



This is a summary document of the number of forced marriages (FM) investigated by the Australian Federal Police within the State of Victoria from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, being the 2020-2021 Financial Year (2020-21FY).

In the **2020-21FY** for the State of Victoria the AFP received 30 reports of forced marriage. Of these reports:

- 11 were not accepted for investigation as they were assessed as not being forced marriage or human trafficking incidents or there was insufficient information to continue an investigation;
- Two (2) were finalised due to the victim withdrawing support and the other being offshore;
- Two (2) two reports remain under evaluation with enquiries continuing; and
- 15 reports are current active investigations.

In **July 2020**, two (2) reports of FM were received by the AFP. Both of these reports were not accepted for investigation as they were assessed as not being human trafficking/FM offending.

In **August 2020**, three (3) reports of FM were received by the AFP. Of these reports, one (1) was not progressed as there was insufficient information to commence an investigation, one (1) was finalised due to the victim withdrawing support for the investigation, and one (1) progressed to investigation.

In **September 2020**, seven (7) reports of FM were received by the AFP. Of these, two (2) reports were not progressed as there was insufficient information to continue an investigation, and the remaining five (5) progressed to investigation.

In **October 2020**, one (1) report of FM was received by the AFP and progressed to investigation.

In **November 2020**, six (6) reports of FM were received by the AFP. Of these, one (1) was assessed as not being human trafficking/FM offending; one (1) was finalised as the victim left Australia and is not likely to return to Australia; and the remaining four (4) reports progressed to investigation.

In **December 2020**, three (3) reports of FM were received by the AFP. Of these, one (1) was assessed as not being human trafficking/FM offending, and the remaining two (2) progressed to investigation.

In **February 2021**, two (2) reports of FM were received by the AFP and progressed to investigation.

In **March 2021**, one (1) report of FM was received by the AFP and was assessed as not being human trafficking/FM offending.

In **April 2021**, three (3) reports of FM were received by the AFP. Of these, two (2) were assessed as not being human trafficking/FM offending, and one (1) progressed to investigation.

In **May 2021**, one (1) report of FM was received by the AFP which was assessed as not being human trafficking/FM offending.

In **June 2021**, one (1) report of FM was received by the AFP which progressed to investigation.