



## NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

The most recent statistics available from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research are to March 2019. All the tables below show figures from April 2013 to March 2019. The areas of interest are:

- The Kings Cross and Sydney CBD entertainment precincts
- A ring of suburbs<sup>1</sup> contiguous with these precincts, called the proximal displacement area. Locations bordering the lockout area: including all of Pyrmont (including the Star City Casino) and parts of the following suburbs: Darling Harbour, Ultimo, Chippendale, Haymarket, Surry Hills, Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay Potts Point and Darlinghurst.
- A group of four suburbs which have nightspots within easy reach of the Kings Cross and CBD entertainment precincts (Newtown, Coogee, Bondi Beach, Double Bay), called the distal displacement area
- The rest of NSW (excluding the areas mentioned above)

Note that the data presented below assigns all assaults occurring along the border between Kings Cross and Sydney CBD entertainment precincts to the Kings Cross precinct.

### 1. Can BOCSAR provide statistics on how many non-domestic assaults have occurred in the below areas?

- Kings Cross**
- Sydney CBD**
- Proximal displacement area**
- Distal displacement area**
- Rest of NSW**

The table below shows the number of non-domestic assaults recorded by the NSW Police in the five selected areas for the seven years ending March 2019.

**Table 1: Number of incidents of non-domestic assaults recorded by the NSW Police by area**

Area	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015	Apr 2015 - Mar 2016	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Apr 2018 - Mar 2019
<b>Kings Cross Precinct</b>	430	365	245	188	145	146	155
<b>Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct</b>	1,852	1,709	1,493	1,531	1,581	1,578	1,456
<b>Proximate displacement area</b>	640	485	520	598	620	622	622
<b>Distal displacement</b>	343	387	354	380	408	444	405

<sup>1</sup> Locations bordering the lockout area: including Pyrmont (including the Star City Casino) and parts of the following suburbs: Darling Harbour, Ultimo, Chippendale, Haymarket, Surry Hills, Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay Potts Point and Darlinghurst.

<b>Rest of NSW</b>	31,829	30,646	28,845	28,371	29,128	29,570	28,775
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**2. Can the above statistics be broken down into alcohol related and non-alcohol related assaults? If so, can this breakdown be provided to the Committee?**

NSW Police can choose to flag an assault as 'alcohol related'. 'Non-alcohol related' offences are the remainder of offences which are not flagged. The table below shows the number of non-domestic assaults recorded by the NSW Police in the five selected areas broken down by whether flagged as alcohol related or not for the seven years ending March 2019.

**Table 2: Number of incidents of non-domestic assaults recorded by the NSW Police by area and whether the police flagged the incident as alcohol related or not**

Area	Whether flagged as alcohol related by police	Apr 2012-Mar 2013	Apr 2013-Mar 2014	Apr 2014-Mar 2015	Apr 2015-Mar 2016	Apr 2016-Mar 2017	Apr 2017-Mar 2018	Apr 2018-Mar 2019
<b>Kings Cross Precinct</b>	Alcohol related	329	278	161	122	99	78	93
	Not alcohol related	101	87	84	66	46	68	62
	<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct</b>	Alcohol related	<b>1,104</b>	991	844	803	865	863	721
	Not alcohol related	748	718	649	728	716	715	735
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>1,456</b>
<b>Proximate displacement area</b>	Alcohol related	333	231	257	292	279	266	275
	Not alcohol related	307	254	263	306	341	356	347
	<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>Distal displacement</b>	Alcohol related	213	250	230	231	277	267	231
	Not alcohol related	130	137	124	149	131	177	174
	<b>Total</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Rest of NSW</b>	Alcohol related	11,939	11,246	9,782	8,962	8,762	8,703	8,021
	Not alcohol related	19,890	19,400	19,063	19,409	20,366	20,867	20,754
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31,829</b>	<b>30,646</b>	<b>28,845</b>	<b>28,371</b>	<b>29,128</b>	<b>29,570</b>	<b>28,775</b>

**3. Can BOCSAR provide a breakdown of the time of day non-domestic assaults have occurred in the below areas?**

- a. Kings Cross
- b. Sydney CBD
- c. Proximal displacement area
- d. Distal displacement area
- e. Rest of NSW

NSW Police record data on the time of day assault incidents occur. The table below shows the number of non-domestic assaults recorded by the NSW Police in the five selected areas broken down by time of day for the seven years ending March 2019.

**Table 3: Number of incidents of non-domestic assault recorded by the NSW Police by area and time of day**

Area	Time of day	Apr 2012- Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	Apr 2016- Mar 2017	Apr 2017- Mar 2018	Apr 2018- Mar 2019
<b>Kings Cross Precinct</b>	Midnight-12:59am	43	46	30	31	15	16	11
	1am-1:29am	36	25	23	10	13	7	11
	1:30am-1:59am	28	23	17	7	18	9	6
	2am-2:59am	46	49	27	18	15	10	18
	3am-3:59am	57	50	19	18	7	11	7
	4am-4:59am	33	14	6	2	3	0	2
	Other times (5am- 7:59pm)	127	101	82	66	50	51	62
	8pm-11:59pm	60	57	41	36	24	42	38
	<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct</b>	Midnight-12:59am	163	127	129	161	183	154	125
	1am-1:29am	109	80	74	70	76	65	82
	1:30am-1:59am	108	79	59	67	79	67	59
	2am-2:59am	191	178	119	116	131	121	89
	3am-3:59am	134	127	99	85	76	73	59
	4am-4:59am	72	90	19	31	34	38	34
	Other times (5am- 7:59pm)	666	628	642	644	628	657	629
	8pm-11:59pm	409	400	352	357	374	403	379
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>1,456</b>
<b>Proximate displacement area</b>	Midnight-12:59am	47	41	39	35	32	49	39
	1am-1:29am	24	13	13	14	28	10	20
	1:30am-1:59am	20	23	14	24	23	11	16
	2am-2:59am	38	22	35	43	39	43	33
	3am-3:59am	36	31	35	30	36	25	34
	4am-4:59am	31	15	22	32	24	23	25
	Other times (5am- 7:59pm)	288	219	268	296	309	315	306
	8pm-11:59pm	156	121	94	124	129	146	149
	<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>Distal displacement</b>	Midnight-12:59am	25	40	35	51	39	53	35
	1am-1:29am	21	19	16	12	16	14	14
	1:30am-1:59am	11	17	6	13	13	12	12
	2am-2:59am	30	31	35	17	22	23	18
	3am-3:59am	16	13	10	11	17	18	10
	4am-4:59am	11	9	10	6	10	9	7
	Other times (5am- 7:59pm)	132	139	132	145	152	187	177
	8pm-11:59pm	97	119	110	125	139	128	132
	<b>Total</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>405</b>
<b>Rest of NSW</b>	Midnight-12:59am	1,874	1,862	1,655	1,487	1,368	1,537	1,412
	1am-1:29am	858	845	688	620	623	584	557
	1:30am-1:59am	746	654	493	475	486	458	433

2am-2:59am	1,171	1,048	874	743	751	735	711
3am-3:59am	701	656	522	419	467	435	465
4am-4:59am	323	318	296	263	285	256	256
Other times (5am-7:59pm)	19,019	18,423	18,035	18,345	18,923	19,453	19,247
8pm-11:59pm	7,137	6,840	6,282	6,019	6,225	6,112	5,694
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,829</b>	<b>30,646</b>	<b>28,845</b>	<b>28,371</b>	<b>29,128</b>	<b>29,570</b>	<b>28,775</b>

**4. By what percent have non-domestic assaults increased or decreased since February 2014 in the following areas:**

- a. Kings Cross**
- b. Sydney CBD**
- c. Proximal displacement area**
- d. Distal displacement area**
- e. Rest of NSW**

The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) have investigated the impact of the lockout reforms in several peer reviewed studies all of which found a significant decline in assaults in the Kings Cross and Sydney CBD Entertainment precincts corresponding to the implementation of the reforms.

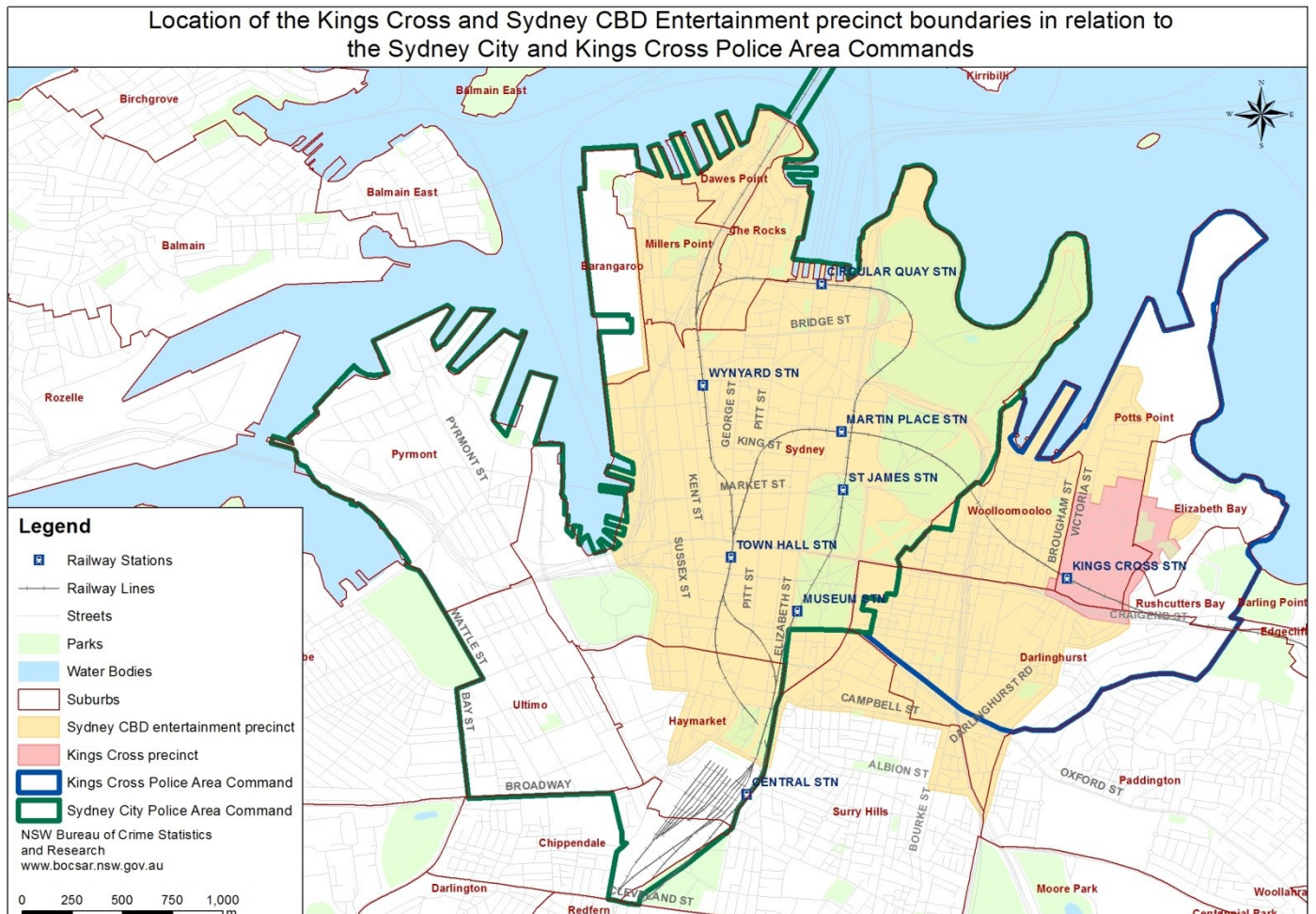
The most recent published BOCSAR report (2019 and attached) examined the monthly count of non-domestic assaults recorded by the NSW Police Force from January 2009 to March 2019: a total of 123 months (61 months prior to lockout intervention and 62 months post the lockout intervention).

The study results are shown in the table below. These percentages are the change in non-domestic assaults we attribute to the lockouts controlling for pre-existing trends .

<b>Areas</b>	<b>Change in non-domestic assault due to lockout laws from Jan 2014 to Mar 2019</b>	<b>Estimated change in assaults due to the lockout laws (over the period Jan 2014 &amp; Mar 2019)</b>
<b>Kings Cross Precinct</b>	Down 52.8%	1,021 fewer assaults
<b>Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct</b>	Down 4.0%	329 fewer assaults
<b>Proximate displacement area</b>	Up 18.4%	479 more assaults
<b>Distal displacement</b>	Up 30.0%	476 more assaults
<b>Rest of NSW</b>	Up 9.5%	Not calculated

The study also estimated how many fewer non-domestic violence assaults occurred in the precincts in the 62 months following the Lockout intervention compared with our pre-reform forecast (and similarly the increase in assault volumes in the displacement sites). The decline in assaults in Kings Cross and the Sydney CBD precincts (1,350 fewer assaults) is larger than the increase in assaults in the displacement areas (up 955 assaults overall). This equates to a net benefit of 395 fewer assaults. Note that we have found that the impact of the Lockouts in the precincts is diminishing over time.

For questions 5-9 data is presented for Kings Cross and Sydney City Police Area Commands (PACs) as BOCSAR currently does not geo-code these type of offences to the specific lockout precincts. Map 1 shows the geographical boundaries of these PACs in reference to the King Cross and Sydney CBD entertainment precincts, plus also the relevant suburb boundaries. It can be seen that both PACs are larger than the precincts and include suburbs that fall within the proximal displacement area. Kings Cross PAC also includes a large section of the CBD Entertainment precinct.



**5. How many move-on directions have been issued by the NSW in the following areas:**

- a. Kings Cross
- b. Sydney CBD

**Table 5: Number of move-on directions issued by the NSW Police by area in either Kings Cross or Sydney City Police Area Commands**

Area	Apr 2012- Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	Apr 2016- Mar 2017	Apr 2017- Mar 2018	Apr 2018- Mar 2019
Kings Cross PAC	4,170	6,314	7,155	7,592	9,068	8,631	7,553

<b>Sydney City PAC</b>	10,125	9,961	8,614	11,126	8,269	7,931	12,637
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**6. How many persons of interest have been proceeded against for non-compliance with move-on directions?**

- a. Kings Cross
- b. Sydney CBD

Table 6 below shows the number of persons of interest proceeded against by the NSW Police for failing to comply with a move-on direction issued in either Kings Cross or Sydney City Police Area Commands. This table shows the total number of persons of interest proceeded against by police for failing to comply with a move-on direction and also the subset of persons that received a fine only.

**Table 6: Number of persons of interest proceeded against by the NSW Police for failing to comply with a move-on direction issued in either Kings Cross or Sydney City Police Area Commands**

Area	Apr 2012- Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	Apr 2016- Mar 2017	Apr 2017- Mar 2018	Apr 2018- Mar 2019
<b>All persons</b>							
Kings Cross PAC	73	123	125	127	87	120	81
Sydney City PAC	61	88	89	92	72	73	78
<b>Fines only*</b>							
Kings Cross PAC	46	76	67	59	41	84	47
Sydney City PAC	28	62	59	57	33	32	36

\* Includes either an infringement or criminal infringement notice.

**7. How many persons of interest have been proceeded against for refusing a move-on direction (continuation of intoxicated & disorderly behaviour)?**

- a. Kings Cross
- b. Sydney CBD

Question 6 provides data on all persons of interest proceeded against for non-compliance with move-on directions. Question 7 specifically examines the number of these refusals that relate to section 9(1) of the Summary Offences Act 1998 - continuation of intoxicated and disorderly behaviour following move on direction. Data in question 7 is therefore a subset of the figures provided in Table 6.

**Table 7: Number of persons of interest proceeded against by the NSW Police for refusing a move-on direction (continuation of intoxicated & disorderly behaviour) issued in either Kings Cross or Sydney City Police Area Commands**

Area	Apr 2012- Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	Apr 2016- Mar 2017	Apr 2017- Mar 2018	Apr 2018- Mar 2019
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Kings Cross PAC	52	86	83	75	45	63	40
Sydney City PAC	31	56	55	51	39	51	50

**8. How many persons of interest have been proceeded against for resisting/hindering a police officer?**

- a. Kings Cross
- b. Sydney CBD

**Table 8: Number of persons of interest proceeded against by the NSW Police for resisting/hindering a police officer in either Kings Cross or Sydney City Police Area Commands**

Area	Apr 2012- Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	Apr 2016- Mar 2017	Apr 2017- Mar 2018	Apr 2018- Mar 2019
Kings Cross PAC	98	92	109	136	136	112	86
Sydney City PAC	134	147	140	169	143	127	127

**9. How many persons of interest have been proceeded against for assault police?**

- a. Kings Cross
- b. Sydney CBD

**Table 9: Number of persons of interest proceeded against by the NSW Police for assault police in either Kings Cross or Sydney City Police Area Commands**

Area	Apr 2012- Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	Apr 2016- Mar 2017	Apr 2017- Mar 2018	Apr 2018- Mar 2019
Kings Cross PAC	61	83	59	78	69	57	60
Sydney City PAC	78	95	106	114	94	88	86