

GREATER BENDIGO

Local Government Area

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.

Greater Bendigo LGA has 329 registered cultural heritage places including burials, artefact scatters, earth features, low density artefact distributions, object collections, quarries, scarred trees and stone features.

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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

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 Greater Bendigo 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

1,441

Aboriginal people

19

Median age

95,342

non-Aboriginal people

38

Median age

Aboriginal organisations

Key community organisations

Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative

Known Traditional Owners

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation[#]

Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation[#]

Key community groups

Bendigo Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Southern Loddon Mallee Indigenous Family Violence Regional Action Group

Loddon Mallee Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

Bendigo Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee

Loddon Mallee Closing the Health Gap Advisory Committee

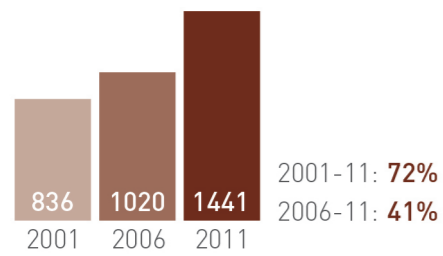
Bendigo Local Indigenous Network

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.

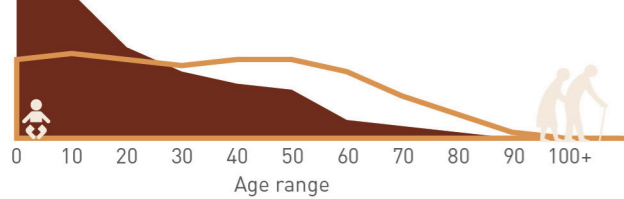
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Community

Population increase rate

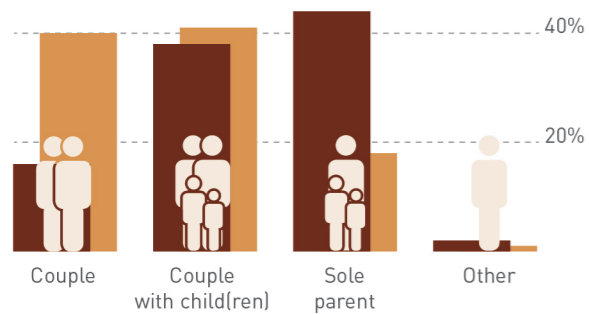


Age distribution of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people



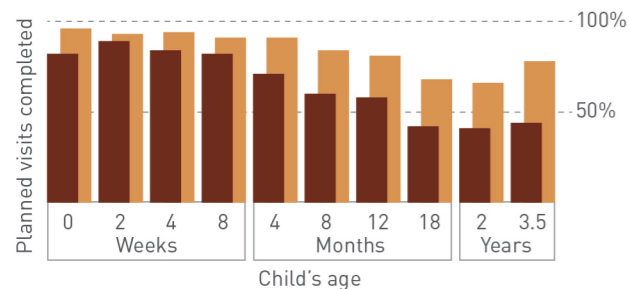
People who:
need assistance with a disability **7% 6%**
provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability **14% 14%**
provide unpaid childcare **33% 32%**
volunteer with an organisation **15% 23%**

Family types



Maternal and child health visits¹

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

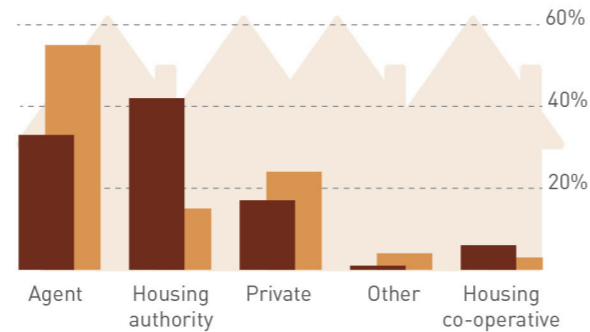


Housing and mobility

People whose home is:

Owned **42% 73%**
Rented **58% 26%**
(Does not include rent-free arrangements and retirement communities)

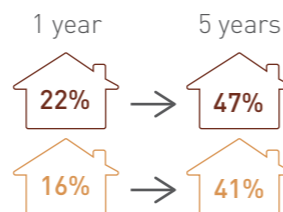
Rental agreement types



Aboriginal people whose home is:

free-standing **88%**
semi-detached **5%**
a flat or unit **7%**
mobile or temporary **1%**

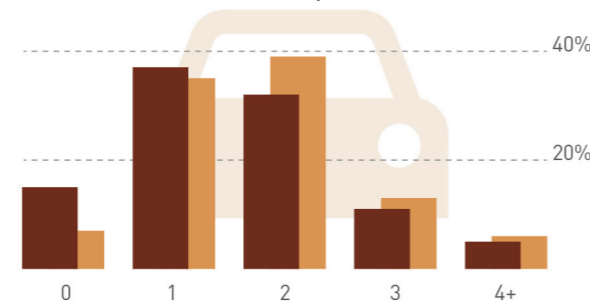
People who had moved prior to 2011, within:



Household internet access

None **27% 25%**
Broadband **63% 68%**
Dial-up **3% 4%**
Other **7% 4%**

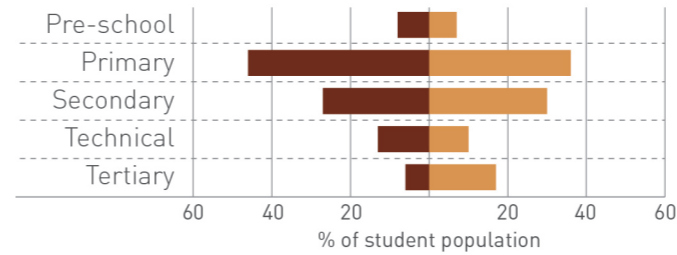
Number of cars per household



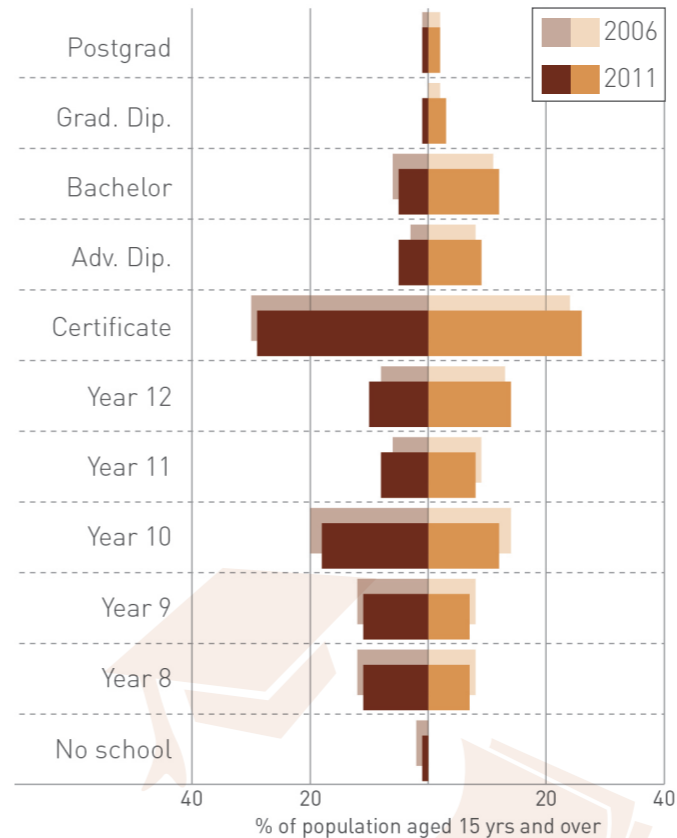
Education

Student distribution

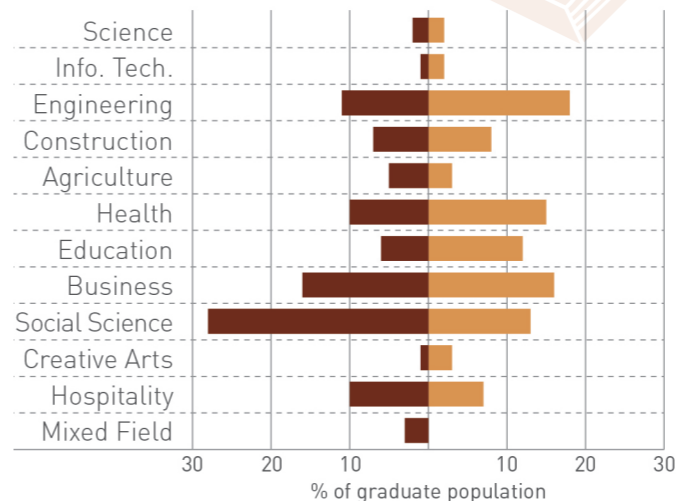
Total students **501 21,947**



Highest level of education completed



Fields of study



Employment

Median weekly income

\$374 \$514

Employment rate

2006 2011
78% 82%
94% 95%

Employment status

Full time Part time
28% 14%
35% 21%

Weekly hours worked*

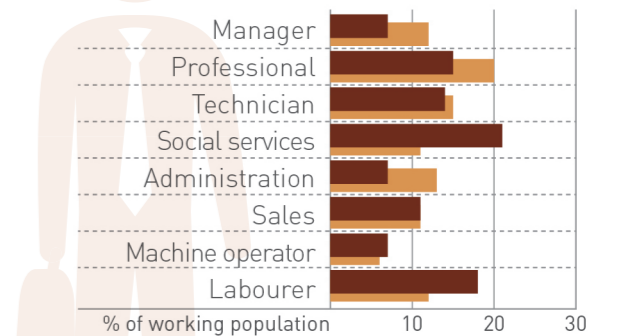
0 <25 25-39 40+
2% 22% 32% 44%
5% 23% 31% 41%
*Census week

Unemployment rate

2006 2011
22% 18%
6% 5%

Number of Aboriginal people employed by Greater Bendigo City Council² ?

Occupation



Industry

