19	0.50	0.00	0.44
Total	2.71	2.98	1.78	3.38	2.48	0.68	3.57	2.03	1.13	1.92
Outer Adelaide										
Number	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	4	1	5
Rate										
Males	14.89	0.00	0.00	14.00	5.35	0.00	0.00	22.90	14.00	13.37
Females	0.00	16.75	0.00	0.00	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	7.62	8.30	0.00	6.52	3.98	0.00	0.00	11.49	6.52	6.64
Yorke & Lower North										
Number	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.82	5.68	0.00	0.00	25.42	22.82	17.03
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.67	2.82	0.00	0.00	12.78	10.67	8.46
Murray Lands										
Number	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	2	0	2
Rate										
Males	0.00	42.47	15.42	0.00	14.21	0.00	0.00	15.42	0.00	7.10
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	21.85	7.93	0.00	7.26	0.00	0.00	7.93	0.00	3.63
South East										
Number	2	0	2	2	6	1	0	1	0	2
Rate										
Males	41.65	0.00	8.55	48.79	19.86	20.83	0.00	8.55	0.00	7.94
Females	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	21.70	0.00	8.77	22.52	12.02	10.85	0.00	4.38	0.00	4.01
Eyre										
Number	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2
Rate										
Males	40.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.30	0.00	42.48	0.00	41.03	14.60
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	20.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.76	0.00	21.70	0.00	19.98	7.51
Northern										
Number	1	0	5	0	6	1	3	1	0	5
Rate										
Males	14.63	0.00	27.63	0.00	15.67	14.63	40.63	5.53	0.00	13.06
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	7.54	0.00	14.68	0.00	8.12	7.54	21.06	2.94	0.00	6.77
STATE TOTAL										
Number	9	8	16	10	43	3	10	18	5	36
Rate										
Males	8.66	5.38	5.22	9.44	5.50	2.89	8.07	6.34	4.72	4.66
Females	0.00	1.81	0.74	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.90	0.37	0.00	0.27
Total	4.42	3.60	2.97	4.17	3.03	1.47	4.50	3.34	2.09	2.45

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994; *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991, South Australia, Cat. No. 2730.4.

Figure 6.14
*SOUTH AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994*

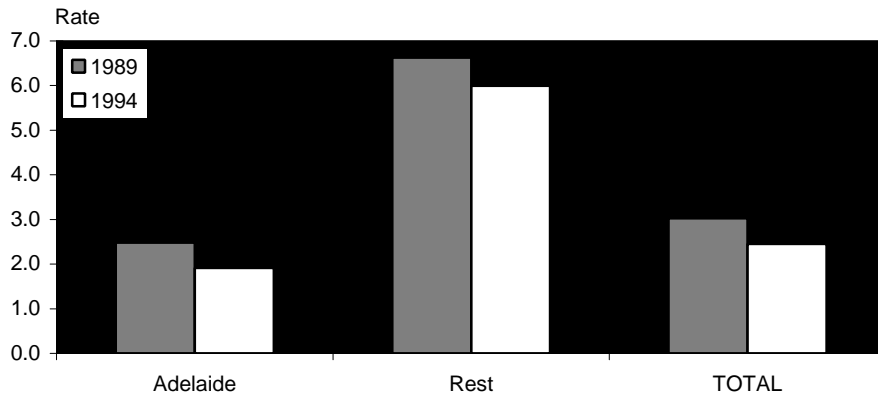
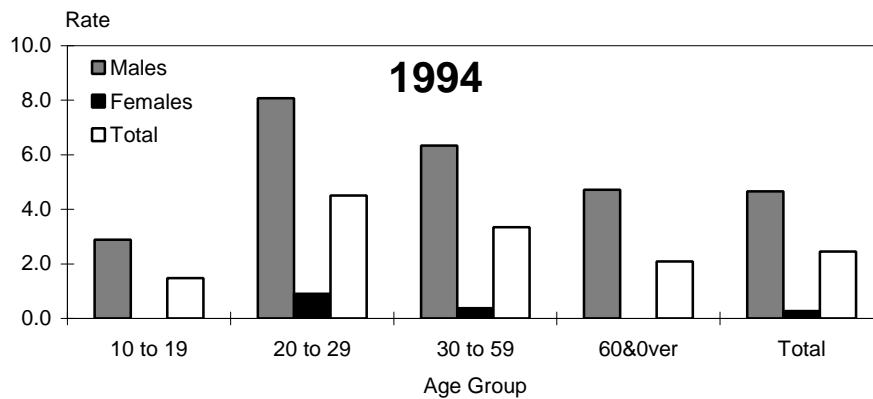
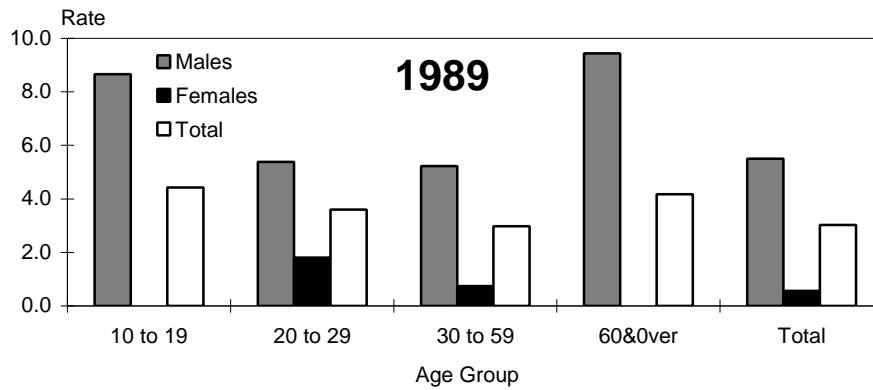


Figure 6.15
*SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994*



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Table 6.7
TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY & ACT, Suicide by Firearm,
Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age
and Gender 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	10 to 19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Greater Hobart										
Number	1	2	6	3	12	1	1	0	4	6
Rate										
Males	0.00	14.30	17.95	16.12	13.49	6.99	7.15	0.00	32.23	8.10
Females	7.10	0.00	0.00	6.15	2.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.52	7.00	8.81	10.46	7.80	3.52	3.50	0.00	13.95	3.90
Southern										
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Rate										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.85	13.60	0.00	13.20
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.52	7.09	0.00	6.85
Northern										
Number	1	0	3	2	6	2	1	5	7	15
Rate										
Males	9.78	0.00	12.65	10.94	9.47	19.56	10.28	21.08	76.58	28.40
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.73	1.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	4.98	0.00	6.33	9.71	5.58	9.97	5.11	10.55	34.00	13.94
Mersey-Lyell										
Number	2	2	3	0	7	0	3	2	1	6
Rate										
Males	22.39	25.40	4.89	0.00	11.20	0.00	38.10	9.78	13.56	13.44
Females	0.00	0.00	9.97	0.00	4.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	11.48	12.49	7.40	0.00	7.77	0.00	18.74	4.94	6.17	6.66
TASMANIA TOTAL										
Number	4	4	12	5	25	3	6	8	12	29
Rate										
Males	8.29	11.70	11.73	9.50	8.93	8.29	17.55	9.38	38.01	12.38
Females	2.87	0.00	2.34	5.12	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	5.63	5.79	7.03	7.08	5.49	4.22	8.68	4.69	16.99	6.14
NORTHERN TERRITORY										
Number	1	1	5	1	8	1	1	6	0	8
Rate										
Males	6.90	5.78	10.95	14.22	8.55	6.90	5.78	16.42	0.00	9.04
Females	0.00	0.00	3.13	0.00	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	3.57	2.91	7.30	7.39	4.96	3.57	2.91	8.76	0.00	4.67
ACT										
Number	0	7	2	1	10	0	1	1	0	2
Rate										
Males	0.00	28.27	3.64	8.69	7.13	0.00	4.04	1.82	0.00	1.32
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	14.02	1.81	3.91	3.62	0.00	2.00	0.91	0.00	0.66

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994, *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991: Tasmania, Cat. No. 2730.6, Northern Territory, Cat. No. 2730.7, Australian Capital Territory Territory, Cat. No. 2730.8.

Figure 6.16
TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY & ACT, MAJOR REGIONS, Suicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, 1989 and 1994

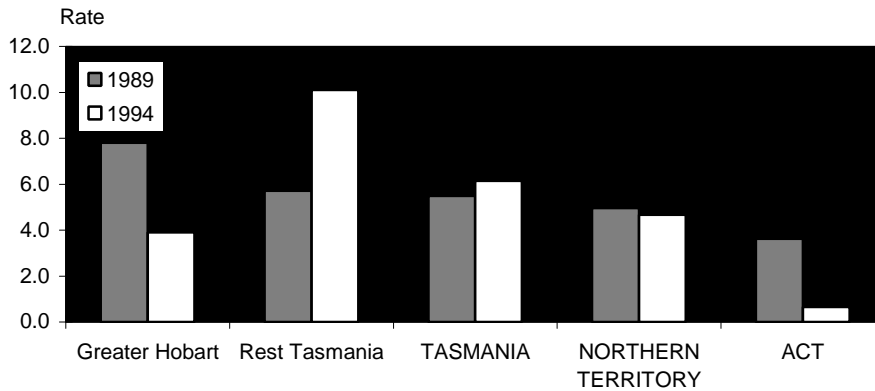


Figure 6.17
TASMANIA, Suicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

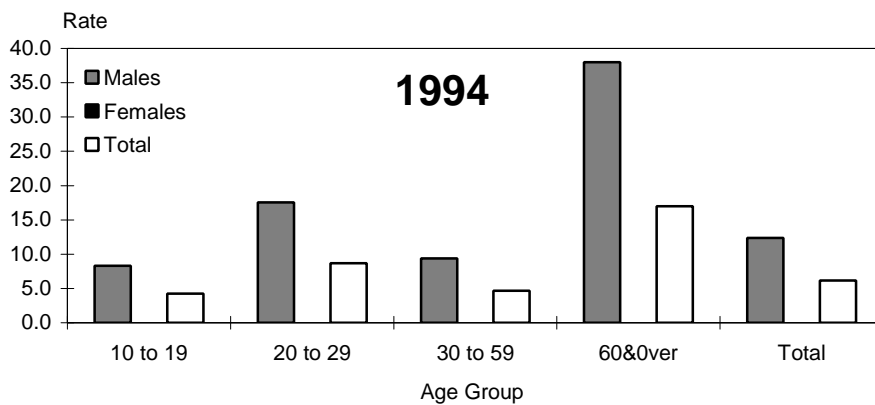
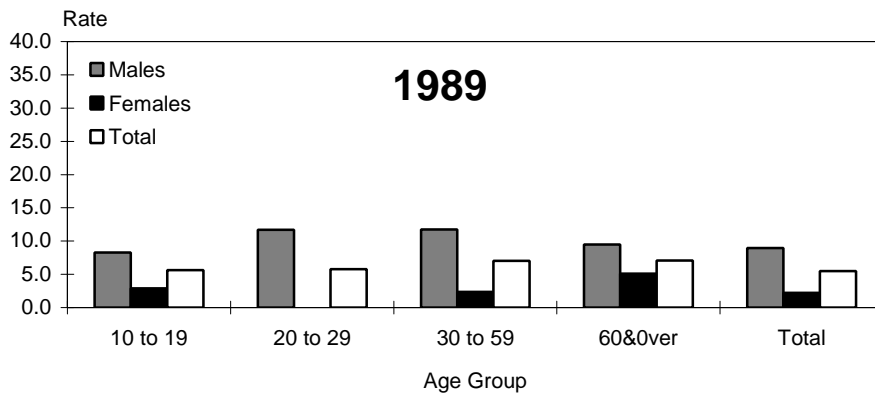


Figure 6.18
*NORTHERN TERRITORY, Suicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994*

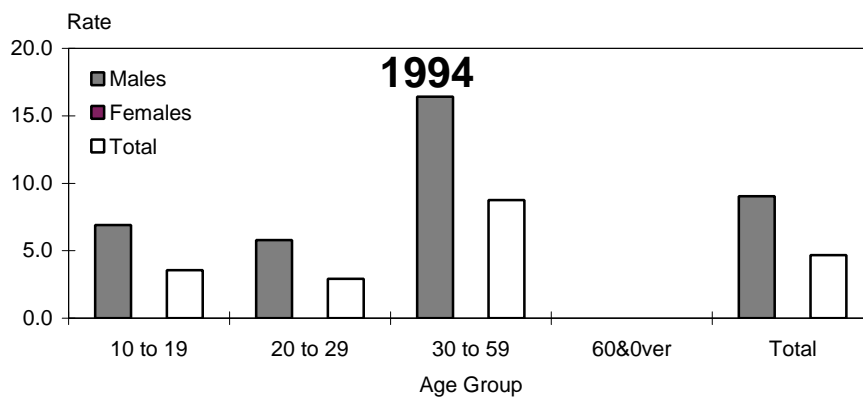
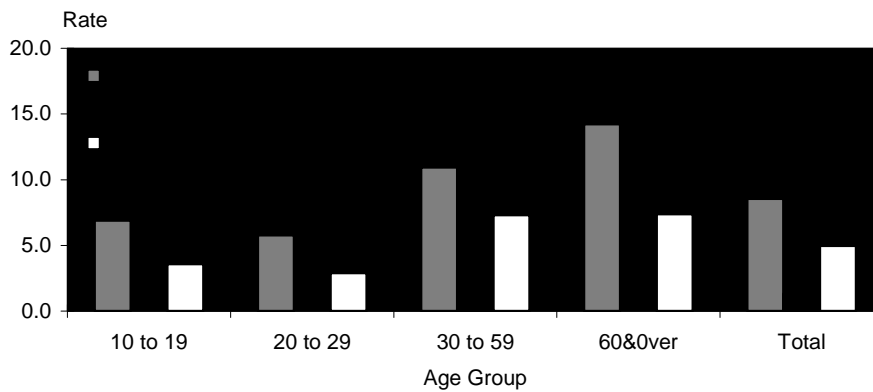
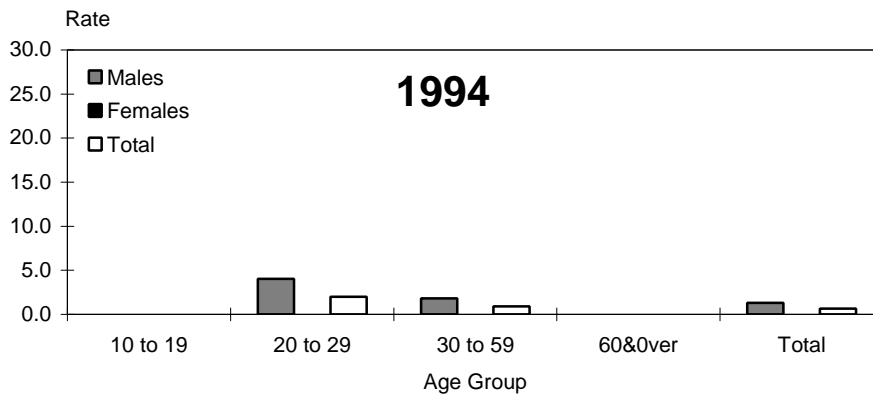
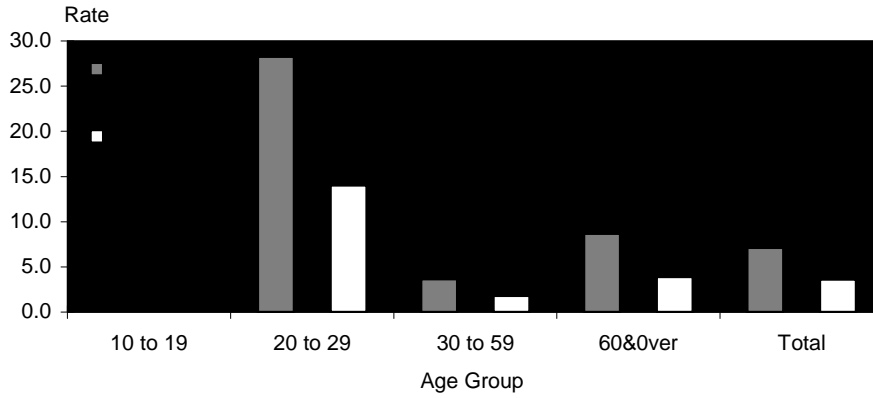


Figure 6.19
ACT, Suicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Population Aged 10 Years and Over, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994



Homicide by Firearm Regional Data

Table 6.8
AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Total Population Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

		1989					1994				
REGION		Age Group					Age Group				
		0-19	20 to 29	30 to 59	60&0ver	Total	0-19	20 to 29	30 to 59	60&0ver	Total
Capital Cities	<i>Number</i>	9	20	18	1	48	8	13	24	2	47
	<i>Rate</i>										
	Males	0.38	2.03	0.64	0.14	0.73	0.31	1.35	0.59	0.14	0.57
	Females	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.00	0.19	0.20	0.11	0.58	0.11	0.32
	Total	0.29	1.12	0.44	0.06	0.45	0.26	0.73	0.58	0.13	0.44
Rest of Australia	<i>Number</i>	2	13	14	3	32	2	7	20	3	32
	<i>Rate</i>										
	Males	0.10	1.94	0.92	0.21	0.70	0.10	1.29	1.01	0.42	0.67
	Females	0.11	0.88	0.26	0.37	0.32	0.11	0.22	0.69	0.18	0.35
	Total	0.10	1.42	0.60	0.29	0.51	0.10	0.76	0.85	0.29	0.51
Total	<i>Number</i>	11	33	32	4	80	10	20	44	5	79
	<i>Rate</i>										
	Males	0.27	1.99	0.74	0.17	0.72	0.23	1.33	0.74	0.26	0.61
	Females	0.16	0.44	0.25	0.14	0.24	0.16	0.15	0.62	0.14	0.33
	Total	0.22	1.22	0.50	0.15	0.47	0.20	0.74	0.68	0.19	0.47

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994; *Census Counts for Small Areas 1991*, Cat. Nos. 2730.1, 2730.2, 2730.3, 2730.4, 2730.5, 2730.6, 2730.7, 2730.8.

Figure 6.20
AUSTRALIA, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

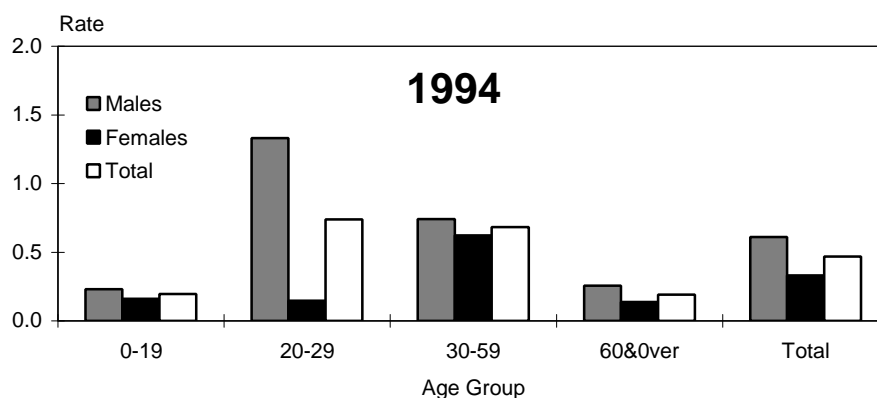
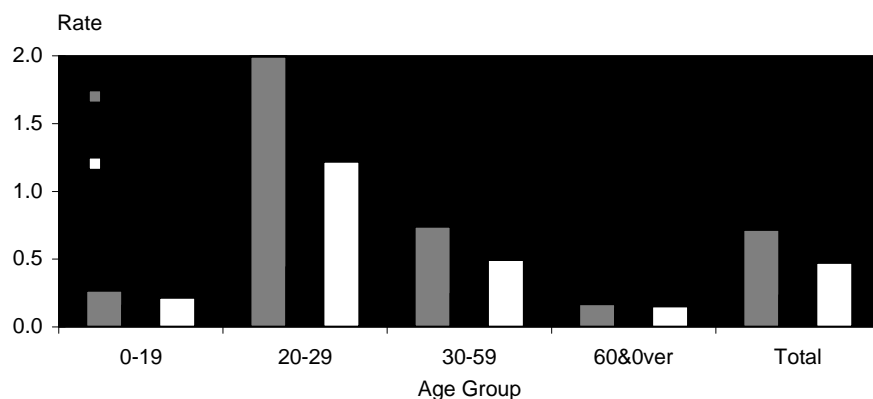


Figure 6.21
 AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

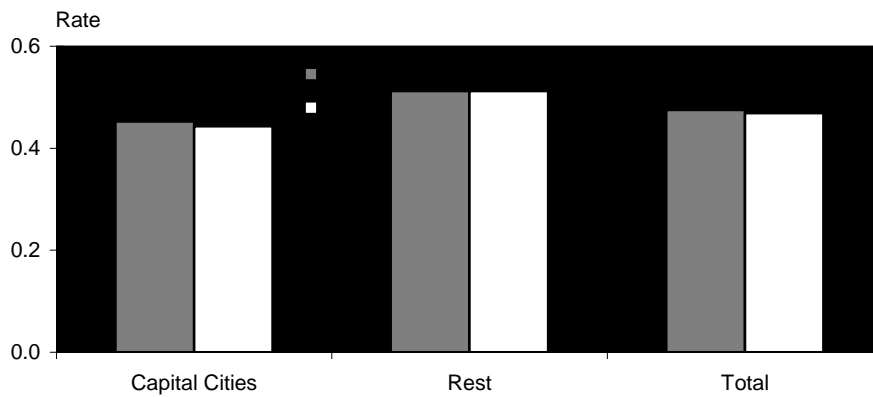


Figure 6.22
 AUSTRALIA, STATES & TERRITORIES, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

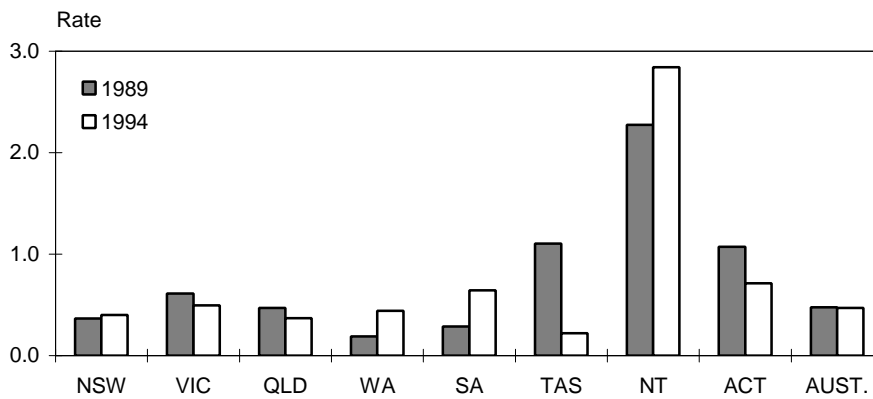


Figure 6.23
AUSTRALIA, CAPITAL CITIES, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

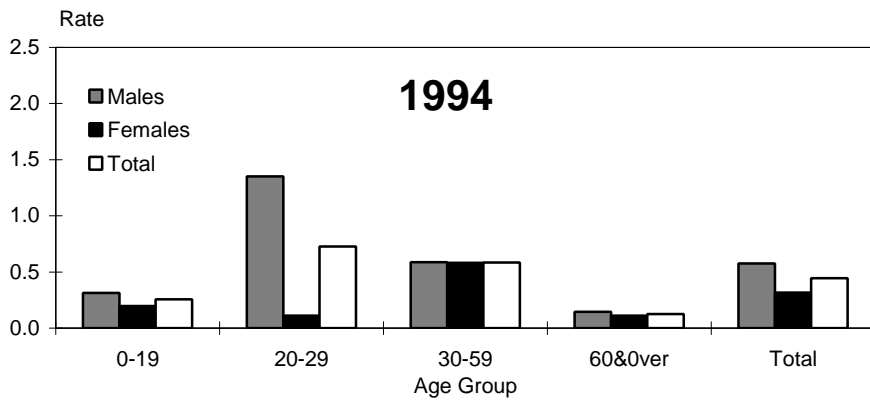
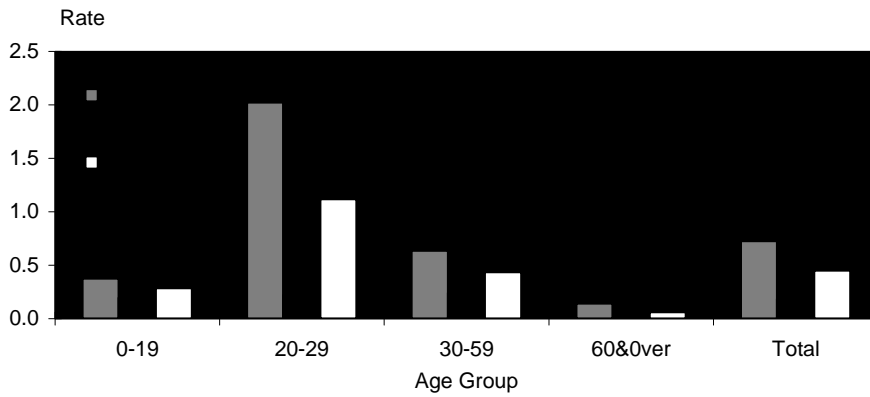


Figure 6.24
REST OF AUSTRALIA, Homicide by Firearm,
Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

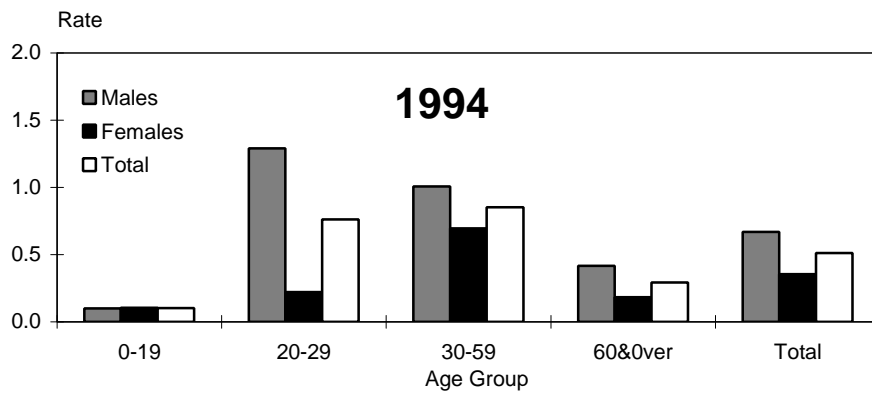
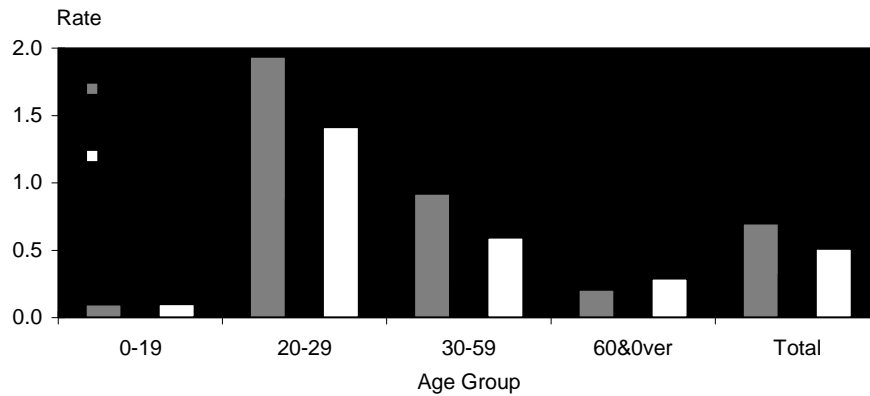


Table 6.9

NEW SOUTH WALES, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Population, Aged 10 Years and Over, by Region, Age and Gender 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Sydney										
<i>Number</i>	4	3	3	0	10	3	3	8	0	14
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.57	1.01	0.43	0.00	0.51	0.57	0.67	0.43	0.00	0.46
Females	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.34	0.73	0.00	0.34
Total	0.39	0.51	0.22	0.00	0.28	0.29	0.51	0.58	0.00	0.40
Hunter										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Illawarra										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.24	0.59
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.74	0.30
Richmond- Tweed										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mid-North Coast										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	2.25	0.00	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	1.11	0.00	0.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	2.93	0.00	1.11	0.00	7.51	0.00	0.00	1.11
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	1.49	0.00	0.55	0.00	3.79	0.00	0.00	0.55
North Western										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	11.97	0.00	0.00	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.21	1.72
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	6.01	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.78	0.87
Central West										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Eastern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	2.80	0.00	1.09	0.00	0.00	2.80	0.00	1.09
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	1.45	0.00	0.56	0.00	0.00	1.45	0.00	0.56
Murrumbidgee										
<i>Number</i>	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	9.17	0.00	0.00	1.40	0.00	9.17	0.00	0.00	1.40
Females	0.00	9.36	0.00	0.00	1.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	9.26	0.00	0.00	1.40	0.00	4.63	0.00	0.00	0.70
Murray										
<i>Number</i>	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	13.07	0.00	0.00	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.16	1.85
Females	0.00	13.52	0.00	0.00	1.88	0.00	0.00	5.07	0.00	1.88
Total	0.00	13.29	0.00	0.00	1.86	0.00	0.00	2.46	5.64	1.86
Far West										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	18.00	0.00	7.00	23.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.43	7.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	9.39	19.77	7.10	12.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.55
STATE TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	4	8	8	1	21	4	5	11	3	23
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.34	1.32	0.72	0.00	0.60	0.46	0.88	0.45	0.48	0.53
Females	0.12	0.45	0.00	0.19	0.14	0.00	0.22	0.55	0.19	0.28
Total	0.24	0.89	0.36	0.11	0.37	0.24	0.55	0.50	0.32	0.40

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994; *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991, New South Wales, Cat. No. 2730.1

Figure 6.25
 NEW SOUTH WALES, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

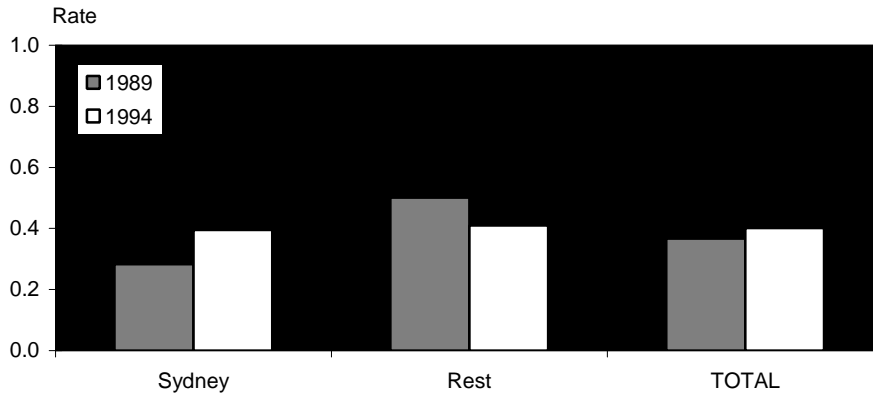


Figure 6.26
 NEW SOUTH WALES, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

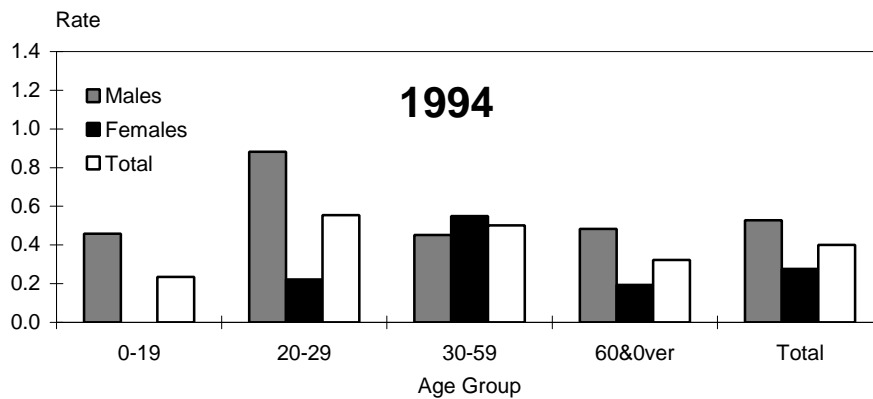
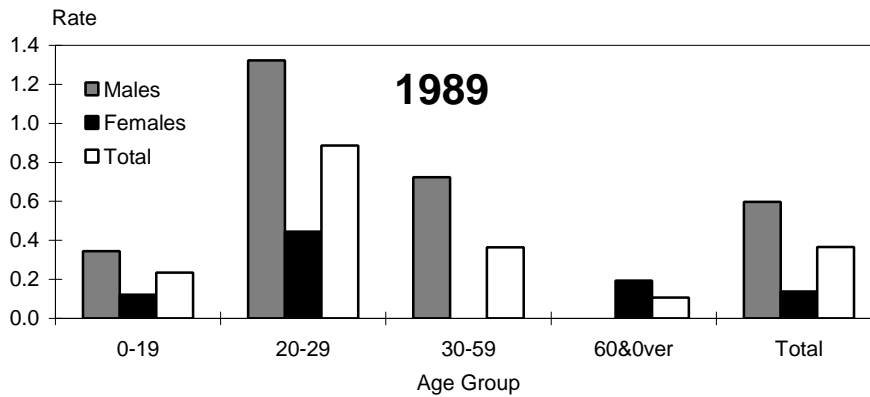


Table 6.10
VICTORIA, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Total Population, Region, Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Melbourne										
<i>Number</i>	0	9	6	0	15	2	3	2	2	9
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	3.43	0.51	0.00	0.81	0.00	1.14	0.17	0.51	0.34
Females	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.00	0.20	0.47	0.00	0.17	0.40	0.26
Total	0.00	1.71	0.51	0.00	0.50	0.23	0.57	0.17	0.45	0.30
Barwon										
<i>Number</i>	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.93	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.93
Females	3.01	6.10	0.00	0.00	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1.47	3.08	1.24	0.00	1.38	0.00	0.00	1.24	0.00	0.46
Western District										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central Highlands										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.24	0.00	3.04
Females	0.00	9.99	0.00	0.00	1.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00	0.00	4.09	0.00	1.49
Wimmera										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	10.48	0.00	3.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	5.28	0.00	1.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mallee										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	17.98	0.00	0.00	2.49	0.00	0.00	6.64	0.00	2.49
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.80	0.00	2.50
Total	0.00	9.03	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	0.00	6.72	0.00	2.50
Loddon-Campaspe										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.79	0.00	0.00	1.20
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.33	0.00	0.00	0.59
Goulburn										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	3
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	9.09	3.52	0.00	2.63	0.00	9.09	0.00	0.00	1.32
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.24	0.00	2.69
Total	0.00	4.64	1.78	0.00	1.33	0.00	4.64	3.57	0.00	2.00
Ovens- Murray										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.52	0.00	2.11
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.80	0.00	1.06
East Gippsland										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gippsland										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.59	0.00	0.00	1.24
Females	0.00	0.00	3.41	0.00	1.24	0.00	0.00	3.41	0.00	1.24
Total	0.00	0.00	1.68	0.00	0.62	0.00	4.30	1.68	0.00	1.24
STATE TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	1	14	11	0	26	2	6	11	2	21
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	3.43	0.86	0.00	0.91	0.00	1.72	0.74	0.35	0.62
Females	0.16	0.57	0.49	0.00	0.33	0.32	0.00	0.61	0.28	0.37
Total	0.08	1.99	0.68	0.00	0.61	0.16	0.85	0.68	0.31	0.49

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994; *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991, Victoria, Cat. No. 2730.2.

Figure 6.27
VICTORIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

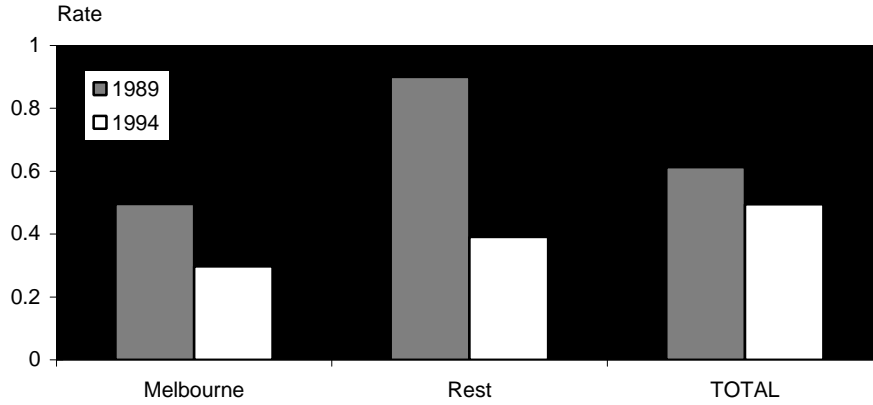


Figure 6.28
VICTORIA, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

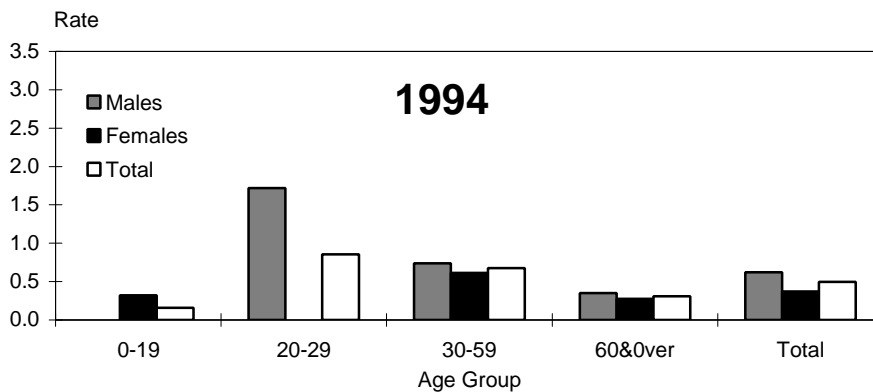
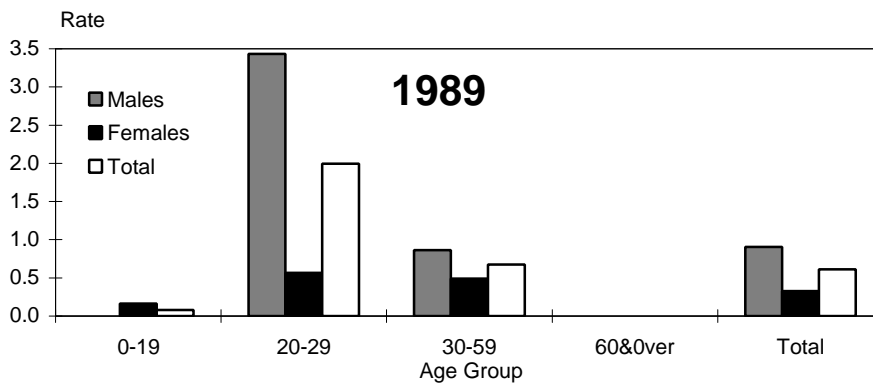


Table 6.11
QUEENSLAND, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Total Population, Region, Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Brisbane										
<i>Number</i>	2	3	2	1	8	0	1	2	0	3
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.48	1.84	0.80	1.17	0.92	0.00	0.91	1.84	0.00	0.46
Females	0.50	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.49	1.36	0.40	0.51	0.60	0.00	0.46	0.91	0.00	0.22
Moreton										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	2.90	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.00	1.04	0.00	0.39
Females	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.38	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.38
Total	0.00	1.43	0.51	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.00	1.02	0.00	0.39
Wide Bay-Burnett										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.43	0.00	2.05
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.72	0.00	1.03
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.08	0.00	1.54
Darling Downs										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South West										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fitzroy										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.48	1.16	0.00	7.22	0.00	0.00	1.16
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.51	0.60	0.00	3.71	0.00	0.00	0.60
Central West										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	35.42	0.00	13.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	19.40	0.00	7.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mackay										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	6.09	0.00	0.00	1.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	3.17	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Far North										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	6.03	0.00	0.00	0.97	0.00	0.00	4.95	0.00	1.95
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	3.02	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	2.54	0.00	0.99
North West										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	2	6	4	2	14	0	2	9	0	11
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.21	2.15	0.53	0.92	0.74	0.00	0.86	1.24	0.00	0.61
Females	0.22	0.43	0.18	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.13
Total	0.22	1.28	0.36	0.43	0.47	0.00	0.43	0.80	0.00	0.37

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994, *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991, Queensland, Cat. No. 2730.3.

Figure 6.29
 QUEENSLAND, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

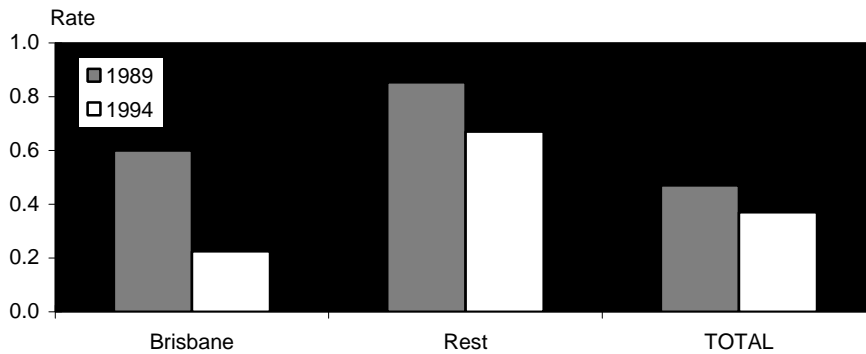


Figure 6.30
 QUEENSLAND, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

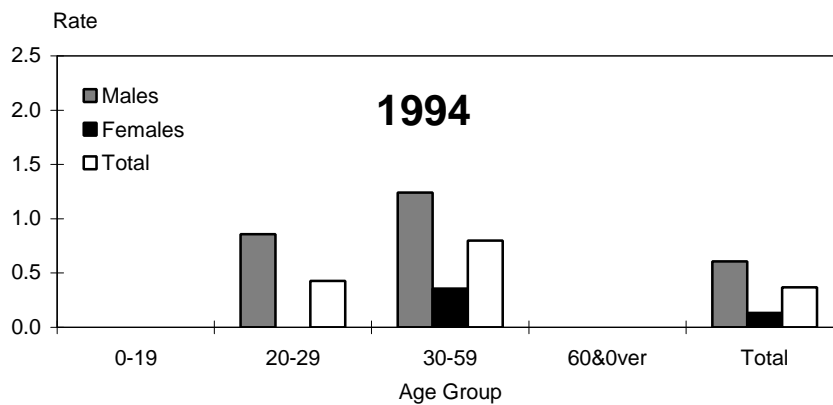
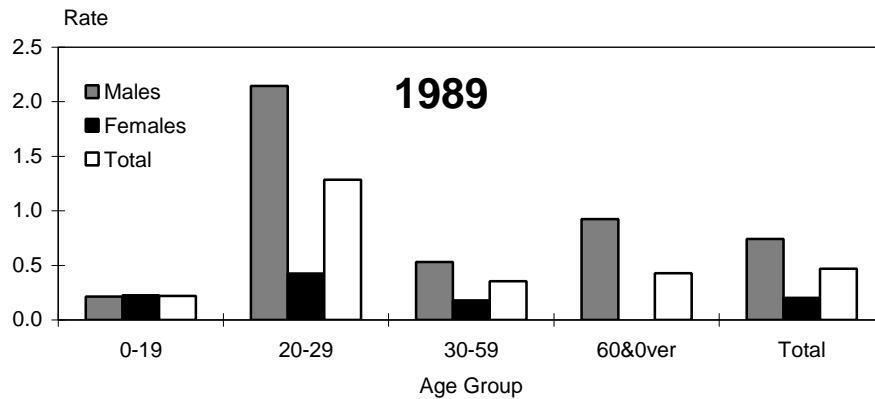


Table 6.12
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Total Population, Region, Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Perth										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	4	0	7
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.18	0.55	1.09	1.37	0.00	0.89
Females	0.00	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.17	0.58	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.34
Total	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.17	0.57	0.54	0.90	0.00	0.61
South West										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.13	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.77	0.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lower Great Southern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upper Great Southern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Eastern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilbara										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimberley										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	2	1	3	2	1	4	0	7
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.39	0.77	0.97	0.00	0.63
Females	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.84	0.25	0.41	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.25
Total	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.46	0.19	0.40	0.39	0.65	0.00	0.44

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994; *Census Counts for Small Areas 1991*, Western Australia, Cat. No. 2730.5.

Figure 6.31
 WESTERN AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

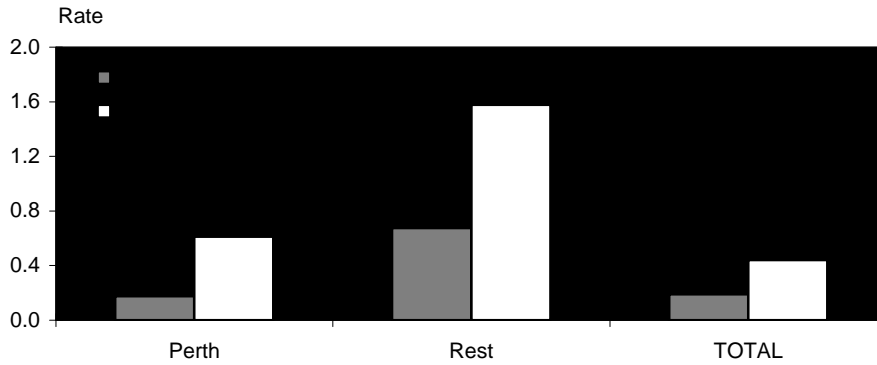


Figure 6.32
 WESTERN AUSTRALIA, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

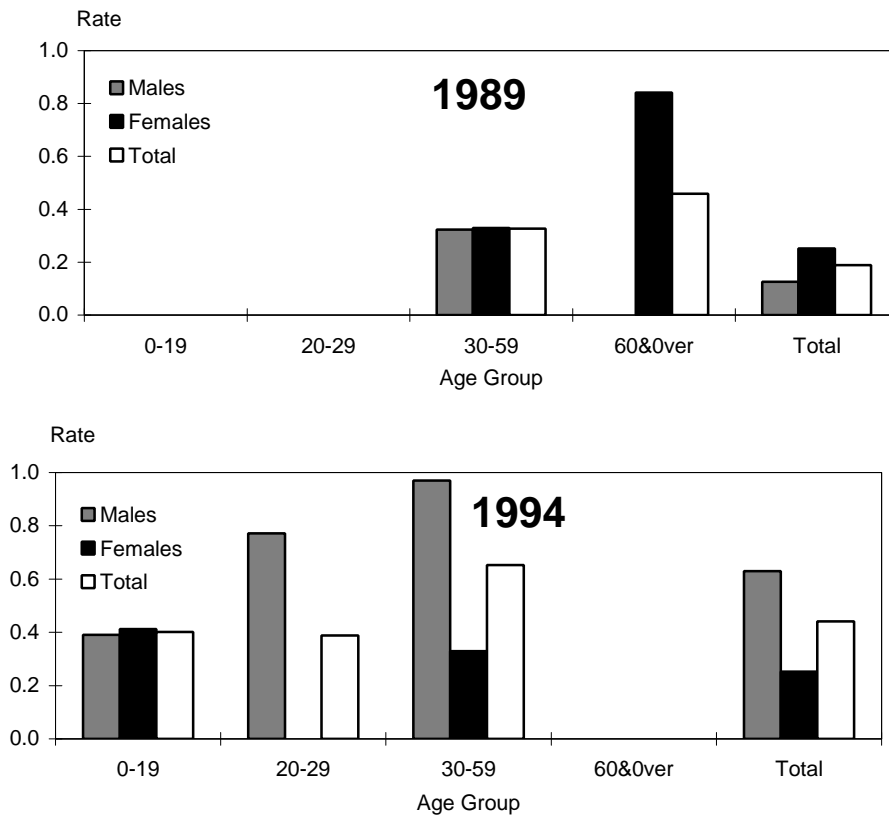


Table 6.13
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100000 Total Population, Region, Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Adelaide										
<i>Number</i>	2	2	0	0	4	1	1	5	0	7
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.69	2.39	0.00	0.00	0.60	0.69	1.19	1.03	0.00	0.80
Females	0.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.57
Total	0.70	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.35	0.60	1.27	0.00	0.68
Outer Adelaide										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.76	0.00	2.24
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.87	0.00	1.12
Yorke & Lower North										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray Lands										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.51	0.00	0.00	3.14
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.93	0.00	0.00	1.53
South East										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eyre										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	2	2	0	0	4	1	2	6	0	9
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.49	1.79	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.49	0.90	0.75	0.00	0.58
Females	0.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.90	1.48	0.00	0.70
Total	0.50	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.25	0.90	1.11	0.00	0.64

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994; *Census Counts for Small Areas 1991*, South Australia, Cat. No. 2730.4.

Figure 6.33
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

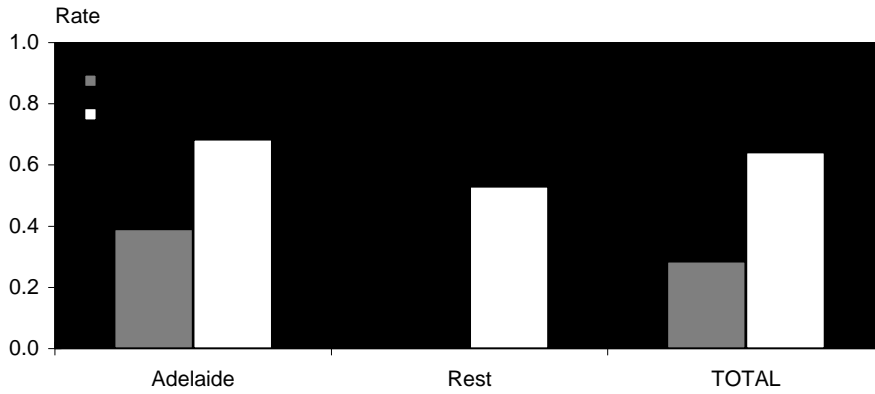


Figure 6.34
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

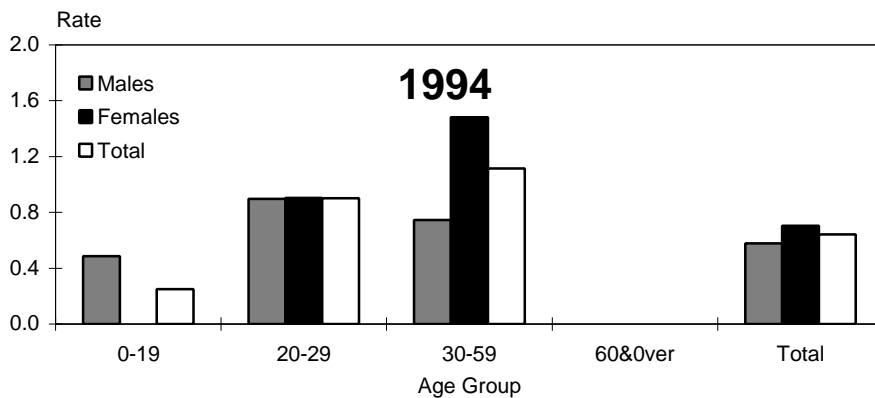
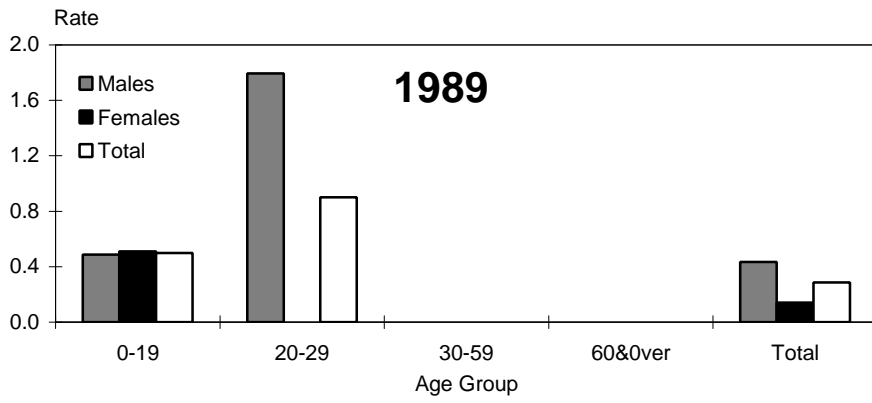


Table 6.14
TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY & ACT, Homicide by Firearm, Total Number and Rates per 100 000 Total Population, Region, Age and Gender, 1989 and 1994

AGE GROUP	1989					1994				
	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total	0-19	20-29	30 to 59	60&Over	Total
Greater Hobart										
<i>Number</i>	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	7.15	0.00	0.00	1.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	2.88	0.00	1.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	3.50	1.47	0.00	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Southern										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.87
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.83
Northern										
<i>Number</i>	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	4.95	0.00	4.22	0.00	3.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	4.22	0.00	1.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	2.53	0.00	4.22	0.00	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mersey-Lyell										
<i>Number</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TASMANIA TOTAL										
<i>Number</i>	1	1	3	0	5	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	1.38	2.92	1.17	0.00	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Females	0.00	0.00	2.34	0.00	0.87	1.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44
Total	0.70	1.45	1.76	0.00	1.10	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.22

NORTHERN TERRITORY

<i>Number</i>	1	0	3	0	4	0	4	1	0	5
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	3.25	0.00	8.21	0.00	4.37	0.00	23.14	0.00	0.00	4.37
Females	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.13	0.00	1.19
Total	1.68	0.00	4.38	0.00	2.27	0.00	11.64	1.46	0.00	2.84

ACT

<i>Number</i>	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Rate</i>										
Males	0.00	4.04	1.82	0.00	1.44	0.00	0.00	1.82	0.00	0.72
Females	0.00	3.97	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.00	1.80	0.00	0.71
Total	0.00	4.00	0.91	0.00	1.07	0.00	0.00	1.81	0.00	0.71

Sources: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Causes of Death* 1989 and 1994, *Census Counts for Small Areas* 1991: Cat. Nos. 2730.6, 2730.7, 2730.8.

Figure 6.35
TASMANIA, NORTHERN TERRITORY & ACT, MAJOR REGIONS, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, 1989 and 1994

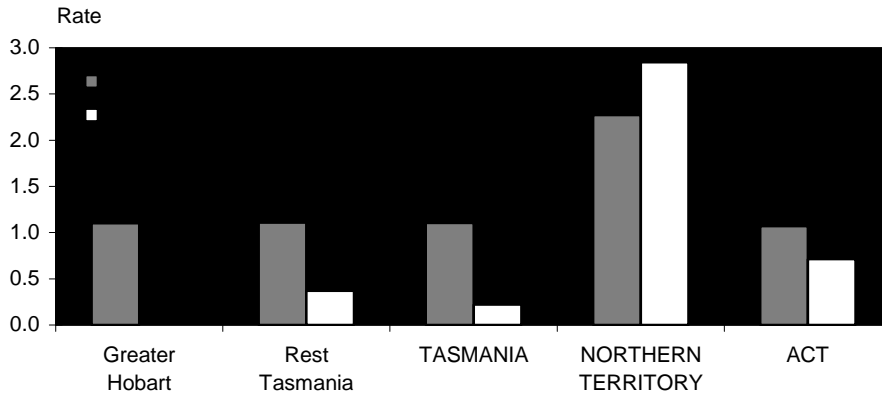


Figure 6.36
TASMANIA, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994

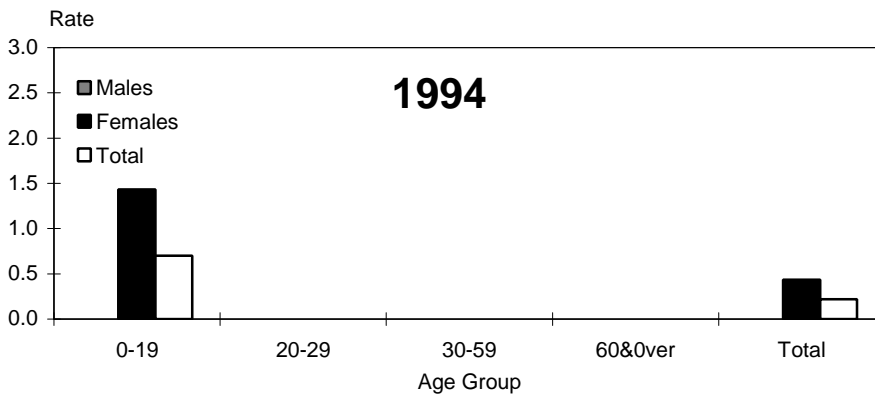
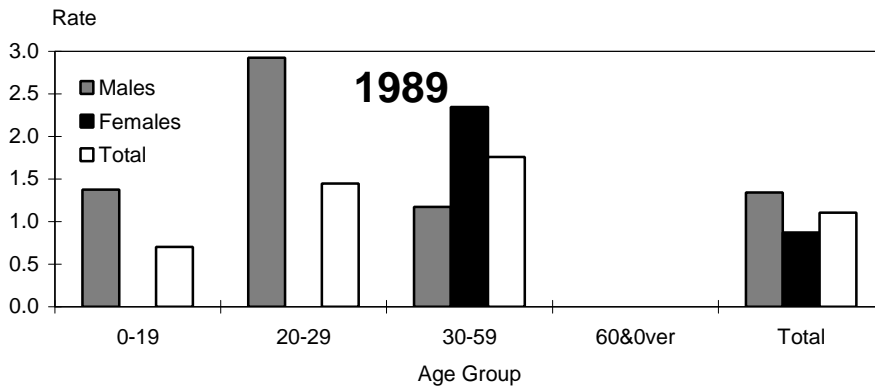


Figure 6.37
*NORTHERN TERRITORY, Homicide by Firearm,
 Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994*

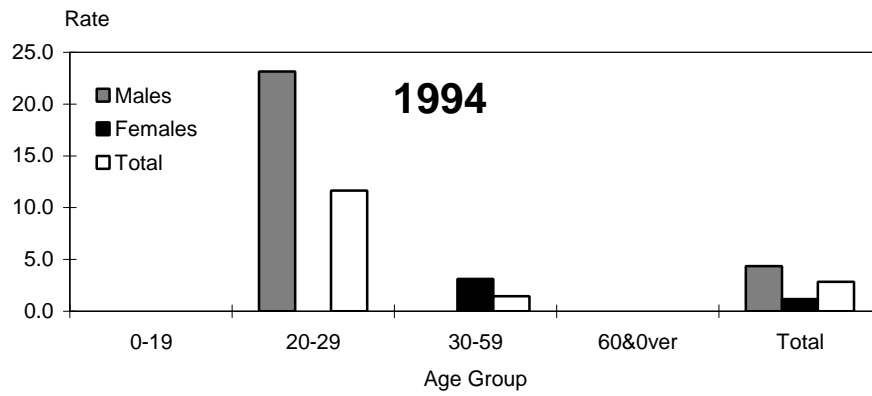
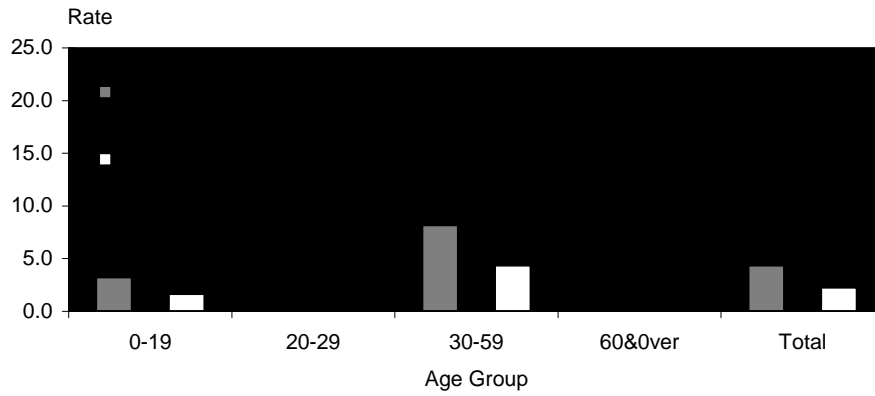
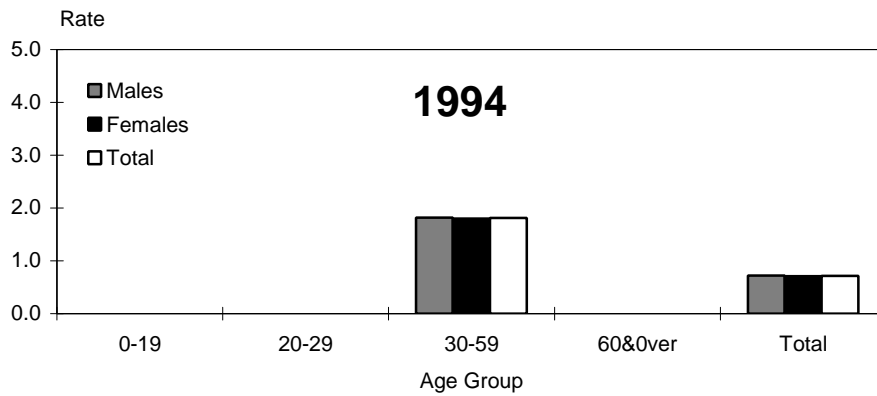
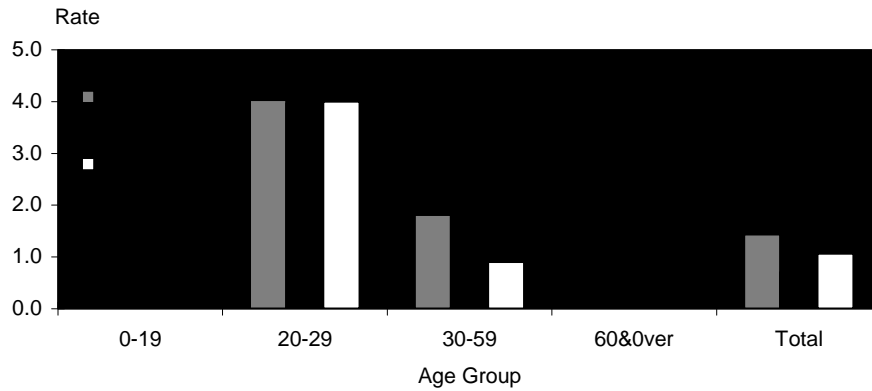


Figure 6.38
ACT, Homicide by Firearm, Rate per 100 000 Total Population, Gender and Age, 1989 and 1994



Major population centres included in each of the Statistical Divisions

New South Wales

Sydney Statistical Division includes: Inner Sydney, Eastern Suburbs, St George-Sutherland, Canterbury-Bankstown, Fairfield-Liverpool, Outer South Western Sydney, Inner Western Sydney, Central Western Sydney, Outer Western Sydney, Blacktown-Baulkham Hills, Lower Northern Sydney, Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai, Manly-Warringah, Gosford-Wyong.

Hunter Statistical Division includes: Cessnock, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle, Port Stephens

Illawarra Statistical Division includes: Wollongong, Shoalhaven

Richmond Tweed Statistical Division includes: Lismore

Mid-North Coast Statistical Division includes: Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Greater Taree

Northern Statistical Division includes: Tamworth, Armidale

North Western Statistical Division includes: Dubbo,

Central West Statistical Division includes: Bathurst, Orange, Greater Lithgow

South Eastern Statistical Division includes: Queanbeyan, Goulburn

Murrumbidgee Statistical Division includes: Wagga Wagga, Griffith

Murray Statistical Division includes: Albury

Far West Statistical Division includes: Broken Hill

Victoria

Melbourne Statistical Division includes: Central Melbourne, Western Melbourne, Northern Melbourne, Eastern Melbourne, Southern Melbourne, South Eastern Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula.

Barwon Statistical Division includes: Geelong, Newton, Barwon

Western District Statistical Division includes: Warrnambool, Hamilton, Portland

Central Highlands Statistical Division includes: Ballaarat, Ararat

Wimmera Statistical Division includes: Horsham, Stawell

Mallee Statistical Division includes: Mildura, Swan Hill

Loddon-Campaspe Statistical Division includes: Bendigo, Echuca, Castlemaine, Maryborough

Goulburn Statistical Division includes: Shepparton, Benalla

Ovens-Murray Statistical Division includes: Wangaratta

East Gippsland Statistical Division includes: Bairnsdale, Sale

Gippsland Statistical Division includes: Moe, Morewell, Traralgon

Queensland

Brisbane Statistical Division includes: Brisbane City, Albert Shire (part A), Beaudesert Shire, Caboolture Shire, Ipswich-Moreton Shire, Logan City, Pine River Shire, Redcliffe City, Redland Shire

Moreton Statistical Division includes: Gold Coast City, Albert Shire (part B), Sunshine Coast

Wide-Bay Burnett Statistical Division includes: Bundaberg, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Maryborough

Darling Downs Statistical Division includes: Darling Downs, Toowoomba, Warwick

Fitzroy Statistical Division includes: Rockhampton, Gladstone

Mackay Statistical Division includes: Mackay

Northern Statistical Division includes: Townsville City, Thuringowa City, Charters Towers

Far North Statistical Division includes: Cairns,

North West Statistical Division includes: Mount Isa

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Western Australia

Perth Statistical Division includes: Perth Metropolitan

South West Statistical Division includes: Mandurah, Bunbury

South Eastern Statistical Division includes: Kalgoorlie/Boulder

Central Statistical Division includes: Geraldton

South Australia

Adelaide Statistical Division includes: Adelaide

Outer Adelaide Statistical Division includes: Barossa, Kangaroo Island

Murray Lands Statistical Division includes: Riverland, Murray, Mallee

South East Statistical Division includes: Mount Gambier

Eyre Statistical Division includes: Port Lincoln

Northern Statistical Division includes: Whyalla, Port Pirie, Port Augusta

Tasmania

Greater Hobart Statistical Division includes: Greater Hobart

Northern Statistical Division includes: Launceston

Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division includes: Burnie, Devonport

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Table 7.1
AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES,
Total and Firearm-Related Homicide, Rate per 100 000 Population, 1974-94

Year	Australia			Canada			England & Wales			United States		
	Total Homicide Rate	Firearm Homicide Rate	% Firearm	Total Homicide Rate	Firearm Homicide Rate	% Firearm	Total Homicide Rate	Firearm Homicide Rate	% Firearm	Total Homicide Rate	Firearm Homicide Rate	% Firearm
1974	1.8	0.6	33.7	2.6	1.2	47.2	1.1	0.1	8.7	9.8	6.7	67.9
1975	1.6	0.6	39.3	3.0	1.3	41.7	0.9	0.1	9.7	9.6	6.3	65.8
1976	2.0	0.6	30.0	2.8	1.1	38.6	1.0	0.1	8.8	8.8	5.6	63.8
1977	1.9	0.7	37.0	3.0	1.1	36.6	0.9	0.1	6.7	8.8	5.5	62.5
1978	1.8	0.5	27.0	2.8	1.0	37.8	1.0	0.1	7.4	9.0	5.7	63.6
1979	1.8	0.7	36.4	2.6	0.9	32.8	1.1	0.1	8.8	9.7	6.1	63.3
1980	1.9	0.8	40.0	2.4	0.8	32.9	1.1	0.0	3.5	10.2	6.4	62.4
1981	1.9	0.6	31.7	2.6	0.8	30.7	1.0	0.1	6.4	9.8	6.1	62.4
1982	1.9	0.7	34.7	2.7	1.0	37.2	1.1	0.1	8.3	9.1	5.5	60.2
1983	1.9	0.6	31.4	2.7	0.9	32.8	1.0	0.1	8.1	8.3	4.8	58.3
1984	1.9	0.8	40.6	2.6	0.9	34.2	1.1	0.1	11.2	7.9	4.6	58.8
1985	2.0	0.6	31.5	2.7	0.8	31.5	1.1	0.1	8.2	7.9	4.6	58.7
1986	2.0	0.6	32.2	2.2	0.7	30.8	1.1	0.1	8.9	8.6	5.1	59.1
1987	2.0	0.6	30.4	2.5	0.8	31.4	1.2	0.2	13.0	8.3	4.9	59.1
1988	2.4	0.8	31.4	2.1	0.6	29.3	1.1	0.1	7.9	8.4	5.1	60.6
1989	1.9	0.5	25.1	2.4	0.8	33.2	1.0	0.1	7.2	8.7	5.4	62.4
1990	2.3	0.5	20.5	2.4	0.7	29.7	1.1	0.1	10.4	9.4	6.0	64.3
1991	2.1	0.5	23.7	2.7	1.0	35.7	1.2	0.1	7.9	9.8	6.5	66.3
1992	1.8	0.6	30.1	2.6	0.9	33.6	1.1	0.1	8.8	9.3	6.3	68.2
1993	1.9	0.4	19.6	2.2	0.7	30.6	1.1	0.1	11.9	9.5	6.6	69.6
1994	1.9	0.4	23.8	2.3	0.7	29.9	1.3	0.1	9.3	9.0	6.3	70.0

Sources:

Australia: *Annual Reports of Commissioners of Police for all the Six States and Two Territories, 1974 to 1994.*

Canada: *Crime and Traffic Enforcement Statistics, 1974 to 1994, Canadian Crime Statistics, 1988 to 1994.*

England and Wales: *Criminal Statistics England and Wales, 1974 to 1994.*

United States: *Crime in the US, 1974 to 1994.*

The data in Table 7.1 and Figure 7.1 reveal the following:

- England and Wales, where strict gun regulations are in place, present the smallest percentage of homicides involving firearms during the period from 1974 to 1994. In 1994, firearms were used in 1 out of every 4 homicides in Australia, whereas only a little less than 1 in 10 homicides occurring in England and Wales involved firearms.
- The percentage of Canadian homicides involving firearms was relatively comparable to that observed for Australia for the years between 1977 and 1988. However, for the remaining years, Canada tended to have a larger percentage of firearm homicides than Australia, especially from 1989.
- The largest percentages of firearm homicides during the period are observed for the United States. They are almost double the corresponding figures for Australia for most of the years between 1974 and 1988. From 1989 onwards, the percentage of firearm homicides in the US has been triple that for Australia.

Figure 7.1
AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES,
Firearm-Related Homicide as a Percentage of Total Homicide, 1974-94

