

# Fines in 2023: Trends by Location, Time, and Method

Insights from law enforcement data for improved public policy and awareness.

Total amount of Fines,  
Charges and Arrests in  
2023

4,799,309

Category	Count	Percentage
Fines	4,734,887	98.65%
Charges	59,849	1.24%
Arrests	4,573	0.09%

You are not going to be **Fine** if you break the law

The majority of offences received in Australia 2023 resulted in a fine

LocationTime of YearMethod

## Understanding the Data

Across Australia, traffic offences are predominantly penalised through monetary fines rather than charges, or arrests. This data illustrates a consistent trend throughout the year, where each month sees hundreds of thousands of fines issued.

The steady distribution of fines across all states and months indicates that traffic enforcement is a routine part of legal administration, often automated through road safety cameras and patrol systems. These financial penalties form the primary mechanism for deterring offences like speeding, red light violations, and illegal parking.

In essence, if you commit a traffic offence anywhere in Australia, you are almost guaranteed to receive a fine – a system designed to maintain public safety through consistent, measurable consequences.