

BULOKE SHIRE

Community Demographics Snapshot

Strong Families Strong Children Buloke is a place-based community initiative led by the North Central Local Learning and Employment Network (NCLLEN) and the Buloke Shire Council focussing on children aged 0-8 and their families. **Our vision is for all children in the Buloke Shire to start school ready to learn.**

Why is data important?

We want to empower families, children and communities to be actively involved in improving outcomes. A better understanding of key data will help Buloke communities to know what is working well and what needs to be improved.

Data can help us to:

- plan our efforts and resources
- advocate for our needs; and
- help us to measure our progress over time.

Three data snapshots have been developed to help inform our work together: **Community Demographics, Child Health & Wellbeing and Early Learning & Development.**

This is a starting point; we will gather and present more data over time. 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.

'Well designed and led (place-based) initiatives can result in positive population change'.
(Spark Policy Institute & ORS Impact, 2018)



Number of children aged 0-8
Buloke Shire: 553

Data Source: ABS Census 2016

Number of births in the Buloke Shire

2016: 49
2017: 52
2018: 51
2019: 55

Data Source: MCH Service Buloke



Percentage of children in low income, welfare dependant families (2017)

Buloke: 21.6%

Victoria: 19.3%

Data Source: Department of Social Services, June 2017; and the Estimated Resident Population 30 June 2017

Jobless families with children less than 15 years (2016)

Buloke: 13%

Victoria: 11%

Data Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2016.



Family with children households (2016)

Couple Family with children

Buloke: 35.9%

Victoria: 46.3%

One parent family

Buloke: 11.9%

Victoria: 15.3%

Data Source: ABS Census 2016



SEIFA-Index of Socio-Economic Disadvantage



In 2016 the Buloke Shire was the **24th most disadvantaged in Victoria**

In 2011 the Buloke Shire was the **22nd most disadvantaged in Victoria**

Data Source: 2011 & 2016 ABS SEIFA Data Cube

Single parent families with children less than 15 years old

Buloke: 17%

Victoria: 18.3%

Lone parents (male)

Buloke: 20.4%

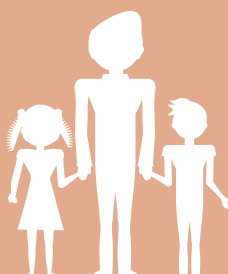
Victoria: 17.8%

Lone parents (female)

Buloke: 79.6%

Victoria: 82.2%

Data Source: ABS Census 2016



Health Care Card Holders (2017)

Buloke: 10.8%

Victoria: 7.9%

Data Source: Department of Social Services, June 2017; and the ABS Estimated Resident Population, 30 June 2017.

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Buloke: 27.6%

Victoria: 13.6%

Data Source: ABS Census 2016

