

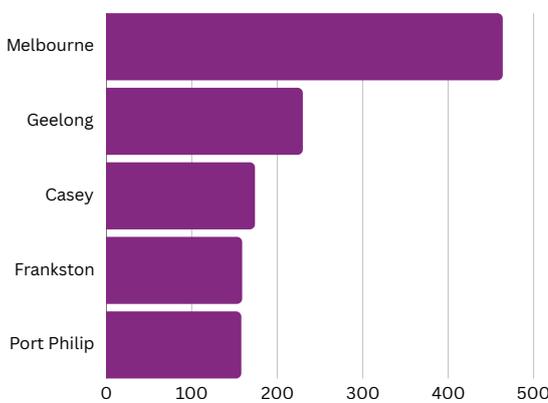
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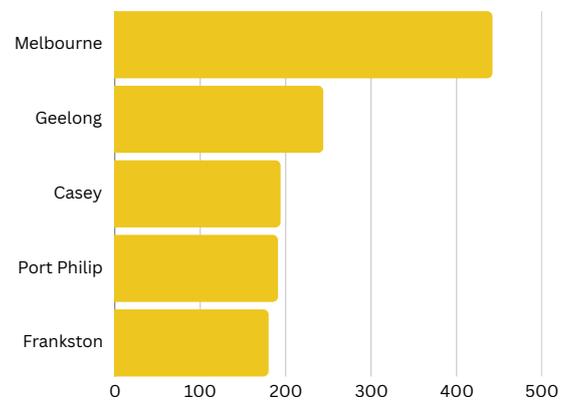
Key Messages Ambulance Attendances and DirectLine telephone sessions related to GHB use continue to be a prevalent issue across Victoria. This bulletin highlights areas that recorded the highest number of Ambulance Attendances and DirectLine calls for GHB.

Ambulance Attendances- GHB

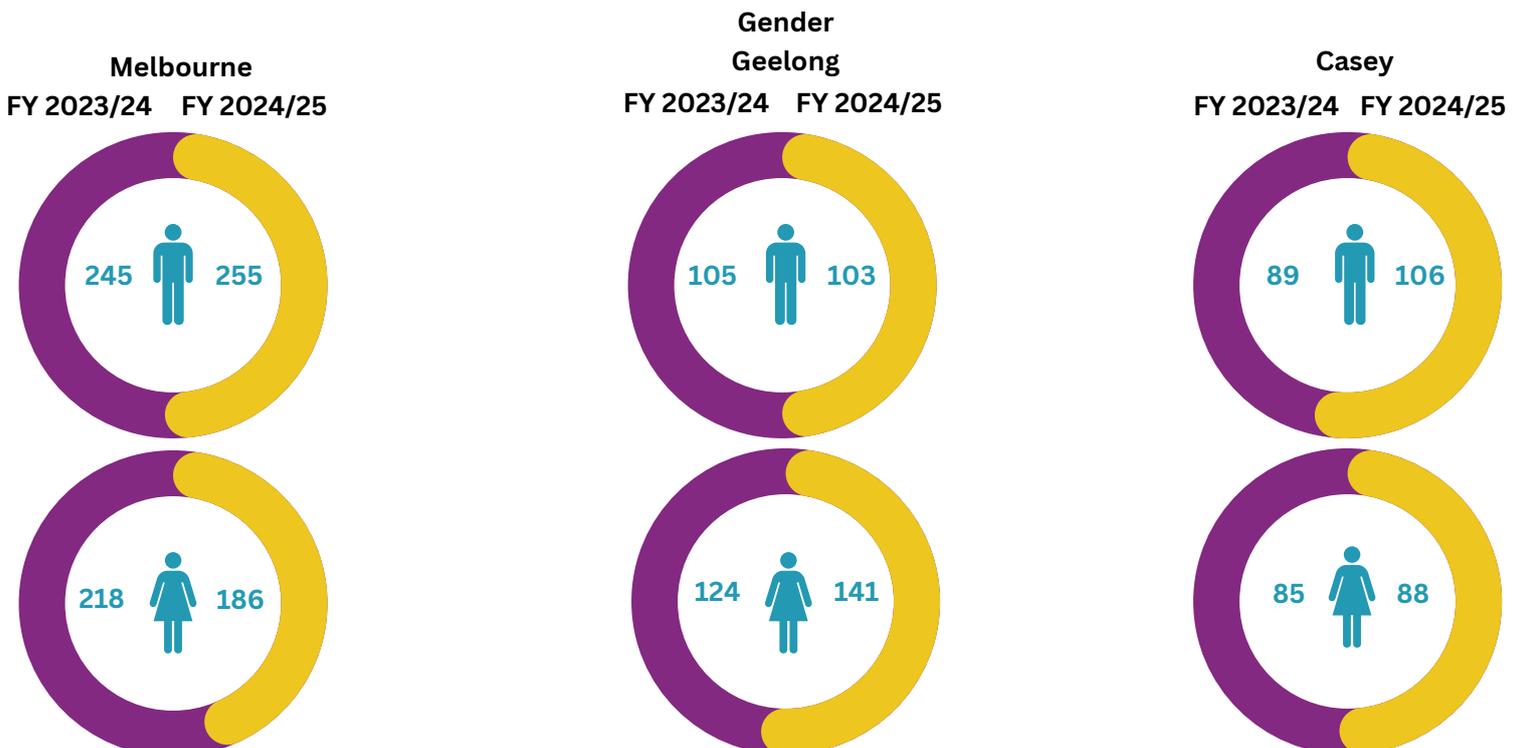
Victorian LGAs with the five highest numbers of GHB Ambulance Attendances- FY 2023/24



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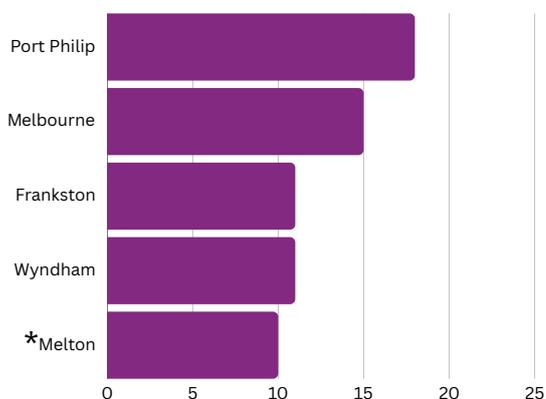
The LGAs of Melbourne, Geelong and Casey had the highest number of GHB Ambulance Attendances in Victoria for both FY 2023 and FY 2024. In FY 2024, this was followed by Port Philip and Frankston. In FY 2023, it was followed by Frankston and Port Philip.



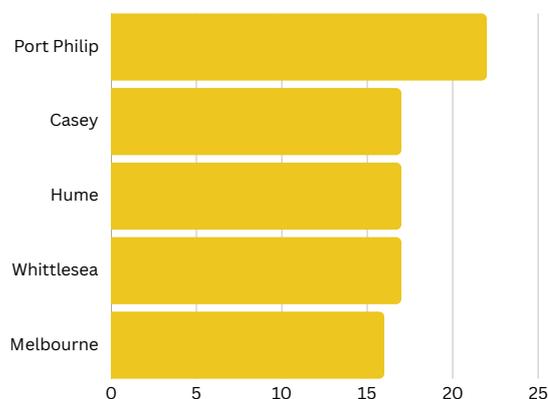
In FY 2024/25 there was a higher number of GHB Ambulance Attendances for males in the LGAs of Melbourne and Casey, and for females in the LGAs of Geelong and Casey, compared with FY 2023/24.

DirectLine- GHB

Victorian LGAs with the five highest numbers of GHB DirectLine telephone sessions- CY 2023



Victorian LGAs with the five highest numbers of GHB DirectLine telephone sessions- CY 2024



The LGA of Port Philip had the highest number of GHB DirectLine telephone sessions in Victoria for both CY 2023 and CY 2024. In CY 2024, this was followed by Casey, Hume, Whittlesea and Melbourne. In CY 2023, it was followed by Melbourne, Frankston, Wyndham, *Melton and Moreland. In CY 2023, Melton and Moreland had an equal number of telephone sessions (10) coming in fifth and sixth highest.

Want to know more about GHB?

GHB has been a topic of interest for Turning Point researchers for over a decade. While numbers of GHB usage have traditionally seemed relatively low when compared with other substances that have been used in the recreational space for a longer time period e.g. Amphetamines and Heroin, increased usage and the narrow window between usage being a pleasurable experience and having dangerous and potentially fatal consequences have made it a point of interest. Provided below are some links to recent media and publications about GHB research conducted by Turning Point in collaboration with other AOD researchers, if you would like to know more.

Media

[Hidden pockets of GHB harm revealed as ambulance attendances surge- 2025](#)

[How Geelong became an unexpected frontline for GHB harm- 2025](#)

Publications

[Patterns of Acute Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate Harms Requiring Ambulance Attendance: Should Greater Focus Be on Regional Areas?- Beard et al. 2025](#)

[Adverse outcomes of GHB use: Analysis of ambulance attendances in metropolitan and regional Victoria- Ogeil et al. 2023](#)

[Trends in gamma-hydroxybutyrate-related harms based on ambulance attendances from 2012 to 2018 in Victoria, Australia- Arunogiri et al. 2020](#)

For more information about Ambulance Attendances, DirectLine or any of the other 10 datasets on AODstats please visit us [here](#)

If you have any questions about GHB, Ambulance Attendances or DirectLine data, please get in touch with us [here](#)