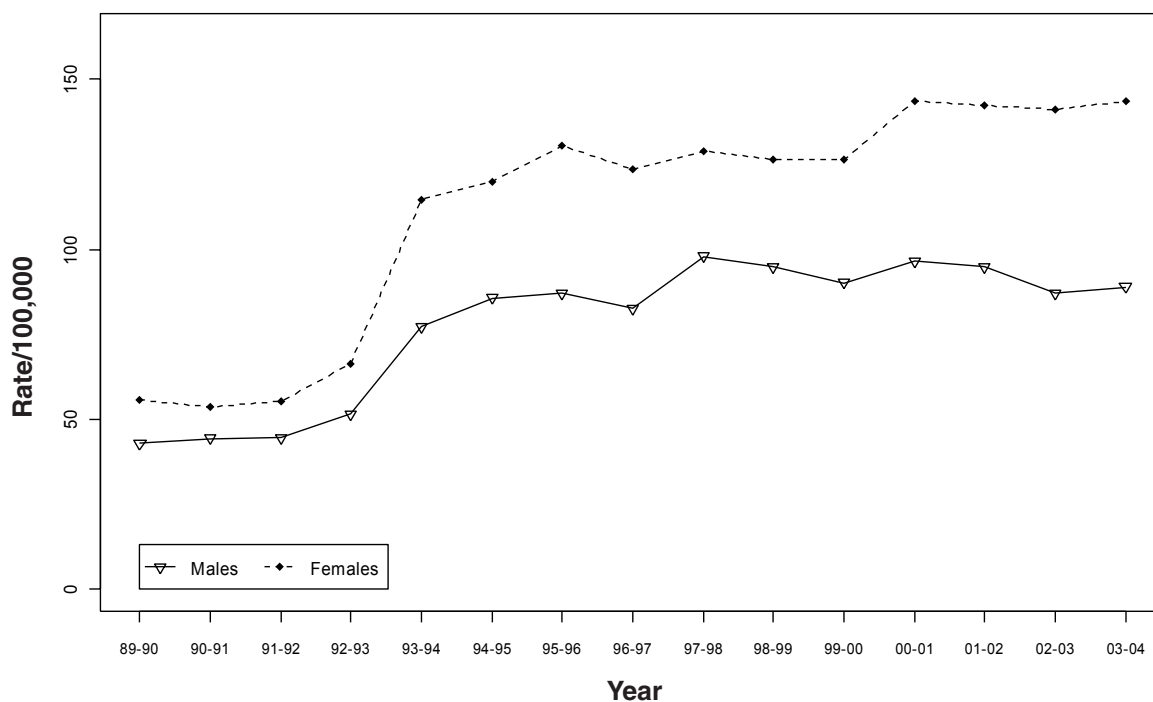




Trends in self-harm hospitalisations in New South Wales (NSW)

- ▶ Self-harm was the fourth leading cause of injury hospitalisation in NSW from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.
- ▶ Between 1999–2000 and 2003–2004, there were 32,582 hospitalisations as a result of self-harm in NSW.
- ▶ There was a statistically significant increasing trend in self-harm hospitalisation rates in NSW from 1989–1990 to 2003–2004 for both males and females.
- ▶ Females aged 15-24 years and males aged 20-34 years had the highest rates of injury hospitalisation due to self-harm in NSW from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.

Hospitalisation rate for injury due to self-harm by sex, NSW, 1989–1990 to 2003–2004



- ▶ Males accounted for 40% of all self-harm hospitalisations in NSW from 1999–2000 to 2003–2004.
- ▶ From 1999–2000 to 2003–2004, *poisoning* (85%) and *use of a sharp or blunt object* (11%) were the most common methods of self-harm hospitalisation in NSW.