

Victorian Women's Health Atlas Overview

What is the Atlas?

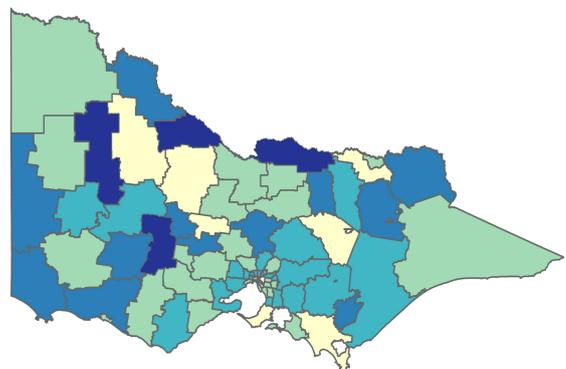
- Free, interactive data platform launched in 2015 that displays health and social wellbeing indicators, mapped by sex, for every local government area in Victoria.
- Reliable source of sex-disaggregated data to support gender equality and health promotion work at statewide, regional and local government level.
- More than 90 indicators on the platform, grouped into 8 categories:
 - Sexual and reproductive health
 - Violence against women
 - Mental health
 - Cancer
 - Healthy living
 - Chronic disease
 - Socioeconomic status
 - Populations
- Many indicators have 8+ years of data.
- Many Atlas datasets are not readily available elsewhere, such as medical termination of pregnancy.

Access the Atlas

<https://victorianwomenshealthatlas.net.au/>

Atlas data visualisation

- The Atlas is designed to simply and effectively show:
 - What's the story for women and how is it different to the story for men?
 - What's the story by location? (statewide / regions / local areas)
 - What are the trends over time?
 - What is this data and where does it come from?
 - Why is this issue important for women's wellbeing? (discussion)
- Data views and outputs include:
 - maps,
 - bar charts,
 - trend graphs,
 - data tables,
 - fact sheets, and
 - supporting text to frame the data (description, broader discussion, data processing notes, data source).



Atlas reach and impact

- All-time reach since launch is more than 40,000 visitors, and 400,000 page views.
- Trusted data source to support evidence-based planning, advocacy, program design, monitoring and evaluation by Victorian women's health services, state and local government, health services and community organisations.
- Leading practice resource to support public sector agencies to meet their obligations under the Gender Equality Act 2020.
- Australian-first mapping of medication abortion and long-acting reversible contraception, highlighting differences in local demand and supply from 2017-2024.
- Publication of the above data is a game-changer, informing statewide and region-specific efforts to address service gaps.
- The Atlas tells the story of women's health and gender equality in Victoria visually using multiple interrelated indicators.
- Intersectional data resources including:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women
 - LGBTIQ+ community,
 - Migrant and refugee women
 - Young women and girls and older women
 - Women in the justice system
 - Women with disabilities
- Uptake within and beyond Victoria for research and education.

What people have said

This is a fantastic resource! Thanks for all your hard work in collating this data and putting it together.
(Health Policy Consultant)

Relevant data, well organised, clearly presented, easy to navigate.
(Local Government Planner)

An amazing resource demonstrating the progress of SRH services across the state, including where services need to be developed.
(Sexual & Reproductive Health Nurse)

Data such as these are absolutely invaluable to the sexual and reproductive health sector and the Women's Health Atlas is unique in collating this information and making it available.
(Women's Health Service User)

Who produces the Atlas?

Developed by Women's Health Victoria with input from the Victorian Women's Health Services, Family Planning Victoria (now Sexual Health Victoria), and funding support from the Victorian Government.