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Increases in Steal from a motor vehicle and Public health and safety offences contribute to increases in key crime measures over the last 12 months.

The Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) released the Victorian recorded crime statistics for the year ending 30 June 2020 today.

In the 12 months to 30 June 2020 the number of criminal incidents increased by 5.6% or 21,805 incidents to 407,768, the highest in CSA data holdings, which go back to July 2004. The criminal incident rate increased 3.9% to 6,080.6 incidents per 100,000 Victorians.

The number of recorded offences increased by 6.0% or 30,659 offences to 544,237. The offence rate increased by 4.2% to 8,115.6 offences per 100,000 Victorians in the last 12 months. The offence types that have contributed to this increase include Steal from a motor vehicle up 11.9% or 6,621 to 62,430 offences, Public health and safety offences up 4,719.7% or 5,994 to 6,121 offences, Drug possession up 16.8% or 4,247 to 29,497 offences and Breach family violence order up 9.7% or 4,239 to 48,071 offences.

Alleged offender incidents increased by 12.5% (20,077 incidents) to 180,458 in the last 12 months, while the alleged offender incident rate increased by 10.6% to 3,068.5 per 100,000 population.

In the last 12 months, the total number of victim reports increased by 5.3% to 316,186. The business/organisation victim reports increased by 4.6% to 85,815. The person victim reports increased by 5.5% to 230,371, while the victimisation rate increased by 3.8% to 3,435.3 reports per 100,000 Victorians.

Family related incidents increased 6.7% in the last 12 months to the highest on record, 88,214 incidents. The rate of family incidents recorded increased by 5.0% to 1,315.4 incidents per 100,000 population.

In the year ending June 2020 two new COVID-19 offences codes were introduced, together there were 6,062 offences recorded, driving the increase in Public Health and Safety offences.

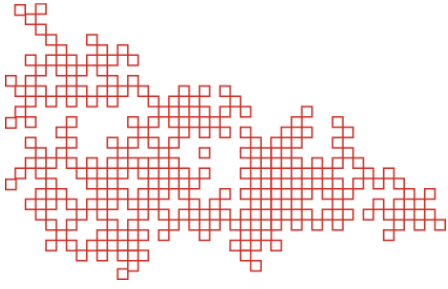
CSA Chief Statistician Fiona Dowsley said that "in the last six months there have been significant impacts from COVID-19 and the public health response. Over 6,000 offences were recorded for breaches of Chief Health Officer directions in the year ending 30 June 2020. However, pandemic impacts will carry through to future crime statistics and be the subject of further CSA analysis."

More detailed information is available on the [latest crime data](#) webpage.

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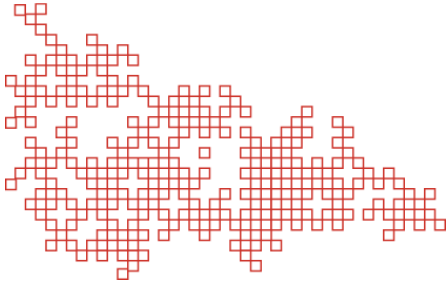
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State wide figures

1. The number of criminal incidents recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 30 June 2020 was 407,768, up 5.6% from 385,963 incidents recorded in the same period last year.
2. The number of offences recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 30 June 2020 was 544,237. This is up 6.0% from 513,578 offences recorded in the same period last year.
3. Alleged offender incidents increased 12.5% to 180,458 in the year to 30 June 2020, up from 160,381.
4. Unique alleged offenders (including organisations) increased 7.4% to 87,362 in the year to 30 June 2020, up from 81,355.
5. Victim reports increased in the year to 30 June 2020 by 5.3% (15,838) to 316,186 victim reports.
6. Unique victims (including organisations) increased in the year to 30 June 2020 by 6.4% (14,390) to 239,762 victims.
7. Family incidents increased in the year to 30 June 2020, up 6.7% from 82,651 to 88,214.
8. Alleged offender incidents with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status increased 11.9% to 13,851 in the year ending June 2020, up from 12,376.
9. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status of those involved in Family incident increased for both Affected family members (up 2.8% to 4,456) and Other parties (up 4.3% to 5,421).

For a detailed breakdown of the data go to the [latest crime data](#) webpage and for explanatory information and definitions, see the [Explanatory Notes](#) and [Glossary](#).



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Crime category trends

For the year ending June 2020, the offence subdivisions that showed significant upward trends in the last 24 months were:

Criminal Incidents

- Theft
- Cultivate or manufacture drugs
- Breaches of orders

Recorded Offences

- Theft
- Drug use and possession
- Breaches of orders
- Miscellaneous offences

All other major offence categories did not show a significant upward trend over the last 24 months.

For the year ending June 2020, the offence subdivisions that showed a significant downward trend in the last 24 months were:

Criminal Incidents

- Disorderly and offensive conduct

Recorded Offences

- Disorderly and offensive conduct

All other major offence categories did not show a significant downward trend over the last 24 months.

Local Government Area level figures

Criminal Incidents

The five Local Government Areas with the highest criminal incident rates in the year ending June 2020 were:

1. Melbourne (14,082.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 3.6%)
2. Latrobe (13,290.6 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 2.2%)
3. Yarra (11,116.3 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 2.7%)
4. Mildura (9,866.5 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 2.9%)
5. Greater Shepparton (9,488.4 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 1.8%).

Recorded Offences

The five Local Government Areas with the highest recorded offence rates in the year ending June 2020 were:

1. Melbourne (19,054.4 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 0.4%)
2. Latrobe (18,079.2 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 4.2%)
3. Yarra (13,715.5 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 5.6%)
4. Mildura (13,398.2 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 3.7%)
5. Greater Shepparton (13,223.9 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 0.2%).