

# FACS Annual Statistical Report: Objective 6: Reducing domestic and family violence

This accessible text document provides a high-level view of the contribution of Family and Community Services (FACS) in reducing domestic and family violence in NSW. It accompanies the [interactive dashboard](#), published on the FACS website.

## Reducing domestic and family violence

### Overview

Data reported in Objective 6 are grouped into two main themes, each supported by a dashboard:

1. **Protecting children and young people** - data on prevalence of domestic violence in Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) reports and households and people accessing *Start Safely* rental subsidy.
2. **Supported victims** - data on Specialist Homelessness Services support periods provided to clients either experiencing domestic and family violence or being identified as needing assistance with domestic and family violence.

### 1. Protecting children and young people

- Similar to the previous year, the prevalence of domestic violence in ROSH reports for 2017-18 was 17.8 per cent, an increase of 1,690 ROSH reports where domestic violence was a reported issue.
- There were 3,244 households accessing the *Start Safely* program in 2017-18. This marks a 28.9 per cent increase on the 2,516 households assisted in 2016-17.
- There were 9,500 people assisted under the *Start Safely* program in 2017-18, an increase of 33.8 per cent from the previous year.

## 2. Supported victims

- In 2017-18, 30.8 per cent of support periods provided by Specialist Homelessness Services were provided to clients who either experienced domestic and family violence or were identified as needing assistance with domestic and family violence. Of the 30.8 per cent, 15.8 per cent were for women and 28.4 per cent were for women and children.

## Endnotes

This document presents some key statistics about the NSW overall performance result for this objective in 2017-18. If you are unable to use the interactive dashboards and need more granular information or other statistics, please contact us on [FACSIAR@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:FACSIAR@facs.nsw.gov.au).

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