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Key crime measures begin to stabilise after pandemic-related declines

The Crime Statistics Agency (CSA) released the Victorian recorded crime statistics for the year ending 31 December 2022 today.

The rate of recorded offences remained stable, up 0.5% to 7,332.9 per 100,000 Victorians in the last 12 months, while the number of offences increased 1.2% to 483,441. All offence categories increased in the last 12 months, except for category F Other Offences which decreased by 10,286 offences or 87.1% to 1,525 (related to Breach of Chief Health Officer offences, which had been recorded at higher levels during the first two years of the pandemic).

In the 12 months to 31 December 2022 the number of criminal incidents remained stable, up slightly, 0.4% or 1,412 to 349,852 incidents. The rate also remained stable, down slightly 0.3% to 5,306.6 per 100,000 Victorians, the lowest level since the year ending 2005.

Alleged offender incidents increased 7.0% to 162,750 in the last 12 months, as did the rate up 6.0% to 2,803.5 per 100,000.

The victimisation rate increased by 0.4% to 3,070.8 reports per 100,000 Victorians. The number of person-related victim reports was up 1.1% to 202,452 and organisation reports was up 4.4% to 68,067.

Family incidents increased 1.3% in the last 12 months, with 92,296 incidents recorded across Victoria. The rate of family incidents also increased, up 0.6% to 1,400.0 incidents per 100,000 Victorians.

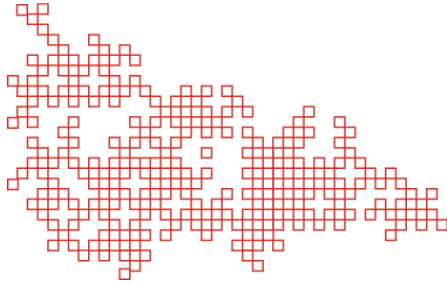
CSA Chief Statistician Fiona Dowsley said that "the majority of offence types increased in the last 12 months, with notable increases in breach of bail offences and acquisitive crime types such as thefts".

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

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State wide figures

1. The number of criminal incidents recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 31 December 2022 was 349,852, up 0.4% from 348,440 incidents recorded in the same period last year.
2. The number of offences recorded by Victoria Police in the year to 31 December 2022 was 483,441. This is up 1.2% from 477,789 offences recorded in the same period last year.
3. Alleged offender incidents increased 7.0% to 162,750 in the year to 31 December 2022, up from 152,139.
4. Victim reports increased in the year to 31 December 2022, up 1.9% (5,065) to 270,519 victim reports.
5. Family incidents increased in the year to 31 December 2022, up 1.3% from 91,139 to 92,296.
6. Alleged offender incidents with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status increased 14.4% (1,836) to 14,548 in the year to 31 December 2022.
7. In the year to 31 December 2022 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status of those involved in Family incident increased for Affected family members (up 0.8% to 5,081) while Other parties decreased (down 1.5% to 6,119).

Local Government Area level figures

Criminal Incidents

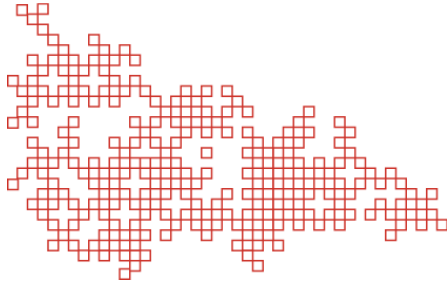
The highest criminal incident rates in Local Government Areas in the year ending December 2022 were:

1. Melbourne (15,980.9 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 0.3%)
2. Latrobe (10,079.5 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 2.7%)
3. Yarra (9,862.7 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 2.5%)
4. Port Phillip (9,236.1 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 1.7%)
5. Mildura (9,209.1 incidents per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 11.1%).

Recorded Offences

The highest recorded offence rates in Local Government Areas in the year ending December 2022 were:

1. Melbourne (22,235.9 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 1.6%)
2. Latrobe (14,473.7 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 1.6%)
3. Yarra (13,927.6 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 4.9%)
4. Greater Shepparton (12,972.2 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, down 2.4%).
5. Mildura (12,941.1 offences per 100,000 estimated resident population, up 11.8%).



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Crime category trends

For the year ending 31 December 2022, the offence subdivisions that showed a significant upward trend in the last 24 months were:

Criminal Incidents

- Dangerous and negligent acts endangering people
- Weapons and explosives offences
- Public nuisance offences

Recorded Offences

N/A

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

For the year ending 31 December 2022, the offence subdivisions that showed a significant downward trend in the last 24 months were:

Criminal Incidents

- Miscellaneous offences

Recorded Offences

- Miscellaneous offences

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](#).