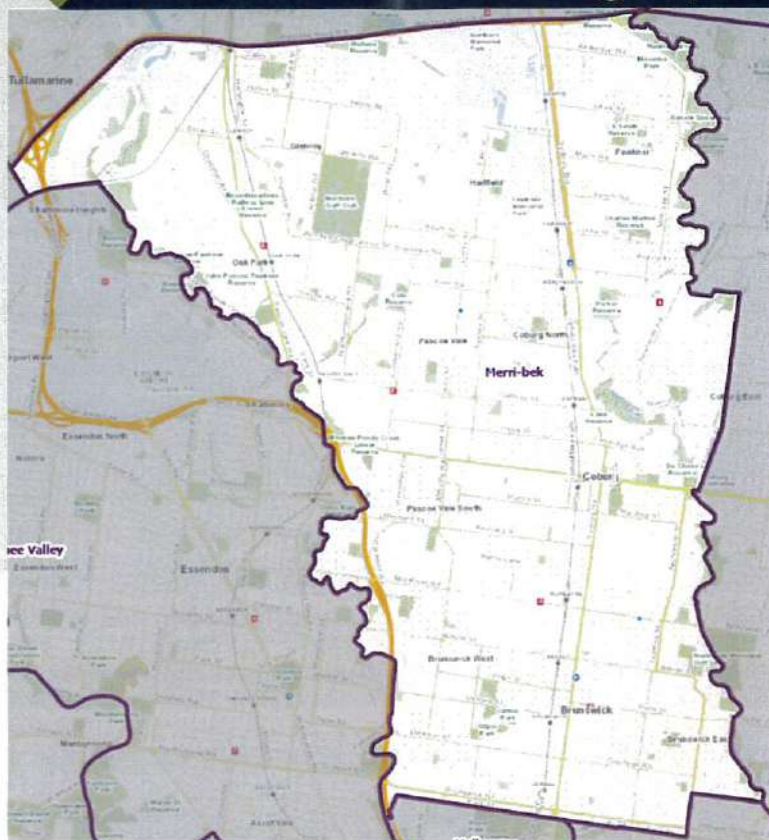


# Merri-bek - Demographics



## Environmental Scan

	State 2023	North West Metro Region 2023	Merri-bek PSA 2023
Population	6,815,441	2,350,598	181,223
Youth	2,062,477	738,276	48,499
Population Density	3,557 persons per square kilometre		

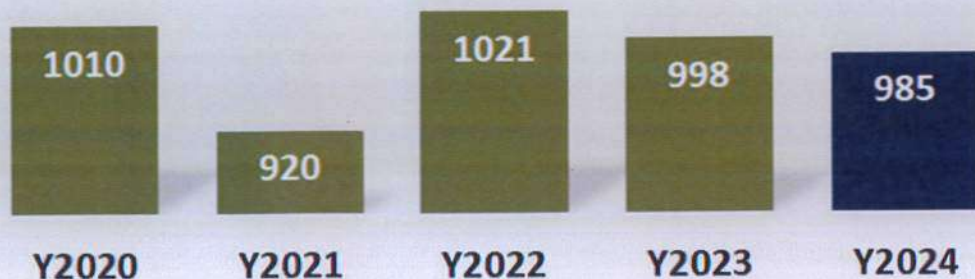
# Family Violence

## Family Incidents 5-year Comparison



Figures depict CSA data  
for the 12-month period Jan to Dec for each year  
Merri-bek is below the state  
Family Incident rate per 100,000 population

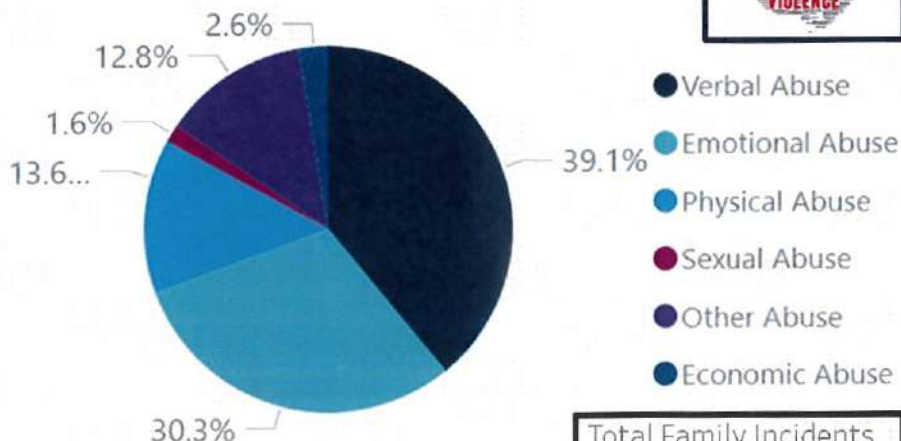
## E21 Breach Family Violence Order 5-year Comparison



# Family Violence



## Recorded Abuse Types at Incidents



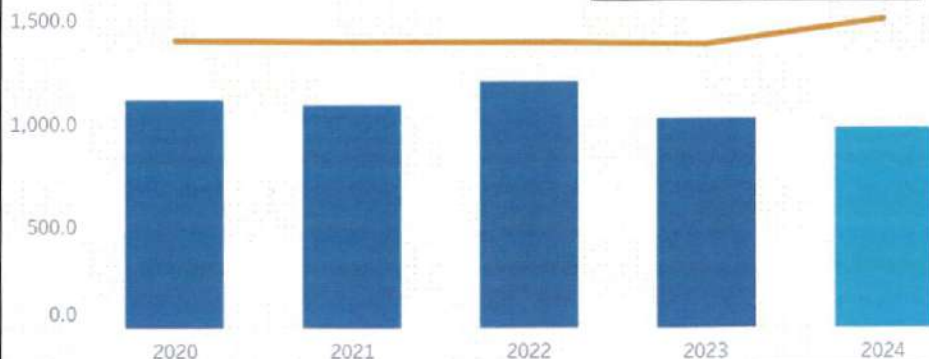
## Total Family Incidents

2023 2024  
1,843 1,839

**-0.2%** ↓

Compared to Previous Year

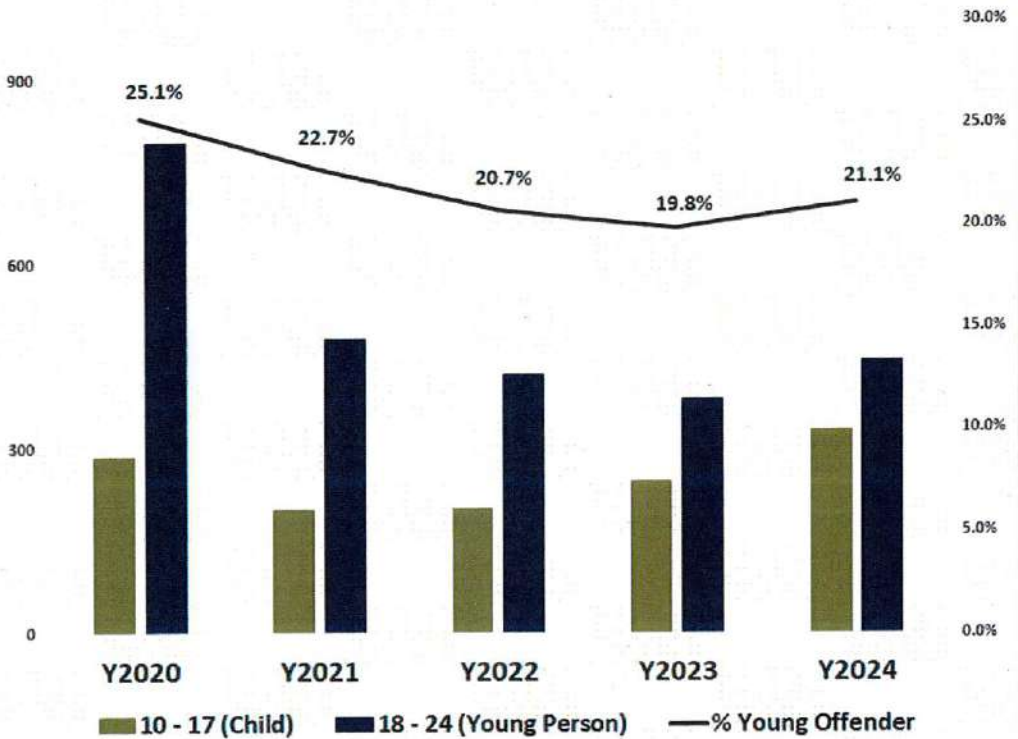
## Merri-bek Family Incidents Rate compared to Victoria per 100,000 population





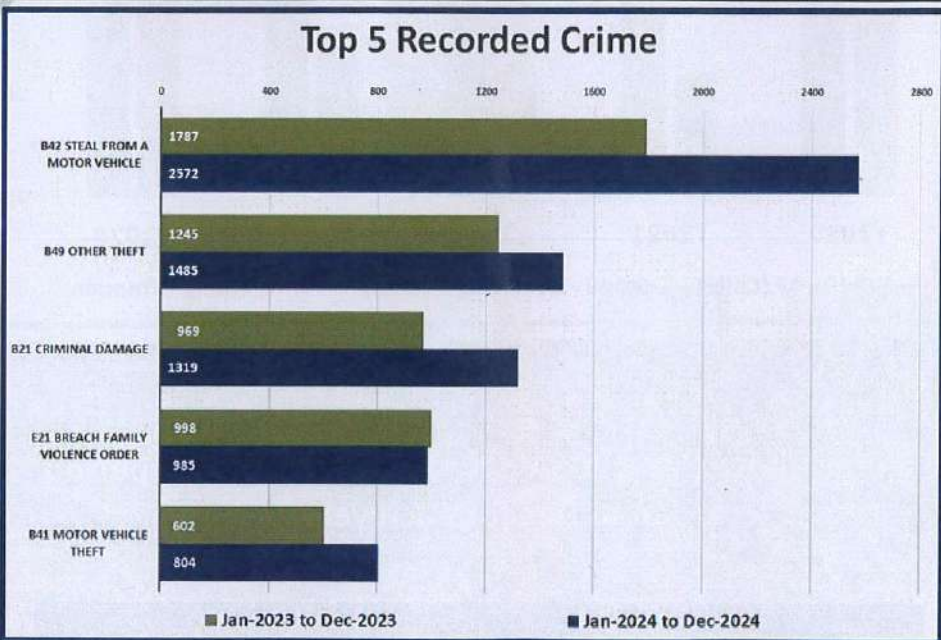
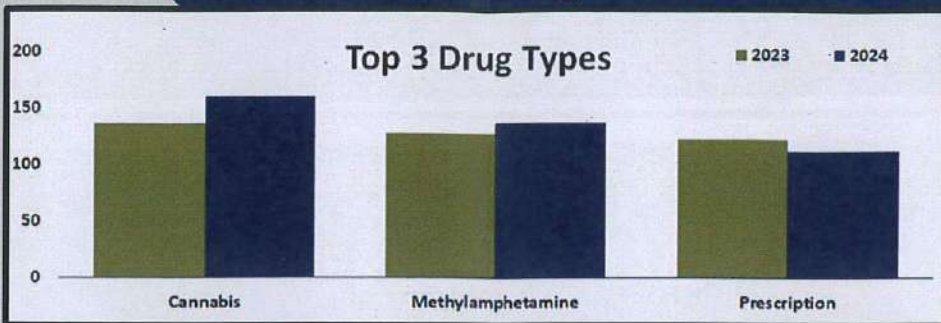
# Youth

**Alleged Young Offender Incidents by Age Groups  
5-year Comparison**



Figures above depict CSA data for the 12-month period  
Jan to Dec for each year.

# Crime / Drugs




# Crime

Figures depict CSA data for the 12-month period Jan to Dec each year

Merri-bek is below the state Offence Rate per 100,000 population

## Total Offences Recorded

2023	2024
12,754	15,316

**+20.1%** 

Compared to Previous Year

## Offences Recorded 5-year Comparison

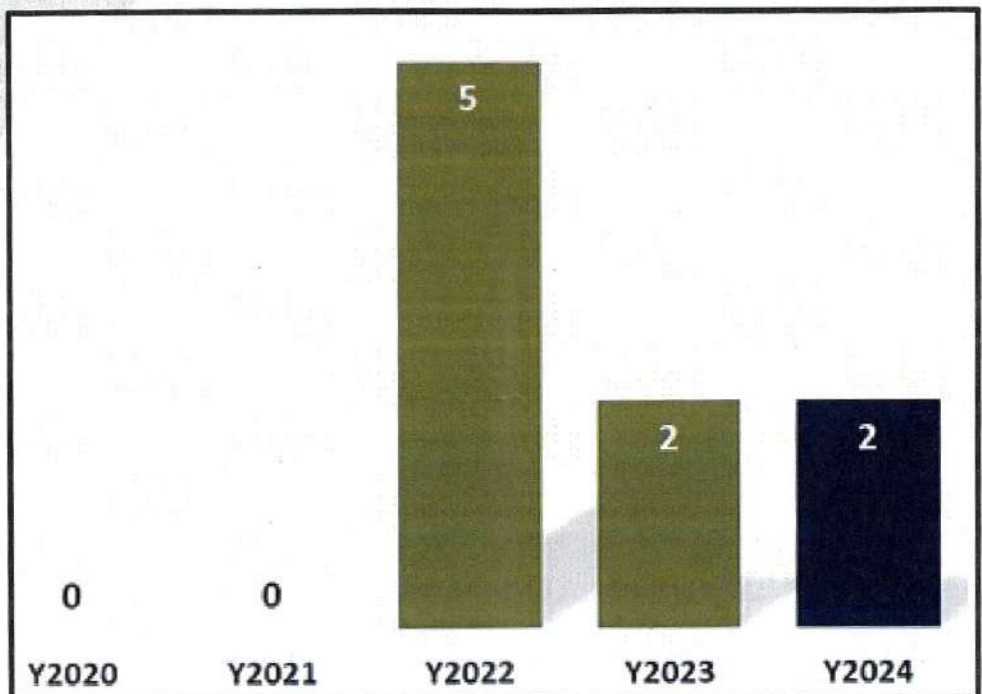




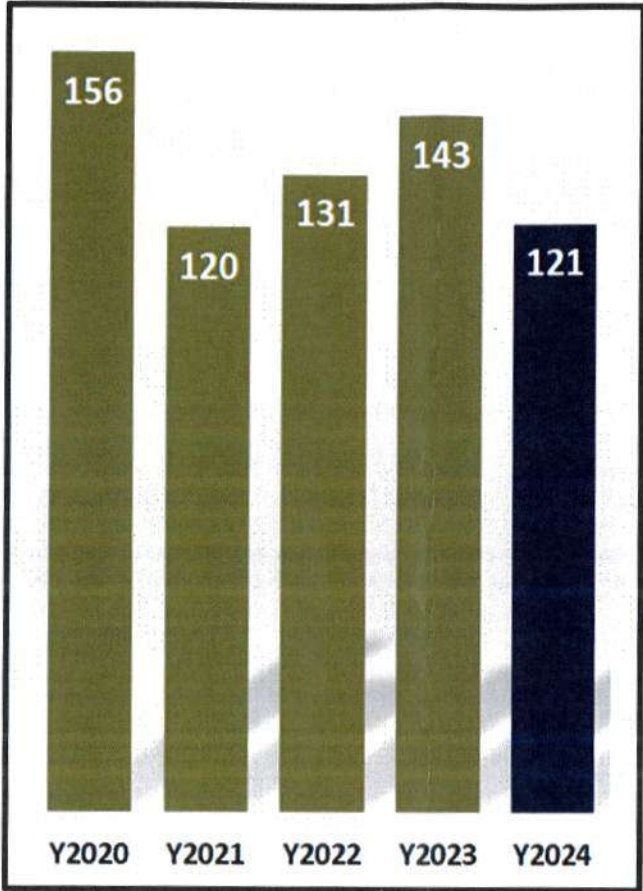
# Road Policing – Lives Lost

## LIVES LOST CHART

5-year comparison  
Jan 2024 to Dec 2024



# Road Policing – Hospitalisations



## HOSPITALISATION CLAIMS

5-year comparison  
R12M - Sep 2023 to Aug 2024

### Age Range

0 To 17	5
18 To 25	17
26 To 39	33
40 To 59	26
60 And Over	40
Unknown	0

### Road User

Bicyclist	13
Driver	43
Motorcyclist	25
Passenger	14
Pedestrian	21
Unknown	5





## Community Sentiment

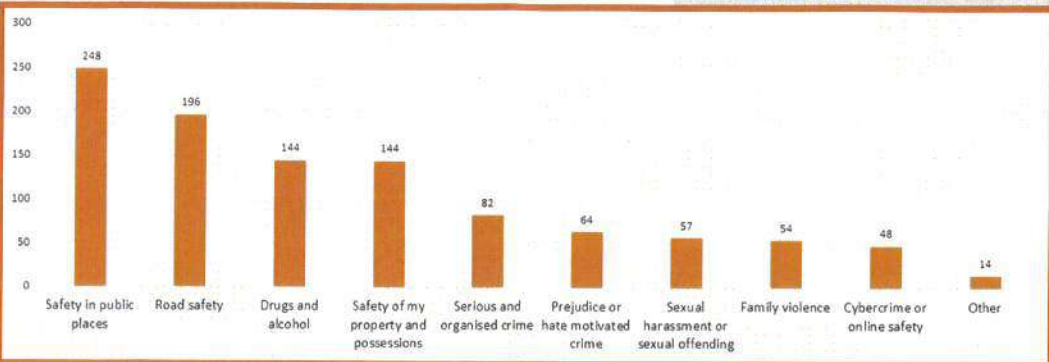
*OUR COMMUNITY  
YOUR SAFETY  
OUR PRIORITY*

The third annual **Victoria Police Community Sentiment Survey** was conducted from 1 May 2024 to 31 May 2024. The survey provided the Victorian public an opportunity to share their safety concerns, how safe they feel in local areas and how they would like to engage with police and Protective Service Officers (PSOs) outside of an emergency.

# Survey 2024

## Merri-bek PSA

### Top safety concerns in 2024



Top 3 safety concerns raised by Merri-bek respondents were:

1. **Safety in public places** - Youth offending, Other antisocial behaviour and Theft or robbery
2. **Road safety** - Speeding, Hoon driving and Road rage
3. **Drugs and alcohol** - People affected by drugs or alcohol, Public drinking or drunkenness and Taking illegal drugs

Number of survey responses in 2024 = **382**