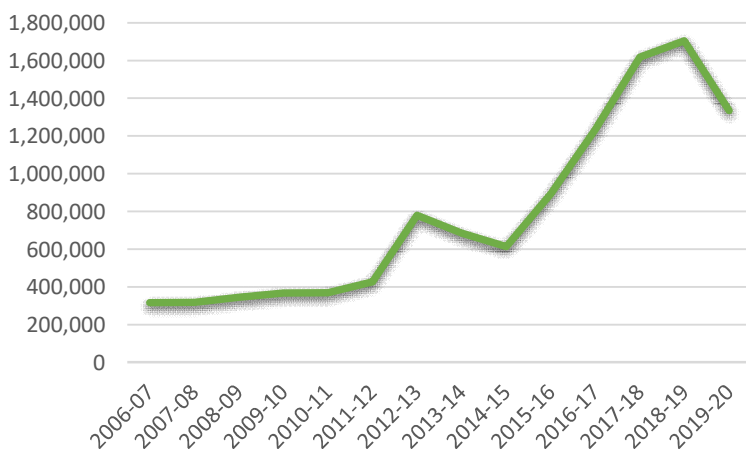




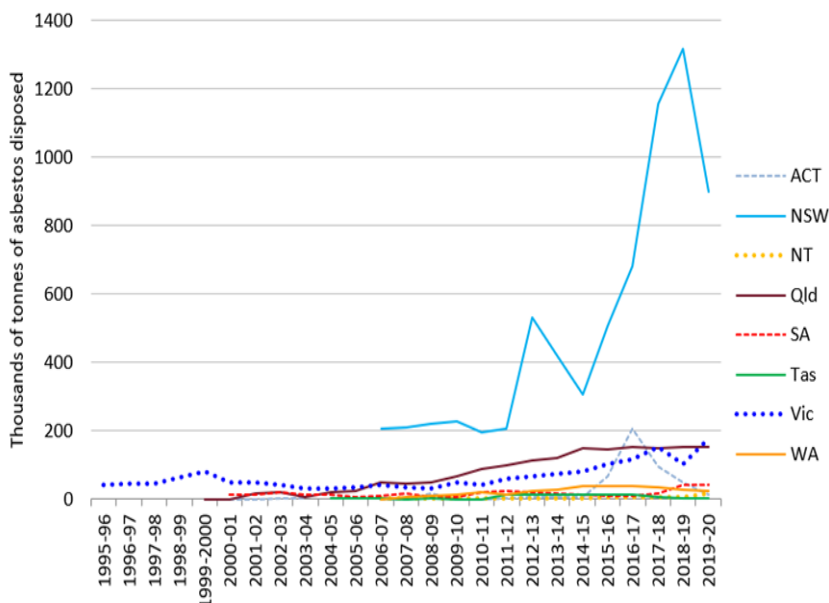
Asbestos waste data in Australia

Asbestos waste data estimates for Australia are updated as part of national hazardous waste reporting.

State and territory governments capture asbestos waste disposal data from their tracking systems. Data was provided by these governments for 2019-20 and for previous years from 2006-07. In total, over this time period, approximately **11 million tonnes** of asbestos containing waste was disposed of in Australia.



Total asbestos containing waste per annum (tonnes) – Australia



Total asbestos containing waste per annum (tonnes) – by jurisdiction

Quantities vary between years and jurisdictions, and spikes in the data are often associated with particular large building development projects or government removal programs.

Source: Blue Environment for ASEA 2021

National Trends



The long-term trend overall still appears to be rising levels of asbestos waste.



For example, asbestos waste in Australia has increased nationally from approximately **315,000 tonnes** (in 2006-07), to **1.3 million tonnes** (in 2019-20).



Most asbestos waste comes from renovation and urban development.

Building and demolition waste can also be contaminated with asbestos. Contaminated soil and rubble can be included in asbestos waste totals. Further details can be found also in the [Hazardous Waste in Australia 2021 report](#).

Year	Tonnes
2006-07	315,340
2007-08	317,944
2008-09	344,760
2009-10	366,492
2010-11	368,544
2011-12	425,757
2012-13	778,861
2013-14	683,464
2014-15	612,725
2015-16	892,314
2016-17	1,236,063
2017-18	1,616,207
2018-19	1,700,485
2019-20	1,332,162

Table of asbestos waste totals per annum (tonnes) for Australia



To search for a waste disposal facility that accepts asbestos, go to:

<https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/who-contact/search-disposal-facilities>