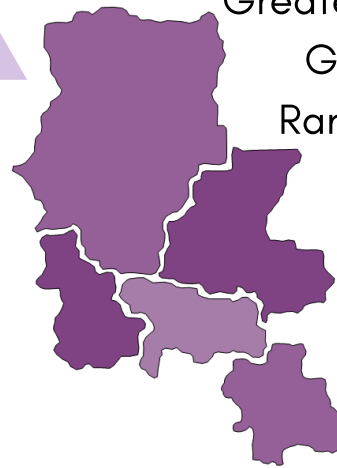




# A Snapshot of the Loddon Mallee

## Loddon Mallee South

Greater Bendigo, Central Goldfields, Macedon Ranges, Mt Alexander, Loddon



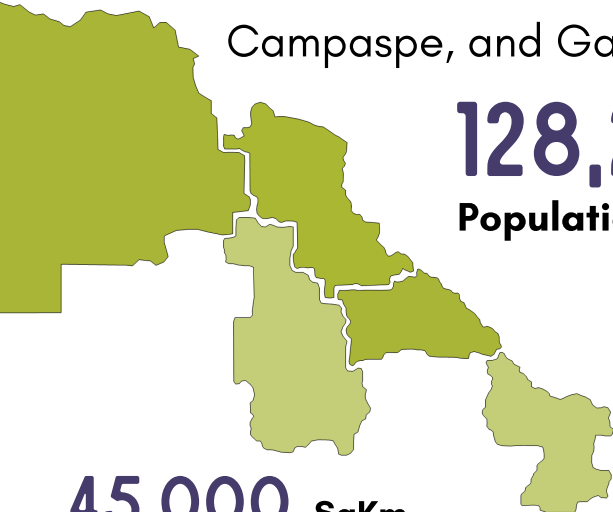
**195,859**  
Population

**14,600**  
SqKm

**50.8%**  
Female population

## Loddon Mallee North

Mildura, Swan Hill, Buloke, Campaspe, and Gannawarra



**128,265**  
Population

**45,000** SqKm

### Loddon Mallee North Economy

Biggest employers in the region  
Agriculture, forestry and fishing 19%  
Health care & social assistance 12.5%  
Retail: 10.3%  
Manufacturing: 7.18%

### Loddon Mallee South Economy

Biggest employers in the region  
Agriculture, forestry and fishing 10.2%  
Health care and social assistance 13.8%  
Retail: 9.84%  
Manufacturing: 9.76%

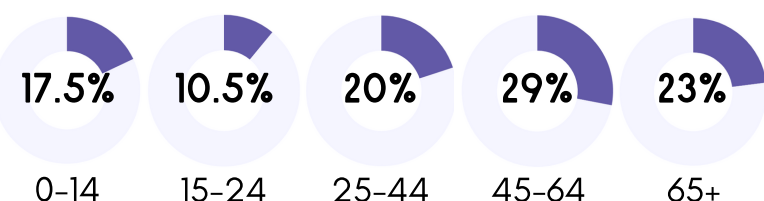
**One of the world's largest single estate olive groves is located near Boort.**

The Bendigo Bank is the only Australian bank to be headquartered in a regional area, located in Bendigo.

**40% of Victoria's fruit is produced in the region.**

**The Murray River is the lifeblood of the Loddon Mallee.** The river is home to over

350 varieties of birds, many species of mammals, reptiles and fish. First Nations people have inhabited and taken care of the river for thousands of years. The river supports agriculture, cultural activities, and tourism in the region.



### Loddon Mallee Age Distribution



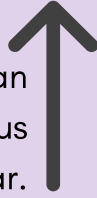
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There are 13 operational solar energy facilities in Victoria, 11 of which are in the Loddon Mallee region!

18% more than the previous year.

**34,330**

**Small-scale solar panels were installed in the LM in 2018.**



<b>54%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>81%</b>
Christian	No Religion/ Secular Beliefs	Indigenous Population	Born in Australia

9.5% of adults are divorced and 49% of adults are married

## Employment, Education and Income

**212,478**

**Employee Jobs**

**\$53,198**

**Mean Employee Income**

**31.7% 24.9%**  
**Women Men**

Have attained year 12 or equivalent

**Average monthly household mortgage payments**

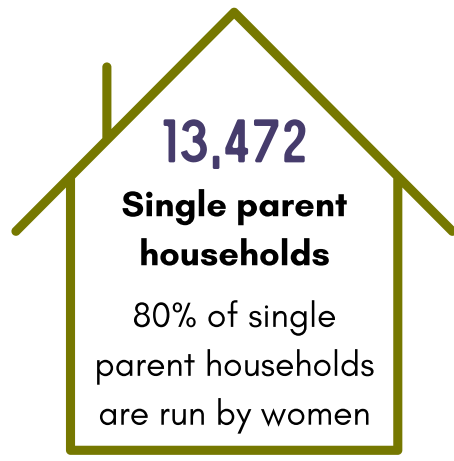
LMN: \$762 & LMS: \$968

**Average monthly household rental payments**

LMN: \$1,201 & LMS: \$1,369



**La Trobe University have campuses in Bendigo, Mildura and Shepparton.**



**30%**

Experience transport limitations



**74%**

Of people have internet access from their dwelling



Individuals with a range of diverse genders and sexualities call the Loddon Mallee home.



**Women**

Unemployed: 5.2%  
Employed Part Time: 50.2%  
Employed Full Time: 37.7%



**Men**

Unemployed: 6%  
Employed Part Time: 19.7%  
Employed Full Time: 68.7%

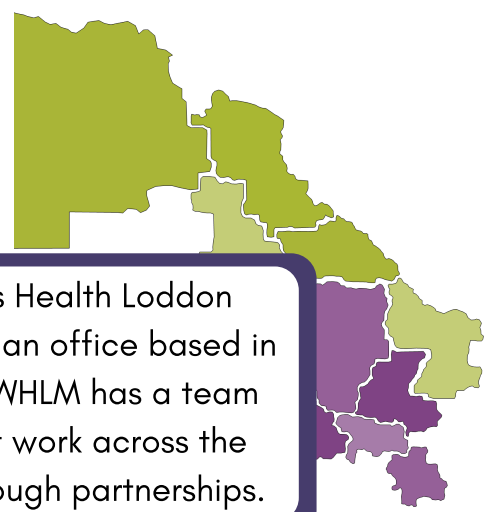
The Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage measures social and economic disadvantage. A lower number indicates more disadvantage.

**Average IRSD**

**LMS 30 LMN 16**



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Women's Health Loddon Mallee has an office based in Bendigo. WHLM has a team of 12 that work across the region through partnerships.

## General Population Health

**37%** **46%**

**Men Women**

Meet daily fruit consumption guidelines

**3%** **10%**

**Men Women**

Meet daily vegetable consumption guidelines

### Alcohol related harm lifetime risk

Women: 54% Men: 76%



Mental Health	Women	Men
Ever diagnosed with anxiety or depression	41%	29%
Sought professional help for mental health problems in the last 12 months	25%	17%
Self-harm rate per 1,000	1.5	0.9

**19%**

**Current smokers**

**25%**

**Ex smokers**

**55%**

Meet physical activity weekly guidelines

51% Women

59% Men

Pre-obese or obese

Cancer Screening Rates	LM Average	State Average
Breast screening participation	58%	54%
Cervical screening participation	59%	58%

	Women	Men
Bowel screening participation	48%	43%

**76%**

**Report high or very high life satisfaction**

**76%**

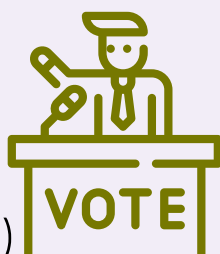
**Agree that their community is close knit**

State average for close knit community is 70%

Women make up 26% of chief executives, general managers and legislators

### Council representation

48 men (64%)  
27 women (36%)



**29%** **11%**  
**of women of men**

Work 15+ hours of unpaid work per week

13% of women and 9% of men give unpaid assistance to a person with a disability.



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## Physical and Sexual Violence

**5,657**

Family Violence Incidents Reported in 2015

**6,596**

Family Violence Incidents Reported in 2019

**16% increase in reported family violence incidents between 2015-2019.**

**Females make up 76% of victims in family violence cases reported.**

### In 2011..

**68%**  
of women

**90%**  
of men

**felt safe walking alone at night in the Loddon Mallee.**

### In 2015..

**48%**  
of women

**81%**  
of men

**felt safe walking alone at night in the Loddon Mallee.**

## Sexual Offences per 10,000

Loddon Mallee Average  
 Female: 16.3 Male: 3.1

**The perpetrator was known to victims of sexual offences in 85% of cases.**

## Family Violence Reported Incidents

### Local

Government Area	2014	2019
Mildura	1494	1752
Swan Hill	537	658
Buloke	47	47
Gannawarra	152	250
Campaspe	617	740
Loddon	73	107
Central Goldfields	269	400
Greater Bendigo	1698	1966
Mt Alexander	206	224
Macedon Ranges	399	452

**On average 100 Inter-Uterine Devices and 186 Contraceptive Implants were inserted in each Loddon Mallee shire in 2018.**

**3,839**

**Babies born in 2018**

**Teenage Birth Rate per 1,000**

**13.3**

## Intimate Partner Violence 2019 Rate (per 10,000)

Loddon Mallee Average	Victoria State Average
Women: 100.6	Women: 77
Men: 21.9	Men: 18.5

Average number of children that a woman in the Loddon Mallee could expect to bear.

**2.2**