

Australian Adult Guardianship Orders 2023/24

Report on adult guardianship and administration/financial management applications and new orders

1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

The table below contains statistics on the number of adult guardianship and administration/financial management applications made to, and new orders made by, state and territory administrative tribunals during the period 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024. Where the appropriate data is available, orders are categorised as public orders where the Public Advocate or Public Guardian is appointed as guardian, and where the Public Trustee (or State Trustees in Victoria) is appointed as administrator or financial manager. Other appointments are categorised as private orders.

Guardianship and Administration/Financial Management Applications and new Orders between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024

	Applications			Orders						
	Guardianship	Administration/ Financial Management	Total	Guardianship			Administration/ Financial Management			Total Orders
				Public	Private	Total	Public	Private	Total	
ACT	192	182	374	33	150	183	37	145	182	365
NSW	5453	3878	9331	1293	1722	3015	1259	1391	2650	5665
NT[†]	-	-	406	93	142	235	113	97	210	445
QLD	2784	2802	5586	786	751	1537	878	999	1877	3414
SA[†]	-	-	3048	619	1073	1692	499	736	1235	2927
TAS	267	254	521	80	59	139	94	102	196	335
VIC[#]	3174	3142	6316	499	1060	1559	899	1157	2056	3615
WA	2826	2840	5666	656	1293	1949	693	1091	1784	3733
Total			31248	4059	6250	10309	4472	5718	10190	20499

Notes:

[†] SA and NT case management systems do not enable separate totals of different application types to be provided. In these jurisdictions, the total number of new orders made may exceed the number of applications listed, as one combined application may result in more than one order.

[#]As with previous years the Victorian data draws on information provided by the Office of the Public Advocate.

The data in this report details applications made to, and new orders made by, the following bodies: ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and the State Administrative Tribunal (WA).

The aim of this report is to capture the number of people subject to new guardianship and administration/financial management orders during 2023/2024. We have sought to exclude from these figures temporary, emergency or interim orders in situations where these short-term orders translate into longer-term orders (so as to count the people subject to orders, rather than the simple number of orders). However, case management systems in some jurisdictions do not easily enable identification of situations when a temporary, emergency or interim order translates into a longer-term order, therefore a small amount of double counting exists.

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