

# CHILD WITNESSES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

An examination of Victoria Police data between  
1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019

Between 1 July 2018 and 30 June  
2019

## One in 50 children

in Victoria were recorded by  
police as having witnessed or  
been exposed to family violence



## 35%

Of children recorded by Victoria Police as  
having witnessed or been exposed to  
family violence were under the age of **5  
years old**

The rate of family violence  
incidents involving a child  
witness was

## 1.8 times

higher in **regional and  
remote areas** of Victoria  
than in major cities

## 80.6%

of family incidents with a child witness  
involved **violence against a woman**

Three quarters (77.6%) of incidents  
recorded a male aggressor

