

Unique victims and alleged offenders in Victoria

Year ending 30 June 2018





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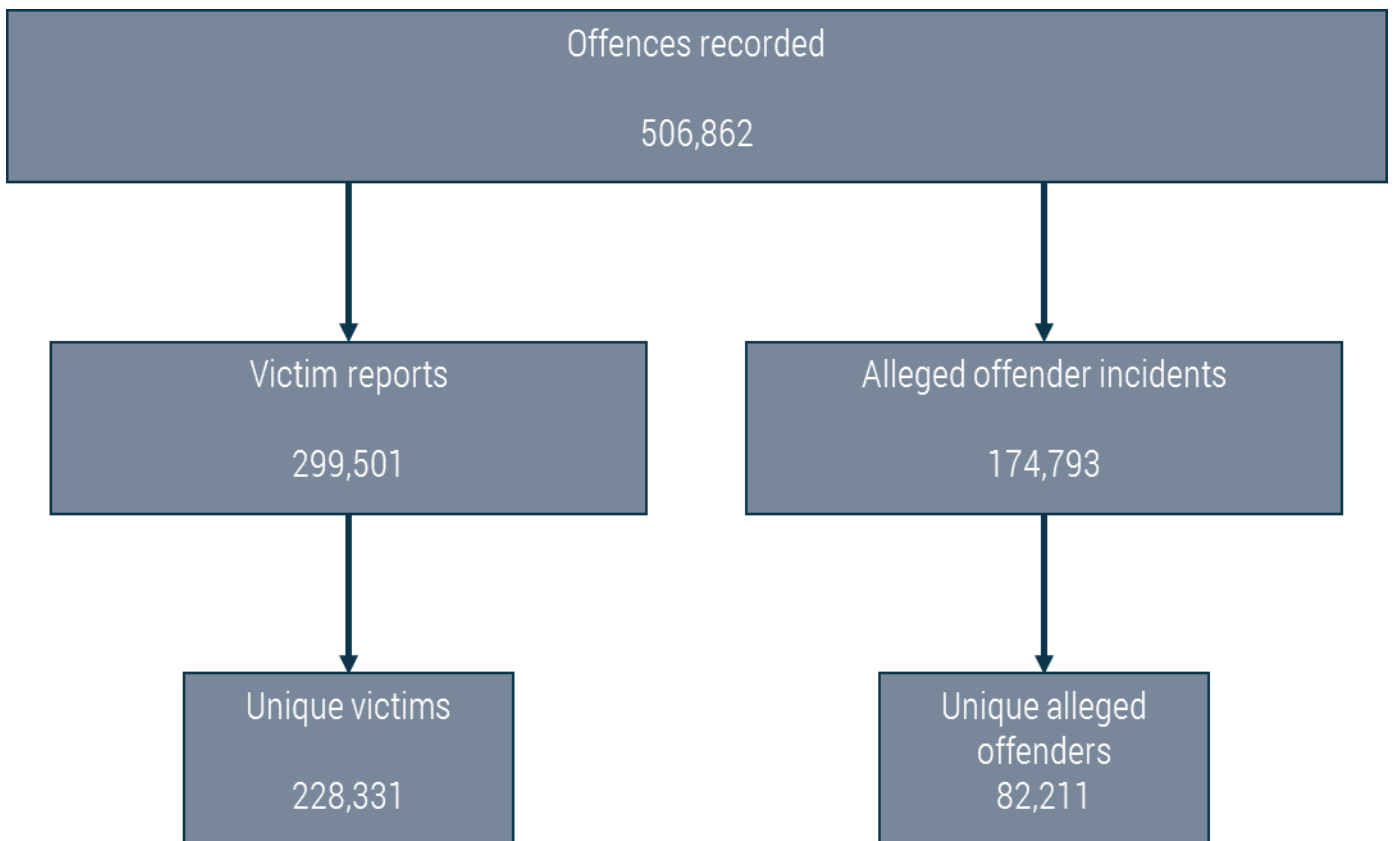
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Overview of recorded crime statistics

The Crime Statistics Agency presents statistics about crimes recorded in Victoria based on information recorded by police, and these statistics can provide a number of different views of recorded crime. For example, statistics presented about offences recorded and incident types show information on the volume of crimes recorded by police within a given period, providing a picture of the throughput of these offences and incidents as they move from report or detection through to completion.

Data are also recorded about the characteristics of people who come into contact with police, irrespective of the number of offences they commit, or the number of incidents they are involved in as either a victim or an offender. Looking at recorded crime data from this perspective provides a profile of individuals who come into contact with police, their demographic characteristics, and how they compare to the Victorian population.

Recorded offences, person incidents and unique person populations in Victoria, July 2017 to June 2018

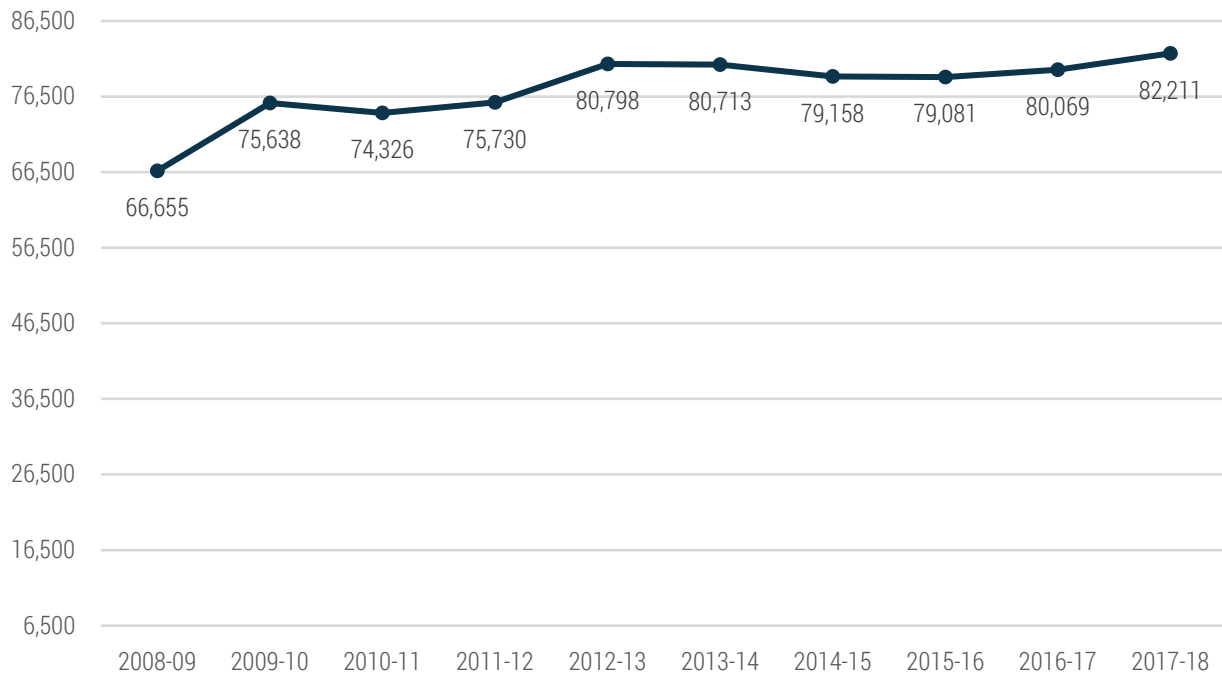


1. Unique alleged offenders in Victoria

In the year ending June 2018, there were 82,211 unique alleged offenders recorded by Victoria Police, up 2.7% (2,142 unique alleged offenders) compared to the same period last year. This is the highest number of unique alleged offenders recorded in CSA data holdings, which go back to July 2004.

The offender rate was up 0.3% to 1,454.2 per 100,000 population, equating to approximately 1.5 unique alleged offenders for every 100 people across the state.

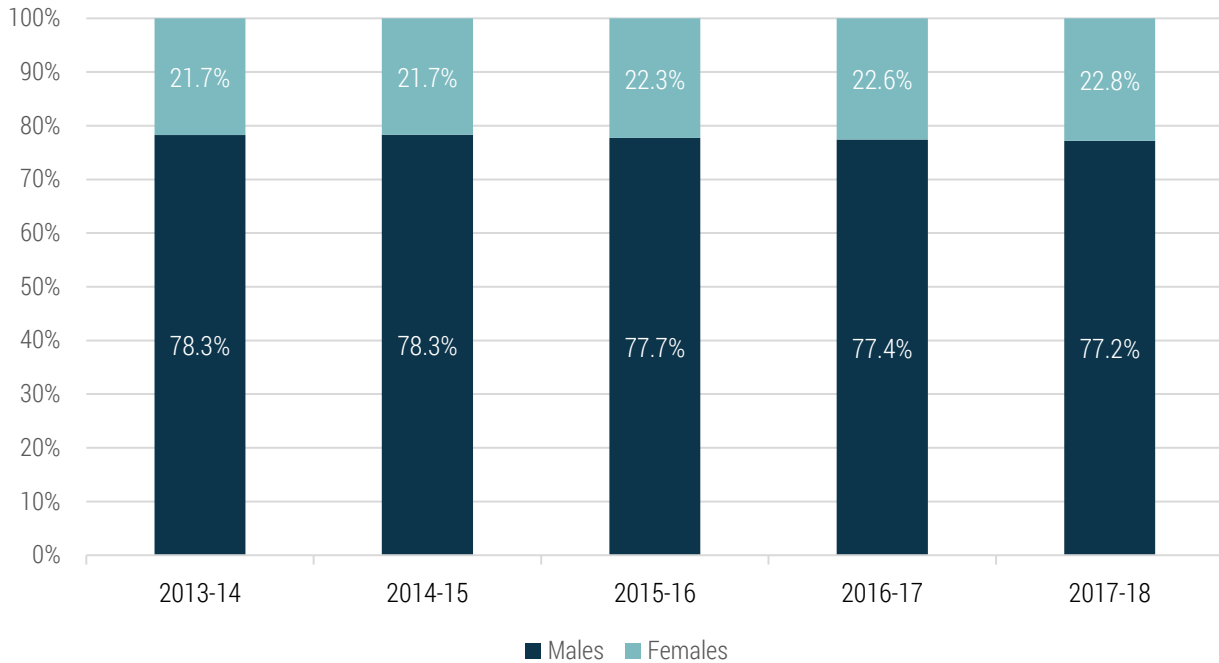
Unique alleged offenders, 10 year trend



1.1 Sex and age of unique alleged offenders

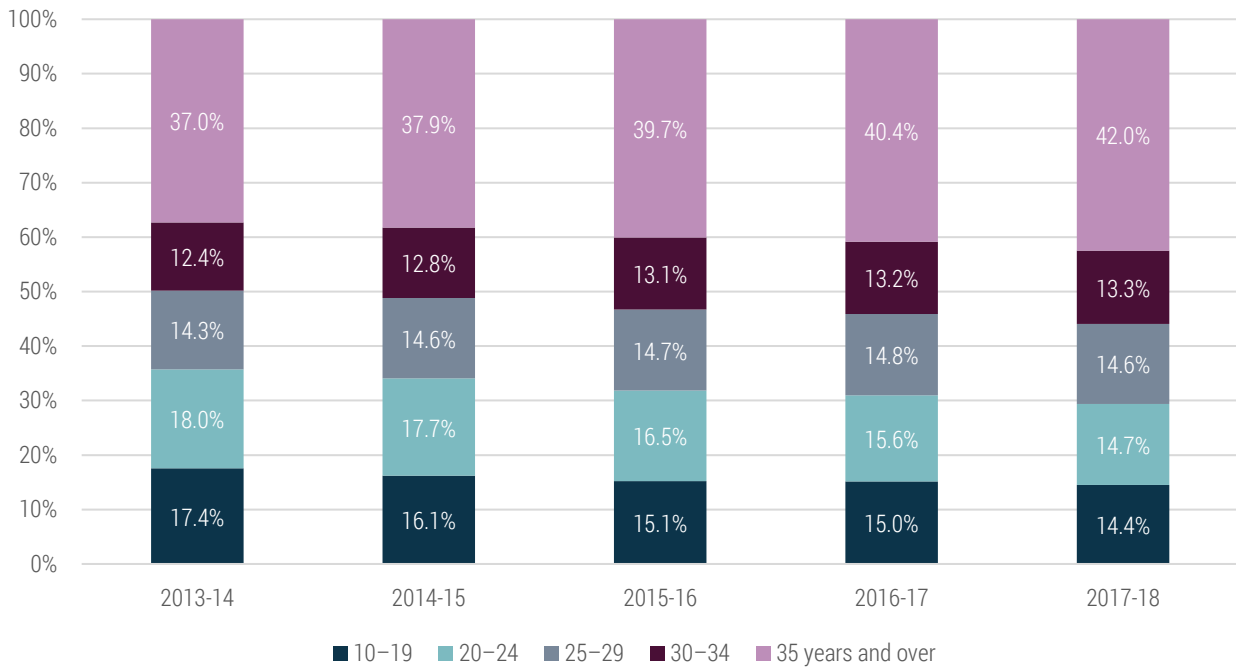
In the year ending June 2018, of the 82,167 alleged offenders where a sex was recorded, 63,444 (77.2%) were male and 18,723 (22.8%) were female. These numbers have increased in the last 12 months, up 2.4% (1,472 alleged offenders) for males and 3.5% for females (640 alleged offenders). The proportional split between male and female alleged offenders has remained stable over time.

Proportion of unique alleged offenders by sex, July 2013 to June 2018



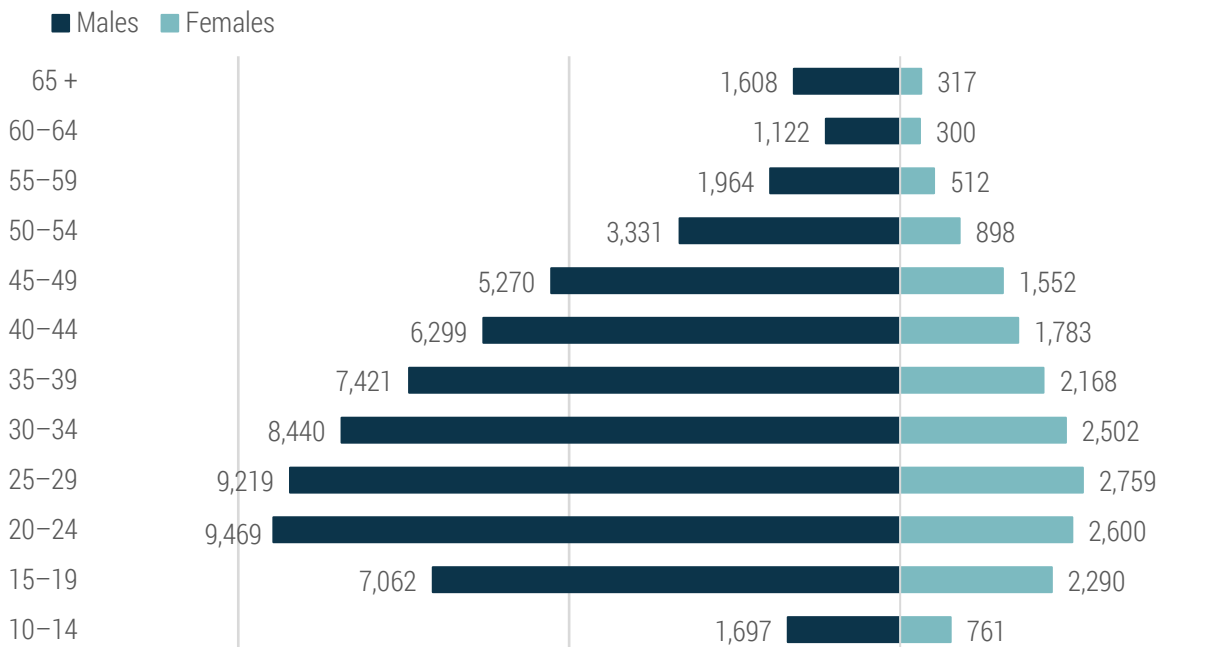
In the last 12 months the average age for alleged offenders where sex was recorded has increased to 33.5 years, this is the highest since year ending June 2005. The average age for male alleged offenders was 33.8 years and the average age for females was 32.8 years. This is the highest average age for both males and females since year ending June 2005. There were more male alleged offenders than females in every age group.

Proportion of unique alleged offenders by age group, July 2013 to June 2018



The age group with the highest number of alleged offenders in the current year was 20–24 years. This age group accounted for 12,072 unique alleged offenders (14.7%). There has been a trend over the last five years of a decreasing proportion of alleged offenders under the age of 24 years (from 35.4% to 29.1%) and an increase in the proportion of offenders aged 25 years or older (63.6% to 69.9%).

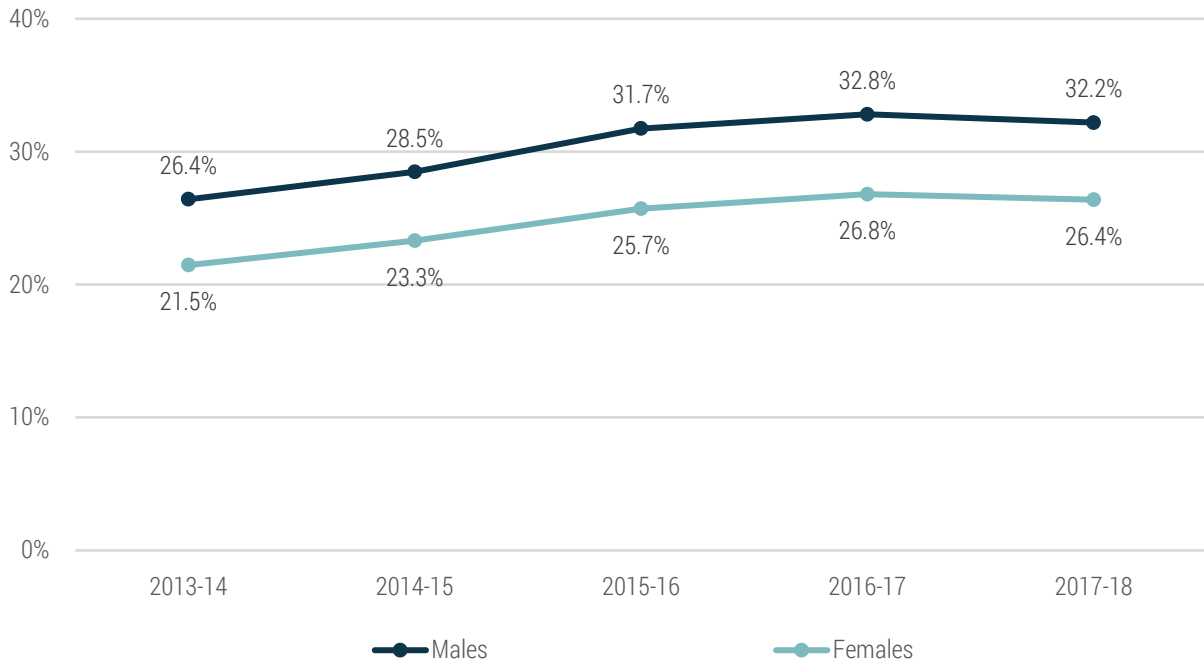
Unique alleged offenders by sex and age, July 2017 to June 2018



1.2 Family violence related unique alleged offenders

Of the 82,195 person alleged offenders, almost one third (25,364 or 30.9%) were involved as either an affected family member or other party in a family incident at least once within the reference period. Male unique alleged offenders had a higher proportion of family related incidents within the reference period at 32.2%, whereas female alleged offenders who were involved in at least one family incident comprised 26.4% of all female unique alleged offenders.

Proportion of unique alleged offenders involved in a family incident by sex, July 2013 to June 2018

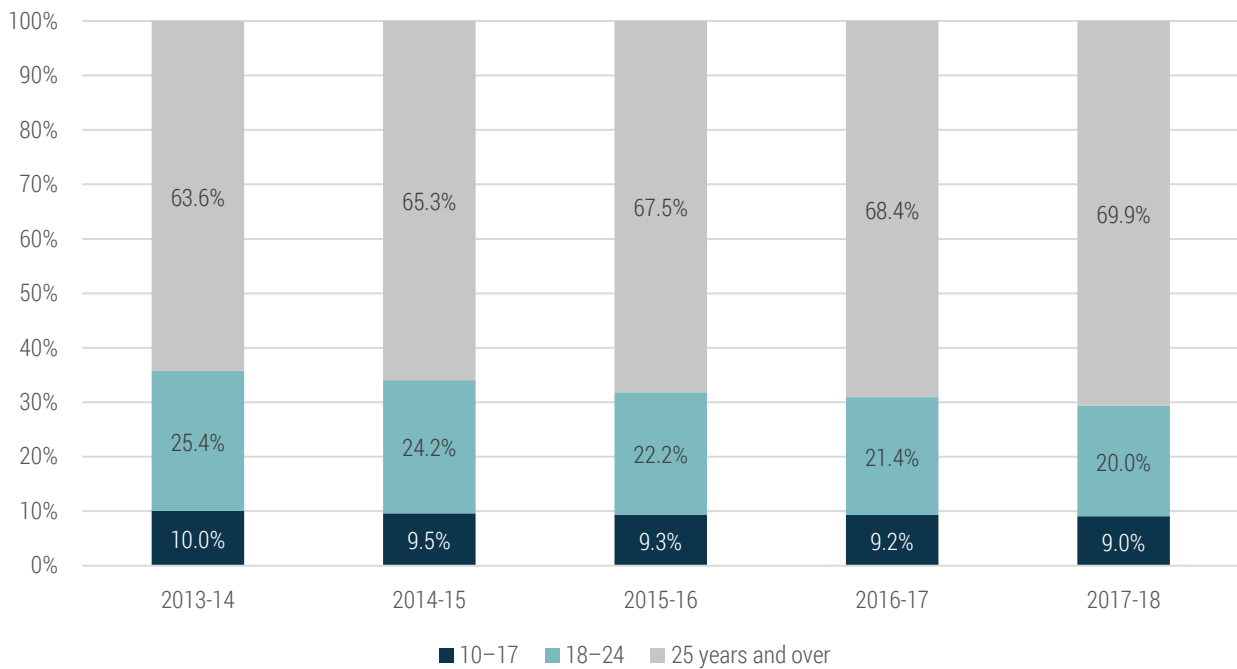


1.3 Unique alleged offenders under 25 years of age

In the year ending June 2018, there were 7,410 unique alleged offenders aged under 18 years, up 0.2% compared to the same period last year. Of these alleged offenders under 18 years, 71.5% (5,297) were male and 28.5% (2,109) were female. Two thirds of alleged offenders under 18 years were aged between 15 and 17 years (66.8%), a decrease of 3.2% from the previous year.

Unique alleged offenders aged 18 to 24 comprised 20.0% (16,476) of all alleged offenders, and decreased 3.8% (655 alleged offenders) compared to the same period last year. Unique alleged offenders under 25 years of age comprised approximately one third of all unique alleged offenders in the year ending June 2018, and have been decreasing steadily as a proportion over the past five years (35.4% to 29.1%).

Proportion of unique alleged offenders by age groups, year ending June 2018

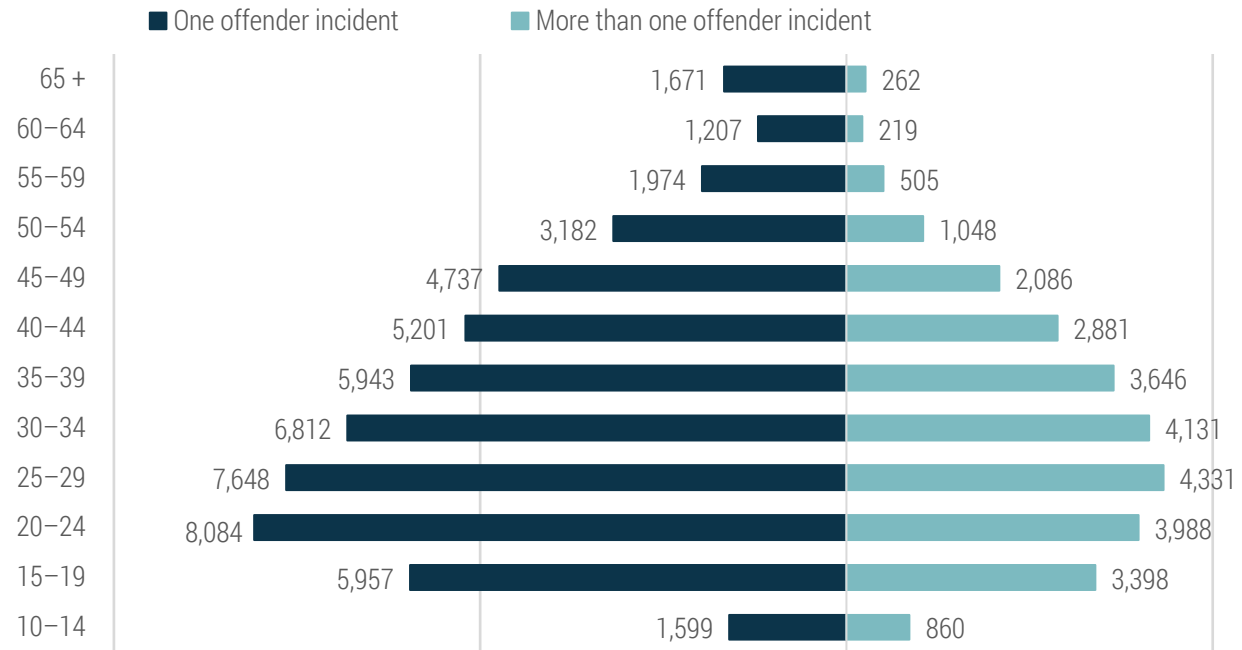


1.4 Repeat offending

Repeat offending is defined as when people have been linked to more than one criminal incident within a 12 month financial year reference period. People who have been alleged offenders across financial year reference periods will only be counted in each of the relevant reference periods.

Of the 82,195 unique alleged offenders recorded in the year ending June 2018, 66.5% (54,653) were only involved in one incident during the reference period. Males were more likely to have been involved in multiple incidents, with 34.5% of male alleged offenders linked to more than one incident, compared to 30.3% of females.

Unique alleged offenders, number of repeat offender incidents by age group, year ending June 2018



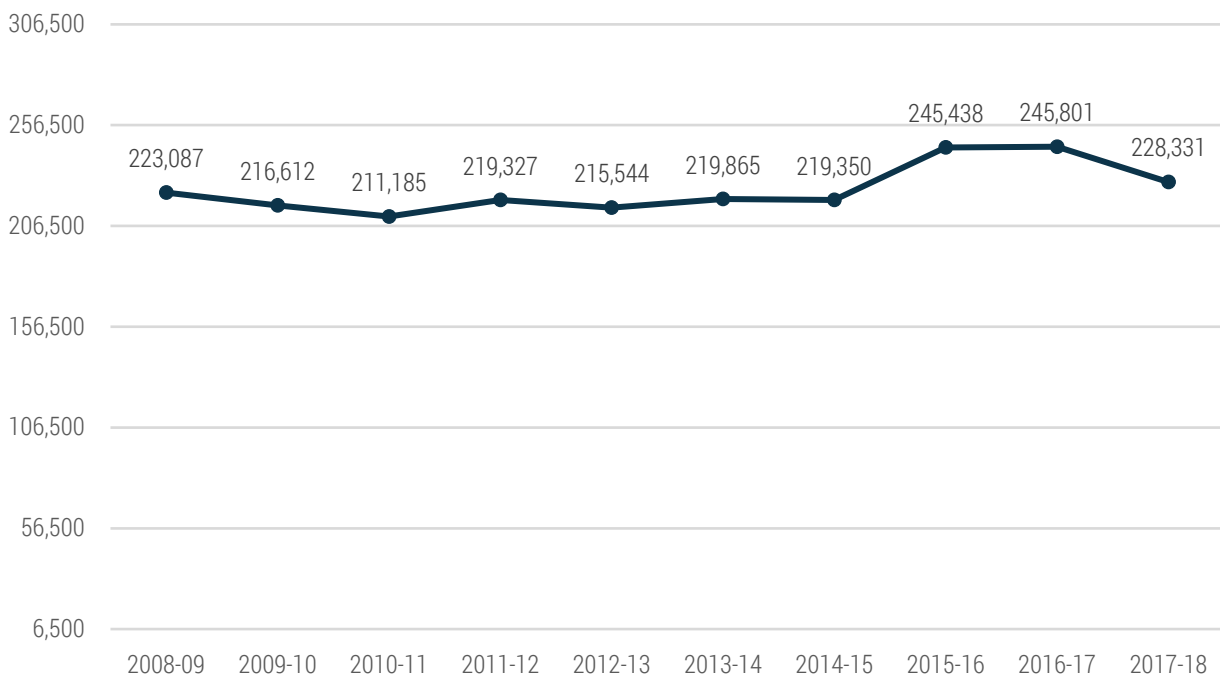
The age group with the highest proportion of repeat alleged offenders in the year ending June 2018 was males between 35–39 years (39.2%), who had an average of 2.2 incidents within the last 12 months. Male alleged offenders aged 30–34 had the next highest proportion of repeat alleged offenders (38.6%) with an average of 2.2 incidents.

2. Unique victims of crime in Victoria

In the year ending June 2018 there were 228,331 unique victims of crime recorded by Victoria Police. The number of victims of crime has decreased 7.1% or 17,470 unique victims compared to the same period last year. This number is the lowest since the year ending June 2015. Of this number, 188,428 (82.5%) of victims were people, and 39,903 (17.5%) were organisations. The proportion of organisations as victims has remain stable over the last 5 years.

In the last 12 months there was a decrease in the victimisation rate per 100,000 population (down 9.2% to 2,912.7 from 3,207.2), the lowest rate in the last 5 years. Approximately 3 in every 100 people in Victoria were victims of crime in the year to June 2018.

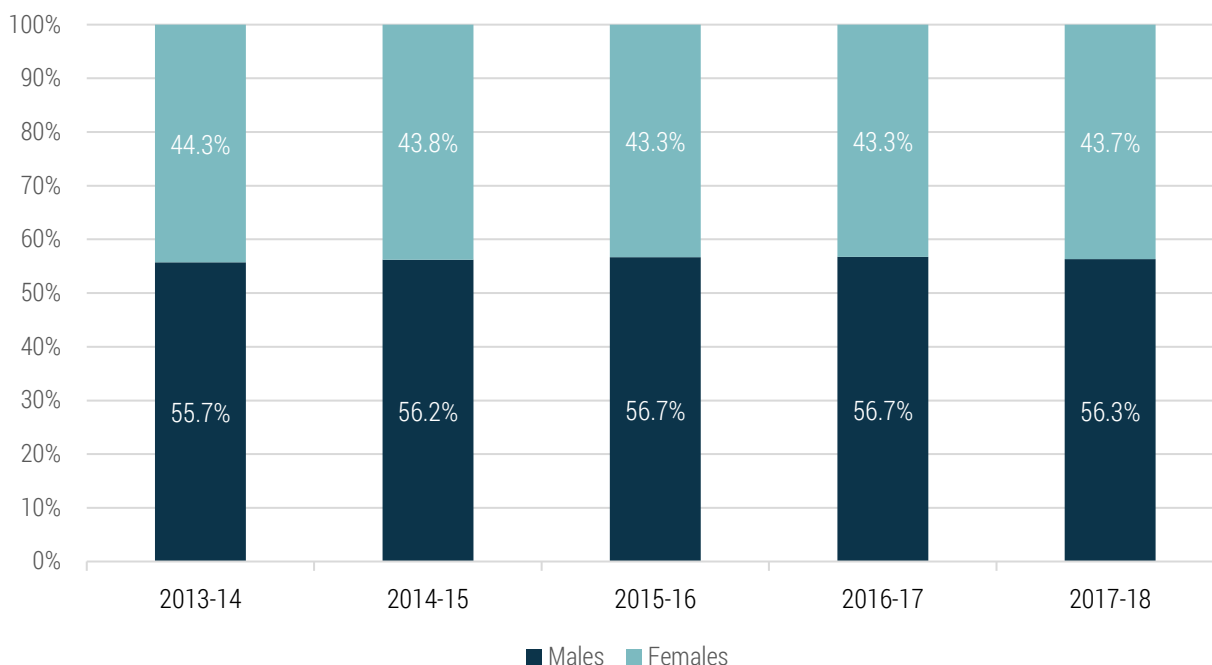
Unique victims, 10 year trend



2.1 Sex and age of unique victims

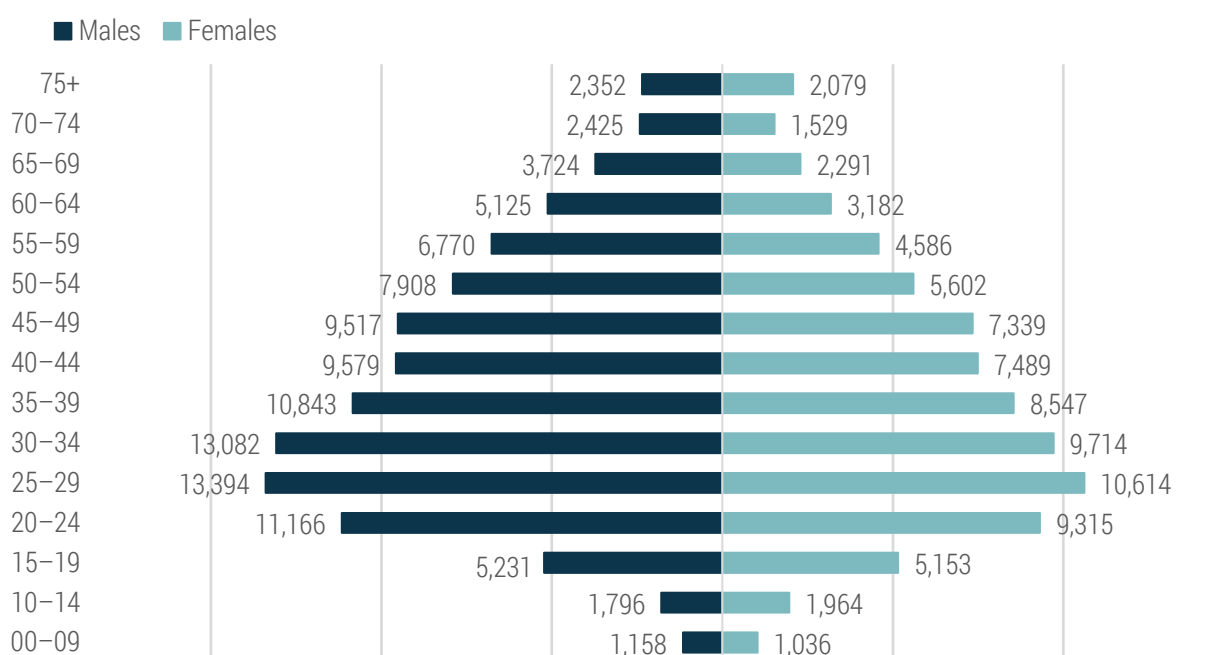
In the year ending 30 June 2018, of the 187,853 unique person victims where a sex was recorded, 105,832 (56.3%) were male and 82,021 (43.7%) were female. These numbers have decreased in the last 12 months, down 7.7% (8,795 victims) for males and 6.1% for females (5,371 victims).

Unique victims (excluding organisations), proportion of victims by sex, 5 year trend



The proportional split between male and female victims has remained stable over time, however since the year ending June 2014 the numbers have increased for both males (6.2%, 6,194 victims) and females (3.7%, 2,900 victims).

Unique victims by sex and age, year ending June 2018



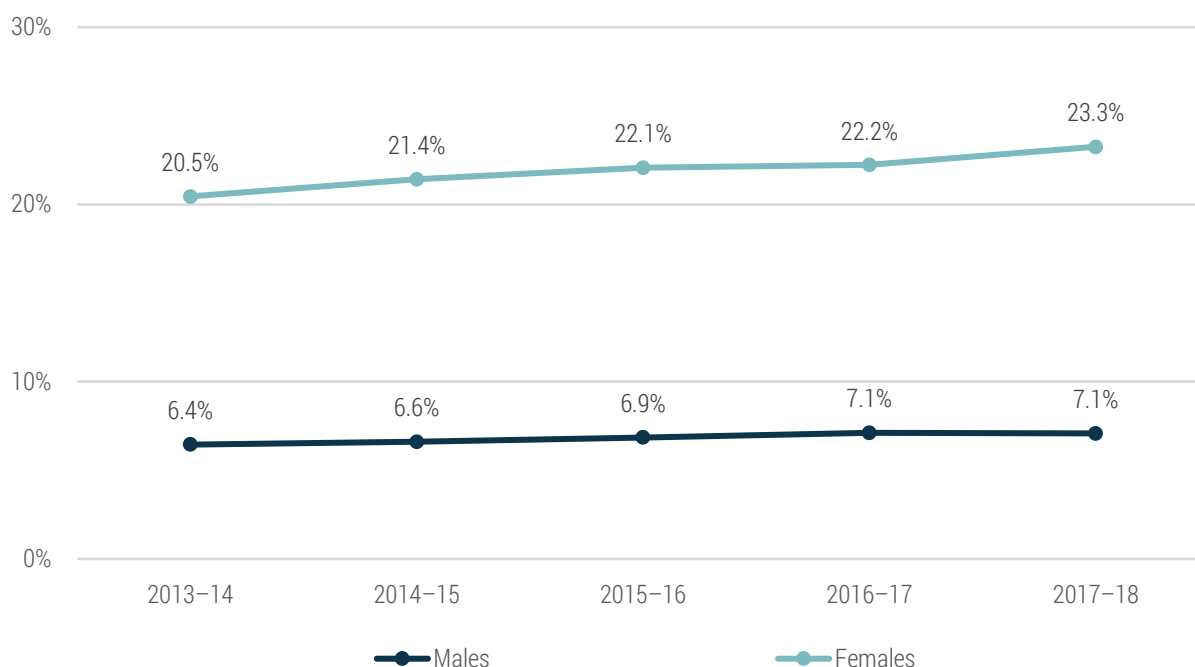
The average age of person victims where sex was recorded was 39.0 years, and the age group with the highest number of victims was 25–29 years. This age group accounted for 24,008 unique victims (12.8%). For male victims the average age was 39.6 years and the average age for females was 38.3 years. There were more male victims than females in every age group except for the 10–14 age group where there were a higher number of female victims.

2.2 Unique victims involved in family violence

Of the 188,428 unique victims recorded in the year ending June 2018, 26,597 were involved in a family incident at least once within the reference period as either an 'affected family member' or 'other party'. Males had a lower proportion of family related incidents at 7.1%, whereas female victims who were involved in at least one family incident comprised 23.3% of all female unique victims.

The number of unique victims decreased for both males (8.1% or 662 victims) and females (1.8% or 354 victims) in the last 12 months. Since the year ending June 2014 the number of unique victims has increased for both males (16.6% or 1,067 victims) and females (17.9% or 2,889 victims) in the last 12 months.

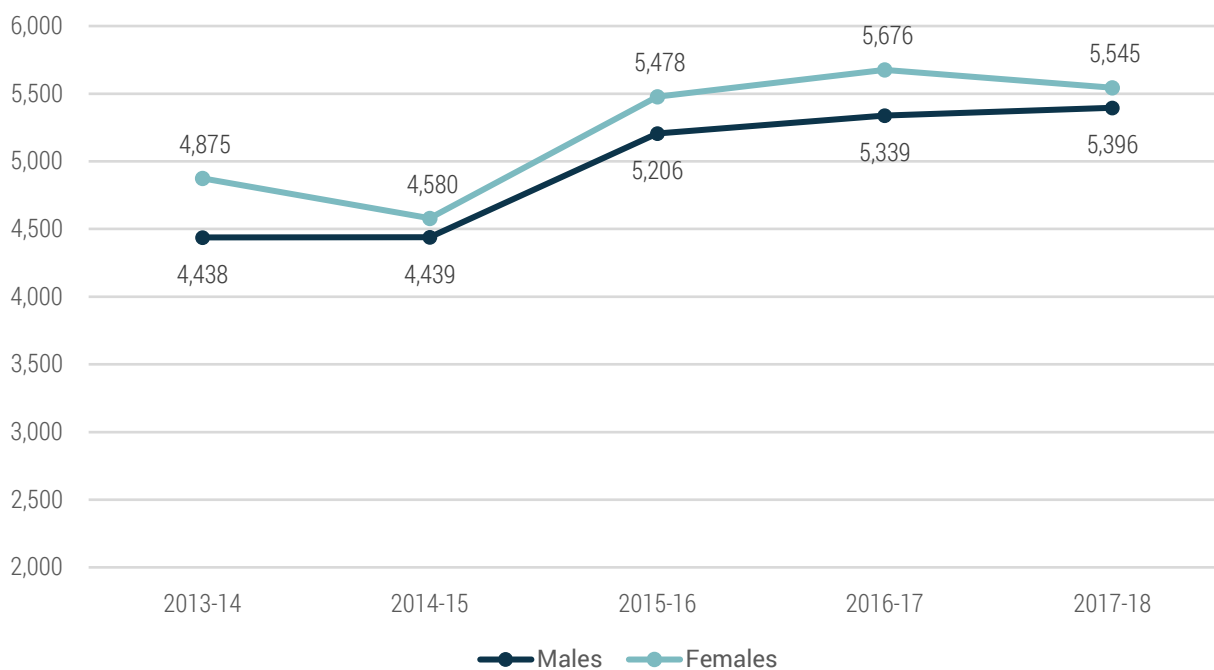
Unique victims involved in a family incident by sex, 5 year trend



2.3 Youth victims

In the year ending June 2018, there were 10,941 unique victims aged under 18 years, down 0.8% (83 victims) compared to the same period last year. This was driven by a 2.3% (131 victims) decrease in female victims. Male victims increased 1.1% (57 victims) in the last 12 months. Youth victims comprised 5.8% of all unique victims, with 49.3% (5,396) being male and 50.7% (5,545) female. Almost half of youth victims were aged between 15 and 17 years in the last 12 months.

Unique youth victims by sex, July 2013 to June 2018

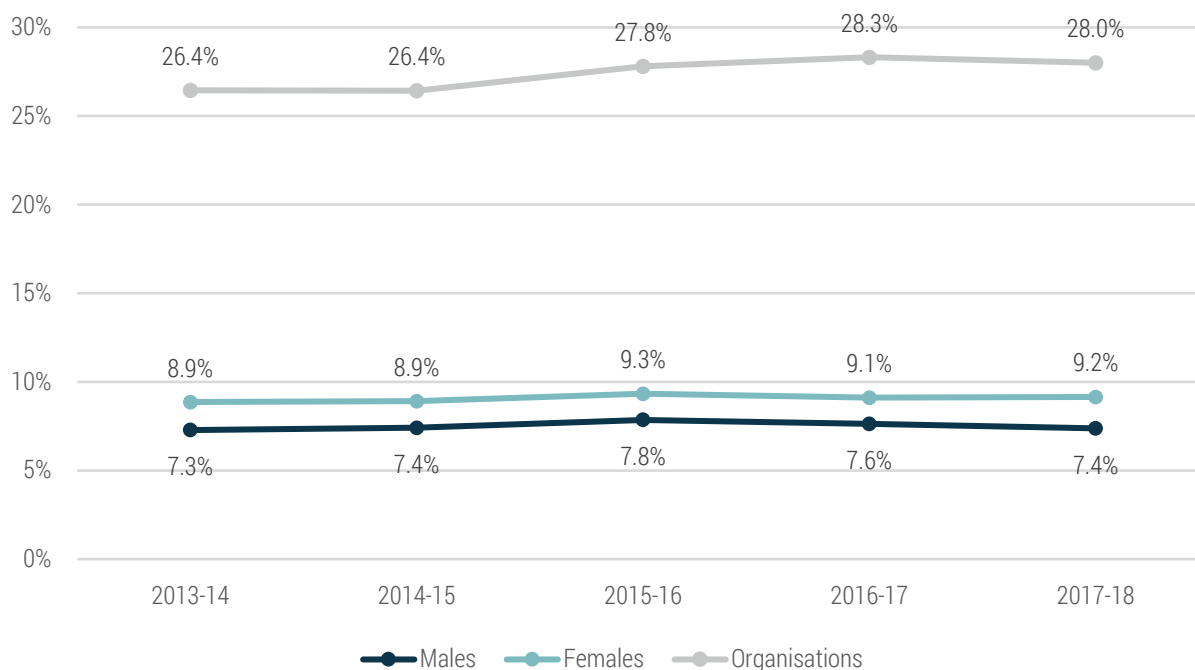


2.4 Repeat victimisation

Repeat victimisation is counted when people have had more than one victim report recorded within a 12 month period. People who have been victimised across more than one reference period will be counted in each of the reference periods that they reported being a victim.

Of the 188,429 person victims recorded in the year to June 2018, 91.9% (173,097) of victims only had one report recorded by police within the reference period, and there was very little variation between males and females. Of the remaining victims 15,332 (8.1%) had more than one victim reports within the reference period. There were also 2,804 victims with three or more incidents of victimisation recorded in the last 12 months.

Proportion of multiple victim reports recorded within the reference period, July 2013 to June 2018



Those who were most likely to experience repeat victimisation were females between 15–19 years. Of the 5,153 female victims aged 15–19 years, 10.7% (553 victims) had more than one victim report recorded in the reference period. This is just over two and a half percentage points higher than the proportion of 8.1% for all person victims with more than one victim report recorded.

Organisations had higher proportions of repeat victimisation. There were 39,903 victims recorded that were identified as organisations, of which 11,173 (28.0%) reported being a victim on more than one occasion. There were also 2,440 organisation victims with five or more victim reports, comprising 6.1% of all organisation victims in the last 12 months.

