

## **Chapter 1**

**All Complaints for an Intervention Order  
finalised under the  
Crimes (Family Violence) Act 1987  
and the Crimes Act 1958**  
(Complaints regarding family violence and stalking behaviour)

## All complaints for an intervention order

In 2006/07, 26,377 complaints for an intervention order were finalised in the Magistrates' and Children's Courts of Victoria. The majority of complaints related to family members (75.8%).

Over a ten year period from 1997/98 to 2006/07, the number of complaints for an intervention order finalised in the Magistrates' and Children's Courts of Victoria increased by 35.6% (+6,922). The overall increase in complaints for intervention orders was driven by an increase in both complaints relating to family members and those relating to non family members.

The number of complaints for an intervention order sought for non family members under the stalking provision of the *Crimes Act* 1958 has increased by 60.8% (+2,408) since 1997/98. This has been a steady increase over the period.

Alternatively, the number of complaints for an intervention order relating to family members remained stable at approximately 15,000 for eight years until 2003/04. A significant increase in 2004/05 (26.2% or + 3,973) was likely a result of the introduction of the Victoria Police Code of Practice into dealing with family violence matters by the Victoria Police. As well as the increase in the number of complaints for an intervention order relating to family members, the overall characteristics of complaints saw significant changes after this time. The number of complaints for an intervention order remained stable during the period 2004/05 and 2006/07.

**Table 1.1**

### Complaints for an intervention order finalised by relationship between the parties, 1997/98 – 2006/07

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>									
Family members	15,491	15,373	14,763	15,211	15,536	15,294	15,191	19,164	19,402	20,004
Non family members	3,964	4,246	4,335	5,318	5,253	5,622	6,031	6,754	6,633	6,372
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	7	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>19,455</i>	<i>19,619</i>	<i>19,098</i>	<i>20,529</i>	<i>20,789</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>									
Family members	79.6%	78.4%	77.3%	74.1%	74.7%	73.1%	71.6%	73.7%	74.5%	75.8%
Non family members	20.4%	21.6%	22.7%	25.9%	25.3%	26.9%	28.4%	26.0%	25.5%	24.2%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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All complaints for an intervention order, continued

Figure 1.1

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised by relationship between the parties, 1997/98 – 2006/07

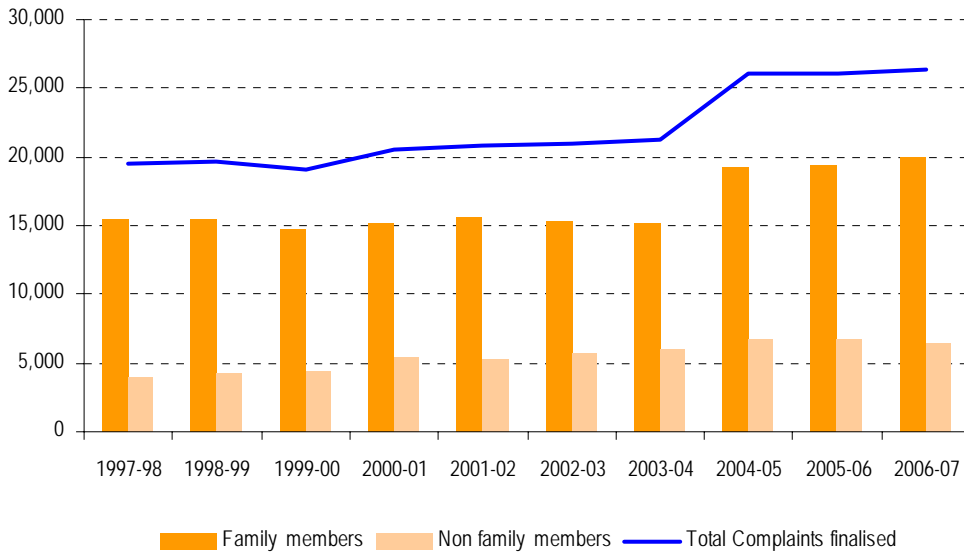
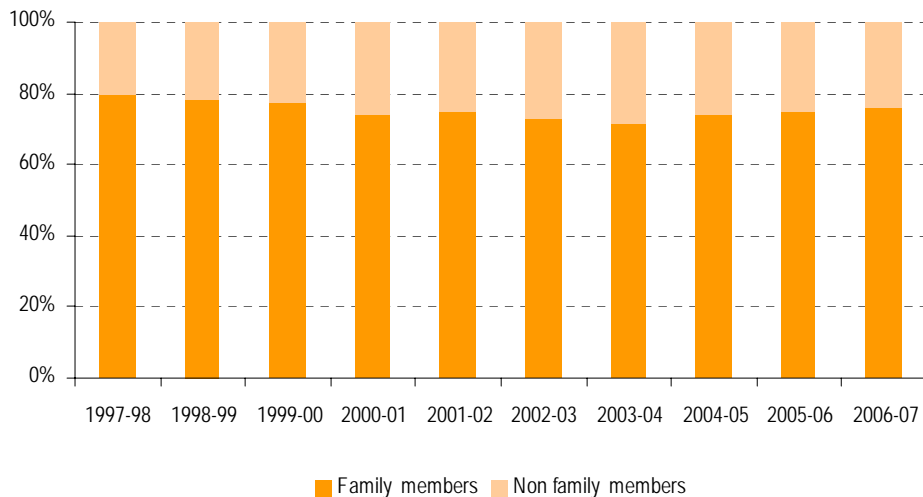


Figure 1.2

Proportion of complaints for an intervention order finalised by relationship between the parties, 1997/98 – 2006/07



## Jurisdiction

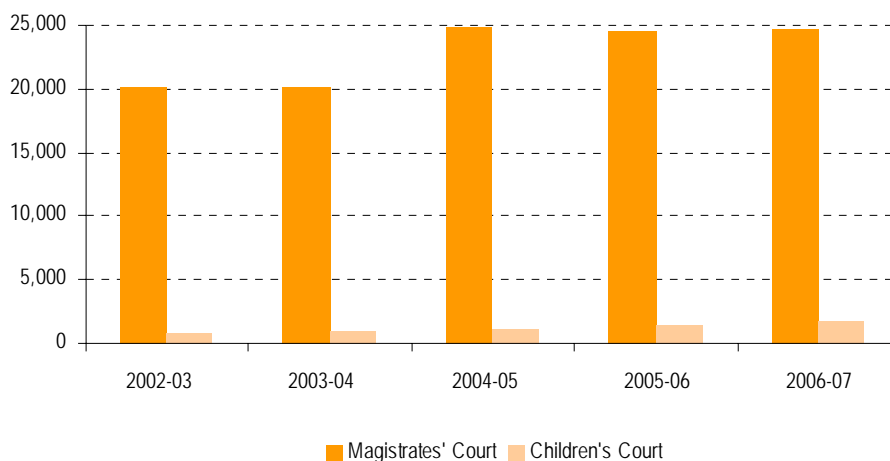
Complaints for an intervention order can be heard in the Magistrates' and Children's Court of Victoria. This publication includes complaints for an intervention order heard in both jurisdictions.

In 2006/07, 93.4% of complaints for an intervention order were finalised in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria. This proportion has decreased slightly over the period from 95.9% in 2002/03. Although the Children's Court of Victoria deal with a small proportion of complaints for an intervention order, their workload in this jurisdiction has increased by 104.8% over the period from 849 to 1739 complaints finalised.

**Table 1.2**  
Complaints for an intervention order finalised by court jurisdiction, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Magistrates' Court	20,067	20,202	24,889	24,553	24,638
Children's Court	849	1,021	1,116	1,489	1,739
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Magistrates' Court	95.9%	95.2%	95.7%	94.3%	93.4%
Children's Court	4.1%	4.8%	4.3%	5.7%	6.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Figure 1.3**  
Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised by court jurisdiction, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Complainants

The majority of complaints for an intervention order were made by the aggrieved person<sup>16</sup>, followed by the police. Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- The proportion of all complaints made by police increased from 18.7% to 37.4% with the largest increase being in 2004/05 and 2005/06 after the introduction of the Victoria Police Code of Practice;
- The proportion of all complaints made by the aggrieved person fell from 79.5% to 60.8% as a result of more complaints being made by the police;
- The proportion of all complaints made by a parent of the aggrieved person was consistent at around 1% to 2%;
- In line with the legislative changes brought about as a result of the Magistrates Court (Family Violence) Act 2004, there were 12 complaints finalised where the Court was the complainant in 2005/06.

Table 1.3

### Complaints for an intervention order finalised, by complainant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Aggrieved person	16,626	17,062	18,341	16,863	16,028
Court	0	0	2	12	2
Guardian	12	25	21	26	22
Parent	306	424	429	353	383
Person with leave of court	20	25	27	45	37
Person with written consent	40	36	46	36	32
Police	3,912	3,651	7,139	8,707	9,873
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Aggrieved person	79.5%	80.4%	70.5%	64.8%	60.8%
Court	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Guardian	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Parent	1.5%	2.0%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%
Person with leave of court	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Person with written consent	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Police	18.7%	17.2%	27.5%	33.4%	37.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

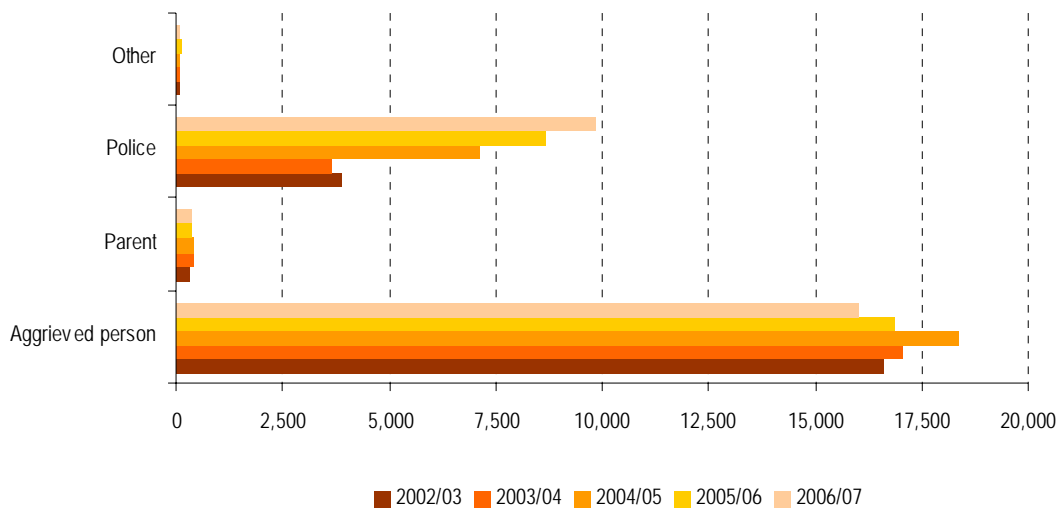
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<sup>16</sup> Aggrieved person includes complaints involving family members and non family members.

## Complainants, continued

Figure 1.4

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised, by complainant, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Mode of issue of complaints for an intervention order

Most complaints for an intervention order were issued by a complaint and summons (74.5%). However, between 2001/02 and 2006/07, the proportion of complaints issued as a complaint and warrant to arrest for an intervention order increased from 16.4% to 25.5%<sup>17</sup>.

**Table 1.4**

### Complaints for an intervention order finalised, by mode of issue of complaint, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Complaint and Summons for intervention order	17,396	17,869	20,234	19,723	19,647
Complaint and Warrant to Arrest for intervention order	3,519	3,354	5,771	6,319	6,730
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Complaint and Summons for intervention order	83.2%	84.2%	77.8%	75.7%	74.5%
Complaint and Warrant to Arrest for intervention order	16.8%	15.8%	22.2%	24.3%	25.5%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

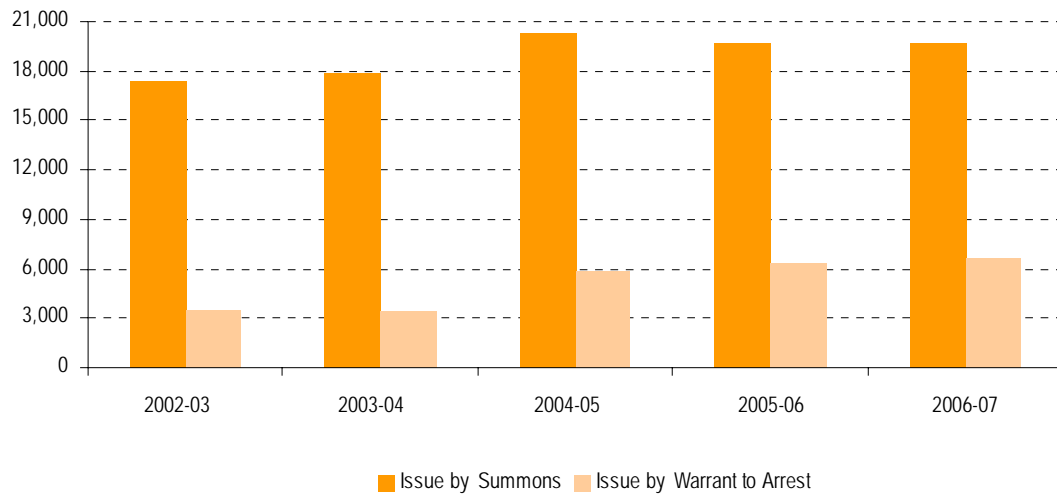
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<sup>17</sup> The increase was mainly due to changes to the way in which the after hours complaint and warrant to arrest for an intervention were recorded. Changes in the recording took place in 2004/05. In 2004/05 the proportion of complaint and warrant for an intervention order issued after hours was 68.8% (3,975), 88.8% (5,612) in 2005/06 and 89.8% (6,041) in 2006/07.

## Mode of Issue, continued

Figure 1.5

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised, by mode of issue of complaint, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Outcome of complaints for an intervention order

In 2006/07, 54.1% of complaints resulted in an intervention order being made. Where an intervention order was not made, the complaint was more often struck out due to the complainant failing to appear at Court (20.5%), or withdrawn by the complainant with or without an undertaking<sup>18</sup> (21.9%), rather than being refused by a magistrate (3.4%).

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the proportion of finalised complaints where:

- Intervention order was made has risen slightly from 52.4% to 54.1%;
- Complaint was refused seen a decrease from 7.1% to 3.4%;
- Complaint was struck out remained relatively stable at approximately 22.3%;
- Complaint was withdrawn decreased slightly from 17.3% to 13.4%.
- Complaint was withdrawn with undertaking has increased since its introduction in 2003/04 from 4.5% to 7.8%.

Table 1.5

### Complaints for an intervention order finalised, by outcome, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Intervention order made	10,956	11,278	13,181	14,075	14,272
Complaint struck out	4,824	4,614	6,406	5,565	5,400
Complaint withdrawn	3,611	2,866	3,365	3,487	3,721
Complaint withdrawn with undertaking	0	960	1,659	1,845	2,068
Complaint refused	1,494	1,472	1,365	1,050	895
Complaint revoked	31	33	29	20	21
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Intervention order made	52.4%	53.1%	50.7%	54.0%	54.1%
Complaint struck out	23.1%	21.7%	24.6%	21.4%	20.5%
Complaint withdrawn	17.3%	13.5%	12.9%	13.4%	14.1%
Complaint withdrawn with undertaking	0.0%	4.5%	6.4%	7.1%	7.8%
Complaint refused	7.1%	6.9%	5.2%	4.0%	3.4%
Complaint revoked	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

<sup>18</sup> Prior to 2003/04 there was only one outcome which was recorded and included withdrawn and withdrawn with undertaking. Due to the increasingly higher number of complaints where undertakings were playing a key role the process was formalised. This included a new sentence type being recorded and a *Notice of Re-instatement* being created. The *Notice of Re-instatement* allows the complainant to request that the registrar reinstate the complaint without the complainant having to make a fresh Complaint for an Intervention Order where the defendant has breached the undertaking made in Court.

## Outcome of complaints for an intervention order, continued

Figure 1.6

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised and proportion of complaints where intervention order is made, 2001/02 – 2005/06



## Duration of intervention orders

Of the 14,272 intervention orders granted in 2006/07, most were made for a period of up to 1 year in duration (81.8%). Between 2002/03 and 2006/07 the proportion of intervention orders granted for a period of:

- One year or less has increased steadily from 68.5% in 2003/04, to 81.8% in 2006/07;
- 1 to 2 years in duration decreased from 13.2% in 2002/03 to 9.5% in 2006/07;
- 2 to 5 years in duration decreased from slightly from 5.6% 2002/03 to 3.7% in 2006/07;
- 5 to 10 years in duration remained stable at under 1%; and
- More than 10 years in duration or until further order decreased from 12.1% to 4.7%.

**Table 1.6**

**Number of intervention orders made, by duration of intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

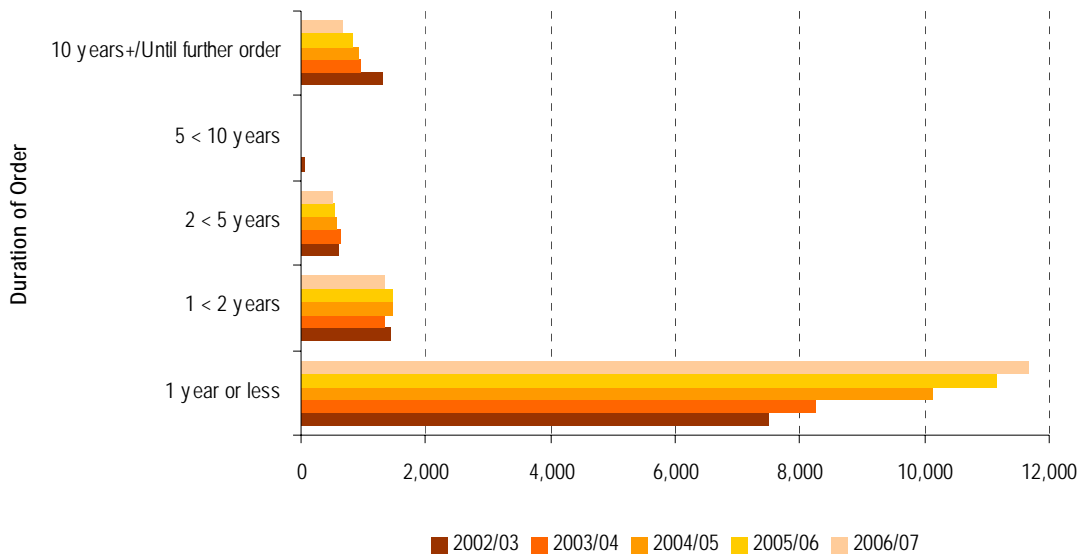
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
1 year or less	7,509	8,257	10,148	11,168	11,680
1 < 2 years	1,446	1,361	1,486	1,464	1,356
2 < 5 years	616	633	568	543	529
5 < 10 years	53	37	37	33	31
10 years+ / Until further order	1,325	963	935	848	669
Unknown	7	27	7	19	7
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,956</i>	<i>11,278</i>	<i>13,181</i>	<i>14,075</i>	<i>14,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
1 year or less	68.5%	73.2%	77.0%	79.3%	81.8%
1 < 2 years	13.2%	12.1%	11.3%	10.4%	9.5%
2 < 5 years	5.6%	5.6%	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%
5 < 10 years	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
10 years+ / Until further order	12.1%	8.5%	7.1%	6.0%	4.7%
Unknown	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

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## Duration of intervention orders, continued

Figure 1.7

Number of intervention orders made, by duration of intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Restrictions included in intervention orders

Of the intervention orders made between 2002/03 and 2006/07 approximately:

- 82.7% of intervention orders included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from behaviour such as approaching, telephoning or contacting the aggrieved person;
- 81.5% of intervention orders included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from being within a specific distance of premises where the aggrieved person lives or works;
- 98.6% of intervention orders made included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from behaviour such as assaulting, harassing, threatening, molesting, stalking or intimidating the aggrieved person;
- 88.6% of intervention orders included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from damaging property owned or jointly owned by the aggrieved person;
- 87.0% of intervention orders included a restriction prohibiting the defendant from causing another person to engage in conduct prohibited by an intervention order;
- 11.8% of intervention orders included a restriction regarding firearms.

## Restrictions included in intervention orders, continued

Table 1.7

Number of intervention orders made, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

**Restriction 1***Restriction that prohibits the defendant from behaviour such as approaching, telephoning and contacting the aggrieved person.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	9,228	9,710	10,828	11,131	11,058
Not imposed	1,721	1,541	2,346	2,924	3,207
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,949</i>	<i>11,251</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>14,055</i>	<i>14,265</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	84.3%	86.3%	82.2%	79.2%	77.5%
Not imposed	15.7%	13.7%	17.8%	20.8%	22.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 2***Restriction that prohibits the defendant from being within a specific distance of premises where the aggrieved person works or lives.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	9,262	9,608	10,766	11,100	11,147
Not imposed	1,687	1,643	2,408	2,955	3,118
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,949</i>	<i>11,251</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>14,055</i>	<i>14,265</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	84.6%	85.4%	81.7%	79.0%	78.1%
Not imposed	15.4%	14.6%	18.3%	21.0%	21.9%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 3***Restriction that prohibits the defendant from behaviour such as assaulting, harassing, threatening, molesting, stalking or intimidating the aggrieved person.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	10,775	11,080	13,000	13,897	14,069
Not imposed	174	171	174	158	196
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,949</i>	<i>11,251</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>14,055</i>	<i>14,265</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	98.4%	98.5%	98.7%	98.9%	98.6%
Not imposed	1.6%	1.5%	1.3%	1.1%	1.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Restrictions included in intervention orders, continued

Table 1.7 (cont)

Number of intervention orders made, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

**Restriction 4***Restriction that prohibits the defendant from damaging property owned or jointly owned by the aggrieved person.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	9,417	9,890	11,633	12,529	12,962
Not imposed	1,532	1,361	1,541	1,526	1,303
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,949</i>	<i>11,251</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>14,055</i>	<i>14,265</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	86.0%	87.9%	88.3%	89.1%	90.9%
Not imposed	14.0%	12.1%	11.7%	10.9%	9.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 5***Restriction that prohibits the defendant causing another person to engage in conduct prohibited by an intervention order.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	9,223	9,776	11,470	12,316	12,631
Not imposed	1,726	1,475	1,704	1,739	1,634
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,949</i>	<i>11,251</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>14,055</i>	<i>14,265</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	84.2%	86.9%	87.1%	87.6%	88.5%
Not imposed	15.8%	13.1%	12.9%	12.4%	11.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Restriction 6***Restriction that prohibits the defendant from possessing, carrying or using any firearm; revoking any firearms license, permit or authority held by the defendant; and disqualifying the defendant from obtaining another license, permit or authority to possess, carry or use any firearm during the course of the intervention order and for a period of 5 years from the date of cessation of the intervention order.*

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Imposed	2,029	1,109	1,158	1,676	1,554
Not imposed	8,920	10,142	12,016	12,379	12,711
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,949</i>	<i>11,251</i>	<i>13,174</i>	<i>14,055</i>	<i>14,265</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Imposed	18.5%	9.9%	8.8%	11.9%	10.9%
Not imposed	81.5%	90.1%	91.2%	88.1%	89.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Restrictions included in intervention orders, continued

Figure 1.8

Number of intervention orders made, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07

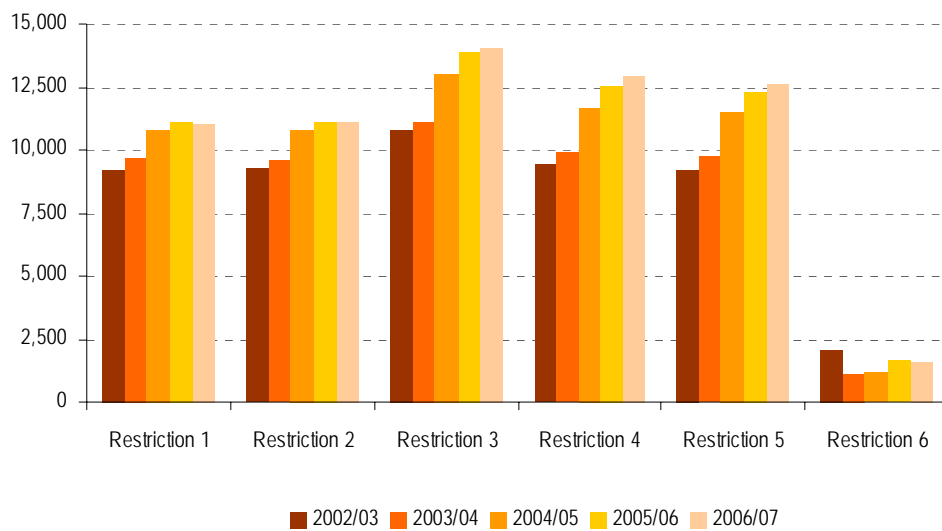
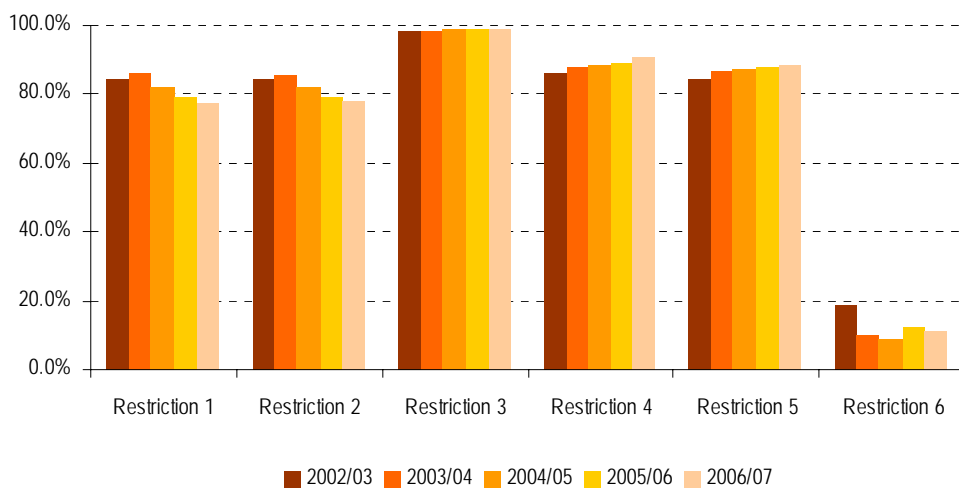


Figure 1.9

Distribution of intervention orders made, by restrictions included in intervention order, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Elapsed time between commencement and finalisation

Of the 26,377 complaints for an intervention order finalised in 2006/07, 7.4% were finalised on the day the complaint was made and a further 70.8% were finalised within one month of the complaint being made.

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the number of complaints for an intervention order increased, and as a result, complaints took longer to finalise. Despite the number of complaints finalised within one month having increased from 16,050 in 2002/03 to 18,667 in 2006/07 the proportion of complaints finalised within one month of the complaint being made fell from 76.7% to 70.8%. The decrease in the proportion of complaints being finalised within one month has seen a corresponding increase in the proportion of complaints being finalised in the 1 < 3 Month and 3 < 6 Month categories, with the proportion of complaints being finalised after more than six months remaining stable.

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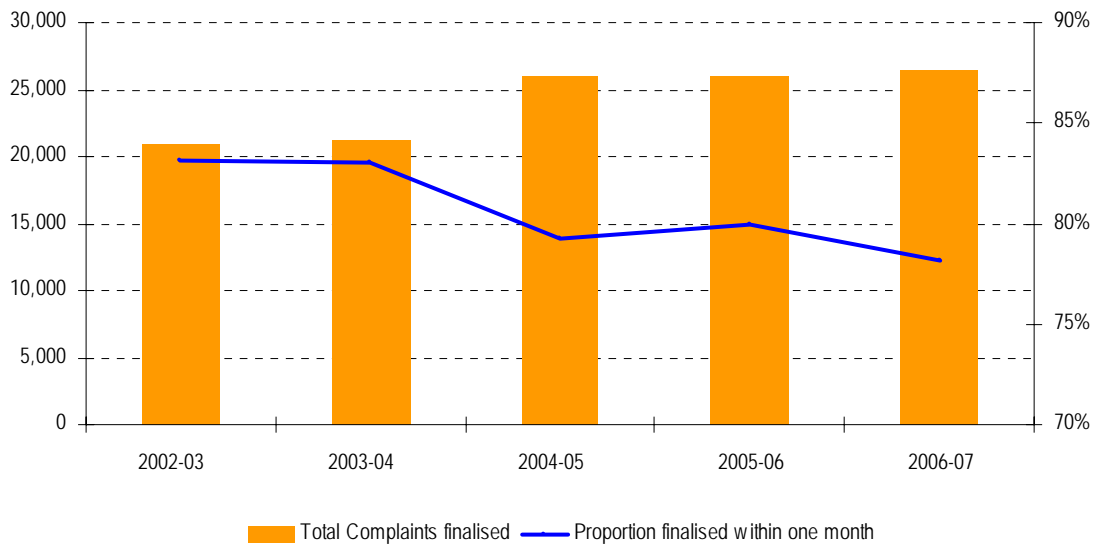
**Complaints for an intervention order finalised, by the elapsed time between date the complaint was issued and finalised, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Same day	1,347	1,471	2,532	1,951	1,955
1 day < 1 month	16,050	16,151	18,078	18,862	18,667
1 < 3 months	2,531	2,477	3,191	3,636	3,780
3 < 6 months	620	681	662	914	1,319
6 < 9 months	179	173	150	174	253
9 < 12 months	38	55	59	54	78
12 months +	151	215	1,333	451	325
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Same day	6.4%	6.9%	9.7%	7.5%	7.4%
1 day < 1 month	76.7%	76.1%	69.5%	72.4%	70.8%
1 < 3 months	12.1%	11.7%	12.3%	14.0%	14.3%
3 < 6 months	3.0%	3.2%	2.5%	3.5%	5.0%
6 < 9 months	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%
9 < 12 months	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
12 months +	0.7%	1.0%	5.1%	1.7%	1.2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Elapsed time between commencement and finalisation, continued

Figure 1.10

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised and proportion finalised within a month of the complaint being made, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Aggrieved persons

In 2006/07, 41,295 aggrieved persons had a complaint for an intervention order finalised. Of these, 76.4% related to family members and 23.6% to non family members.

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the total number of aggrieved persons who had an application for an intervention order finalised increased by 45% (+12,817 aggrieved persons). The number of aggrieved family members seeking an intervention order increased by 53.9% (+11,044) whilst the number of non family aggrieved persons increased by 22.2% (+1,772).

**Table 1.9**

**Aggrieved persons whom had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by relationship between the parties, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

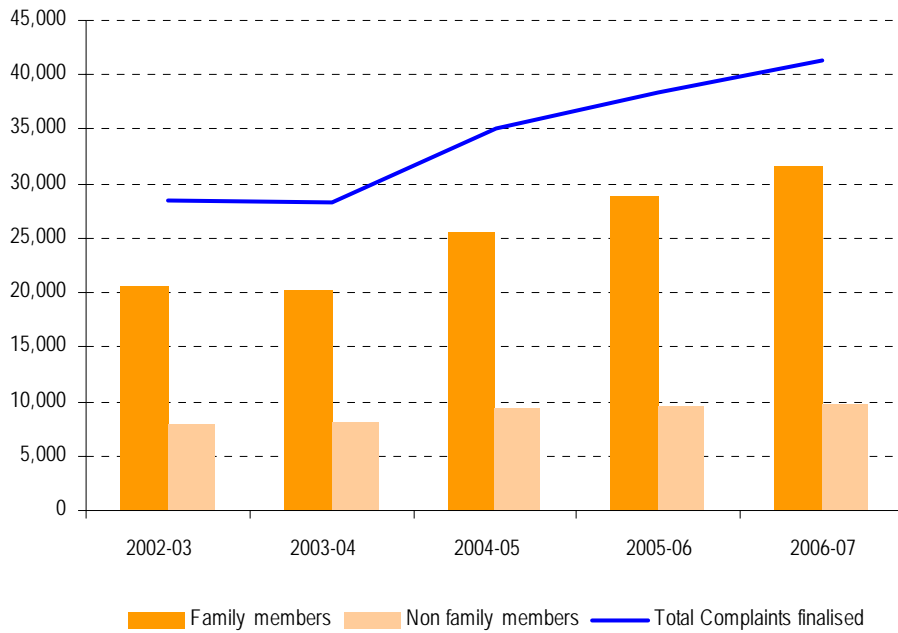
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Family members	20,496	20,122	25,555	28,823	31,540
Non family members	7,982	8,144	9,437	9,600	9,754
Unknown	0	1	87	7	1
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,478</i>	<i>28,267</i>	<i>35,079</i>	<i>38,430</i>	<i>41,295</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Family members	72.0%	71.2%	72.8%	75.0%	76.4%
Non family members	28.0%	28.8%	26.9%	25.0%	23.6%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Due to rounding, and percentages recording only 1 decimal, percentages may appear to be zero even though numbers did exist in that category. The entire table including numbers and percentages should be referred to.

## Aggrieved persons, continued

Figure 1.11

Number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by relationship between the parties, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Gender of Aggrieved persons

The majority of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised were female (65.7%). Despite increases in total complaints for intervention orders finalised, there has been no significant change in the gender mix of aggrieved persons over the reporting period. Males have consistently accounted for approximately 32.9%, and females 67.1%.

Table 1.10

Aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by gender of aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	9,050	9,117	11,311	12,949	14,166
Female	19,428	19,150	23,768	25,481	27,129
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,478</i>	<i>28,267</i>	<i>35,079</i>	<i>38,430</i>	<i>41,295</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	31.8%	32.3%	32.2%	33.7%	34.3%
Female	68.2%	67.7%	67.8%	66.3%	65.7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 1.11

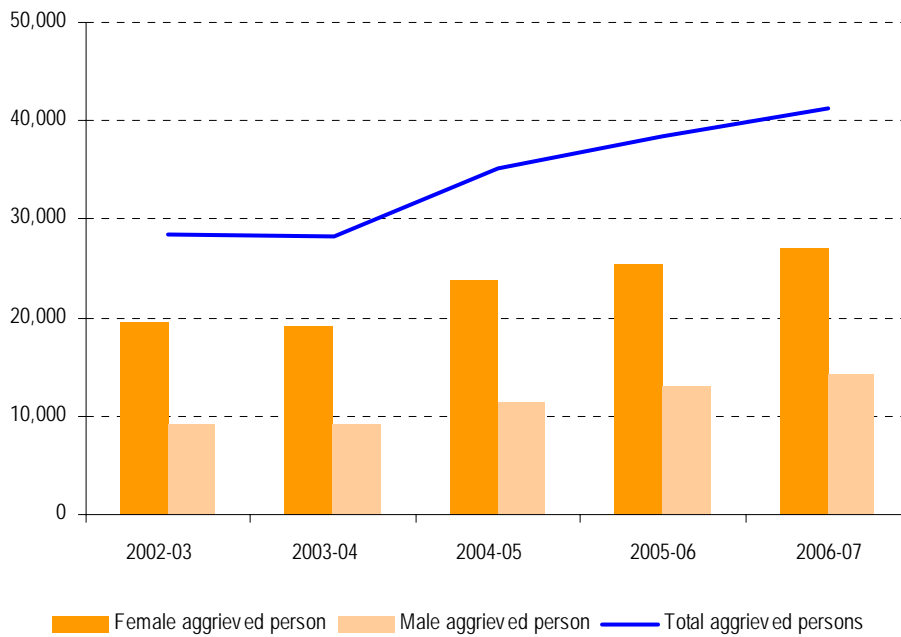
Aggrieved persons where an intervention order was granted, by gender of aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	4,386	4,539	5,570	6,813	7,544
Female	10,587	10,629	12,560	14,490	15,446
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,973</i>	<i>15,168</i>	<i>18,130</i>	<i>21,303</i>	<i>22,990</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	29.3%	29.9%	30.7%	32.0%	32.8%
Female	70.7%	70.1%	69.3%	68.0%	67.2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Gender of Aggrieved persons, continued

Figure 1.12

Number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by gender of aggrieved person, 2001/02 – 2005/06



## Gender of defendants

The majority of defendants subject to a complaint for an intervention order finalised throughout the period were male (approximately 76%). Despite increases in total complaints for intervention orders finalised, there has been no significant change in the gender mix of defendants over the reporting period. Males have consistently accounted for approximately 75.8%, and females 24.2%, of all defendants to complaints for an intervention order.

**Table 1.12**

**Complaints for an intervention order finalised, by gender of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	15,821	16,092	19,648	19,694	19,903
Female	5,095	5,131	6,357	6,348	6,474
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	75.6%	75.8%	75.6%	75.6%	75.5%
Female	24.4%	24.2%	24.4%	24.4%	24.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Table 1.13**

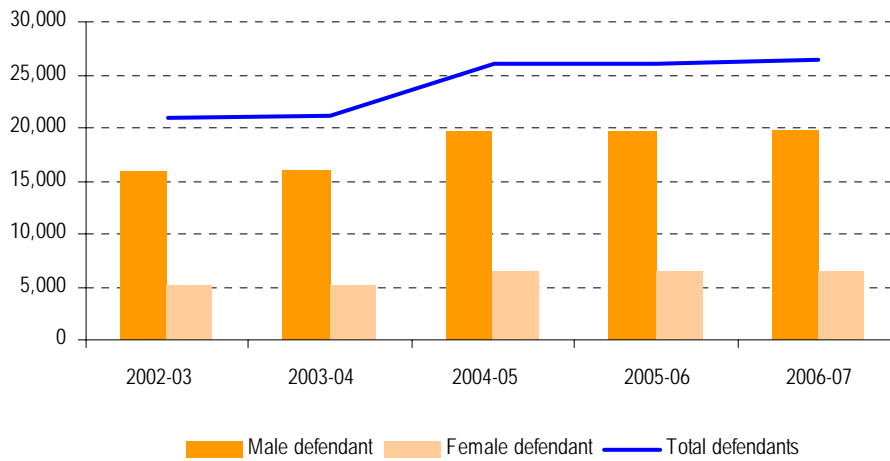
**Intervention orders granted, by gender of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Male	8,747	8,987	10,438	11,208	11,369
Female	2,209	2,291	2,743	2,867	2,903
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,956</i>	<i>11,278</i>	<i>13,181</i>	<i>14,075</i>	<i>14,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Male	79.8%	79.7%	79.2%	79.6%	79.7%
Female	20.2%	20.3%	20.8%	20.4%	20.3%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Gender of defendants, continued

Figure 1.13

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised, by gender of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Age of aggrieved persons

Of the 41,295 aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised in 2006/07, most were aged less than 15 years, with around one third of all aggrieved persons falling into this category. The second most common age bracket for aggrieved persons was between 30 and 39 years, with around one in five aggrieved persons falling into this category.

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07, the proportion of aggrieved persons who were aged:

- Less than 15 years increased from 22.4% to 31.6%;
- 15 to 19 years remained consistent at approximately 8%;
- 20 to 29 years decreased from 18.2% to 14.9%;
- 30 to 39 years decreased from 24.0% to 19.5%;
- 40 to 49 years remained consistent at approximately 15%;
- 50 plus years remained consistent at approximately 11%.

## Age of aggrieved persons, continued

**Table 1.14**  
**Aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by age of the aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	6,390	6,267	8,092	10,975	13,050
15 - 19 years	2,214	2,180	2,792	3,272	3,734
20 - 29 years	5,186	5,112	5,939	6,310	6,153
30 - 39 years	6,835	6,726	8,112	7,792	8,033
40 - 49 years	4,476	4,642	5,899	5,821	5,876
50 + years	3,333	3,291	4,203	4,215	4,394
Unknown	44	49	42	45	55
<i>Total</i>	<i>28,478</i>	<i>28,267</i>	<i>35,079</i>	<i>38,430</i>	<i>41,295</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	22.4%	22.2%	23.1%	28.6%	31.6%
15 - 19 years	7.8%	7.7%	8.0%	8.5%	9.0%
20 - 29 years	18.2%	18.1%	16.9%	16.4%	14.9%
30 - 39 years	24.0%	23.8%	23.1%	20.3%	19.5%
40 - 49 years	15.7%	16.4%	16.8%	15.1%	14.2%
50 + years	11.7%	11.6%	12.0%	11.0%	10.6%
Unknown	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Table 1.15**  
**Aggrieved persons where an intervention order was made, by age of the aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	3,311	3,413	4,404	6,354	7,626
15 - 19 years	1,212	1,163	1,419	1,802	2,037
20 - 29 years	2,662	2,726	3,096	3,419	3,406
30 - 39 years	3,667	3,533	4,064	4,185	4,344
40 - 49 years	2,286	2,459	2,909	3,194	3,123
50 + years	1,805	1,839	2,204	2,309	2,410
Unknown	30	35	34	40	44
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,973</i>	<i>15,168</i>	<i>18,130</i>	<i>21,303</i>	<i>22,990</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	22.1%	22.5%	24.3%	29.8%	33.2%
15 - 19 years	8.1%	7.7%	7.8%	8.5%	8.9%
20 - 29 years	17.8%	18.0%	17.1%	16.0%	14.8%
30 - 39 years	24.5%	23.3%	22.4%	19.6%	18.9%
40 - 49 years	15.3%	16.2%	16.0%	15.0%	13.6%
50 + years	12.1%	12.1%	12.2%	10.8%	10.5%
Unknown	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Age of aggrieved persons, continued

Figure 1.14

Number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, by age of the aggrieved person, 2002/03 – 2006/07

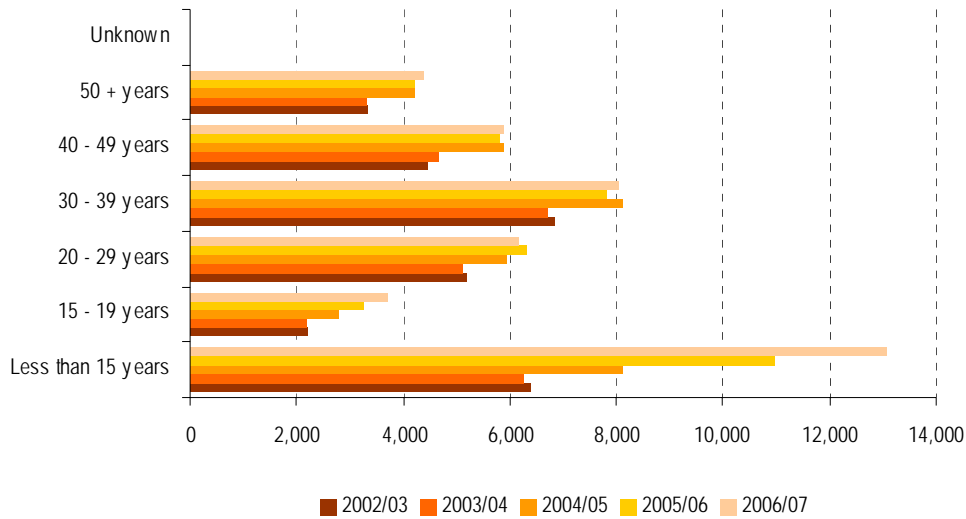
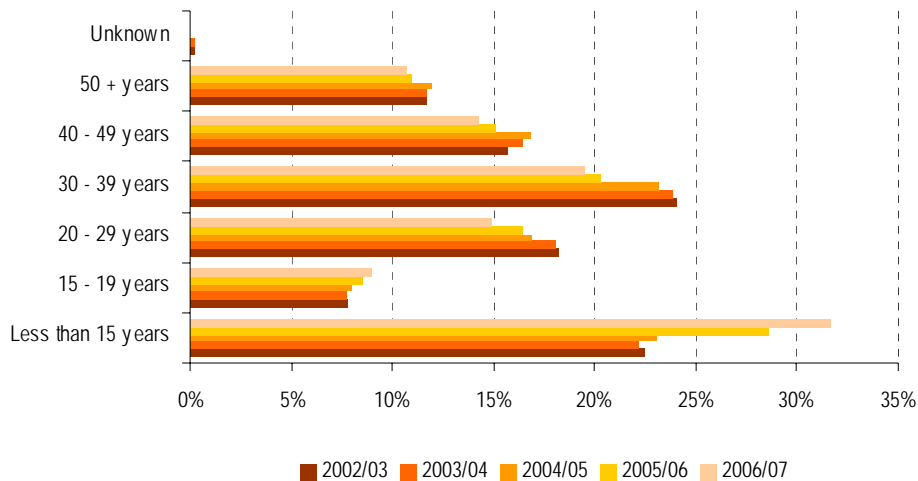


Figure 1.15

Age distribution of total number of aggrieved persons who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised, 2002/03 – 2006/07



## Age of defendants

Of the 26,377 defendants who had a complaint for an intervention order finalised in 2005/06, more were aged between 30 and 39 years than any other age range (33.5%). This was followed by the 20 to 29 year age range (24.0%), and the 40 to 49 year age range (23.0%).

Despite the large increase in the number of complaints for an intervention order finalised over the five year period the proportion of defendants in each age range remained stable.

Between 2002/03 and 2006/07:

- Less than 1% of defendants were aged less than 15;
- Approximately 7% of defendants were aged 15 to 19 years;
- The proportion of defendants aged 20 to 29 years decreased slightly from 25.2% to 24.0%;
- The proportion of defendants aged 30 to 39 remained at approximately 34%;
- Approximately 22% of defendants were aged between 40 and 49 years;
- Between 11% and 12% of defendants were aged 50 plus.

## Age of defendants, continued

**Table 1.16**  
**Complaints for an intervention order finalised, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	135	133	148	173	203
15 - 19 years	1,396	1,387	1,700	1,774	1,830
20 - 29 years	5,272	5,188	6,006	6,304	6,335
30 - 39 years	7,368	7,334	8,937	8,814	8,837
40 - 49 years	4,367	4,620	5,931	5,713	6,068
50 + years	2,378	2,561	3,283	3,264	3,104
<i>Total</i>	<i>20,916</i>	<i>21,223</i>	<i>26,005</i>	<i>26,042</i>	<i>26,377</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
15 - 19 years	6.7%	6.5%	6.5%	6.8%	6.9%
20 - 29 years	25.2%	24.4%	23.1%	24.2%	24.0%
30 - 39 years	35.2%	34.6%	34.4%	33.8%	33.5%
40 - 49 years	20.9%	21.8%	22.8%	21.9%	23.0%
50 + years	11.4%	12.1%	12.6%	12.5%	11.8%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

**Table 1.17**  
**Intervention orders made, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Number</i>				
Less than 15 years	47	57	37	72	76
15 - 19 years	748	747	860	928	972
20 - 29 years	2,853	2,836	3,265	3,535	3,607
30 - 39 years	3,991	4,011	4,649	4,919	4,918
40 - 49 years	2,248	2,415	2,880	3,069	3,219
50 + years	1,069	1,212	1,490	1,552	1,480
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>10,956</i>	<i>11,278</i>	<i>13,181</i>	<i>14,075</i>	<i>14,272</i>
	<i>Percent</i>				
Less than 15 years	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.5%
15 - 19 years	6.8%	6.6%	6.5%	6.6%	6.8%
20 - 29 years	26.0%	25.1%	24.8%	25.1%	25.3%
30 - 39 years	36.4%	35.6%	35.3%	34.9%	34.5%
40 - 49 years	20.5%	21.4%	21.8%	21.8%	22.6%
50 + years	9.8%	10.7%	11.3%	11.0%	10.4%
Unknown	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

## Age of defendants, continued

Figure 1.16

Number of complaints for an intervention order finalised, by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

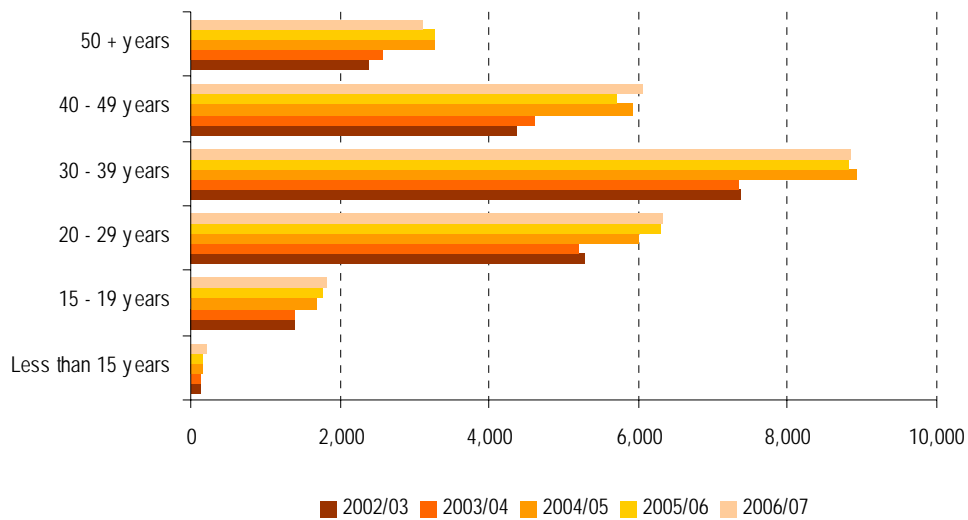


Figure 1.17

Proportion of complaints for an intervention order by age of defendant, 2002/03 – 2006/07

