



Women and Girls in Mildura

A snapshot of gender inequity in Mildura, using sex-disaggregated data, to support improved planning, policy, and service delivery.

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Data sourced from:

Women's Health Victoria (2020) *The Women's Health Atlas*, sourced from <https://victorianwomenshealthatlas.net.au>

Victorian Government (2020) *The Gender Equality Act 2020*, sourced from <https://www.vic.gov.au/gender-equality-bill>

Population Demographics

The population of Mildura has grown since 2011, the estimated resident female population is currently 27,395, this equates to 50.8% of the total population of 53,870.

7.7% of the Mildura population identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, 4% of whom are female.

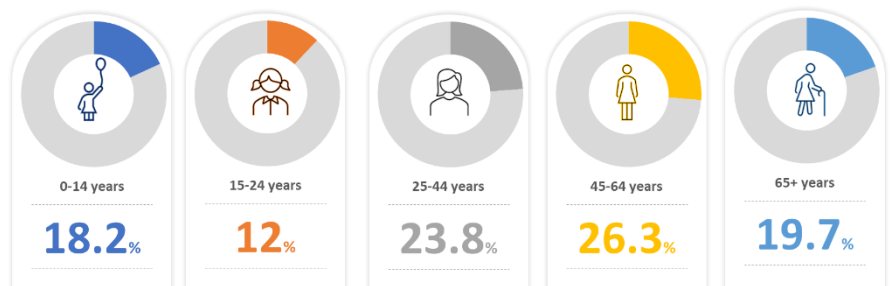


Figure 1: Age distribution of women in the region

Violence Against Women

During 2019 in Mildura 76% of all reported victims of family violence incidents were women.

There were 7.6% more reported incidents of family violence recorded by police in 2019 compared to 2015 in Mildura.

Of the reported sexual offences against women in Mildura during 2019, the perpetrator was known to the victim in 67.7% of cases.

Sexual and Reproductive Health

In 2017, the fertility rate in Mildura was 2.19 per 1,000, with 794 babies born that year. In 2017, the teenage fertility rate (women aged under 19 years) was 23.31 per 1,000.

In 2018, the Chlamydia rate per 10,000 was 20.23 for females and 12.07 for males.

Breast screening participation rate in 2018 was 59%, higher than the Loddon Mallee average of 57.7% and state average of 53.7%.

Cervical screening participation rate in 2018 was 57.3%, lower than the state average of 57.8%.

Education

29.8% of women in Mildura, aged 15 years or over, have completed Year 12 or equivalent, compared to 24.4% of men.

Qualification type

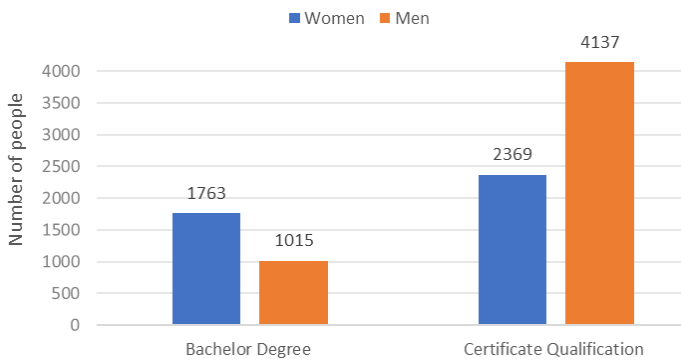


Figure 2: Comparison of qualification type between women & men

Care and unpaid work

As of 2016, there were 2,462 lone parents in Mildura, 81.4% women compared to 18.6% men.

12% of Mildura women gave unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, compared to 7.8% of men.

25.9% of women in Mildura did 15 or more hours of unpaid domestic work compared to 9.3% of men.

Perceptions of Safety

When asked 'How safe do you feel walking alone in your area after dark?' 33.3% of women in Loddon feel safe walking alone after dark, while 62.7% of men feel safe.

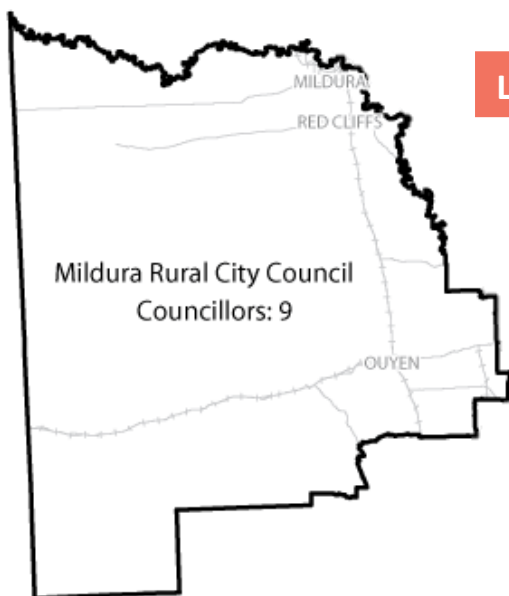


Figure 4: Map of Council Wards

Sourced from: www.vec.vic.gov.au/ElectoralBoundaries

Employment

45.5% of women in Mildura, over the age of 15, earn below minimum wage (less than \$649) compared to 34.8% of men.

41.5% of women in Mildura are employed full time compared to 69.1% of men.

45.7% of women in Mildura are employed part time compared to 17.1% of men.

Chief executives, general managers and legislators

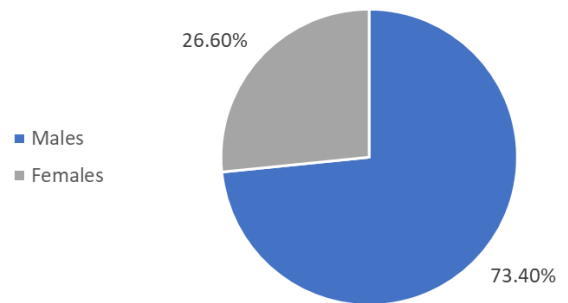


Figure 3: Comparison of leadership between women & men

Mental Health

As of 2017, 40% of women in Mildura had been diagnosed with anxiety or depression, in comparison to 29.7% of men.

25.2% of women and 20% of men within Mildura sought professional help for a mental health problem in the last year.

Gender Equality in Relationships

24.7% of women in Mildura agree that men should take control in relationships, compared to 43.1% of men.

Local Council

22.2% of local councillors in the Mildura City are women, compared to 77.8% whom are men (2 women, 7 men).

The position of CEO at the Mildura City Council is held by a woman (Sarah Philpott), with the position of mayor being held by a man (Cr Simon Clemence).

The new Victorian Gender Equality Act will require public entities, including councils, to take real steps to improve gender equality outcomes in workplaces and community, and to report on these publicly.

The Act is a first for Australia and will have far reaching positive impacts for people of all genders.

