Data Quality Statement

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Dataset Title	Northern Territory Crime Statistics
Agency	Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
Division	Criminal Justice Research and Statistics Unit
Dataset Description	This dataset contains counts of offences recorded by the NT Police, categorised by offence type, time period (month), location and (for assault offences) alcohol and domestic violence involvement. Certain types of offences show strong seasonal impacts and numbers show considerable monthly variation, particularly at the regional level.
Dataset Classification	High

Dataset quality rating	Accuracy	★ ★ ★ ★
	Completeness	★ ★ ★
	Consistency	★ ★ ★ ★
	Timeliness	★ ★ ★ ★
	Integrity	★ ★ ★ ★

Accuracy	**High**	★ ★ ★ ★

- ✓ The data correctly represents what it was designed to measure, monitor or report
- ✓ This data meets quality assurance processes (checking of errors at each stage of the data collection and processing)
- ✓ Action has been taken to minimise processing errors
- ✓ Information on any known limitations of the data collection is provided.
- ✓ Data fits certain criteria and adheres to specific business rules.

Completeness	**High**	★ ★ ★

- ✓ Dataset contains all the records expected and are correctly populated
- ✓ Data completeness is measured at the dataset, record, or column level
- ✓ Data with missing values were identified and addressed
- ✗ The proportion of data stored against the potential of 100% complete
- ✓ Data completeness was checked against mandatory attributes that require a value

Consistency	**High**	★ ★ ★ ★

- ✓ Data values were consistently represented within a dataset, between datasets and across datasets
- ✓ No differences were found when comparing two or more representations of an entity against a definition
- ✓ Data within the database conforms to defined business rules
- ✓ Data meets rules for content and format enabling effective matching and consistent output
- ✓ Only valid data will be written to the database

Timeliness	**High**	★ ★ ★ ★

- ✓ Data is available quickly and frequently enough to support information needs
- ✓ Time lag between the reference period and the actual date of release is short
- ✓ The frequency of the data collection is specified (one-off basis or ongoing)
- ✓ Data is current and released before it is superseded
- ✓ Updates or revisions to the data are made after its release

Integrity	**High**	★ ★ ★ ★

- ✓ Standard definitions, common concepts, classifications and data recording practices have been used
- ✓ Elements within the data can be meaningfully compared
- ✓ This data is generally consistent with similar or related data sources to enable data compilation and comparison
- ✓ This data is consistent with previous releases (no significant changes to methodology or collection standards)
- ✓ There were no major changes in the way data items are defined, classified or counted since the start of the series

Additional information on criteria not met - data marked with a ✗

Completeness

Data for the most recent three months (shown as shaded) should be treated as provisional. Numbers of offences in these months may increase by 5-10% for the NT and by a larger percentage in regions, as investigations and data entry are completed over the next several months.

☎ Data custodian Details

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Legend

✓   The dataset meets the quality criteria

✗   The criteria is not met - Explanation is provided

•   Criteria is not applicable to the data

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