

Coroners Court

Monthly Suicide Data Report

December 2025 update

13 March 2026





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Purpose

This report presents the December 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 numbers vary quite substantially from month to month. Additionally, there can be substantial variation in the monthly and annual number 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 numbers 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 number by sex

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

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

Sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male	498	557	570	561	564
Female	166	208	226	215	218
Total	664	765	796	776	782

2. Monthly number of suicides

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

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

Month	Monthly number					Aggregate monthly number				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	57	55	71	80	66	57	55	71	80	66
February	49	54	62	82	64	106	109	133	162	130
March	67	64	56	69	83	173	173	189	231	213
April	47	58	69	57	60	220	231	258	288	273
May	50	56	65	46	60	270	287	323	334	333
June	57	65	48	60	61	327	352	371	394	394
July	53	57	64	64	77	380	409	435	458	471
August	50	73	62	82	52	430	482	497	540	523
September	47	73	72	63	64	477	555	569	603	587
October	73	76	87	67	67	550	631	656	670	654
November	60	64	70	52	69	610	695	726	722	723
December	54	70	70	54	59	664	765	796	776	782

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

3. Year to date number by age group and sex

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

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

Age group by sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male					
Under 18	9	9	15	6	8
18 to 24	49	49	53	54	58
25 to 34	87	109	106	90	93
35 to 44	86	94	120	115	124
45 to 54	101	114	106	100	115
55 to 64	74	72	86	94	68
65 and over	92	110	84	102	98
Total	498	557	570	561	564
Female					
Under 18	12	4	10	8	15
18 to 24	27	16	19	24	19
25 to 34	36	36	45	44	32
35 to 44	27	35	47	43	42
45 to 54	23	42	39	37	38
55 to 64	23	32	28	26	32
65 and over	18	43	38	33	40
Total	166	208	226	215	218
All people					
Under 18	21	13	25	14	23
18 to 24	76	65	72	78	77
25 to 34	123	145	151	134	125
35 to 44	113	129	167	158	166
45 to 54	124	156	145	137	153
55 to 64	97	104	114	120	100
65 and over	110	153	122	135	138
Total	664	765	796	776	782

4. Year to date number by location of fatal incident

Table 4a shows the suicide number as at the end of December 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 numbers.

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

Location of fatal incident	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Metropolitan	424	499	517	515	529
Regional	240	266	279	260	252
Total	664	765	796	776	782

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

Location of fatal incident	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Metropolitan	64%	65%	65%	66%	68%
Regional	36%	35%	35%	34%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*The data reported in this table does not include one case in 2024 and one case in 2025 where the location of fatal incident is yet to be confirmed.