

Murrumbidgee District Data Profile

Murrumbidgee, Far West and
Western NSW





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Introduction

This document presents a brief data profile for the Murrumbidgee district. It contains a series of tables and graphs that show the characteristics of persons, families and communities. It includes demographic, housing, child development, community safety and child protection information.


Where possible, we present this information at the local government area (LGA) level.

In the Murrumbidgee district there are 21 LGAS:

- Albury
- Berrigan
- Bland
- Carrathool
- Coolamon
- Edward River
- Federation
- Greater Hume Shire
- Griffith
- Gundagai
- Hay
- Hilltops
- Junee
- Leeton
- Lockhart
- Murray River
- Murrumbidgee
- Narrandera
- Snowy Valleys
- Temora
- Wagga Wagga

The data presented in this document is from a number of different sources, including:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
- Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR)
- NSW Health Stats
- Australian Early Developmental Census (AEDC)
- NSW Government administrative data.



The majority of these sources are publicly available. We have provided source statements for each table and graph. This tells you where the data comes from and where you can find more information.

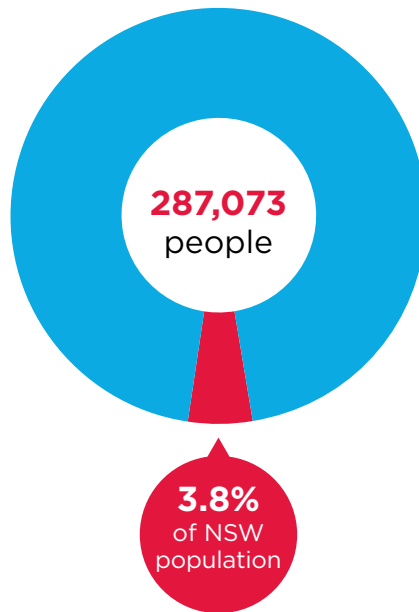
Please note, the information in the original sources may change as authors (e.g. ABS, NSW Healthstats) update the data. As such, we have also recorded the date we accessed the information.

If you would like additional suburb-level and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific data, the following sources are available to you:

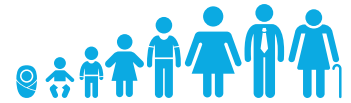
- The ABS provides demographic, cultural and linguistic diversity, employment and housing data at a suburb level through Quick Stats: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats>. For example, for the Leeton suburb, select 'Leeton, NSW: State Suburb (SSC)' from the drop down menu.
- The ABS also ranks suburbs on the Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA): http://stat.data.abs.gov.au/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SEIFA_SSC. For more information on the SEIFA, see page 48.
- BOSCAR records criminal offences at a suburb level: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_datasets/Datasets.aspx. Follow the 'Suburb' link in the Geographic breakdown category for a spreadsheet containing all suburb-level crime data.
- Information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, families and dwellings, including comparisons with non-Indigenous people, is also available at LGA level through the ABS 2016 Census Community Profiles: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20Census%20Community%20Profiles>. For example, for information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of Leeton select 'Leeton, NSW: Local Government Area (LGA)' from the drop down menu, and follow the link for the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Profile'.

Murrumbidgee District

Demographics



Census 2016



Median age = **43**
NSW median age = **38**



12,589 people in this district are
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islander
(4.4%)

Economic Environment



12.6%
Bachelor degree level or above
23.4% NSW average



5.4%
Unemployment rate
NSW: 6.3%



133,030
Total labour force



\$596
Median weekly personal income
\$664 NSW average

Social Environment



17.9%
People born overseas
34.5% NSW average



7.8%
Households where a non-English language is spoken at home
26.5% NSW average



1,080
Migrants in 2017



1,434
Domestic assaults in 2018

Children, Young People and Families



4.4%
Mothers giving birth aged 19 and under
1.9% NSW average



5,244
Children and young people at risk of significant harm 2016-17



931
Children and young people in out-of-home care 2016-17



10.1%
Children developmentally vulnerable on 2 or more AEDC domains 2018

Disability



5.6%
People need assistance with core activity
5.4% NSW average



2.4
Average no. of people per household
2.6 NSW average



4,897
Social housing dwellings, June 2018
3.2% of NSW dwellings



3,442
Public and AHO housing tenancies - June 2018
3.1% of NSW tenancies

Households and social housing

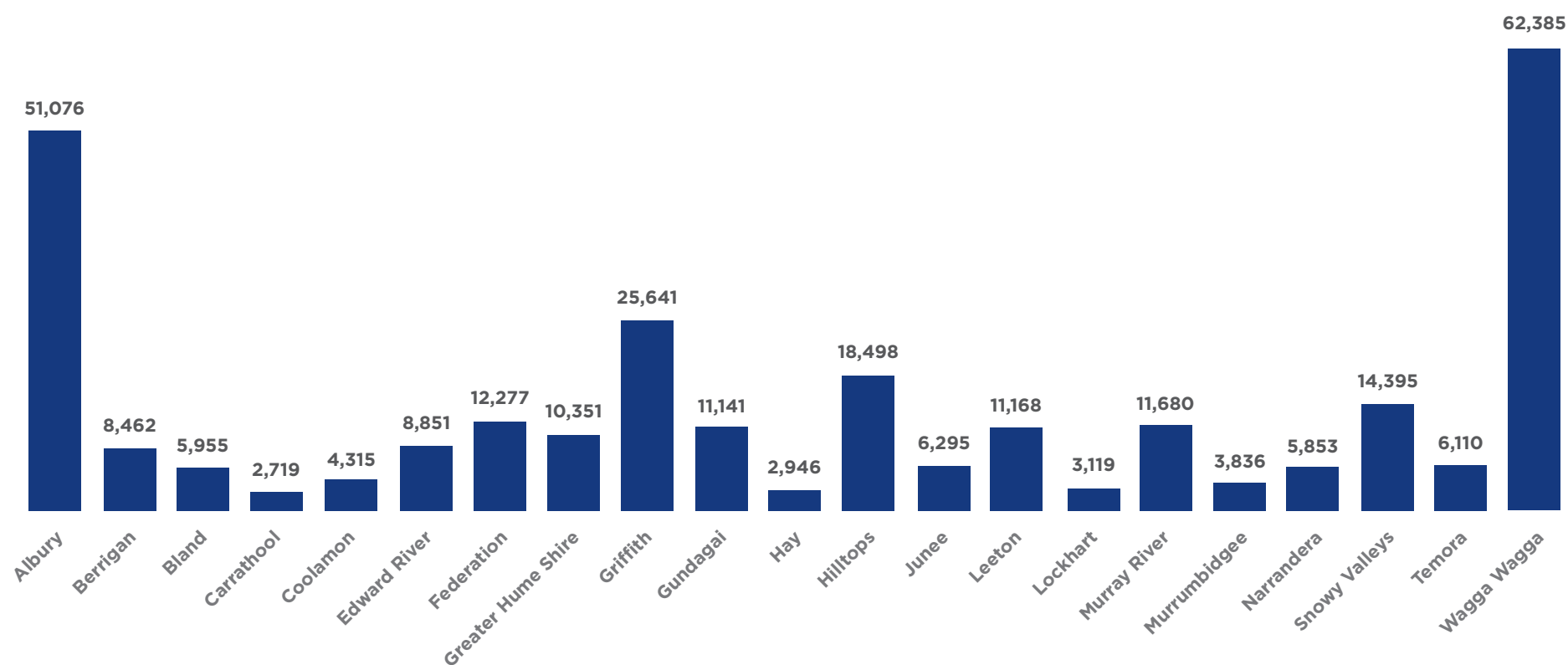


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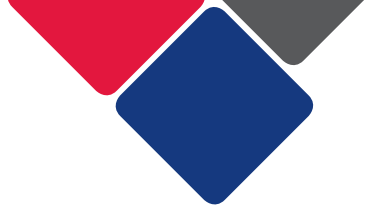
Population – Murrumbidgee

The population in the Murrumbidgee district was estimated at 287,073 in the 2016 Census (see Figure 1). This district is made up of 21 local government areas (LGAs). The largest LGA is Wagga Wagga with an estimated population of 62,385. The smallest LGA is Carrathool with an estimated population of 2,719.

Figure 1. Population of Murrumbidgee District, by LGA



Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 8 October 2019)



The median age in New South Wales is 38 years of age. In the Murrumbidgee district, the LGAs of Albury and Griffith are close to the state average, with their median ages both at 39 and 37 respectively. Wagga Wagga has a median age of 35. However, all other LGAs have an older median age; Berrigan, Federation, and Murray River having the oldest median ages at 49 each. Table 1 shows a breakdown of age for each LGA in the Murrumbidgee district.

Table 1. Age breakdown of the population by LGA in Murrumbidgee

Age Group (years)	Albury		Berrigan		Bland		Carrathool		Coolamon		Edward River		Federation	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	3,286	6.4	471	5.6	351	5.9	186	6.9	242	5.6	494	5.6	632	5.2
5-9	3,166	6.2	508	6.0	459	7.7	174	6.4	302	7.0	563	6.4	746	6.1
10-14	3,161	6.2	467	5.5	415	7.0	178	6.6	342	7.9	518	5.9	719	5.9
15-19	3,248	6.4	421	5.0	333	5.6	156	5.8	259	6.0	507	5.7	672	5.5
20-24	3,508	6.9	331	3.9	267	4.5	155	5.7	200	4.6	477	5.4	518	4.2
25-29	3,222	6.3	375	4.4	271	4.6	187	6.9	182	4.2	461	5.2	489	4.0
30-34	3,274	6.4	377	4.5	319	5.4	174	6.4	165	3.8	406	4.6	497	4.1
35-39	3,071	6.0	382	4.5	318	5.3	137	5.1	219	5.1	424	4.8	564	4.6
40-44	3,136	6.1	463	5.5	361	6.1	192	7.1	236	5.5	551	6.2	634	5.2
45-49	3,328	6.5	453	5.4	325	5.5	203	7.5	297	6.9	539	6.1	713	5.8
50-54	3,172	6.2	485	5.7	385	6.5	195	7.2	301	7.0	577	6.5	822	6.7
55-59	3,324	6.5	611	7.2	468	7.9	211	7.8	296	6.9	697	7.9	937	7.6
60-64	3,049	6.0	693	8.2	393	6.6	166	6.1	260	6.0	666	7.5	940	7.7
65 and above	9,145	17.9	2,425	28.6	1,281	21.5	398	14.7	1,009	23.4	1,971	22.3	3,375	27.5
Total	51,090	100	8,462	100	5,946	100	2,712	100	4,310	100	8,851	100	12,258	100
Total in NSW														

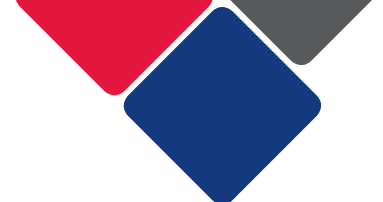
Table 1. Age breakdown of the population by LGA in Murrumbidgee (continued)

Age Group (years)	Greater Hume Shire		Griffith		Gundagai		Hay		Hilltops		Junee		Leeton	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	627	6.1	1,793	7.0	583	5.2	143	4.9	1,102	6.0	340	5.4	702	6.3
5-9	780	7.5	1,797	7.0	693	6.2	188	6.4	1,306	7.1	401	6.4	710	6.4
10-14	829	8.0	1,774	6.9	738	6.6	187	6.4	1,202	6.5	379	6.0	885	7.9
15-19	677	6.5	1,624	6.3	607	5.5	173	5.9	1,148	6.2	332	5.3	953	8.5
20-24	399	3.9	1,537	6.0	482	4.3	150	5.1	899	4.9	400	6.4	584	5.2
25-29	372	3.6	1,832	7.1	438	3.9	142	4.8	822	4.4	424	6.7	630	5.6
30-34	524	5.1	1,687	6.6	530	4.8	156	5.3	857	4.6	441	7.0	564	5.1
35-39	490	4.7	1,519	5.9	541	4.9	127	4.3	959	5.2	408	6.5	540	4.8
40-44	591	5.7	1,578	6.2	631	5.7	154	5.2	1,058	5.7	440	7.0	686	6.1
45-49	666	6.4	1,650	6.4	643	5.8	185	6.3	1,153	6.2	428	6.8	719	6.4
50-54	757	7.3	1,675	6.5	738	6.6	276	9.4	1,294	7.0	414	6.6	757	6.8
55-59	827	8.0	1,603	6.3	815	7.3	231	7.8	1,278	6.9	464	7.4	794	7.1
60-64	750	7.2	1,434	5.6	821	7.4	192	6.5	1,249	6.8	399	6.3	618	5.5
65 and above	2,063	19.9	4,139	16.1	2,868	25.8	640	21.8	4,165	22.6	1,024	16.3	2,026	18.1
Total	10,352	100	25,642	100	11,128	100	2,946	100	18,492	100	6,294	100	11,168	100
Total in NSW														

Table 1. Age breakdown of the population by LGA in Murrumbidgee (continued)

Age Group (years)	Lockhart		Murray River		Murrumbidgee		Narrandera		Snowy Valleys		Temora		Wagga Wagga		Murrumbidgee District	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	198	6.4	638	5.5	218	5.7	378	6.5	809	5.6	359	5.9	4,206	6.7	17,758	6.2
5-9	219	7.0	703	6.0	290	7.6	426	7.3	886	6.2	423	6.9	4,412	7.1	19,152	6.7
10-14	226	7.3	654	5.6	279	7.3	353	6.0	904	6.3	395	6.5	4,075	6.5	18,680	6.5
15-19	189	6.1	600	5.1	251	6.6	325	5.5	777	5.4	385	6.3	4,347	7.0	17,984	6.3
20-24	115	3.7	434	3.7	174	4.5	298	5.1	658	4.6	240	3.9	4,960	8.0	16,786	5.8
25-29	120	3.9	506	4.3	246	6.4	253	4.3	656	4.6	291	4.8	4,445	7.1	16,364	5.7
30-34	130	4.2	584	5.0	189	4.9	299	5.1	785	5.5	276	4.5	4,168	6.7	16,402	5.7
35-39	139	4.5	495	4.2	209	5.5	311	5.3	756	5.3	277	4.5	3,728	6.0	15,614	5.4
40-44	166	5.3	625	5.3	241	6.3	336	5.7	873	6.1	316	5.2	3,809	6.1	17,077	5.9
45-49	195	6.3	735	6.3	248	6.5	338	5.8	907	6.3	385	6.3	3,810	6.1	17,920	6.2
50-54	227	7.3	765	6.5	292	7.6	393	6.7	1,031	7.2	439	7.2	3,741	6.0	18,736	6.5
55-59	252	8.1	896	7.7	300	7.8	456	7.8	1,119	7.8	443	7.2	3,792	6.1	19,814	6.9
60-64	230	7.4	929	7.9	231	6.0	401	6.8	1,039	7.2	417	6.8	3,422	5.5	18,299	6.4
65 and above	709	22.8	3,123	26.7	664	17.3	1,293	22.1	3,195	22.2	1,468	24.0	9,470	15.2	56,451	19.7
Total	3,115	100	11,687	100	3,832	100	5,860	100	14,395	100	6,114	100	62,385	100	287,037	100
Total in NSW															7,480,228	3.8

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 8 October 2019)



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population

In the Murrumbidgee district, 4.4% (n=12,589) of the population identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (see Table 2). The majority of these people are children and young people; 55.6% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the Murrumbidgee district under 25 years old. This is higher than the NSW state average, where only 28.6% of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population are under 25 years old.

Table 2. Population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Murrumbidgee, by Age

Age Group (years)	Albury		Berrigan		Bland		Carrathool		Coolamon		Edward River		Federation	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	188	13.3	23	11.3	29	11.6	24	11.5	17	12.8	42	11.4	34	15.9
5-9	177	12.5	19	9.4	43	17.3	17	8.2	21	15.8	38	10.3	26	12.1
10-14	180	12.8	28	13.8	33	13.3	23	11.1	18	13.5	42	11.4	12	5.6
15-19	151	10.7	24	11.8	19	7.6	24	11.5	17	12.8	38	10.3	15	7.0
20-24	143	10.1	18	8.9	16	6.4	21	10.1	5	3.8	44	12.0	21	9.8
25-29	88	6.2	10	4.9	15	6.0	16	7.7	9	6.8	19	5.2	19	8.9
30-34	84	6.0	9	4.4	14	5.6	8	3.8	5	3.8	14	3.8	4	1.9
35-39	70	5.0	15	7.4	8	3.2	16	7.7	5	3.8	12	3.3	10	4.7
40-44	63	4.5	9	4.4	15	6.0	3	1.4	3	2.3	16	4.3	9	4.2
45-49	72	5.1	8	3.9	13	5.2	12	5.8	13	9.8	20	5.4	14	6.5
50-54	60	4.3	8	3.9	14	5.6	10	4.8	5	3.8	18	4.9	12	5.6
55-59	45	3.2	8	3.9	12	4.8	14	6.7	4	3.0	19	5.2	12	5.6
60-64	38	2.7	5	2.5	4	1.6	11	5.3	0	0.0	14	3.8	13	6.1
65 and above	52	3.7	19	9.4	14	5.6	9	4.3	11	8.3	32	8.7	13	6.1
Total	1,411	100	203	100	249	100	208	100	133	100	368	100	214	100
% of LGA pop.	2.8		2.4		4.2		7.6		3.1		4.2		1.7	

Table 2. Population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Murrumbidgee, by Age (continued)

Age Group (years)	Greater Hume Shire		Griffith		Gundagai		Hay		Hilltops		Junee		Leeton	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	52	15.8	174	14.1	48	9.5	13	7.4	94	11.5	37	7.6	81	12.8
5-9	57	17.3	136	11.0	50	9.9	18	10.3	120	14.7	47	9.6	77	12.2
10-14	59	17.9	126	10.2	67	13.3	32	18.3	108	13.2	31	6.4	89	14.1
15-19	39	11.8	127	10.3	46	9.1	23	13.1	83	10.2	36	7.4	84	13.3
20-24	6	1.8	112	9.1	39	7.7	16	9.1	53	6.5	57	11.7	58	9.2
25-29	13	3.9	90	7.3	30	5.9	4	2.3	41	5.0	44	9.0	43	6.8
30-34	20	6.1	76	6.2	25	5.0	7	4.0	40	4.9	67	13.7	21	3.3
35-39	9	2.7	54	4.4	28	5.5	3	1.7	31	3.8	52	10.7	21	3.3
40-44	15	4.5	82	6.7	27	5.3	11	6.3	32	3.9	39	8.0	36	5.7
45-49	9	2.7	54	4.4	26	5.1	7	4.0	47	5.8	21	4.3	29	4.6
50-54	9	2.7	58	4.7	22	4.4	22	12.6	52	6.4	29	5.9	30	4.7
55-59	17	5.2	50	4.1	24	4.8	5	2.9	22	2.7	14	2.9	16	2.5
60-64	9	2.7	37	3.0	21	4.2	3	1.7	30	3.7	10	2.0	20	3.2
65 and above	16	4.8	57	4.6	52	10.3	11	6.3	63	7.7	4	0.8	27	4.3
Total	330	100	1,233	100	505	100	175	100	816	100	488	100	632	100
% of LGA pop.	3.2		4.8		4.5		5.9		4.4		7.8		5.7	

Table 2. Population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in Murrumbidgee, by Age (continued)

Age Group (years)	Lockhart		Murray River		Murrumbidgee		Narrandera		Snowy Valleys		Temora		Wagga Wagga		Murrumbidgee District	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0-4	17	16.3	42	11.4	28	9.7	61	10.6	64	10.1	12	8.5	457	13.0	1,537	12.2
5-9	17	16.3	51	13.9	34	11.8	64	11.1	76	12.0	20	14.1	477	13.6	1,585	12.6
10-14	8	7.7	33	9.0	32	11.1	58	10.1	81	12.8	18	12.7	418	11.9	1,496	11.9
15-19	12	11.5	28	7.6	16	5.5	65	11.3	61	9.6	13	9.2	391	11.1	1,312	10.4
20-24	0	0.0	16	4.4	20	6.9	39	6.8	39	6.2	13	9.2	332	9.4	1,068	8.5
25-29	3	2.9	19	5.2	28	9.7	30	5.2	30	4.7	10	7.0	241	6.9	802	6.4
30-34	4	3.8	20	5.4	13	4.5	34	5.9	44	7.0	4	2.8	205	5.8	718	5.7
35-39	5	4.8	16	4.4	15	5.2	37	6.4	37	5.8	8	5.6	178	5.1	630	5.0
40-44	5	4.8	18	4.9	20	6.9	26	4.5	42	6.6	6	4.2	175	5.0	652	5.2
45-49	10	9.6	21	5.7	18	6.2	26	4.5	31	4.9	4	2.8	171	4.9	626	5.0
50-54	3	2.9	15	4.1	24	8.3	32	5.6	39	6.2	7	4.9	141	4.0	610	4.8
55-59	7	6.7	30	8.2	8	2.8	37	6.4	24	3.8	8	5.6	108	3.1	484	3.8
60-64	4	3.8	20	5.4	8	2.8	26	4.5	19	3.0	8	5.6	82	2.3	382	3.0
65 and above	9	8.7	38	10.4	25	8.7	40	7.0	46	7.3	11	7.8	138	3.9	687	5.5
Total	104	100	367	100	289	100	575	100	633	100	142	100	3,508	100	12,589	100
% of LGA pop.	3.3		3.1		7.5		9.8		4.4		2.3		5.6		% of district pop. 4.4	

Source: ABS, 2016 Census Community Profiles: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016> Census Community Profiles (accessed 8 October 2019)

Country of birth

In the Murrumbidgee district, 82.1% of residents were born in Australia (see Table 3). This is much higher than the New South Wales state average of 65.5%. The most common birthplaces, other than Australia, were England, New Zealand, Italy, and India.

Table 3. Country of Birth in Murrumbidgee, by LGA

Albury			Berrigan		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	41,585	81.4	Australia	6,866	81.3
Other top responses					
England	1,012	2.0	England	168	2.0
India	559	1.1	New Zealand	93	1.1
New Zealand	540	1.1	Philippines	44	0.5
Philippines	283	0.6	Netherlands	42	0.5
Bhutan	270	0.5	Germany	39	0.5
Bland			Carrathool		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	4,890	82.2	Australia	2,180	79.8
Other top responses					
England	73	1.2	India	38	1.4
New Zealand	32	0.5	England	31	1.1
Papua New Guinea	25	0.4	New Zealand	29	1.1
Philippines	20	0.3	South Africa	22	0.8
South Africa	20	0.3	Republic of South Korea	19	0.7

Table 3. Country of Birth in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Coolamon			Edward River		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	3,647	84.8	Australia	7,262	82.4
Other top responses					
England	60	1.4	England	118	1.3
New Zealand	18	0.4	New Zealand	70	0.8
Netherlands	10	0.2	Taiwan	52	0.6
Germany	9	0.2	India	33	0.4
India	8	0.2	South Africa	28	0.3
Federation			Greater Hume Shire		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	10,208	83.3	Australia	8,918	86.2
Other top responses					
England	296	2.4	England	196	1.9
New Zealand	106	0.9	New Zealand	89	0.9
Scotland	51	0.4	Germany	49	0.5
Philippines	48	0.4	Netherlands	44	0.4
Germany	46	0.4	Philippines	24	0.2
Griffith			Gundagai		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	18,126	70.7	Australia	9,536	85.8
Other top responses					
Italy	1,055	4.1	England	187	1.7
India	978	3.8	New Zealand	76	0.7
New Zealand	432	1.7	Philippines	39	0.4
England	230	0.9	India	31	0.3
Philippines	222	0.9	Germany	28	0.3

Table 3. Country of Birth in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Hay			Hilltops		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	2,350	80.3	Australia	15,814	85.6
Other top responses					
New Zealand	37	1.3	England	297	1.6
England	25	0.9	New Zealand	152	0.8
Italy	19	0.6	Lebanon	66	0.4
India	14	0.5	Netherlands	54	0.3
Fiji	12	0.4	Philippines	50	0.3
Junee			Leeton		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	5,191	82.9	Australia	9,091	81.6
Other top responses					
England	81	1.3	Italy	185	1.7
New Zealand	66	1.1	New Zealand	108	1.0
Taiwan	60	1.0	England	92	0.8
China ¹	28	0.4	Philippines	92	0.8
India	17	0.3	India	88	0.8
Lockhart			Murray River		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	2,643	85.0	Australia	9,785	83.9
Other top responses					
England	47	1.5	England	231	2.0
New Zealand	28	0.9	New Zealand	90	0.8
Scotland	10	0.3	Scotland	57	0.5
Netherlands	8	0.3	Philippines	55	0.5
Malaysia	7	0.2	Netherlands	38	0.3

Table 3. Country of Birth in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Murrumbidgee			Narrandera		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	3,107	81.4	Australia	4,859	83.1
Other top responses					
England	39	1.0	England	64	1.1
New Zealand	31	0.8	New Zealand	30	0.5
India	16	0.4	Germany	17	0.3
Philippines	15	0.4	Italy	16	0.3
South Africa	15	0.4	India	15	0.3
Snowy Valleys			Temora		
Country	No.	%	Country	No.	%
Australia	11,710	81.4	Australia	5,383	88.4
Other top responses					
England	234	1.6	England	76	1.2
New Zealand	189	1.3	Philippines	37	0.6
South Africa	98	0.7	New Zealand	22	0.4
Germany	61	0.4	India	20	0.3
Philippines	49	0.3	Germany	18	0.3
Wagga Wagga					
Country	No.	%			
Australia	52,510	84.1			
Other top responses					
England	826	1.3			
India	651	1.0			
New Zealand	442	0.7			
Philippines	423	0.7			
China ¹	264	0.4			

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 10 October 2019)

¹ Excludes SARs and Taiwan



Languages spoken at home

In the Murrumbidgee district, 86.0% of residents spoke only English at home (see Table 4). This is much higher than the New South Wales state average of 68.5%.

The proportion of households where a non-English language was spoken at home was highest in Griffith at 24.9%. The next highest was Leeton at 9.6%, followed by Albury at 8%.

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Murrumbidgee, by LGA

Albury			Berrigan		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	44,120	86.4	English only spoken at home	7,377	87.4
Households where a non-English language is spoken	1,678	8.0	Households where a non-English language is spoken	142	3.9
Top responses other than English					
Nepali	519	1.0	Italian	20	0.2
Punjabi	271	0.5	Cantonese	20	0.2
Mandarin	157	0.3	German	19	0.2
Greek	148	0.3	Mandarin	19	0.2
Hindi	143	0.3	Tagalog	11	0.1

Bland			Carrathool		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	5,108	86.2	English only spoken at home	2,332	86.3
Households where a non-English language is spoken	69	2.8	Households where a non-English language is spoken	81	7.3
Top responses other than English					
Cantonese	21	0.4	Korean	16	0.6
Tagalog	15	0.3	Afrikaans	14	0.5
Tok Pisin (Neomelanesian)	13	0.2	Italian	14	0.5
Arabic	8	0.1	Punjabi	13	0.5
Malayalam	7	0.1	Mandarin	13	0.5

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Coolamon			Edward River		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	3,817	88.6	English only spoken at home	7,715	87.4
Households where a non-English language is spoken	36	2.2	Households where a non-English language is spoken	146	3.8
Top responses other than English					
German	4	0.1	Mandarin	62	0.7
Dutch	4	0.1	Italian	31	0.4
Burmese	4	0.1	Afrikaans	18	0.2
Wiradjuri	4	0.1	Korean	16	0.2
French	3	0.1	Malayalam	15	0.2
Federation			Greater Hume Shire		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	11,039	90.0	English only spoken at home	9,495	91.8
Households where a non-English language is spoken	156	3.0	Households where a non-English language is spoken	124	3.2
Top responses other than English					
Italian	33	0.3	German	30	0.3
Tagalog	19	0.2	Fijian	17	0.2
Dutch	14	0.1	Dutch	16	0.2
Mandarin	13	0.1	French	13	0.1
Korean	13	0.1	Japanese	13	0.1

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Griffith			Gundagai		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	17,858	69.8	English only spoken at home	10,152	91.3
Households where a non-English language is spoken	2,327	24.9	Households where a non-English language is spoken	131	2.8
Top responses other than English					
Italian	1,920	7.5	Mandarin	31	0.3
Punjabi	793	3.1	Punjabi	18	0.2
Samoan	245	1.0	Tagalog	18	0.2
Gujarati	233	0.9	Vietnamese	15	0.1
Mandarin	223	0.9	Filipino	15	0.1
Hay			Hilltops		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	2,483	84.4	English only spoken at home	16,623	90.1
Households where a non-English language is spoken	68	5.4	Households where a non-English language is spoken	333	4.4
Top responses other than English					
Italian	25	0.8	Arabic	206	1.1
Fijian	16	0.5	Italian	36	0.2
Punjabi	10	0.3	Mandarin	32	0.2
Greek	9	0.3	Serbian	30	0.2
Portuguese	7	0.2	Tagalog	27	0.1

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Junee			Leeton		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	4,759	75.7	English only spoken at home	9,366	84.0
Households where a non-English language is spoken	75	3.6	Households where a non-English language is spoken	406	9.6
Top responses other than English					
Mandarin	89	1.4	Italian	335	3.0
Filipino	12	0.2	Punjabi	97	0.9
Spanish	10	0.2	Filipino	42	0.4
Korean	9	0.1	Hazaraghi	38	0.3
French	6	0.1	Tagalog	33	0.3
Lockhart			Murray River		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	2,821	90.3	English only spoken at home	10,488	90.0
Households where a non-English language is spoken	27	2.2	Households where a non-English language is spoken	183	3.7
Top responses other than English					
Cantonese	10	0.3	Italian	38	0.3
Vietnamese	7	0.2	Mandarin	22	0.2
French	5	0.2	Thai	19	0.2
Japanese	4	0.1	Filipino	19	0.2
German	3	0.1	Tagalog	17	0.1

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Murrumbidgee			Narrandera		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	3,309	86.7	English only spoken at home	5,095	87.3
Households where a non-English language is spoken	64	4.2	Households where a non-English language is spoken	82	3.4
Top responses other than English					
Italian	16	0.4	Spanish	12	0.2
Spanish	10	0.3	Italian	12	0.2
Arabic	10	0.3	Malayalam	12	0.2
Tagalog	10	0.3	German	10	0.2
Mandarin	10	0.3	Mandarin	9	0.2
Snowy Valleys			Temora		
	No.	%		No.	%
English only spoken at home	12,480	86.9	English only spoken at home	5,648	92.4
Households where a non-English language is spoken	270	4.6	Households where a non-English language is spoken	76	3.1
Top responses other than English					
Afrikaans	62	0.4	Vietnamese	14	0.2
Mandarin	55	0.4	Tagalog	14	0.2
Filipino	30	0.2	Italian	12	0.2
German	27	0.2	Arabic	9	0.1
Finnish	27	0.2	Malayalam	8	0.1

Table 4. Languages spoken at home in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

Wagga Wagga		
	No.	%
English only spoken at home	54,708	87.8
Households where a non-English language is spoken	1,793	7.6
Top responses other than English		
Malayalam	397	0.6
Mandarin	286	0.5
Arabic	285	0.5
Tagalog	190	0.3
Filipino	164	0.3

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 8 October 2019)



Migration streams

Only 1.3% of migrants who arrived in NSW between 1 January and 31 December 2017 settled in the Murrumbidgee district (see Table 5). The largest number of migrants to the District settled in Wagga Wagga. Most of these were skilled migrants (n=186) followed by humanitarian migrants (n=162) and then family migrants (n=52).

Table 5. Migration Stream in Murrumbidgee, by LGA, between 1 January and 31 December 2017

LGA	Migration Stream			Total
	Family	Humanitarian	Skilled	
Albury	72	59	133	264
Berrigan	11	0	13	24
Bland	7	0	0	7
Carrathool	6	0	9	15
Coolamon	0	0	0	0
Edward River ¹	8	0	25	33
Federation ²	0	0	9	9
Greater Hume Shire	5	0	0	5
Griffith	74	5	79	158
Gundagai	0	0	0	0
Hay	7	0	6	13
Hilltops ³	11	0	8	19
Junee	0	0	17	17
Leeton	25	0	44	69
Lockhart	0	0	0	0
Murray River ⁴	0	0	15	15
Murrumbidgee	6	0	0	6
Narrandera	0	0	0	0
Snowy Valleys ⁵	11	0	15	26
Temora	0	0	0	0
Wagga Wagga	52	162	186	400
Murrumbidgee	295	226	559	1,080
Total NSW	27,200	6,514	47,00	80,794

Source: Department of Social Services, Settlement Data Reports January 2017 to 31 December 2017: <https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/ds-dga-8d1b90a9-a4d7-4b10-ad6a-8273722c8628/details> (accessed 8 October 2019).

- ¹ The figures presented here are a combination of the Congaro Shire and Deniliquin Council. These councils combined in 2016 to form the Edward River LGA.
- ² The figures presented here are a combination of the Corowa Shire and Urana Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Federation LGA.
- ³ The figures presented here are a combination of the former council areas Boorowar, Harden and Young. These councils combined in 2016 to form the Hilltops LGA.
- ⁴ The figures presented here are a combination of the Murray Shire and Wakool Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Murray River LGA.
- ⁵ The figures presented here are a combination of the Tumut Shire and Tumbarumba Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Snowy Valleys LGA.

Children and Young People

Government schools

The following tables provide information about the government schools in the four LGAs that make up the Murrumbidgee district. These tables provide information on the following factors:

No. of FTE enrolments	The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolments indicates the number of students who attended the school over the course of the academic year. For example, 39.2 means 39 students were enrolled full time for one academic year and one student was enrolled for a fifth of the year.
% of ATSI	The percentage of FTE students enrolled who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
% of LBOTE	The percentage of students (headcount) who have a language background other than English (LBOTE). A student has a LBOTE if they, or their parents or guardians, speak a language other than English at home.
ISCEA value	<p>The Index of Community Socio-Education Advantage (ICSEA) provides information about the socio-educational backgrounds of a school's students. This is worked out by looking at the parents' occupation and education, a school's geographical location, and the proportion of Indigenous students.</p> <p>The ICSEA is set at an average of 1000. The lower the ICSEA level, the lower the educational advantage of students who go to this school. The highest score of a public school in New South Wales is 1245, and the lowest score is 543.</p>
% School attendance	The attendance rate is the number of actual FTE student days attended by full-time students in Years 1-10 in Semester One as a percentage of the total number of possible student-days attended in semester one.

There are 131 government schools in the Murrumbidgee district (6a-6q):

- 5 in the Berrigan LGA
- 8 in the Bland LGA
- 4 in the Carrathool LGA
- 5 in the Coolamon LGA
- 7 in the Edward River LGA
- 11 in the Federation LGA
- 10 in the Greater Hume LGA
- 3 in the Hay LGA
- 14 in the Hilltops LGA
- 5 in the Junee LGA

- 7 in the Leeton LGA
- 4 in the Lockhart LGA
- 8 in the Murray River LGA
- 3 in the Murrumbidgee LGA
- 5 in the Narrandera LGA
- 12 in the Snowy Valleys LGA
- 4 in the Temora LGA
- 19 in the Wagga Wagga LGA

The largest school is Wagga Wagga High School in the Wagga Wagga LGA (1040.1 FTE enrolments). The smallest is Talbingo Public school in the Snowy Valleys LGA (6 FTE enrolments), which also has the highest school attendance (98%). Lowest school attendance is Mount Austin High School in Wagga Wagga LGA (83.8%).

The school with the highest proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students is Brungle Public School in the Snowy Valleys LGA (92%), which also has the lowest ISCEA score (685). The school with the highest ISCEA value is Binya Public School in the Narrandera LGA (1062).

Mount Austin Public School (17%) and Turvey Park Public School (17%) in Wagga Wagga LGA have the highest proportion of LBOTE students.

Table 6a. Profile of Government Schools in the Berrigan LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Barooga Public School	124	np	np	968	94.8
Berrigan Public School	76	np	np	972	93.8
Finley High School	359	8	3	950	88.3
Finley Public School	176	13	4	957	94
Tocumwal Public School	147	5	6	992	93.8

Table 6b. Profile of Government Schools in the Bland LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Barmedman Public School	9	np	0	817	97.7
Naradhan Public School	12	np	0	954	93.4
Tallimba Public School	24	0	0	952	91.3
Ungarie Central School	88	9	0	925	93.5
Weethalle Public School	23	np	0	904	90.2
West Wyalong High School	296	11	6	934	90.8
West Wyalong Public School	276	12	4	935	92.8
Wyalong Public School	57	23	np	899	94.6

Table 6c. Profile of Government Schools in the Carrathool LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Carrathool Public School	10	np	0	934	96.2
Goolgowi Public School	38	np	np	924	93.5
Hillston Central School	162.4	23	13	905	89.4
Rankins Springs Public School	30	np	0	955	95

Table 6d. Profile of Government Schools in the Coolamon LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Ardlethan Central School	56	np	np	952	93.7
Coolamon Central School	306	8	np	963	91.3
Ganmain Public School	24	25	np	894	96.2
Marrar Public School	18	np	0	980	94.6
Matong Public School	34	18	np	991	96

Table 6e. Profile of Government Schools in the Edward River LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Blighty Public School	43	0	np	1003	93.6
Conargo Public School	7	np	0	909	94.3
Deniliquin High School	483.8	10	3	962	92.1
Deniliquin North Public School	156	9	4	971	94.2
Deniliquin South Public School	281	6	3	967	95.8
Edward Public School	139	25	np	885	92.6
Mayrung Public School	32	np	0	909	94.9

Table 6f. Profile of Government Schools in the Federation LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Boree Creek Public School	32	np	0	931	95.7
Corowa High School	312	3	3	957	89.2
Corowa Public School	224	5	3	943	93.3
Corowa South Public School	52	np	np	948	92.8
Howlong Public School	188	np	4	1004	95.8
Lowesdale Public School	24	0	0	1051	96.3
Mulwala Public School	52	np	0	978	92.7
Oaklands Central School	70.2	np	9	966	90.6
Rand Public School	23	np	0	1009	94.1
Savernake Public School	10	np	0	933	93.7
Urana Public School	8	0	np		92.6

Table 6g. Profile of Government Schools in the Greater Hume LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Billabong High School	383.4	6	3	955	89.4
Brocklesby Public School	10	np	0	1041	96.9
Burrumbuttock Public School	32	np	0	949	92.6
Culcairn Public School	121	np	6	979	94.6
Gerogery Public School	16	0	np	900	98
Henty Public School	121	11	5	956	92.4
Holbrook Public School	145	11	np	994	93.3
Jindera Public School	206	np	np	976	95.5
Walbundrie Public School	18	0	0	1015	94.7
Walla Walla Public School	36	np	0	998	93.8

Table 6h. Profile of Government Schools in the Hay LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Booligal Public School	7	0	0	1040	95.5
Hay Public School	182	18	np	925	91.6
Hay War Memorial High School	173	17	np	911	86

Table 6i. Profile of Government Schools in the Hilltops LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Boorowa Central School	205	4	np	944	91.1
Bribbaree Public School	15	np	0	875	93.8
Jugiong Public School	24	0	np	1031	92.3
Koorawatha Public School	13	0	np	935	94.4
Maimuru Public School	17	0	np	1016	95.8
Monteagle Public School	21	np	np	867	94.6
Murringo Public School	39	15	0	920	95
Murrumburrah High School	136	13	np	897	92.9
Murrumburrah Public School	166	18	7	917	88.6
Rye Park Public School	13	0	0	998	94.5
Wombat Public School	26	0	0	976	88.7
Young High School	586.6	14	14	923	85.9
Young North Public School	282	13	9	923	93.6
Young Public School	547	9	7	963	94.4

Table 6j. Profile of Government Schools in the Junee LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Eurongilly Public School	21	0	np	1035	95.6
Illabo Public School	30	np	np	1051	96.5
Junee High School	212	9	4	917	86
Junee North Public School	173	16	np	929	94.1
Junee Public School	109	19	np	885	92.9

Table 6k. Profile of Government Schools in the Leeton LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Leeton High School	464.2	13	9	933	86
Leeton Public School	358	6	14	986	93.6
Parkview Public School	404	26	6	888	92.3
Wamoon Public School	30	37	0	925	91.8
Whitton-Murrarni Public School	35	29	0	846	94
Yanco Agricultural High School	287	8	np	997	96.4
Yanco Public School	50	20	0	905	95.6

Table 6l. Profile of Government Schools in the Coolamon LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Lockhart Central School	99.1	35	0	842	90.5
Pleasant Hills Public School	20	np	0	932	93.4
The Rock Central School	183	18	np	928	91.5
Yerong Creek Public School	17	np	np	908	90.2

Table 6m. Profile of Government Schools in the Murray River LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Barham High School	139	4	np	967	88.9
Barham Public School	132	5	5	980	94.3
Bunnaloo Public School	55	0	np	1048	94.9
Mathoura Public School	65	14	np	942	92.8
Moama Public School	191	23	7	923	91.8
Moulamein Public School	49	np	np	960	93
Tooleybuc Central School	116	9	np	944	91.9
Wakool Burraboi Public School	12	np	0	900	93.6

Table 6n. Profile of Government Schools in the Murrumbidgee LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Coleambally Central School	205.6	17	3	924	91
Darlington Point Public School	78	40	np	824	93.7
Jerilderie Public School	31	np	np	966	93.3

Table 6o. Profile of Government Schools in the Narrandera LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Barellan Central School	107.7	7	6	957	92.1
Binya Public School	13	np	0	1062	96.3
Narrandera East Infants School	55	25	np	943	92
Narrandera High School	269	28	4	899	83.4
Narrandera Public School	256	34	6	858	90.3

Table 6p. Profile of Government Schools in the Snowy Valleys LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Adelong Public School	68	np	0	941	91.3
Batlow Technology School	114	8	9	922	92.4
Brungle Public School	12	92	0	685	94.7
Cabramurra Public School	np	0	0		sp
Franklin Public School	286	13	2	915	93.6
Khancoban Public School	22	np	np	958	94.7
Rosewood Public School	18	np	0	875	95.4
Talbingo Public School	6	0	0	1061	sp
Tumbarumba High School	189.2	16	5	923	90.1
Tumbarumba Public School	165	9	7	955	90.5
Tumut High School	537.8	10	4	951	90.1
Tumut Public School	323	14	5	981	93.3

Table 6q. Profile of Government Schools in the Temora LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Ariah Park Central School	129.8	np	np	971	90
Temora High School	361	8	3	940	88.2
Temora Public School	266	4	np	976	93.6
Temora West Public School	138	12	6	924	92.4

Table 6r. Profile of Government Schools in the Wagga Wagga LGA

Government school	No. of FTE enrolments	% of ATSI	% of LBOTE	ISCEA value	% School attendance
Ashmont Public School	219	54	7	782	88.8
Forest Hill Public School	241	10	3	955	93.7
Humula Public School	18	np	0	892	94.2
Kapooka Public School	77	8	np	976	94.9
Koorungal High School	859.3	9	6	985	88.5
Koorungal Public School	455	12	8	967	92.8
Ladysmith Public School	26	0	np	970	94.6
Lake Albert Public School	523	8	3	992	94.7
Mount Austin High School	429	45	7	807	83.2
Mount Austin Public School	233	34	17	792	89.4
North Wagga Public School	265	9	4	999	94.9
Red Hill Public School	243	47	8	810	89.5
South Wagga Public School	333	5	12	1045	94.3
Sturt Public School	373	12	14	997	94.1
Tarcutta Public School	12	0	0	911	88
Turvey Park Public School	384	13	17	944	94.8
Uranquinty Public School	31	np	np	953	96.3
Wagga Wagga High School	1040.1	8	11	981	90
Wagga Wagga Public School	452	8	13	1027	95.6

Source: NSW Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, Master dataset: NSW government school locations and student enrolment numbers (2017) <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/nsw-public-schools-master-dataset> (accessed 7 October 2019), Student attendance rate by individual government schools (2011-2017): <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/student-attendance-rate-by-school> (accessed 7 October 2019).

The Department of Education also provides information about suspensions and expulsions from government schools at the district level¹.

Table 7 shows the Murrumbidgee district has a higher proportion of students who received short suspensions (four days or less) in 2018 compared to the NSW state average. In 2018, 5.3% of students received short suspensions in Murrumbidgee, compared to 4.0% in NSW.

The proportion of students who received long suspensions (4-20 school days) was similar to the NSW state average; 1.9% in the district compared to 1.5% in the state.

In the Murrumbidgee, less than five students were expelled for misbehaviour in 2018, and 17 were expelled for unsatisfactory behaviour (13.9% of the state total).

Table 7. Suspensions and expulsions from government schools Murrumbidgee district, 2018

	Murrumbidgee	New South Wales
Total short suspensions ¹	2,879	52,755
Total number of students short suspended	1,639	32,343
Students short suspended as % of enrolment	5.3%	4.0%
Total long suspensions	901	17,235
Total number students long suspended ²	589	12,355
Students long suspended as % of enrolment	1.9%	1.5%
Students expelled for misbehaviour	<5 ³	175
Students expelled for unsatisfactory participation	17	122

Source: NSW Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation, Suspensions and Expulsions in NSW government schools (2015-2018): <https://data.cese.nsw.gov.au/data/dataset/suspensions-and-expulsions-in-nsw-government-schools> (accessed 9 October 2019)

¹ includes students on short suspension (four days or less) on more than one occasion

² includes students on long suspension (four to 20 school days) on more than one occasion

³ In order to protect individual students' identities, values 5 and under are represented as <5

¹ To our knowledge, LGA data is unavailable.

Early childhood development

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) measures the early childhood development of children in Australia in their first year of full-time school. It measures this across five domains that predict later health, education and social outcomes:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- communication skills and general knowledge

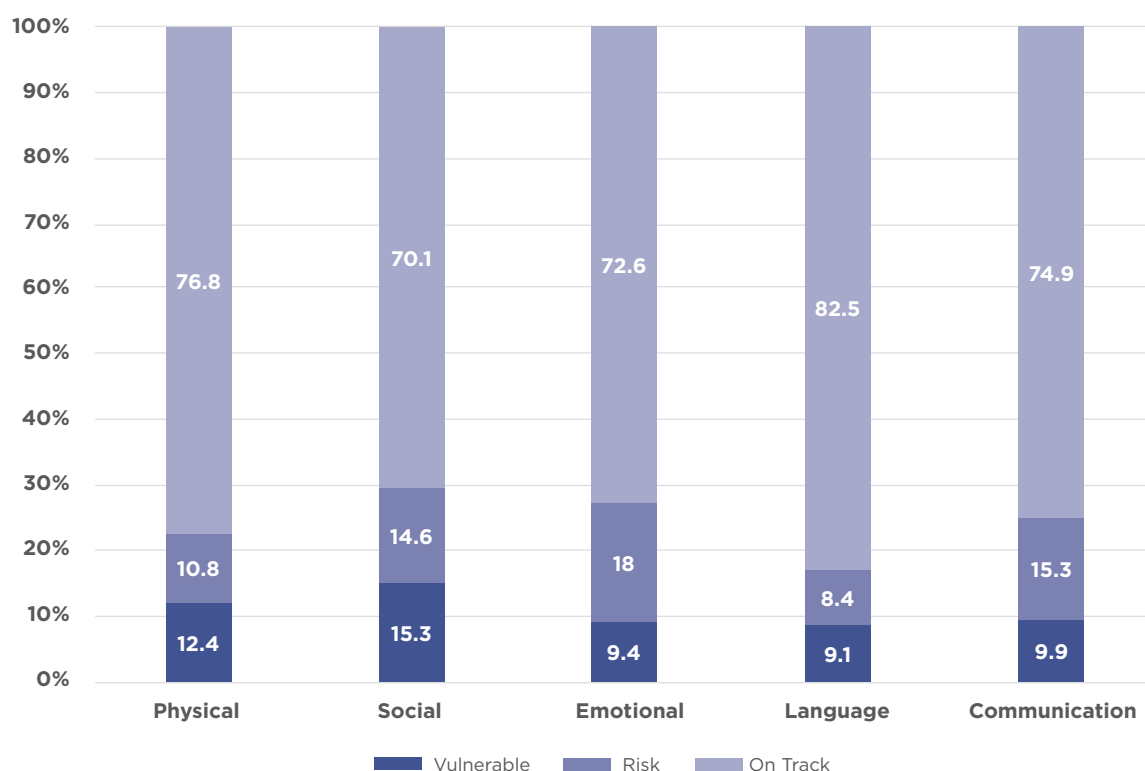
MORE INFORMATION

More information about the AEDC domains can be found in the [About the AEDC Domains](#) fact sheet.

The AEDC results can tell us if children are developmentally on track or if they need more support through their school years.

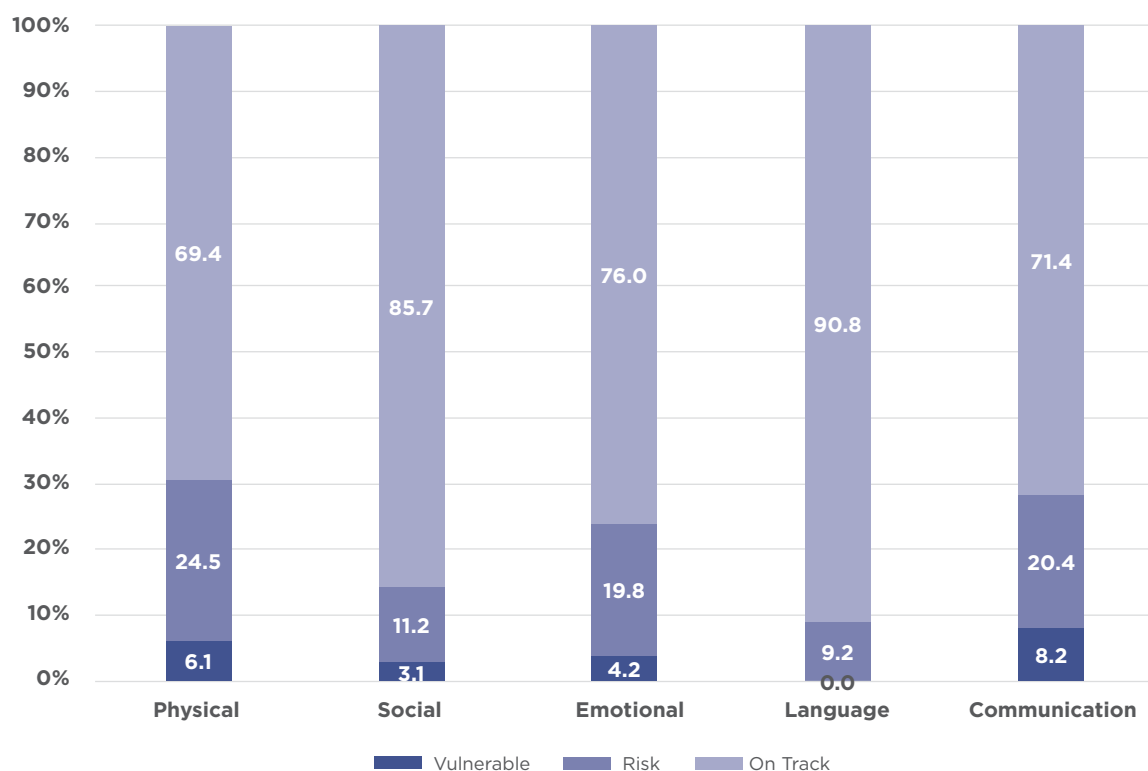
In the 2018 AEDC, the majority of children in the Murrumbidgee district were developmentally on track (see Figures 2-21). In all twenty LGAs (Murrumbidgee was excluded because it was too small to measure), over 60% of children were developmentally on track for each of the five AEDC domains. The proportion of children developmentally 'at risk' and 'vulnerable' was greater in the LGAs Hay, Junee, and Murray River.

Figure 2. 2018 AEDC results for Albury LGA



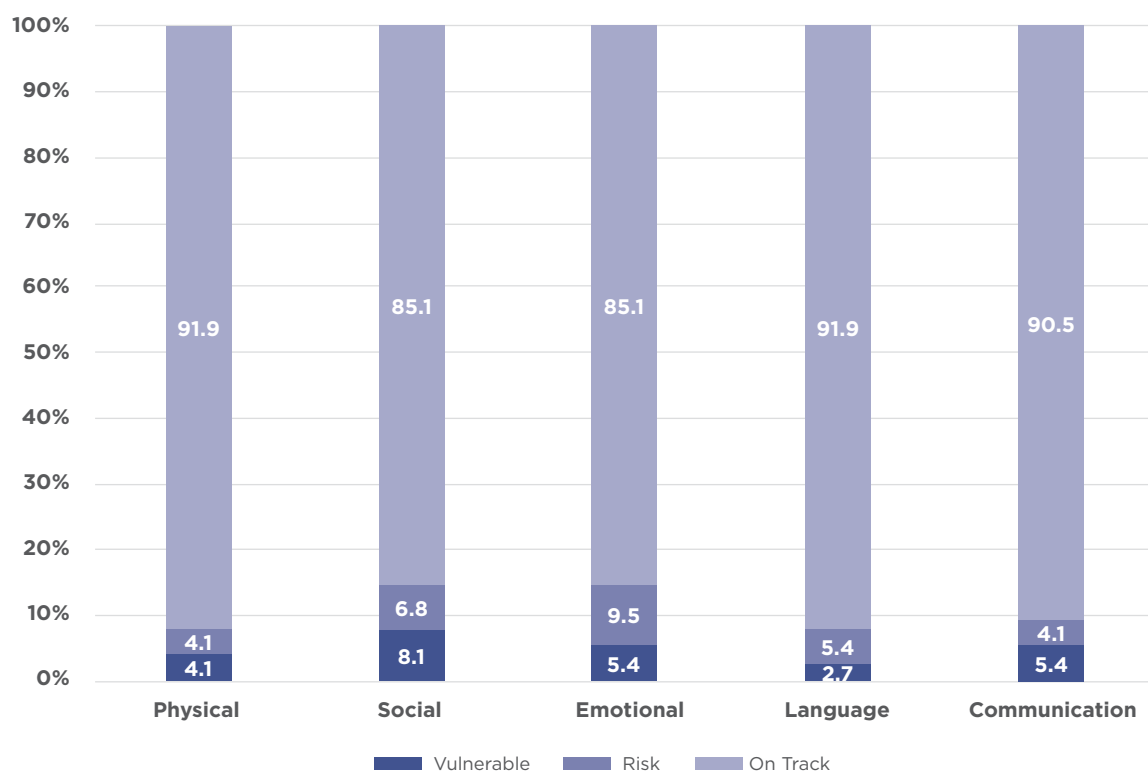
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Figure 3. 2018 AEDC results for Berrigan LGA



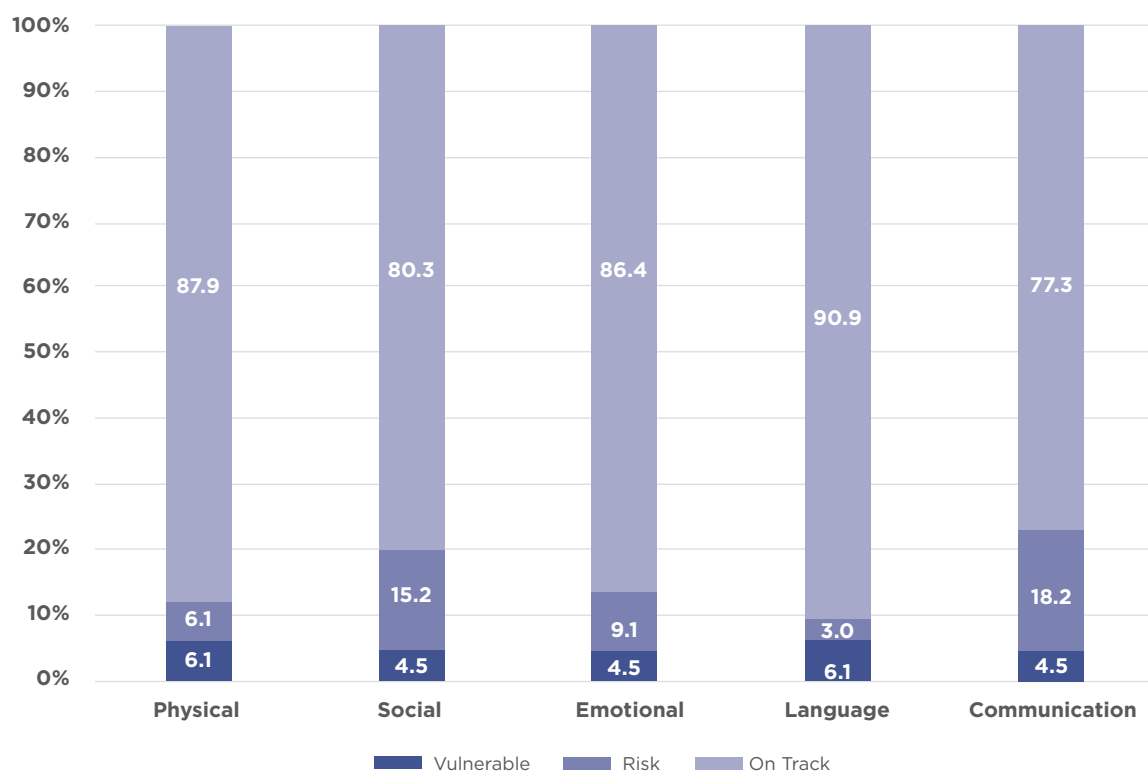
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Figure 4. 2018 AEDC results for Bland LGA



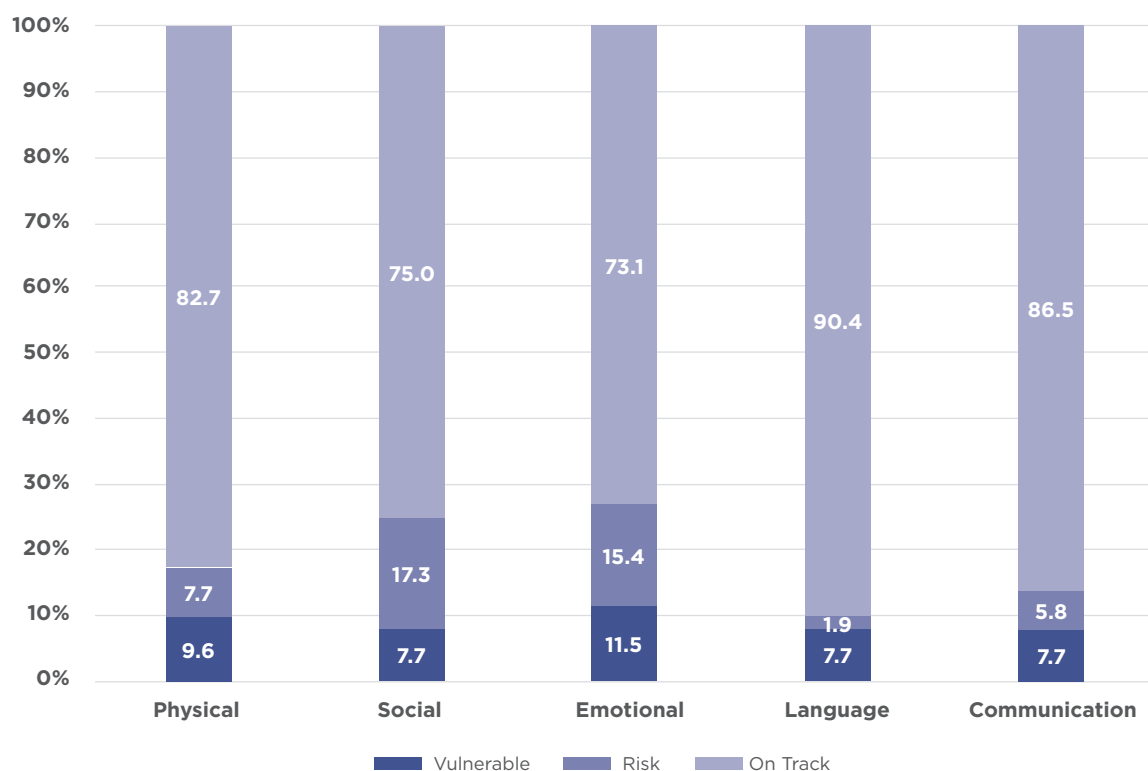
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Figure 5. 2018 AEDC results for Carrathool LGA



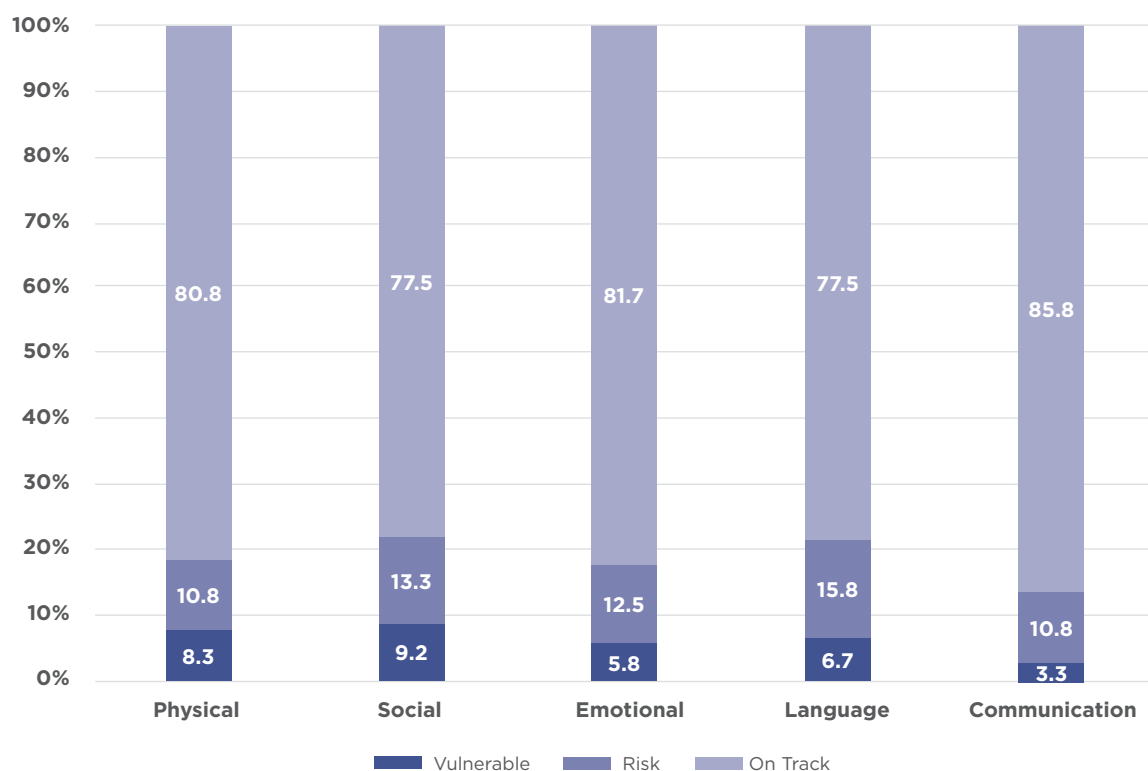
Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=135130> (accessed 9 October 2019)

Figure 6. 2018 AEDC results for Coolamon LGA



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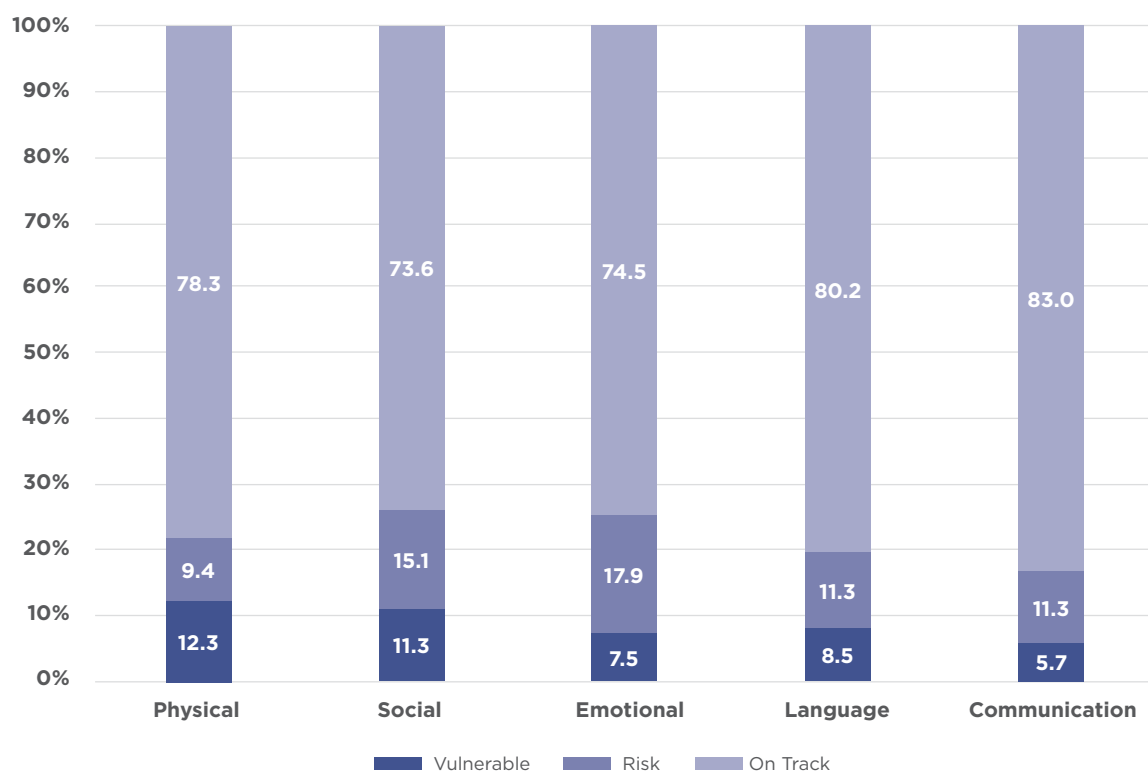
Figure 7. 2018 AEDC results for Edward River¹ LGA



Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=136048> (accessed 9 October 2019)

¹ The figures presented here are a combination of the Congaro Shire and Deniliquin Council. These councils combined in 2016 to form the Edward River LGA

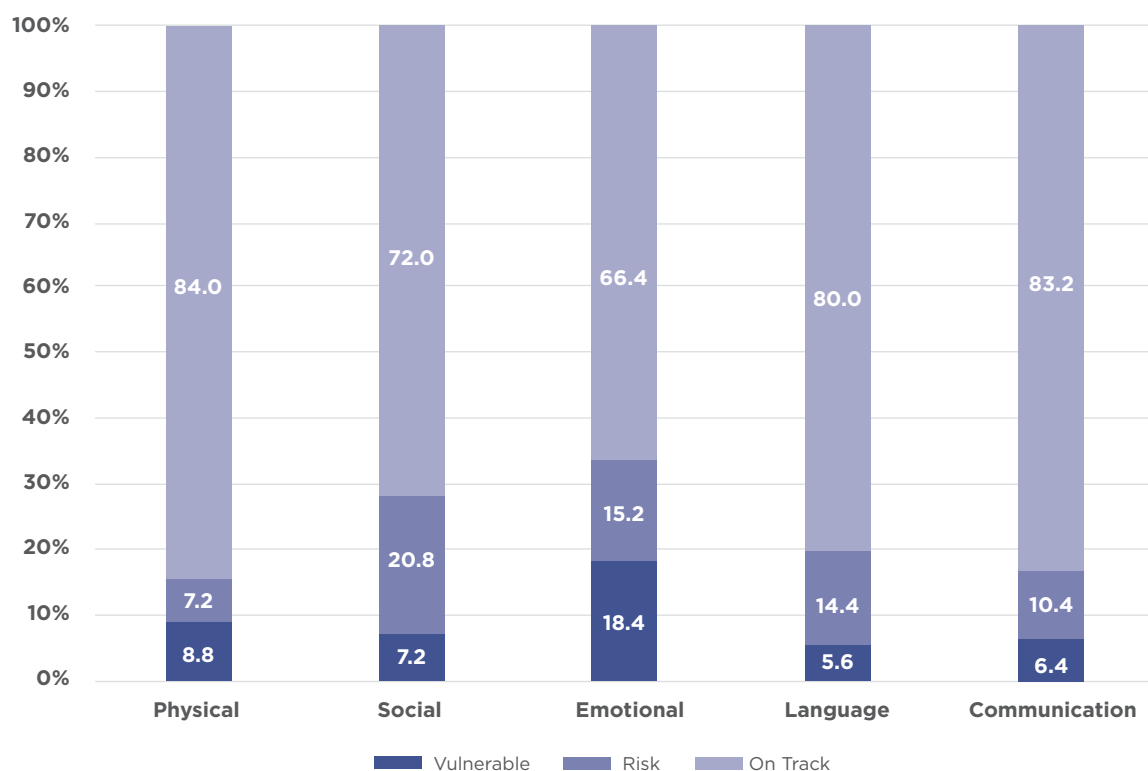
Figure 8. 2018 AEDC results for Federation¹ LGA



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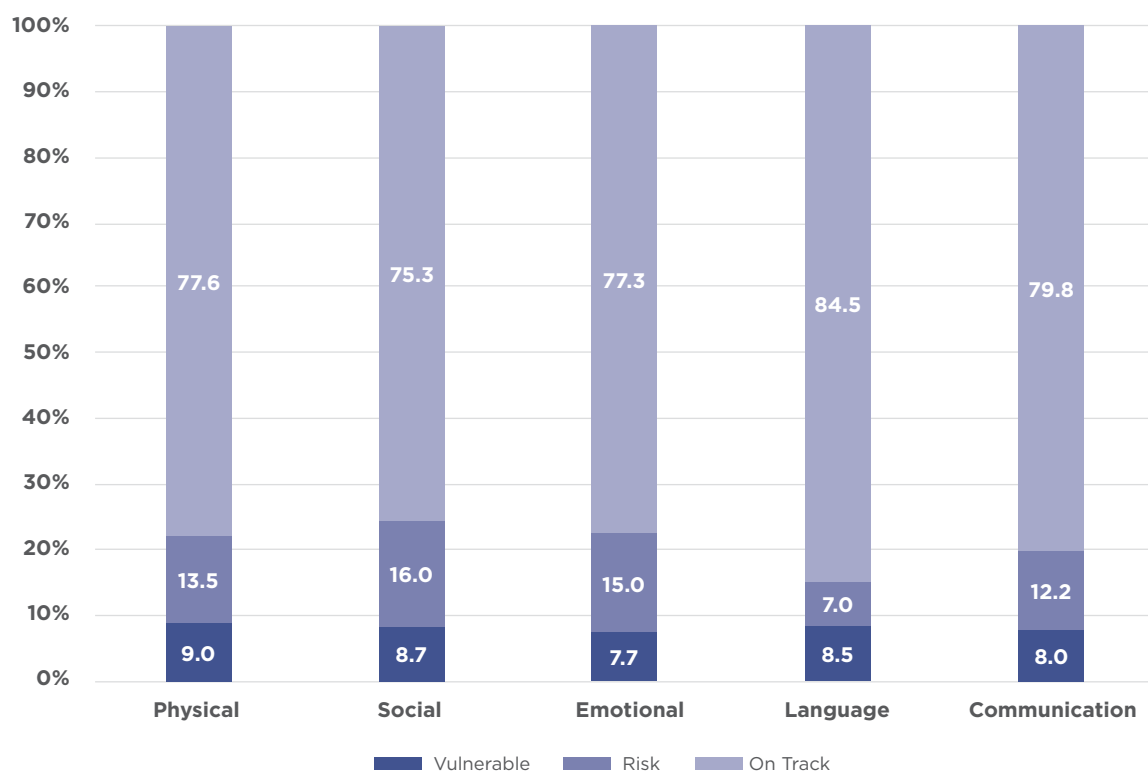
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Figure 9. 2018 AEDC results for Greater Hume Shire LGA



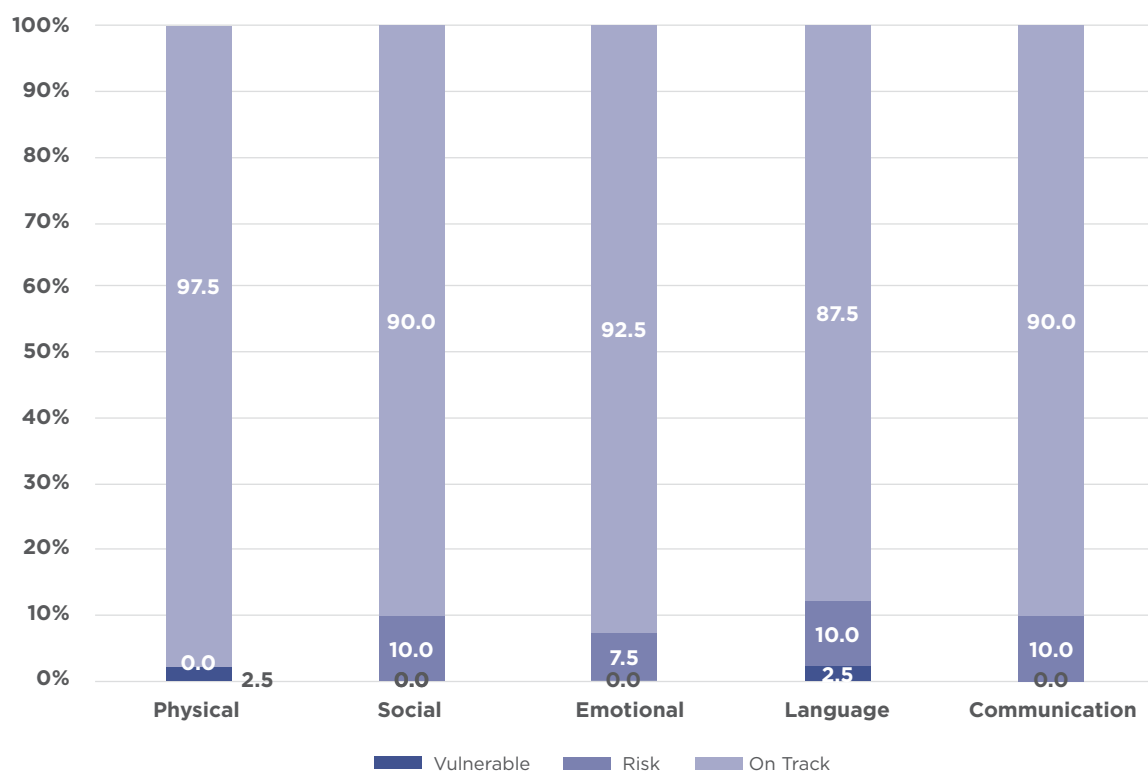
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Figure 10. 2018 AEDC results for Griffith LGA



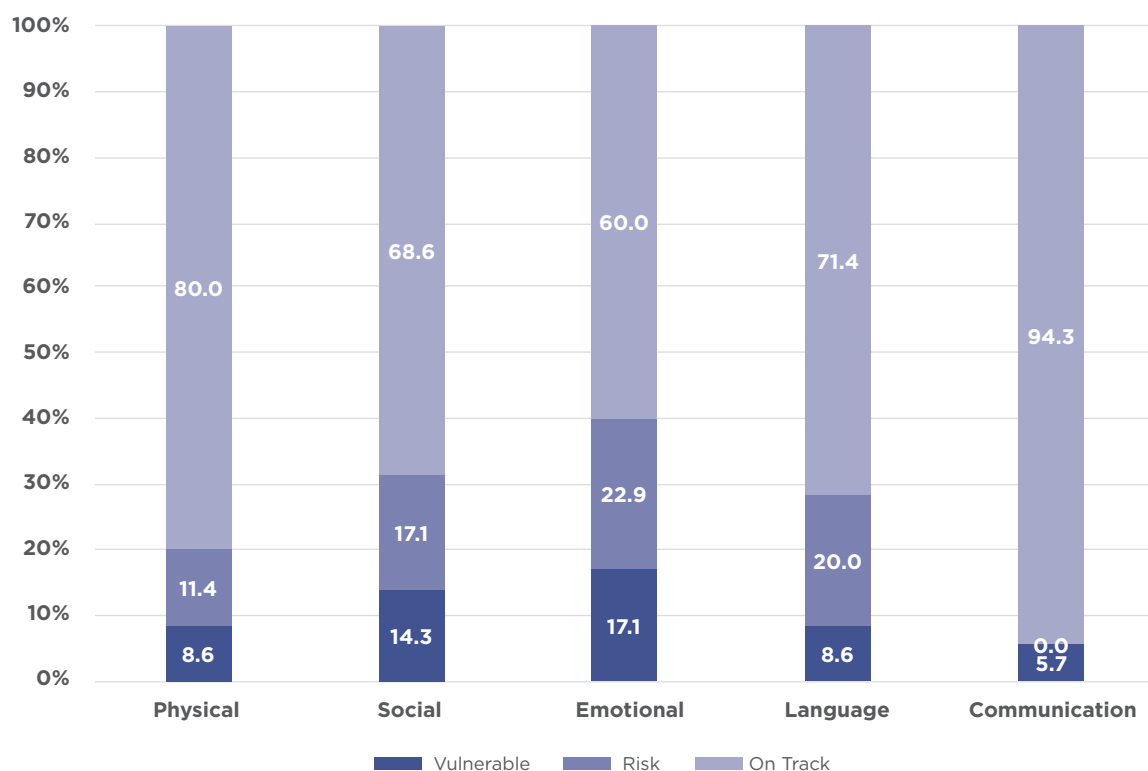
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Figure 11. 2018 AEDC results for Gundagai LGA



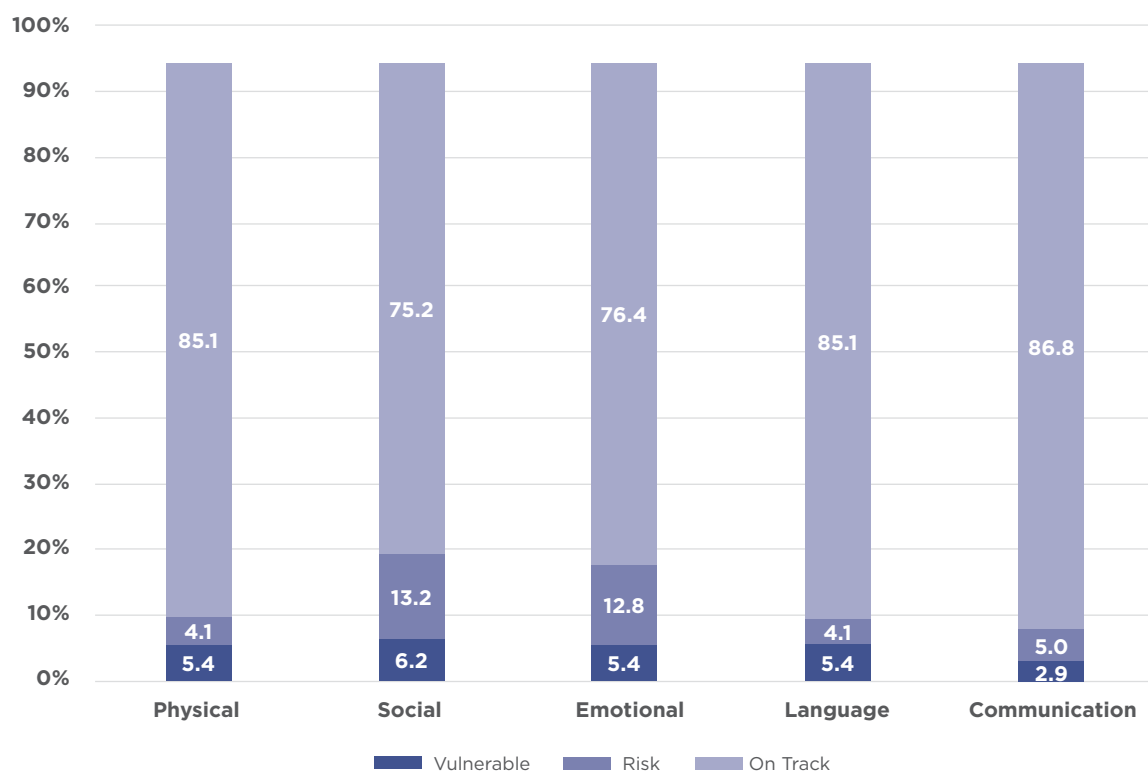
Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=135158> (accessed 9 October 2019)

Figure 12. 2018 AEDC results for Hay LGA



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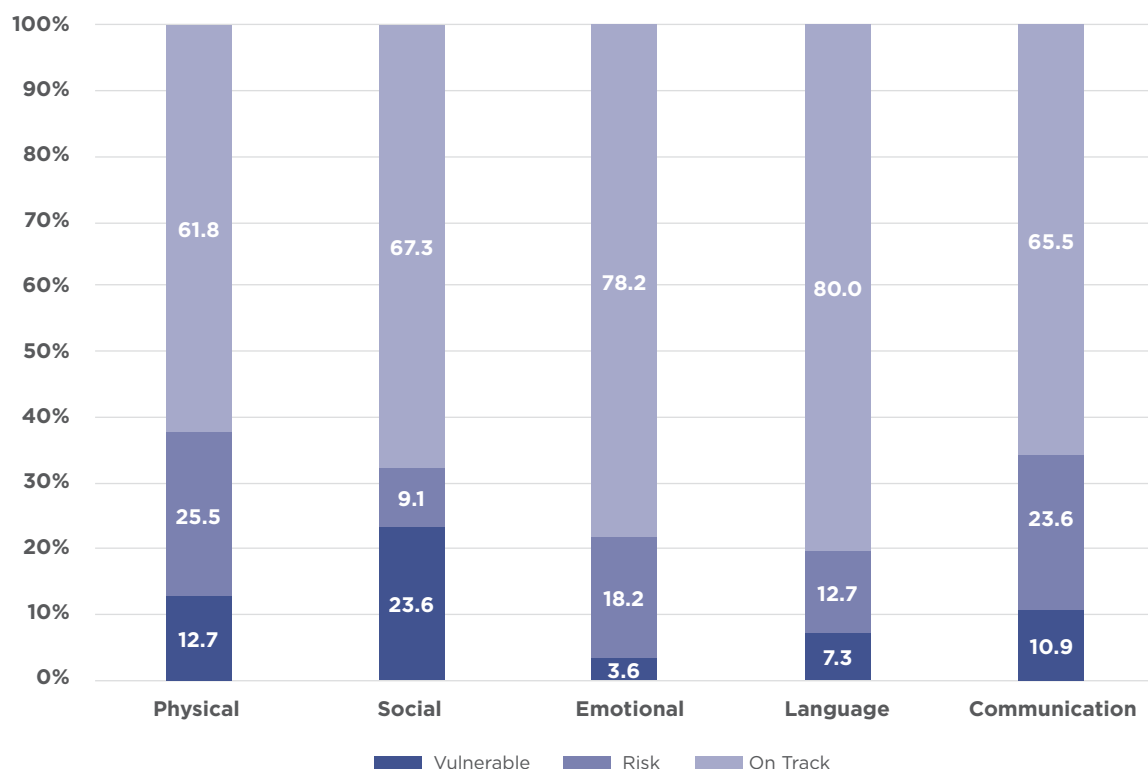
Figure 13. 2018 AEDC results for Hilltops¹ LGA



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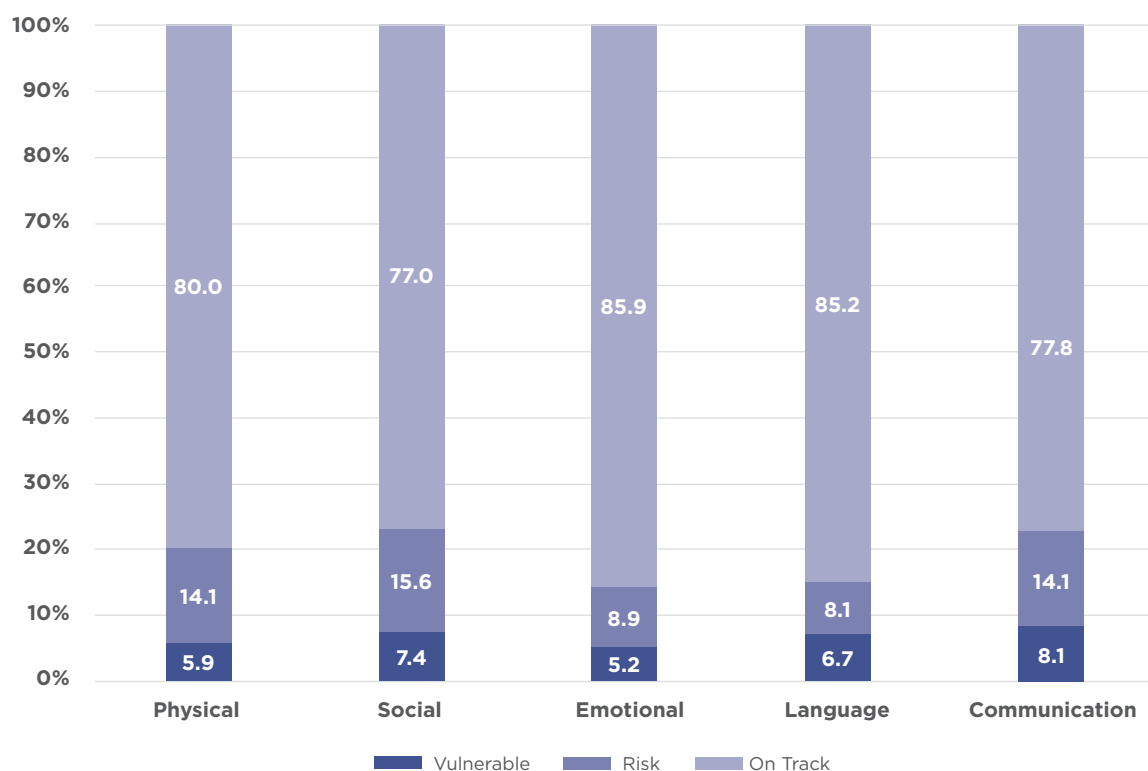
¹ The figures presented here are a combination of the former council areas Boorowar, Harden and Young. These councils combined in 2016 to form the Hilltops LGA.

Figure 14. 2018 AEDC results for Junee LGA



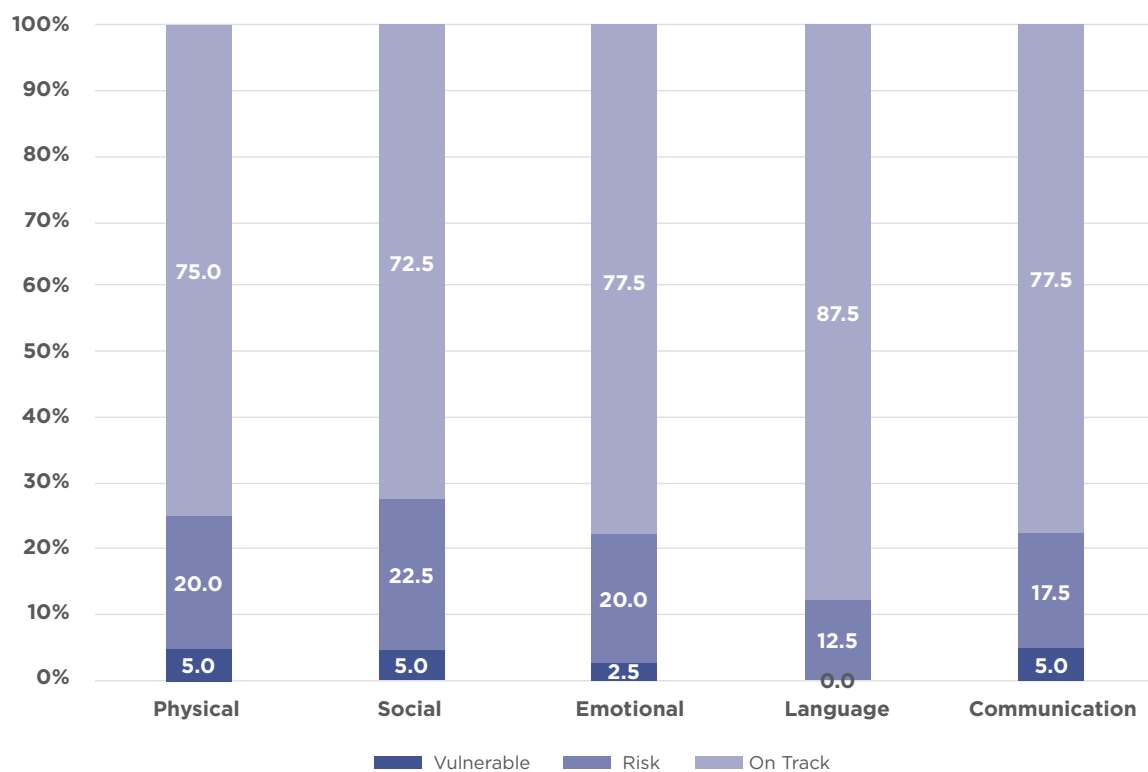
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Figure 15. 2018 AEDC results for Leeton LGA



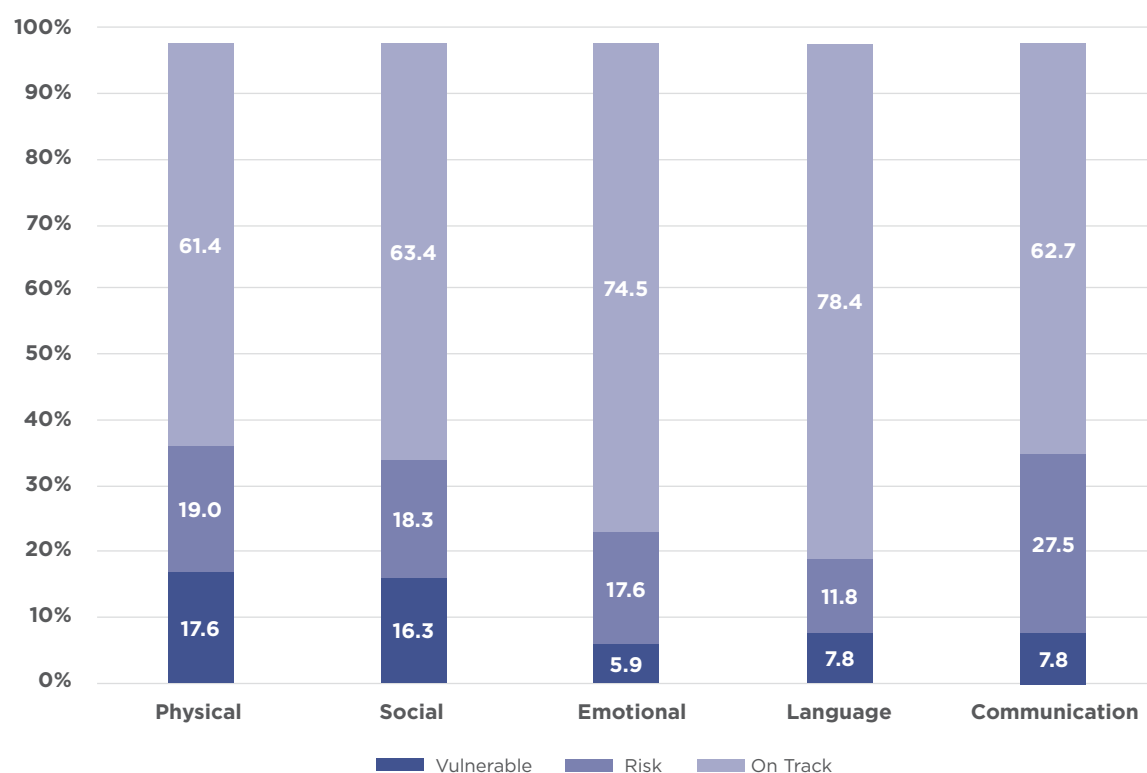
Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=135182> (accessed 9 October 2019)

Figure 16. 2018 AEDC results for Lockhart LGA



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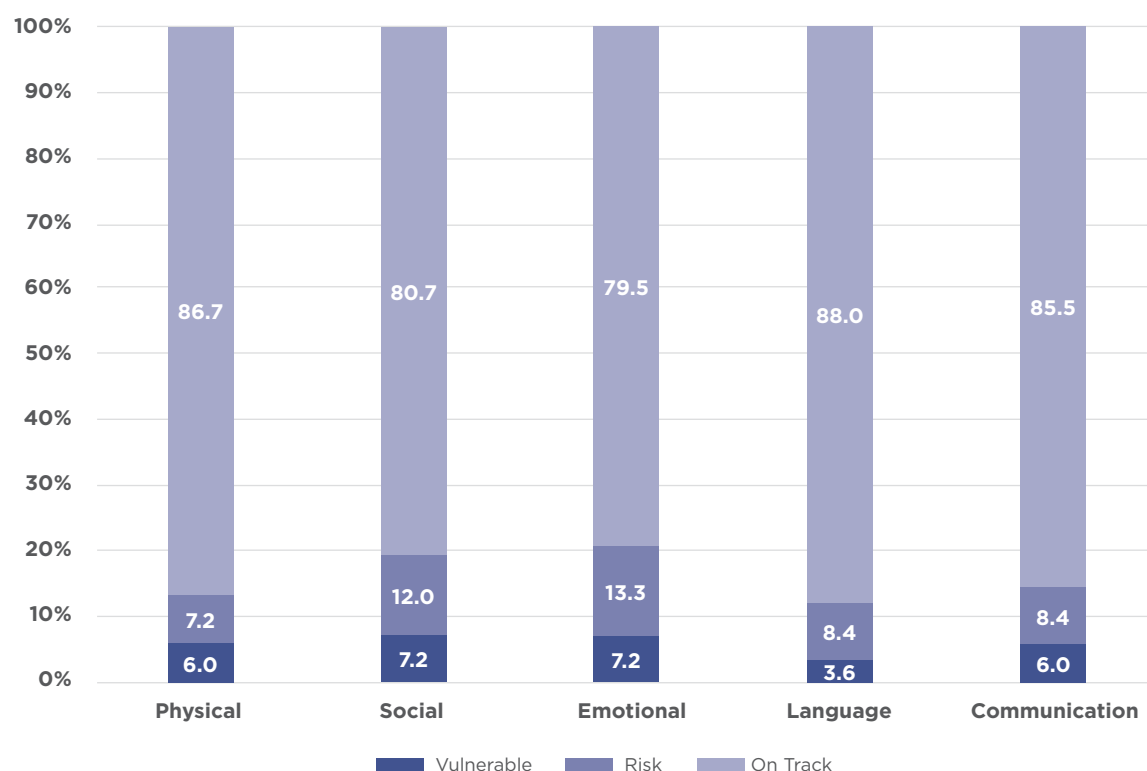
Figure 17. 2018 AEDC results for Murray River¹ LGA



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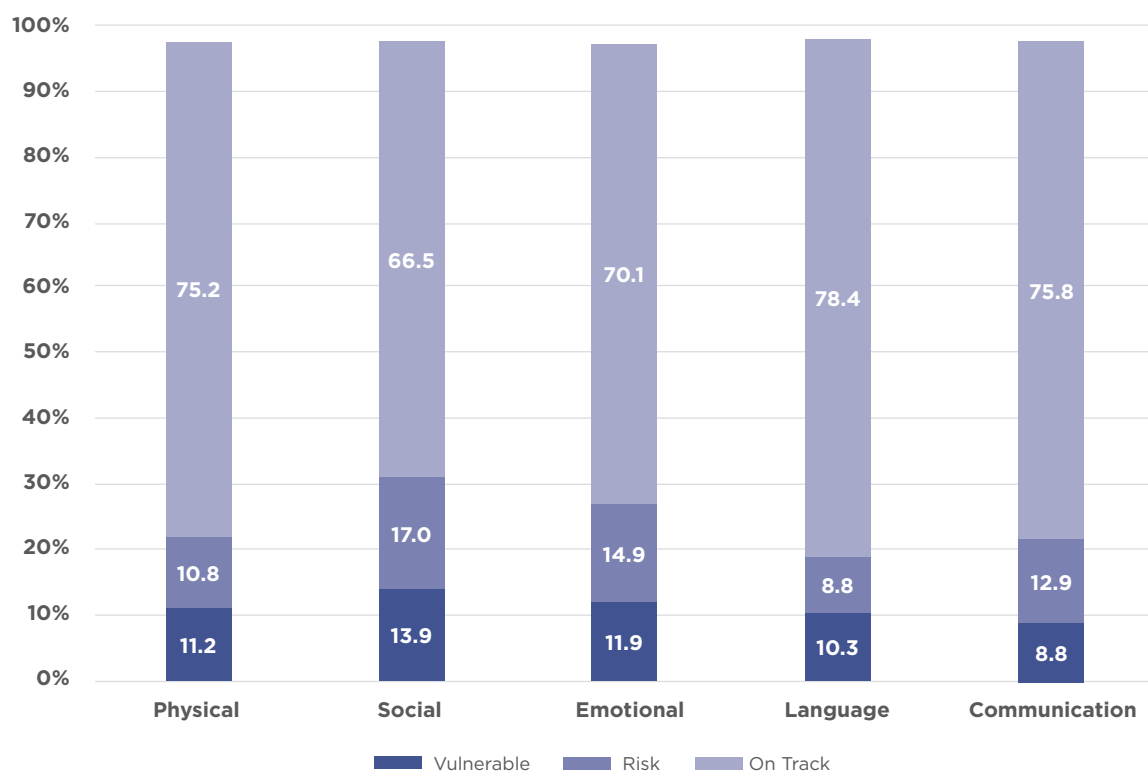
¹ The figures presented here are a combination of the Murray Shire and Wakool Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Murray River LGA.

Figure 18. 2018 AEDC results for Narrandera LGA



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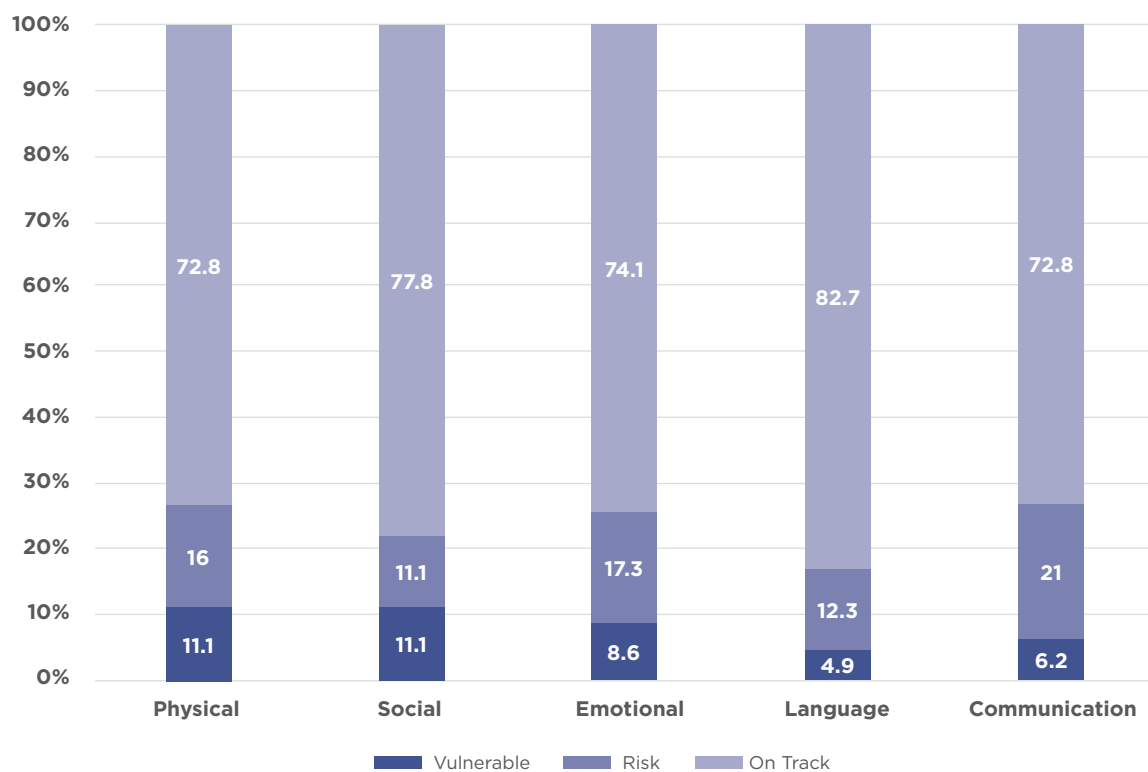
Figure 19. 2018 AEDC results for Snowy Valleys¹ LGA



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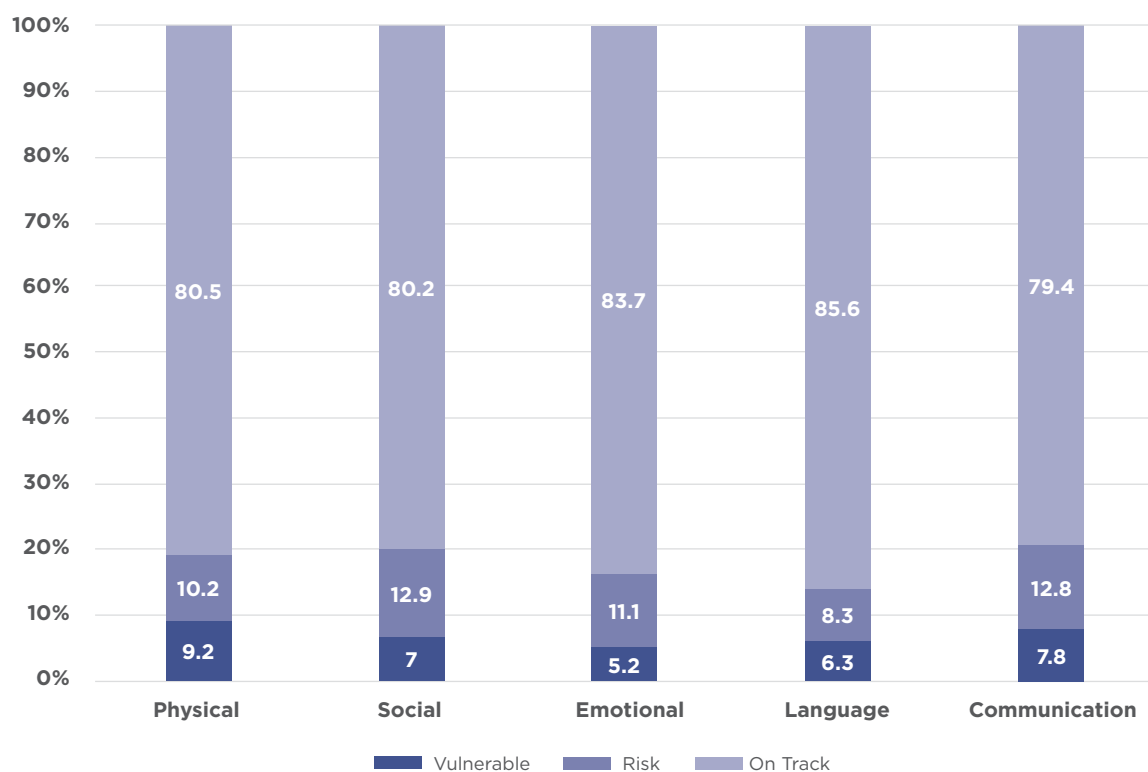
¹ The figures presented here are a combination of the Tumut Shire and Tumbarumba Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Snowy Valleys LGA.

Figure 20. 2018 AEDC results for Temora LGA



Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=135226> (accessed 9 October 2019)

Figure 21. 2018 AEDC results for Wagga Wagga LGA



Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=135235> (accessed 9 October 2019)

The AEDC also has two summary indicators that measure developmental vulnerability across all five domains.

In the New England district, 12.1% of children were developmentally vulnerable on two or more AEDC domains (see Table 8). This is higher than the NSW state average of 9.6%. Children were most likely to be developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains in Moree Plains (22.4%), Tenterfield (20%), and Glen Innes Severn (18.5%).

Table 8. Percentage of children developmentally vulnerable in Murrumbidgee District, by LGA, 2018

	Developmentally vulnerable on 1 or more domain		Developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains		Total no. of children measured
	No.	%	No.	%	
Albury	163	25.9	94	14.9	678
Berrigan	15	15.6	3	3.1	106
Bland	8	10.8	6	8.1	76
Carrathool	10	15.2	5	7.6	67
Coolamon	10	19.2	6	11.5	52
Edward River ¹	22	18.3	9	7.5	128
Federation ²	22	20.8	12	11.3	111
Greater Hume Shire	32	25.6	12	9.6	134
Griffith	82	20.4	46	11.5	416
Gundagai	1	2.5	1	2.5	47
Hay	10	28.6	4	11.4	35
Hilltops ³	33	13.6	17	7.0	242
Junee	17	30.9	9	16.4	63
Leeton	26	19.3	11	8.1	136
Lockhart	6	15.0	1	2.5	43
Murray River ⁴	43	28.1	23	15.0	153
Murrumbidgee ⁵	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Narrandera	10	12.0	5	6.0	85
Snowy Valleys ⁶	46	23.7	27	13.9	194
Temora	18	22.2	11	13.6	84
Wagga Wagga	145	18.4	71	9.0	840
Murrumbidgee district	719	19.5	373	10.1	3,690
NSW	18,583	19.9	9,001	9.6	97,731

Source: AEDC Data Explorer: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/data/data-explorer?id=135235> (accessed 9 October 2019)

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² The figures presented here are a combination of the Corowa Shire and Urana Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Federation LGA.

³ The figures presented here are a combination of the former council areas Boorowar, Harden and Young. These councils combined in 2016 to form the Hilltops LGA.

⁴ The figures presented here are a combination of the Murray Shire and Wakool Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Murray River LGA.

⁵ Too few teachers or children to display data in the AEDC data explorer

⁶ The figures presented here are a combination of the Tumut Shire and Tumbarumba Shire. These areas combined in 2016 to form the Snowy Valleys LGA.

Vulnerable children and young people

Using the Their Futures Matter (TFM) Human Services Dataset, TFM identified three vulnerable groups of children and young people in NSW:

Young children aged 0-5	Children aged 5 or younger at 30 June 2017 with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 or more parental risk factors• 2 or more perinatal risk factors• Assessment as at ROSH
Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness	Children under 15 years at 30 June 2017 with one or more the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)• Parental use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)
Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness	Children and young people between 15-18 years at 30 June 2017 with one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)• Parental use of NSW mental health services (hospital or ambulatory)

For each vulnerable group, TFM identified five indicators associated with poor outcomes later in life. They also identified the proportion of this group with this indicator. TFM identified these indicators by undertaking predictive modelling and analysis, using the TFM Human Services Data set. This dataset brings together data collected by ten different government agencies. It includes data on child protection, housing, justice, health, education and commonwealth service use.

Table 9 shows the top five indicators for each vulnerable group in the Murrumbidgee district.

Table 9. Indicators of vulnerable children and young people in the Murrumbidgee district

Vulnerable group	Indicator	% of group with indicator
Young children aged 0-5	Parents have interacted with justice system	39
	Mother smoked during pregnancy	40
	Child had concern report	31
	Mother aged 21 and under at childbirth	23
	Parents have been in social housing	17
Children aged under 15 and affected by mental illness	Child had a concern report	49
	Mother smoked during pregnancy	42
	Parents have interacted with justice system	39
	Mother aged 21 and under at childbirth	27
	Parents have been in social housing	29
Children and young people aged 15-18 and affected by mental illness	NAPLAN Year 7 band less than 6	53
	Had concern report in the last three years	39
	Hospital admission in the last three years	35
	Family have been in social housing	31
	Has appeared in court	9

Source: Their Futures Matter, FACS District Data pack, Murrumbidgee district

Table 10 shows the number and proportion of children in each of the vulnerable groups by LGA. It also shows us what proportion of this group identifies as Aboriginal.

For example, in Carrathool, there were 175 children aged 5 and under. Of these children, 43% (n=75) were identified as vulnerable and 27% of these children identified as Aboriginal. By comparison, in Berrigan 25% of children under age 5 were vulnerable.

When looking at children under the age of 15, 21% were affected by mental illness in Hilltops, compared to 8% in Lockhart.

When looking at children aged between the ages of 15 and 18, 26% were affected by mental illness in Junee and only 13% were in Lockhart.

Table 10. Vulnerable groups of children and young people in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA

	Vulnerable young children aged 0-5 years				Children under 15 affected by mental illness				Children and young people aged 15-18 affected by mental illness			
	C/YP aged under 5	Vulnerable C/YP aged under 5		Aboriginal	C/YP aged under 5	Vulnerable C/YP aged under 5		Aboriginal	C/YP aged under 5	Vulnerable C/YP aged under 5		Aboriginal
	No.	No.	%	%	No.	No.	%	%	No.	No.	%	%
Albury	175	51	29	35	1,301	198	15	21	693	144	20	21
Berrigan	79	20	25	NA ¹	197	35	18	40	107	28	26	43
Bland	385	111	29	32	915	106	12	38	245	39	16	26
Carrathool	175	75	43	27	359	40	11	30	113	20	17	35
Coolamon	281	71	25	23	643	95	15	21	177	28	16	NA
Edward River	327	138	42	23	732	124	17	26	264	67	25	7
Federation	32	13	41	NA	178	16	9	NA	196	40	20	NA
Greater Hume Shire	154	52	34	15	472	73	15	22	255	37	15	19
Griffith	2,046	804	39	29	4,079	489	12	38	1,106	184	17	28
Gundagai	600	219	37	25	1,378	227	16	25	575	134	23	28
Hay	168	63	38	14	352	52	15	35	125	19	15	42

¹ Some cells have been set to NA to minimize the risk of re-identification. These cells either have a count of less than 5 people or have the lowest number of people in the FACS district in the remaining LGAs.

Table 10. Vulnerable groups of children and young people in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA (continued)

	Vulnerable young children aged 0-5 years				Children under 15 affected by mental illness				Children and young people aged 15-18 affected by mental illness			
	C/YP aged under 5	Vulnerable C/YP aged under 5		Aboriginal	C/YP aged under 5	Vulnerable C/YP aged under 5		Aboriginal	C/YP aged under 5	Vulnerable C/YP aged under 5		Aboriginal
	No.	No.	%	%	No.	No.	%	%	No.	No.	%	%
Hilltops	952	383	40	23	2,165	453	21	26	795	186	23	23
Junee	387	148	38	23	768	111	14	30	240	63	26	21
Leeton	759	326	41	35	1,635	244	15	27	577	141	24	20
Lockhart	157	41	26	22	360	29	8	52	149	19	13	NA
Murray River	68	28	41	25	190	30	16	NA	95	14	15	NA
Murrumbidgee	190	78	41	38	465	64	14	36	148	20	14	NA
Narrandera	440	181	41	50	933	124	13	53	266	38	14	58
Snowy Valleys	897	344	38	17	1,836	318	17	21	577	138	24	17
Temora	341	110	32	15	795	139	17	17	303	60	20	18
Wagga Wagga	4,550	1,658	36	24	8,966	1,194	13	30	2,668	512	19	26

Source: Their Futures Matter, FACS District Data pack, Murrumbidgee district

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Contact with child protection services

In 2016-17, 1.3% (n=931) of children and young people aged 18 and under were in out-of-home care (OOHC) in the Murrumbidgee district (see Table 11). The majority of these children and young people were in Wagga Wagga (n=246) and Albury (n=152).

In 2016-17, 7.5% (n=5,244) children and young people aged 18 and under were found to be at risk of significant harm (ROSH). Again, the majority of these children were in Wagga Wagga (n=1,373) and Albury (n=955).

Carrathool had the smallest amount of children reported at ROSH or in OOHC.

Table 11. Child Protection Overview in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA, 2016-17

	Total number of children and young people reported		Total number of children and young people at risk of significant harm		Total number of children and young people in out-of-home care as of 30 June 2017		Total number of CYP 18 and under
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Albury	1,258	10.3	955	7.9	152	1.3	12,157
Berrigan	126	7.0	99	5.5	14	0.8	1,788
Bland	108	7.2	78	5.2	16	1.1	1,510
Carrathool	58	8.9	39	6.0	5	0.8	650
Coolamon	85	7.7	69	6.2	12	1.1	1,106
Edward River	231	11.5	160	8.0	56	2.8	2,008
Federation	202	7.7	155	5.9	29	1.1	2,640
Greater Hume Shire	217	7.7	144	5.1	69	2.5	2,816
Griffith	657	9.8	445	6.6	66	1.0	6,692
Gundagai	230	9.1	268	10.6	26	1.0	2,522
Hay	100	15.3	74	11.3	6	0.9	655
Hilltops	435	9.5	339	7.4	40	0.9	4,575
Junee	159	11.4	108	7.8	25	1.8	1,389
Leeton	345	10.9	232	7.4	37	1.2	3,153
Lockhart	69	8.6	51	6.4	16	2.0	800

Table 11. Child Protection Overview in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA, 2016-17 (continued)

	Total number of children and young people reported		Total number of children and young people at risk of significant harm		Total number of children and young people in out-of-home care as of 30 June 2017		Total number of CYP 18 and under
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Murray River	181	7.3	115	4.6	21	0.8	2,483
Murrumbidgee	101	10.1	78	7.8	7	0.7	1,001
Narrandera	163	11.3	128	8.9	31	2.2	1,438
Snowy Valleys	320	9.8	241	7.4	38	1.2	3,257
Temora	111	7.3	93	6.1	19	1.3	1,518
Wagga Wagga	1,760	10.9	1,373	8.5	246	1.5	16,100
Murrumbidgee district	6,916	9.8	5,244	7.5	931	1.3	70,258
NSW	230,343	13.2	168,819	9.7	36,304	2.1	1,742,488

Source: FACS Datacube, accessed 11 October 2019



Economic Environment

Education

In the Murrumbidgee district, 19.7% of people aged 15 and over reported completing a Certificate III or IV as their highest level of educational achievement (see Table 12). Year 10 was the next most common highest level of educational attainment, at 16.3%, followed by a Bachelor degree level and above, at 12.6%. .

Table 12. Level of highest educational attainment in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over)

Level of highest educational attainment	Albury		Berrigan		Bland		Carrathool		Coolamon		Edward River		Federation	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Bachelor Degree level and above	6,591	15.9	607	8.6	399	8.5	221	10.1	350	10.2	735	10.1	863	8.5
Advanced Diploma and Diploma level	3,530	8.5	460	6.6	250	5.3	139	6.4	225	6.5	504	6.9	683	6.7
Certificate level IV	1,719	4.1	186	2.6	109	2.3	52	2.4	86	2.5	214	2.9	276	2.7
Certificate level III	6,614	16.0	1,171	16.7	731	15.5	290	13.3	563	16.4	1,119	15.4	1,748	17.2
Year 12	5,162	12.5	744	10.6	477	10.1	262	12.0	326	9.5	793	10.9	1,136	11.2
Year 11	2,193	5.3	481	6.9	211	4.5	107	4.9	133	3.9	421	5.8	734	7.2
Year 10	5,453	13.2	1,040	14.8	950	20.1	413	18.9	609	17.7	1,091	15.0	1,605	15.8
Certificate level II	62	0.1	4	0.1	4	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.1	8	0.1	10	0.1
Certificate level I	6	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.0
Year 9 or below	4,007	9.7	966	13.8	614	13.0	298	13.7	490	14.2	906	12.5	1,289	12.7
No education attainment	254	0.6	21	0.3	7	0.1	12	0.5	6	0.2	41	0.6	26	0.3
Not stated	4,684	11.3	1,161	16.5	850	18.0	329	15.1	561	16.3	1,264	17.4	1,549	15.2

Table 12. Level of highest educational attainment in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over) (continued)

Level of highest educational attainment	Greater Hume Shire		Griffith		Gundagai		Hay		Hilltops		Junee		Leeton	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Bachelor Degree level and above	927	11.4	2,127	10.5	839	9.2	178	7.3	1,475	9.9	406	7.9	836	9.4
Advanced Diploma and Diploma level	702	8.6	1,213	6.0	647	7.1	154	6.3	1,042	7.0	276	5.3	480	5.4
Certificate level IV	269	3.3	587	2.9	244	2.7	42	1.7	427	2.9	146	2.8	244	2.8
Certificate level III	1,423	17.5	3,009	14.9	1,460	16.0	344	14.1	2,371	15.9	705	13.7	1,379	15.6
Year 12	837	10.3	2,634	13.0	1,001	11.0	319	13.1	1,659	11.1	465	9.0	847	9.6
Year 11	409	5.0	830	4.1	354	3.9	122	5.0	673	4.5	182	3.5	421	4.8
Year 10	1,281	15.8	3,397	16.8	1,744	19.1	417	17.1	2,666	17.9	801	15.5	1,780	20.1
Certificate level II	17	0.2	11	0.1	9	0.1	4	0.2	18	0.1	15	0.3	9	0.1
Certificate level I	0	0.0	4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Year 9 or below	988	12.2	2,602	12.9	1,285	14.1	384	15.8	2,036	13.7	531	10.3	1,253	14.1
No education attainment	14	0.2	275	1.4	28	0.3	8	0.3	66	0.4	15	0.3	35	0.4
Not stated	1,008	12.4	3,037	15.0	1,256	13.8	421	17.3	2,021	13.6	1,510	29.3	1,348	15.2

Table 12. Level of highest educational attainment in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over) (continued)

Level of highest educational attainment	Lockhart		Murray River		Murrumbidgee		Narrandera		Snowy Valleys		Temora		Wagga Wagga		Murrumbidgee		NSW
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Bachelor Degree level and above	245	9.9	978	10.1	281	9.2	398	8.5	1,136	9.7	484	9.9	8,310	16.7	28,386	12.6	23.4
Advanced Diploma and Diploma level	178	7.2	708	7.3	191	6.3	282	6.0	827	7.0	290	5.9	3,831	7.7	16,612	7.3	8.9
Certificate level IV	89	3.6	239	2.5	67	2.2	109	2.3	338	2.9	126	2.6	2,012	4.0	7,581	3.4	2.8
Certificate level III	418	16.9	1,523	15.7	446	14.6	659	14.0	1,887	16.0	806	16.4	8,121	16.3	36,787	16.3	12.0
Year 12	257	10.4	1,071	11.1	321	10.5	452	9.6	1,195	10.2	493	10.0	7,001	14.1	27,452	12.2	15.3
Year 11	112	4.5	871	9.0	147	4.8	189	4.0	517	4.4	190	3.9	1,949	3.9	11,246	5.0	3.3
Year 10	440	17.8	1,320	13.6	562	18.4	911	19.4	2,065	17.6	1,045	21.3	7,091	14.3	36,681	16.3	11.5
Certificate level II	5	0.2	13	0.1	3	0.1	3	0.1	10	0.1	6	0.1	52	0.1	269	0.1	0.1
Certificate level I	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.0	0	0.0	6	0.0	22	0.0	0.0
Year 9 or below	305	12.4	1,334	13.8	454	14.9	673	14.3	1,526	13.0	743	15.1	4,840	9.7	27,524	12.2	8.4
No education attainment	0	0.0	26	0.3	9	0.3	26	0.6	40	0.3	10	0.2	179	0.4	1,098	0.5	0.9
Not stated	356	14.4	1,390	14.4	488	16.0	875	18.6	1,949	16.6	593	12.1	4,832	9.7	31,482	14.0	10.3

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 7 October 2019)

Employment

There were 133,030 people who reported being in the labour force in the week before Census night in the Murrumbidgee district (see Table 13). Of these, 58.6% were employed full-time, 30.3% were employed part-time and 5.4% were unemployed.

The proportion of people who were unemployed was highest in Albury (6.8%) and lowest in Carrathool (3.2%).

Table 13. Employment in Murrumbidgee district, by LGA

	Worked full-time		Worked part-time		Away from work		Unemployed		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Albury	13,599	55.3	8,084	32.9	1,224	5.0	1,684	6.8	24,591	100
Berrigan	1,895	54.9	1,132	32.8	258	7.5	165	4.8	3,450	100
Bland	1,609	61.0	764	29.0	168	6.4	95	3.6	2,636	100
Carrathool	882	61.7	386	27.0	115	8.0	46	3.2	1,429	100
Coolamon	1,070	58.6	542	29.7	114	6.2	101	5.5	1,827	100
Edward River	2,306	57.5	1,270	31.7	236	5.9	200	5.0	4,012	100
Federation	2,936	56.2	1,648	31.6	381	7.3	257	4.9	5,222	100
Greater Hume Shire	2,729	56.4	1,572	32.5	314	6.5	223	4.6	4,838	100
Griffith	7,579	61.6	3,493	28.4	638	5.2	586	4.8	12,296	100
Gundagai	2,622	56.5	1,489	32.1	275	5.9	254	5.5	4,640	100
Hay	807	59.6	391	28.9	95	7.0	62	4.6	1,355	100
Hilltops	4,551	56.9	2,549	31.8	464	5.8	441	5.5	8,005	100
Junee	1,491	61.3	687	28.3	137	5.6	116	4.8	2,431	100
Leeton	3,112	62.7	1,294	26.1	296	6.0	259	5.2	4,961	100
Lockhart	809	60.1	406	30.2	76	5.7	54	4.0	1,345	100
Murray River	3,080	59.4	1,582	30.5	333	6.4	194	3.7	5,189	100

Table 13. Employment in Murrumbidgee district, by LGA (continued)

	Worked full-time		Worked part-time		Away from work		Unemployed		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Murrumbidgee	1,104	61.6	480	26.8	129	7.2	80	4.5	1,793	100
Narrandera	1,488	60.1	667	26.9	170	6.9	150	6.1	2,475	100
Snowy Valleys	3,688	58.3	1,885	29.8	415	6.6	343	5.4	6,331	100
Temora	1,490	56.4	843	31.9	178	6.7	130	4.9	2,641	100
Wagga Wagga	19,163	60.7	9,114	28.9	1,554	4.9	1,732	5.5	31,563	100
Murrumbidgee district	78,010	58.6	40,278	30.3	7,570	5.7	7,172	5.4	133,030	100
NSW	59.2		29.7		4.8		6.3		100	

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 7 October 2019)

Income

The median weekly personal income for people aged 15 years and over in the Murrumbidgee district was \$596 (see Table 14). This is less than the NSW average of \$664. The family and household income in Murrumbidgee was also much less than the NSW state average.

Table 14. Median weekly income in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (people aged 15 years and over)

	Personal	Family	Household
Albury	\$642	\$1,532	\$1,185
Berrigan	\$524	\$1,251	\$967
Bland	\$580	\$1,360	\$1,100
Carrathool	\$681	\$1,538	\$1,240
Coolamon	\$594	\$1,418	\$1,169
Edward River	\$595	\$1,399	\$1,080
Federation	\$559	\$1,299	\$1,017
Greater Hume Shire	\$600	\$1,439	\$1,168
Griffith	\$647	\$1,555	\$1,331
Gundagai	\$539	\$1,280	\$964
Hay	\$587	\$1,344	\$1,075
Hilltops	\$538	\$1,261	\$976
Junee	\$600	\$1,410	\$1,139
Leeton	\$607	\$1,456	\$1,190
Lockhart	\$585	\$1,408	\$1,114
Murray River	\$558	\$1,333	\$1,061
Murrumbidgee	\$659	\$1,461	\$1,197
Narrandera	\$575	\$1,349	\$1,030
Snowy Valleys	\$577	\$1,418	\$1,120
Temora	\$546	\$1,329	\$1,033
Wagga Wagga	\$696	\$1,682	\$1,354
Murrumbidgee district	\$596	\$1,406	\$1,120
NSW	\$664	\$1,780	\$1,486

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 7 October 2019)

In the Murrumbidgee district, all LGAs have a higher proportion of low-income households than the state average (19.7%) (see Table 15). Almost a third of households in Berrigan (30.3%), Narrandera (30.1%), Gundagai (29.5%), and Hilltops (29.0%) had less than \$650 gross weekly income.

Table 15. Household income in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA

	% of households with less than \$650 gross weekly income	% of households with more than \$3000 gross weekly income
Albury	24.5	9.5
Berrigan	30.3	5.7
Bland	26.4	9.7
Carrathool	23.3	9.2
Coolamon	24.4	10.4
Edward River	27.6	8.2
Federation	27.2	5.9
Greater Hume Shire	24.3	8.7
Griffith	20.5	11.2
Gundagai	29.5	6.8
Hay	28.3	7.4
Hilltops	29.0	6.4
Junee	25.5	9.3
Leeton	23.2	7.8
Lockhart	26.8	8.4
Murray River	27.4	6.8
Murrumbidgee	22.3	6.8
Narrandera	30.1	6.3
Snowy Valleys	27.0	7.0
Temora	27.5	7.5
Wagga Wagga	20.1	11.8
NSW	19.7	18.7

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 7 October 2019)



Socio-economic advantage and disadvantage

The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a measure used to rank areas in Australia according to socio-economic advantage and disadvantage. It is based on information from the five-yearly Census of Population and Housing.

The information presented below is based on the Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage (IRSAD). The IRSAD summarises information about the economic and social conditions of people and households in an area.

In the Murrumbidgee district, Wagga Wagga has the highest SEIFA score (978) and is ranked the highest (see Table 16). This means Wagga Wagga is relatively advantaged compared to the other LGAs in the Murrumbidgee district. Conversely, Narrandera has the lowest SEIFA score (919) and is ranked the lowest. This means Narrandera is relatively disadvantaged compared to the other LGAs in the Murrumbidgee district.

Table 16. LGA Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage in the Murrumbidgee district

	Score ¹	NSW Rank ²	NSW Decile ³
Albury	956	64	5
Berrigan	935	36	3
Bland	954	62	5
Carrathool	964	73	6
Coolamon	960	71	6
Edward River	941	43	4
Federation	936	37	3
Greater Hume Shire	969	79	7
Griffith	943	48	4
Gundagai	926	27	3
Hay	922	26	2
Hilltops	932	32	3
Junee	927	29	3
Leeton	935	35	3
Lockhart	971	81	7
Murray River	969	78	6
Murrumbidgee	947	54	5
Narrandera	919	23	2
Snowy Valleys	934	34	3
Temora	943	47	4
Wagga Wagga	978	88	7

Source: ABS, Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), 2016, 2033.0.55.001: <https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/2033.0.55.0012016?OpenDocument> (accessed 7 October 2019)

¹ **Score:** A low IRSAD score indicates that an area is relatively disadvantaged compared to an area with a higher score.

² **Rank:** All areas are ranked from the lowest to the highest score. The area with the lowest score is ranked number one, the area with the highest score is ranked 129. The State Rank can only be used to compare areas with a single state/territory.

³ **Decile:** All areas are ordered from the lowest to highest score, the lowest 10% of areas are given a decile number of 1 and so on, up to the highest 10% of areas which are given a number of 10. This means that areas are divided into 10 groups, depending on their score. Decile 1 is the most disadvantaged relative to other deciles.



Social Environment

Community safety and crime

In the Murrumbidgee district, 1,434 domestic violence-related assaults and 1,356 non-domestic violence-related assaults occurred between January and December 2018 (see Table 17).

Domestic violence-related assault was most likely to occur in the Griffith LGA, with a rate of 744.8 per 100,000 people. Of the LGAs in NSW, this is the 12th highest rate. The highest rate of non-domestic violence-related assault was in Albury, with a rate of 617.6 incidences per 100,000 people (the 19th highest rate in the state).

Table 17. Incidents of crime recorded by the NSW Police Force, by LGA, January-December 2018

	Domestic violence-related assault			Non-domestic violence-related assault		
	No.	Rate per 100,000 population	Rank in NSW ¹	No.	Rate per 100,000 population	Rank in NSW
Albury	285	538.3	38	327	617.6	19
Berrigan	23	265.5	86	19	219.3	97
Bland	15	250.6	90	13	217.2	99
Carrathool	9	NC ²	NA ³	13	NC	NA
Coolamon	11	250.6	91	11	250.6	89
Edward River	54	603.4	26	29	324.1	73
Federation	22	176.8	104	50	401.8	56
Greater Hume Shire	21	198.1	101	11	103.8	118
Griffith	198	744.8	12	133	500.3	39
Gundagai ⁴	66	587.0	31	55	489.1	40
Hay	19	NC	NA	28	NC	NA
Hilltops	109	581.2	34	101	538.6	33
Junee	17	261.1	87	23	353.2	66
Leeton	79	692.0	15	54	473.0	43
Lockhart	10	308.9	81	6	185.4	106
Murray River	24	200.7	99	30	250.9	88
Murrumbidgee	24	607.3	24	14	354.3	65
Narrandera	31	522.7	42	30	505.8	38
Snowy Valleys	66	453.5	52	59	405.4	55
Temora	13	208.5	96	37	593.3	24
Wagga Wagga	404	628.6	19	368	572.6	28

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Local Government Area Excel crime table: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx (accessed 9 October 2019)

¹ Ranked by rate of domestic and non-domestic violence per 100,000 population, from 1-129 (where number 129 equals the lowest rate, and number one equals the highest).

² Trends are not calculated when there are less than 20 incidents in a 12-month timeframe

³ Ranks are only calculated for LGAs populations with populations greater than 3,000 people.

⁴ BOCSAR has labelled this LGA Cootamundra-Gundagai



In the Murrumbidgee district, cannabis-related offences were the highest of all drug offences in almost all LGAs (see Table 18). The highest rate of cannabis possession and/or use was in Edward River, at 748.7 per 100,00 of the population. This was followed by Berrigan at a rate of 484.8 per 100,000 of the population. The highest rate of amphetamine possession and/or use was in Narrandera at 269.8 per 100,00 of the population. The highest rate of ecstasy possession and/or use was in Berrigan at 219.3 per 100,000 of the population.

Table 18. Recorded drug offences (possession and/or use) in Murrumbidgee district, Jan-Dec, by LGA

	Cocaine		Narcotics		Cannabis		Amphetamine		Ecstasy		Other drugs	
	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000
Albury	4	7.6	2	3.8	106	200.2	66	124.6	15	28.3	14	26.4
Berrigan	6	69.3	0	0.0	42	484.8	7	80.8	19	219.3	30	346.3
Bland	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	417.7	4	66.8	0	0.0	4	66.8
Carrathool	0	nc ¹	1	nc	4	nc	1	nc	0	nc	2	nc
Coolamon	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	227.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	22.8
Edward River	0	0.0	0	0.0	67	748.7	21	234.7	5	55.9	10	111.7
Federation	0	0.0	1	8.0	16	128.6	16	128.6	1	8.0	7	56.3
Greater Hume Shire	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	122.6	2	18.9	0	0.0	5	47.2
Griffith	2	7.5	1	3.8	48	180.5	35	131.6	5	18.8	21	79.0
Gundagai ²	1	8.9	4	35.6	46	409.1	14	124.5	0	0.0	12	106.7
Hay	2	nc	0	nc	36	nc	17	nc	8	nc	11	nc
Hilltops	0	0.0	0	0.0	51	272.0	15	80.0	1	5.3	3	16.0
Junee	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	168.9	5	76.8	1	15.4	3	46.1

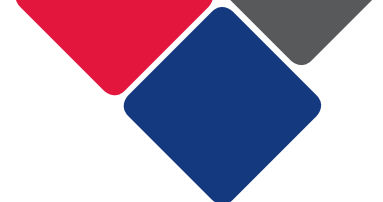
¹ Trends are not calculated when there are less than 20 incidents in a 12-month timeframe

² BOCSAR has labelled this LGA Cootamundra-Gundagai

Table 18. Recorded drug offences (possession and/or use) in Murrumbidgee district, Jan-Dec, by LGA (continued)

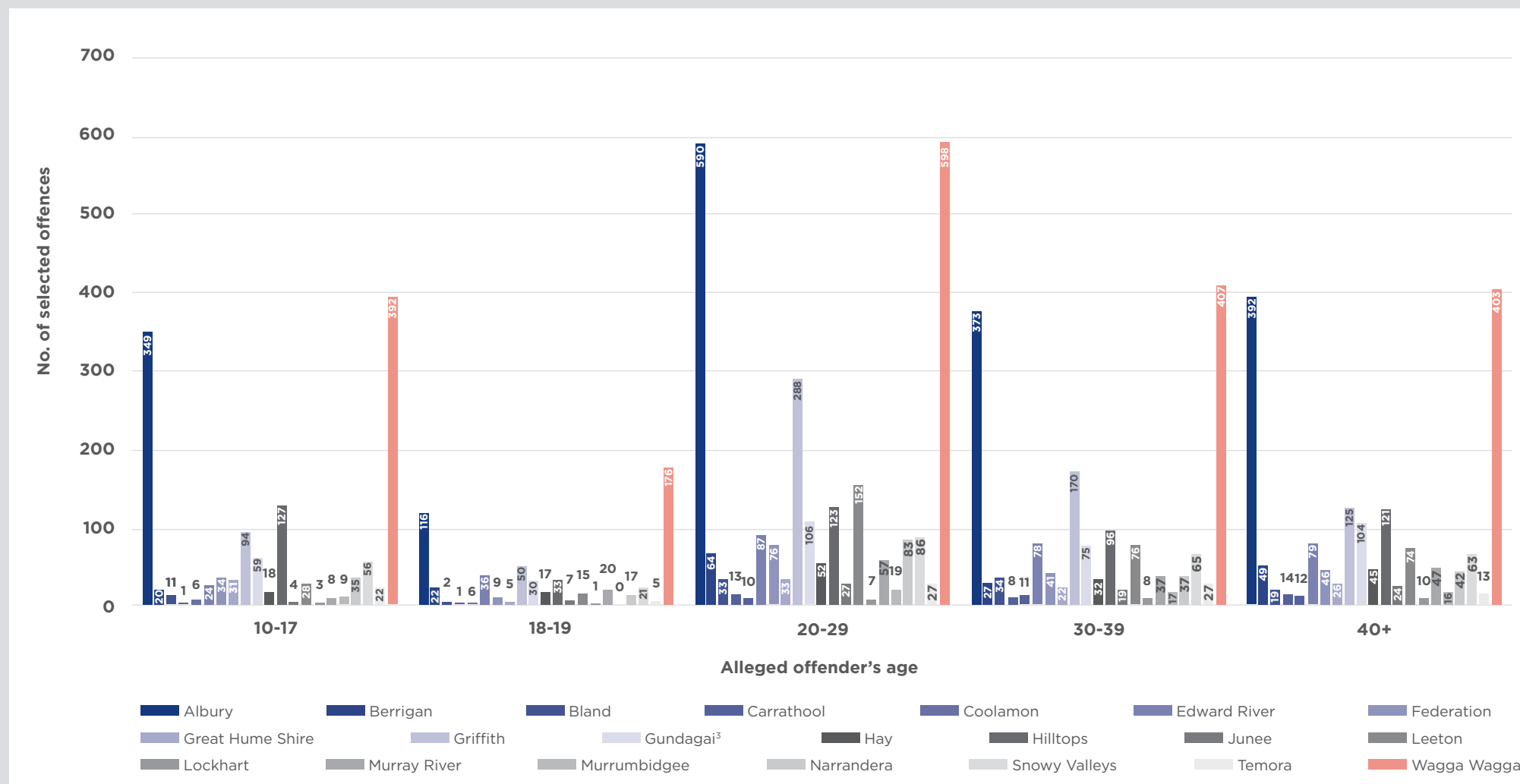
	Cocaine		Narcotics		Cannabis		Amphetamine		Ecstasy		Other drugs	
	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000	No.	Rate per 100,000
Leeton	0	0.0	0	0.0	44	385.7	4	35.1	0	0.0	5	43.8
Lockhart	1	30.9	0	0.0	2	61.8	1	30.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Murray River	1	8.4	1	8.4	32	267.6	14	117.1	0	0.0	5	41.8
Murrumbidgee	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	126.5	2	50.6	1	25.3	1	25.3
Narrandera	0	0.0	0	0.0	34	573.3	16	269.8	0	0.0	8	134.9
Snowy Valleys	1	6.9	0	0.0	33	226.8	8	55.0	0	0.0	3	20.6
Temora	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	49.2	2	32.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Wagga Wagga	0	0.0	3	4.8	169	269.2	90	143.4	11	17.5	33	52.6

Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Local Government Area Excel crime table: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx (accessed 11 October 2019)



When looking at the age of alleged offenders in Murrumbidgee, 20-29-year-olds committed the largest number of offences. This was followed by 40-year-olds and above and 30-39-year-olds (see Figure 22). This was common across most LGAs in the Murrumbidgee district, other than Coolamon and Hilltops.

Figure 22. Age of alleged offenders proceeded against by NSW Police for incidents of selected offences¹ in the Murrumbidgee district, 2018²



Source: Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Local Government Area Excel crime table: https://www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au/Pages/bocsar_crime_stats/bocsar_lgaexceltables.aspx (accessed 9 October 2019)

¹ For the full list of selected offences please see the original source

² The year the alleged offenders were proceeded against, rather than the year the incident was recorded

³ BOC SAR has labelled this LGA Cootamundra-Gundagai



Maternal Health

Teenage pregnancy

Teenage parenthood is associated with a number of adversities, including low socioeconomic status, educational under-achievement and drugs abuse. In turn, young parenthood can act to further entrench some of these problems and perpetuate a cycle of disadvantage.

In 2018, 103 mothers aged 19 and under gave birth in the Murrumbidgee district (see Table 19). This accounts for 4.4% of all births in this district. This proportion is higher than the NSW state average of 1.9%. The LGA of Greater Hume Shire had the highest proportion of young mothers aged 19 and under in 2018, 9.7%. Please note that this is only 1 birth (a total of 9 births occurred in Greater Hume Shire in 2017).

Griffith and Wagga Wagga had the highest number of mothers aged 19 and under give birth, at 37 and 13, respectively.

Table 19. Young mothers who gave birth¹ in Murrumbidgee district, by LGA, 2018

LGA	No. of mothers 19 and under	% of mothers giving birth aged 19 and under	Total no. of births
Albury	0	2.0	6
Berrigan	0	0.0	11
Bland	2	2.9	69
Carrathool	1	2.4	34
Coolamon	2	2.6	59
Edward River	3	5.1	59
Federation	0	2.7	5
Greater Hume Shire	1	9.7	9
Griffith	13	3.6	364
Gundagai	7	6.6	106
Hay	1	5.6	18
Hilltops	8	4.6	173
Junee	3	4.1	74
Leeton	11	7.8	135
Lockhart	1	1.9	45
Murray River	0	0.0	14
Murrumbidgee	1	2.2	35
Narrandera	4	5.5	67
Snowy Valleys	3	1.9	159
Temora	5	8.3	65
Wagga Wagga	37	4.4	842
Murrumbidgee	103	4.4	2,349
NSW	1,792	1.9	94,145

Source: NSW Healthstats: http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab_mbth_age/mab_mbth_age_lgamap (accessed 7 October 2019)

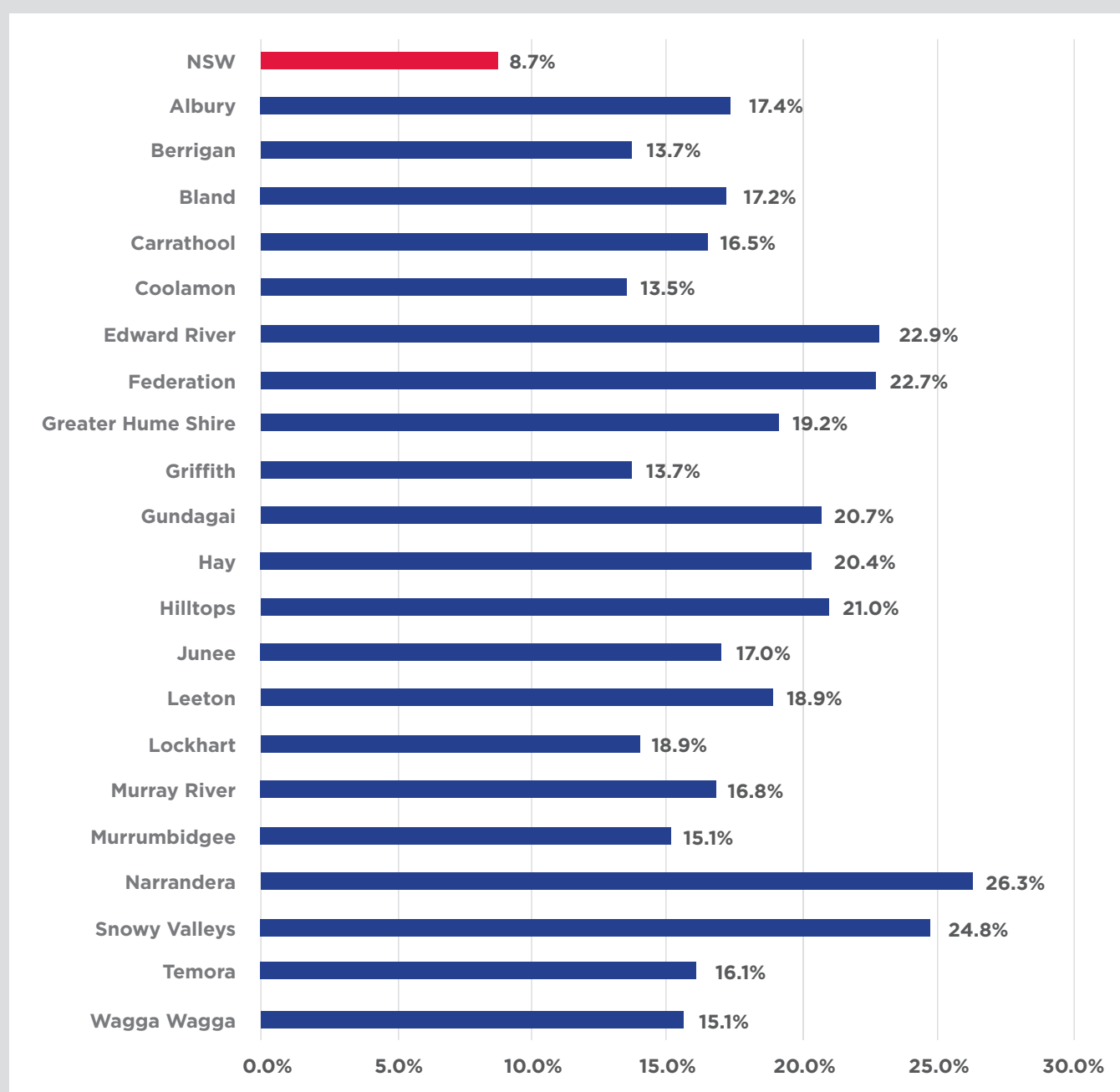
¹ Number of mothers who gave birth (stillbirth or live birth) in NSW regardless of place of permanent residence

Smoking during pregnancy

Smoking during pregnancy is an important modifiable risk factor for low birth weight, pre-term birth, placental complications and perinatal mortality.

Between 2015-2017, mothers in the Murrumbidgee district were more likely to smoke during their pregnancy, compared to the NSW state as a whole (see Figure 23). In the Murrumbidgee district, Narrandera had the highest proportion of mothers who smoked during their pregnancy, at 26.3%. This was followed by Snowy Valleys (24.8%), Edward River (22.9%) and Federation (22.7%).

Figure 23. Proportion of mothers in the Murrumbidgee district who smoked during pregnancy, 2015-2017



Source: Healthstats NSW: http://www.healthstats.nsw.gov.au/Indicator/mab_smo_cat/mab_smo_cat_lga_trend (accessed 7 October 2019)



Australian Mothers Index

Since 2000, Save the Children has produced a Mother's Index showing where mothers do best and where they face the greatest hardships. This index compares countries worldwide, as well as Australian states and territories and LGAs.

The information in Table 20 is derived from the Local-level Mothers Index. Five indicators make up this index:

- maternal health - the proportion of pregnant women with at least one antenatal visit in the first trimester
- children's wellbeing - the proportion of children under 5 developmentally on track (measured by the AEDC)
- educational status - the proportion of women completing Year 12 or above
- economic status - average household income
- relative socioeconomic disadvantage - a measure of a mother's access to material and social resources and her ability to participate in society.

These indicators were used to rank every LGA in NSW, where 1 is the best rank and 152 is the worst.

Part of the Murray River LGA, the Wakool area, performed the best out of the 21 LGAs in the Murrumbidgee district, receiving a rank of 52 out of 152 (see Table 20). Part of the Federation LGA, the Urana area, received the lowest rank of the 21 LGAs, 150 out of 152. This means that mothers in Federation are facing much greater hardships than mothers in Murray River.

Table 20. Mothers Index Ranking in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA

LGA		NSW Ranking
Albury		73
Berrigan		114
Bland		101
Carrathool		101
Coolamon		105
Edward River	Conargo	70
	Deniliquin	108
Federation	Corowa	77
	Urana	150
Greater Hume Shire		62
Griffith		110
Gundagai		89
Hay		97
Hilltops	Boorowa	84
	Young	118
	Harden	130
Junee		119
Leeton		127
Lockhart		56
Murray River	Wakool	52
	Murray	74
Murrumbidgee		138
Narrandera		112
Snowy Valleys	Tumut	81
	Tumbarumba	91
Temora		107
Wagga Wagga		53

Source: Harris, J and Wells, M, 2016, State of Australia's Mothers, Save the Children, Sydney: <https://apo.org.au/sites/default/files/resource-files/2016/05/apo-nid63692-1201431.pdf> (accessed 7 October 2019)

Disability

Need for assistance with core activities

In the Murrumbidgee district, 5.6% of the population need help or assistance with core activities (see Table 21). This amounts to 15,941 people.

In the Gundagai and Narrandera LGAs, 6.9% of people need help or assistance with core activities. These were the highest proportions of all twenty-one LGAs. In the Carrathool LGA, 4.2% of people need help or assistance with core activities. This was the smallest proportion of all four LGAs.

Table 21. Need for assistance with core activities¹ in Murrumbidgee district, by LGA

	Has need for assistance		Does not have need for assistance		Need for assistance not stated		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Albury	3,012	5.9	44,174	86.5	3,886	7.6	51,076
Berrigan	557	6.6	7,052	83.3	855	10.1	8,462
Bland	278	4.7	4,930	82.8	741	12.4	5,955
Carrathool	115	4.2	2,349	86.4	258	9.5	2,719
Coolamon	235	5.5	3,600	83.4	480	11.1	4,315
Edward River	546	6.2	7,383	83.4	920	10.4	8,851
Federation	665	5.4	10,499	85.5	1,115	9.1	12,277
Greater Hume Shire	589	5.7	9,017	87.1	746	7.2	10,351
Griffith	1,380	5.4	21,691	84.6	2,570	10.0	25,641
Gundagai	770	6.9	9,491	85.2	883	7.9	11,141
Hay	146	5.0	2,428	82.4	372	12.6	2,946
Hilltops	1,155	6.2	15,932	86.1	1,407	7.6	18,498
Junee	331	5.3	4,545	72.2	1,419	22.5	6,295
Leeton	586	5.2	9,471	84.8	1,112	10.0	11,168
Lockhart	193	6.2	2,634	84.4	294	9.4	3,119
Murray River	652	5.6	10,050	86.0	980	8.4	11,680

¹ A person's need for help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility, and communication, because of a disability, long-term health condition (lasting six months or more) or old age.

Table 21. Need for assistance with core activities¹ in Murrumbidgee district, by LGA (continued)

	Has need for assistance		Does not have need for assistance		Need for assistance not stated		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Murrumbidgee	186	4.9	3,193	83.2	457	11.9	3,836
Narrandera	407	6.9	4,788	81.8	664	11.3	5,853
Snowy Valleys	703	4.9	12,147	84.4	1,542	10.7	14,395
Temora	397	6.5	5,332	87.3	382	6.2	6,110
Wagga Wagga	3,038	4.9	55,252	88.6	4,097	6.5	62,385
Murrumbidgee district	15,941	5.6	245,958	85.7	25,180	8.7	287,073
NSW	402,048	5.4	6,558,727	87.7	519,452	6.9	7,480,228

Source: ABS, 2016 Census Community Profiles: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20Census%20Community%20Profiles> (accessed 8 October 2019)

¹ A person's need for help or assistance in one or more of the three core activity areas of self-care, mobility, and communication, because of a disability, long-term health condition (lasting six months or more) or old age.

Housing

Households

In the Murrumbidgee district, the average number of people per households was 2.4. Griffith has the highest average of people per household, 2.7 (see Table 22).

The majority of households in the Murrumbidgee district are family households (68.2%). Single-person households make up 28.7% of all households. Only 3.1% of households in the district are group households. These proportions are similar across each LGA.

Table 22. Household Composition in Murrumbidgee, by LGA

LGA	Single-person Households		Group households		Family households		Total	Average people per household
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.
Albury	6,020	30.9	801	4.1	12,674	65.0	19,495	2.3
Berrigan	1,075	33.0	84	2.6	2,103	64.5	3,262	2.2
Bland	664	30.5	25	1.1	1,486	68.3	2,175	2.4
Carrathool	272	27.6	34	3.4	681	69.0	987	2.4
Coolamon	371	24.9	32	2.1	1,089	73.0	1,492	2.5
Edward River	1,083	32.2	83	2.6	2,197	65.2	3,368	2.3
Federation	1,492	30.8	109	2.3	3,238	66.9	4,839	2.3
Greater Hume Shire	948	25.6	68	1.8	2,685	72.5	3,701	2.5
Griffith	2,027	23.9	266	3.1	6,186	73.0	8,479	2.7
Gundagai	1,333	30.5	98	2.2	2,934	67.2	4,365	2.3
Hay	346	31.6	17	1.6	732	66.8	1,095	2.3
Hilltops	2,134	30.2	176	2.5	4,759	67.3	7,069	2.4
Junee	527	27.5	47	2.5	1,343	70.1	1,917	2.5
Leeton	1,092	28.2	94	2.4	2,690	69.4	3,876	2.5
Lockhart	313	27.8	16	1.4	797	70.8	1,126	2.5
Murray River	1,292	28.9	88	2.0	3,088	69.1	4,468	2.3

Table 22. Household Composition in Murrumbidgee, by LGA (continued)

LGA	Single-person Households		Group households		Family households		Total	Average people per household
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.
Murrumbidgee	381	28.2	31	2.3	941	69.5	1,353	2.5
Narrandera	684	31.9	54	2.5	1,407	65.6	2,145	2.3
Snowy Valleys	1,576	29.2	100	1.9	3,715	68.9	5,391	2.3
Temora	705	30.1	44	1.9	1,597	68.1	2,346	2.4
Wagga Wagga	5,880	26.3	945	4.2	15,570	69.5	22,395	2.5
Murrumbidgee district	30,215	28.7	3,212	3.1	71,912	68.2	105,344	2.4
NSW	23.8		4.2		72.0			2.6

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 7 October 2019)

Tenure types

In the Murrumbidgee district, 36.5% of occupied private dwellings were owned outright, 30.3% were owned with a mortgage and 28.8% were rented (see Table 23).

Lockhart (47.4%), Temora (46.6%) and Coolamon (45.1%) had the highest proportion of homes owned outright. Albury (30.2%) had the smallest proportion of homes owned outright.

Murrumbidgee (34.4%), Wagga Wagga (33.5%), Albury (33.7%) had the highest proportions of rented private dwellings.

Table 23. Tenure of occupied private dwellings in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA

LGA	Owned outright		Owned with mortgage		Rented		Other tenure		Not stated	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Albury	5,897	30.2	6,289	32.3	6,575	33.7	209	1.1	528	2.7
Berrigan	1,441	44.1	857	26.3	795	24.4	29	0.9	142	4.4
Bland	1,015	46.5	565	25.9	492	22.5	16	0.7	94	4.3
Carrathool	389	39.8	184	18.8	337	34.5	18	1.8	49	5.0
Coolamon	672	45.1	463	31.1	277	18.6	23	1.5	55	3.7
Edward River	1,303	38.7	971	28.8	956	28.4	30	0.9	108	3.2
Federation	2,122	43.8	1,409	29.1	1,088	22.5	48	1.0	174	3.6
Greater Hume Shire	1,547	41.9	1,326	35.9	655	17.7	42	1.1	125	3.4
Griffith	2,902	34.2	2,434	28.7	2,747	32.4	67	0.8	330	3.9
Gundagai	1,942	44.5	1,166	26.7	1,047	24.0	51	1.2	157	3.6
Hay	453	41.1	239	21.7	334	30.3	18	1.6	58	5.3
Hilltops	2,897	41.0	2,008	28.4	1,841	26.0	35	0.9	263	3.7
Junee	696	36.0	636	32.9	480	24.8	24	1.2	96	5.0
Leeton	1,377	35.6	1,193	30.8	1,120	29.0	21	0.5	157	4.1
Lockhart	532	47.4	342	30.5	204	18.2	13	1.2	32	2.8
Murray River	1,987	44.5	1,250	28.0	992	22.2	79	1.8	156	3.5
Murrumbidgee	493	36.3	338	24.9	468	34.4	12	0.9	48	3.5

Table 23. Tenure of occupied private dwellings in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA (continued)

LGA	Owned outright		Owned with mortgage		Rented		Other tenure		Not stated	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Narrandera	885	41.2	611	28.4	558	26.0	17	0.8	78	3.6
Snowy Valleys	2,278	42.2	1,570	29.1	1,337	24.8	39	0.7	170	3.2
Temora	1,094	46.6	622	26.5	547	23.3	18	0.8	66	2.8
Wagga Wagga	6,540	29.2	7,484	33.4	7,503	33.5	220	1.0	652	2.9
Murrumbidgee district	38,462	36.5	31,957	30.3	30,353	28.8	1,029	1.0	3,538	3.4
NSW	32.2		32.3		31.8		0.9		2.8	

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 11 October 2019)

Housing affordability

One way to measure housing stress is to calculate the percentage of households who spend more than 30% of their household income on rent or mortgage payments.

In the Murrumbidgee district, Albury and Wagga Wagga had the highest proportions of households in rental stress, at 12.5% and 11.0%, respectively. This is similar to the state average of 12.9%. Coolamon had the lowest proportion of households in rental stress, at 2.8%.

Greater Hume Shire had the highest proportion of households in mortgage stress, at 6.7%. This is, however, still lower than the NSW state average of 7.4%.

Table 24. Mortgage and rent payments in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA¹

	Renting Households			Home-owning households		
	Average weekly rent	Rent payments are <30% of household income	Rent payments are ≥30% of household income	Average monthly mortgage payments	Mortgage payments are <30% of household income	Mortgage payments are ≥30% of household income
Albury	\$231	87.5%	12.5%	\$1,421	95.1%	4.9%
Berrigan	\$180	93.9%	6.1%	\$1,083	95.9%	4.1%
Bland	\$150	96.7%	3.3%	\$1,000	97.1%	2.9%
Carrathool	\$105	96.5%	3.5%	\$867	97.4%	2.6%
Coolamon	\$150	97.2%	2.8%	\$1,083	96.2%	3.8%
Edward River	\$185	91.2%	8.8%	\$1,083	96.2%	3.8%
Federation	\$200	93.3%	6.7%	\$1,300	95.8%	4.2%
Greater Hume Shire	\$180	95.6%	4.4%	\$1,213	93.3%	6.7%
Griffith	\$220	91.3%	8.7%	\$1,495	95.0%	5.0%
Gundagai	\$180	93.3%	6.7%	\$1,107	96.5%	3.5%
Hay	\$150	92.5%	7.5%	\$982	96.5%	3.5%
Hilltops	\$200	91.1%	8.9%	\$1,200	95.1%	4.9%

¹ The number of households where rent and mortgage payments were 30% or more of an imputed income measure are expressed in this table as a proportion of the total number of households in an area. The nature of the income imputation means that the reported proportion may significantly overstate the true proportion.

Table 24. Mortgage and rent payments in the Murrumbidgee district, by LGA¹ (continued)

	Renting Households			Home-owning households		
	Average weekly rent	Rent payments are <30% of household income	Rent payments are ≥30% of household income	Average monthly mortgage payments	Mortgage payments are <30% of household income	Mortgage payments are ≥30% of household income
Junee	\$200	92.7%	7.3%	\$1,200	95.1%	4.9%
Leeton	\$195	92.4%	7.6%	\$1,300	95.6%	4.4%
Lockhart	\$150	96.2%	3.8%	\$1,000	96.0%	4.0%
Murray River	\$200	94.4%	5.6%	\$1,300	95.1%	4.9%
Murrumbidgee	\$150	94.1%	6.0%	\$900	96.6%	3.4%
Narrandera	\$170	92.7%	7.3%	\$1,007	96.0%	4.0%
Snowy Valleys	\$180	93.4%	6.6%	\$1,300	95.7%	4.3%
Temora	\$175	93.9%	6.1%	\$1,148	96.1%	3.9%
Wagga Wagga	\$265	89.0%	11.0%	\$1,517	95.1%	4.9%
NSW	\$380	87.1%	12.9%	\$1,986	92.6%	7.4%

Source: ABS Quickstats, 2016 Census: <https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/Home/2016%20QuickStats> (accessed 11 October 2019)

¹ The number of households where rent and mortgage payments were 30% or more of an imputed income measure are expressed in this table as a proportion of the total number of households in an area. The nature of the income imputation means that the reported proportion may significantly overstate the true proportion.

Social housing

As of 30 June 2018, there were 4,897 social housing residential dwellings in the Murrumbidgee district (see Table 25). Public housing accounted for 66.3% of these dwellings and community housing accounted for 19.7%. The majority of these dwellings were in Wagga Wagga and Albury.

Table 25. Social Housing Residential Dwellings in Murrumbidgee district, as at 30 June 2018

LGA	Public Housing		Aboriginal Housing Office		Community Housing		Indigenous Community Housing		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Albury	918	74.3	82	6.6	189	15.3	46	3.7	1,235
Berrigan	0	0.0	0	0.0	25	96.2	1	3.8	26
Bland	32	74.4	3	7.0	0	0.0	8	18.6	43
Carrathool	0	0.0	3	20.0	0	0.0	12	80.0	15
Coolamon	3	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Edward River	0	0.0	0	0.0	158	82.7	33	17.3	191
Federation	39	84.8	1	2.2	6	13.0	0	0.0	46
Greater Hume Shire	4	19.0	0	0.0	17	81.0	0	0.0	21
Griffith	310	60.0	83	16.1	94	18.2	30	5.8	517
Gundagai	220	98.2	4	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	224
Hay	30	61.2	4	8.2	6	12.2	9	18.4	49
Hilltops	4	1.9	0	0.0	186	89.9	17	8.2	207
Junee	71	95.9	0	0.0	3	4.1	0	0.0	74
Leeton	155	79.5	11	5.6	8	4.1	21	10.8	195
Lockhart	3	30.0	0	0.0	7	70.0	0	0.0	10

Table 25. Social Housing Residential Dwellings in Murrumbidgee district, as at 30 June 2018 (continued)

LGA	Public Housing		Aboriginal Housing Office		Community Housing		Indigenous Community Housing		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Murray River	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	15.6	54	84.4	64
Murrumbidgee	4	9.5	0	0.0	12	28.6	26	61.9	42
Narrandera	44	48.9	27	30.0	0	0.0	19	21.1	90
Snowy Valleys	202	78.0	19	7.3	13	5.0	25	9.7	259
Temora	59	93.7	0	0.0	4	6.3	0	0.0	63
Wagga Wagga	1,148	75.4	96	6.3	229	15.0	50	3.3	1,523
Murrumbidgee district	3,246	66.3	333	6.8	967	19.7	351	7.2	4,897
NSW	111,341	73.4	4,603	3.0	30,757	20.3	4,971	3.3	151,672

Source: FACS Administrative Data, unpublished.

As of 30 June 2018, there were 3,442 public housing and Aboriginal housing tenancies in the Murrumbidgee district (see Table 26). Public housing made up 90.7% of all tenancies and Aboriginal housing made up 39.3% of all tenancies.

Table 26. Public Housing and Aboriginal Housing Office Tenancies in Murrumbidgee district, as at 30 June 2018

	Public Housing		Aboriginal Housing Office		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Albury	893	91.9	79	8.1	972
Berrigan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Bland	27	90.0	3	10.0	30
Carrathool	0	0.0	3	100.0	3
Coolamon	2	100.0	0	0.0	2
Edward River	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Federation	37	97.4	1	2.6	38
Greater Hume Shire	4	100.0	0	0.0	4
Griffith	303	79.3	79	20.7	382
Gundagai	214	98.2	4	1.8	218
Hay	29	87.9	4	12.1	33
Hilltops	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Junee	68	100.0	0	0.0	68
Leeton	148	93.1	11	6.9	159
Lockhart	2	100.0	0	0.0	2
Murray River	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Murrumbidgee	4	100.0	0	0.0	4
Narrandera	42	62.7	25	37.3	67
Snowy Valleys	195	92.0	17	8.0	212

Table 26. Public Housing and Aboriginal Housing Office Tenancies in Murrumbidgee district, as at 30 June 2018 (continued)

	Public Housing		Aboriginal Housing Office		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Temora	56	100.0	0	0.0	56
Wagga Wagga	1,099	92.2	93	7.8	1,192
Murrumbidgee	3,123	90.7	319	9.3	3,442
NSW	106,895	96.0	4,414	4.0	111,309

Source: FACS Administrative Data, unpublished.

In the Murrumbidgee district, there were 1,455 social housing residential dwellings that were vacant (see Tables 25 and 26).