

GIPA 2019-5212 – STRIP SEARCHES

The data in this request has been extracted from the NSWPF Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) via EDW. The data is current at 05/12/2019.

Strip searches can occur in two contexts: in the field and in custody. The information below only includes strip searches done in the field.

1. The total number of males strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Male strip searches

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	3,329	4,060	3,915

2. An age break-down of the total number of males strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Male strip searches by age

Age	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
11			1
12	1		
13	2	1	1
14	3	1	4
15	11	19	17
16	35	31	49
17	34	60	74
18	133	177	196
19	145	220	285
20	176	249	242
21	174	234	228
22	176	216	220
23	189	204	229
24	140	216	188
25	120	212	178
26	153	161	171
27	134	181	131
28	102	125	110
29	110	134	105
30	104	125	119
31	108	95	84
32	94	124	101
33	97	97	86
34	93	101	82
35	93	96	88
36	95	97	68
37	82	88	77
38	71	71	104
39	64	68	68
40	62	73	47
41	56	60	57
42	51	70	46
43	57	51	47

44	49	47	46
45	37	35	50
46	44	40	35
47	42	50	29
48	29	34	50
49	27	33	30
50	20	22	23
51	19	22	16
52	13	24	19
53	16	13	17
54	16	11	16
55	15	9	9
56	6	11	4
57	3	6	7
58	4	7	14
59	5	8	8
60	4	7	4
61		5	5
62	1	7	2
63	4	1	3
64	5	1	4
65		1	3
66		2	2
67	2		2
68			3
70		1	3
71		1	
73			1
74		1	
75			1
76	1		
82		1	
Unknown	2	3	6

3. The total number of males strip searched by NSW Police where 'item/object not found' for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Male strip searches where item/object was not found

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	2,236	2,701	2,570

4. The total number of males strip searched by NSW Police due to drug dog detection being the reason for type of search for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Searches must comply with requirements under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act. A drug detection dog indication, of itself, does not form the basis for the type of search conducted.

The table below indicates the strip searches that followed a drug dog indication.

*Male strip searches **following** a drug dog indication*

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	474	1,061	1,143

5. The total number of males strip searched by NSW Police due to drug dog detection being the reason for type where 'item/object not found' financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Searches must comply with requirements under the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act. A drug detection dog indication, of itself, does not form the basis for the type of search conducted.

*Male strip searches **following** a drug dog indication where item/object not found*

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	290	699	829

6. A 'build' break down of the total number of males strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

The current system does not allow for this information to be easily extracted from COPS. We cannot source this information without looking up each person manually which is not possible due to the volume.

7. The number of males requested to lift testicles during a strip search by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

This information is not recorded in the fixed fields in COPS. We cannot source this information without reading each event narrative which is not possible due to the volume.

8. The number of males that were required to squat during a strip search by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

This information is not recorded in the fixed fields in COPS. We cannot source this information without reading each event narrative which is not possible due to the volume.

9. The total number of males strip searched by NSW Police who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Male Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) strip searches

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	381	449	346

10. An age breakdown of the number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander males strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Male ATSI strip searches by age

Age	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
11			1
12	1		
13	1		1
15	3	2	4
16	8	4	4
17	8	5	6
18	11	6	9
19	13	13	11
20	12	18	9
21	19	11	13
22	17	24	14
23	17	15	13
24	13	25	13
25	15	30	15
26	21	19	24
27	15	15	10
28	13	9	8
29	16	20	7
30	14	13	16
31	16	14	13
32	11	19	13
33	16	19	10
34	17	12	10
35	5	19	13
36	14	14	8
37	13	17	12
38	8	10	7
39	10	9	9
40	4	10	9
41	5	5	6
42	4	11	8
43	7	5	10
44	5	7	6
45	9	6	6
46	4	8	4
47	5	9	3
48	3	10	7
49		2	4
50	3	4	1
51			2
52		2	2
53	1	2	1
55	2	1	
56		2	
57		1	
58	2		
60		1	

62		1	
63			2
65			1
75			1

11. The total number of females strip searched by NSW Police who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Female ATSI strip searches

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	176	177	177

12. An age breakdown of the number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander females strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

Female ATSI strip searches by age

Age	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
12	1		
13	1	1	
14	2	2	1
15	1	1	
16	4	2	2
17	3		1
18	6	7	5
19	5	7	6
20	5	7	7
21	9	7	6
22	5	7	3
23	3	4	8
24	10	2	8
25	3	11	8
26	7	4	8
27	11	5	3
28	11	12	9
29	4	5	7
30	7	6	3
31	5	6	3
32	7	11	8
33	10	2	4
34	4	6	9
35	7	4	7
36	4	6	1
37	1	5	4
38	5	4	4
39	6	5	7
40	4	4	5
41	2	4	7
42	7	2	4
43	4	3	4
44	2	2	1

45	2	2	4
46	2	4	4
47	1	3	2
48		1	3
49	1	1	
50		2	2
51	1	3	
52		1	3
53	1	1	1
55		1	
56		1	1
57		1	
58		2	
59	1		
60	1		
61			1
69			1
70			1
72			1