

Maternal & Child Health Services Annual Report

2016-2017

Statewide

Note: Since 2015 a number of Maternal and Child Health service providers have migrated to a new record system.

Difficulties in transitioning to this system has affected the reporting of breastfeeding data in a number of Local Government Areas (LGAs).

As such, statewide breastfeeding data has been omitted from this report.

General Enrolment Details

Statewide

Region	Total number of Birth Notifications	Number Enrolled from Birth Notifications This Year	Number Enrolled from Birth Notifications Last Year	Number of New Enrolments			Total	First Time Mothers
				Drawer 1 2016/2017	Drawer 2 2015/2016	Drawer 3 to 6 2011/2015		
North-Eastern Victoria	14,900	14,746	204	15,400	1,070	2,144	18,614	5,701
North-Western Victoria	18,539	18,215	223	19,055	1,116	2,417	22,588	7,565
South-Eastern Victoria	22,822	22,170	337	23,432	1,806	3,678	28,916	9,596
South-Western Victoria	22,146	21,554	249	22,824	1,477	3,038	27,339	8,934
Total for Victoria	78,407	76,685	1,013	80,711	5,469	11,277	97,457	31,796

Note: "Drawer" defines age groups of children. For example, "Drawer 1" represents "0-1 year old", "Drawer 2" represents "1-2 year old", "Drawer 3 to 6" represents "2-6 year old".

"First Time Mothers" includes those mothers who have their first baby and are enrolled in the current financial year.

The Department uses a regional model to deliver education services across the state. Under this model the state is divided into four regions: North-Eastern, North-Western, South-Eastern and South-Western Victoria. For more information see:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/contact/Pages/regions.aspx>

Number of Active Child Record Cards Compared with Transfers Out and Total Child Record Cards Statewide

Region	Drawer 1 2016/2017			Drawer 2 2015/2016			Drawer 3 2014/2015			Drawer 4 2013/2014			Drawer 5 2012/2013			Drawer 6 2011/2012			Totals		
	Active	Trans.	Total	Active	Trans.	Total	Active	Trans.	Total	Active	Trans.	Total	Active	Trans.	Total	Active	Trans.	Total	Active	Trans.	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	14,833	995	14,967	14,975	1,036	16,904	12,945	996	17,321	4,430	748	17,243	7,817	640	17,927	472	215	17,144	55,472	4,630	101,506
North-Western Victoria	17,862	1,278	18,025	17,038	1,096	18,918	13,442	1,025	18,413	5,075	911	18,375	8,686	949	17,936	626	249	17,184	62,729	5,508	108,851
South-Eastern Victoria	22,296	1,177	22,343	21,566	1,355	23,614	17,385	1,178	22,895	6,747	829	22,793	10,399	993	22,762	692	290	22,209	79,085	5,822	136,616
South-Western Victoria	21,521	1,139	21,620	20,722	1,180	23,401	15,980	1,076	22,803	6,224	839	22,433	10,454	909	23,017	754	315	21,830	75,655	5,458	135,104
Total for Victoria	76,512	4,589	76,955	74,301	4,667	82,837	59,752	4,275	81,432	22,476	3,327	80,844	37,356	3,491	81,642	2,544	1,069	78,367	272,941	21,418	482,077

Note: "Active" is defined as a child having attended the Maternal and Child Health Service at least once during the financial year.

"Record cards" or "Record" refers to individual child health history.

Non-Enrolled Birth Notifications

Statewide

Region	Attending other Centres within Municipality	Attending other Centres outside Municipality	Death occurred within 1 month	Stillbirth	Anticipated Enrolments	Other	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	3	19	35	86	82	56	281
North-Western Victoria	0	48	30	150	195	135	558
South-Eastern Victoria	12	88	40	141	329	140	750
South-Western Victoria	1	246	50	178	149	106	730
Total for Victoria	16	401	155	555	755	437	2,319

Total Count of Key Ages & Stages Consultations (Non-Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Statewide

Region	Home Consultation	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	4 Months	8 Months	12 Months	18 Months	2 Years	3.5 Years	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	14,753	14,231	14,291	14,151	13,996	13,303	13,028	12,329	11,791	10,419	132,292
North-Western Victoria	18,120	17,350	17,360	17,223	16,856	15,724	15,241	13,232	12,692	12,031	155,829
South-Eastern Victoria	22,521	21,710	21,677	21,375	21,170	19,872	19,151	16,938	15,968	14,293	194,675
South-Western Victoria	21,840	20,645	20,786	20,500	20,191	18,493	18,037	15,844	14,628	14,356	185,320
Total for Victoria	77,234	73,936	74,114	73,249	72,213	67,392	65,457	58,343	55,079	51,099	668,116

Note: "Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander" refers to a person self-reporting as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Count of Key Ages & Stages Consultations

(Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Statewide

Region	Home Consultation	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	4 Months	8 Months	12 Months	18 Months	2 Years	3.5 Years	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	246	216	214	205	194	182	184	183	183	155	1,962
North-Western Victoria	348	314	292	296	284	231	253	207	214	184	2,623
South-Eastern Victoria	288	277	278	283	273	235	226	189	167	182	2,398
South-Western Victoria	309	282	278	285	272	219	201	186	151	156	2,339
Total for Victoria	1,191	1,089	1,062	1,069	1,023	867	864	765	715	677	9,322

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Count of Key Ages & Stages Consultations

(Non Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Statewide

Region	Home Consultation	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	4 Months	8 Months	12 Months	18 Months	2 Years	3.5 Years	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	14,507	14,015	14,077	13,946	13,802	13,121	12,844	12,146	11,608	10,264	130,330
North-Western Victoria	17,772	17,036	17,068	16,927	16,572	15,493	14,988	13,025	12,478	11,847	153,206
South-Eastern Victoria	22,233	21,433	21,399	21,092	20,897	19,637	18,925	16,749	15,801	14,111	192,277
South-Western Victoria	21,531	20,363	20,508	20,215	19,919	18,274	17,836	15,658	14,477	14,200	182,981
Total for Victoria	76,043	72,847	73,052	72,180	71,190	66,525	64,593	57,578	54,364	50,422	658,794

Total Participation Rates for Key Ages and Stages Consultations

(Non Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Statewide

Region	Home Consultation %	2 Weeks %	4 Weeks %	8 Weeks %	4 Months %	8 Months %	12 Months %	18 Months %	2 Years %	3.5 Years %
North-Eastern Victoria	98.6	95.1	95.5	94.5	93.5	83.5	81.8	72.0	68.1	59.2
North-Western Victoria	100.5	96.3	96.3	95.6	93.5	85.1	82.5	70.9	68.9	66.3
South-Eastern Victoria	100.8	97.2	97.0	95.7	94.8	86.5	83.3	72.8	69.7	62.8
South-Western Victoria	101.0	95.5	96.1	94.8	93.4	82.2	80.1	68.6	64.1	63.2
Total for Victoria	100.4	96.1	96.3	95.2	93.8	84.3	81.9	71.0	67.6	62.9

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Participation Rates for Key Ages and Stages Consultations

(Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Statewide

Region	Home Consultation %	2 Weeks %	4 Weeks %	8 Weeks %	4 Months %	8 Months %	12 Months %	18 Months %	2 Years %	3.5 Years %
North-Eastern Victoria	100.0	87.8	87.0	83.3	78.9	75.1	75.9	73.6	70.9	64.9
North-Western Victoria	99.7	90.0	83.7	84.8	81.4	65.3	71.5	55.9	56.2	53.1
South-Eastern Victoria	100.7	96.9	97.2	99.0	95.5	77.6	74.6	61.8	57.2	58.6
South-Western Victoria	96.9	88.4	87.1	89.3	85.3	67.0	61.5	57.4	48.2	51.2
Total for Victoria	99.3	90.8	88.5	89.1	85.3	70.7	70.4	61.3	57.5	56.4

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When analysing ATSI Key Ages and Stages participation rates, we recommend strong caution against drawing conclusions on the percentages of consultations, which can be misleading as they can be based on relatively small numbers.

A participation rate of zero per cent may imply that there were no children eligible for the Key Ages and Stages consultation.

MCH Flexible Capacity Activities, MIST and Immunisations

Statewide

Region	Flexible capacity				MIST		Opportunistic Immunisation	
	Groups	Community Strengthening Activities	Additional Consultations	Telephone Consultations	Total Service Hours	Attended		Referrals
North-Eastern Victoria	4,716	1,782	26,307	9,900	39,486	8,935	733	1,435
North-Western Victoria	5,817	1,111	27,633	9,290	36,310	11,235	928	2,229
South-Eastern Victoria	6,004	1,207	41,133	52,950	55,855	13,790	919	51
South-Western Victoria	4,045	2,181	27,867	11,343	36,426	13,443	1,110	14,984
Total for Victoria	20,582	6,281	122,940	83,483	168,076	47,403	3,690	18,699

Note: "MIST" stands for Melbourne Initial Screening Test. The maternal and child health nurses perform vision screening as part of a general developmental assessment, for 3.5 to 4.5-year old children.

Count of Reasons for Counselling (Child Health and Wellbeing)

Statewide

Region	Visual	Auditory	Communica- tion	DDH	Congenital Anomaly	Growth	Development	Potentially Disabling Condition	Accident	Illness	Nutrition Altered	Dental/ Oral	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	404	422	2,017	1,423	437	4,436	5,788	2,583	276	1,292	5,669	1,628	26,375
North-Western Victoria	643	820	2,942	1,695	753	10,822	11,138	3,236	414	2,259	6,540	2,646	43,908
South-Eastern Victoria	1,784	2,636	5,721	2,657	830	11,827	12,391	3,500	612	1,917	6,580	5,809	56,264
South-Western Victoria	450	560	1,740	985	592	6,914	4,688	2,397	98	1,354	6,753	1,611	28,142
Total for Victoria	3,281	4,438	12,420	6,760	2,612	33,999	34,005	11,716	1,400	6,822	25,542	11,694	154,689

Note: MCH nurses have a counselling role as a part of the therapeutic care to the child and parents, to assist with their concerns and take an active part to plan and engage in further actions if necessary.

This table refers to 'instances' of counselling, for example, a parent may have more than one instance of counselling during a consultation.

"DDH" stands for Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip.

Count of Reasons for Counselling (Mother or Family)

Statewide

Region	Emotional	Physical	Social Interaction Impaired	Family Violence	Family Planning	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	4,781	3,581	745	557	332	9,996
North-Western Victoria	7,180	5,195	1,704	492	598	15,169
South-Eastern Victoria	13,282	11,872	2,427	2,500	2,312	32,393
South-Western Victoria	6,001	4,086	758	466	360	11,671
Total for Victoria	31,244	24,734	5,634	4,015	3,602	69,229

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Count of Reasons for Referral (Child Health and Wellbeing)

Statewide

Region	Visual	Auditory	Communica- tion	DDH	Congenital Anomaly	Growth	Development	Potentially Disabling Condition	Accident	Illness	Nutrition Altered	Dental/ Oral	Protective Notification	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	406	770	944	1,372	162	864	899	677	36	237	209	268	47	6,891
North-Western Victoria	637	846	1,099	1,633	187	581	1,560	893	6	348	372	734	62	8,958
South-Eastern Victoria	542	757	834	2,112	138	549	1,536	1,417	10	348	269	692	70	9,274
South-Western Victoria	564	845	1,274	1,421	163	771	1,753	1,703	30	205	300	458	133	9,620
Total for Victoria	2,149	3,218	4,151	6,538	650	2,765	5,748	4,690	82	1,138	1,150	2,152	312	34,743

Note: A referral implies that counselling has also occurred at the time of the referral consultation.

A referral is a more formal process, where a written letter, a phone call to the referral agency is made.

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Count of Reasons for Referral (Mother or Family)

Statewide

Region	Emotional	Physical	Social Interaction Impaired	Family Violence	Family Planning	Total
North-Eastern Victoria	540	442	150	83	6	1,221
North-Western Victoria	775	422	167	77	26	1,467
South-Eastern Victoria	812	615	148	97	14	1,686
South-Western Victoria	857	492	272	78	12	1,711
Total for Victoria	2,984	1,971	737	335	58	6,085

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Total Participation Rates for Attendance

(Non Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander)

Statewide

Region	0 to 1 Years Old			1 to 2 Years Old			2 to 3 Years Old			3 to 4 Years Old			4 to 5 Years Old			5 to 6 Years Old		
	Active Record Cards	Total Record Cards	%	Active Record Cards	Total Record Cards	%	Active Record Cards	Total Record Cards	%	Active Record Cards	Total Record Cards	%	Active Record Cards	Total Record Cards	%	Active Record Cards	Total Record Cards	%
North-Eastern Victoria	14,833	14,967	99.1	14,975	16,904	88.6	12,945	17,321	74.7	4,430	17,243	25.7	7,817	17,927	43.6	472	17,144	2.8
North-Western Victoria	17,862	18,025	99.1	17,038	18,918	90.1	13,442	18,413	73.0	5,075	18,375	27.6	8,686	17,936	48.4	626	17,184	3.6
South-Eastern Victoria	22,296	22,343	99.8	21,566	23,614	91.3	17,385	22,895	75.9	6,747	22,793	29.6	10,399	22,762	45.7	692	22,209	3.1
South-Western Victoria	21,521	21,620	99.5	20,722	23,401	88.6	15,980	22,803	70.1	6,224	22,433	27.7	10,454	23,017	45.4	754	21,830	3.5
Total for Victoria	76,512	76,955	99.4	74,301	82,837	89.7	59,752	81,432	73.4	22,476	80,844	27.8	37,356	81,642	45.8	2,544	78,367	3.2

Note: "Active" is defined as a child having attended the Maternal and Child Health Service at least once during the financial year.

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Number of Child Record Cards: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and Total

Statewide

Region	0 to 1 Years Old		1 to 2 Years Old		2 to 3 Years Old		3 to 4 Years Old		4 to 5 Years Old		5 to 6 Years Old		Total		%
	ATSI	Total	ATSI	Total	ATSI	Total	ATSI	Total	ATSI	Total	ATSI	Total	ATSI	Total	
	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	Record Cards	
North-Eastern Victoria	246	14,967	239	16,904	258	17,321	237	17,243	241	17,927	239	17,144	1,460	101,506	1.4
North-Western Victoria	349	18,025	359	18,918	381	18,413	337	18,375	356	17,936	325	17,184	2,107	108,851	1.9
South-Eastern Victoria	286	22,343	320	23,614	292	22,895	330	22,793	291	22,762	263	22,209	1,782	136,616	1.3
South-Western Victoria	319	21,620	335	23,401	313	22,803	302	22,433	307	23,017	270	21,830	1,846	135,104	1.4
Total for Victoria	1,200	76,955	1,253	82,837	1,244	81,432	1,206	80,844	1,195	81,642	1,097	78,367	7,195	482,077	1.5

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Participation Rates for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Children

Statewide

Region	0 to 1 Years Old		1 to 2 Years Old		2 to 3 Years Old		3 to 4 Years Old		4 to 5 Years Old		5 to 6 Years Old		Total		%
	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	Active ATSI	ATSI Total Record Cards	
North-Eastern Victoria	246	246	209	239	189	258	89	237	123	241	9	239	865	1,460	59.2
North-Western Victoria	348	349	291	359	209	381	91	337	150	356	19	325	1,108	2,107	52.6
South-Eastern Victoria	285	286	259	320	183	292	106	330	127	291	19	263	979	1,782	54.9
South-Western Victoria	319	319	271	335	181	313	64	302	121	307	13	270	969	1,846	52.5
Total for Victoria	1,198	1,200	1,030	1,253	762	1,244	350	1,206	521	1,195	60	1,097	3,921	7,195	54.5

Note: This participation rate represents children aged from birth until six years with the last key ages and stages visit at 3.5 years.

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