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**Family violence related offences contribute to increases in Breaches of orders.**

The Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) released the Victorian recorded crime statistics for the year ending 31 March 2020 today.

In the 12 months to 31 March 2020 the number of criminal incidents increased by 6.1% or 23,430 incidents to 409,841. The criminal incident rate increased 4.3% to 6,111.5 incidents per 100,000 Victorians.

The number of recorded offences increased by 5.3% or 27,095 offences to 542,626, while the offence rate increased by 3.5% to 8,091.5 offences per 100,000 Victorians in the last 12 months.

Recorded offences related to a family incident increased in the last 12 months, up 5.0% to 100,480 offences. Breaches of orders increased 5.1% to 67,007 offences in the last 12 months and of these 47,776 offences were family violence related offences. This was an increase of 6.1% or 2,740 offences for family violence related Breach of orders offences in the last 12 months.

Alleged offender incidents increased by 3.5% (5,959 incidents) to 177,882 in the last 12 months, while the alleged offender incident rate increased by 1.7% to 3,024.7 per 100,000 population.

In the last 12 months, the total number of victim reports increased by 8.9% to 326,403. The business/organisation victim reports increased by 9.5% to 89,449. The person victim reports increased by 8.6% to 236,954, while the victimisation rate increased by 6.8% to 3,533.4 reports per 100,000 Victorians.

Family related incidents increased 5.8% in the last 12 months to the highest on record, 85,923 incidents. The rate of family incidents recorded increased by 4.0% to 1,281.3 incidents per 100,000 population.

CSA Chief Statistician Fiona Dowsley said that “the number of family incidents recorded by Victoria Police was the highest on record in the 12 months to 31 March 2020. During this period family violence related offences (83.7%) were the main contributor to increases in Breach of orders offences.”

More detailed information is available on the [latest crime data](http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/latest-crime-data) **webpage.**

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**CSA FACT SHEET: RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS – YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2020**

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**State wide figures**

1. The number of criminal incidents recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 31 March 2020 was 409,841, up 6.1% from 386,411 incidents recorded in the same period last year.
2. The number of offences recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 31 March 2020 was 542,626. This is up 5.3% from 515,531 offences recorded in the same period last year.
3. Alleged offender incidents increased 3.5% to 177,882 in the year to 31 March 2020, up from 171,923.
4. Victim reports increased in the year to 31 March 2020 by 8.9% (26,597) to 326,403 victim reports.
5. Family incidents increased in the year to 31 March 2020, up 5.8% from 81,243 to 85,923.

**Local Government Area level figures**

**Criminal Incidents**

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

1. Melbourne (14,368.5 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 3.2%)
2. Latrobe (13,303.8 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 1.1%)
3. Yarra (11,102.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 0.8%)
4. Mildura (9,964.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 1.1%)
5. Greater Shepparton (9,567.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 2.1%).

**Recorded Offences**

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

1. Melbourne (19,346.6 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 2.7%)
2. Latrobe (18,308.4 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 5.4%)
3. Yarra (13,606.0 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 2.7%)
4. Mildura (13,333.9 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 0.9%)
5. Greater Shepparton (13,028.0 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 3.1%).

**For a detailed breakdown of the data go to the** [latest crime data](http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/latest-crime-data) **webpage and for explanatory information and definitions, see the** [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes) **and** [Glossary](http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/glossary-and-data-dictionary/).

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**Crime category trends**

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

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| **Criminal Incidents**   * Assault and related offences * Robbery * Stalking, harassment & threatening behaviour * Property damage * Burglary/break and enter * Theft | **Recorded Offences**   * Assault and related offences * Robbery * Stalking, harassment & threatening behaviour * Property damage * Burglary/break and enter * Theft * Breaches of orders |

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

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

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| **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.

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