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# 1. Recorded criminal incidents

A recorded criminal incident is a criminal event that may include multiple offences, alleged offenders and/or victims that is recorded on the LEAP database on a single date and at one location. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

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# 2. Recorded offences

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# 3. Alleged offender incidents

An alleged offender incident is an event involving one or more offences where a person, business or organisation has been linked as an alleged offender. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

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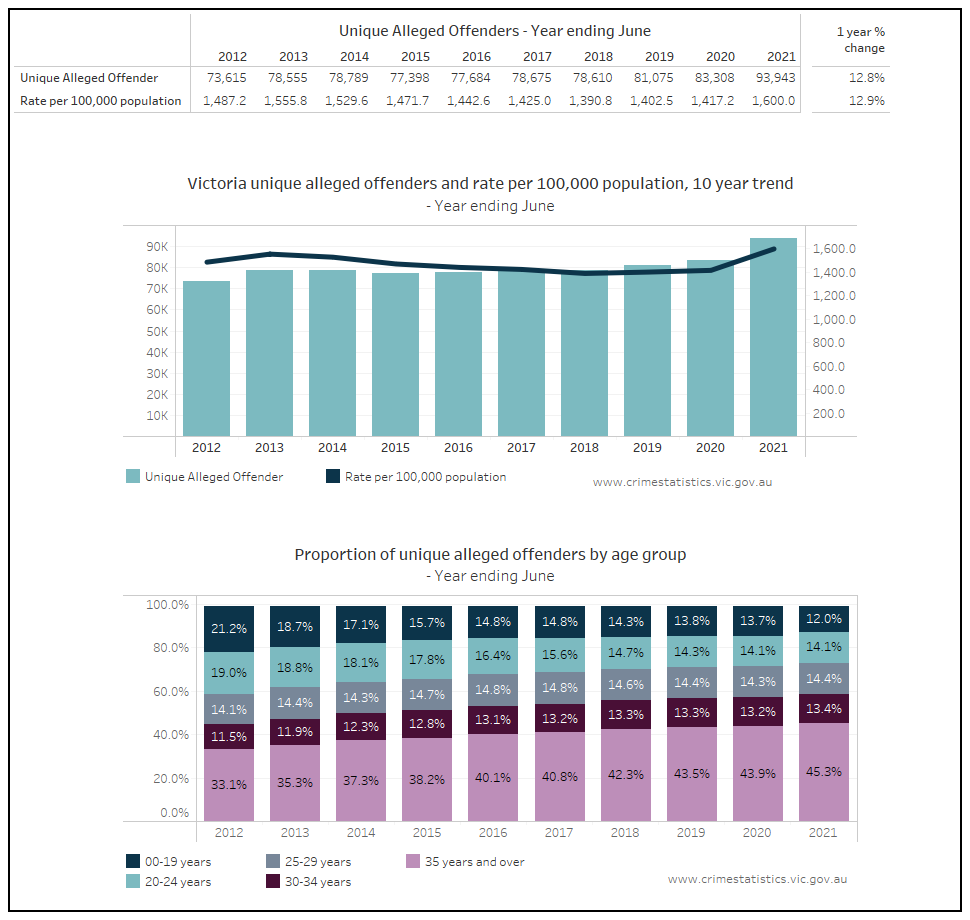
# 4. Unique alleged offenders

A unique alleged offender is a person who has been recorded by Victoria Police as an alleged offender within the reference period and is represented as a count of one in the data. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

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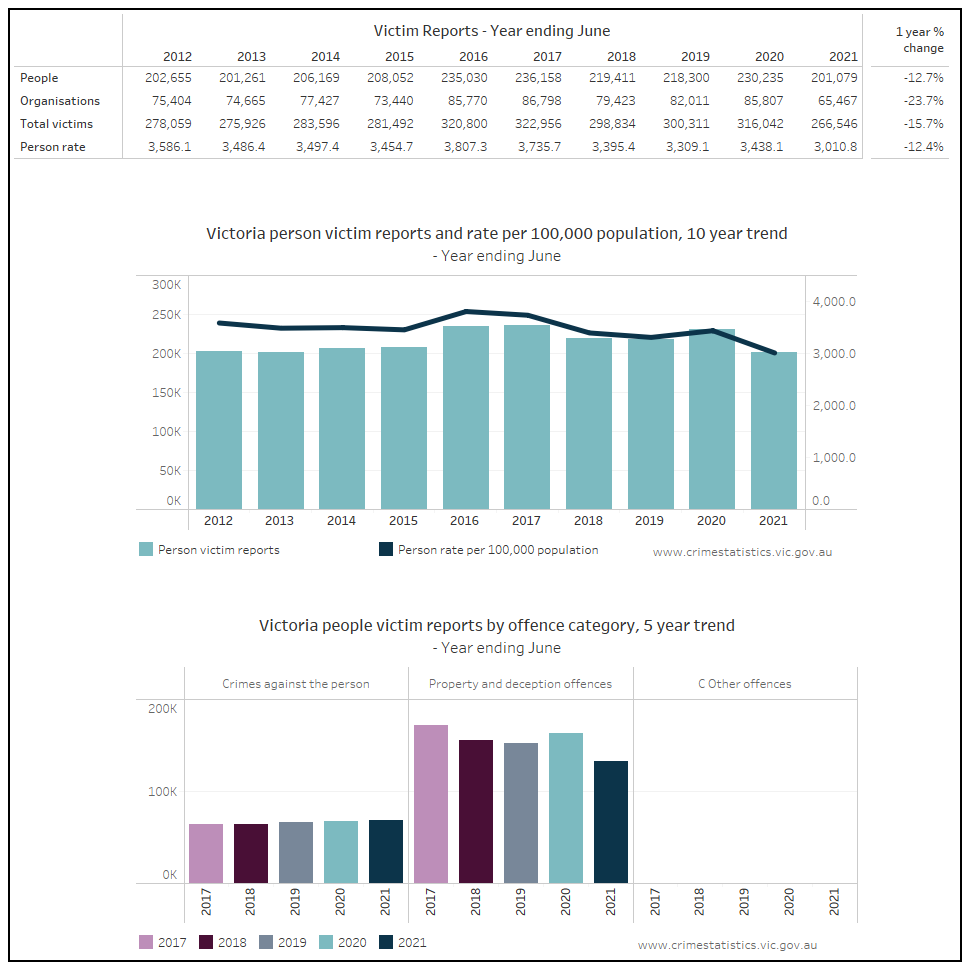
# 5. Victim reports

A victim report is counted when an individual, business or organisation is recorded on LEAP as being a victim of one or more criminal offences. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

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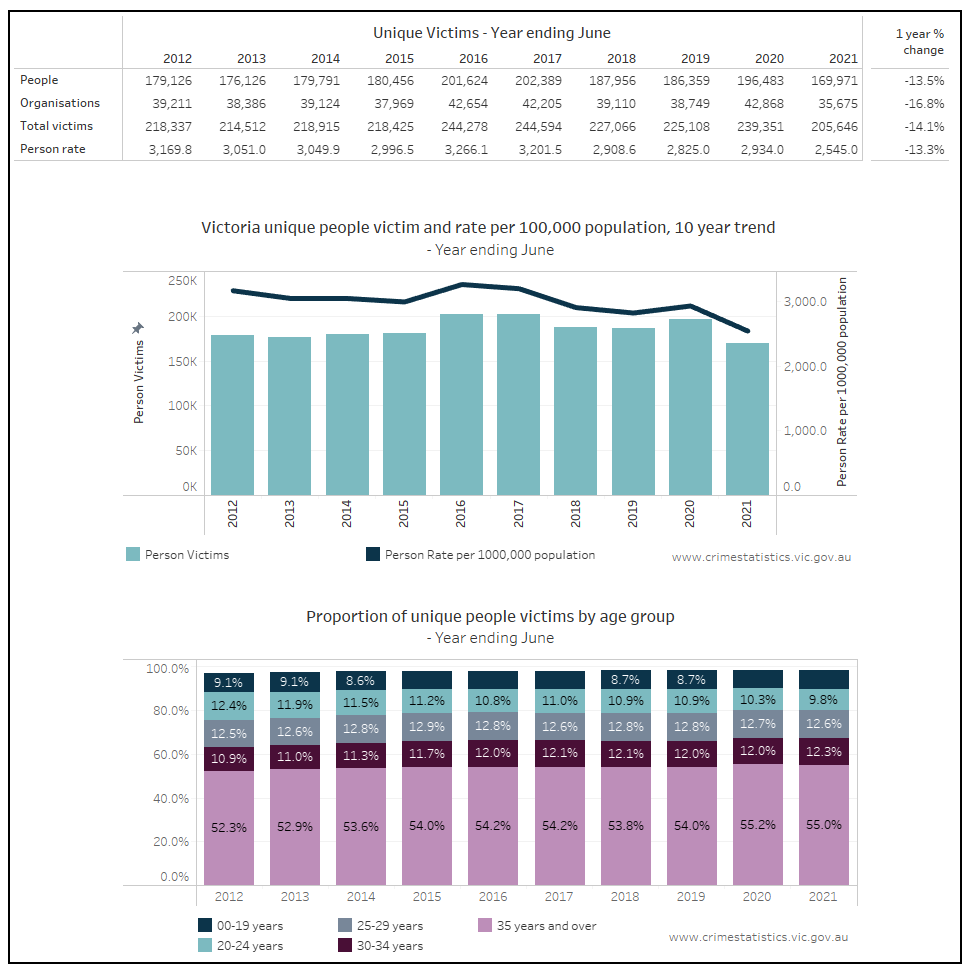
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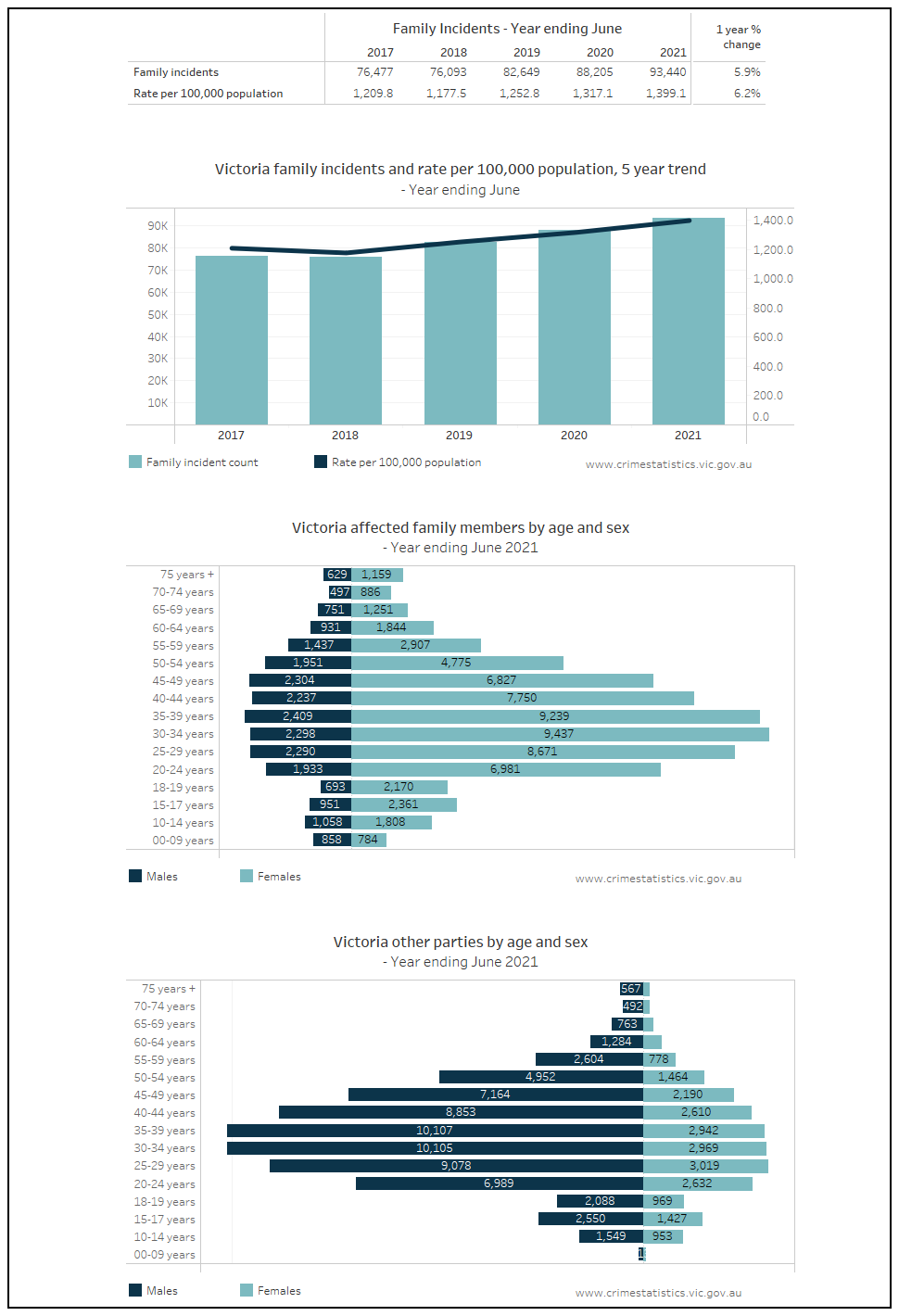
# 7. Family incidents

A family incident is an incident attended by Victoria Police where a Victoria Police Risk Assessment and Risk Management Report (also known as an L17 form) was completed and recorded on LEAP. An ‘affected family member’ is the individual who is deemed to be affected by events occurring during a family incident. 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. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

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# 8. Alleged offender incidents by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status

An alleged offender incident is an incident involving one or more offences where an individual, business or organisation has been recorded as an alleged offender. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

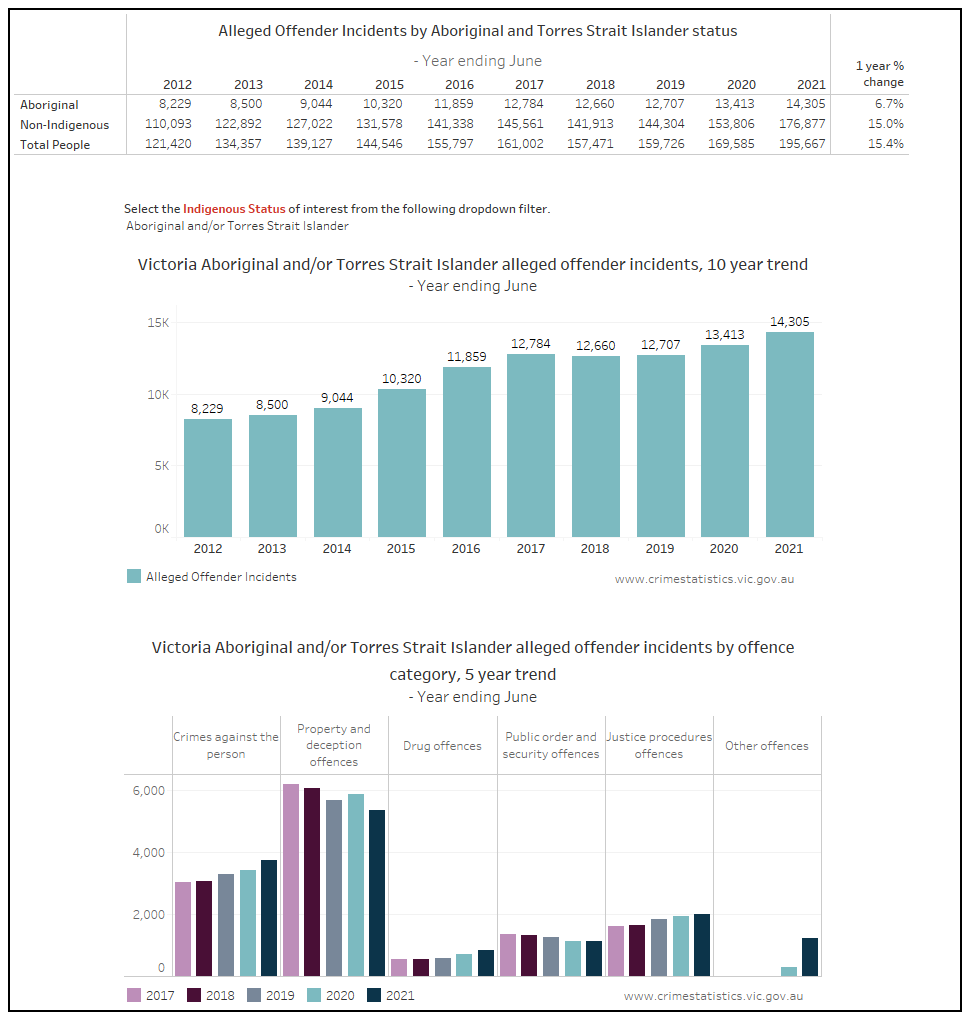
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status for alleged offender incidents are based on the most frequent recording of the Indigenous status for each offender. Under this counting rule, a person has either a yes or no response to the Standard Indigenous Question (SIQ) on their record, then the most frequent recorded response is taken as correct. If the person only has one meaningful response, then that response stands across all records. If a person appears in the dataset two different times with a ‘yes’ and a ‘no’ in the records, a ‘yes’ response is taken over a ‘no’ response. For more information on how this counting rule operates see the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

For the purposes of the presentation of these data the term Aboriginal refers to the most frequent response a person has provided to Victoria Police when the SIQ was asked (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status).

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Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status for affected family members and other parties are based on the most frequent recording of the Indigenous status for each offender. Under this counting rule, a person has either a yes or no response to the Standard Indigenous Question (SIQ) on their record, then the most frequent recorded response is taken as correct. If the person only has one meaningful response, then that response stands across all records. If a person appears in the dataset two different times with a ‘yes’ and a ‘no’ in the records, a ‘yes’ response is taken over a ‘no’ response. For more information on how this counting rule operates see the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

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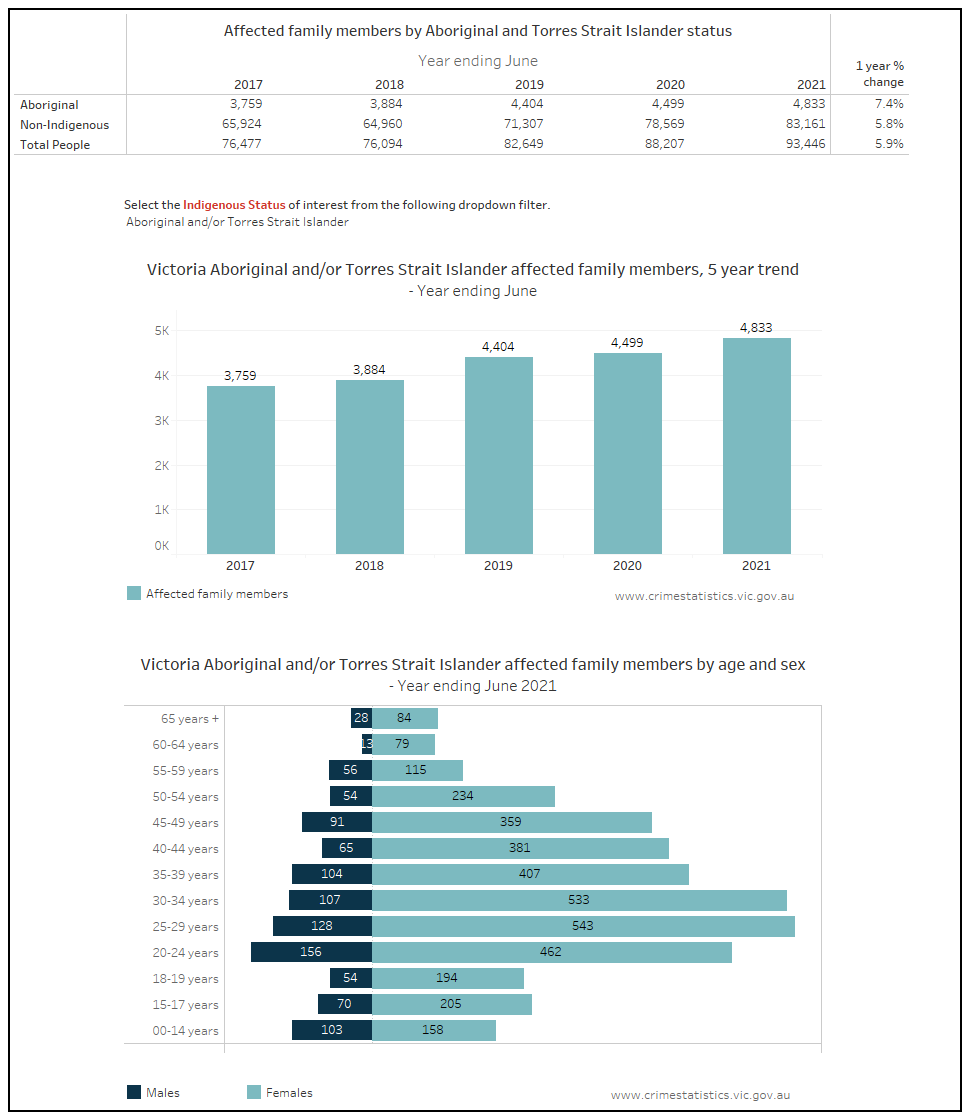
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**Affected family members by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status**

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**Other parties by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status**

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. For more information about counting rules, please refer to the [Explanatory Notes](https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/about-the-data/explanatory-notes).

