

Cultural heritage



Aboriginal people have a deep and continuous connection to the place now called Victoria, evidenced by the number of statewide cultural heritage places.

Ararat LGA has 906 registered cultural heritage places including Aboriginal cultural places, burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, rock art, scarred trees and stone features.

Publicly known cultural heritage places include Lake Bolac Stone Arrangement, Moyston Tree Burial and Langhi Ghiran Art Site.

Throughout this document the term “Aboriginal” is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Use of the terms “Koori”, “Koorie” and “Indigenous” are retained in the names of programs and initiatives, and, unless noted otherwise, are inclusive of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Data sources other than the Australian Bureau of Statistics Census

- 1. Maternal and Child Health Annual Report 2012-13, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- 2. Victorian Local Government Aboriginal Engagement and Reconciliation Survey 2012, Reconciliation Victoria

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Aboriginal community profile series

ARARAT
Local Government Area

Overview



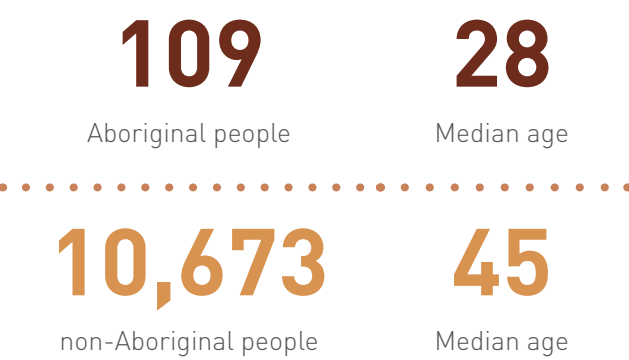
The Life Course Approach to Aboriginal Affairs in Victoria

The Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Framework 2013-2018 is the Government’s plan for closing the gap in Victoria by 2031, working in partnership with Aboriginal communities, service providers and the business sector.

This document provides a statistical profile of Aboriginal people within the Ararat Local Government Area (LGA). It acknowledges Aboriginal community organisations and identifies achievements and challenges relating to the Aboriginal community.

The profile is intended to support conversations between communities, service providers, governments and other key stakeholders. The information can help inform approaches and action at the local level to better meet the needs of Aboriginal people and deliver improved health, education, and employment outcomes.

Population in 2011



Aboriginal organisations

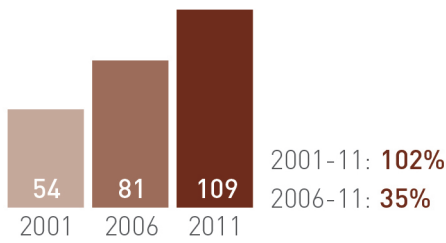
Known Traditional Owners
Barengi Gadjin Land Council Aboriginal Corporation
Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation
Martang Pty Ltd [#]
Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation [#]
Key community groups
Grampians Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group
Grampians Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
Grampians Closing the Health Gap Advisory Committee

Please refer to “Victoria” profile for a list of statewide Aboriginal organisations, as these may be active in this LGA. Also note there may be other Aboriginal organisations and community groups which operate in this area.

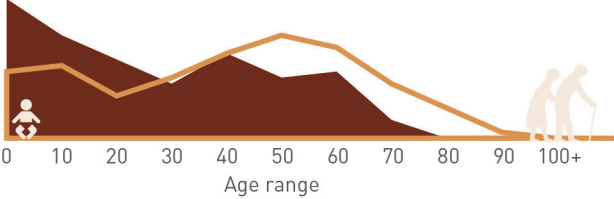
[#]Registered Aboriginal Party covering a specific area within the LGA.

Community

Population increase rate

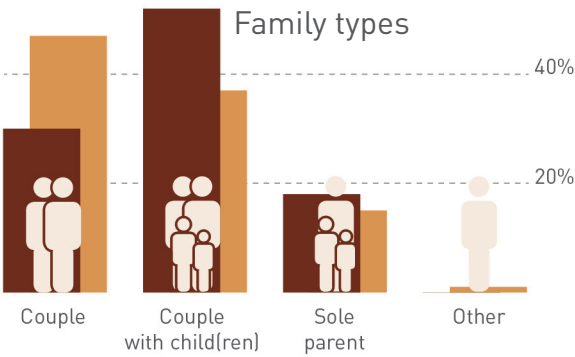


Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



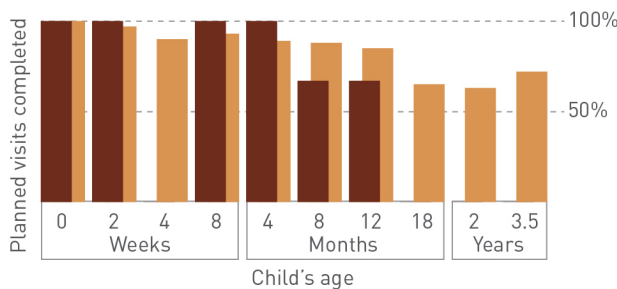
People who:
need assistance with a disability 4% 7%
provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability 31% 14%
provide unpaid childcare 51% 29%
volunteer with an organisation 24% 31%

Family types



Maternal and child health visits¹

This graph shows Aboriginal participation rates compared with participation rates for all children

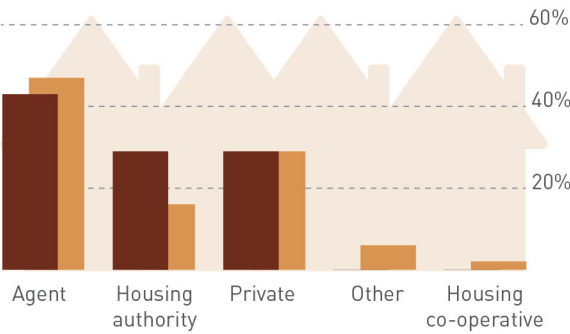


Housing and mobility

People whose home is:

Owned 63% 78%
Rented 37% 21%
(Does not include rent-free arrangements and retirement communities)

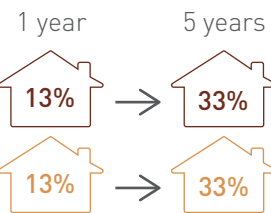
Rental agreement types



Aboriginal people whose home is:

free-standing 100%
semi-detached 0%
a flat or unit 0%
mobile or temporary 0%

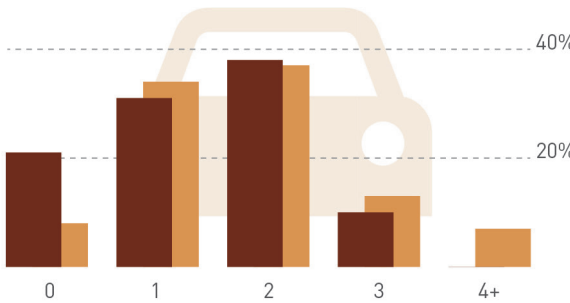
People who had moved prior to 2011, within:



Household internet access

None 29% 32%
Broadband 71% 59%
Dial-up 0% 4%
Other 0% 4%

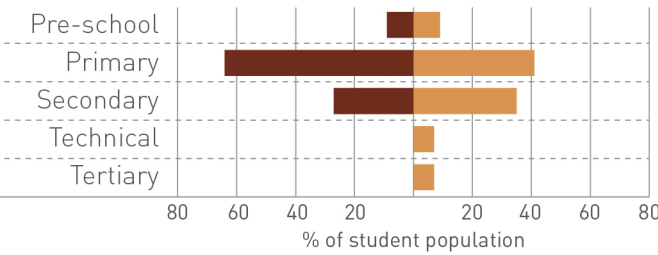
Number of cars per household



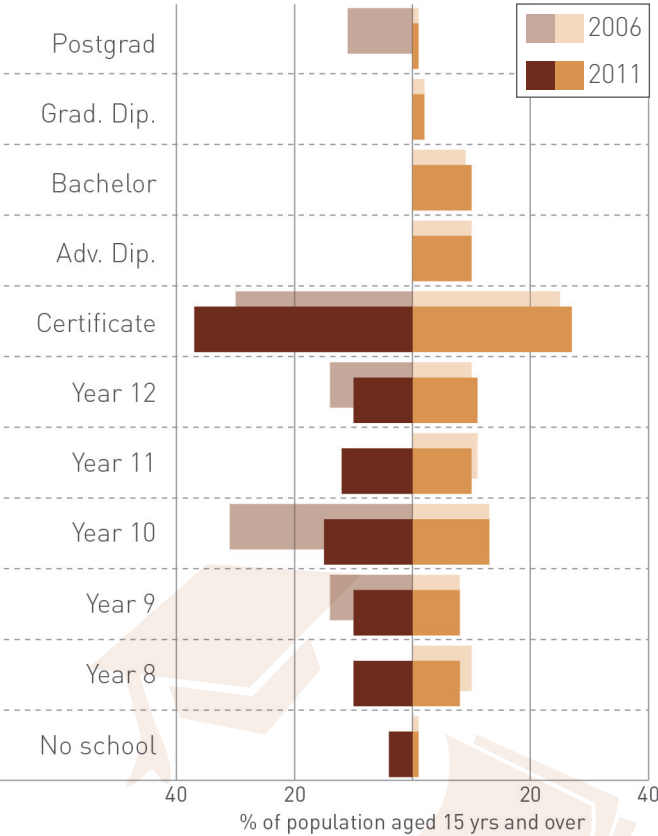
Education

Student distribution

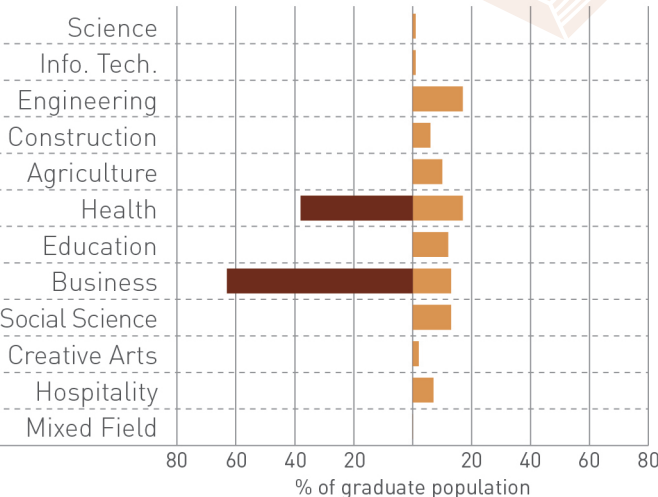
Total students 33 1,900



Highest level of education completed



Fields of study



Employment

Median weekly income

\$414 \$479

Employment rate 2006 2011
88% 86%
94% 96%

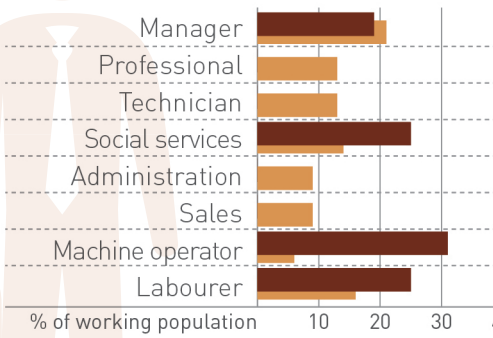
Employment status Full time Part time
16% 12%
33% 18%

Weekly hours worked* Unemployment rate
0 <25 25-39 40+ 2006 2011
0% 17% 39% 44% 13% 14%
5% 23% 28% 45% 6% 4%

*Census week

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Ararat Rural City Council²

Occupation



Industry

