

Community Safety

Why is it important?

Community safety supports social interaction and economic growth. Safe environments reduce crime, improve quality of life, and promote community engagement.

What is the story in Yarra?

Yarra's inner-city location and renowned night-time economy draw people to the region, contributing to the vibrancy of the city, but also to safety issues, with incident rates that are higher than Victoria, but comparable to other inner-Melbourne areas with night-time economies. Nearly half of all residents do not feel safe in public areas at night. The areas with the lowest perception of safety are Richmond, Abbotsford, Cremorne and Burnley.

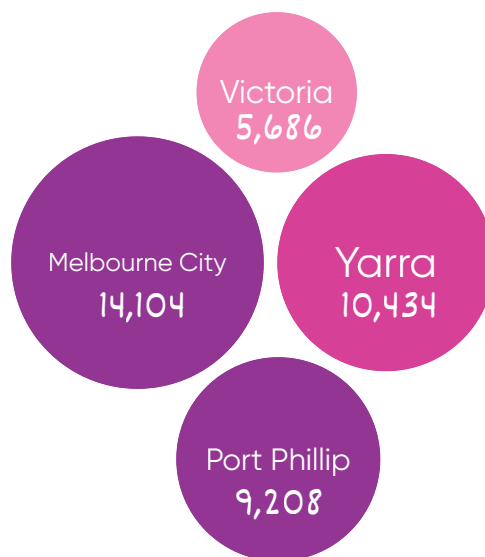
15% of Yarra residents experienced discrimination

72% of criminal incidents were **Property and Deception incidents**

There were proportionally more **Property and Deception incidents** in Yarra (72%) than in Victoria (60%), and fewer **Crimes against the Person** in Yarra (12%) than in Victoria (17%)

46% of Yarra residents do not feel safe at night in public places

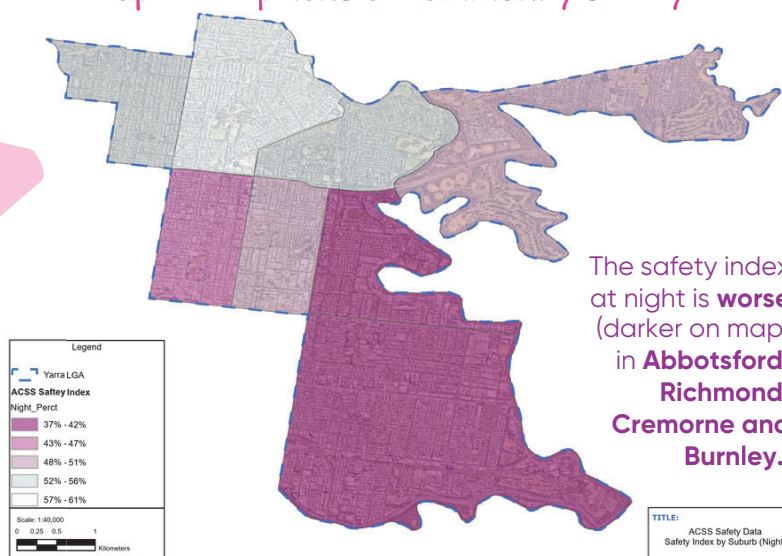
Criminal incidents:



In 2024, Yarra had nearly twice as many **criminal incidents per 100,000 residents** than Victoria.

But this was comparable to Port Phillip and Melbourne City

Map: Perceptions of community safety



Addressing community safety is particularly important for:

- people living in Abbotsford, Richmond, Cremorne and Burnley
- women
- young people (18-34 years)
- people with young children
- First Peoples
- people with disability