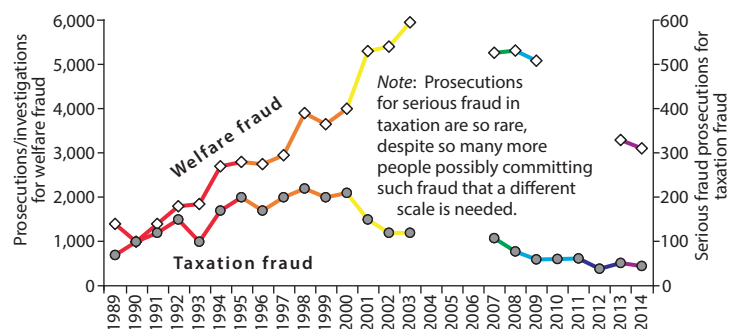


Figure 19: Social security and taxation prosecutions, Australia, counts, 1989–2014



Source: *Journal of Social Policy*, and in a presentation on 'Welfare fraud, welfare fiction' by Greg Marston, Social Policy Unit, The University of Queensland. Tax figures updated after 2003 through <https://www.ato.gov.au/General/The-fight-against-tax-crime/News-and-results/Tax-crime-prosecution-results/>. Welfare fraud figures updated after 2003 through: <http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/current%20series/tandi/421-440/tandi421.html>, and <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/corporate/publications-and-resources/annual-report/resources/1314/chapter-09/fraud-investigations>

Referrals to the Director of Public Prosecutions for social security fraud and serious tax fraud in Australia, 1989–2014

	Social Security	Taxation		Social Security	Taxation
1989	1,400	70	2008	5,312	78
1990	1,000	100	2009	5,082	60
1991	1,400	120	2010		61
1992	1,800	150	2011		62
1993	1,850	100	2012		39
1994	2,700	170	2013	3,294	52
1995	2,800	200	2014	3,107	45
1996	2,750	170			
1997	2,950	200			
1998	3,900	220			
1999	3,650	200			
2000	4,000	210			
2001	5,300	150			
2002	5,400	120			
2003	5,950	120			
2004					
2005					
2006					
2007	5,261	108			

Note: Of the 15,655 people referred to the Australian Director of Public Prosecutions for social security fraud between 2007 and 2009, 60% received a conviction. The tax fraud figures do not include summary offences under the Tax Administration Act which are not referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions. Of the 505 people referred during the 2007–2014 period for serious tax fraud, 96% received a conviction. Despite this the government website giving these latter figures states: 'Australia has a strong culture of voluntary tax compliance'.