

FV Database Interactive Visualisations Guide for Use

Using the interactive visualisations

Each data source has its own set of interactive visualisations with a number of dashboards that contain key family violence measures. This guide for use will outline key points in navigating through the dashboards and filtering the data to focus on specific areas of interest.

Each of the visualisations has a navigation panel along the top. This allows you to explore each of the components by clicking on the box that you are interested in. Each visualisation includes similar measures tailored to each of the different data sources. They will include key measures such as the number of clients, services or cases and demographic information about the people involved.



The first dashboard of each data source includes information about the agency/department as well as key definitions of the terms used in each of the subsequent dashboards.

Victoria Police

The Victoria Police data included in the Family Violence Database (the Database) was extracted from the Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) on 18 January 2017. LEAP is a live database, and the data included in the Database is subject to change over time. The primary source of family violence data from Victoria Police is the information collected on the L17 Risk Assessment and Risk Management report.

Victoria Police are required to complete the L17 report after they have attended a family incident. It includes information on the incident itself, the affected family member and other party, hazards/risk factors present at the time of the incident and any actions taken by Victoria Police following the incident. The quantity and accuracy of the data collected by Victoria Police on family violence is dependent upon the recording of information by police members at the time of the incident.

Key Definitions

Family incident
An incident attended by Victoria Police where a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Report (also known as an L17 form) was completed. The report is completed when family violence incidents, interfamilial-related sexual offences, and child abuse are reported to police.

L17 form
An L17 form refers to the Victoria Police Risk Assessment and Management Report that Victoria Police are required to complete after they have attended a family incident. The report is completed when family incidents, interfamilial-related sexual offences, and child abuse are reported to police.

Affected family member (AFM)
An 'affected family member' is the individual who is deemed to be affected by events occurring during the family incident. Where an affected family member has been affected by more than one other party within a family incident, they will be counted for each involvement.

Other party (OTH)
The other individual involved in a family incident is referred to as the 'other party'. The other party could be a current partner, former partner or a family member. Where the other party is involved with multiple affected family members, they will be counted for each involvement.

Filtering the dashboards

Each dashboard contains filters that allow you to focus on areas of interest. The main filters included in the dashboards allow you to change the following;


- Financial year
- Type of program/service/application
- Geographic area
- Gender of people involved
- Relationship of people involved

The following are examples of filters in the dashboards that will allow you to drill down into specific areas of interest.

The image shows three examples of dashboard filters:

- AFM gender:** A dropdown menu with the text "(All)" and a downward arrow.
- July to June:** A date range selector showing "2015-16" in a text box, with a horizontal slider below it and navigation arrows.
- Application type:** A list of four checkboxes:
 - Application for extension
 - Application for revocation
 - Application for variation
 - Original matters finalised

Handy hints

On some of the dashboards you will see this symbol . This denotes there is a handy hint or tip that relates to that specific dashboard. Hover your mouse over the symbol and the tip will pop up.