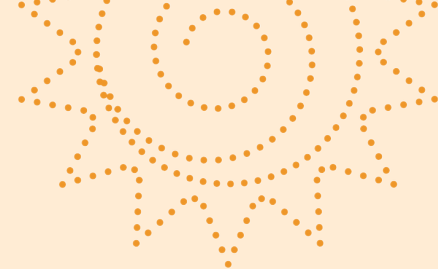


# Women & Girls in Mount Alexander



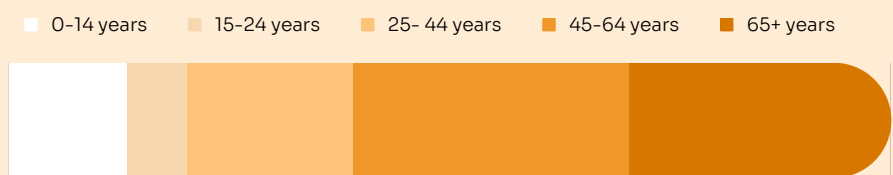
A snapshot of gender equality in our region.

## Population Overview



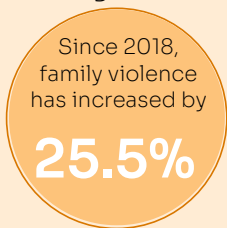
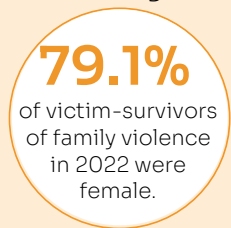
In 2021, there were 10,150 women and girls living in Mount Alexander, from a total population 20,255. Of these, 1.1% of women and girls identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, while 13% of were born overseas.

### Age distribution of females living in the Buloke Shire



## Violence Against Women

Although preventable, gender-based violence and family violence are significant challenges in Mount Alexander.



## Sexual & Reproductive Health



**157**

babies born in Mount Alexander in 2021.

Both the birth rate and the adolescent birth rate were lower than the state average.

**60.3**  
**/1000**

women of child-bearing age

**6.87**  
**/1000**

women & girls aged 13-19

Chlamydia was the most diagnosed STI in 2020.

**However, the rate was lower than the VIC average.**

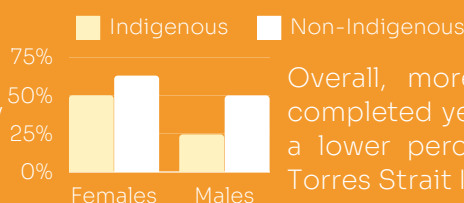


In 2020, the uptake of modern contraception (IUDs and Implanon) was lower than the state LGA average.

## Education



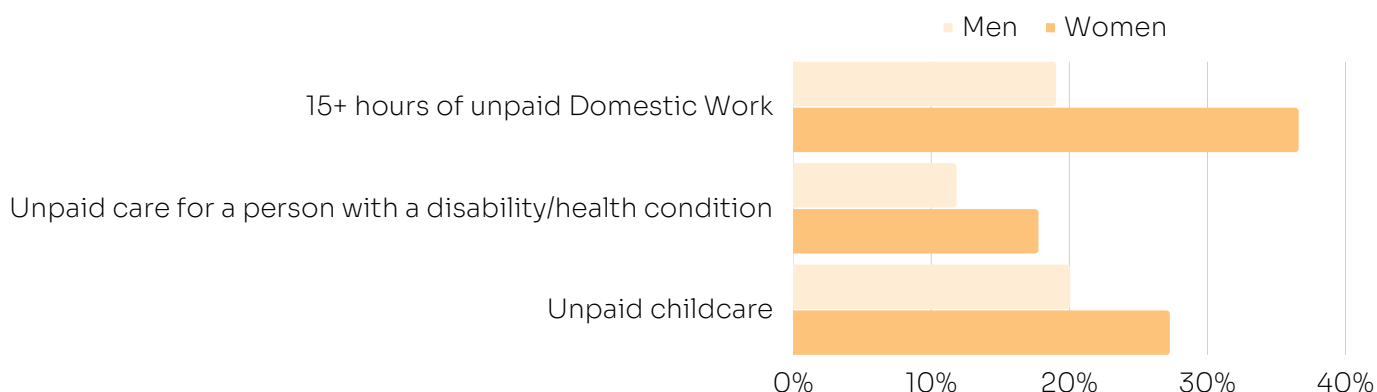
Of all Mount Alexander students enrolled in tertiary education, approximately 63.3% were female.



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 Mount Alexander do more care and unpaid work than the men do. In 2021:



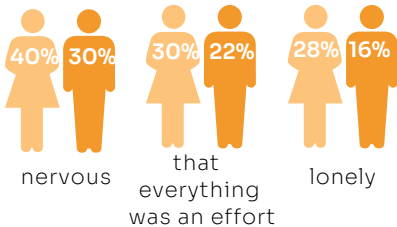
## Mental Health & Well-being

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

**30.7%** of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women & girls reported living with a long-lasting mental health condition

**14.4%** of Non-Indigenous women & girls in Mount Alexander

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



## Employment

Women in Mount Alexander are still not equal in the workplace. In 2021:

57.4% of women had a weekly income of **≤\$799** vs 43.4% of men.

33.5% of women worked **Full-Time** compared to 57.6% of men.

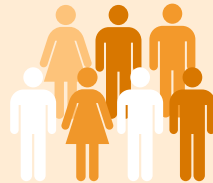
Women represented 43.9% of general **managers** while 56.1% were men.

## Perceptions of Safety

When asked how they felt walking home alone at night, only 52% of women in Mount Alexander indicated that they felt safe.



## Local Council



The current Local Council of Buloke Shire includes 2 women and 5 men. The position of mayor is currently held by a woman.

## Useful Resources

Mount Alexander Gender Equality Action Plan

[https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/files/Policies/Gender\\_Equality\\_Action\\_Plan\\_2021-2025.PDF](https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/files/Policies/Gender_Equality_Action_Plan_2021-2025.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](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 512 359

57 View Street, Bendigo 3550

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

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