

## Child Health & Wellbeing Data Snapshot

Strong Families Strong Children Buloke's vision is for *all children in the Buloke Shire to start school ready to learn*. A big part of this readiness is ensuring that children in Buloke are happy and enjoy healthy lifestyles.

We are sharing this data to help inform parents/caregivers, services and communities in the Buloke Shire about how children aged 0-8 are faring; where we are doing well and where we can improve. Buloke data written below in **RED** shows where we are doing worse than Victoria, **YELLOW** shows where we are similar to Victoria and **GREEN** shows where we are doing better than Victoria.

If you would like to talk more about this data for children and families in Buloke please contact: Abby Mulquiny, Early Years Facilitator on 0448 318 757.

*'Health in the earliest years—beginning with the future mother's health before she becomes pregnant—lays the groundwork for a lifetime of wellbeing and the development of a skilled workforce and a more productive society'.*

*Center on the Developing Child (2010). The Foundations of Lifelong Health are Built in Early Childhood.*

*'Later attainments build on the foundations that are laid down earlier' (Heckman 2006).*



Children fully immunised at 1 year of age (2018)  
**Buloke: 98.2%**  
Victoria: 94.3%

Data Source: Australian Childhood Immunisation Register



Proportion of children attending the 3.5 year ages and stages visit (2017)  
**Buloke: 67.2%**  
Victoria: 62.9%

Data Source: Victorian Child and Adolescent Monitoring System (VCAMS)

Proportion of infants fully breastfed at 3 months of age (2014/2015)  
**Buloke: 97.7%**  
Victoria: 51.8%

Proportion of infants fully breastfed at 6 months of age (2014/2015)  
**Buloke: 76.7%**  
Victoria: 34.9%

Data Source: Victorian Child and Adolescent Monitoring System (VCAMS)



Children reported to be in excellent or very good health (on school entry-2018)  
**Buloke: 86.9%**  
Victoria: 83.1%



Data Source: 2018 School Entrant Health Questionnaire

Child protection substantiations per 1000 people (2018/2019)  
**Buloke: 11.6**  
Victoria: 13.4

Children in out of home care as at June 30 per 1000 aged 0-17 years (2019)  
**Buloke: 6.5**  
Victoria: 6

Data Source: DHHS CRIS, ABS 2016 Census-Estimated Resident Population as at May 2020



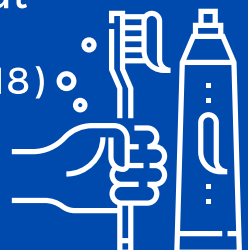
Smoking during pregnancy (2012-2014)  
**Buloke: 26.7%**  
VIC: 15%



Low birth weight babies (2012-2014)  
**Buloke: 4.8%**  
Victoria: 6.3%

Data Source: PHIDU from ABS Census 2011 & 2016

Parents concerned about their child's oral health e.g. teeth, gums etc (2018)  
**Buloke: 9.3%**  
Victoria: 12.6%



Data Source: 2018 School Entrant Health Questionnaire