

Coroners Court

Monthly Suicide Data Report

February 2025 update

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Purpose

This report presents the February 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 February each year, for the years 2021-2025.

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

Sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male	82	77	99	123	88
Female	26	32	33	40	37
Total	108	109	132	163	125

2. Monthly number of suicides

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

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

Monthly number						Aggregate monthly number				
Month	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	58	55	71	80	65	58	55	71	80	65
February	50	54	61	83	60	108	109	132	163	125
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	59		333	353	369	395	
July	54	57	64	64		387	410	433	459	
August	50	73	62	81		437	483	495	540	
September	50	73	72	64		487	556	567	604	
October	73	77	86	66		560	633	653	670	
November	61	65	70	55		621	698	723	725	
December	54	71	70	53		675	769	793	778	

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 February each year, for the years 2021-2025.

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

Age group by sex	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Male					
Under 18	2	0	7	2	2
18 to 24	4	9	10	15	8
25 to 34	14	11	19	20	14
35 to 44	17	11	15	24	24
45 to 54	19	19	15	20	12
55 to 64	14	9	16	17	14
65 and over	12	18	17	25	14
Total	82	77	99	123	88
Female					
Under 18	2	0	0	0	3
18 to 24	3	2	1	7	3
25 to 34	8	9	7	6	4
35 to 44	6	6	8	8	7
45 to 54	3	4	8	6	7
55 to 64	3	3	3	6	4
65 and over	1	8	6	7	9
Total	26	32	33	40	37
All people					
Under 18	4	0	7	2	5
18 to 24	7	11	11	22	11
25 to 34	22	20	26	26	18
35 to 44	23	17	23	32	31
45 to 54	22	23	23	26	19
55 to 64	17	12	19	23	18
65 and over	13	26	23	32	23
Total	108	109	132	163	125

4. Year to date number by location of fatal incident

Table 4a shows the suicide number as at the end of February 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 February) suicide number by location of fatal incident, Victoria 2021-2025.

Location of fatal incident	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Metropolitan	65	74	75	112	78
Regional	43	35	57	51	47
Total	108	109	132	163	125

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

Location of fatal incident	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Metropolitan	60%	68%	57%	69%	62%
Regional	40%	32%	43%	31%	38%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%