

# Media Release

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Minister for Police  
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## CRIME IS DOWN, YOUTH OFFENDING IS DOWN

Crime has dropped across Victoria thanks to Labor's tough laws.

In the year to March 2026, Victoria's criminal incident rate fell by nearly three per cent, and the youth offending rate fell by six per cent.

The drop in alleged youth offending is the biggest since before the COVID pandemic.

There's still a big job ahead to drive down overall crime, but our laws reflect what Victorians expect, and they are reducing crime in our communities.

The data shows:

- Aggravated burglary down 22 per cent
- Aggravated and non-aggravated robbery down 15 per cent
- Crime committed by young men continuing to decline with a drop of nearly nine per cent
- Theft from a motor vehicle down four per cent
- Sexual offences and family violence incidents continuing to decline
- The victimisation rate, overall recorded offences and criminal incidents all decreasing

More adults are also being held to account for breaching their bail conditions following our tougher changes:

- For the first time since records started, bail revocations and refusals in the Magistrates Court now make up a greater share of bail decisions – meaning more people are being jailed and not bailed
- Bail revocations are up nearly 50 per cent and bail refusals are up by more than 63 per cent

Despite these continuing positive signs, crime is still unacceptably high and there's more work to do.

- That's why we brought in *Adult Time for Violent Crime*, increasing the likelihood of jail
- That's why we started the Violence Reduction Unit to intervene early and stop crime before it starts
- That's why we back the Chief Commissioner's plan to get more police on the streets
- That's why we're keeping Victorians safe at work with PSOs in shopping centres and tougher ram-raid laws

The Crime Statistics Agency data release covers the period of April 1 2025 to March 31 2026.

Only Labor will continue the fight to drive down crime and make life safer for Victorians.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Police Anthony Carbines

*"There's more work to do but crime is down, youth offending is down and more people are being jailed not bailed."*

*"We give police what they need to keep Victorians safe – more powers, tougher laws and stronger consequences."*

### Quote attributable to Attorney-General Sonya Kilkenny

*"Our bail laws are holding repeat offenders to account and prioritising the safety of Victorians above all else."*

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