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The data in this request has been extracted from the NSWPF Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) via EDW. The data is current at 01/10/2019.

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 females' strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

Female strip searches

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	1,090	1,391	1,438

2. An age break-down of the total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

Female strip searches by age

Age	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Unknown	1	2	2
12	1	1	
13	3	2	3
14	1	3	3
15	7	10	4
16	10	9	15
17	13	18	19
18	41	62	82
19	70	96	133
20	53	79	105
21	54	86	126
22	47	81	78
23	48	75	85
24	48	77	67
25	47	66	62
26	43	60	64
27	36	46	51
28	43	45	36
29	32	45	39
30	42	32	24
31	28	36	30
32	24	38	42
33	42	26	36
34	41	35	31
35	30	41	21
36	17	29	23
37	37	33	20
38	23	24	20
39	19	29	20
40	21	24	25
41	20	23	20
42	24	16	15
43	12	14	15

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Age	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
44	12	10	17
45	20	16	13
46	11	17	16
47	16	16	14
48	9	10	17
49	7	11	5
50	8	5	11
51	5	9	5
52	2	3	5
53	4	7	5
54	1	3	2
55	3	4	2
56	4	3	1
57	1	4	4
58	2	3	
59	2	3	
60	1		1
61	1		1
62		1	
63	2	1	
64	1		
65		1	
68		1	
69			1
70			1
72			1

3. The total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police where 'item/object not found' for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

Female strip searches where item/object was not found

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	718	883	968

4. The total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police due to drug dog detection being the reason for type of search for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

Female strip searches resulting from a drug dog indication

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	176	408	511

5. The total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police due to drug dog detection being the reason for type where 'item/object not found' financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

Female strip searches resulting from a drug dog indication where item/object not found

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# Searches	77	211	326

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6. A 'build' break down of the total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

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. A 'racial app/complexion' break-down of the total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

Female strip searches by racial appearance

<i>Racial Appearance</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2018-19</i>
Aboriginal	126	125	139
Black African	4	5	3
Caucasian	788	976	1,033
East Asian	45	90	88
Eastern European	10	22	14
Eurasian	3	5	4
Indian	6	9	6
Latin American	7	13	19
Mediterranean	33	36	22
Middle Eastern	19	52	38
Northern European		1	
Other	4	5	11
Pacific Islander	30	25	25
South East Asian	6	16	10
Torres Strait Islander		2	
Unknown	9	9	26

8. A 'hair/eye/facial hair' break-down of the total number of females' strip searched by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

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9. The number of females requested to lift breasts during a strip search by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

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10. The number females that were required to squat during a strip search by NSW Police for the financial periods: 2016-2017, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.

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