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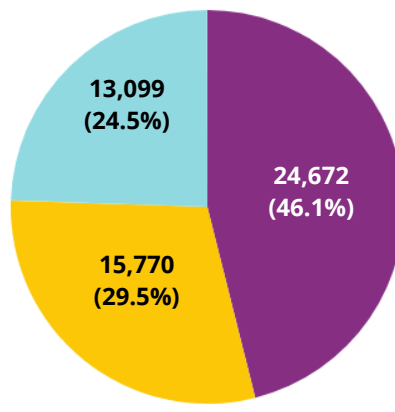
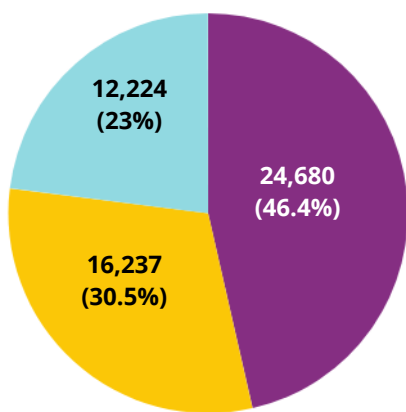
Bulletin #2 December 2021

What's new? This bulletin gives an overview of the impact of alcohol in the community comparing the most recent data available. We've also added some new datasets to the new website, including Serious Road Injuries, Deaths, Assaults and Family Violence.

Ambulance Attendances

FY 2019/2020

FY 2020/2021



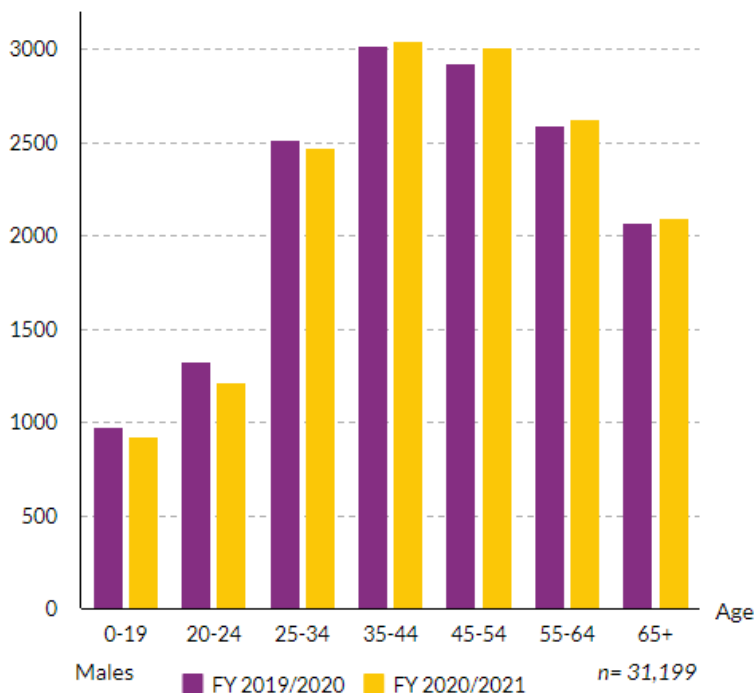
In 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 ambulance attendances related to alcohol accounted for nearly half (46.4% and 46.1% respectively) of all substance related attendances.

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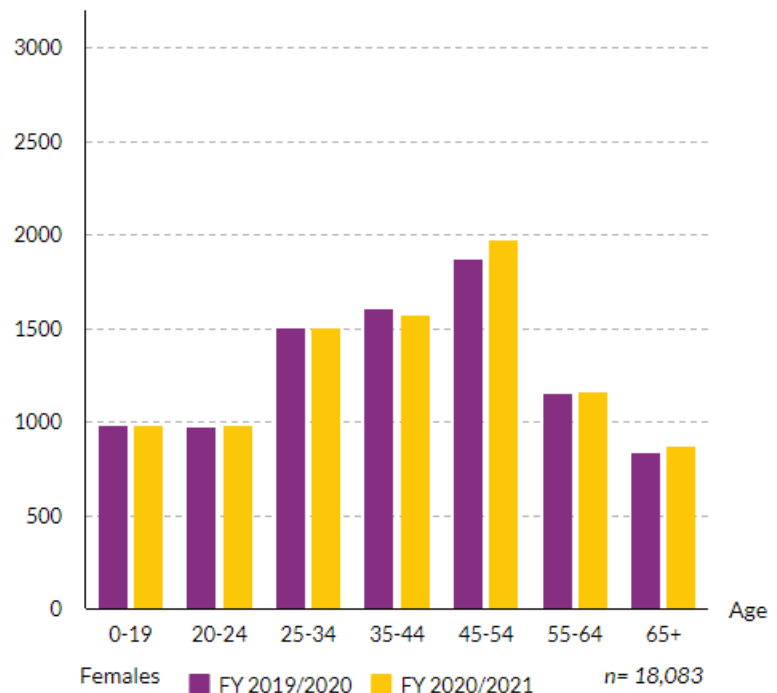
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Attendances



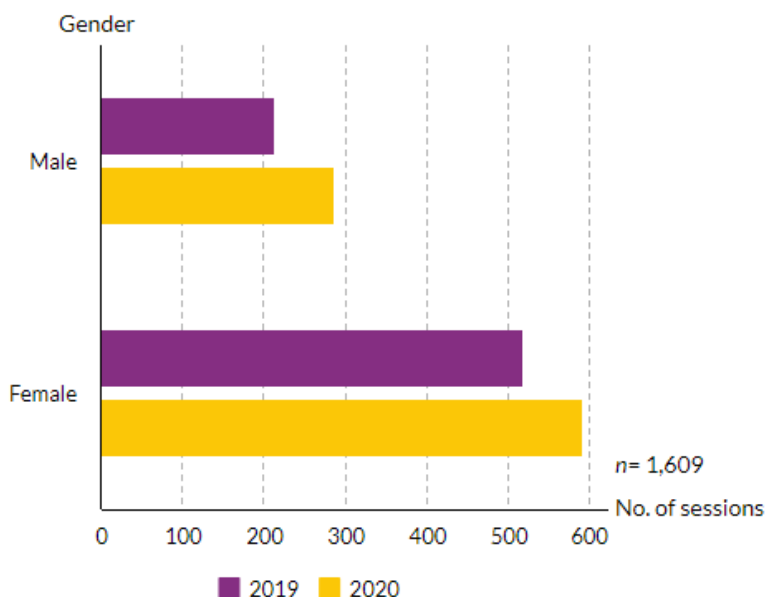
Attendances



Compared with 2019/2020, in 2020/2021 there was an increase in alcohol-related ambulance attendances for a number of age groups including for males aged over 35 years and females aged to 24 years and over 45 years of age.

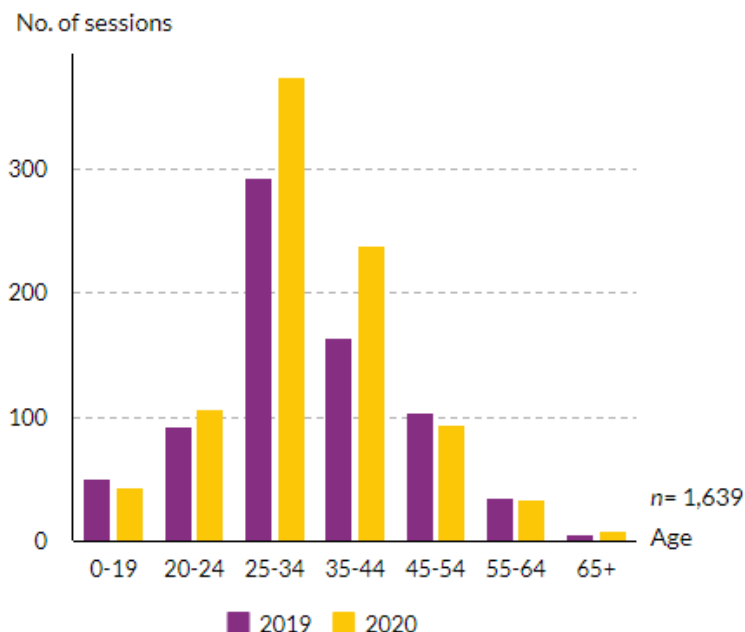
Counselling Online

↑ Online visits **increased** for alcohol among both males and females, in 2020 compared to 2019.



↑ Online visits **increased** among those aged 20-24, 35-44, and 65+, in 2020 compared to 2019.

↓ Online visits **decreased** among those aged 0-19, 45-54, and 55-64, in 2020 compared to 2019.



Serious Road Injuries

↓ Serious road injuries during high alcohol hours (HAH) **decreased** in both metro and regional Victoria in FY 2019/2020 compared to 2018/2019



Alcohol involvement is not directly measured for serious road injuries, so an alternative measure of alcohol hours is used.

***Definitions of HAH can be found [here](#)**

*It is important to note that some of the information presented occurred between March 2020-June 2020. During this period, areas of Victoria, both metro and regional, experienced periods of lockdown in which residents were only permitted to leave their homes for a few essential reasons.

Research conducted by Turning Point and Monash University researchers showed that there was a decrease in alcohol intoxication-related ambulance attendances at the beginning of each introduction of restrictions.

To learn more about the impact that the Victorian lockdown restrictions had on alcohol consumption, please visit this [link](#) to view the paper published by Turning Point and Monash University researchers.

What's next?

Future updates will occur in the following months and include:

- **March 2022 onwards** - annual data updated for datasets (check [AODstats](#) for updates).