

## National and Statewide Data Series

### Women in the justice system

These key Australian and Victorian datasets and reports may be useful where local government level data is not available in the Women's Health Atlas, or where broader context is needed.

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