

# Women & Girls in Central Goldfields



A snapshot of gender equality in our region.

## Population Overview



In 2021, there were 6,836 women and girls living in the Central Goldfields, from a total population 13486. Of these, 2.3% of women and girls identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, while 9.4% of were born overseas.

### Age distribution of females living in the Central Goldfields

0-14 years   15-24 years   25-44 years   45-64 years   65+ years



## Violence Against Women

Although preventable, gender-based violence and family violence are significant challenges in the Central Goldfields.



## Sexual & Reproductive Health



**105**

babies were born in the region in 2021.

The birth rate was lower than state average, while the adolescent rate was higher.

**59.2**  
/1000

women of child-bearing age

**14.8**  
/1000

women & girls aged 13-19

Since 2015, rates of diagnosed STIs have **been very low in the Central Goldfields Shire.**

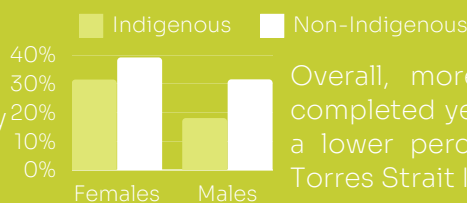


Contraceptive implants (Implanon) are more popular than IUDS amongst women in Central Goldfields..

## Education



Of all Central Goldfields students enrolled in tertiary education, approximately 92% were female.

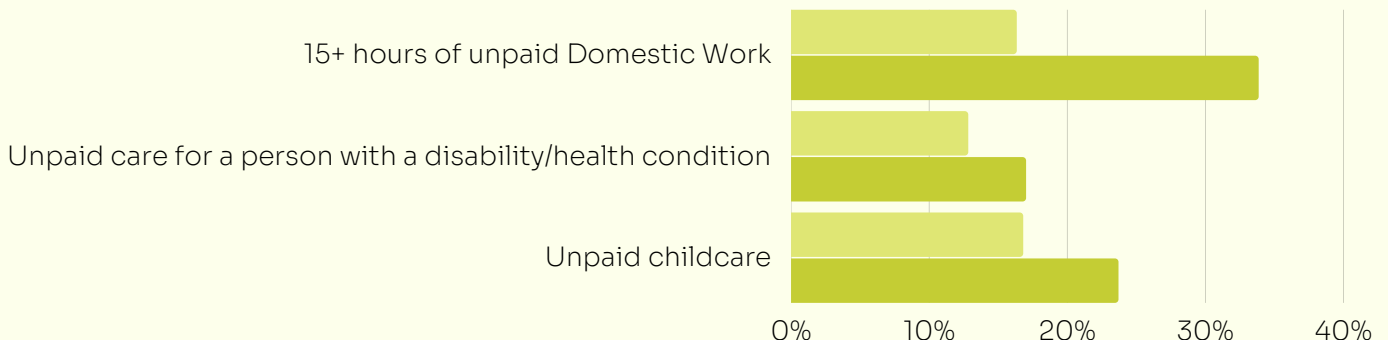


Overall, more females than males have completed year 12 or equivalent. However, a lower percentage of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders have completed it.

## Care & Unpaid Work

Women in Central Goldfields do more care and unpaid work than the men in do. In 2021:

Men   Women



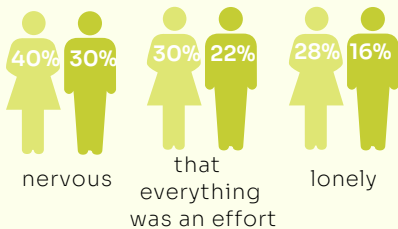
## Mental Health & Well-being

Women and girls in Campaspe experience high rates of mental health and well-being challenges. In 2021:

**29.2%** of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women & girls reported living with a long-lasting mental health condition

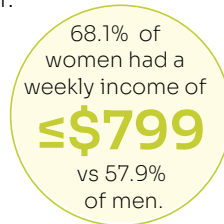
**17.4%** of Non-Indigenous women & girls in Central Goldfields

During COVID-19 lockdowns,, women in Victoria were more likely than men to feel:



## Employment

Women in Central Goldfields are still not equal in the workplace. In 2021:



## Perceptions of Safety

When asked how they felt walking home alone at night, only 41.7% of women in Central Goldfields indicated that they felt safe.



## Local Council



The current Local Council of Central Goldfields includes 3 women and 4 men. The position of mayor is currently held by a woman.

## Useful Resources

### Victorian LGA Women's Charter

<https://www.vlga.org.au/sites/default/files/190809%20Womens%20Charter.pdf>

### Safe and Strong: The Victorian Gender Equality Strategy

<https://www.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-05/Safe-and-Strong-Victorian-Gender-Equality-Strategy.pdf>

### Change the Story: Our Watch

<https://www.ourwatch.org.au/change-the-story/>

## Support Services

### The Orange Door in Loddon

9am-5pm Monday-Friday  
1800 290 943  
75 Clarendon Street, Maryborough, 3465

### Centre for Non-Violence

9am-5pm Monday-Friday  
1800 5884292  
96/98 Pall Mall, Bendigo 3550

### 1800 RESPECT

24/7 National hotline for anyone experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, family violence or sexual assault. Also available to friends, family and frontline workers.  
1800 737 732

## Sources of data:

ABS 2022, Central Goldfields 2021 Census Community Profiles, <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/community-profiles/2021/LGA21670>

ABS 2022, Births - Australia Data Downloads - Table 3: Births, Summary Local Government Area 2011-2021 <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/births-australia/latest-release>

CrimeStatsVic 2023, Latest Crime Data by Area, - Family Violence Dashboard <https://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/crime-statistics/latest-crime-data-by-area>

### WHV 2021, Victorian Women's Health Atlas Violence Against Women Fact Sheet - Central Goldfields

<https://victorianwomenshealthatlas.net.au/reports%2Ffactsheets%2FViolence%20Against%20Women%2FCentral%20Goldfields%2FVWHAAtlas%20Fact%20Sheet%20Violence%20Against%20Women%20Central%20Goldfields.pdf>

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