

Coroners Court

Monthly Suicide Data Report

January 2025 update

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Purpose

This report presents the January 2025 update to Victorian suicide statistics. This report was produced under the Coroners Court of Victoria's initiative to release timely and accessible data on suicide across the state.

Victorian Suicide Register

In Victoria all deaths from suspected non-natural causes including suspected suicides are required to be reported to the Coroners Court of Victoria. The Coroners Court reviews newly reported deaths on a daily basis to identify those that occur in circumstances consistent with suicide and adds these deaths to the Victorian Suicide Register (VSR).

The VSR has been in operation since 2012 and is the most accurate and timely data source for suicide in Victoria. VSR data is regularly shared with the Victorian Department of Health, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Victoria Police, health services, and other bodies engaged in suicide prevention to inform their work.

Considerations when interpreting the data

Victoria's suicide frequency varies quite substantially from month to month. Additionally, there can be substantial variation in the monthly and annual frequency of suicides by sex and age group. This variation, which is not unique to Victoria but is a feature of suicide data around Australia and internationally, usually results from random factors rather than underlying systemic issues or emerging clusters. The data therefore should be interpreted cautiously, with great care taken in drawing conclusions about any apparent increase or decrease that is observed.

Changes in reported frequencies over time

The deaths included in the VSR are regularly reviewed as coroners' investigations progress and more is learned about the circumstances in which they occurred. Deaths may be removed from the VSR if investigation establishes they are likely not to be suicides; likewise, deaths initially missed may be added to the VSR as new evidence consistent with suicide is gathered. This is why some data reported here may be different to what was reported in previous months.

However, data changes are usually minor: VSR analyses have shown that over time, there is consistently less than 5% difference between the number of suicides initially identified as suicides, and the number of deaths ultimately confirmed as suicides.

Monthly data update

1. Year to date frequency by sex

Table 1 shows the frequency of Victorian suicides by deceased sex as at the end of January each year, for the years 2021-2025.

Table 1: Year to date (month end January) suicide frequency by sex, Victoria 2021-2025.

Sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male	41	41	54	61	48
Female	16	14	17	19	17
Total	57	55	71	80	65

2. Monthly frequency

Table 2 shows the monthly frequency and aggregate monthly¹ frequency of Victorian suicides for January 2021 through to January 2025.

Table 2: Monthly frequency and aggregate monthly frequency of Victorian suicides, January 2021 to January 2025.

Month	Monthly frequency					Aggregate monthly frequency				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	57	55	71	80	65	57	55	71	80	65
February	51	54	61	83		108	109	132	163	
March	66	64	56	69		174	173	188	232	
April	50	58	69	57		224	231	257	289	
May	51	56	65	47		275	287	322	336	
June	58	66	47	60		333	353	369	396	
July	54	57	64	63		387	410	433	459	
August	50	73	62	81		437	483	495	540	
September	50	73	72	64		487	556	567	604	
October	74	77	86	66		561	633	653	670	
November	60	65	71	54		621	698	724	724	
December	55	71	70	53		676	769	794	777	

1 The aggregate monthly frequency is the sum of frequencies for all months so far in each year. For example, the aggregate monthly frequency in March of a year is the sum of the monthly frequencies in January, February and March for that year.

3. Year to date frequency by age group and sex

Table 3 shows the Victorian suicide frequency by deceased sex and age group as at the end of January each year, for the years 2021-2025.

Table 3: Year to date (month end January) suicide frequency by sex and age group, Victoria 2021-2025.

Age group by sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male					
Under 18	1	0	4	1	2
18 to 24	1	7	8	7	6
25 to 34	3	6	9	10	10
35 to 44	8	6	7	16	10
45 to 54	14	12	8	5	4
55 to 64	9	3	7	7	7
65 and over	5	7	11	15	9
Total	41	41	54	61	48
Female					
Under 18	2	0	0	0	1
18 to 24	2	2	0	4	1
25 to 34	6	2	5	3	1
35 to 44	4	2	4	3	4
45 to 54	1	3	4	2	2
55 to 64	0	3	1	4	3
65 and over	1	2	3	3	5
Total	16	14	17	19	17
All people					
Under 18	3	0	4	1	3
18 to 24	3	9	8	11	7
25 to 34	9	8	14	13	11
35 to 44	12	8	11	19	14
45 to 54	15	15	12	7	6
55 to 64	9	6	8	11	10
65 and over	6	9	14	18	14
Total	57	55	71	80	65

4. Year to date frequency by location of fatal incident

Table 4a shows the suicide frequency as at the end of January in Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria, for the years 2021 to 2025. Table 4b shows the same data but represented as proportions of all suicides rather than as frequencies.

Table 4a: Year to date (month end January) suicide frequency by location of fatal incident, Victoria 2021-2025.

Location of fatal incident	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Metropolitan	38	37	37	62	36
Regional	19	18	34	18	29
Total	57	55	71	80	65

Table 4b: Year to date (month end January) suicide proportion by location of fatal incident, Victoria 2021-2025.

Location of fatal incident	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Metropolitan	67%	67%	52%	78%	55%
Regional	33%	33%	48%	23%	45%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%