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### **New figures show key crime measures decreasing while police recorded family incidents rise**

The Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) released the Victorian recorded crime statistics for the year ending 30 September 2021 today.

The recorded offences rate decreased 9.8% to 7,430.6 per 100,000 Victorians in the last 12 months, as did the number of offences, down 10.0% to 496,260. This decrease was driven by acquisitive crime types and Breach of Chief Health Officer (CHO) directions<sup>1</sup>. In contrast, Crimes against the person offences increased in the last 12 months, up 2.2% to 84,756, with the main contributor's non-family violence (FV) related Common assault and Serious assault. Despite the overall decrease in offences, FV-related offences increased 4.3% to 112,062 offences. Half of all FV-related offences were E20 Breach of order offences (up 7.6% or 3,992 to 56,280 offences).

In the 12 months to 30 September 2021 the criminal incident rate decreased 13.0% to 5,358.1 per 100,000 Victorians as did the number of incidents, down 13.2% to 357,847 incidents.

Alleged offender incidents decreased 10.5% to 173,478 in the last 12 months; the rate also decreased 10.4% to 2,955.7 per 100,000. This decrease was driven by fewer Breach of CHO directions offences<sup>1</sup>, drug offences and acquisitive crime types. On the other hand, E21 Breach family violence order increased (up 17.0%), as did A23 Common assault and A21 Serious assault.

The victimisation rate decreased by 6.8% to 3,018.4 reports per 100,000 Victorians, as did the count of person victim reports (down 7.0% to 201,564). This decrease was driven by acquisitive crime types. Family violence-related victims remained stable in the last 12 months while non-FV Crimes against the person increased (main contributor Non-FV Assault offence types).

Family incidents increased 2.8% in the last 12 months to 95,552 incidents, as did the rate of family incidents, also up 3.1% to 1,385.8 incidents per 100,000 Victorians. The first quarter (Oct to Dec 2020) recorded the most incidents, with a decreasing trend observed in the following quarters.

CSA Chief Statistician Fiona Dowsley said that "COVID-19-related restrictions on movement have continued to coincide with decreases in the more opportunistic crime types such as theft, however, there have been fewer Breaches CHO directions offences recorded in the past 12 months."

"While half of the FV-related offences recorded in the last 12 months were Breaches of orders, increases in Crimes against the person offences were driven by non-FV-related assaults" Ms Dowsley said.

More detailed information is available on the [latest crime data](#) webpage.

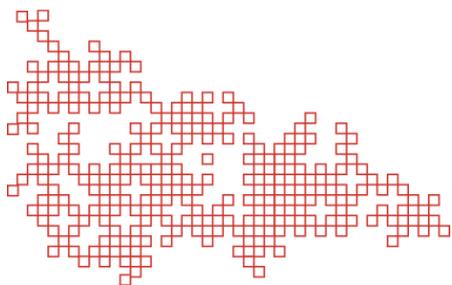
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<sup>1</sup> To represent Breach of CHO offences in Alleged offender incidents F92 Public health and safety offences is used as a proxy as the majority of the offences recorded in this group are Breach of CHO offences (99.8%).



## CSA FACT SHEET: RECORDED CRIME STATISTICS – YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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### Statewide figures

1. The number of criminal incidents recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 30 September 2021 was 357,847, down 13.2% from 412,202 incidents recorded in the same period last year.
2. The number of offences recorded by Victoria Police in the year 30 September 2021 was 496,260. This is down 10.0% from 551,388 offences recorded in the same period last year.
3. Alleged offender incidents decreased 10.5% to 173,478 in the year to 30 September 2021, down from 193,904.
4. Victim reports decreased in the year to 30 September 2021, down 9.3% (27,338) to 267,850 victim reports.
5. Family incidents increased in the year to 30 September 2021, up 2.8% from 90,051 to 92,552.
6. Alleged offender incidents with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status decreased 5.8% to 13,519 in the year to 30 September 2021.
7. In the year to 30 September 2021 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status of those involved in Family incident increased for Affected family members (up 8.6% to 4,894) while Other parties increased (up 7.5% to 6,052).

### Local Government Area level figures

#### Criminal Incidents

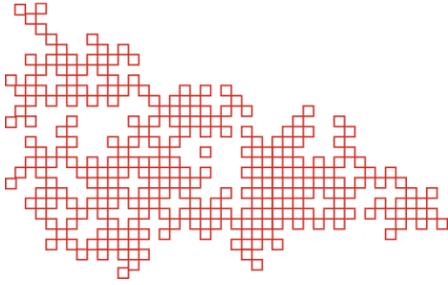
The highest criminal incident rates in Local Government Areas in the year ending September 2021 were:

1. Melbourne (14,633.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 1.7%)
2. Latrobe (11,027.1 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 15.6%)
3. Yarra (9,677.5 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 12.5%)
4. Ararat (9,466.6 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 13.5%)
5. Swan Hill (8,880.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 0.7%).

#### Recorded Offences

The highest recorded offence rates in Local Government Areas in the year ending September 2021 were:

1. Melbourne (20,868.0 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 5.9%)
2. Ararat (16,527.4 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 44.7%)
3. Latrobe (15,881.8 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 11.4%)
4. Greater Shepparton (13,712.8 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 2.1%)
5. Yarra (12,800.9 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 6.7%).



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### Crime category trends

For the year ending 30 September 2021, the offence subdivisions that showed significant upward trends in the last 24 months were:

#### Criminal Incidents

- Stalking, harassment & threatening behaviour

#### Recorded Offences

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

For the year ending 30 September 2021, the offence subdivisions that showed a significant downward trend in the last 24 months were:

#### Criminal Incidents

- Robbery
- Arson
- Burglary/Break and enter
- Theft
- Deception
- Drug dealing and trafficking
- Drug use and possession

#### Recorded Offences

- Robbery
- Arson
- Burglary/Break and enter
- Theft
- Drug use and possession

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

For a detailed breakdown of the data go to the [latest crime data](#) webpage and for explanatory information and definitions, see the [Explanatory Notes](#) and [Glossary](#).