

# Family and Gendered Violence

## Why is it important?

Family, domestic and sexual violence is a major health and welfare issue in Australia. It occurs across all socioeconomic and demographic groups, but predominantly affects women and children. These types of violence have a serious impact on individuals, families and communities and can inflict physical injury, psychological trauma and emotional pain, effects that can be long-lasting and affect future generations.

## What is the story in Yarra?

In Yarra, the rate of reported family incidents has remained stable over the last five years, and is comparable to the Victoria, however the rate of incidents related to alcohol consumption is higher.

In 2024, there were 1,111 family incidents per 100,000 people in Yarra, which is comparable to Victoria (1,378)



There were 320 family incidents per 100,000 people in Yarra that were **definitely or probably attributed to alcohol consumption**

which is higher than the rate for Metropolitan Melbourne (105) and Victoria (137)



**26%** of family incidents in Yarra involved children or young people as other parties



**72%** of affected family members in family incidents in Yarra were female, which is line with the 74% seen across Victoria

Focusing on family and domestic violence is particularly important for:

- people living with disability
- people in the LGBTQIA+ community
- people who are public renters

**12%** of Yarra residents **reported experiencing some form of domestic and family violence** related to drugs or alcohol

**This rate was significantly worse for...**

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| • people who are public renters    | 30% |
| • people living with disabilities  | 17% |
| • people in the LGBTQIA+ community | 18% |