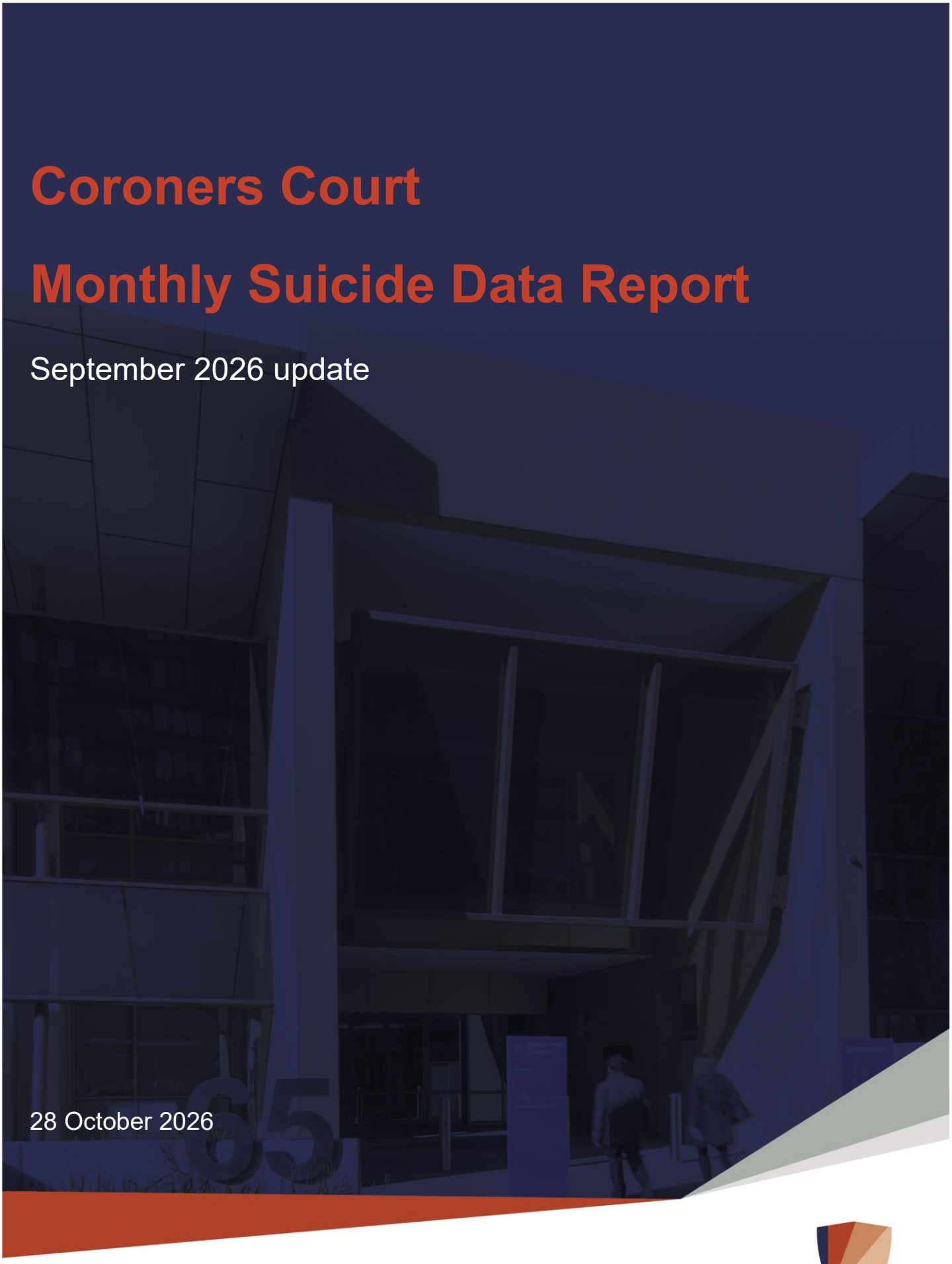
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Monthly Suicide Data Report

September 2026 update



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Purpose

This report presents the September 2026 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 September each year, for the years 2022-2026.

Table 1: Year to date (month end September) suicide number by sex, Victoria 2022-2026.

Sex	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Male	400	414	432	413	416
Female	148	155	173	175	164
Total	**548**	**569**	**605**	**588**	**580**

2. Monthly number of suicides

Table 2 shows the monthly number and aggregate monthly[1] number of Victorian suicides for January 2022 through to September 2026.

Table 2: Monthly number and aggregate monthly number of Victorian suicides, January 2022 to September 2026.

	Monthly number					Aggregate monthly number				
Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	51	71	80	66	62	51	71	80	66	62
February	54	63	82	63	70	105	134	162	129	132
March	64	56	69	83	68	169	190	231	212	200
April	58	69	57	61	53	227	259	288	273	253
May	55	65	46	60	57	282	324	334	333	310
June	64	47	60	60	63	346	371	394	393	373
July	58	64	65	75	51	404	435	459	468	424
August	71	62	82	53	94	475	497	541	521	518
September	73	72	64	67	62	548	569	605	588	580
October	75	86	67	67		623	655	672	655	
November	64	70	52	67		687	725	724	722	
December	70	68	54	64		757	793	778	786	

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 September each year, for the years 2022-2026.

Table 3: Year to date (month end September) suicide number by sex and age group, Victoria 2022-2026.

Age group by sex	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Male					
Under 18	5	12	3	5	8
18 to 24	34	37	49	42	39
25 to 34	79	79	73	69	71
35 to 44	63	88	83	93	83
45 to 54	90	80	77	80	68
55 to 64	53	62	66	50	70
65 and over	76	56	81	74	77
Total	**400**	**414**	**432**	**413**	**416**
Female					
Under 18	2	9	7	13	5
18 to 24	11	14	20	14	20
25 to 34	23	33	32	28	34
35 to 44	27	35	33	32	27
45 to 54	31	26	33	32	26
55 to 64	21	17	20	26	24
65 and over	33	21	28	30	28
Total	**148**	**155**	**173**	**175**	**164**
All people					
Under 18	7	21	10	18	13
18 to 24	45	51	69	56	59
25 to 34	102	112	105	97	105
35 to 44	90	123	116	125	110
45 to 54	121	106	110	112	94
55 to 64	74	79	86	76	94
65 and over	109	77	109	104	105
Total	**548**	**569**	**605**	**588**	**580**

4. Year to date number by location of fatal incident

Table 4a shows the suicide number as at the end of September in Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria, for the years 2022 to 2026. Table 4b shows the same data but represented as proportions of all suicides rather than as numbers.

Table 4a: Year to date (month end September) suicide number by location of fatal incident, Victoria 2022-2026. (*The data reported in this table does not include one case in 2025 where the location of fatal incident is yet to be confirmed)

Location of fatal incident	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Metropolitan	359	380	403	392	364
Regional	189	189	202	195	216
Total	**548**	**569**	**605**	**588**	**580**

Table 4b: Year to date (month end September) suicide proportion by location of fatal incident, Victoria 2022-2026.

Location of fatal incident	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Metropolitan	66%	67%	67%	67%	63%
Regional	34%	33%	33%	33%	37%
Total	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**	**100%**