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# 1 Preamble

Victoria Police Crime Statistics Official Release is prepared for release each year by Corporate Statistics, and includes statistical summaries of offences recorded by police in Victoria for the previous financial year. This release contains crime statistics for the 2013/14 financial year, and includes data from recent financial years for basic trend analysis.

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of current crime trends, and not to comment on Victoria Police performance, or to assess or evaluate Victoria Police operational strategies.

Statistics included in this publication were compiled from data stored on the Law Enforcement Assistance Program (LEAP) and extracted on 18 July 2014.

LEAP is a dynamic database designed primarily for operational policing purposes. Victoria Police update existing records with new information as it becomes available, and revise records when investigation identifies additional information. The Central Data Entry Bureau of Victoria Police also amends records when quality control checks identify inaccurate or incomplete information.

Due to the dynamic nature of LEAP, statistics produced at different times from the same data may vary. Because of this, statistics produced in this publication for previous financial years will differ slightly from those previously published.

Recorded crime consists of those offences recorded on LEAP during the reporting period, regardless of when the offence occurred or when it was reported to police. Information contained in this publication relates only to those crimes reported to or detected by Victoria Police.

All figures are rounded to one decimal place. Because of this, percentage point differences in clearance rates may appear different than when calculated from the rounded figures in the tables and graphs.

Care should be taken in interpreting large percentage changes where actual counts are small, as these changes may not be statistically significant.

Detailed crime classification rules and definitions are included in Appendix 1 to provide assistance in the interpretation of statistics.

As the information presented in this document is by no means exhaustive, any requests for additional information should be directed to the Chief Statistician, Corporate Statistics.

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## 2 Executive summary

### 2.1 State-wide crime statistics 2013/14

#### Overall crime

In 2013/14, Victoria Police recorded 433,718 offences state-wide, an increase of 5.7% from the number of offences recorded in 2012/13. The 2013/14 crime rate per 100,000 population was 7489.5, an increase of 3.7% compared with 2012/13.

Despite 2013/14 giving Victoria its third consecutive increase in total crime rate, the 2013/14 financial year rate is still 1.6% lower than 10 years ago. The total crime rate has been increasing steadily since the 2010/11 low of 6,600.7, and to date has increased 13.5% since then, whereas total offences as a raw figure have shown a greater increase, up 19.6%.

Of the 433,718 offences recorded during 2013/14, 217,739 were cleared within the same financial year. A further 42,750 offences which had been recorded in previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 60.1% (4.3% higher than the total clearance rate recorded in 2012/13).

While total offences increased by 5.7%, Victoria Police processed 9.8% more offenders compared with 2012/13. A total of 219,796 alleged offenders were processed in 2013/14, comprising of 190,381 adult offenders (up 11.9%) and 28,350 (down 3.0%) juvenile offenders.

In 2013/14, 211,469 persons were recorded as victims of total crime, an increase of 2.3%. Of these, 51,590 were victims of crime against the person (e.g. homicides, rapes or assaults), an increase of 1.4% on the previous year. Whilst juvenile victims of crime against the person offences decreased slightly by 0.2%, adult victims aged 60+ showed an increase of 5.5%. There were also 80,358 business victims of crime recorded in 2013/14.

Crime at public transport locations increased by 9.5% overall, with notable increases in assault offences (up 8.3%), theft from motor vehicle offences (up 25.9%), and property damage offences (up 9.9%). Detected offences increased by 5.4%, and reported offences increased by 10.5%.

#### Crime against the person

The number of crime against the person offences has increased by 2.1% during the last financial year, to 59,907 offences recorded in 2013/14. As a rate per 100,000 population, this represents an increase of 0.2%.

The increase in crime against the person was primarily driven by a rise in family violence-related crime. The number of these offences increased by 5.7% between 2012/13 and 2013/14. In contrast, crime against the person offences not arising from family incidents decreased by 0.4%. Offences arising from family incidents accounted for 41.7% of all crime against the person offences during 2013/14.

Homicide offences decreased by 5.1% from 176 in 2012/13 to 167 in 2013/14. 135 of these offences were substantive, while 32 were attempted, conspiracy or incitement offences. The most common type of homicide offence was murder, with 82 offences, a decrease of 11.8% from 2012/13.

There were 2,144 rape offences recorded in 2013/14, an increase of 3.7% on the 2,067 offences recorded in 2012/13. As a rate per 100,000 population, rape also increased by 1.8%. The number of rape offences which were recorded as arising from family incidents increase by 15.6%, and accounted for 34.3% of rape offences. Female victims accounted for 90.0% of rape victims. In 2013/14, 41.0% of rape offences were committed in a previous financial year.

Sex (non-rape) offences also increased, rising 9.5% during the last financial year. As a rate per 100,000 population, sex (non-rape) rose by 7.5%. Female victims accounted for 79.2% of sex (non-rape) offence victims. In 2013/14, 53.9% of sex (non-rape) offences were committed in a previous financial year.

Robbery decreased by 8.5%, from 2,828 in 2012/13 to 2,587 in 2013/14. The rate per 100,000 population decreased by 10.2%. The majority of robbery victims were male (75.0%). A significant proportion of robbery offenders (35.4%) were juveniles.

Armed robberies accounted for 1,254 (48.5%) of all robberies in 2013/14, a decrease of 13.3% since 2012/13. The most common weapon used in armed robberies was a knife (52.4%). 10.7% of all weapons used in robberies were a firearm (including imitation firearms), a decrease of 5.2%.

During 2013/14, the number of assault offences increased by 1.7%, while the rate of assaults per 100,000 population decreased slightly by 0.2%. This small increase can be attributed to the growth in family violence related assault offences (up 6.2%), as assaults not arising from family incidents decreased by 1.8%. The most common type of location where assaults occurred was in residential locations (51.5%). The number of assaults occurring in residential locations increased by 2.6% between 2012/13 and 2013/14. More females were recorded as victims of Assault in 2013/14, up 4.2% from 2012/13.

## **Family Incidents**

During 2013/14, there were 65,393 incidents where police submitted family incident reports. This was 8.0% higher than the 60,550 reports submitted in 2012/13. There has been a steady rise in the reporting of family incidents since the introduction of the *Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence* in August 2004 and legislative change brought about by the *Family Violence Protection Act 2008*. Offences related to family incidents, such as assaults and sex offences, have risen as a result of this increased reporting.

## **Crime against property**

In 2013/14 there were 273,413 offences against property, an increase of 2.6% compared with 2012/13. The rate per 100,000 population also increased, up 0.7%.

In 2013/14, there were 43,928 offences of property damage recorded by Victoria Police, a decrease of 3.6% compared to 2012/13. Property damage offences arising from family incidents increased by 9.4%, while those not arising from family incidents decreased by 5.7%. Property damage offences arising from family incidents make up 15.5% of all property damage offences.

The number of aggravated burglaries offences recorded decreased by 2.9% in 2013/14, as did residential burglaries down 1.3%. The number of aggravated burglaries involving weapons or injuries decreased by 2.7% in 2013/14, and accounted for 24.1% of aggravated burglaries.

The majority of the increase in crime against property offences can be attributed to the rise in deception offences, which are up 18.2%. 52.8% of deception offences recorded in 2013/14 occurred at retail/financial locations. Deception offences involving a credit card increased by 27.6%.

The number of theft from motor vehicle offences recorded in 2013/14 (48,506) was 12.9% higher than that recorded in 2012/13. There has been an increase of 20.3% in offences involving the theft of number plates, which was the most common type of property stolen. The most common location for theft from motor vehicle offences was residential locations.

The number of theft of motor vehicle offences recorded in 2013/14 (16,320) was 11.3% higher than the 14,669 recorded in 2012/13.

## **Drug offences**

In 2013/14 there were 23,444 drug offences recorded, an increase of 8.6% compared with 2012/13. There was an increase of 7.1% for cultivation, manufacture or trafficking of drugs, and an increase of 9.0% for possession or use of drugs. Amphetamines and cannabis related offences make up the majority of drug offences in both drug categories. There was an increase in amphetamine use/possession offences, up 18.5% in 2013/14, and a small increase in cannabis offences, up 2.8%.

## **Other offences**

Other offences increased by 20.8% in the last financial year. The largest percentage increase in this category of crime was in justice procedures, which increased by 34.4% compared with 2012/13. Justice procedure offences arising from family incidents increased by 35.4%, while those not arising from family incidents increased by 33.3%.

Regulated Public Order offences were the only category to show a decrease for the current financial year, down 1.7%. Weapons/explosives offences increased by 13.0% from 2012/13. Harassment offences were up 8.9%, with an increase of 26.6% for those relating to family incidents.

# 3 Total crime

## 3.1 Across Victoria

During 2013/14, 433,718 offences were recorded as occurring in Victoria. The total number of offences recorded in 2013/14 was 5.7% higher than in 2012/13. There were 7,489.5 recorded offences per 100,000 population in 2013/14, this crime rate being 3.7% higher than that recorded during 2012/13. This is the third year in a row in which the crime rate has risen since 2000/01.

**Figure 1: Summary of offences recorded and cleared, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	Offences Recorded			Rates per 100,000			Total Clearances			
	No.	No.	% Change	Rate per 100,000	% Change	Single Year	Cleared from	Rate (%)	Total Rate	
	2012/13	2013/14	from 2012/13	Population*	from 2012/13	Clearances**	previous years	Total cleared 2013/14	diff from 2012/13***	
<b>Crime against the person</b>										
Homicide	176	167	-5.1	3.1	2.9	-6.9	119	45	98.2	-0.7
Rape	2,067	2,144	3.7	36.4	37.0	1.8	1,349	598	90.8	-0.3
Sex (non rape)	6,817	7,467	9.5	120.0	128.9	7.5	5,001	1,807	91.2	5.3
Robbery	2,828	2,587	-8.5	49.8	44.7	-10.2	1,285	369	63.9	0.4
Assault	46,123	46,912	1.7	811.6	810.1	-0.2	33,385	10,110	92.7	4.4
Abduction / Kidnap	691	630	-8.8	12.2	10.9	-10.5	493	84	91.6	3.2
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>58,702</b>	<b>59,907</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1,032.9</b>	<b>1,034.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>41,632</b>	<b>13,013</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Crime against property</b>										
Arson	3,315	2,818	-15.0	58.3	48.7	-16.6	549	179	25.8	1.5
Property damage	45,573	43,928	-3.6	801.9	758.6	-5.4	13,434	3,675	38.9	4.6
Burglary (aggravated)	2,726	2,647	-2.9	48.0	45.7	-4.7	1,131	218	51.0	0.0
Burglary (residential)	28,893	28,515	-1.3	508.4	492.4	-3.1	3,509	1,116	16.2	0.7
Burglary (other)	15,100	15,248	1.0	265.7	263.3	-0.9	2,649	743	22.2	-0.2
Deception	27,687	32,734	18.2	487.2	565.3	16.0	22,535	4,877	83.7	6.6
Handle stolen goods	8,351	10,099	20.9	146.9	174.4	18.7	9,541	510	99.5	-0.7
Theft from motor vehicle	42,957	48,506	12.9	755.9	837.6	10.8	4,666	1,229	12.2	-0.1
Theft (shopsteal)	20,760	20,836	0.4	365.3	359.8	-1.5	13,140	1,898	72.2	-1.6
Theft of motor vehicle	14,669	16,320	11.3	258.1	281.8	9.2	3,741	1,054	29.4	-0.1
Theft of bicycle	4,660	5,006	7.4	82.0	86.4	5.4	339	81	8.4	-0.9
Theft (other)	51,825	46,756	-9.8	911.9	807.4	-11.5	11,951	4,407	35.0	2.9
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>266,516</b>	<b>273,413</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>4,689.6</b>	<b>4,721.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>87,185</b>	<b>19,987</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>										
Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	5,363	5,746	7.1	94.4	99.2	5.1	5,363	369	99.8	2.8
Drug (possess, use)	16,232	17,698	9.0	285.6	305.6	7.0	16,704	1,220	101.3	2.6
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>21,595</b>	<b>23,444</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>380.0</b>	<b>404.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>22,067</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Other crime</b>										
Going equipped to steal	605	804	32.9	10.6	13.9	30.4	752	48	99.5	2.3
Justice procedures	31,268	42,030	34.4	550.2	725.8	31.9	36,630	4,880	98.8	5.4
Regulated public order	1,410	1,386	-1.7	24.8	23.9	-3.5	1,108	210	95.1	3.0
Weapons / Explosives	11,426	12,909	13.0	201.1	222.9	10.9	12,019	977	100.7	3.1
Harassment	4,781	5,205	8.9	84.1	89.9	6.8	3,579	669	81.6	1.8
Behaviour in public	6,704	6,928	3.3	118.0	119.6	1.4	6,618	379	101.0	4.9
Other	7,494	7,692	2.6	131.9	132.8	0.7	6,149	998	92.9	5.9
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>63,688</b>	<b>76,954</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>1,120.7</b>	<b>1,328.9</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>66,855</b>	<b>8,161</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>410,501</b>	<b>433,718</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>7,223.2</b>	<b>7,489.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>217,739</b>	<b>42,750</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>

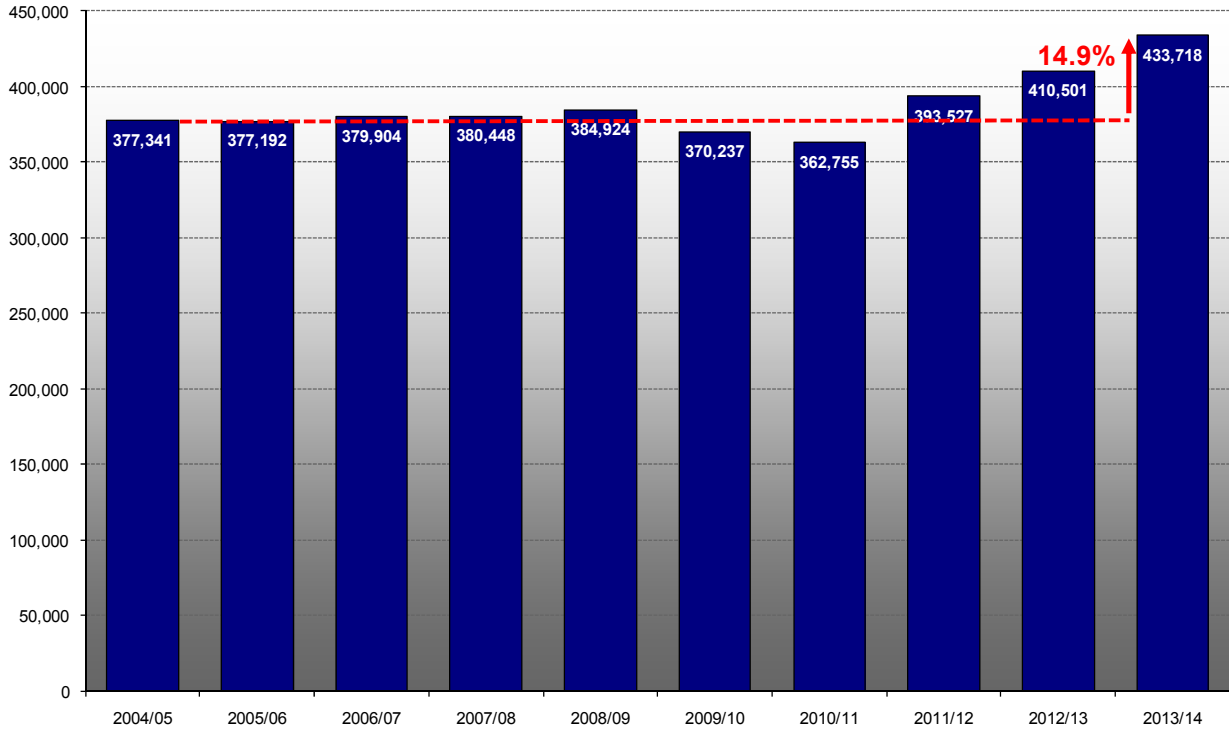
\* Rates were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2013 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3101.0).

\*\* Defined as the number of offences recorded during the reporting period which were cleared within the same period.

## Recorded offences

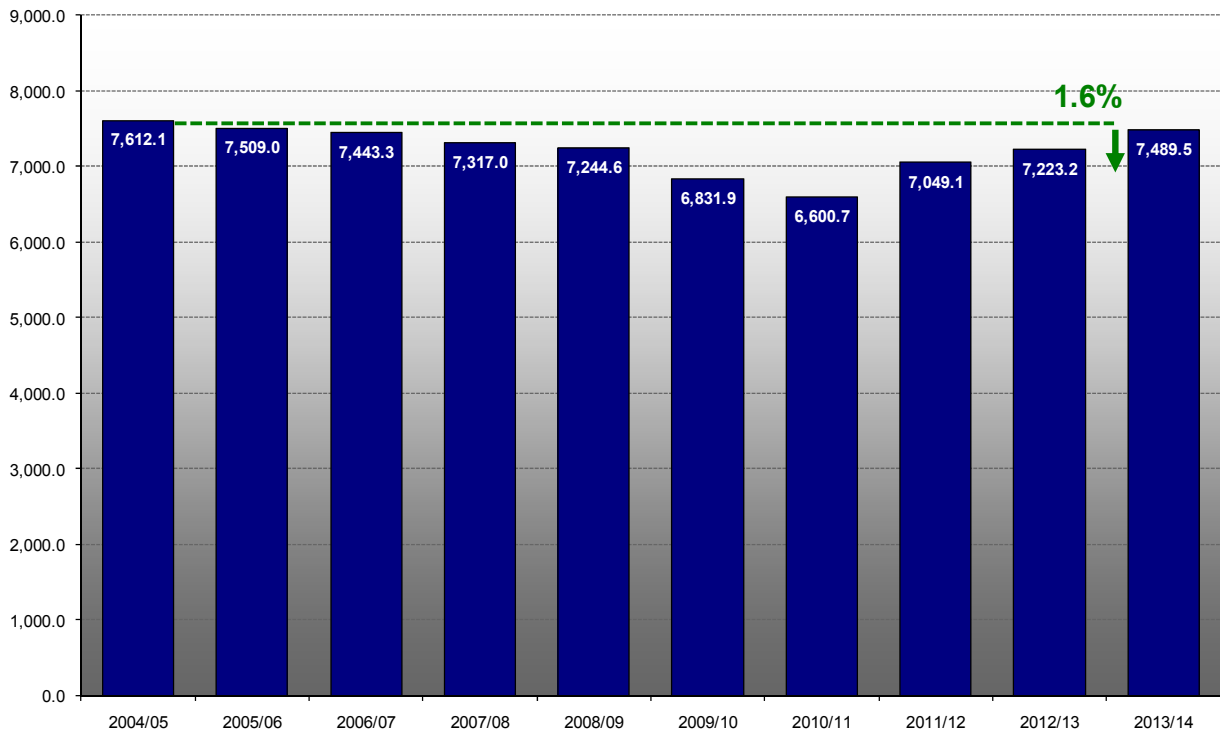
Total recorded offences have risen by 14.9% over those recorded a decade ago (2004/05), with significant increases recorded in the last two financial years. A 5.7% increase was observed between 2012/13 and 2013/14.

**Figure 2: Total offences recorded, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



Despite the increase in recorded offences, as a rate per 100,000 population Victoria has continued to see a decline over the past decade. While the overall crime rate increased 3.7% between 2012/13 to 2013/14, the rate has decreased 1.6% since 2004/05.

**Figure 3: Total offences recorded per 100,000 population, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



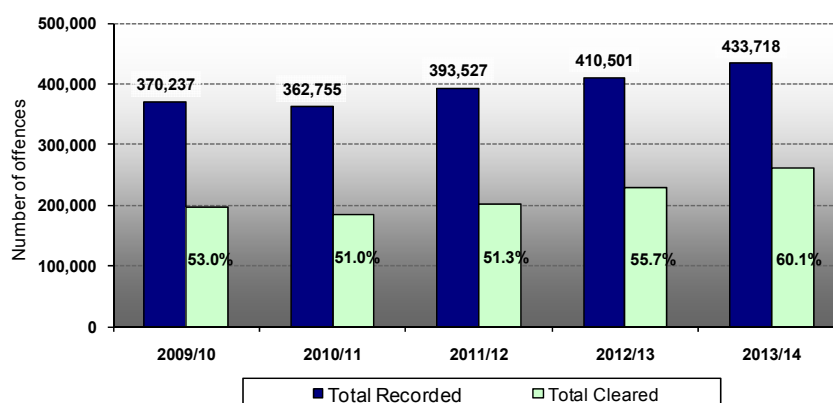


## Cleared offences

Victoria Police has changed its method of calculating clearance rates in 2011/12, in accordance with recommendations made by the Office of Police Integrity in the *Report of investigation into Victoria Police crime records and statistical reporting* (May 2011). Offences which were listed as having an 'Intent to Summons' pending authorisation at the end of the financial year are now no longer counted as cleared.

Of the 433,718 offences recorded during 2013/14, 217,739 were cleared within the same financial year. A further 42,750 offences which had been recorded in previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 60.1%, 4.3 percentage points higher than the total clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 4: Recorded and total cleared offences, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



**Figure 5: Offences recorded, by status of investigation, 2013/14**

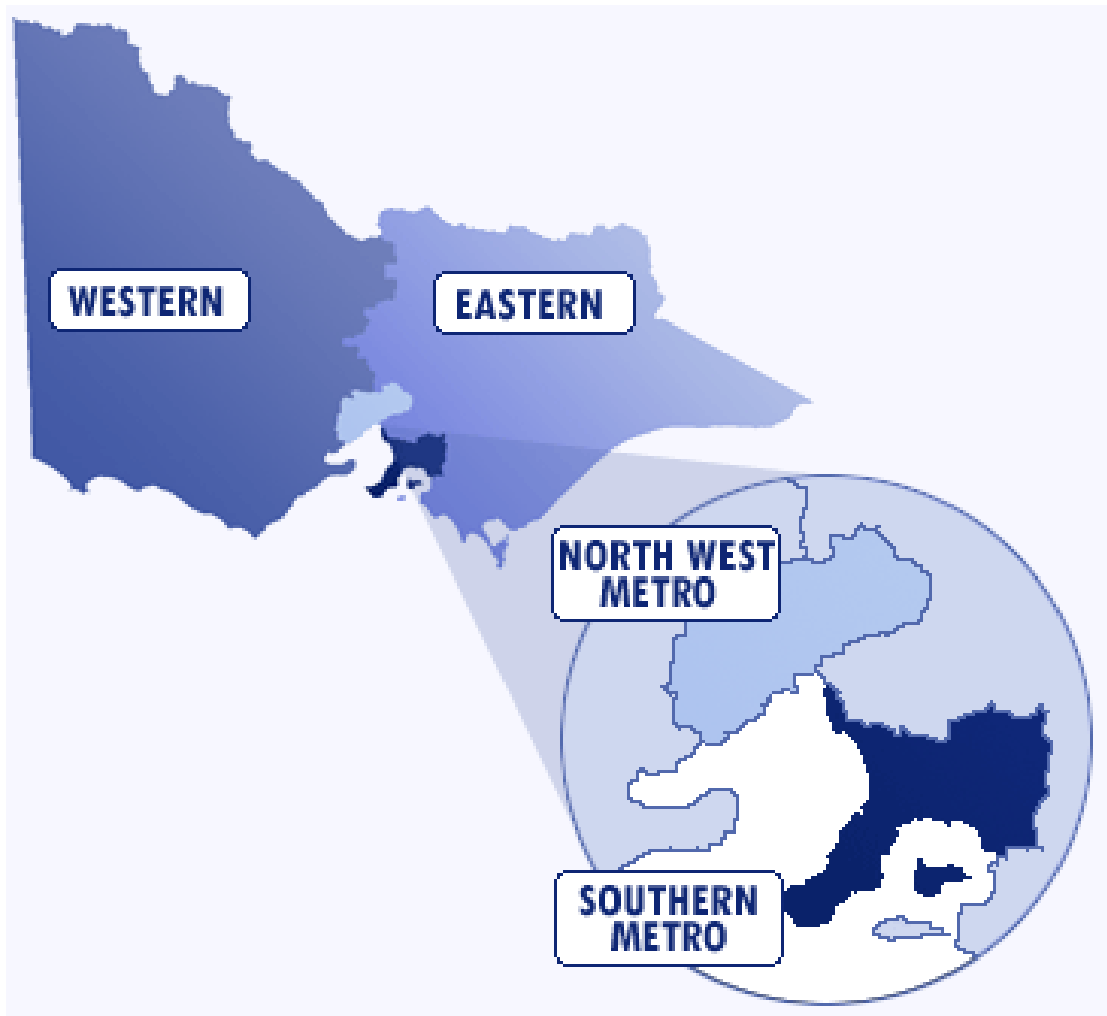
	Offences Recorded No. 2013/14	Status of Investigation as at 30 June 2014						Recorded Prior to 2013/14 and Cleared in 2013/14
		Intent to		Offender	Complaint	No Offence		
		Unsolved	Summons	Processed	Withdrawn	Detected	Other	
<b>Crime against the person</b>								
Homicide	167	25	21	118	0	0	3	45
Rape	2,144	442	298	686	442	240	36	598
Sex (non rape)	7,467	1,339	931	3,944	486	628	139	1,807
Robbery	2,587	1,188	79	1,181	82	53	4	369
Assault	46,912	6,264	5,106	31,831	2,171	1,282	258	10,110
Abduction / Kidnap	630	81	46	451	21	28	3	84
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>59,907</b>	<b>9,339</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>38,211</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>13,013</b>
<b>Crime against property</b>								
Arson	2,818	2,180	60	534	17	0	27	179
Property damage	43,928	28,508	1,491	13,128	501	244	56	3,675
Burglary (aggravated)	2,647	1,411	61	1,068	53	45	9	218
Burglary (residential)	28,515	24,569	238	3,343	100	255	10	1,116
Burglary (other)	15,248	12,320	123	2,747	15	40	3	743
Deception	32,734	9,037	896	21,915	365	354	167	4,877
Handle stolen goods	10,099	124	346	9,617	1	6	5	510
Theft from motor vehicle	48,506	43,337	338	4,515	33	240	43	1,229
Theft (shopsteal)	20,836	6,854	573	13,242	71	65	31	1,898
Theft of motor vehicle	16,320	12,124	256	3,026	162	723	29	1,054
Theft of bicycle	5,006	4,614	36	300	16	38	2	81
Theft (other)	46,756	33,448	979	10,875	588	829	37	4,407
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>273,413</b>	<b>178,526</b>	<b>5,397</b>	<b>84,310</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>19,987</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>								
Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	5,746	154	178	5,409	0	2	3	369
Drug (possess, use)	17,698	227	578	16,873	2	11	7	1,220
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>23,444</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>22,282</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,589</b>
<b>Other crime</b>								
Going equipped to steal	804	16	25	763	0	0	0	48
Justice procedures	42,030	2,033	2,525	37,016	96	309	51	4,880
Regulated public order	1,386	143	110	1,023	23	65	22	210
Weapons / Explosives	12,909	224	483	12,178	2	16	6	977
Harassment	5,205	1,159	351	3,483	106	94	12	669
Behaviour in public	6,928	108	132	6,623	10	8	47	379
Other	7,692	1,004	389	6,145	48	78	28	998
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>76,954</b>	<b>4,687</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>67,231</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>8,161</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>433,718</b>	<b>192,933</b>	<b>16,649</b>	<b>212,034</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>42,750</b>

## 3.2 By region

For management of police responses, tasking and coordination, Victoria is divided into four geographical regions:

- Eastern Region
- North West Metro Region
- Southern Metro Region
- Western Region

Figure 6: Victoria Police region boundaries



## Eastern Region

Eastern Region experienced an 8.8% increase in the number of offences during 2013/14, to 96,567 offences. Crime Against the Person rose by 12.2% to 14,989 offences, Crime Against Property offences increased by 3.8%, and drugs offences were up 16.4%.

The largest noteworthy increases were seen in deception offences (up 49.1%), justice procedures (up 34.6%), and harassment (up 20.5%). The largest decreases were seen in regulated public order (down 13.9%), and theft (other) (down 11.2%).

Of the offences recorded in Eastern Region during 2013/14, 50,843 were cleared within the same financial year. A further 9,058 offences which had been recorded in previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 62.0%, 5.4 percentage points higher than the clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 7: Eastern Region offences recorded and cleared, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

		Offences Recorded			Rates per 100,000			Total Clearances			
		No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13	Rate per 100,000 Population* 2012/13	Rate per 100,000 Population* 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13	Single Year Clearances** 2013/14	Cleared from previous years	Rate (%) 2013/14	Total Rate diff from 2012/13
Crime against the person	Homicide	34	46	35.3	2.2	2.9	34.1	32	9	89.1	-16.8
	Rape	499	664	33.1	31.8	42.0	31.9	406	161	85.4	9.6
	Sex (non rape)	1,749	2,132	21.9	111.5	134.8	20.8	1,397	500	89.0	4.1
	Robbery	467	447	-4.3	29.8	28.3	-5.1	254	57	69.6	6.4
	Assault	10,478	11,537	10.1	668.2	729.3	9.1	8,593	2,149	93.1	3.3
	Abduction / Kidnap	131	163	24.4	8.4	10.3	23.3	135	13	90.8	6.1
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>13,358</b>	<b>14,989</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>851.9</b>	<b>947.6</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>10,817</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>
Crime against property	Arson	806	645	-20.0	51.4	40.8	-20.7	168	44	32.9	2.3
	Property damage	11,327	10,952	-3.3	722.4	692.4	-4.2	3,460	800	38.9	5.2
	Burglary (aggravated)	512	490	-4.3	32.7	31.0	-5.1	256	37	59.8	4.9
	Burglary (residential)	6,573	6,552	-0.3	419.2	414.2	-1.2	799	306	16.9	0.9
	Burglary (other)	3,664	3,613	-1.4	233.7	228.4	-2.2	630	171	22.2	-0.8
	Deception	4,400	6,559	49.1	280.6	414.6	47.8	4,945	674	85.7	-0.6
	Handle stolen goods	1,562	1,821	16.6	99.6	115.1	15.6	1,710	76	98.1	-1.5
	Theft from motor vehicle	8,740	10,119	15.8	557.4	639.7	14.8	1,030	282	13.0	1.6
	Theft (shopsteal)	4,574	4,452	-2.7	291.7	281.4	-3.5	2,897	448	75.1	2.9
	Theft of motor vehicle	2,482	2,877	15.9	158.3	181.9	14.9	739	167	31.5	0.3
	Theft of bicycle	718	674	-6.1	45.8	42.6	-6.9	62	18	11.9	-2.3
Theft (other)	10,944	9,713	-11.2	697.9	614.0	-12.0	2,953	1,183	42.6	7.2	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>56,302</b>	<b>58,467</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3,590.6</b>	<b>3,696.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>19,649</b>	<b>4,206</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	1,191	1,359	14.1	76.0	85.9	13.1	1,298	68	100.5	1.0
	Drug (possess, use)	3,468	4,065	17.2	221.2	257.0	16.2	3,819	261	100.4	2.6
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,659</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>297.1</b>	<b>342.9</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>5,117</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	91	171	87.9	5.8	10.8	86.3	167	5	100.6	-4.9
	Justice procedures	6,862	9,233	34.6	437.6	583.7	33.4	8,114	1,004	98.8	5.6
	Regulated public order	416	358	-13.9	26.5	22.6	-14.7	256	53	86.3	-6.0
	Weapons / Explosives	2,573	2,798	8.7	164.1	176.9	7.8	2,622	186	100.4	2.7
	Harassment	1,249	1,505	20.5	79.7	95.1	19.4	1,014	154	77.6	-2.7
	Behaviour in public	1,507	1,694	12.4	96.1	107.1	11.4	1,601	62	98.2	1.4
	Other	1,758	1,928	9.7	112.1	121.9	8.7	1,486	170	85.9	0.1
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>14,456</b>	<b>17,687</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>921.9</b>	<b>1,118.1</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>15,260</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88,775</b>	<b>96,567</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>5,661.5</b>	<b>6,104.8</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>50,843</b>	<b>9,058</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	

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\*\* Defined as the number of offences recorded during the reporting period which were cleared within the same period.

## North West Metro Region

North West Metro Region experienced a 6.3% increase in the number of offences during 2013/14, to 172,116 offences. Crime Against the Person offences decreased by 0.3% to 20,932 offences, Crime Against Property offences increased 4.8%, and drugs offences were up slightly (0.5%).

The largest noteworthy percentage increases were seen in justice procedures (up 40.7%), deception (up 23.6%), and theft from motor vehicle offences (up 15.3%). The largest percentage decreases were seen in theft (other) (down 11.4%), homicide (down 17.1%), and arson (down 10.3%).

Of the offences recorded in North West Metro Region during 2013/14, 80,483 were cleared within the same financial year. A further 17,317 offences which had been recorded in previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 56.8%, 3.5 percentage points higher than the clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 8: North West Metro Region offences recorded and cleared, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	Offences Recorded			Rates per 100,000			Total Clearances				
	No.	No.	% Change from 2012/13	Rate per 100,000 Population*		% Change from 2012/13	Single Year Clearances** 2013/14	Cleared from previous years	Rate (%) 2013/14	Total Rate diff from 2012/13	
				2012/13	2013/14						
Crime against the person	Homicide	76	63	-17.1	4.2	3.4	-19.7	47	16	100.0	9.2
	Rape	684	622	-9.1	38.2	33.7	-11.9	404	151	89.2	-15.0
	Sex (non rape)	2,045	2,092	2.3	114.2	113.2	-0.9	1,356	518	89.6	6.6
	Robbery	1,544	1,352	-12.4	86.2	73.2	-15.2	602	212	60.2	-0.4
	Assault	16,344	16,562	1.3	912.7	896.2	-1.8	10,788	3,888	88.6	4.1
	Abduction / Kidnap	292	241	-17.5	16.3	13.0	-20.0	180	40	91.3	2.2
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>20,985</b>	<b>20,932</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1,171.8</b>	<b>1,132.6</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>13,377</b>	<b>4,825</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Crime against property	Arson	1,114	999	-10.3	62.2	54.1	-13.1	158	42	20.0	-0.8
	Property damage	15,057	14,854	-1.3	840.8	803.7	-4.4	4,251	1,303	37.4	4.6
	Burglary (aggravated)	1,106	1,034	-6.5	61.8	55.9	-9.4	392	94	47.0	0.6
	Burglary (residential)	11,695	11,664	-0.3	653.1	631.1	-3.4	1,220	379	13.7	-0.6
	Burglary (other)	5,235	5,819	11.2	292.3	314.9	7.7	989	224	20.8	-0.8
	Deception	12,677	15,675	23.6	707.9	848.2	19.8	10,211	2,979	84.1	14.9
	Handle stolen goods	3,799	4,469	17.6	212.1	241.8	14.0	4,233	255	100.4	-1.2
	Theft from motor vehicle	17,699	20,402	15.3	988.3	1,103.9	11.7	1,597	450	10.0	-1.7
	Theft (shopsteal)	8,232	8,497	3.2	459.7	459.8	0.0	4,974	714	66.9	-4.6
	Theft of motor vehicle	7,148	8,070	12.9	399.2	436.7	9.4	1,624	499	26.3	-1.3
	Theft of bicycle	2,261	2,451	8.4	126.3	132.6	5.0	124	29	6.2	-0.8
	Theft (other)	23,100	20,457	-11.4	1,289.9	1,106.9	-14.2	4,929	1,766	32.7	-0.9
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>109,123</b>	<b>114,391</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6,093.6</b>	<b>6,189.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>34,702</b>	<b>8,734</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	2,157	2,105	-2.4	120.5	113.9	-5.4	1,900	165	98.1	3.2
	Drug (possess, use)	6,669	6,761	1.4	372.4	365.8	-1.8	6,363	528	101.9	2.4
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>8,866</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>492.9</b>	<b>479.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>8,263</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	294	414	40.8	16.4	22.4	36.4	380	23	97.3	-1.3
	Justice procedures	11,132	15,667	40.7	621.6	847.7	36.4	13,510	1,661	96.8	3.8
	Regulated public order	335	414	23.6	18.7	22.4	19.7	344	40	92.8	3.2
	Weapons / Explosives	4,093	4,650	13.6	228.6	251.6	10.1	4,254	399	100.1	2.2
	Harassment	1,842	1,747	-5.2	102.9	94.5	-8.1	1,243	276	86.9	10.8
	Behaviour in public	2,340	2,292	-2.1	130.7	124.0	-5.1	2,181	201	103.9	10.3
	Other	2,965	2,743	-7.5	165.6	148.4	-10.4	2,229	465	98.2	11.4
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>23,001</b>	<b>27,927</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>1,284.4</b>	<b>1,511.1</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>24,141</b>	<b>3,065</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161,935</b>	<b>172,116</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>9,042.8</b>	<b>9,313.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>80,483</b>	<b>17,317</b>	<b>56.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	

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## Southern Metro Region

Southern Metro Region experienced a 4.0% increase in the number of offences during 2013/14, to 98,650 offences. Crime Against the Person offences decreased by 1.3% to 13,367 offences, Crime Against Property offences increased slightly by 1.2%, and Drug offences increased 9.2%.

The largest noteworthy percentage increases were seen in justice procedures (up 26.2%), handle stolen goods (up 31.0%), and theft from motor vehicle (up 12.4%). Offence categories which experienced large percentage reductions included theft (other) (down 9.2%), sex (non-rape) (down 1.3%), and burglary (residential) (down 3.8%).

Of the offences recorded in Southern Metro Region during 2013/14, 51,133 were cleared within the same financial year. A further 9,741 offences which had been recorded in previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 61.7%, 5.0 percentage points higher than the clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 9: Southern Metro Region offences recorded and cleared, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	Offences Recorded			Rates per 100,000			Total Clearances			
	No.	No.	% Change	Rate per 100,000	% Change	Single Year	Cleared from	Rate (%)	Total Rate	
	2012/13	2013/14	from 2012/13	Population*	from 2012/13	Clearances**	previous years	Total cleared 2013/14	diff from 2012/13	
<b>Crime against the person</b>										
Homicide	32	31	-3.1	2.3	2.2	-5.0	19	12	100.0	-21.9
Rape	481	490	1.9	35.3	35.3	-0.1	312	143	92.9	2.4
Sex (non rape)	1,579	1,558	-1.3	115.8	112.1	-3.2	1,068	383	93.1	8.3
Robbery	609	588	-3.4	44.7	42.3	-5.3	307	71	64.3	-7.3
Assault	10,685	10,562	-1.2	783.7	760.0	-3.0	7,684	2,233	93.9	2.9
Abduction / Kidnap	158	138	-12.7	11.6	9.9	-14.3	113	18	94.9	7.0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>13,544</b>	<b>13,367</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>993.5</b>	<b>961.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>9,503</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Crime against property</b>										
Arson	752	645	-14.2	55.2	46.4	-15.9	116	55	26.5	6.2
Property damage	10,418	9,841	-5.5	764.2	708.1	-7.3	3,084	913	40.6	5.1
Burglary (aggravated)	690	670	-2.9	50.6	48.2	-4.7	274	62	50.1	-0.7
Burglary (residential)	6,545	6,299	-3.8	480.1	453.2	-5.6	931	283	19.3	3.4
Burglary (other)	3,412	3,144	-7.9	250.3	226.2	-9.6	525	190	22.7	0.5
Deception	6,727	7,481	11.2	493.4	538.3	9.1	5,120	842	79.7	4.7
Handle stolen goods	1,872	2,452	31.0	137.3	176.4	28.5	2,298	107	98.1	-0.5
Theft from motor vehicle	10,552	11,864	12.4	774.0	853.7	10.3	1,403	343	14.7	2.6
Theft (shopsteal)	5,722	5,654	-1.2	419.7	406.8	-3.1	3,939	483	78.2	1.4
Theft of motor vehicle	3,228	3,437	6.5	236.8	247.3	4.5	868	265	33.0	0.9
Theft of bicycle	1,117	1,262	13.0	81.9	90.8	10.8	82	20	8.1	-0.6
Theft (other)	10,275	9,326	-9.2	753.7	671.1	-11.0	2,405	829	34.7	4.7
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>61,310</b>	<b>62,075</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4,497.1</b>	<b>4,466.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>21,045</b>	<b>4,392</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>										
Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	1,193	1,403	17.6	87.5	101.0	15.4	1,342	82	101.5	2.6
Drug (possess, use)	4,130	4,409	6.8	302.9	317.3	4.7	4,177	311	101.8	3.4
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>5,323</b>	<b>5,812</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>390.4</b>	<b>418.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Other crime</b>										
Going equipped to steal	144	147	2.1	10.6	10.6	0.1	138	12	102.0	10.4
Justice procedures	7,638	9,637	26.2	560.2	693.4	23.8	8,335	1,453	101.6	9.4
Regulated public order	364	316	-13.2	26.7	22.7	-14.8	268	63	104.7	7.2
Weapons / Explosives	2,823	3,195	13.2	207.1	229.9	11.0	3,013	207	100.8	2.4
Harassment	926	1,144	23.5	67.9	82.3	21.2	718	126	73.8	-11.6
Behaviour in public	1,394	1,363	-2.2	102.2	98.1	-4.1	1,311	54	100.1	2.0
Other	1,401	1,594	13.8	102.8	114.7	11.6	1,283	181	91.8	4.5
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>14,690</b>	<b>17,396</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>1,077.5</b>	<b>1,251.7</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>15,066</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,867</b>	<b>98,650</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6,958.5</b>	<b>7,098.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>51,133</b>	<b>9,741</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>

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## Western Region

Western Region experienced a 2.2% increase in the number of offences during 2013/14, to 66,041 offences. Crime Against the Person decreased by 1.8%, Crime Against Property offences also decreased by 3.4%, Drug offences rose by 19.9%.

The largest noteworthy increases were seen in justice procedures (up 33%), handle stolen goods (up 21.6%), and sex (non-rape) (up 16.9%). Other categories which experienced a decrease were deception (down 22.1%), property damage (down 5.6%), assault (down 4.3%), burglary (residential) (down 2.0%).

Of the offences recorded in Western Region during 2013/14, 35,233 were cleared within the same financial year. A further 6,605 offences which had been recorded in previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 63.4%, 4.3 percentage points greater than the clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 10: Western Region offences recorded and cleared, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

		Offences Recorded			Rates per 100,000			Total Clearances			
		No.	No.	% Change	Rate per 100,000	% Change	Single Year	Cleared from	Rate (%)	Total Rate	
		2012/13	2013/14	from	Population*	from	Clearances**	previous	Total cleared	diff from	
				2012/13	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	years	2013/14	2012/13	
Crime against the person	Homicide	34	25	-26.5	3.7	2.7	-27.2	19	8	108.0	19.8
	Rape	403	368	-8.7	44.3	40.0	-9.6	227	141	100.0	12.4
	Sex (non rape)	1,441	1,685	16.9	158.3	183.2	15.7	1,180	398	93.6	2.8
	Robbery	208	200	-3.8	22.8	21.7	-4.8	122	28	75.0	13.0
	Assault	8,613	8,245	-4.3	946.1	896.5	-5.2	6,317	1,835	98.9	8.3
	Abduction / Kidnap	110	87	-20.9	12.1	9.5	-21.7	64	13	88.5	-2.4
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>10,610</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>1,187.3</b>	<b>1,153.7</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>7,929</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Crime against property	Arson	643	529	-17.7	70.6	57.5	-18.6	107	38	27.4	0.2
	Property damage	8,770	8,281	-5.6	963.4	900.4	-6.5	2,639	659	39.8	3.3
	Burglary (aggravated)	418	453	8.4	45.9	49.3	7.3	209	25	51.7	-6.7
	Burglary (residential)	4,080	4,000	-2.0	448.2	434.9	-3.0	559	148	17.7	0.1
	Burglary (other)	2,789	2,672	-4.2	306.4	290.5	-5.2	505	153	24.6	1.6
	Deception	3,818	2,974	-22.1	419.4	323.4	-22.9	2,224	381	87.6	-9.0
	Handle stolen goods	1,116	1,357	21.6	122.6	147.6	20.4	1,300	72	101.1	2.9
	Theft from motor vehicle	5,873	5,973	1.7	645.1	649.5	0.7	635	153	13.2	-2.2
	Theft (shopsteal)	2,232	2,233	0.0	245.2	242.8	-1.0	1,330	251	70.8	-6.0
	Theft of motor vehicle	1,811	1,936	6.9	198.9	210.5	5.8	510	120	32.5	2.8
	Theft of bicycle	564	619	9.8	62.0	67.3	8.6	71	14	13.7	0.1
Theft (other)	7,398	7,122	-3.7	812.6	774.4	-4.7	1,662	628	32.2	6.3	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>39,512</b>	<b>38,149</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>4,340.2</b>	<b>4,148.1</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>11,751</b>	<b>2,642</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	822	879	6.9	90.3	95.6	5.9	823	54	99.8	3.9
	Drug (possess, use)	1,964	2,462	25.4	215.7	267.7	24.1	2,344	120	100.1	2.3
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>306.0</b>	<b>363.3</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	76	72	-5.3	8.3	7.8	-6.2	67	8	104.2	13.4
	Justice procedures	5,632	7,493	33.0	618.7	814.7	31.7	6,671	762	99.2	3.1
	Regulated public order	294	298	1.4	32.3	32.4	0.3	240	54	98.7	11.2
	Weapons / Explosives	1,937	2,266	17.0	212.8	246.4	15.8	2,130	185	102.2	6.4
	Harassment	764	808	5.8	83.9	87.9	4.7	604	113	88.7	7.7
	Behaviour in public	1,463	1,579	7.9	160.7	171.7	6.8	1,525	62	100.5	3.4
	Other	1,369	1,425	4.1	150.4	154.9	3.0	1,149	182	93.4	4.7
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>11,535</b>	<b>13,941</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>1,267.1</b>	<b>1,515.9</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>12,386</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>64,642</b>	<b>66,041</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7,100.7</b>	<b>7,180.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>35,233</b>	<b>6,605</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>	

\* Rates for Police Regions were calculated using estimated resident population figures as at 30 June 2013 obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS Cat. No. 3218.0).

\*\* Defined as the number of offences recorded during the reporting period which were cleared within the same period.

### 3.3 Where crime occurred

In 2013/14, 36.7% of all offences occurred in residential locations. This was the most common type of location where offences occurred, with other dominant location types being street/lane/footpaths (15.9%) and retail/financial (15.7%).

Residential locations increased in the number of offences by 4.5% between 2012/13 and 2013/14. Crime Against the Person offences increased at residential locations by 2.3%, which can be attributed to the rise in family incident reports.

Other location types that experienced large percentage increases during 2013/14 were sports/recreation facilities (up 13.9%), street/lane/footpath (up 5.7%) and public transport (9.5%). Education/health/religious locations showed a 15.6% decrease, and licensed premises decreased by 4.7%.

**Figure 11: Offences recorded, by type of location, 2013/14**

	Residential	Retail / Financial	Street / Lane / Footpath	Educ. / Health / Religious	Public Transport	Other Transport	Sports / Recreation Facilities	Licensed Premises	Open Space	Other Community	Other *	TOTAL
<b>Crime Against The Person</b>												
Homicide	55	2	84	2	0	1	0	1	5	4	13	167
Rape	1,500	27	124	79	9	33	14	14	128	1	215	2,144
Sex (non rape)	4,080	309	659	466	266	98	124	32	430	8	995	7,467
Robbery	209	598	1,096	25	193	134	32	25	158	0	117	2,587
Assault	24,138	2,460	9,541	1,013	1,421	1,051	475	1,221	724	62	4,806	46,912
Abduction / Kidnap	327	21	113	13	6	30	6	4	16	0	94	630
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>30,309</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6,240</b>	<b>59,907</b>
<b>Crime Against Property</b>												
Arson	845	83	525	101	21	258	76	2	628	3	276	2,818
Property Damage	20,354	3,511	7,627	1,688	2,205	2,166	569	354	875	140	4,439	43,928
Burglary (Aggravated)	2,518	48	10	15	0	1	0	5	0	0	50	2,647
Burglary (Residential)	28,515	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,515
Burglary (Other)	0	5,631	37	2,231	38	136	1,200	264	258	102	5,351	15,248
Deception	2,622	17,296	1,552	326	217	174	182	282	33	56	9,994	32,734
Handle Stolen Goods	2,483	797	2,388	41	162	365	31	37	54	2	3,739	10,099
Theft From Motor Vehicle	18,941	988	12,664	297	973	5,326	230	83	497	27	8,480	48,506
Theft (Shopsteal)	17	19,261	57	21	13	10	28	756	8	5	660	20,836
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	4,466	738	7,123	74	583	924	83	98	69	0	2,162	16,320
Theft Of Bicycle	2,586	189	807	306	421	332	75	21	106	10	153	5,006
Theft (Other)	12,147	12,667	2,775	2,931	1,203	743	2,539	1,819	1,361	265	8,306	46,756
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>95,494</b>	<b>61,209</b>	<b>35,565</b>	<b>8,031</b>	<b>5,836</b>	<b>10,435</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>43,610</b>	<b>273,413</b>
<b>Drug Offences</b>												
Drug (Cult., Manuf., Traff.)	2,817	131	1,335	33	23	296	21	39	62	1	988	5,746
Drug (Possess, Use)	4,120	490	6,427	198	623	2,171	220	130	391	2	2,926	17,698
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6,937</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>23,444</b>
<b>Other Crime</b>												
Going Equipped To Steal	57	122	306	3	24	40	9	1	6	0	236	804
Justice Procedures	16,914	1,017	3,850	325	509	373	122	125	152	17	18,626	42,030
Regulated Public Order	668	20	152	40	18	12	15	35	86	1	339	1,386
Weapons / Explosives	3,718	538	4,365	110	439	626	66	67	237	7	2,736	12,909
Harassment	2,649	123	410	68	46	31	17	10	16	2	1,833	5,205
Behaviour in Public	431	428	3,849	98	433	234	139	320	192	6	798	6,928
Other	2,130	436	1,278	326	852	193	98	307	222	7	1,843	7,692
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>26,567</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>14,210</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26,411</b>	<b>76,954</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159,307</b>	<b>67,931</b>	<b>69,154</b>	<b>10,830</b>	<b>10,698</b>	<b>15,758</b>	<b>6,371</b>	<b>6,052</b>	<b>6,714</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>80,175</b>	<b>433,718</b>
<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>36.7%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Other includes: Justice, Administrative/Professional, Wholesale, Warehouse/Storage, Manufacturing, Agricultural, Other Location and unspecified locations.

**Figure 12: Percentage change in recorded offences, by type of location, 2012/13 to 2013/14**

	Residential	Retail / Financial	Street / Lane / Footpath	Educ. / Health / Religious	Public Transport	Other Transport	Sports / Recreation Facilities	Licensed Premises	Open Space	Other Community	Other *	TOTAL
<b>Crime Against The Person</b>												
Homicide	-17.9	0.0	-2.3	-66.7	n/a	0.0	n/a	0.0	150.0	n/a	18.2	-5.1
Rape	0.2	-3.6	-0.8	23.4	-18.2	-23.3	-36.4	-22.2	28.0	0.0	36.1	3.7
Sex (non rape)	2.5	75.6	-2.9	39.5	-0.7	8.9	37.8	-40.7	7.8	14.3	34.6	9.5
Robbery	1.0	-16.0	-6.9	13.6	-23.1	24.1	-23.8	-57.6	3.3	n/a	20.6	-8.5
Assault	2.6	-6.8	-3.9	-1.1	8.3	11.0	8.2	-16.1	6.0	26.5	16.9	1.7
Abduction / Kidnap	-3.5	0.0	-31.9	-13.3	-14.3	-6.3	-45.5	0.0	-30.4	n/a	28.8	-8.8
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Crime Against Property</b>												
Arson	-13.8	-28.4	-18.0	-42.3	-25.0	-7.9	-18.3	100.0	-7.2	-57.1	-13.2	-15.0
Property Damage	-4.2	-7.8	-6.8	-9.1	9.9	-4.6	-14.8	5.7	-10.5	-29.3	10.3	-3.6
Burglary (Aggravated)	-2.4	-28.4	0.0	200.0	n/a	n/a	-100.0	-44.4	-100.0	n/a	2.0	-2.9
Burglary (Residential)	-1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-1.3
Burglary (Other)	n/a	-1.8	-5.1	3.2	52.0	14.3	6.6	-12.6	-2.6	-1.0	2.4	1.0
Deception	-20.6	42.6	12.6	28.3	41.8	0.0	-29.5	-10.5	-31.3	-60.0	4.8	18.2
Handle Stolen Goods	5.0	21.7	17.5	7.9	13.3	53.4	-16.2	0.0	-5.3	100.0	36.0	20.9
Theft From Motor Vehicle	15.5	0.6	11.1	-9.7	25.9	6.7	-10.2	25.8	-11.9	-20.6	18.3	12.9
Theft (Shopsteal)	-22.7	-0.9	23.9	75.0	-13.3	66.7	47.4	25.4	33.3	25.0	12.8	0.4
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	8.1	0.7	13.9	10.4	18.0	17.4	40.7	1.0	15.0	-100.0	8.9	11.3
Theft Of Bicycle	15.8	-15.6	-0.5	5.2	-4.5	25.8	23.0	-8.7	-9.4	-9.1	-16.8	7.4
Theft (Other)	-3.3	-16.9	14.2	-41.3	-4.5	-6.3	53.5	-6.5	-3.2	7.7	-10.6	-9.8
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-21.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-18.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Drug Offences</b>												
Drug (Cult., Manuf., Traff.)	-3.2	67.9	5.3	43.5	9.5	18.9	0.0	-15.2	-12.7	n/a	46.4	7.1
Drug (Possess. Use)	9.9	0.8	7.3	21.5	8.0	10.3	-16.0	9.2	-13.5	0.0	18.8	9.0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Other Crime</b>												
Going Equipped To Steal	62.9	71.8	34.8	-66.7	26.3	17.6	125.0	0.0	20.0	n/a	18.0	32.9
Justice Procedures	33.8	48.0	32.4	25.0	87.8	79.3	9.9	40.4	65.2	112.5	33.1	34.4
Regulated Public Order	15.8	-48.7	-39.2	-42.9	-35.7	-36.8	15.4	-10.3	-37.2	n/a	42.4	-1.7
Weapons /Explosives	8.6	7.2	10.4	19.6	2.6	1.5	-4.3	-31.6	-6.7	40.0	38.0	13.0
Harassment	7.4	-44.8	10.8	7.9	-2.1	158.3	-37.0	25.0	-75.0	100.0	22.3	8.9
Behaviour in Public	36.0	2.4	-0.6	2.1	3.6	-3.7	11.2	27.5	-15.8	100.0	8.9	3.3
Other	8.1	-19.6	4.6	-18.1	10.2	22.2	-19.0	-18.1	-15.9	133.3	10.6	2.6
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-12.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>20.8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**Figure 13: Offences recorded as rate per 100,000 population, by type of location, 2013/14**

	Residential	Retail / Financial	Street / Lane / Footpath	Educ. / Health / Religious	Public Transport	Other Transport	Sports / Recreation Facilities	Licensed Premises	Open Space	Other Community	Other *	TOTAL
<b>Crime Against The Person</b>												
Homicide	0.9	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.9
Rape	25.9	0.5	2.1	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.2	2.2	0.0	3.7	37.0
Sex (non rape)	70.5	5.3	11.4	8.0	4.6	1.7	2.1	0.6	7.4	0.1	17.2	128.9
Robbery	3.6	10.3	18.9	0.4	3.3	2.3	0.6	0.4	2.7	0.0	2.0	44.7
Assault	416.8	42.5	164.8	17.5	24.5	18.1	8.2	21.1	12.5	1.1	83.0	810.1
Abduction / Kidnap	5.6	0.4	2.0	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.6	10.9
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>523.4</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>1,034.5</b>
<b>Crime Against Property</b>												
Arson	14.6	1.4	9.1	1.7	0.4	4.5	1.3	0.0	10.8	0.1	4.8	48.7
Property Damage	351.5	60.6	131.7	29.1	38.1	37.4	9.8	6.1	15.1	2.4	76.7	758.6
Burglary (Aggravated)	43.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	45.7
Burglary (Residential)	492.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	492.4
Burglary (Other)	0.0	97.2	0.6	38.5	0.7	2.3	20.7	4.6	4.5	1.8	92.4	263.3
Deception	45.3	298.7	26.8	5.6	3.7	3.0	3.1	4.9	0.6	1.0	172.6	565.3
Handle Stolen Goods	42.9	13.8	41.2	0.7	2.8	6.3	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.0	64.6	174.4
Theft From Motor Vehicle	327.1	17.1	218.7	5.1	16.8	92.0	4.0	1.4	8.6	0.5	146.4	837.6
Theft (Shopsteal)	0.3	332.6	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	13.1	0.1	0.1	11.4	359.8
Theft Of Motor Vehicle	77.1	12.7	123.0	1.3	10.1	16.0	1.4	1.7	1.2	0.0	37.3	281.8
Theft Of Bicycle	44.7	3.3	13.9	5.3	7.3	5.7	1.3	0.4	1.8	0.2	2.6	86.4
Theft (Other)	209.8	218.7	47.9	50.6	20.8	12.8	43.8	31.4	23.5	4.6	143.4	807.4
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1,649.0</b>	<b>1,057.0</b>	<b>614.1</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>180.2</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>753.1</b>	<b>4,721.4</b>
<b>Drug Offences</b>												
Drug (Cult., Manuf., Traff.)	48.6	2.3	23.1	0.6	0.4	5.1	0.4	0.7	1.1	0.0	17.1	99.2
Drug (Possess. Use)	71.1	8.5	111.0	3.4	10.8	37.5	3.8	2.2	6.8	0.0	50.5	305.6
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>134.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>404.8</b>
<b>Other Crime</b>												
Going Equipped To Steal	1.0	2.1	5.3	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.1	13.9
Justice Procedures	292.1	17.6	66.5	5.6	8.8	6.4	2.1	2.2	2.6	0.3	321.6	725.8
Regulated Public Order	11.5	0.3	2.6	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.5	0.0	5.9	23.9
Weapons / Explosives	64.2	9.3	75.4	1.9	7.6	10.8	1.1	1.2	4.1	0.1	47.2	222.9
Harassment	45.7	2.1	7.1	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	31.7	89.9
Behaviour in Public	7.4	7.4	66.5	1.7	7.5	4.0	2.4	5.5	3.3	0.1	13.8	119.6
Other	36.8	7.5	22.1	5.6	14.7	3.3	1.7	5.3	3.8	0.1	31.8	132.8
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>458.8</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>245.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>456.1</b>	<b>1,328.9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,750.9</b>	<b>1,173.0</b>	<b>1,194.2</b>	<b>187.0</b>	<b>184.7</b>	<b>272.1</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>115.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>1,384.5</b>	<b>7,489.5</b>
<b>Percentage (%)</b>	<b>36.7%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Includes: Justice, Administrative/Professional, Wholesale, Warehouse/Storage, Manufacturing, Agricultural, Other Location and unspecified locations.



### 3.4 Crime on Public Transport

As shown in Figure 14, crime in public transport locations increased by 9.5% in 2013/14. Several notable crime categories increased in this period, including assault (8.3%), theft from motor vehicle (25.9%), and theft of motor vehicle (18.0%). There were decreases in rape (18.2%), regulated public order (35.7%), and robbery (23.1%).

The offence category that experienced the largest percentage increase in 2013/14 in public transport locations was justice procedures, which increased by 87.8% to 509 offences.

The top five offence categories for offences occurring on public transport in 2013/14 were property damage, assault, theft (other), theft from motor vehicle and other<sup>1</sup>. These five offence categories made up 62.2% of offences at public transport locations.

**Figure 14: Offences occurring at public transport locations, by type of offence, 2009/10 - 2013/14**

	No. Offences Recorded					% Change from
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
<i>Graffiti related property damage offences</i>	666	675	1,427	1,414	1,686	19.2%
<i>Other property damage offences</i>	690	706	804	592	519	-12.3%
<b>Total property damage offences</b>	1,356	1,381	2,231	2,006	2,205	9.9%
<b>Assault</b>	1,290	1,301	1,240	1,312	1,421	8.3%
<b>Theft (Other)</b>	1,280	1,247	1,138	1,260	1,203	-4.5%
<b>Theft From Motor Vehicle</b>	1,087	957	879	773	973	25.9%
<b>Other<sup>1</sup></b>	474	489	722	773	852	10.2%
Remaining Offence Categories	3,441	3,109	3,441	3,645	4,044	10.9%
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>8,928</b>	<b>8,484</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>9,769</b>	<b>10,698</b>	<b>9.5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Other category includes offences such as fail to have/provide a valid ticket, possess graffiti implement, consume liquor or possess open liquor container, smoke in a prohibited area, behave in offensive manner or use offensive/indecent language, trespassing and crossing railway lines or tracks when or where prohibited.

The most common public transport location for detected and reported offences was train stations, railway carparks, and trains, with train stations and railway carparks showing increases of 16.4% and 10.5% respectively, and trains down 19.8% from 2012/13 (Figure 15). For total offences overall, train stations were up 16.0%, railway carparks were up 10.2%, and trains were down 19.1%. Total offences recorded at tram/tram stop, and depot/terminals also decreased between 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Detected offences on public transport increased by 5.4% in 2013/14 to 1,722 offences, and accounted for 16.1% of all offences on public transport. Reported offences increased by 10.5% to 8,831 and account for 82.5% of total offences. Detected offences experienced an increase of 11.1% at train stations and 30.7% at railway carparks, and a decrease of 23.5% on trains. Reported offences increased 18.0% at train stations and 20.5% at bus/bus stops, and decreased 19.5% on trains.

**Figure 15: Offences occurring at public transport locations, by type of location, 2013/14**

	No. Offences recorded, 2012/13			No. Offences recorded, 2013/14			% Change from 2012/13		
	Detected <sup>2</sup>	Reported <sup>3</sup>	Total <sup>4</sup>	Detected <sup>2</sup>	Reported <sup>3</sup>	Total <sup>4</sup>	Detected <sup>2</sup>	Reported <sup>3</sup>	Total <sup>4</sup>
Train	81	944	1,025	62	760	822	-23.5%	-19.5%	-19.8%
Train Station	1,266	4,058	5,324	1,407	4,789	6,196	11.1%	18.0%	16.4%
Railway carpark	75	1,399	1,474	98	1,531	1,629	30.7%	9.4%	10.5%
Tram/tram stop	128	390	518	27	397	424	-78.9%	1.8%	-18.1%
Bus/bus stop	53	684	737	94	824	918	77.4%	20.5%	24.6%
Depot/terminal	19	118	137	18	98	116	-5.3%	-16.9%	-15.3%
Freight yard	1	9	10	0	14	14	-100.0%	55.6%	40.0%
Office	0	1	1	0	3	3	n/a	200.0%	200.0%
Taxi	11	388	399	16	415	431	45.5%	7.0%	8.0%
<b>Total Public Transport Offences</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>7,991</b>	<b>9,625</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>8,831</b>	<b>10,553</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

<sup>2</sup> Detected offences include Handle Stolen Goods, Drug (Possess/Use), Drug (Cultivate/Manufacture), Going Equipped to Steal, Regulated Public Order, Weapons/Explosives and Behaviour in Public offences.

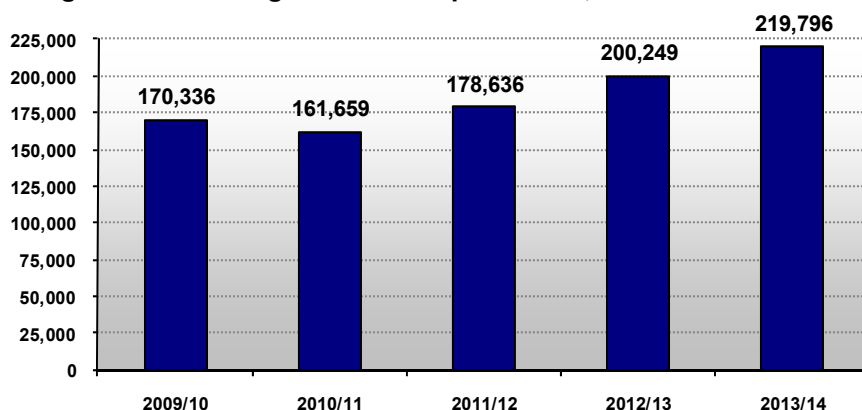
<sup>3</sup> Reported offences include all non-detected offences.

<sup>4</sup> Total does not include Family Incident related offences.

### 3.5 Alleged offenders processed

While total offences increased by 5.7%, Victoria Police processed 9.8% more offenders compared with 2012/13. A total of 219,796 alleged offenders were processed in 2013/14.

**Figure 16: Alleged offenders processed, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



There were 190,381 adult offenders processed during 2013/14, an increase of 11.9% on the 170,150 processed in 2012/13. There were 28,350 juvenile offenders processed in 2013/14, which was a decrease of 3.0% on the 29,214 processed in 2012/13.

**Figure 17: Alleged offenders processed, by age group and offence, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	Juveniles (<18)			Adults			Total persons*			
	No.	No.	% Change	No.	No.	% Change	No.	No.	% Change	
	2012/13	2013/14	from 2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	from 2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	from 2012/13	
<b>Crime against the person</b>	Homicide	2	3	50.0	191	177	-7.3	194	181	-6.7
	Rape	104	150	44.2	719	784	9.0	828	941	13.6
	Sex (non rape)	429	529	23.3	2,700	2,894	7.2	3,156	3,443	9.1
	Robbery	1,081	825	-23.7	1,679	1,493	-11.1	2,762	2,329	-15.7
	Assault	4,968	4,801	-3.4	33,001	34,980	6.0	38,160	40,053	5.0
	Abduction / Kidnap	35	53	51.4	602	585	-2.8	637	641	0.6
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>6,619</b>	<b>6,361</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>38,892</b>	<b>40,913</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>45,737</b>	<b>47,588</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Crime against property</b>	Arson	383	294	-23.2	578	531	-8.1	961	831	-13.5
	Property damage	4,074	3,893	-4.4	11,318	11,886	5.0	15,466	15,876	2.7
	Burglary (aggravated)	269	144	-46.5	1,388	1,412	1.7	1,661	1,564	-5.8
	Burglary (residential)	1,016	970	-4.5	3,970	4,074	2.6	4,989	5,055	1.3
	Burglary (other)	1,139	1,058	-7.1	3,201	3,330	4.0	4,373	4,401	0.6
	Deception	803	1,015	26.4	11,219	15,318	36.5	12,084	16,406	35.8
	Handle stolen goods	628	693	10.4	6,359	7,524	18.3	6,999	8,247	17.8
	Theft from motor vehicle	2,149	1,839	-14.4	4,376	4,776	9.1	6,542	6,629	1.3
	Theft (shopsteal)	3,700	2,959	-20.0	12,527	12,400	-1.0	16,340	15,478	-5.3
	Theft of motor vehicle	1,535	1,808	17.8	3,441	3,630	5.5	4,984	5,453	9.4
	Theft of bicycle	184	136	-26.1	276	260	-5.8	464	398	-14.2
	Theft (other)	1,590	1,410	-11.3	8,149	8,859	8.7	9,777	10,298	5.3
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>17,470</b>	<b>16,219</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>66,802</b>	<b>74,000</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>84,640</b>	<b>90,636</b>	<b>7.1</b>	
<b>Drug offences</b>	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	104	129	24.0	4,875	5,503	12.9	4,993	5,652	13.2
	Drug (possess, use)	896	888	-0.9	14,893	16,125	8.3	15,839	17,076	7.8
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>19,768</b>	<b>21,628</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>20,832</b>	<b>22,728</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>Other crime</b>	Going equipped to steal	59	116	96.6	517	640	23.8	578	758	31.1
	Justice procedures	1,399	2,126	52.0	20,720	27,573	33.1	22,182	29,782	34.3
	Regulated public order	278	230	-17.3	692	739	6.8	995	979	-1.6
	Weapons / Explosives	735	624	-15.1	9,660	10,780	11.6	10,421	11,451	9.9
	Harassment	211	190	-10.0	2,518	3,000	19.1	2,736	3,214	17.5
	Behaviour in public	449	483	7.6	5,949	6,160	3.5	6,449	6,689	3.7
	Other	994	984	-1.0	4,632	4,948	6.8	5,679	5,971	5.1
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>4,753</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>44,688</b>	<b>53,840</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>49,040</b>	<b>58,844</b>	<b>20.0</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,214</b>	<b>28,350</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>170,150</b>	<b>190,381</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>200,249</b>	<b>219,796</b>	<b>9.8</b>	

\* Includes offenders where the sex and/or date of birth are unspecified.

Note: Figures are based on the date charge records were created on LEAP, not the date the offender was processed.

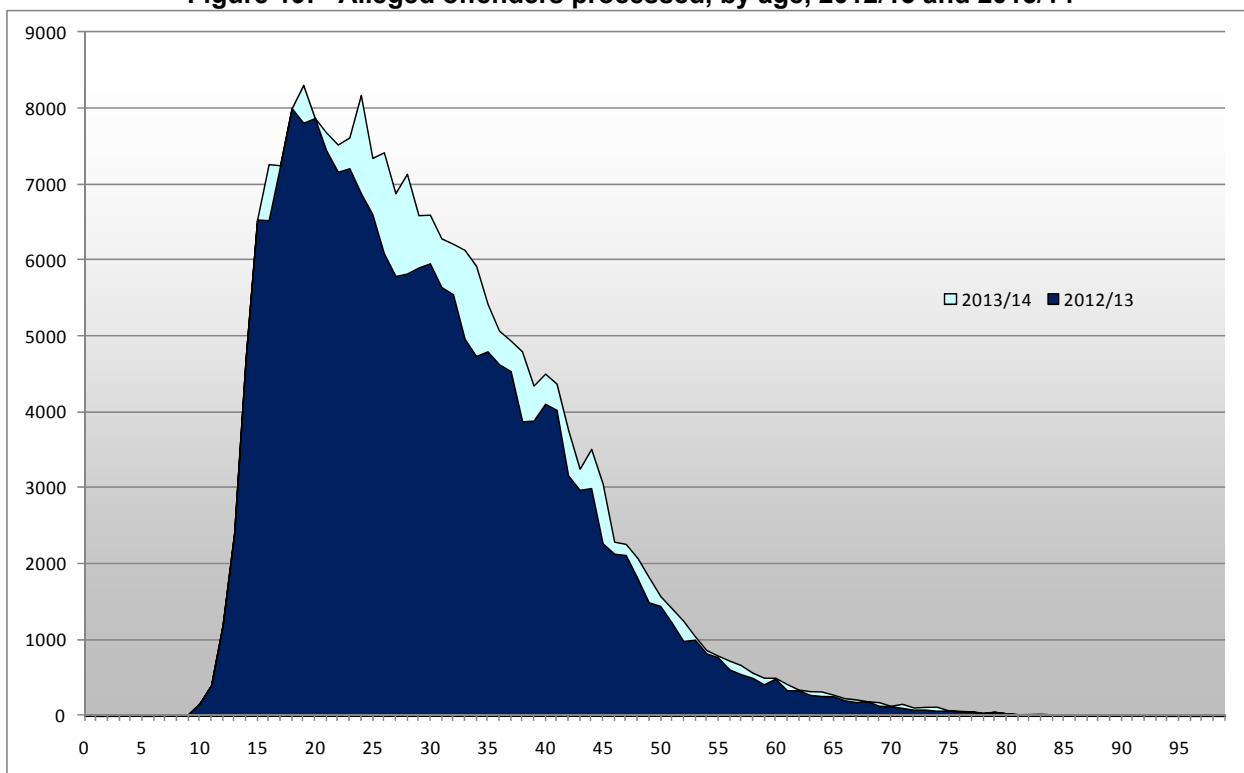
Shown in Figure 18, 18-24 year olds continue to represent a large proportion of offenders (24.9%) in 2013/14, followed by 25-29 year olds with 16.1% of total alleged offenders. Males in the 18-24 age group are significantly over-represented, comprising of 81.5% of offenders in this age group, and 20.3% of all offenders overall.

**Figure 18: Alleged offenders processed, by age group and sex, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	Males			Females			Total Persons		
	No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13	No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13	No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13
< 18 years	22,930	22,504	-1.9%	6,236	5,817	-6.7%	29,214	28,350	-3.0%
18-24 years	43,202	44,668	3.4%	9,120	10,081	10.5%	52,373	54,808	4.6%
25-29 years	24,742	29,227	18.1%	5,423	6,101	12.5%	30,208	35,373	17.1%
30-59 years	67,640	76,847	13.6%	16,202	19,042	17.5%	84,027	96,100	14.4%
60+ years	2,802	3,289	17.4%	714	770	7.8%	3,542	4,100	15.8%
Unknown	531	680	28.1%	259	298	15.1%	885	1,065	20.3%
<b>Total offenders</b>	<b>161,847</b>	<b>177,215</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>37,954</b>	<b>42,109</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>200,249</b>	<b>219,796</b>	<b>9.8%</b>

While juvenile offenders decreased between 2012/13 and 2013/14 (down 3.0%), all other age groups showed an increase in alleged offenders processed. Offenders aged 25-29 years increased the most of the age groups, up by 17.1%. This group was followed by offenders aged 18-24 years, up 4.6% to 54,808 offenders, and adults aged 30-59 years, up 14.4% to 96,100 offenders.

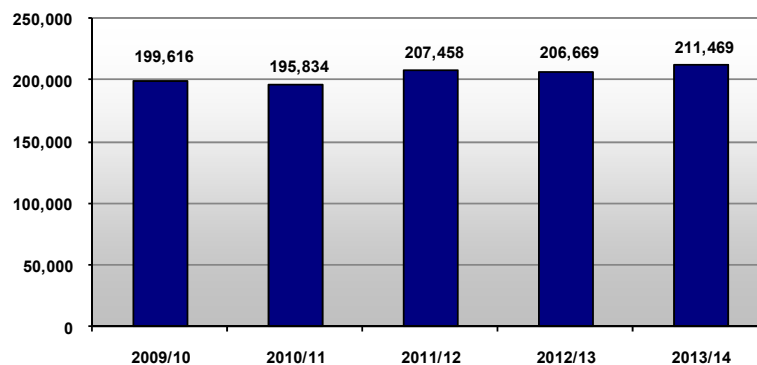
**Figure 19: Alleged offenders processed, by age, 2012/13 and 2013/14**



### 3.6 Victims of Crime

In 2013/14, 211,469 persons were recorded as victims of crime, 2.3% higher than recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 20: Recorded person victims of crime, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



There were also 80,358 business victims of crime (up 3.9%), and 89,809 crimes against statute offences (up 16.7%) compared to 2012/13.

**Figure 21: Victims of crime, by victim type and offence, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	Persons		Business		Statute		Unspecified		Total Victims		
	% Change		% Change		% Change		% Change		% Change		
	No.	from	No.	from	No.	from	No.	from	No.	from	
	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	
Crime against the person	Homicide	163	-6.9	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	4	n/a	167	-4.6
	Rape	1,765	6.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	n/a	1,772	6.7
	Sex (non rape)	4,614	4.0	n/a	n/a	734	12.1	96	26.3	5,444	5.4
	Robbery	2,260	-8.4	267	-6.6	2	100.0	31	6.9	2,560	-8.0
	Assault	42,181	1.6	n/a	n/a	790	-11.6	1,670	7.3	44,641	1.5
	Abduction / Kidnap	607	-2.4	n/a	n/a	1	-50.0	9	-60.9	617	-4.6
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>51,590</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>55,201</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Crime against property	Arson	1,401	-12.2	822	-25.2	77	-31.9	466	3.1	2,766	-15.1
	Property damage	29,115	-4.0	12,559	-4.4	415	5.1	577	10.1	42,666	-3.9
	Burglary (aggravated)	2,493	-3.2	81	3.8	1	0.0	37	15.6	2,612	-2.8
	Burglary (residential)	26,591	-1.0	1,735	-7.3	11	-26.7	87	-4.4	28,424	-1.4
	Burglary (other)	1,713	2.9	13,351	0.7	11	37.5	77	20.3	15,152	1.0
	Deception	2,808	-28.7	12,860	75.2	3,050	27.2	966	30.2	19,684	36.5
	Handle stolen goods	n/a	n/a	34	9.7	7,383	18.0	27	-20.6	7,444	17.7
	Theft from motor vehicle	45,052	13.9	3,059	1.8	5	-37.5	269	9.3	48,385	13.0
	Theft (shopsteal)	245	-2.8	19,750	0.5	27	-12.9	159	-7.0	20,181	0.4
	Theft of motor vehicle	14,625	12.5	1,561	-1.2	3	50.0	108	61.2	16,297	11.3
	Theft of bicycle	4,864	8.3	36	-23.4	1	0.0	94	1.1	4,995	7.8
Theft (other)	27,697	-3.0	13,998	-10.8	11	22.2	767	20.6	42,473	-5.4	
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>156,604</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>79,846</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>10,995</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>251,079</b>	<b>3.7</b>	
Drug offences	Drug (cult., manuf., traff.)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,730	10.2	3	50.0	4,733	10.2
	Drug (possess, use)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,088	8.1	13	62.5	16,101	8.1
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>20,818</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>20,834</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Other crime	Going equipped to steal	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	680	30.5	1	n/a	681	30.7
	Justice procedures	64	56.1	8	-33.3	30,645	32.7	10	-9.1	30,727	32.6
	Regulated public order	44	18.9	10	-33.3	1,041	-1.8	8	-27.3	1,103	-1.8
	Weapons / Explosives	24	14.3	7	75.0	10,993	10.8	4	-42.9	11,028	10.8
	Harassment	2,194	5.3	6	100.0	1,649	22.5	71	4.4	3,920	12.0
	Behaviour in public	28	-24.3	8	-20.0	6,455	3.3	3	-57.1	6,494	3.1
	Other	921	23.0	206	1.0	5,006	4.1	93	6.9	6,226	6.4
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>56,469</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>60,179</b>	<b>19.4</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211,469</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>80,358</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>89,809</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>5,657</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>387,293</b>	<b>5.8</b>	

## Victims of Crimes Against the Person

There were 51,590 people who were victims of crimes against the person offences in 2013/14 an increase of 1.4% on the previous year.

Female victims of crimes against the person increased by 4.0% in 2013/14, whereas male victims decreased 1.5% in the same period. Female victims comprise of over half (52.9%) of all victims of crimes against the person. Of these female victims, 77.0% were victims of assault and 19.2% were victims of rape or sex (non-rape) offences. This result contrasts with male victims, of whom 87.1% were victims of assault offences, and 4.6% were victims of rape or sex (non-rape) offences.

Of all victims of crime against the person, 9,674 (18.8%) were juvenile (under 18 years of age). This was a decrease of 0.2% on the number of juvenile victims in 2012/13. Both Adult age groups showed an increase, with adults (18-59) increasing 1.6% and adults (60+) increasing 5.5%.

**Figure 22: Victims of crime against the person, by sex, age group and offence, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

		Males			Females			Total Persons*		
		No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13	No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13	No. 2012/13	No. 2013/14	% Change from 2012/13
Homicide	Juvenile (<18)	8	9	12.5	10	13	30.0	18	22	22.2
	Adult (18-59)	86	74	-14.0	36	41	13.9	122	115	-5.7
	Adult (60+)	21	16	-23.8	13	8	-38.5	34	24	-29.4
	<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
Rape	Juvenile (<18)	101	97	-4.0	433	484	11.8	537	582	8.4
	Adult (18-59)	76	66	-13.2	991	1,052	6.2	1,070	1,122	4.9
	Adult (60+)	1	3	200.0	31	39	25.8	32	43	34.4
	<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Sex (non rape)	Juvenile (<18)	738	761	3.1	2,473	2,555	3.3	3,226	3,323	3.0
	Adult (18-59)	109	163	49.5	973	981	0.8	1,087	1,147	5.5
	Adult (60+)	6	8	33.3	45	68	51.1	51	76	49.0
	<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>3,534</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4,436</b>	<b>4,614</b>	<b>4.0</b>
Robbery	Juvenile (<18)	343	319	-7.0	56	40	-28.6	403	360	-10.7
	Adult (18-59)	1,475	1,314	-10.9	455	459	0.9	1,938	1,786	-7.8
	Adult (60+)	52	40	-23.1	42	39	-7.1	95	80	-15.8
	<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>2,468</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Assault	Juvenile (<18)	2,832	2,770	-2.2	2,505	2,457	-1.9	5,349	5,243	-2.0
	Adult (18-59)	16,915	16,762	-0.9	16,665	17,464	4.8	33,733	34,383	1.9
	Adult (60+)	1,043	1,089	4.4	764	816	6.8	1,827	1,932	5.7
	<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>21,104</b>	<b>20,884</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>20,186</b>	<b>21,039</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>41,525</b>	<b>42,181</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Abduction / Kidnap	Juvenile (<18)	52	51	-1.9	108	93	-13.9	162	144	-11.1
	Adult (18-59)	112	131	17.0	322	313	-2.8	434	445	2.5
	Adult (60+)	9	3	-66.7	7	9	28.6	16	12	-25.0
	<b>Total Victims</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
Total	Juvenile (<18)	4,074	4,007	-1.6	5,585	5,642	1.0	9,695	9,674	-0.2
	Adult (18-59)	18,773	18,510	-1.4	19,442	20,310	4.5	38,384	38,998	1.6
	<b>Adult (60+)</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>24,341</b>	<b>23,980</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>26,257</b>	<b>27,310</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>50,886</b>	<b>51,590</b>	<b>1.4</b>	

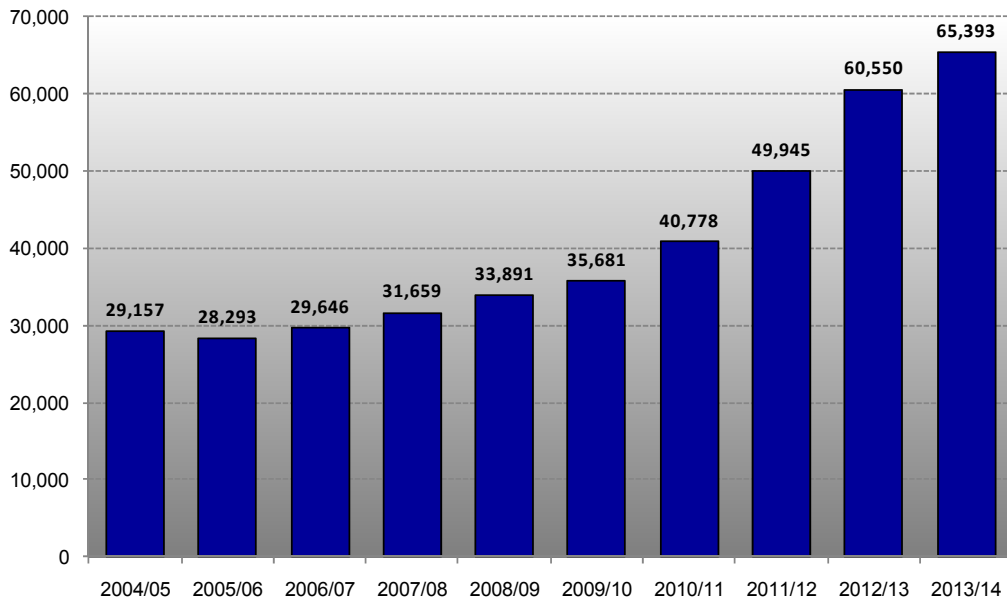
\* Includes victims where age/sex is unknown, n.a. denotes that no calculation was possible.

### 3.7 Family Incidents

Victoria Police formed the Violence Against Women and Children Strategy Group in order to comply with the Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence, which was launched in 2004 and updated in December 2010. The Code of Practice was designed to improve police response to family violence and encourage community confidence to report these offences to police. Since the introduction of the Code of Practice, family incident reports have been increasing steadily.

During 2013/14, there were 65,393 incidents where police submitted family incident reports. This was 8.0% higher than the 60,550 reports submitted in 2012/13.

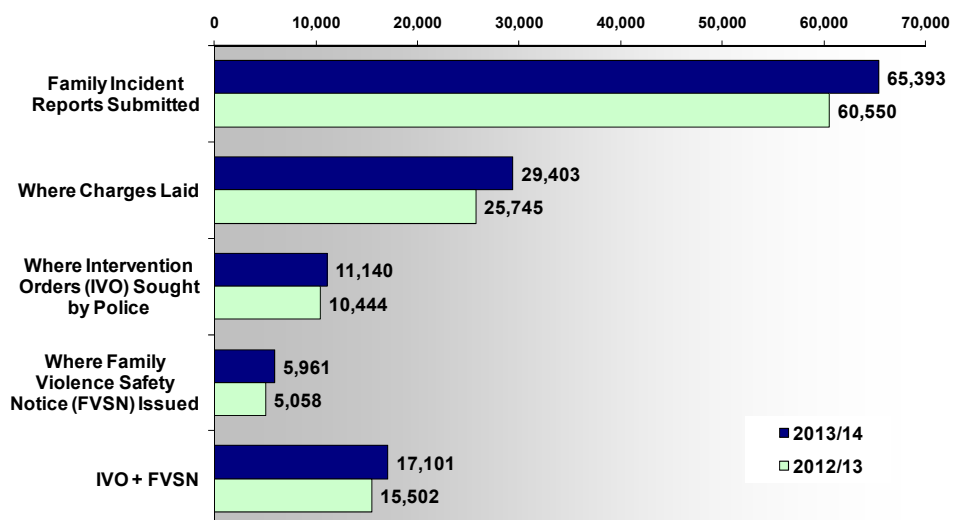
**Figure 23: Family Incidents Reports, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



Family violence safety notices (FVSNs) were introduced on 8 December 2008 under the Family Violence Protection Act 2008. According to Section 31 of the Act, an FVSN is considered to be an application for a family violence intervention order (IVO). Victoria Police keeps separate statistics on IVOs and FVSNs so that no double counting occurs; however, for an accurate picture of IVOs, the two figures have been combined. In 2013/14, police sought an IVO or issued an FVSN in 17,101 incidents, which was an increase of 10.3% from the previous financial year.

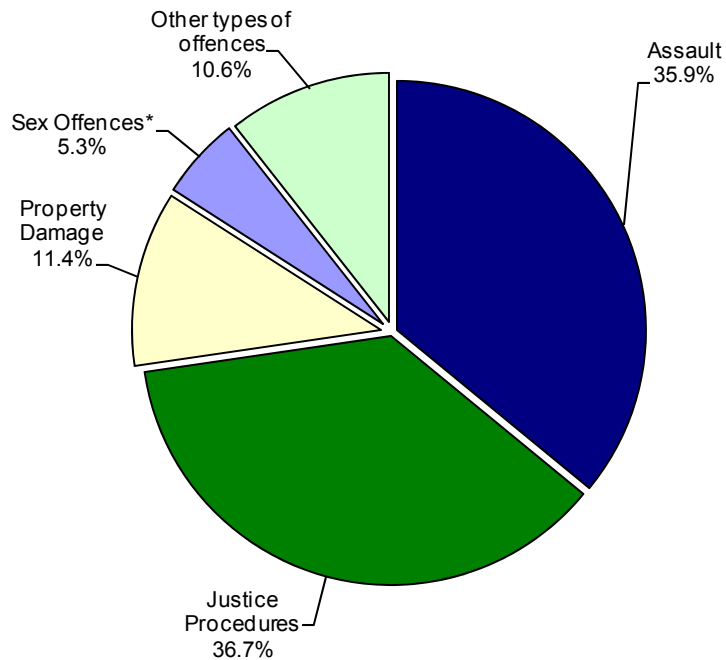
In 2013/14, there were 29,403 family incidents attended by police which resulted in charges being laid against one or more parties involved. This was a 14.2% increase from the previous year.

**Figure 24: Family Incident Reports, 2012/13 and 2013/14**



59,661 offences arose from family incident reports in 2013/14, an increase of 16.5% from 2012/13. Of all the offences arising from family incidents reported in 2013/14, 36.7% were justice procedures, followed by assaults with 35.9% and property damage on 11.4% as the most common types of offences to arise from family incidents.

**Figure 25: Offences arising from family incidents, by offence, 2013/14**



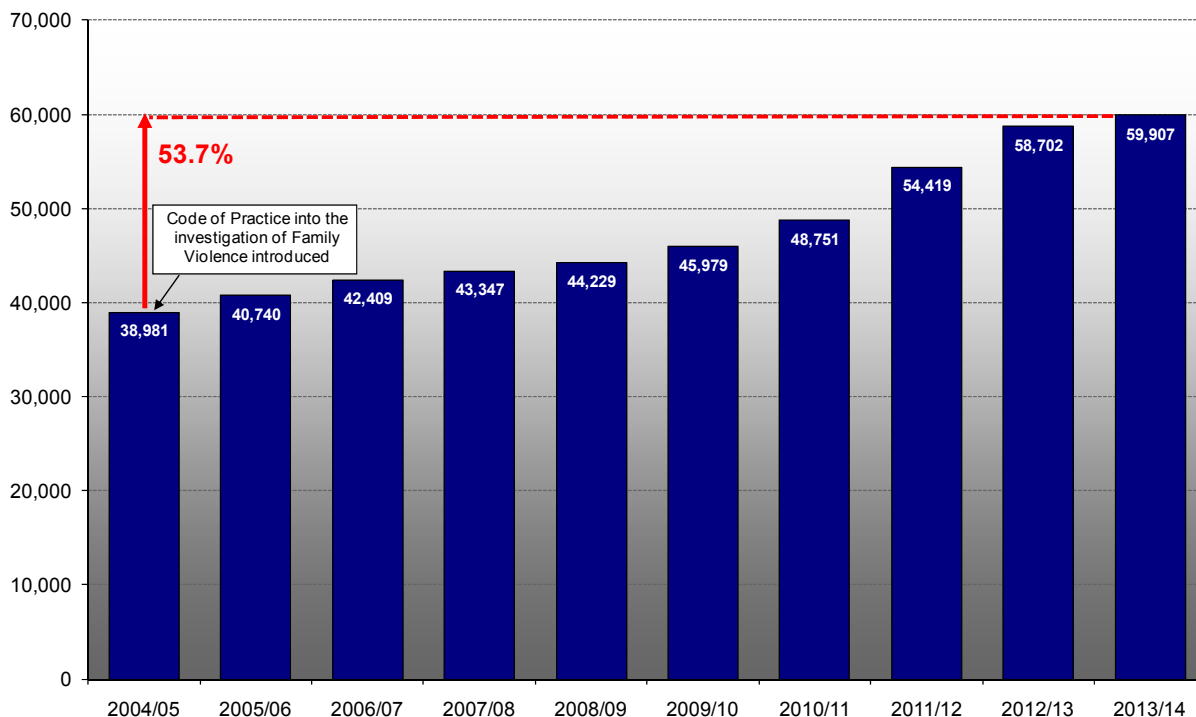
\*Sex offences include Rape and Sex (non-rape) offences.

# 4 Crime against the person

## 4.1 Overall

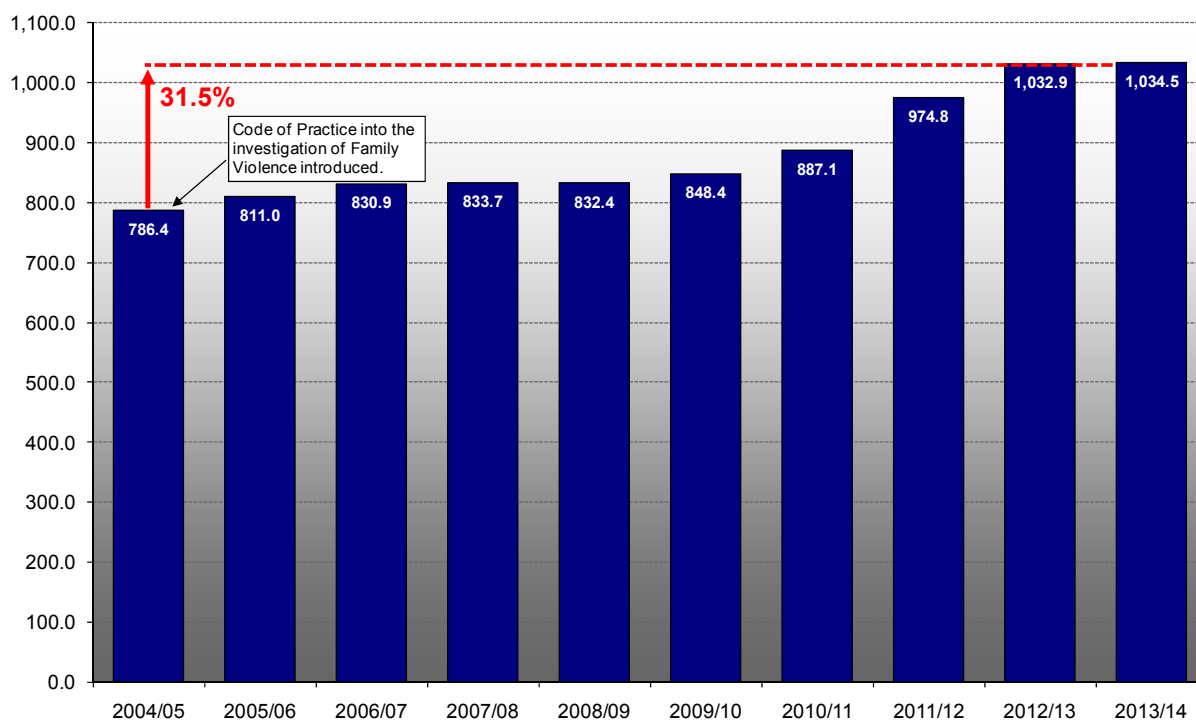
In 2013/14, there were 59,907 offences which fall into the category of crime against the person, which was an increase of 2.1% compared with 2012/13. Since 2004/05, crimes against the person offences have increased by 53.7%.

**Figure 26: Crime against the person offences, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



In 2013/14, crime against the person offences expressed as a rate per 100,000 population increased by just 0.2% compared with the rate recorded for 2012/13, and has increased by 31.5% since 2004/05.

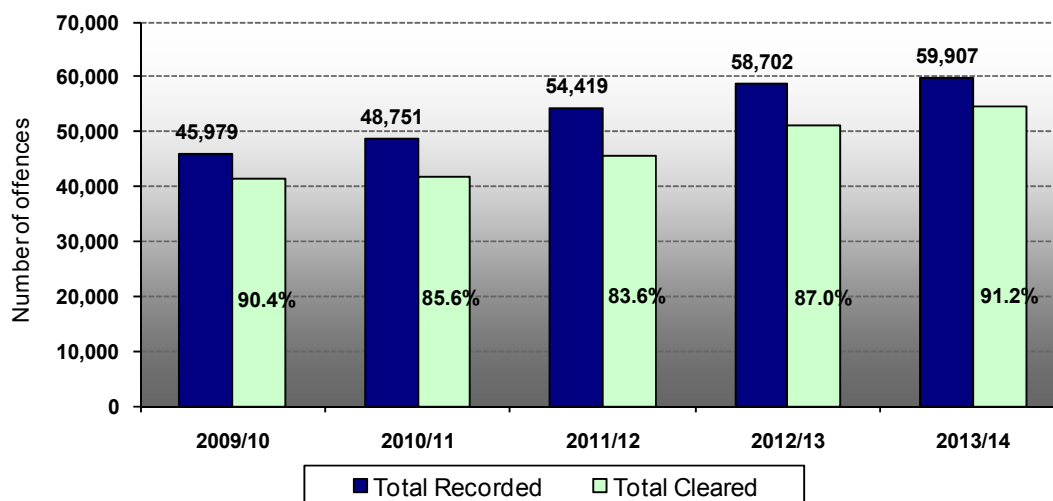
**Figure 27: Crime against the person as a rate per 100,000 population, 2004/05 to 2013/14**





This broad offence group had a total clearance rate of 91.2%, which was 4.2 percentage points higher than the clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 28: Crime against the person offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

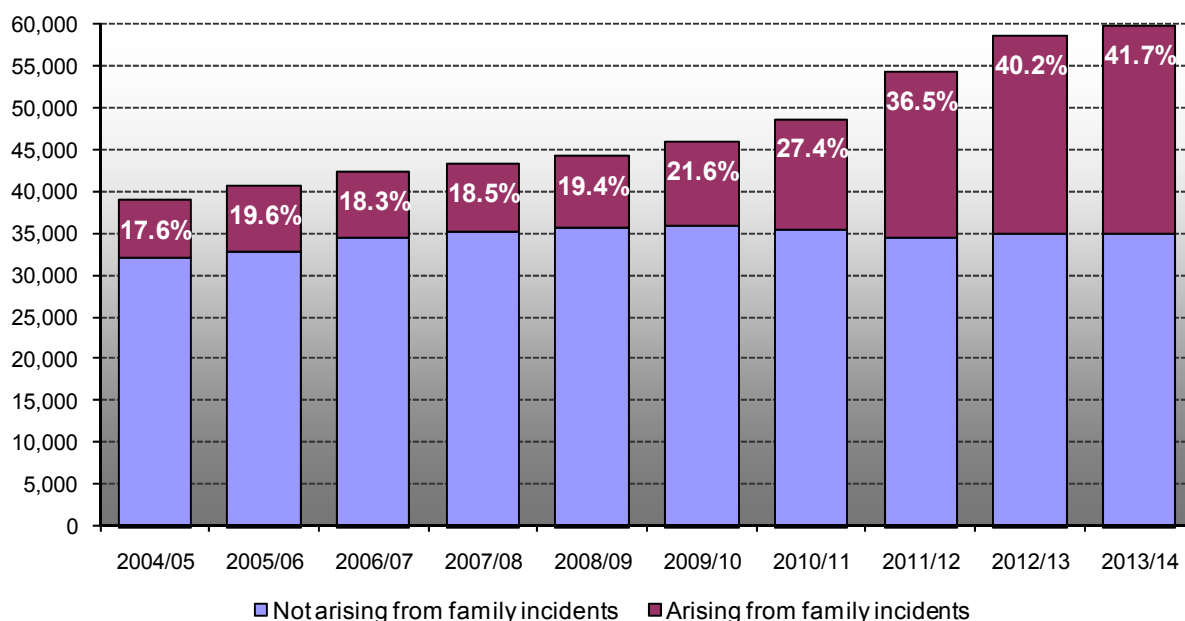


The number of crime against the person offences arising from family incidents has increased at a faster rate than non-family incident crime against the person offences. Since 2004/05, the rate per 100,000 population of family incident-related crime against the person has increased by 211.0%, while the rate of offences not arising from family incidents has decreased by 6.8%. Offences arising from family incidents accounted for over a third (41.7%) of all crime against the person offences in 2013/14.

**Figure 29: Crime against the person offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from	Rate per 100,000 Population		% change from
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
Arising from family incidents	23,613	24,960	5.7%	415.5	431.0	3.7%
Not arising from family incidents	35,089	34,947	-0.4%	617.4	603.5	-2.3%
<b>Total Crimes Against the Person offences</b>	<b>58,702</b>	<b>59,907</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1,032.9</b>	<b>1,034.5</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
% of Crimes against the person arising from family incidents	40.2%	41.7%				

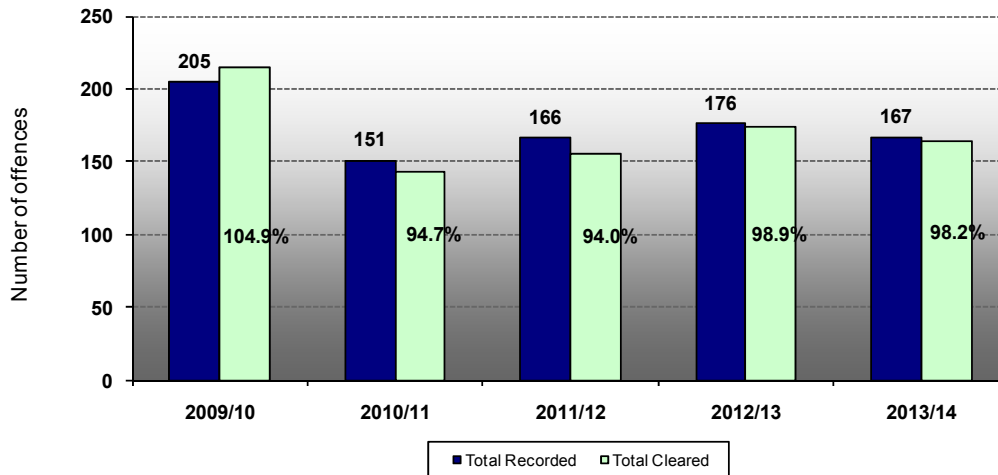
**Figure 30: Crime against the person, by whether arising from family incidents, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



## 4.2 Homicide

There were 167 homicide offences recorded in 2013/14, a decrease of 5.1% on the 176 offences recorded in 2012/13. Of the 167 homicide offences recorded during 2013/14, 119 were cleared within the financial year. An additional 45 homicide offences from previous years were also cleared, making a total clearance rate of 98.2%, which was 0.7 percentage points lower than the total clearance rate in 2012/13.

**Figure 31: Homicide offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



The most common homicide offence recorded in 2013/14 was murder, which decreased by 11.8% to 82, down from the 93 recorded murders in 2012/13. After murder, driving offences resulting in death (culpable/manner dangerous/speed) were the next largest contributor to homicide offences, comprising of 62 offences, an increased of 6.9% on the 58 offences recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 32: Homicide offences, by offence, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Accident - Fail To Assist - Death	2	1	-50.0
Accident - Fail To Stop - Death	5	3	-40.0
Murder	93	82	-11.8
Aid And Abet Suicide	2	2	0.0
Accessory After The Fact To Murder	3	6	100.0
Manslaughter	11	8	-27.3
Survivor Suicide Pact	1	0	-100.0
Accessory After The Fact To Manslaughter	1	1	0.0
Drive In Manner Dangerous Causing Death	29	36	24.1
Drive At Dangerous Speed Causing Death	5	1	-80.0
Culpable Driving Causing Death	24	25	4.2
Child Homicide (Under 6 Years)	0	2	n/a
<b>Total Homicide</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

In 2013/14, 135 (80.8%) homicide offences were substantive, and 29 (17.4%) were attempted. A further three offences were conspiracy or incitement offences.

**Figure 33: Homicide offences, by degree, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

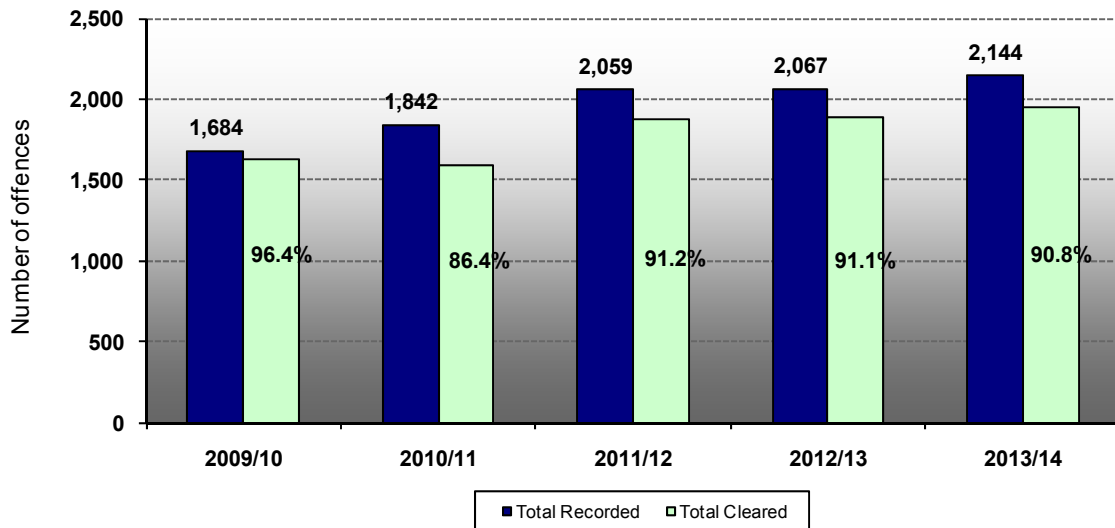
	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Substantive	137	135	-1.5
Attempted	33	29	-12.1
Conspiracy	5	1	-80.0
Incitement	1	2	100.0
<b>Total Homicide</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-5.1</b>

## 4.3 Rape

There were 2,144 rape offences recorded in 2013/14, which was an increase of 3.7% on the 2,067 offences recorded in 2012/13.

Of the rape offences recorded in 2013/14, 1,349 were cleared during the same period, as well as a further 598 rape offences from previous years. This gave a total clearance rate of 90.8%, which was 0.3 percentage points lower than the total clearance rate in 2012/13.

**Figure 34: Rape offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Rape offences recorded during 2013/14 were cleared by the processing of offenders in 686 offences, 240 offences resulted in no offence being detected, the complaint was withdrawn in 442 offences and 36 were cleared by other means.

Victoria Police recorded 1,765 rape victims<sup>1</sup> during 2013/14, an increase of 6.3% on the 1,660 recorded in 2012/13. There were 1,589 female victims (up 7.9% since 2012/13) and 167 male victims (down 7.2%). Juvenile and adult (18-59 years) victims increased by 8.4% and 4.9% respectively, while adults aged over 60 experienced the largest increase of 34.4%, however it should be noted that this group included just 43 victims this financial year (see Figure 22, page 20).

The increase in rape offences in 2013/14 is heavily influenced by the increase in family incident-related rape offences. While the number of family incident reports submitted by police rose 8.0% to 65,393 (see page 21), family incident related rape offences increased by 15.6% from 636 in 2012/13 to 735 in 2013/14. The proportion of rape offences which were family incident related was also up, going from 30.8% to 34.3%.

**Figure 35: Rape offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Arising from family incidents	636	735	15.6%
Not arising from family incidents	1,431	1,409	-1.5%
<b>Total Rape offences</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
% of Rape offences arising from family incidents	30.8%	34.3%	

<sup>1</sup> Note: the number of victims differs significantly from the number of offences recorded due to some victims reporting multiple counts of victimisation.

In 2013/14, the victim and offender(s) were related, living together, or in a relationship in 779 rape offences, an increase of 20.8% on the last financial years 645 offences. This years figure for related victim/offenders accounts for 36.3% of rape offences.

**Figure 36: Rape offences, by relationship of offender to victim, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Relationship of victim to offender	Number of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Related, living with or in a relationship with*	645	779	20.8%
Other known**	903	847	-6.2%
Not known	264	271	2.7%
Cannot be determined	255	247	-3.1%
<b>Total Rape offences</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

\* "Related, living with or in a relationship with" includes the following categories: Parent/child, Step-parent/child, Spouse, Defacto, Former spouse/defacto, Sibling, Other lineal relationship, Boyfriend/girlfriend, Co-resident, Former boyfriend/girlfriend, Gay domestic partner, Lesbian domestic partner.

\*\* "Other known" includes the following categories: Employer/employee, Acquaintance, Neighbour, Other known.

Note: The above table includes offences with multiple offenders, and as such, the sum of the categories of relationships does not equal the total number of offences recorded.

Rape offences at residential locations have increased by 0.2% since 2012/13. In 2013/14 residential locations accounted for 70.0% (1,500) of all rape offences.

**Figure 37: Rape offences, by location, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Location of Rape offence	Number of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Residential	1,497	1,500	0.2%
Non-residential	464	514	10.8%
Unknown/Unspecified	106	130	22.6%
<b>Total Rape offences</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

In 2013/14, there was an increase in the number of historical rape offences reported to police, which are defined as offences committed by an offender outside of the current financial year. For 2013/14, 59.0% of rape offences reported to LEAP this financial year were for offences committed in 2013/14, this is down from the 64.0% recorded in 2012/13 for offences committed in 2012/13. Figure 38 shows the breakdown of rape offences recorded in 2012/13 and 2013/14.

**Figure 38: Rape offences, by location, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

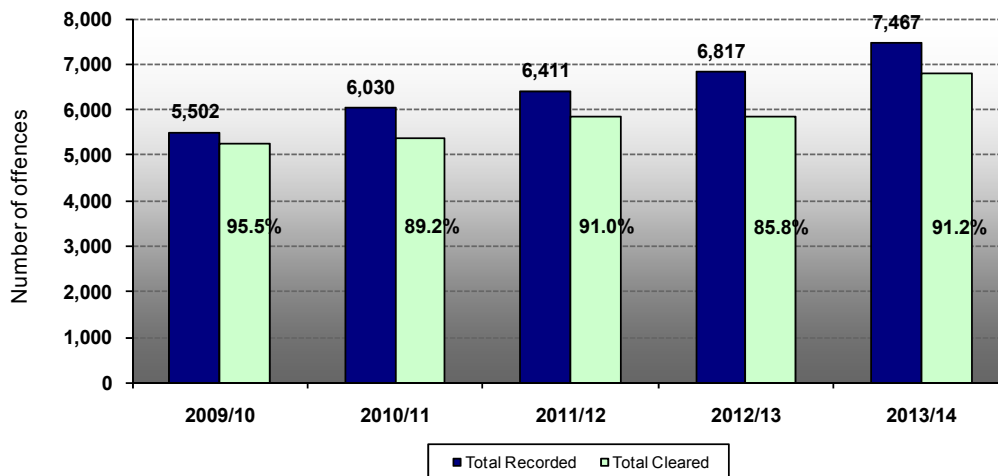
Historical rape offences	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Committed and recorded in current period	1,323	1,266	-4.3%
Committed in previous period and recorded in current year	744	878	18.0%
<b>Total Rape offences</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
% of Rape offences committed and reported in same financial year	64.0%	59.0%	

## 4.4 Sex (non-rape)

There were 7,467 sex (non-rape) offences recorded in 2013/14, an increase of 9.5% on the 6,817 offences recorded in 2012/13.

Of the 7,467 sex (non-rape) offences recorded in 2013/14, 5,001 were cleared during the same period, and an additional 1,807 offences were cleared that had been reported in previous years. This gave a total clearance rate of 91.2%, which was 5.3 percentage points higher the total clearance rate for 2012/13.

**Figure 39: Sex (non-rape) offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Both family violence related and non-family violence related sex (non-rape) offences increased in 2013/14, with non-family violence related offences being the primary driver, up 13.5% with 5,023 offences compared to 4,425 offences in 2012/13.

**Figure 40: Sex (non-rape) offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
Arising from family incidents	2,392	2,444	2.2%
Not arising from family incidents	4,425	5,023	13.5%
<b>Total Sex (non-rape) offences</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
% of Sex (non-rape) offences arising from family incidents	35.1%	32.7%	

As shown in Figure 11 (page 14), the most common location that sex (non-rape) offences occurred was residential locations, with 4,080 offences (54.6% of sex (non-rape) offences), followed by street/lane/footpath locations with 659 offences (8.8% of offences). In 2013/14, the majority (54.6%) of Sex (non-rape) offences occurred at residential locations (Figure 41).

**Figure 41: Sex (non-rape) offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Location of Sex (non-rape) offence	Number of offences recorded		% change from
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
Residential	3,981	4,080	2.5%
Non-residential	2,284	2,691	17.8%
Unknown/Unspecified	552	696	26.1%
<b>Total Sex (non-rape) offences</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>9.5%</b>

The number of victims<sup>1</sup> of sex (non-rape) offences recorded during 2013/14 was 4,614, an increase of 4.0% from the 4,436 victims recorded in 2012/13.

<sup>1</sup> As with rape offences, the number of victims differs significantly from the number of offences recorded due to some victims reporting multiple counts of victimisation.

Female victims increased by 3.4% in 2013/14 to 3,653, and accounted for 79.2% of victims of sex (non-rape). Male victims increased by 8.0% to 947. All age groups showed an increase in 2013/14, with Juveniles up 3.0%, Adults (18-59) up 5.5%. Adults (60+) increased 49.0%, however this age group accounted for just 76 victims in 2013/14.

**Figure 42: Sex (non-rape) offences, by location, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Historical sex (non-rape) offences	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Committed and recorded in current period	3,389	3,441	1.5%
Committed in previous period and recorded in current year	3,428	4,026	17.4%
<b>Total Sex (non-rape) offences</b>	<b>6,817</b>	<b>7,467</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
% of sex offences committed and reported in same financial year	49.7%	46.1%	

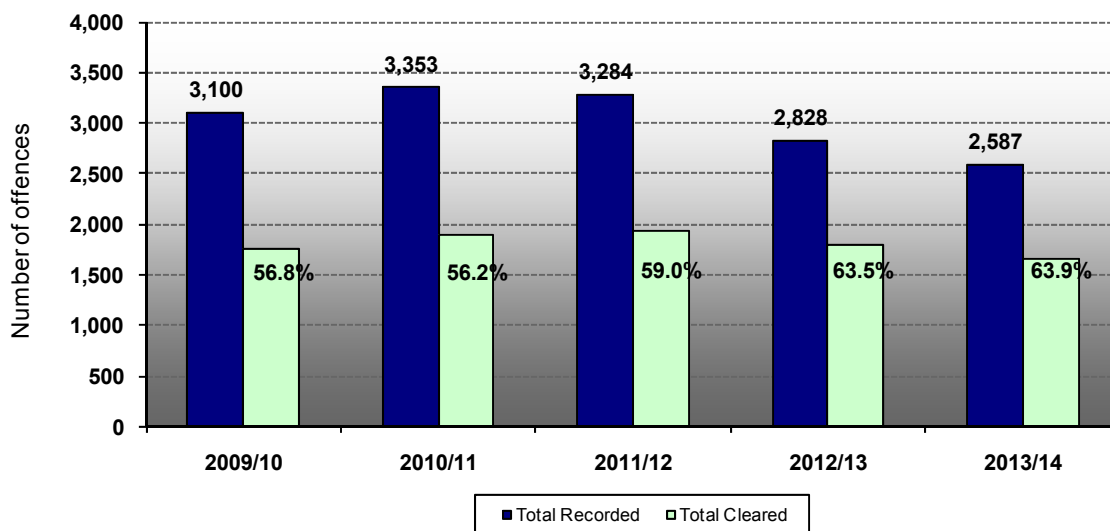
As shown in Figure 42, in 2013/14 there was an increase of 17.4% in historical sex (non-rape) offences, and just a 1.5% increase for sex (non-rape) offences committed in 2013/14.

## 4.5 Robbery

Robbery offences recorded in 2013/14 continued the reduction seen in 2011/12 & 2012/13, this time decreasing by a further 8.5%, with total robberies going from 2,828 down to 2,587 this year. Similarly, the rate per 100,000 population decreased by 10.2%.

Of all the robbery offences recorded in 2013/14, 1,285 were cleared during the same period, and an additional 369 offences were cleared that had been reported in previous years. This gave a total clearance rate of 63.9%, which was 0.4 percentage points greater than recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 43: Robbery offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Armed robberies accounted for 1,254 (48.5%) of all robberies in 2013/14, a decrease of 13.3% compared with 2012/13. The number of unarmed robberies recorded during 2013/14 was 1,333, a decrease of 3.5% from 1,382 unarmed robberies recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 44: Robbery offences, by offence and degree, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	2012/13				2013/14				% Change
	Substantive	Attempted	Conspiracy	Total	Substantive	Attempted	Conspiracy	Total	
Armed Robbery	1,160	278	8	1,446	960	292	2	1,254	-13.3%
Accessory To Robbery	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
Robbery	1,103	251	0	1,354	1,059	252	0	1,311	-3.2%
Assault With Intent To Rob	25	1	0	26	21	1	0	22	-15.4%
<b>Robbery Total</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,587</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>

The main locations for robberies occurring are on street/lane/footpaths. Robberies at these locations accounted for 42.4% (1,096) of all robberies in 2013/14. Retail/financial locations accounted for 23.1% (598) of robbery offences in 2013/14, while 7.5% (193) robberies occurred at public transport locations.

Victims of robbery decreased by 8.4% overall, with males decreasing by 10.2%. All age groups decreased except for females adults (18-59) which was up slightly by 0.9%, and male adult (18-59) victims decreased by 10.9%.

In 2013/14, knives were used/threatened/displayed during 493 robberies, a decrease of 4.1% in comparison to 2012/13. Knives were the most commonly used weapon and accounted for 52.4% of all weapons involved in robberies. There was a 42.0% decrease in firearms involved in robberies (including imitation firearms), from 174 in 2012/13 to 101 in 2013/14. 10.7% of all weapons used/threatened/displayed during robberies were firearms.

**Figure 45: Type of weapon used/threatened/displayed in robbery offences, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Type of Weapon	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Rifle	20	8	-60.0
Air Rifle/Gun	2	0	-100.0
Shotgun	32	18	-43.8
Handgun	89	53	-40.4
Sawnoff Firearm	16	4	-75.0
Imitation Firearm	6	9	50.0
Other Firearm	9	9	0.0
Knife	514	493	-4.1
Axe/Tomahawk	16	17	6.3
Bat/Bar/Club	80	64	-20.0
Knuckleduster/Numchuks	2	4	100.0
Vehicle	2	5	150.0
Syringe	28	36	28.6
Other Weapon	142	108	-23.9
Other Edged Weapon	75	54	-28.0
Laser Pointer	0	1	n/a
Explosive Device	3	6	100.0
Aerosol Spray	6	1	-83.3
Unknown Weapon	23	22	-4.3
Bottle	23	24	4.3
Glass	5	5	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>-13.9</b>

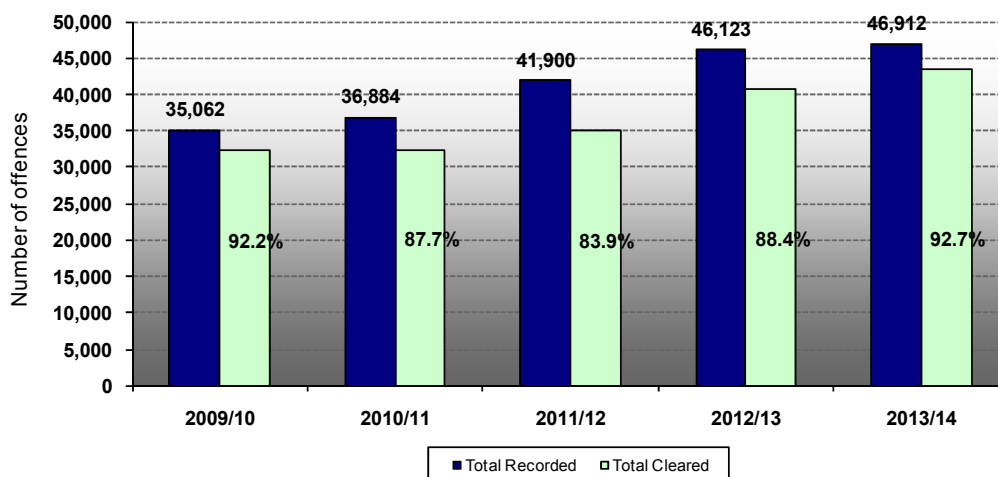
Note: Multiple weapons can be used in robberies, or multiple victims can be recorded for the same robbery. Therefore, the number of armed robbery offences recorded does not match the number of weapons recorded.

## 4.6 Assault

The number of recorded assaults in 2013/14 (46,912) was 1.7% higher than the number recorded in 2012/13 (46,123).

Of the assault offences recorded during 2013/14, 33,385 were cleared during the same period, and an additional 10,110 offences were cleared which were recorded in previous years. This gave a total clearance rate of 92.7%, which was 4.4 percentage points greater than 2012/13.

**Figure 46: Assault offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



In 2013/14, 40,053 offenders were processed for assault offences, up 5.0% from 2012/13. The majority (87.3%) of these offenders were adults, with this age group showing a 6.0% increase in offenders processed over 2012/13 figures.

Juvenile victims decreased 2.0% since 2012/13, while adult victims aged between 18 and 59 increased by 1.9%. There was also a 5.7% increase in victims aged over 60. Female victims of assault increased by 4.2%, whereas male victims decreased by 1.0%.

Assaults at residential locations accounted for 51.5% of all assaults in 2013/14. Assaults at these locations have increased by 2.6% since 2012/13. After residential locations, the most common location type where assaults occurred was a street/lane/footpath (20.3%). Assaults at these locations have decreased 3.9% since 2012/13. During 2013/14 there were 1,221 assaults occurring at licensed premises, 16.1% fewer than in 2012/13.

Assaults at public transport locations accounted for 3.0% (1,421) of all assaults in 2013/14, and increased by 8.3% overall. Within this location type, assaults on trains decreased by 0.8%, assaults at railway station carparks decreased 47.1%. There was an increase in assaults at train stations, up 6.1%, and bus/bus stop assaults increased 46.3% to 278 from 190 in 2012/13.

**Figure 47: Assault offences in public transport locations, by location, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Type of public transport location	Number of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Train	126	125	-0.8
Train Station	798	847	6.1
Railway Carpark	34	18	-47.1
Tram/Tram Stop	89	93	4.5
Bus/Bus Stop	190	278	46.3
Depot/Terminal	15	9	-40.0
Taxi	60	51	-15.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>1421</b>	<b>8.3</b>

The number of weapons used/threatened/displayed during assaults decreased by 2.8% to 4,607 in comparison to 2012/13. Knives were the most commonly used weapon and accounted for 1,290 (28.0%) of all weapons used/threatened/displayed during assaults, an increase of 6.1% on 2012/13. 356 firearms (including imitation firearms) were involved in assaults in 2013/14. The use/threat/display of firearms in assaults decreased 2.7% in 2013/14.



**Figure 48: Type of weapon used/threatened/displayed in assaults, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

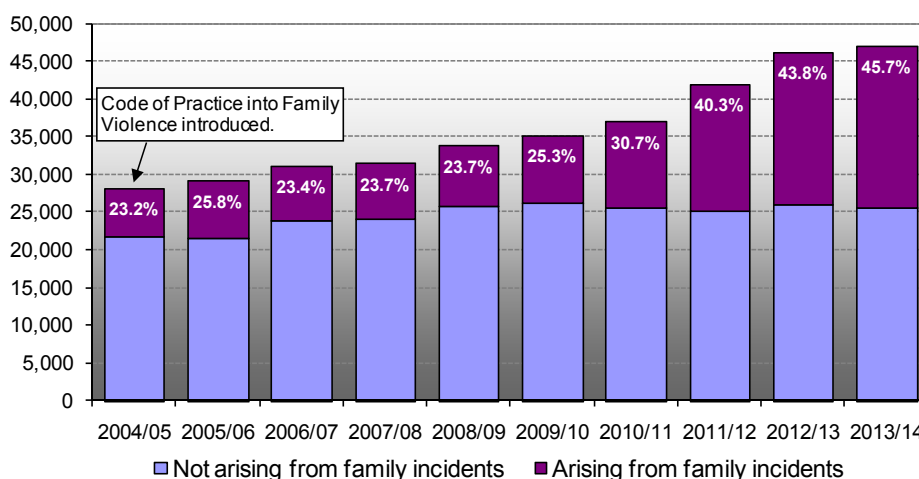
Type of Weapon	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Rifle	49	48	-2.0
Air Rifle/Gun	14	11	-21.4
Shotgun	81	88	8.6
Handgun	108	127	17.6
Machine Gun	0	3	n/a
Sawnoff Firearm	15	28	86.7
Imitation Firearm	29	17	-41.4
Other Firearm	70	34	-51.4
Knife	1,216	1,290	6.1
Axe/Tomahawk	84	62	-26.2
Bat/Bar/Club	532	456	-14.3
Knuckleduster/Numchuks	17	17	0.0
Bottle/Glass	461	339	-26.5
Vehicle	364	412	13.2
Syringe	41	30	-26.8
Other Weapon	1,236	1,228	-0.6
Other Edged Weapon	229	257	12.2
Laser Pointer	2	8	300.0
Explosive Device	16	23	43.8
Aerosol Spray	26	27	3.8
Unknown Weapon	151	102	-32.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>-2.8</b>

Note: Multiple weapons can be recorded in assaults.

## Family Incident-Related Assaults

Prior to 31 August 2004, approximately 15% of assaults were family incident-related. Since the introduction of the *Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence*, launched on 31 August 2004, this figure has risen steadily, and in 2013/14, family incident-related assaults accounted for 45.7% of all assaults. The Code of Practice was a program designed to improve police responses to family violence incidents and encourage community confidence to report these offences to police.

**Figure 49: Assault offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



Family incident-related assaults increased by 6.2% in 2013/14 whereas non-family related assaults were down 1.8%. In terms of a rate per 100,000 population, family violence related assaults rose by 4.2% (370.4), compared to non-family violence-related assaults which decreased by 3.6% (439.7).

**Figure 50: Assault offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

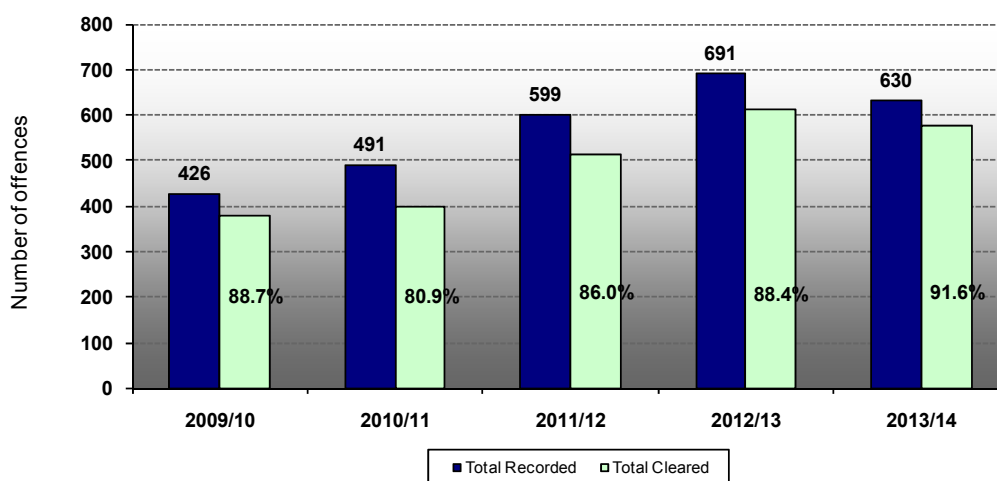
	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13	Rate per 100,000 Population		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14		2012/13	2013/14	
Arising from family incidents	20,196	21,447	6.2%	355.4	370.4	4.2%
Not arising from family incidents	25,927	25,465	-1.8%	456.2	439.7	-3.6%
<b>Total Assaults</b>	<b>46,123</b>	<b>46,912</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>811.6</b>	<b>810.1</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
% of assaults arising from family incidents	43.8%	45.7%				

## 4.7 Abduction/kidnap

There were 630 abduction/kidnap offences recorded in 2013/14, a decrease of 8.8% on the 691 offences recorded in 2012/13.

Of the 630 abduction/kidnap offences recorded during 2013/14, 493 were cleared during the same period, and an additional 84 offences were cleared which were recorded in previous years. This gave a total clearance rate of 91.6%, which was 3.2 percentage points higher than in 2012/13.

**Figure 51: Abduction/kidnap offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



As shown in Figure 52, the most common abduction/kidnap offence was false imprisonment, with 469 offences recorded in 2013/14, a small decrease of 4.5% from 2012/13, and accounting for 74.4% of all abduction/kidnap category offences.

**Figure 52: Abduction/kidnaps, by offence, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Abduction-Act Of Sex Pen	38	36	-5.3
Abduction-Act Of Sex Pen With Another	3	2	-33.3
Abduct Child Under 16 To Sex. Penetrate	4	2	-50.0
Child Stealing	24	17	-29.2
Kidnap	56	48	-14.3
Kidnapping (Common Law)	47	38	-19.1
Child Stealing With Intent	6	0	-100.0
Child Stealing	15	12	-20.0
Forcefully Take Away/Detain -Carnal Know	1	0	-100.0
Stole/Unlaw Carry Away Against Ones Will	1	0	-100.0
Abduct/Detain For Sexual Penetration	3	6	100.0
Abduct/Detain For Sexual Penetration	2	0	-100.0
False Imprisonment (Common Law)	491	469	-4.5
<b>Total Abduction/Kidnap</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>-8.8</b>

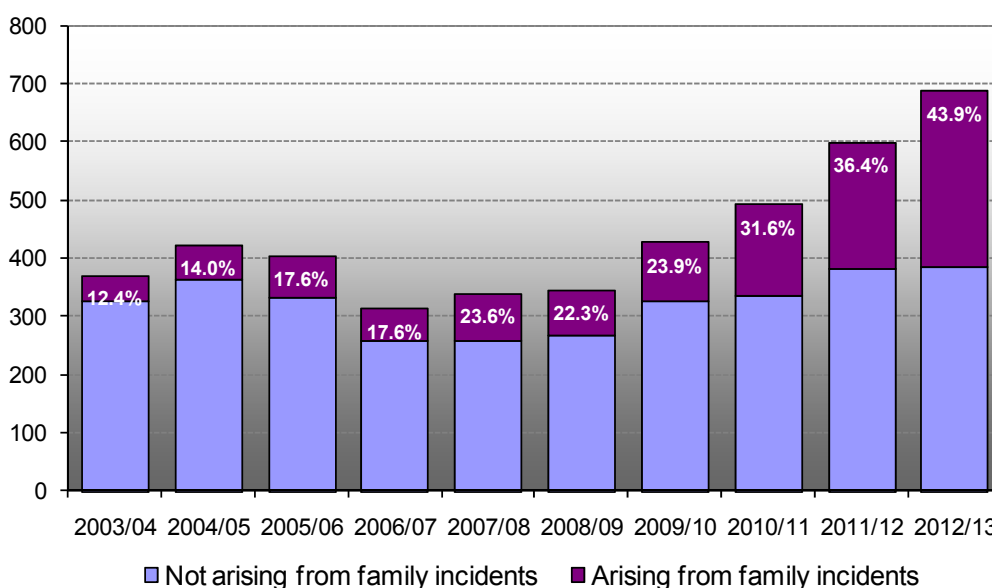
Since 2004/05, there has been a steady rise in abduction/kidnap offences. Overall the total number of offences in the category has risen 49.3%, however family incident related abduction/kidnap offences have increased 345.8%.

In 2013/14, 41.7% of abduction/kidnap offences were attributable to family incidents, down from the 44.3% recorded in 2012/13. In 2004/05, family related abduction/kidnap offences represented just 14.0%.

#### Abduction/kidnap offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Arising from family incidents	306	263	-14.1%
Not arising from family incidents	385	367	-4.7%
<b>Total Abduction/Kidnap</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
% of abduction/kidnap offences arising from family incidents	44.3%	41.7%	

#### Abduction/kidnap offences, by whether arising from family incidents, 2004/05 to 2013/14

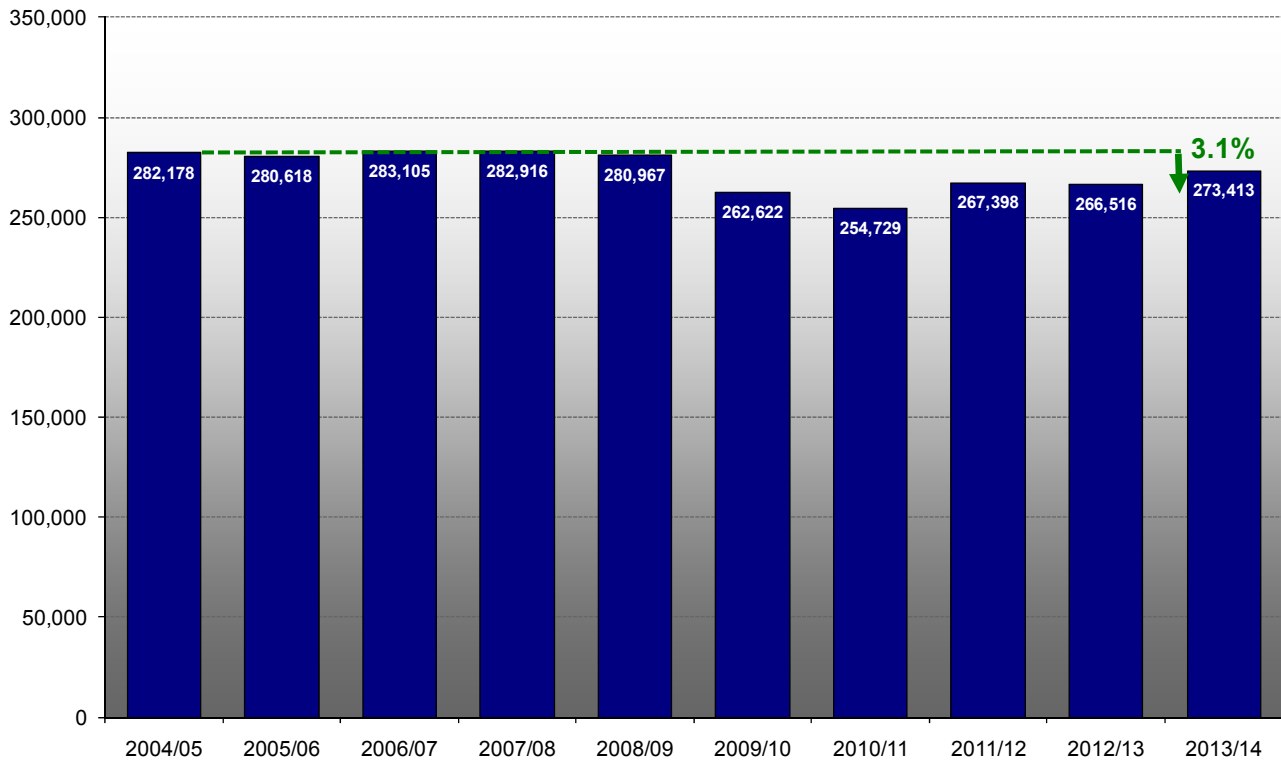


# 5 Crime against property

## 5.1 Overall

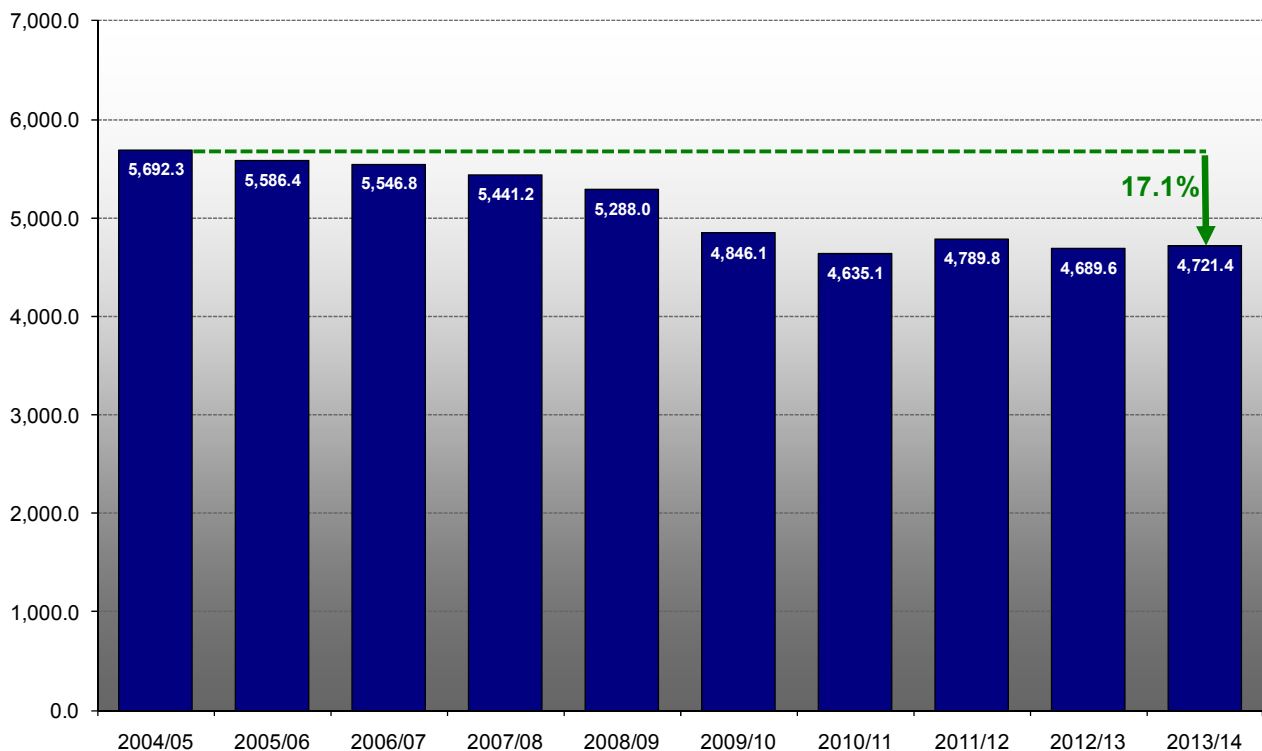
In 2013/14 there were 273,413 offences against property, an increase of 2.6% compared with 2012/13. Since 2004/05, crimes against property offences have decreased 3.1%.

**Figure 53: Crime against property offences, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



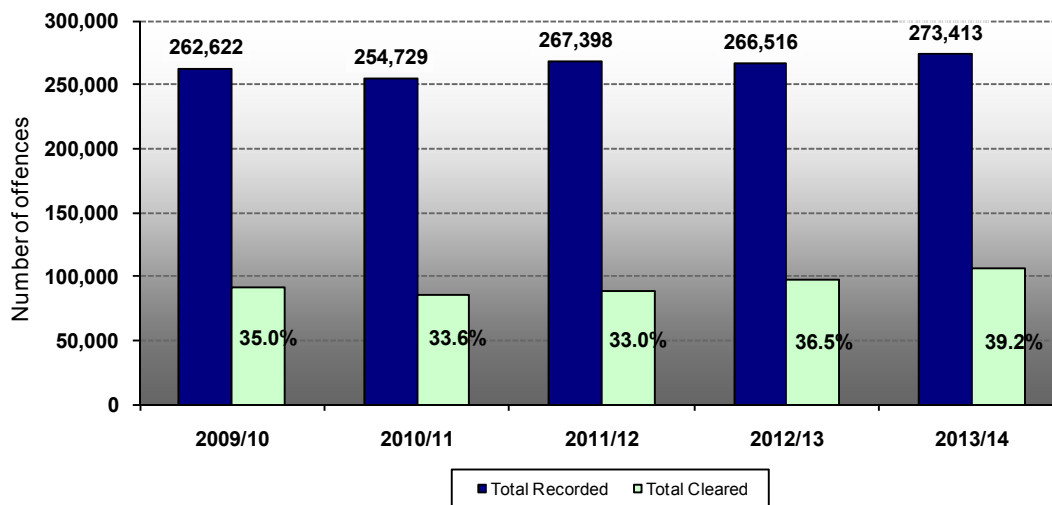
As a rate per 100,000 population, crimes against property increased 0.7% in 2013/14, and since 2004/05 has decreased 17.1%.

**Figure 54: Crime against property as a rate per 100,000 population, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



Of the 273,413 crime against property offences recorded in 2013/14, 87,185 were cleared and a further 19,987 offences from previous years were also cleared. This gives a total clearance rate of 39.2%, which is a 2.7% improvement on clearance figures recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 55: Crime against property, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

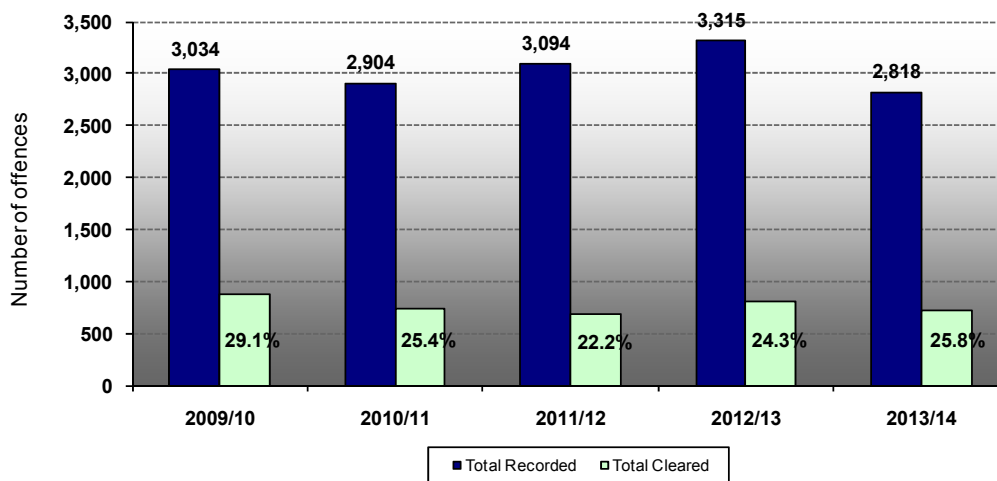


## 5.2 Arson

There were 2,818 arson offences recorded during 2013/14, a decrease 15.0% from the 3,315 arsons recorded in 2012/13.

Of the 2,818 offences recorded in 2013/14, 549 were cleared in 2013/14 and a further 179 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14, giving a total clearance rate of 25.8% - an increase of 1.5% on 2012/13.

**Figure 56: Arson offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



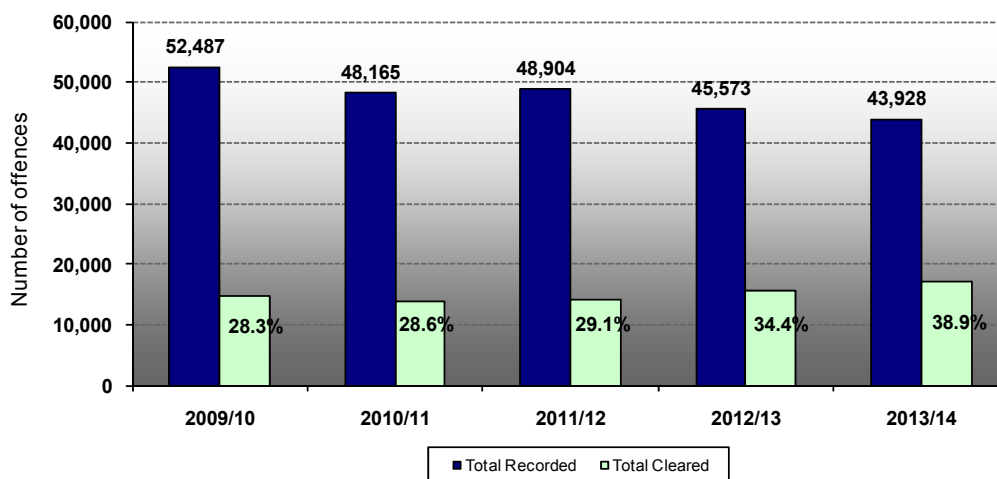
The most common location type for arson offences to occur was at residential locations (30.0% of offences), followed by open spaces (22.3%) and street/lane/footpath (18.6%).

## 5.3 Property damage

In 2013/14, there were 43,928 offences of property damage recorded by Victoria Police, a decrease of 3.6% on the 45,573 offences recorded during 2012/13.

Of the property damage offences recorded during 2013/14, 13,434 were cleared in the same year, and a further 3,675 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 38.9% - an increase of 4.6 percentage points compared to 2012/13.

**Figure 57: Property damage offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



During 2013/14 there was a 1.5% increase in the number of graffiti<sup>1</sup> offences recorded. Offences involving graffiti constituted 15.3% of the total property damage offences in 2013/14, 0.8 percentage points higher than in 2012/13.

**Figure 58: Graffiti offences, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded					% change from 2012/13
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	
Graffiti Offences	6,921	6,828	7,413	6,627	6,724	1.5%
<b>Total Property Damage Offences</b>	<b>52,487</b>	<b>48,165</b>	<b>48,904</b>	<b>45,573</b>	<b>43,928</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
% of property damage offences that involve graffiti	13.2%	14.2%	15.2%	14.5%	15.3%	

### Family incident-related property damage

Property damage offences arising from family incidents have increased by 9.4% since 2012/13, whereas the offences not arising from family incidents have decreased, down 5.7% in the same period.

**Figure 59: Property damage, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13	Rate per 100,000 Population		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14		2012/13	2013/14	
Arising from family incidents	6,204	6,787	9.4%	109.2	117.2	7.4%
Not arising from family incidents	39,369	37,141	-5.7%	692.7	641.4	-7.4%
<b>Total property damage</b>	<b>45,573</b>	<b>43,928</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>801.9</b>	<b>758.6</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>
% of property damage arising from family incidents	13.6%	15.5%				

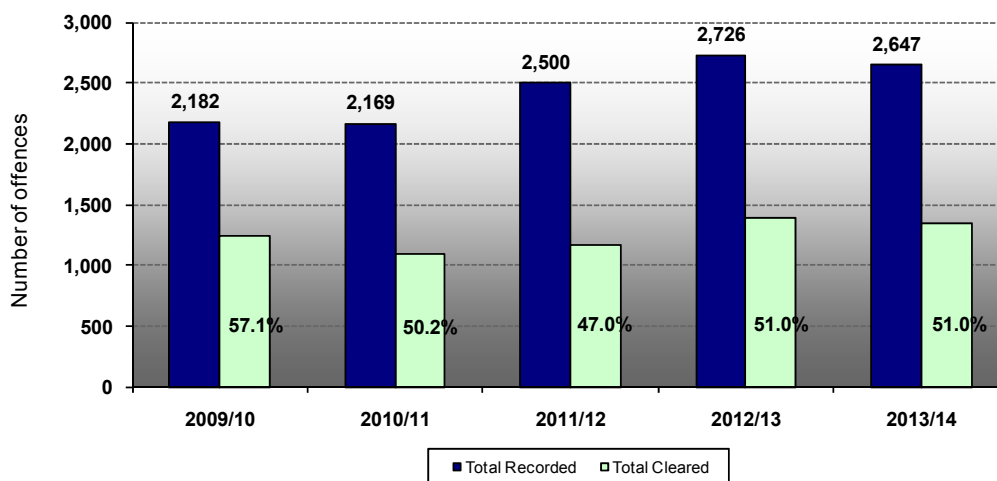
In 2004/05, 4.5% of property damage offences were family incident-related, however as of 2013/14 the proportion 15.5%.

<sup>1</sup> Graffiti involves Property Damage offences where either graffiti damage is recorded or the word "Graffiti" is found in the incident remark.

## 5.4 Burglary (aggravated)

The number of aggravated burglaries recorded decreased 2.9%, from 2,726 in 2012/13 to 2,647 in 2013/14. Of these offences, 1,131 were cleared in the same year, and a further 218 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 51.0%, which is approximately the same as the total clearance rate of 2012/13.

**Figure 60: Aggravated burglary offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



The number of aggravated burglary offences involving a weapon or injuries decreased slightly by 2.7% between 2012/13 and 2013/14. Just as in 2012/13, these offences accounted for 24.1% of aggravated burglaries in 2013/14. Aggravated burglaries without the presence of weapons or injuries also decreased by 2.9%.

The proportion of offences involving weapons or injuries where the alleged offender was known to the victim decreased by 4.4% to 283 offences in 2013/14 and accounted for 44.3% of all offences involving weapons or injuries, whereas previously in 2012/13 it was 45.1%.

**Figure 61: Aggravated burglary offences, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Related, living with or in a relationship with*	113	106	-6.2%
Other known**	183	177	-3.3%
Not known	132	128	-3.0%
Cannot be determined	229	228	-0.4%
<b>Offences involving weapons or injuries</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
Related, living with or in a relationship with*	117	128	9.4%
Other known**	155	132	-14.8%
Not known	327	339	3.7%
Cannot be determined	1,470	1,409	-4.1%
<b>Offences not involving weapons or injuries</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
Related, living with or in a relationship with*	230	234	1.7%
Other known**	338	309	-8.6%
Not known	459	467	1.7%
Cannot be determined	1,699	1,637	-3.6%
<b>Total Aggravated Burglary Offences</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>
% of aggravated burglary offences that involved weapons or injuries	24.1%	24.1%	

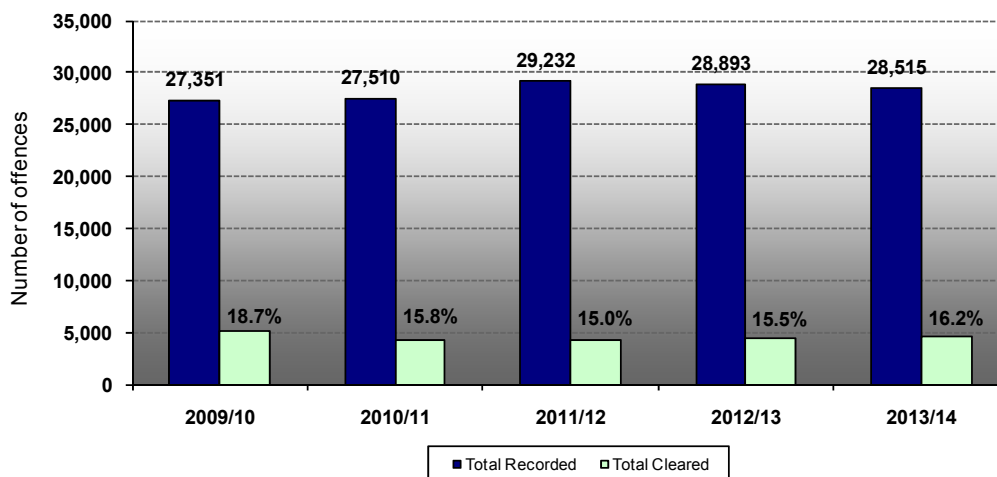
\* "Related, living with or in a relationship with" includes the following categories: Parent/child, Step-parent/child, Spouse, Defacto, Former spouse/defacto, Sibling, Other lineal relationship, Boyfriend/girlfriend, Co-resident, Former boyfriend/girlfriend, Gay domestic partner, Lesbian domestic partner.

\*\* "Other known" includes the following categories: Employer/employee, Acquaintance, Neighbour, Other known.

## 5.5 Burglary (residential)

The number of residential burglaries recorded decreased 1.3%, from 28,893 in 2012/13 to 28,515 in 2013/14. Of these offences, 3,509 were cleared in the same year, and a further 1,116 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 16.2%, a 0.7 percentage point improvement on the 2012/13 clearance figures.

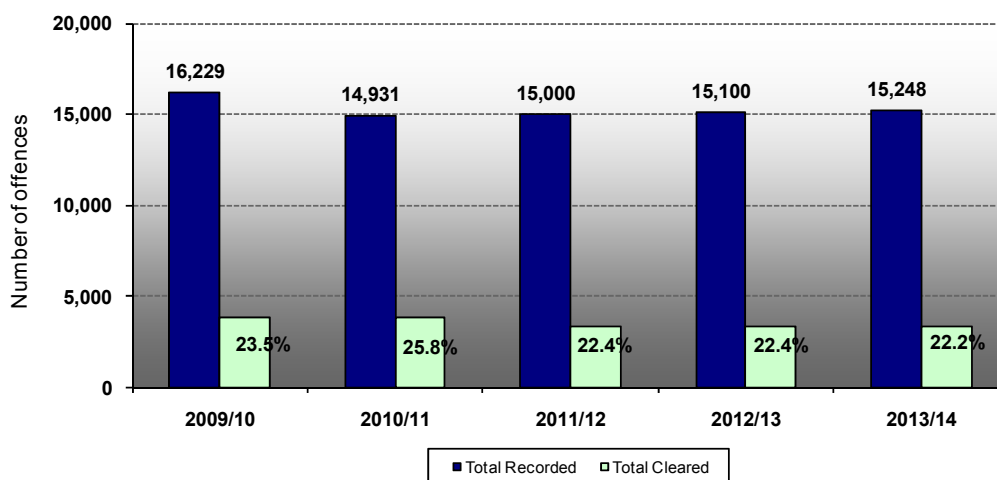
Figure 62: Residential burglaries offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14



## 5.6 Burglary (other)

There were 15,248 non-residential burglaries recorded in 2013/14, a small increase of 1.0% from 2012/13. Of these offences, 2,649 were cleared in the same year, and a further 743 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14, giving a total clearance rate of 22.2%, down slightly (0.2 percentage points) on 2012/13 total clearance figures.

Figure 63: Other burglary offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14



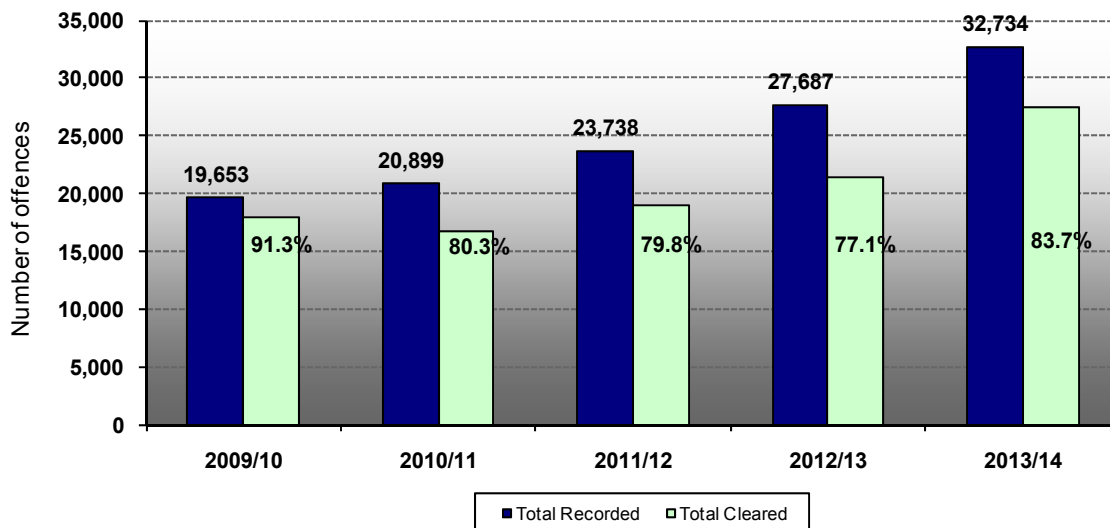


## 5.7 Deception

There were 32,734 deception offences recorded during 2013/14, an increase of 18.2% on the 27,687 offences recorded in 2012/13.

Of deception offences recorded in 2013/14, 22,535 were cleared in the same period, and a further 4,877 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2012/13. This gives a total clearance rate of 83.7, a sizable increase of 6.6 percentage points on 2012/13 total clearance statistics.

**Figure 64: Deception offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Deception offences involving credit cards rose substantially in 2013/14, with 5,358 Deception offences recorded, up 27.6% on 2012/13. ATM/efpos related fraud was up 24.3%, and credit card skimming was up 87.1%.

**Figure 65: Top 10 types of fraud involved in Deception offences, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Type of Fraud	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Credit Card Involved	4,198	5,358	27.6%
Computer Used	3,298	2,434	-26.2%
False Documents	4,757	2,422	-49.1%
Atm/Efpos Used	1,505	1,870	24.3%
Employee Involved	2,389	1,333	-44.2%
Identity Related Fraud	1,202	1,300	8.2%
False Invoicing	2,582	1,024	-60.3%
Cheque Involved	665	823	23.8%
Fraudulent Loan	281	283	0.7%
Credit Card Skimming	85	159	87.1%

Note: Multiple methods of fraud can be used in deception offences. Therefore, the number of deception offences involving specified types of fraud will not match the total number of deception offences recorded.

In 2013/14, the majority of Deception offences (52.8%) were committed at Retail/Financial locations, an increase of 42.6% on 2012/13.

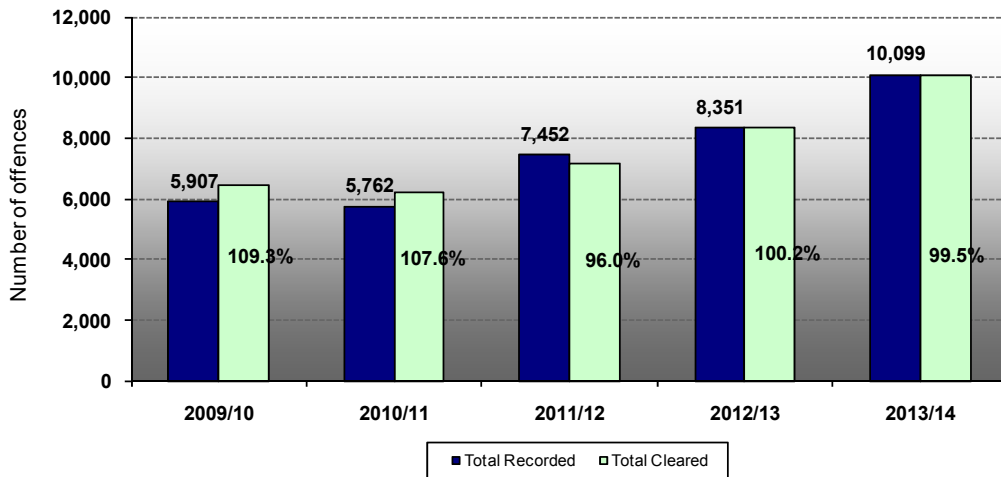
**Figure 66: Location where Deception offence committed, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Location	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Retail / Financial	12,128	17,296	42.6%
Other	9,535	9,994	4.8%
Residential	3,304	2,622	-20.6%
Street / Lane / Footpath	1,378	1,552	12.6%
Educ. / Health / Religious	254	326	28.3%
Licensed Premises	315	282	-10.5%
Public Transport	153	217	41.8%
Sports / Recreation Facilities	258	182	-29.5%
Other Transport	174	174	0.0%
Other Community	140	56	-60.0%
Open Space	48	33	-31.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,687</b>	<b>32,734</b>	<b>18.2%</b>

## 5.8 Handle stolen goods

There were 10,099 handle stolen goods offences recorded during 2013/14, 20.9% more than in 2012/13 which had 8,351. Of these offences, 9,541 were cleared in the same period, and a further 510 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 99.5%, down 0.7 percentage points when compared to 2012/13.

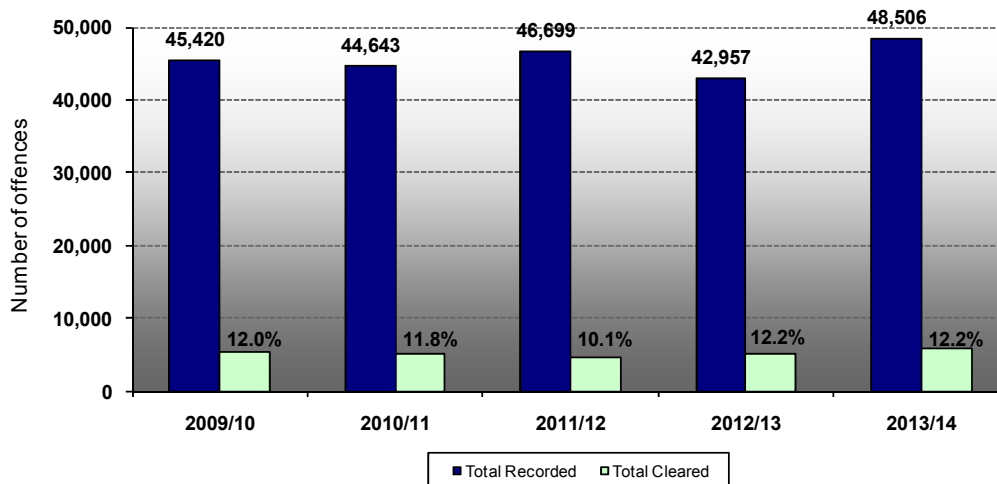
**Figure 67: Handle stolen goods offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



## 5.9 Theft from motor vehicle

In 2013/14, 48,506 theft from motor vehicle offences were recorded, 12.9% more than 2012/13 which had 42,957. Of these offences, 4,666 were cleared in the same period and a further 1,229 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 12.2%, a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from 2012/13.

**Figure 68: Theft from motor vehicles, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



The most common location type where thefts from motor vehicles occurred was residential locations, which had 18,941 offences in 2013/14, up 15.5% on 2012/13. Street/lane/footpath locations also showed a large increase, up 11.1% to 12,664 offences.

Number plates were the most commonly stolen item from motor vehicles in 2013/14, up 20.3% to 12,537 offences. Valuables such as cash and handbags were up substantially, by 16.4% and 21.6% respectively. Mobile phone theft decreased by 15.7% in 2013/14.

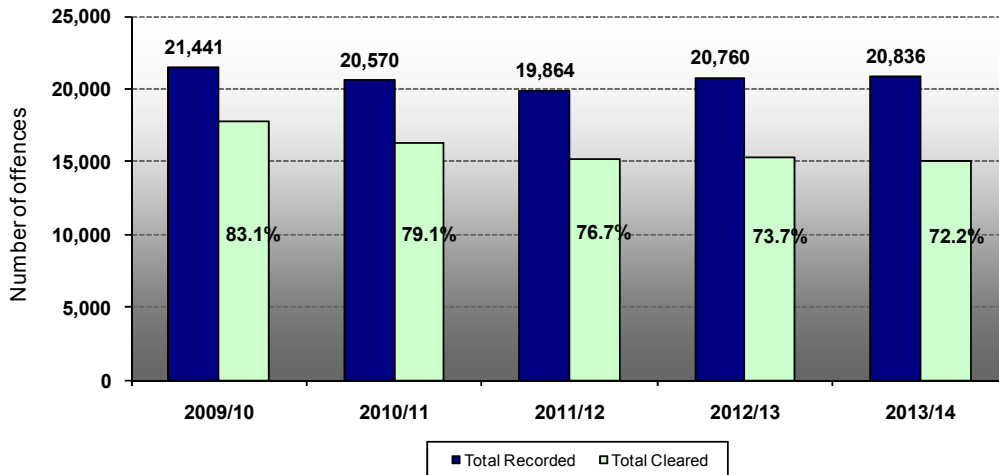
**Figure 69: Most common types of property stolen during theft from motor vehicle offences, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Rank	Property Type	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
		2012/13	2013/14	
1	Number plates	10,418	12,537	20.3
2	Cash / money related	8,133	9,464	16.4
3	Wallet / purse	5,240	5,856	11.8
4	Tools / powertool	4,185	4,538	8.4
5	Computer / laptop / notebook	3,629	3,751	3.4
6	Handbag / bag	2,285	2,778	21.6
7	GPS receiver / navigation unit	2,482	2,619	5.5
8	Sunglasses	2,212	2,201	-0.5
9	Mobile phone	2,452	2,067	-15.7
10	Drivers Licence	1,813	1,885	4.0
11	Clothing	1,698	1,827	7.6
12	Ipod / MP3 player	1,242	1,124	-9.5
13	Photographic equipment	1,034	900	-13.0
14	CDs	749	885	18.2
15	Jewellery	768	740	-3.6
16	Car Stereo	329	292	-11.2

## 5.10 Theft (shopsteal)

In 2013/14, 20,836 shopsteal offences were recorded, up just 0.4% compared to 2012/13 where 20,760 offences were recorded. Of 2013/14 shopsteal offences, 13,140 were cleared in the same period, and a further 1,898 offences from previous years were also cleared, giving a total clearance rate of 72.2%, a decrease of 1.6 percentage points compared to 2012/13.

**Figure 70: Theft (shopsteal) offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

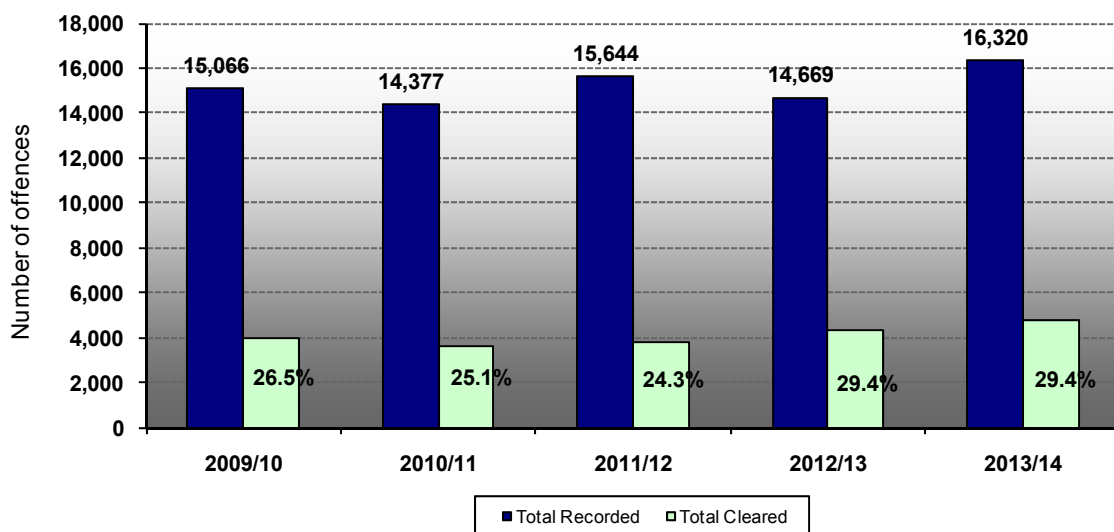


Penalty Infringement Notices and Offenders Warnings for the offence “Shop theft less than \$600” were introduced on 1 July 2008. In 2013/14 there were 3,857 shopsteal offences recorded where Penalty Notices or Offender Warnings were issued, down 3.1% from the 3,981 recorded in 2012/13.

## 5.11 Theft of motor vehicle

There were 16,320 theft of motor vehicle offences recorded in 2013/14, 11.3% more than the 14,669 recorded in 2012/13. Of these offences, 3,741 were cleared in the same period, and a further 1,054 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 29.4%, down 0.1 percentage points compared to 2012/13.

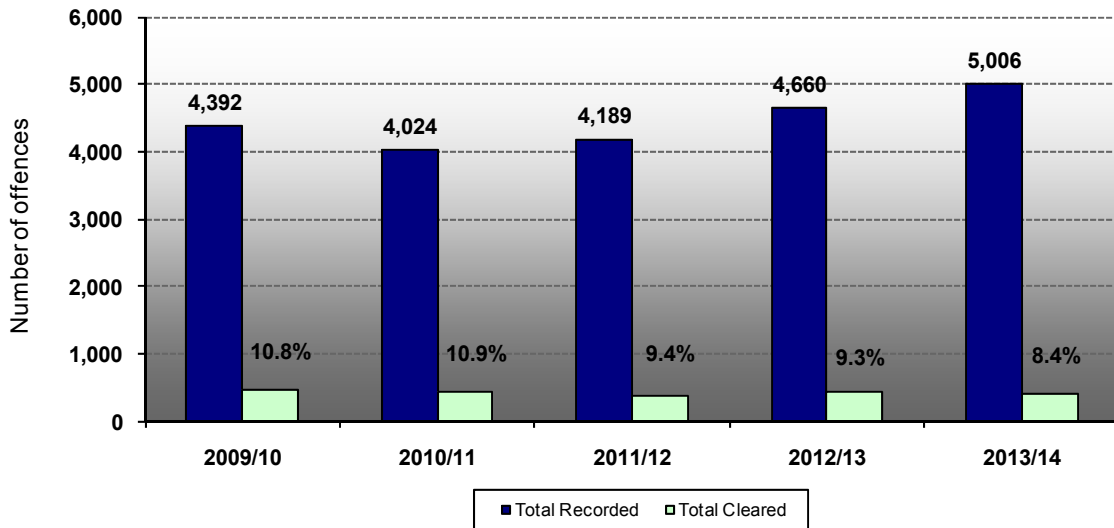
**Figure 71: Theft of motor vehicle offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



## 5.12 Theft (bicycle)

There were 5,006 bicycle thefts recorded in 2013/14, 7.4% higher than recorded in 2012/13. Of these offences, 339 were cleared in the same period, and a further 81 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 8.4%, which is 0.9 percentage points less than the total clearance rate of 2012/13.

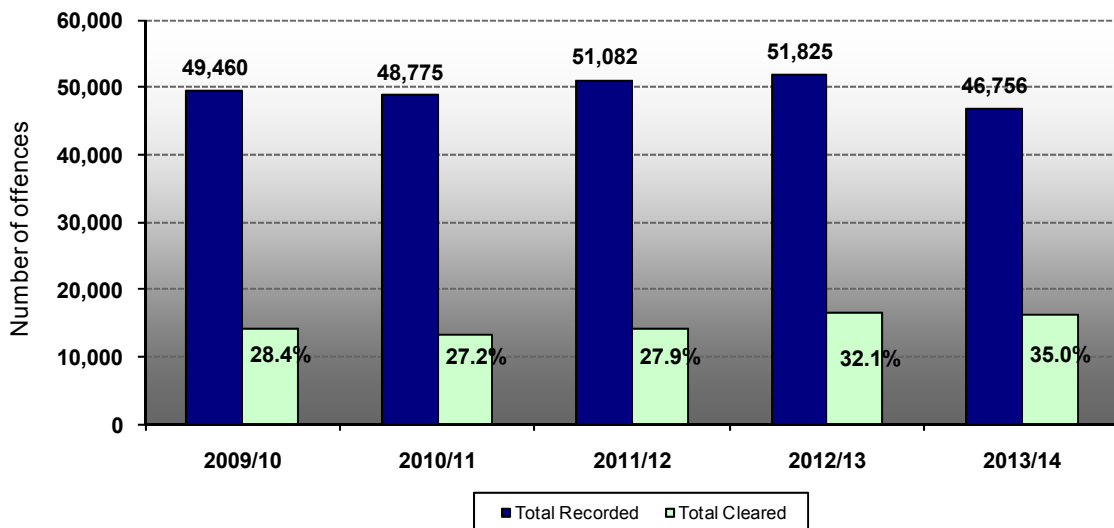
**Figure 72: Theft (bicycle) offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



## 5.13 Theft (other)

The number of theft (other) offences decreased by 9.8% to 46,756 in 2013/14 from the 51,825 recorded in 2012/13. Theft (other) includes all forms of theft not elsewhere classified, and can range from trivial offences involving almost no monetary value to thefts of significant value. 11,951 theft (other) offences were cleared in 2013/14, and a further 4,407 offences from previous years were also cleared in the same period. This gives a total clearance rate of 35.0%, which is an increase of 2.9 percentage points compared to 2012/13.

**Figure 73: Other theft offences, recorded and total cleared<sup>1</sup>, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

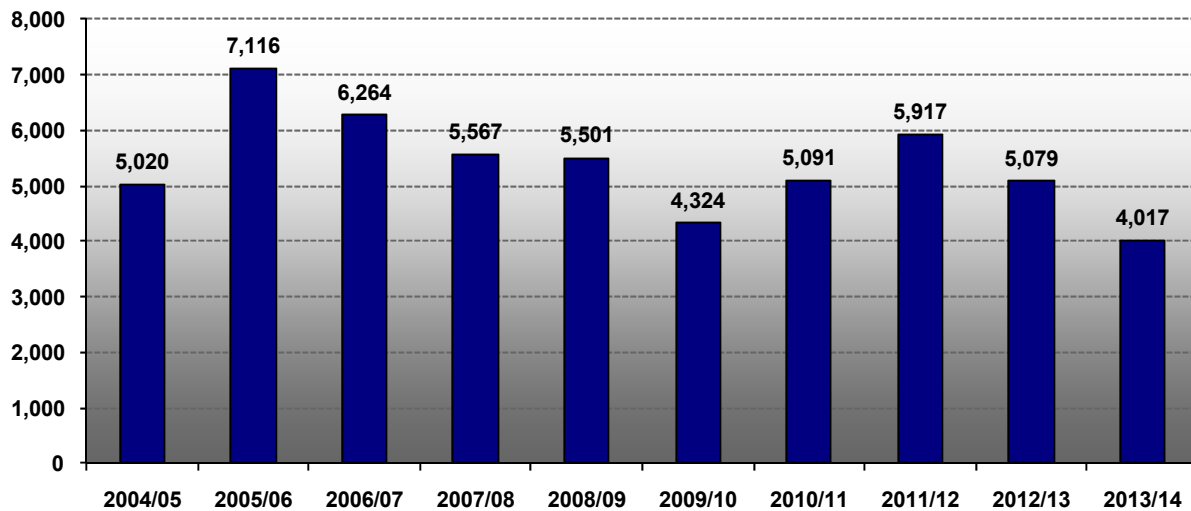


A common type of theft is 'petrol drive-off', which account for around 10% of total theft offences recorded each year.

After a peak of 7,116 offences in 2005/06, petrol drive-offs have decreased repeatedly until 2010/11 where successive increases were recorded, however in the two financial years since then statistics have shown petrol drive-offs to be in decline once again.

The number of petrol drive-offs offences recorded in 2013/14 (4,017) are the lowest recorded in the last decade, and 7.1% lower than the previous lowest total recorded in 2009/10 (4,324).

**Figure 74: Petrol drive-off offences, 2004/05 to 2013/14**

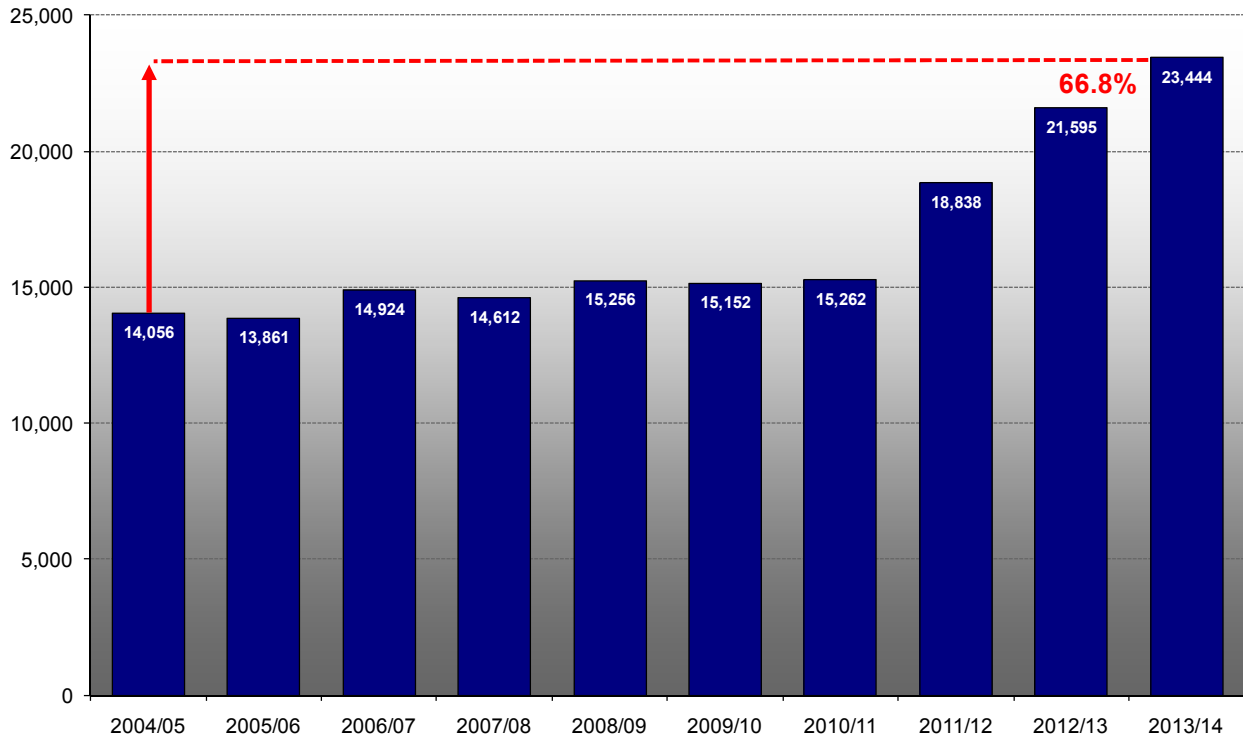


# 6 Drug offences

## 6.1 Overall

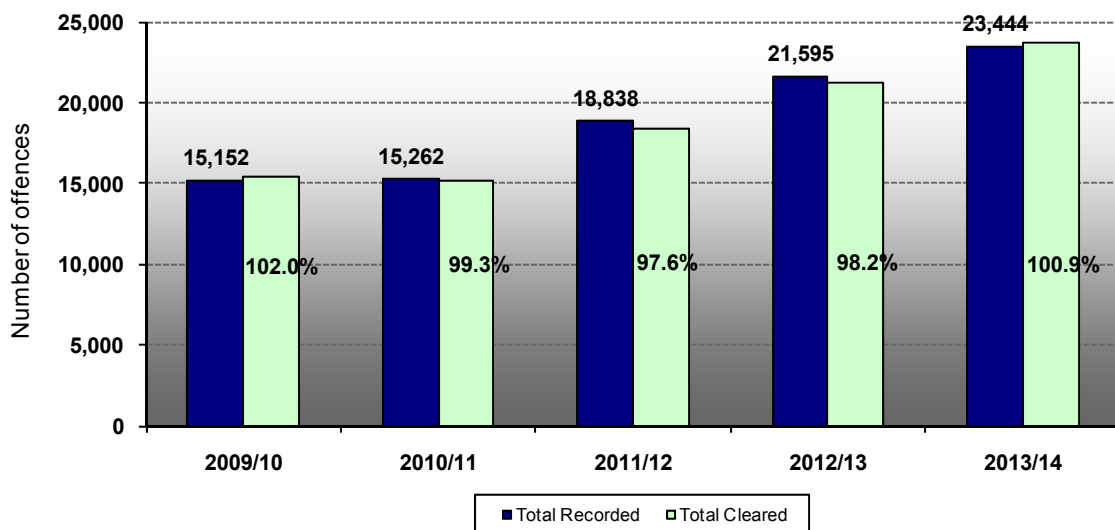
The number of drug offences recorded by Victoria Police during 2013/14 was 23,444, an increase of 8.6% from the previous year. Since 2003/04 (Figure 75), there has been a 66.8% increase in total drug offence recorded.

**Figure 75: Total Drug offences, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



Of these offences, 22,067 were cleared in the same period, and a further 1,589 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 100.9%, an increase of 2.7 percentage points compared to 2012/13.

**Figure 76: Recorded and cleared drug offences, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

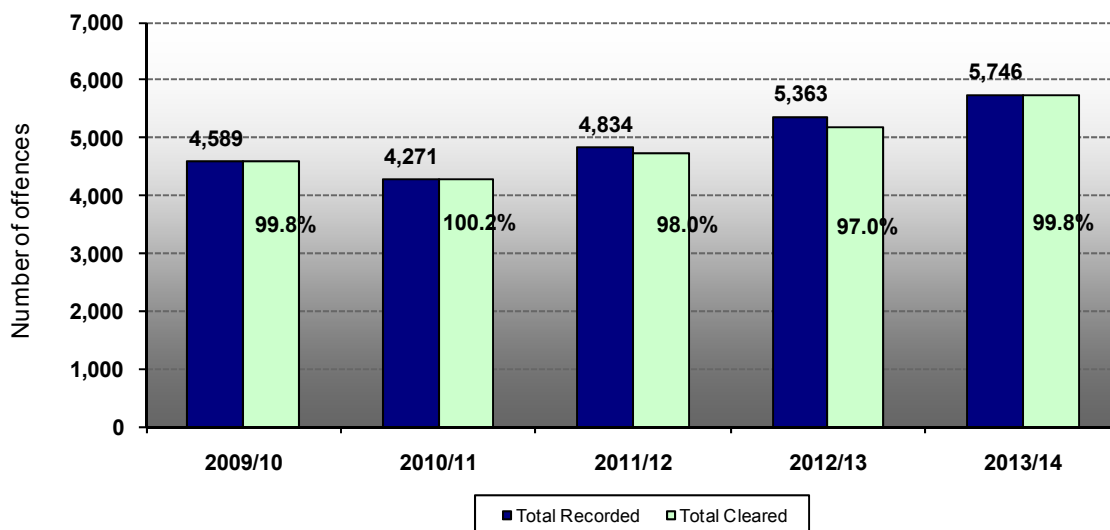


## 6.2 Drug (cultivate/manufacture/traffick)

There were 5,746 drug (cultivate/manufacture/traffick) offences recorded in 2013/14, an increase of 7.1% from the number of offences recorded in 2012/13.

Of these offences, 5,363 were cleared in the same period, and a further 369 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 99.8%, which is an increase of 2.8 percentage points compared to 2012/13.

**Figure 77: Drug (cult./ manuf./ traff.) offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Shown in Figure 78, the majority of cult/manu/traf offences were for cannabis and amphetamine type stimulant drugs, with cannabis up 2.1% to 1,854 offences, and accounting for 32.3% of these offences, and amphetamine offences increasing 1.9% to 1,815 offences, and accounting for 31.6% of cult/manu/traf offences.

Ecstasy and heroin offences decreased in 2013/14, down 5.1% and 7.5% respectively.

**Figure 78: Drug (cult./ manuf./ traff.) offences, by type of drug, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Type of drug	Number of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Amphetamine-type stimulants	1,781	1,815	1.9
Cannabis	1,815	1,854	2.1
Cocaine	66	81	22.7
Ecstasy	297	282	-5.1
Heroin	345	319	-7.5
Other*	1,059	1,395	31.7
<b>Total (cult./manuf./traf.)</b>	<b>5,363</b>	<b>5,746</b>	<b>7.1</b>

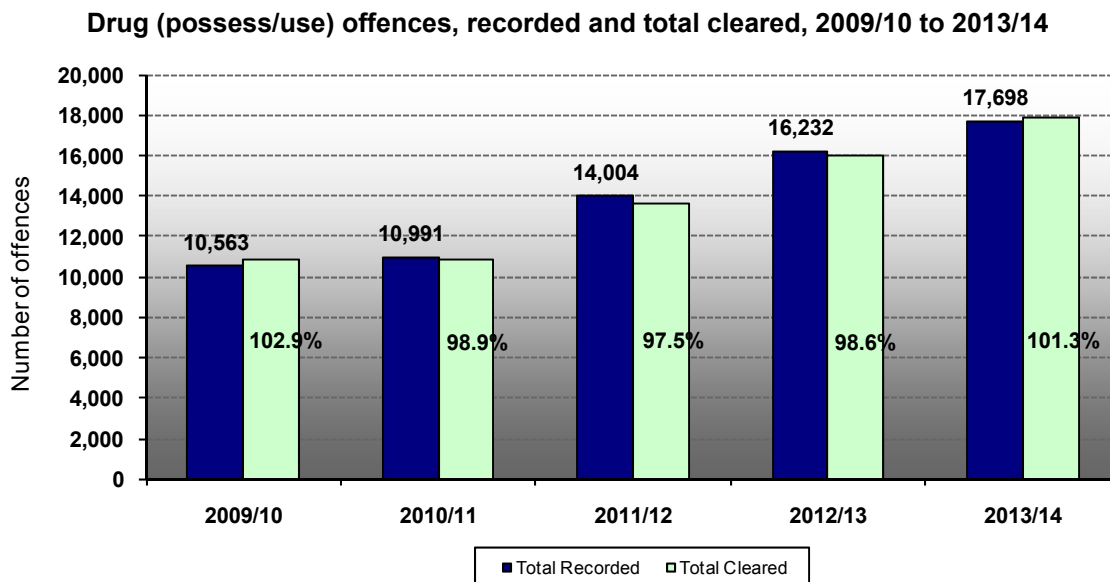
\*Other includes anabolic agents, hallucinogens, pharmaceuticals and other drugs not elsewhere classified.



## 6.3 Drug (possess/use)

There were 17,698 offences of drug use/possession recorded in 2013/14, an increase of 9.0% from 2012/13.

Of these offences, 16,704 were cleared in the same period, and a further 1,220 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 101.3%, an increase of 2.6 percentage points compared to 2012/13.



The most common type of drug in the possess/use category was cannabis, which increased 2.8% and accounted for 41.0% of possess/use offences in 2013/14. Amphetamine offences increased by 18.5%. Ecstasy and heroin offences decreased 3.3% and 13.1% respectively.

**Figure 79: Recorded drug (possess/use) offences by type of drug, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Type of drug	Number of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Amphetamine-type stimulants	4,053	4,801	18.5
Cannabis	7,061	7,260	2.8
Cocaine	163	153	-6.1
Ecstasy	933	902	-3.3
Heroin	963	837	-13.1
Other*	3,059	3,745	22.4
<b>Total (possess/use)</b>	<b>16,232</b>	<b>17,698</b>	<b>9.0</b>

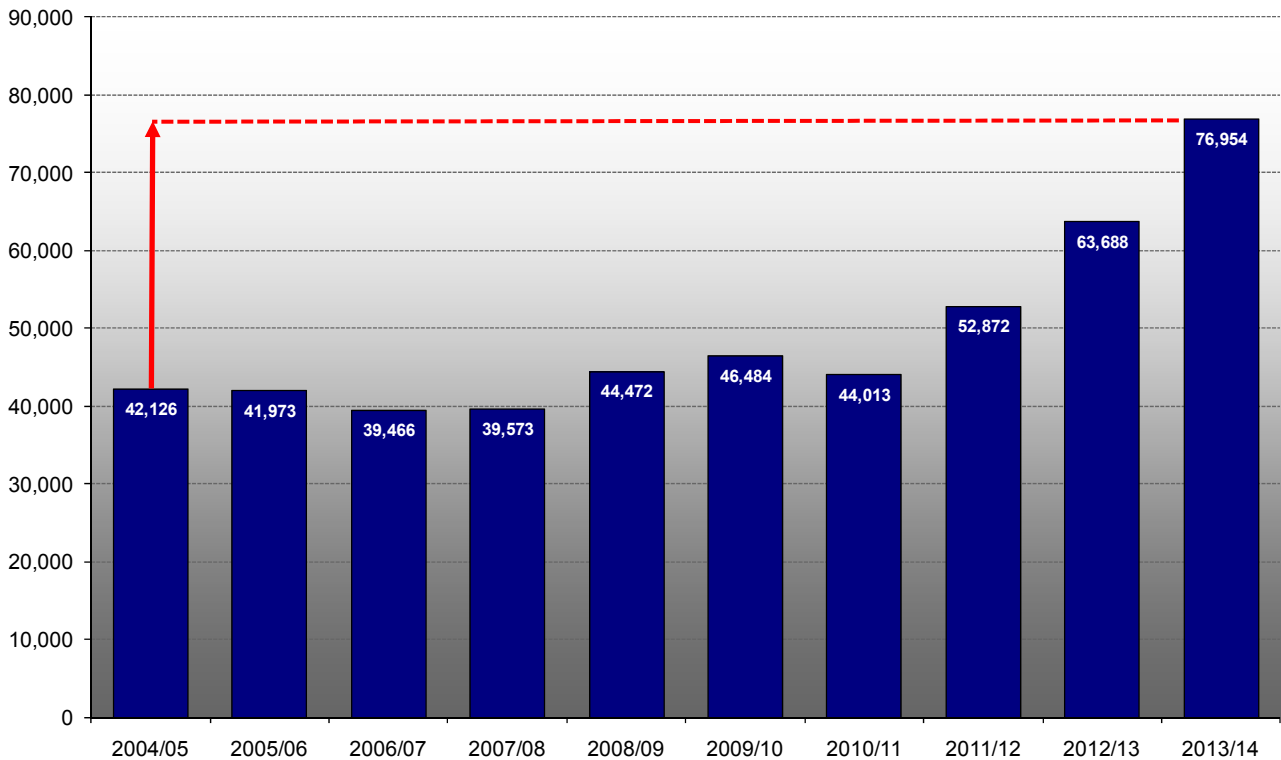
\*Other includes anabolic agents, hallucinogens, pharmaceuticals and other drugs not elsewhere classified.

# 7 Other crime

## 7.1 Overall

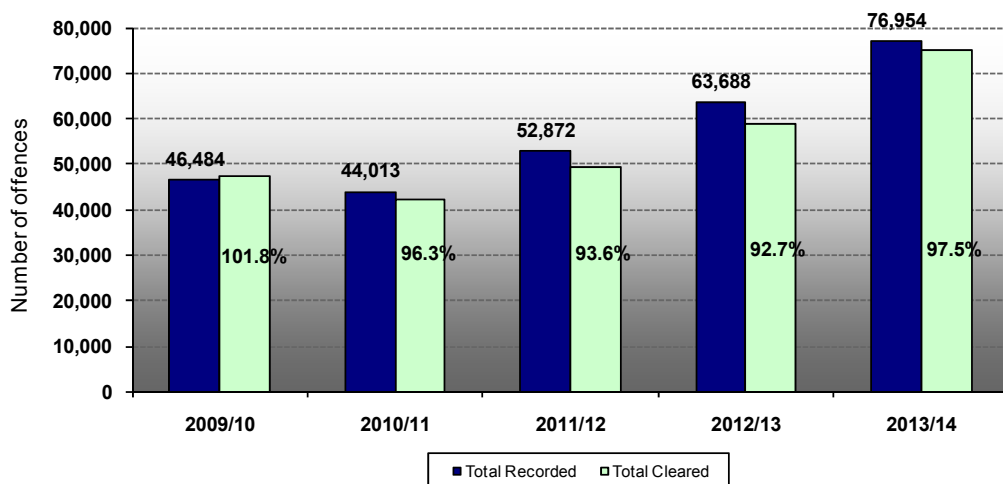
In 2013/14 there were 76,954 Other category offences recorded, an increase of 20.8% from 2012/13.

**Figure 80: Other Crime offences, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



Of these offences, 66,855 were cleared in the same period, and a further 8,161 offences from previous years were also cleared in 2013/14. This gives a total clearance rate of 97.5%, up 4.8 percentage points on the total clearance rate of 2012/13.

**Figure 81: Other offences, recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



As shown in Figure 82 (page 50), the most common offence category within the Other crime group was justice procedures (42,030 offences, up 34.4%), followed by weapons/explosives offences (12,909 offences, up 13.0%). Regulated public order offences was the only Other category offence to decrease in 2013/14, down 1.7%.

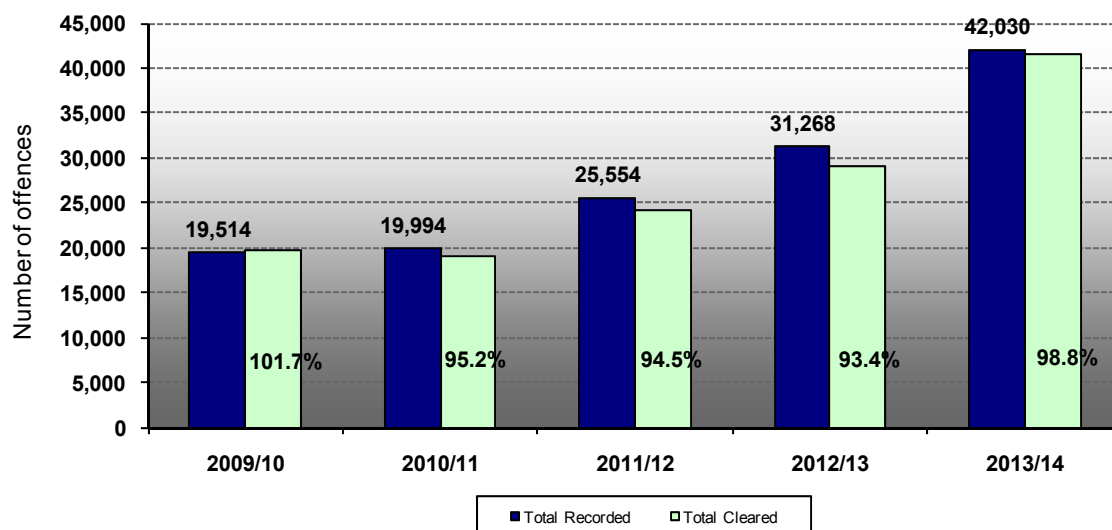
**Figure 82: Other offence categories, 2009/10 to 2013/14**

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	% Change from 2012/13
Going equipped to steal	549	403	487	605	804	32.9%
Justice procedures	19,514	19,994	25,554	31,268	42,030	34.4%
Regulated public order	2,059	1,380	1,416	1,410	1,386	-1.7%
Weapons / Explosives	6,901	6,913	8,739	11,426	12,909	13.0%
Harassment	2,945	2,808	3,813	4,781	5,205	8.9%
Behaviour in public	8,321	6,896	6,432	6,704	6,928	3.3%
Other	6,195	5,619	6,431	7,494	7,692	2.6%
<b>Total Other offences</b>	<b>46,484</b>	<b>44,013</b>	<b>52,872</b>	<b>63,688</b>	<b>76,954</b>	<b>20.8%</b>

## 7.2 Justice Procedures

In 2013/14, there were 42,030 Justice Procedure offences recorded, an increase of 34.4% compared with 2012/13. Justice procedure offences account for 54.6% of all offences recorded in the Other crime group.

**Figure 83: Justice Procedures offences recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Of justice procedure offences in 2013/14, 36,630 were cleared in the same period, and a further 4,880 offences from previous years were also cleared. This gives a total clearance rate of 98.8%, which is 5.4 percentage points greater than recorded in 2012/13.

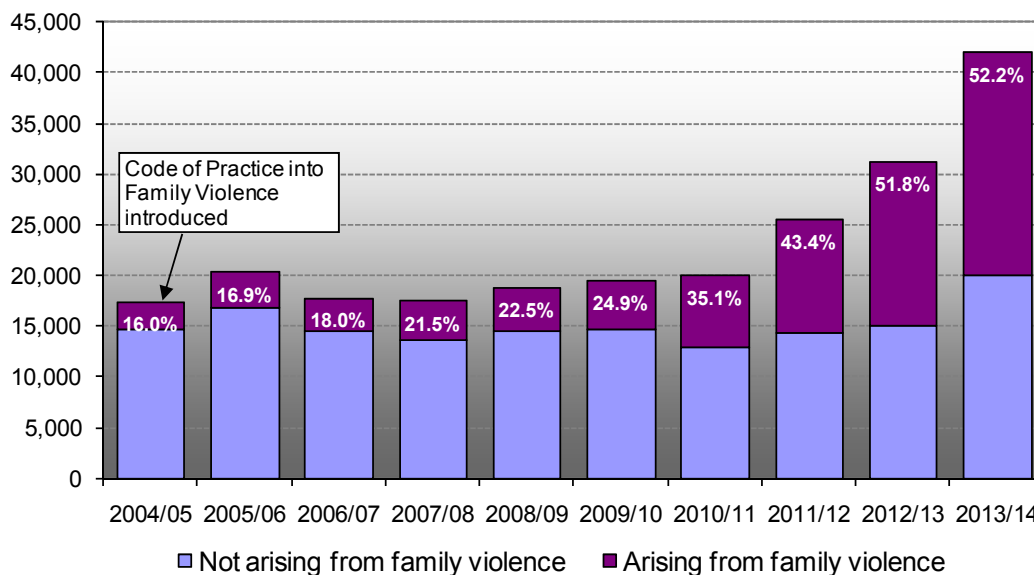
In 2013/14, justice procedure offences arising from family incidents increased by 35.4% to 21,919, while offences not arising from family incidents increased also displayed a substantial increase, up 33.3% to 20,111.

**Figure 84: Justice Procedures, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from	Rate per 100,000 Population		% change from
	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2012/13
Arising from family incidents	16,184	21,919	35.4%	284.8	378.5	32.9%
Not arising from family incidents	15,084	20,111	33.3%	265.4	347.3	30.8%
<b>Total Justice Procedure offences</b>	<b>31,268</b>	<b>42,030</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>550.2</b>	<b>725.8</b>	<b>31.9%</b>
% of Justice Procedure offences arising from family incidents	51.8%	52.2%				

In 2013/14, 52.2% of Justice Procedures offences were family incidents-related (up 0.4 percentage points on 2012/13).

**Figure 85: Justice Procedures offences, proportion of family/non-family related offences, 2004/05 to 2013/14**



The main justice procedures offence recorded in 2013/14 was 'Fail to Answer Bail' with 8,577 offences, up 21.2% from 2012/13. The bulk of the other offences in the top 10 are related to contravention of safety notice or intervention orders. Offence 'Contravene Family Violence Intervention Order' decreased 15.9%, however other offences focusing on specific variations of IVO's became more prolific in 2013/14, such as 'Contravene Family Violence *Final* Intervention Order' which increased 35.1%, and 'Contravene Family Violence *Interim* Intervention Order' which increased 39.1%.

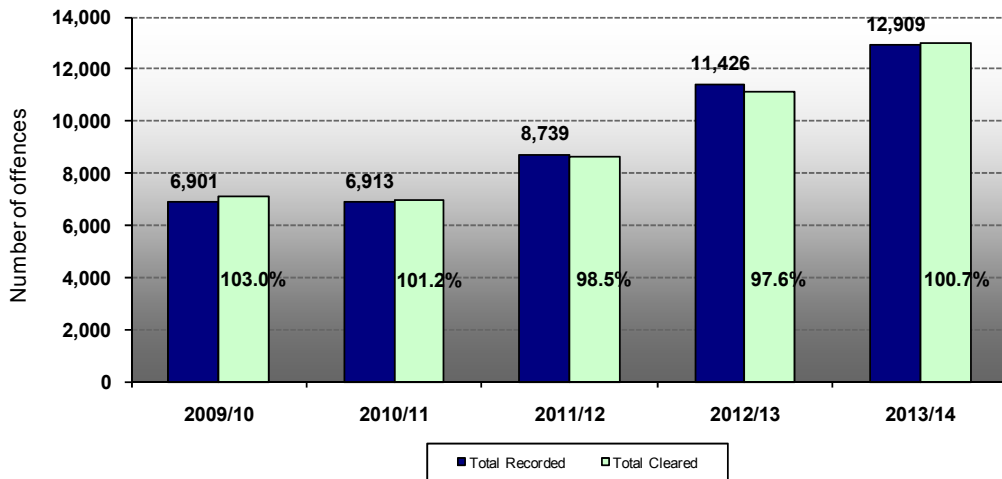
**Figure 86: Top 10 Justice Procedure offences, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

Justice Procedures offence	2012/13	2013/14	% change from 2013/14
Fail To Answer Bail	7,075	8,577	21.2%
Contravene Family Violence Intervention Order	9,978	8,387	-15.9%
Contravene Family Violence Final Intervention Order	3,211	4,338	35.1%
Contravene Family Violence Intervention Order-Intending Harm/Fear	476	3,564	648.7%
Contravene Family Violence Interim Intervention Order	1,694	2,357	39.1%
Resist Police	1,808	2,171	20.1%
Commit Indictable Offence Whilst On Bail	0	2,104	N/A
Contravene A Conduct Condition Of Bail	0	1,422	N/A
Persist Contravene Family Violence Notice/Order	85	1,152	1255.3%
Contravene Final Personal Safety Intervention Order	802	1,083	35.0%

## 7.3 Weapons/Explosives

Weapons/Explosives offences have increased by 13.0% in 2013/14 to 12,909 offences. A large portion of these offences are occurring at street/lane/footpath locations (33.8% of category) or residential locations (28.8% of category). As seen in Figure 12 (page 15), weapons/explosives offences have increased at these location types by 10.4% and 8.6% respectively. The total clearance rate in 2013/14 was 100.7%, up 3.1 on the total clearance rate recorded in 2012/13.

**Figure 87: Weapons/Explosives offences recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



As shown in Figure 88, most Weapons/Explosives offences are for 'possess controlled weapons without excuse' or 'possess prohibited weapons without exemption/approval', and these offences account for around 51.7% of offences in this category.

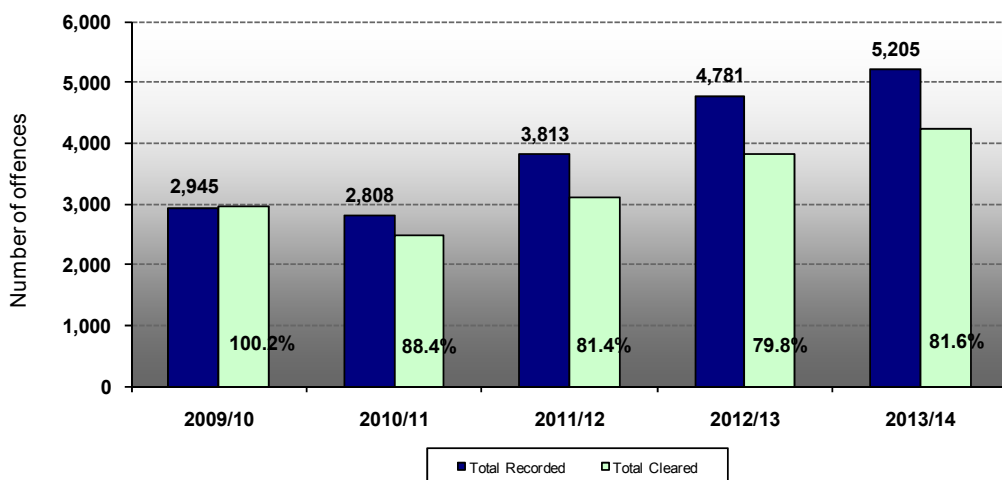
**Figure 88: Top 10 Weapons/Explosives offences, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Possess Controlled Weapon Without Excuse	3,762	4,107	9.2
Possess Prohibited Weapon Without Exemption/Approval	2,201	2,561	16.4
Possess Cartridge Ammunition Without Licence/Permit	784	942	20.2
Possess Dangerous Article In Public Place	873	832	-4.7
Prohibited Person Possess A Firearm	340	501	47.4
Carry Controlled Weapon Without Excuse	280	291	3.9
Possess Unregistered General Category Handgun	245	234	-4.5
False/Misleading Entry In Registry Etc	3	230	7566.7
Fail To Store A/B Longarm Correctly	182	187	2.7
Unlicensed Store Firearm - Insecure Manner	138	179	29.7

## 7.4 Harassment

Harassment offences increased by 8.9% in 2013/14 to 5,205, with a total clearance rate of 81.6%, up 1.8 percentage points.

**Figure 89: Harassment offences recorded, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Family incident-related harassment offences rose 26.6% in 2013/14, and there has been a 3.2% decrease in non-family violence related offences.

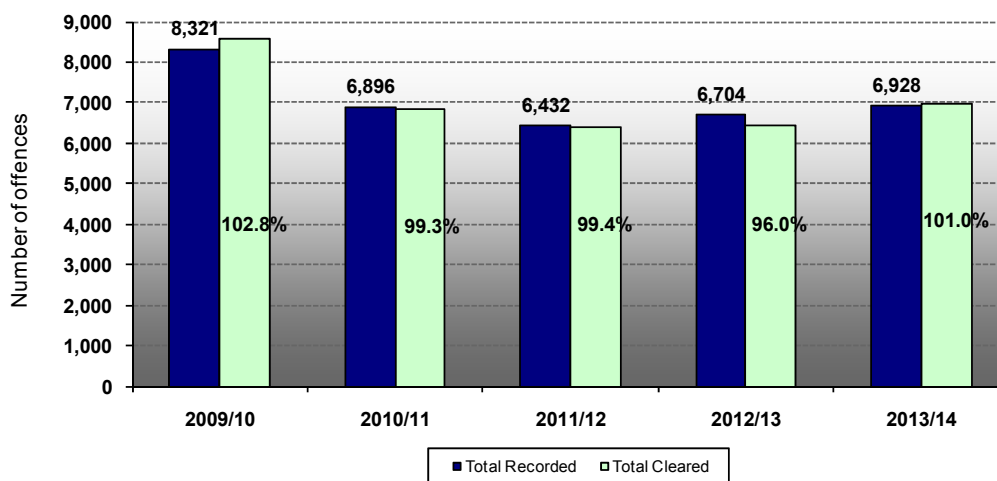
**Figure 90: Harassment, by whether arising from family incidents, 2012/13 and 2013/14**

	No. of offences recorded		% change from 2012/13
	2012/13	2013/14	
Arising from family incidents	1,939	2,455	26.6%
Not arising from family incidents	2,842	2,750	-3.2%
<b>Total Harassment offences</b>	<b>4,781</b>	<b>5,205</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
% of Harassment offences arising from family incidents	40.6%	47.2%	

## 7.5 Behaviour in Public

In 2013/14, there were 6,928 behaviour in public offences, an increase of 3.3% compared with 2012/13.

**Figure 91: Behaviour in Public offences recorded and total cleared, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



Note: The infringement notice statistics from Figure 94 are independent to Behaviour in Public offences and are not included in the figure above.

Penalty Infringement Notices for offences 'Behave in a riotous indecent offensive or insulting manner' and 'Uses profane indecent or obscene language or insulting words' were introduced on 1 July 2008. Behaviour in public offences have been higher in the last five financial years than in years prior to this change. In 2013/14, 3,959 penalty notices were issued for these two offences, making up 57.1% of all behaviour in public offences.

In 2013/14, most alleged offenders processed for these two offences were males aged 18-59 (85.6%). Note that the number of Penalty Notices issued may be slightly different than the number of offenders processed, due to offences with multiple offenders, or offenders being issued multiple Notices.

**Figure 92: Alleged offenders processed for 'Behave in a riotous indecent offensive or insulting manner' or 'Use profane indecent or obscene language or insulting words', 2012/13 and 2013/14**

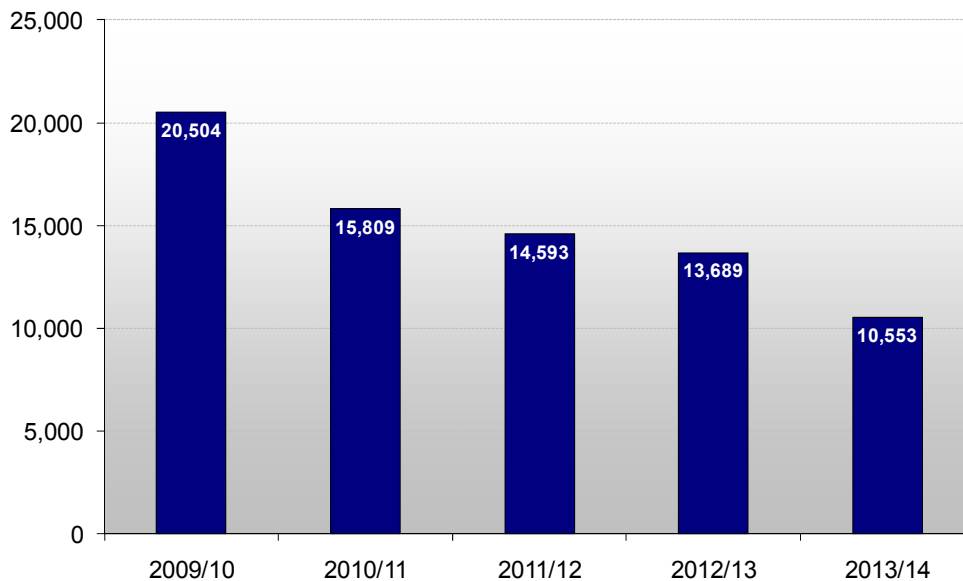
	2012/13			2013/14			% change from 2012/13		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total*	Female	Male	Total*
Juvenile	11	76	88	16	77	93	45.5%	1.3%	5.7%
Adult	360	3372	3745	377	3383	3765	4.7%	0.3%	0.5%
Adult 60+	3	48	51	6	51	57	100.0%	6.3%	11.8%
<b>Total Alleged Offenders*</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>3531</b>	<b>3926</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>3542</b>	<b>3953</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

\* includes offenders where age or gender is unspecified

Behaviour in public offences that occurred at street/lane/footpath locations accounted for 55.6% of all behaviour in public offences. Behaviour in public offences at these locations decreased by 0.6% since 2012/13.

As a measure of public order – in particular public drunkenness – Figure 93 shows the number of persons taken into custody for reason being “drunk” (*source: Victoria Police Attendance Register*). In 2013/14 there were 10,553 attendances where custody reason was Arrest-drunk, a decrease of 22.9% compared with 2012/13.

**Figure 93: Attendance Register\*: Attendances where custody reason was Arrest-drunk, 2009/10 to 2013/14**



\* Note: These statistics show the number of persons taken into custody for reason being “drunk” and are not offences. Attendances may or may not lead to criminal charges being laid (*source: Victoria Police Attendance Register*).

Amendments to the Summary Offences Act 1966 came into effect on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and introduced new *move on powers* and the expansion of *the use of infringement notices for offences relating to public drunkenness and anti-social behaviour*. These changes are part of an initiative by Government to give police greater powers to combat violence and antisocial behaviour. Since their introduction, 49,835 infringement notices have been issued for these offences. Note that these are not criminal offences and are not included in total crime figures.

**Figure 94: Infringement notices issued since their introduction on 16 December 2009**

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	% change from 2013/14
Contravene Police Direction To Move On	249	361	329	312	332	6.4%
Drunk In Public Place	8,031	13,371	11,070	11,414	9,398	-17.7%
Drunk And Disorderly In Public Place	517	619	1,187	1,504	1,322	-12.1%
Behave In Disorderly Manner Public Place	178	198	265	230	170	-26.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,975</b>	<b>14,549</b>	<b>12,851</b>	<b>13,460</b>	<b>11,222</b>	<b>-16.6%</b>

Note: The number of infringement notices in financial years following 2009/10 cannot be directly compared with the number in 2009/10, as the notices were introduced partway through 2009/10 (on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2009).

## 8 Appendix 1

### 8.1 Definitions and Explanatory Notes

<b>Source of data:</b>	All statistics presented in this document have been obtained from a copy of the LEAP database taken on 18 July 2014.
<b>Reporting period:</b>	The current financial year is used as the reporting period (i.e. 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 inclusive).
<b>Offences recorded:</b>	Consists of those offences reported to police and recorded on the LEAP system during the reporting period.
<b>Offences cleared:</b>	Refers to all offences recorded on LEAP which have resulted in: one or more alleged offenders being processed for the offence, or an investigation reveals no offence occurred, or the complaint was withdrawn or the perpetrator was known but for legal and other reasons could not be charged (e.g. under age or deceased). The definition no longer includes Intent to Summons, as recommended by the Office of Police Integrity.
<b>Single year clearance:</b>	Offences recorded during the reporting period which were cleared within the same period.
<b>Cleared from previous years:</b>	Offences recorded prior to the reporting period which were cleared within the reporting period.
<b>Total clearances:</b>	The number of offences which were cleared within the reporting period, regardless of when they were recorded. They are also represented as a ratio to the total number of offences recorded for the same period and as such a clearance rate can be over 100%. <b>All clearance rates referred to in this document (including in graphs and tables) are total clearance rates.</b>
<b>% change:</b>	The “% change” column refers to the percentage change in the number of recorded data and comparisons are made with the previous financial year.
<b>Offences:</b>	There are over 5,000 statutory and common law offences current on LEAP in 2013/14 which have been grouped into 27 offence categories. These categories are further grouped into 4 broader categories: Crime Against the Person, Crime Against Property, Drugs and Other. For more detail on offences, refer to Victoria Police Crime Statistics Publication, Appendix Table A.1.
<b>Offence categories:</b>	The definitions of all the 27 offence categories referred to in the document are as follows:
<i>Homicide:</i>	Includes offences such as accident (fail to assist – death), murder, aid and abet suicide, manslaughter, culpable driving and abortion.
<i>Rape:</i>	Includes the offences of rape and buggery (repealed).
<i>Sex (non-rape):</i>	Includes offences such as indecent assault, indecent act, wilful and obscene exposure in public, incest, sexual penetration of a child, and gross indecency.
<i>Robbery:</i>	Includes offences of armed robbery and robbery/assault with intent to rob.
<i>Assault:</i>	Includes indictable and summary assault offences such as intentionally/recklessly cause injury, make threats to kill, reckless conduct endangering life/serious injury, unlawful assault, assault police (serious and summary) assault with weapon/instrument, and discharge missile/stone to injure/danger.
<i>Abduction/kidnap:</i>	Includes offences of abduction, child stealing, cause abduction, kidnap and false imprisonment.



<i>Arson:</i>	Includes offences of criminal damage by fire, light fire on PTC vehicle/premises, light/use fire and destroy/damage property and light/use fire to endanger property/life.
<i>Property damage:</i>	Includes offences such as criminal damage (intent to damage/destroy), wilful damage/injure property and possess article for criminal damage.
<i>Burglary (aggravated):</i>	Based on the offence of aggravated burglary. Please note that a change in the definition of the offence in the Crimes Act came into effect on 1 September 1997.
<i>Burglary (residential):</i>	Based on the offence of burglary where the location type is residential.
<i>Burglary (other):</i>	Based on the offence of burglary where the location type is other than a residential location.
<i>Deception:</i>	Includes offences such as obtain property by deception, obtain financial advantage by deception, make false document, false accounting and imposition (Commonwealth benefit/money).
<i>Handle stolen goods:</i>	Includes unlawful possession and hand/receive/retention stolen goods.
<i>Theft from motor vehicle:</i>	Based on the offence of theft from motor vehicle.
<i>Theft (shopsteal):</i>	Based on the offence of theft from shop (shopsteal).
<i>Theft of motor vehicle:</i>	Based on the offence of theft of motor vehicle.
<i>Theft of bicycle:</i>	Based on the offence of theft of bicycle.
<i>Theft (other):</i>	Includes the offence of theft, and excludes theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle, theft of bicycle and theft from shop (shopsteal).
<i>Drug (cult./man./traff.):</i>	Includes offences of cultivate, traffick, conspire to traffick, and aid and abet traffick of illicit drugs, controlled substances and other drugs of dependence. The types of drugs include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, hashish, amphetamine and ecstasy.
<i>Drug (possess, use):</i>	Includes offences of possess, use and introduce drug into the body of another. The types of drugs include heroin, cocaine, cannabis, hashish, amphetamine and ecstasy.
<i>Going equipped to steal:</i>	Based on the offence of going equipped to steal/cheat.
<i>Justice procedures:</i>	Includes offences such as breach intervention order, fail to answer bail, escape from lawful custody, resist police/resist arrest, hinder police and make false report to police.
<i>Regulated public order:</i>	Include offences involving betting, gaming, liquor, tobacco, censorship and prostitution.
<i>Weapons/explosives:</i>	Based on offences related to firearms, controlled weapons and explosives.
<i>Harassment:</i>	Includes offences of stalking and use phone/postal service/listening devices to menace/harass/offend.
<i>Behaviour in public:</i>	Includes offences related to drunkenness, indecent/offensive behaviour/language.
<i>Other:</i>	Includes indictable and summary offences not covered by the previous offence categories.

**Penalty Infringement** Allow for offences to be punished without a court appearance. Note that the official

- Notices:** crime offence count does not include penalty notices issued for Drunk or Drunk and Disorderly.
- Attendance Register:** Records all persons who have attended a police station through being arrested, for an interview, drunkenness, various forensic procedures, or other reasons.
- Offenders processed:** Refers to persons who have allegedly committed a criminal offence and have been processed for that offence. Those persons who for legal or other reasons are not charged are also included. Persons are counted for each occasion they are processed and for each serious offence. Figures on the number of alleged offenders processed are based on the date the charge record was created on LEAP rather than the date the offender was processed.
- Recorded victims:** Consists of those offences where the principal victim type is "Person". Victim statistics presented in this report refer to the number of persons who have been recorded as a victim of crime. A person is counted for each occasion that they are a victim and for each serious offence.
- Family incidents:** Based on the number of family incident reports submitted by police and recorded on LEAP in the reporting period.
- Juvenile:** Defined as persons less than 18 years of age.
- Comparison with ABS data:** Figures published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the Recorded Crime Victims Australia (No. 4510.0) publication, differ to those published by the Victoria Police for a number of reasons including:
- i. ABS national crime statistics are compiled on a calendar year basis whereas Victoria Police crime statistics are based on a financial year;
  - ii. ABS crime definitions differ from those used by Victoria Police and do not contain all offences included in police statistics. ABS national crime statistics include approximately 70% of all crime recorded by Victoria Police; and
  - iii. ABS national crime statistics are based on the number of victims (vehicles in the case of motor vehicle theft), while police statistics are based on the number of offences committed against a victim (eg. a person raped on three occasions over a week - ABS count one offence of rape, Victoria Police count three).

Therefore, users should exercise caution in making comparisons between ABS and Victoria Police statistics.



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