



**Women's Health Loddon Mallee**

Loddon Mallee  
Region

<http://www.whlm.org.au/>

## Violence against Women Priority Health Area

Violence against women is experienced by a significant number of women in Australia despite it being preventable. For Victorian women aged between 15 and 44 years, intimate partner violence is the leading cause of preventable death, disability and illness. The impact of violence against women is widespread and long-standing, generating profound personal, social and economic costs to individuals, the community and our nation. Specific groups of women are particularly at risk of violence due to the interplay of a number of complex factors, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, women with a disability and culturally and linguistically diverse women. Having the confidence, knowledge and ability to seek support and access appropriate services is also difficult for many women.

### Perceptions of Safety Indicator

Neighbourhoods which are perceived as safe, foster community participation, encourage physical activity, community connectedness and add to the health and well-being of local residents and visitors. The built environment and the way neighbourhoods are designed and maintained, impact greatly on perceptions of safety and are critical factors in any strategy for improving safety in neighbourhoods.

#### Gender Analysis

Fear of male violence significantly limits the participation of women and girls in community life. In many local government areas we know that public parks and recreation areas are used significantly more by men than by women. This contributes to disparity in health outcomes, feelings of social exclusions and poor perceptions of safety for women.

#### Perceptions of Safety % People who feel safe when walking alone at night

The number of people who answered "Very Safe" or "Safe" when asked "How safe do you feel walking alone in the local area by night?" in the Community Indicators Victoria Survey, divided by the number of people who participated in the survey in each LGA.

Source: Community Indicators Victoria, Perceptions of Safety Indicator, 2011

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	43.4%	F	68.0%	F	63.1%
M	66.4%	M	90.4%	M	87.5%
				All	75.3%

Link: <http://www.communityindicators.net.au/>

## Sexual Offences Indicator

Acts, or intent of acts, of a sexual nature against another person, which are non-consensual or where consent is proscribed (i.e. the person is legally deemed incapable of giving consent because of youth or temporary/permanent incapacity). This includes rape, indecent assault, sexual offences against children, and other sexual offences. Where there are a small number of incidences, the data has been adjusted to maintain confidentiality.

### Gender Analysis

Sexual assault is both a consequence and a reinforcer of the power disparity existing between men and women and children. 1 in 5 women have experienced sexual violence since the age of 15 years. The impact of sexual assault and family violence on the lives of victim/survivors is multi-faceted and complex. It includes emotional, social, psychological, legal, health, spiritual, economic and political consequences.

### Sexual Offences Reported Incidences

The number of victim reports received in the year period 2014.

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	61	F	35.3	F	61.4
M	12	M	8.3	M	15.1
				All	38.3

Source: Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Family Violence Affected Family Members by LGA and sex, January 2014 to December 2014, 2014

Link: <http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/>

### Sexual Offences Rate (per 10,000)

The number of victim reports received in the year period 2014 per 10,000 persons.

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	11.97	F	11.0	F	10.2
M	2.35	M	2.3	M	2.6
				All	6.4

Source: Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Family Violence Affected Family Members by LGA and sex, January 2014 to December 2014, 2014

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## Stalking, Harassment and Threatening Behaviours Indicator

Acts intended to cause physical or mental harm, or arouse apprehension or fear through a repeated course of unreasonable conduct. This includes actions that are intended to harass, threaten or invade the privacy of an individual. This includes stalking, harassment and private nuisance, and threatening behaviour. Where there are a small number of incidences, the data has been adjusted to maintain confidentiality.

### Gender Analysis

Sexual harassment and stalking are highly gendered experiences, women are overwhelmingly the victims and men the perpetrators. Many women suffer harassment when going about their daily lives, which includes more physical forms of harassment, such as being followed or having their path blocked. Fear of male violence significantly limits the participation of women and girls in community life.

### Stalking, Harassment and Threatening Behaviours Reported Incidences

The number of victim reports received in the year period 2014.

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	57	F	24.1	F	54.6
M	25	M	12.7	M	27.4
				All	41.0

Source: Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Family Violence Affected Family Members by LGA and sex, January 2014 to December 2014, 2014

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### Stalking, Harassment and Threatening Behaviours Rate (per 10,000)

The number of victim reports received in the year period 2014 per 10,000 persons.

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	11.18	F	6.4	F	7.8
M	4.9	M	5.1	M	4.3
				All	6.1

Source: Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Family Violence Affected Family Members by LGA and sex, January 2014 to December 2014, 2014

Link: <http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/>

## Family Violence Indicator

A family incident is an incident attended by Victoria Police where a Victoria Police Risk Assessment and Risk Management Report (also known as an L17 form) was completed. A family incident can involve one or more affected family members and/or one or more other parties. For statistical purposes, these are counted as one incident but may appear multiple times in demographic counts. Where there are a small number of incidences, the data has been adjusted to maintain confidentiality.

### Gender Analysis

Family violence is the most pervasive and common form of men's violence against women in Victoria. It is the leading cause of death and disability in women aged 15-45 years and is the biggest contributor to women's ill-health including poor mental health.

### Family Violence Reported Incidences

Count of victim reports in the year period 2014, where incidences were attended by Victoria Police and a Victoria Police Risk Assessment and Risk Management Report (also known as an L17 form) was completed.

Source: Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Family Violence Affected Family Members by LGA and sex, January 2014 to December 2014, 2014

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	1118	F	424.0	F	677.6
M	376	M	125.2	M	217.8
				All	447.7

Link: <http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/>

### Family Violence Rate (per 10,000)

Count of incidences attended by Victoria Police where a Victoria Police Risk Assessment and Risk Management Report (also known as an L17 form) was completed per 10,000 persons.

Source: Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Family Violence Affected Family Members by LGA and sex, January 2014 to December 2014, 2014

Mildura		Loddon Mallee Region Average		State Average	
F	219.31	F	126.9	F	102.4
M	73.76	M	37.1	M	33.0
				All	67.7

Link: <http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/>