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# Victorian Women's Health Atlas

Municipal Association of Victoria  
GE and PVAW Network Meeting

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**Explore health and gender inequalities across Victoria**

- Almost 70 indicators – on a single easy-to-use platform
- Statewide, region and LGA level mapping
- Compare data for females and males
- Track trends over time
- Output maps and LGA fact sheets



Choose a health area  
eg: Violence Against Women

## Maps By Priority Health Area

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Sexual and Reproductive Health ▼

Mental Health ▼

Avoidable Mortality ▼

Violence Against Women ▼

Cancer ▼

Gender Equality ▼

**Main data supplier**  
**Crime Statistics Agency**

Select an Indicator to view the Atlas

Perceptions Of Safety

Sexual Offences

Sexual Offences Relationship To Victim

Stalking, Harassment And Threatening Behaviours

Family Violence

Intimate Partner Violence

Rate (per 10,000)

Reported Incidents

Family Violence, Child Present

**Select indicator**

**Select measure  
from dropdown**

# Read the text – for important context

Violence Against Women > Intimate Partner Violence > Reported Incidents > 2021

Compare measure Change measure

## Intimate Partner Violence

Tap an LGA to see its name and value

Female Male

State Region Metro

2016 2021

Description

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## Reported Incidents

How measured

Number of affected family members who were in a partner relationship was recorded, by LGA, in 2021. This includes: current or former spouse, de facto partner, boyfriend/girlfriend, and lesbian domestic partner.

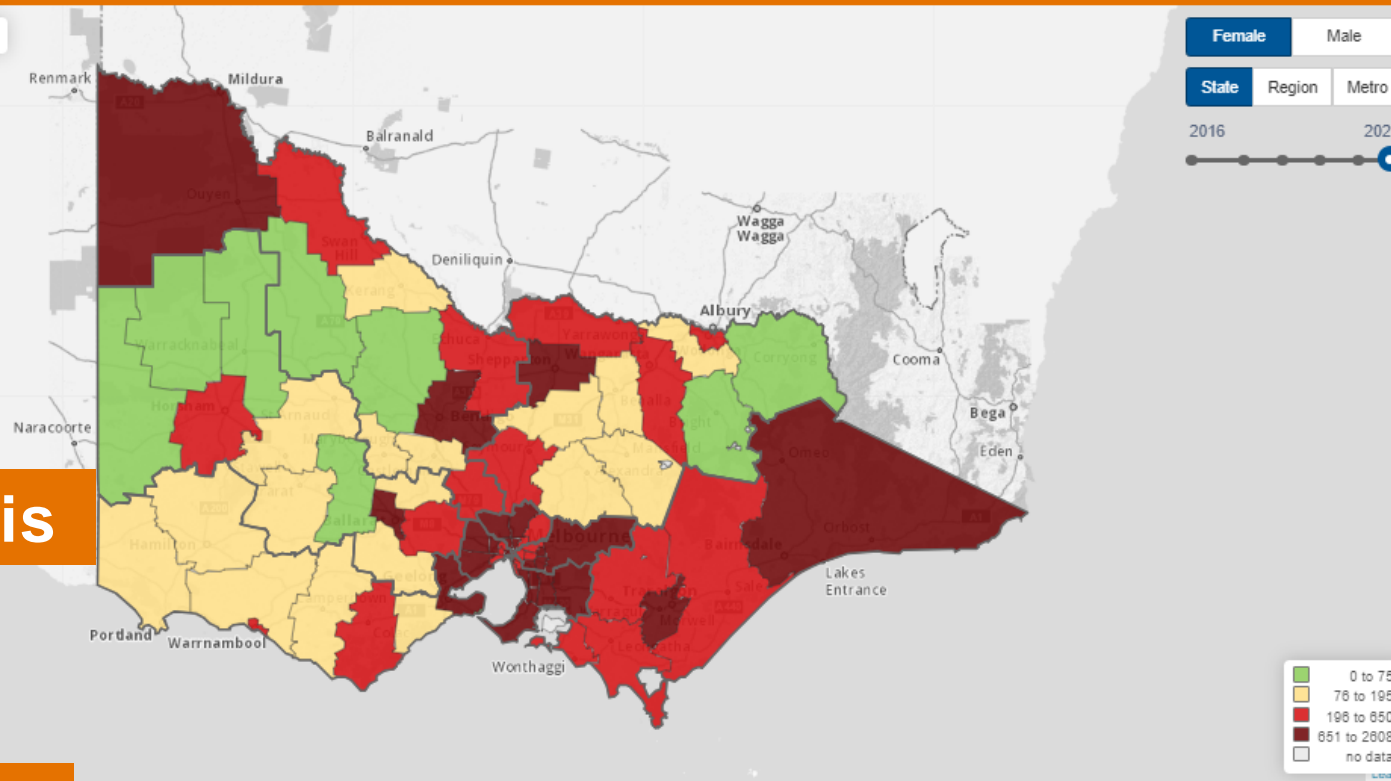
Data source

## Source/s

Crime Statistics Agency Victoria, Number of affected family members in a partner relationship was recorded by police region. Data extracted from LEAP on 18 January 2022 and 18 January 2021.

Currency  
2021

Link  
<http://www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/>



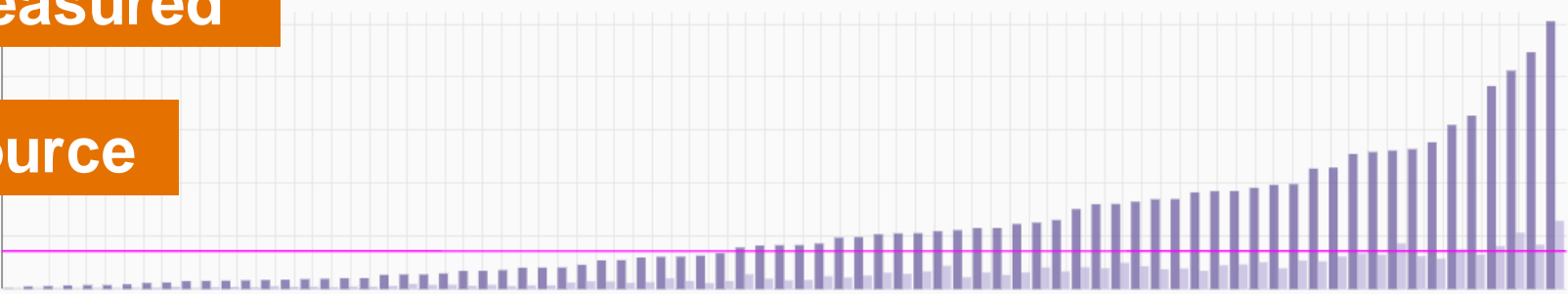
female male state LGA average

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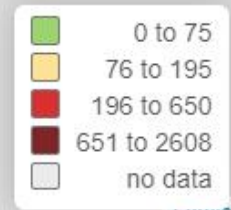
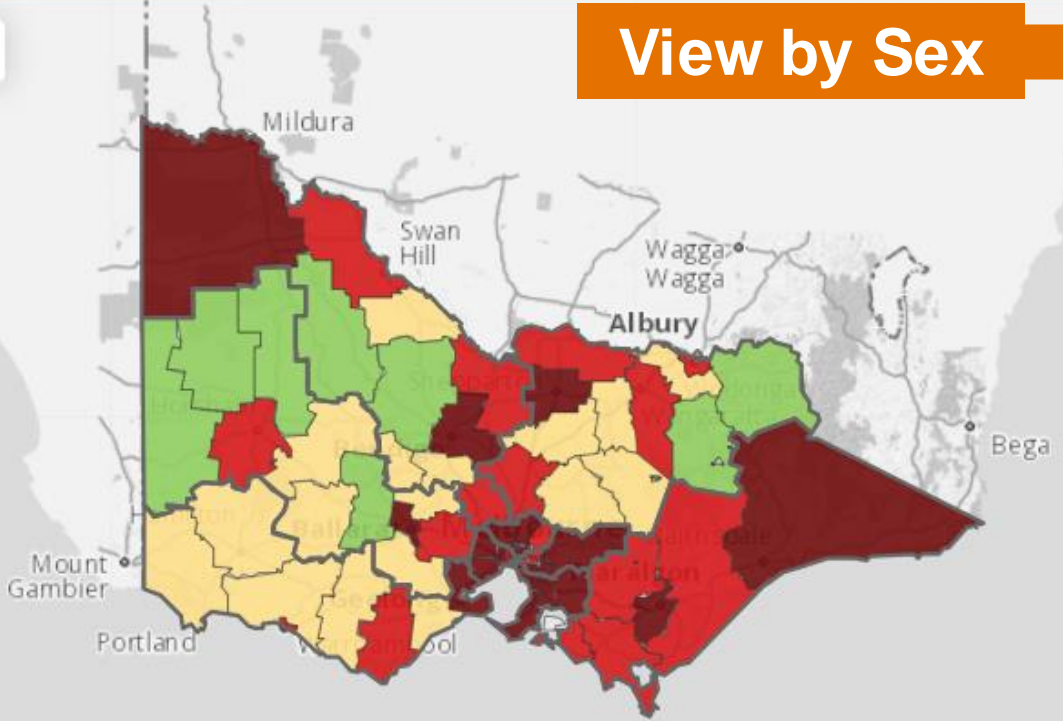
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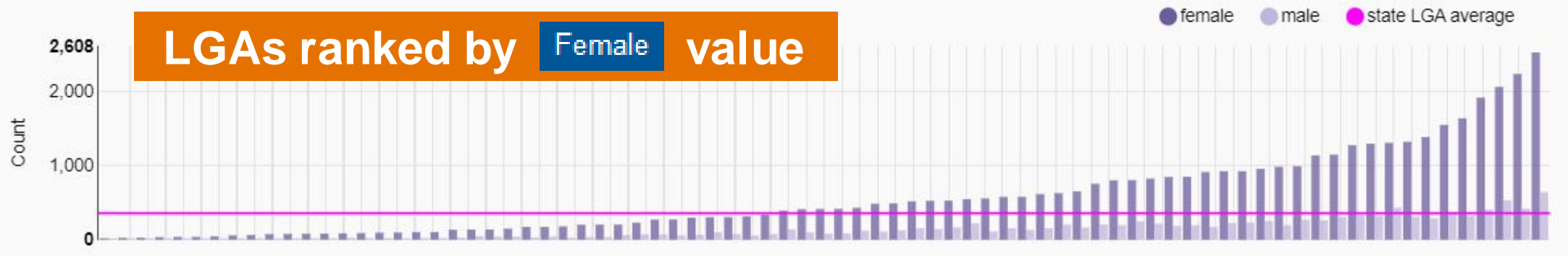
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View by Sex

Female Male  
State Region Metro  
2016 2021



LGAs ranked by Female value



Compare measure

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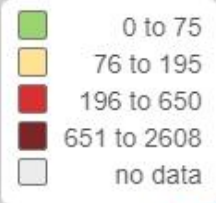
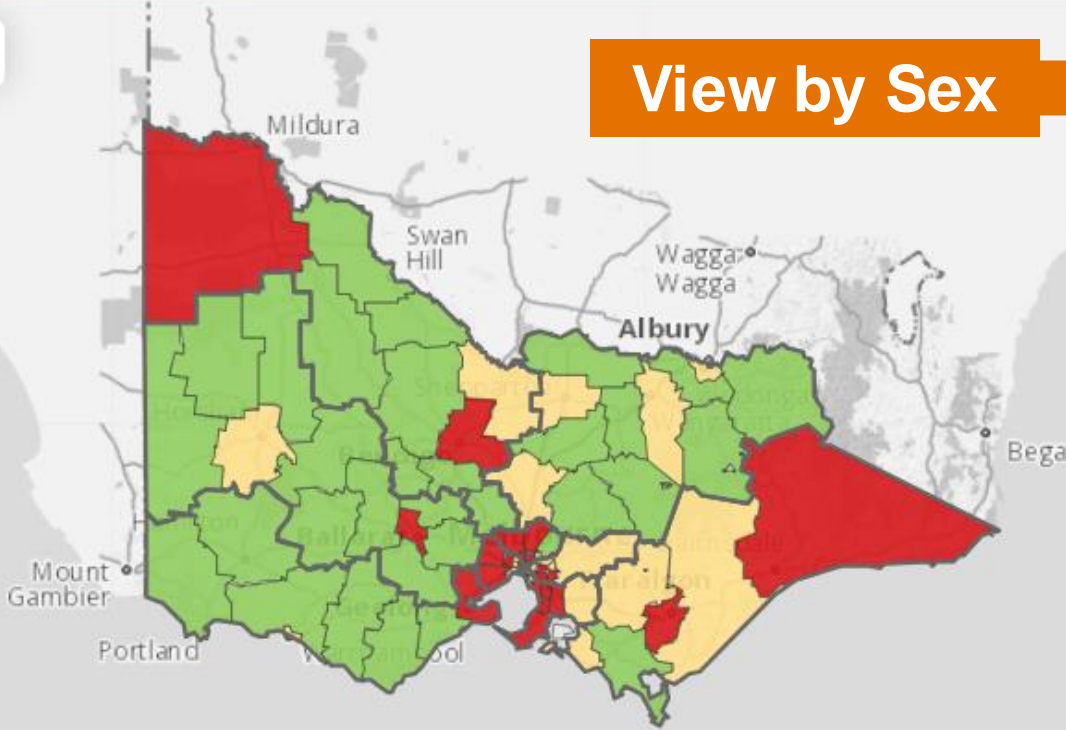
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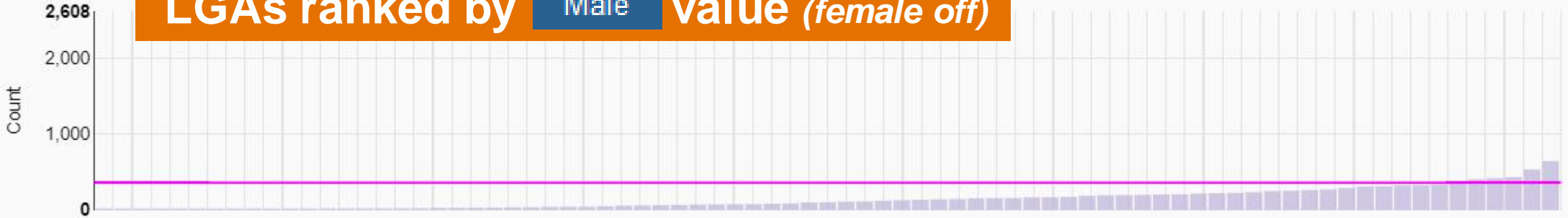
State Region Metro

2016 2021



LGAs ranked by Male value (female off)

male female state LGA average



# View any two measures side by side

Select priority health area, indicator and measure to compare

Priority health areas	Indicators	Measures	
Sexual and Reproductive Health	Perceptions Of Safety	Rate (per 10,000)	<b>Violence Against Women</b>
<b>Violence Against Women</b>	Sexual Offences	<b>Reported Incidents</b>	Indicator: Intimate Partner Violence Measure: 2021 Reported Incidents
Mental Health	Sexual Offences Relationship To Victim		Violence against women is experienced by a significant number of women in Australia despite it being preventable. For Victorian women aged between 15 and 44 years, intimate partner violence is the leading cause of preventable death, disability and illness. The impact of violence against women is widespread and long-standing, creating profound personal, social and economic costs to
Cancer	Stalking, Harassment And Threatening Behaviours		
Avoidable Mortality	Family Violence		
Gender Equality	<b>Intimate Partner Violence</b>		
	Family Violence, Child Present		

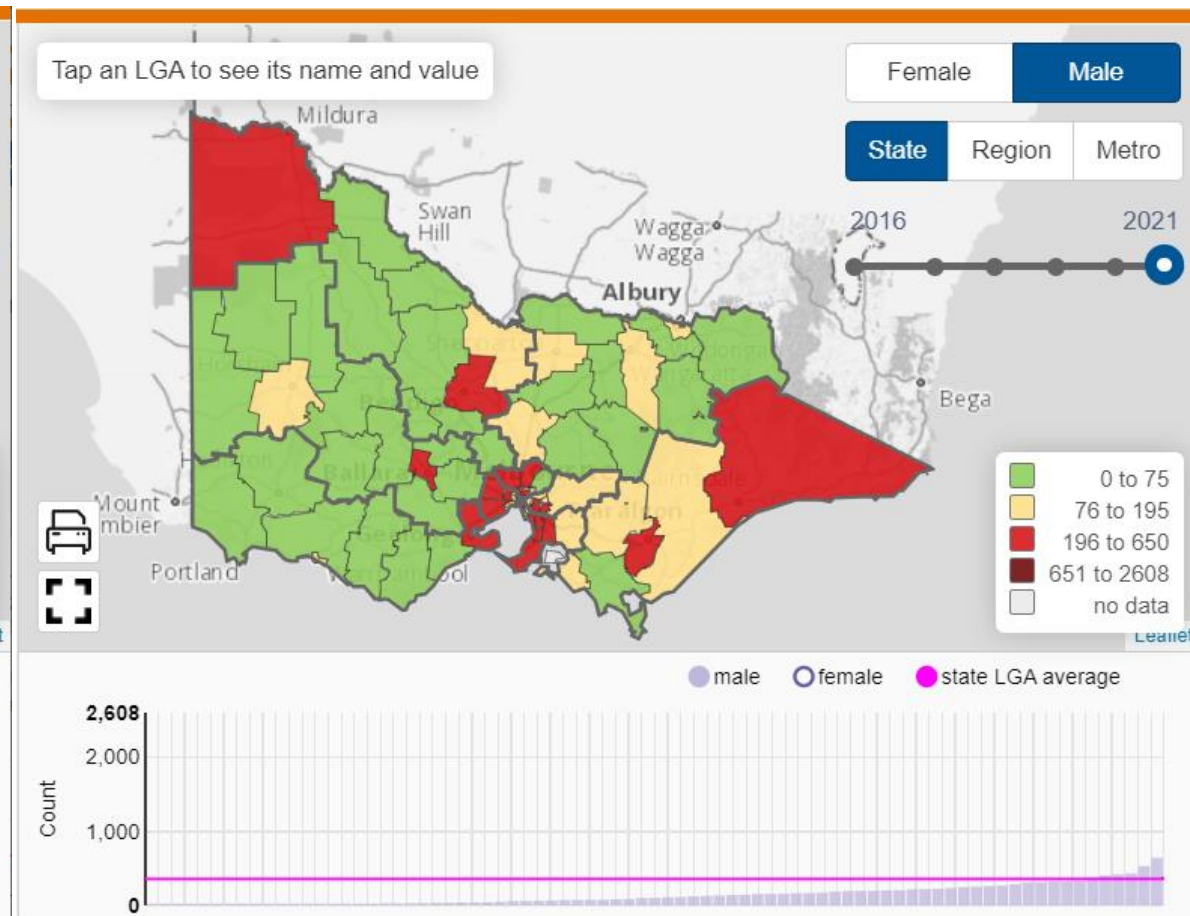
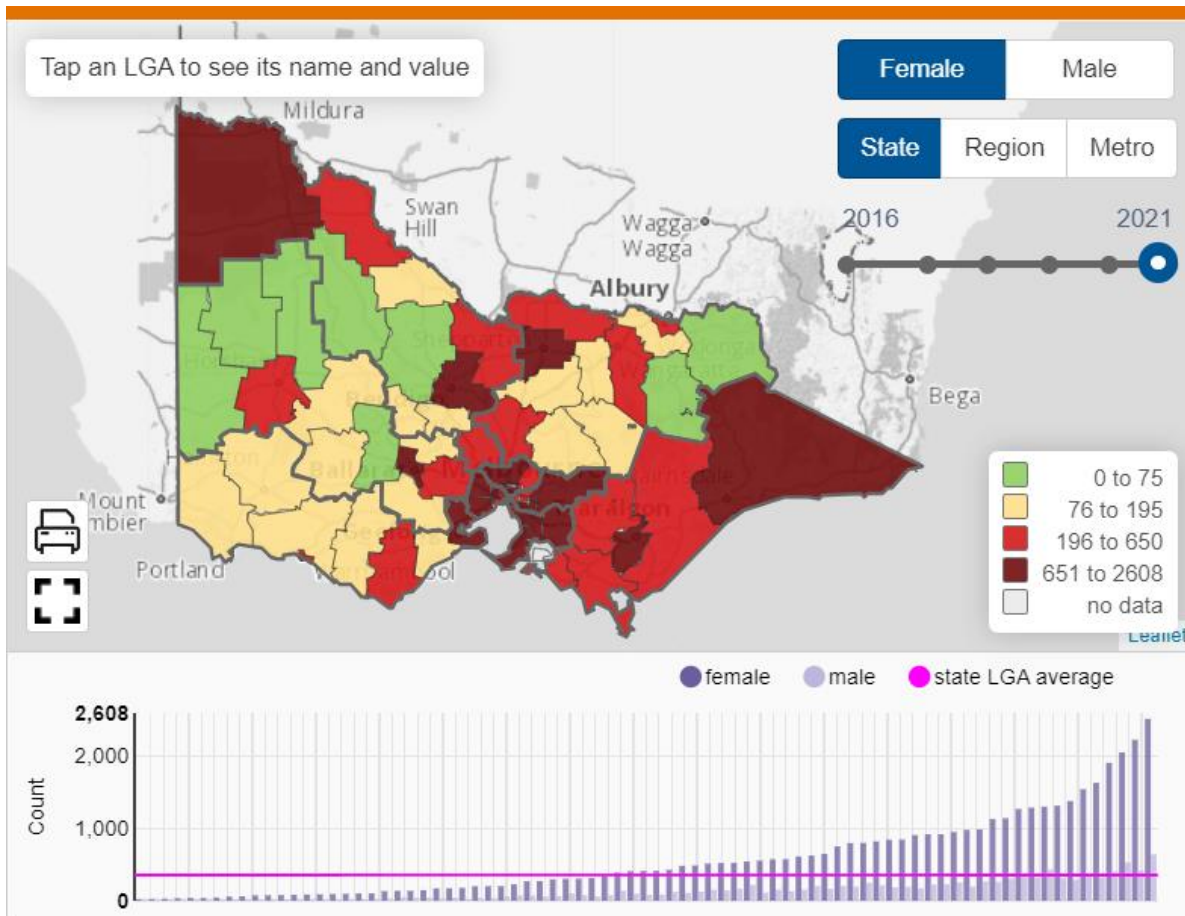
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Show for Female Show for Male Close



# Compare Female and Male

## Intimate Partner Violence > Incidents > 2021



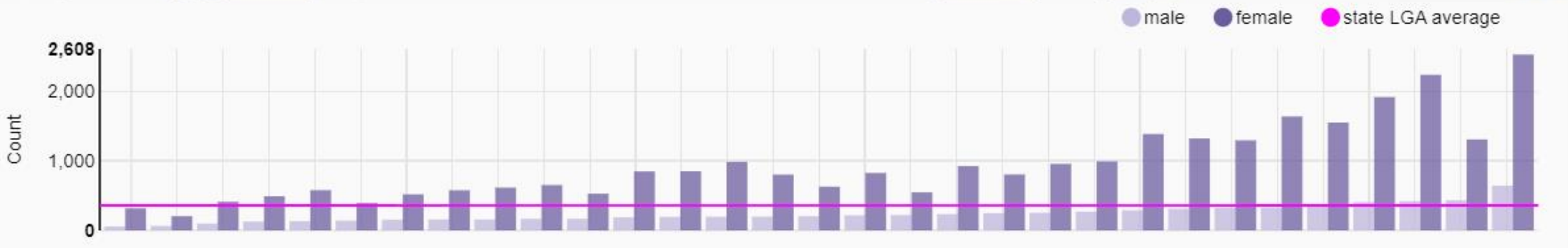
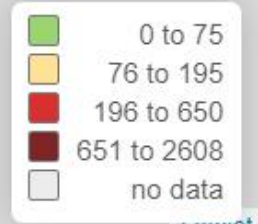
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Tap an LGA to see its name and value

Female Male  
State Region Metro  
2016 2021

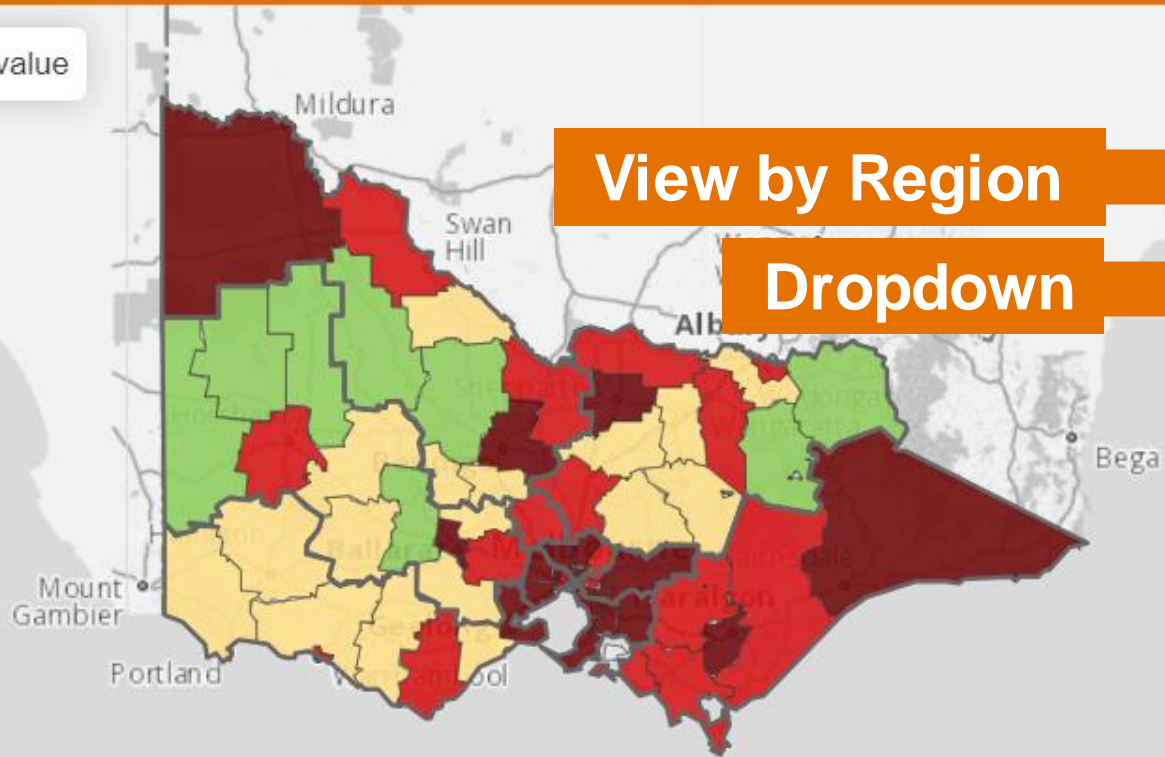
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View by Region

Dropdown

Female Male

State **Region** Metro

Select a region ▼

2016 2021

- Metro West
  - Metro North
  - Metro East
  - Metro Southeast
  - Gippsland Region
  - Hume Region
  - Loddon Mallee Region**
  - Grampians Region
  - Barwon South West Region
- Select a Region



Select a region to see bar chart values

Compare measure

Change measure

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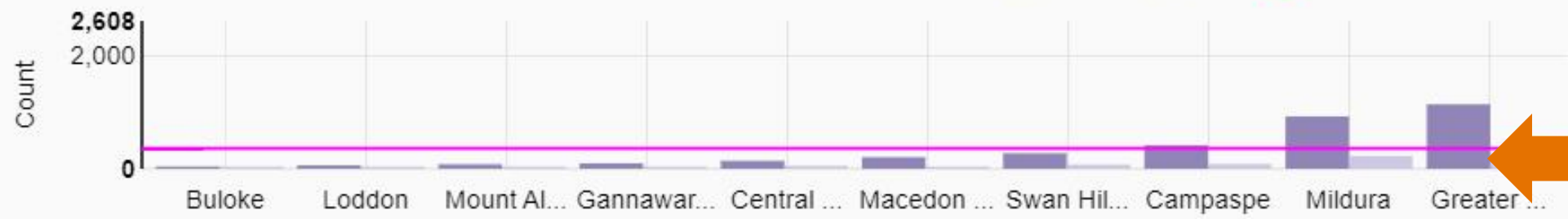
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Loddon Mallee Region



female male state LGA average

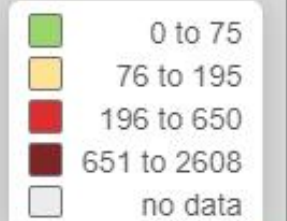
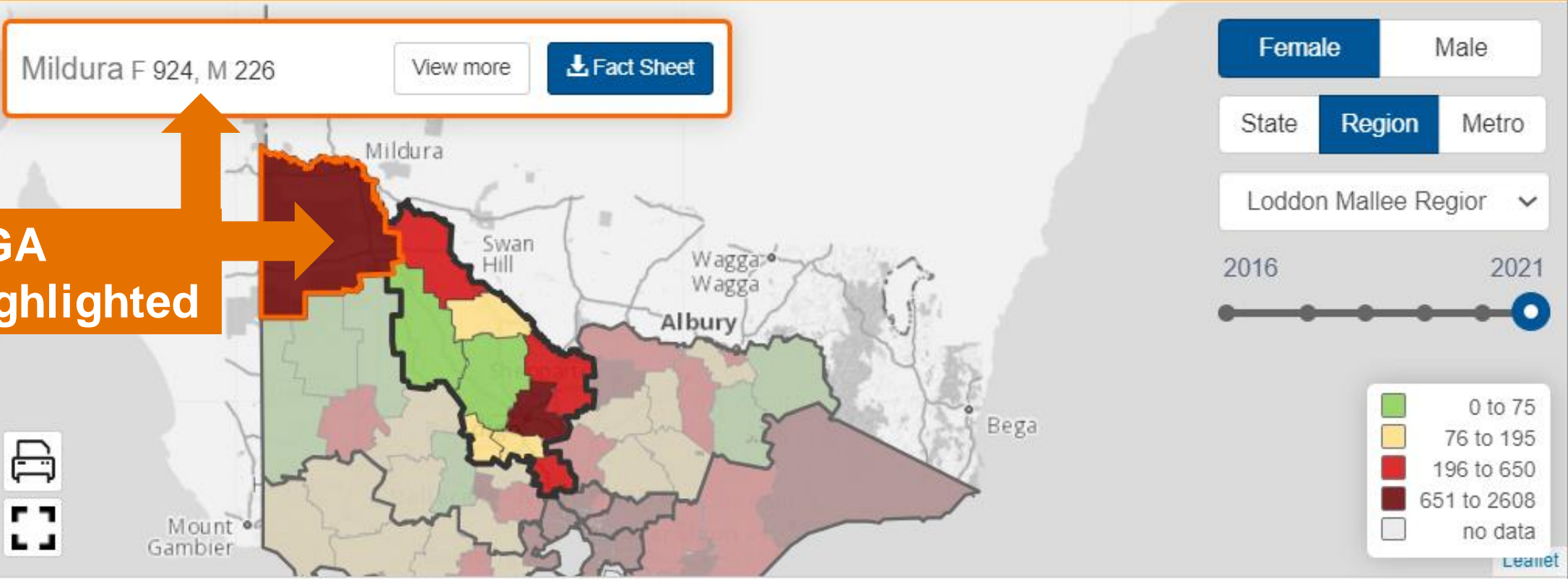


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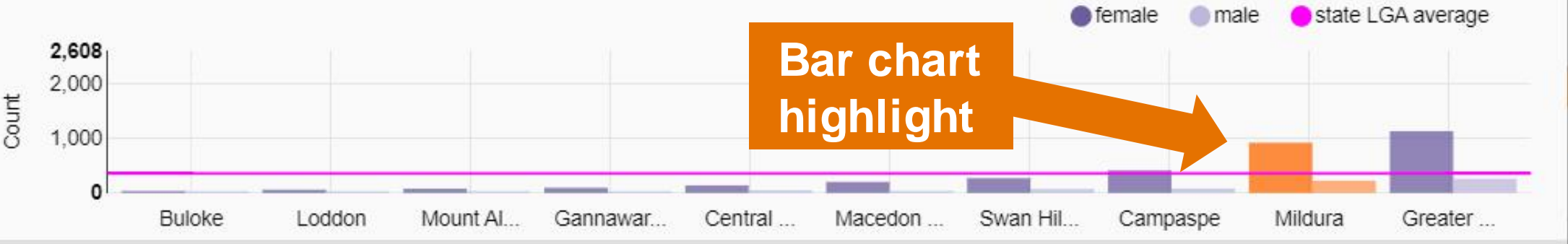
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LGA highlighted

Female Male  
State Region Metro  
Loddon Mallee Region  
2016 2021



Bar chart highlight



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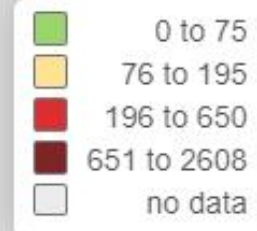
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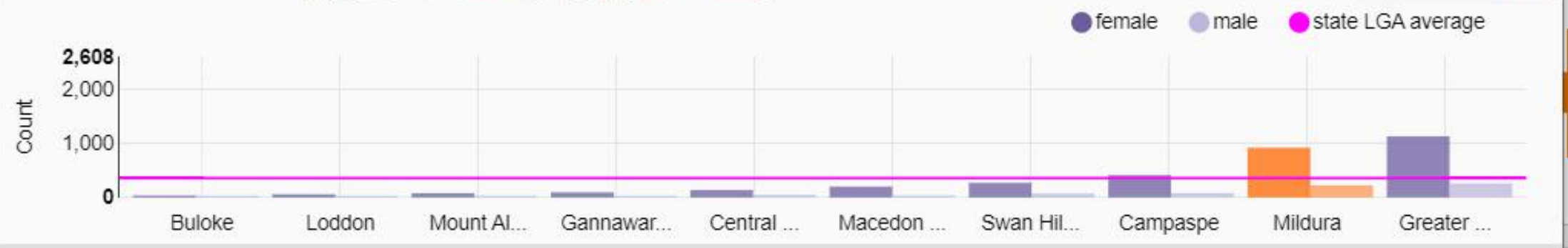
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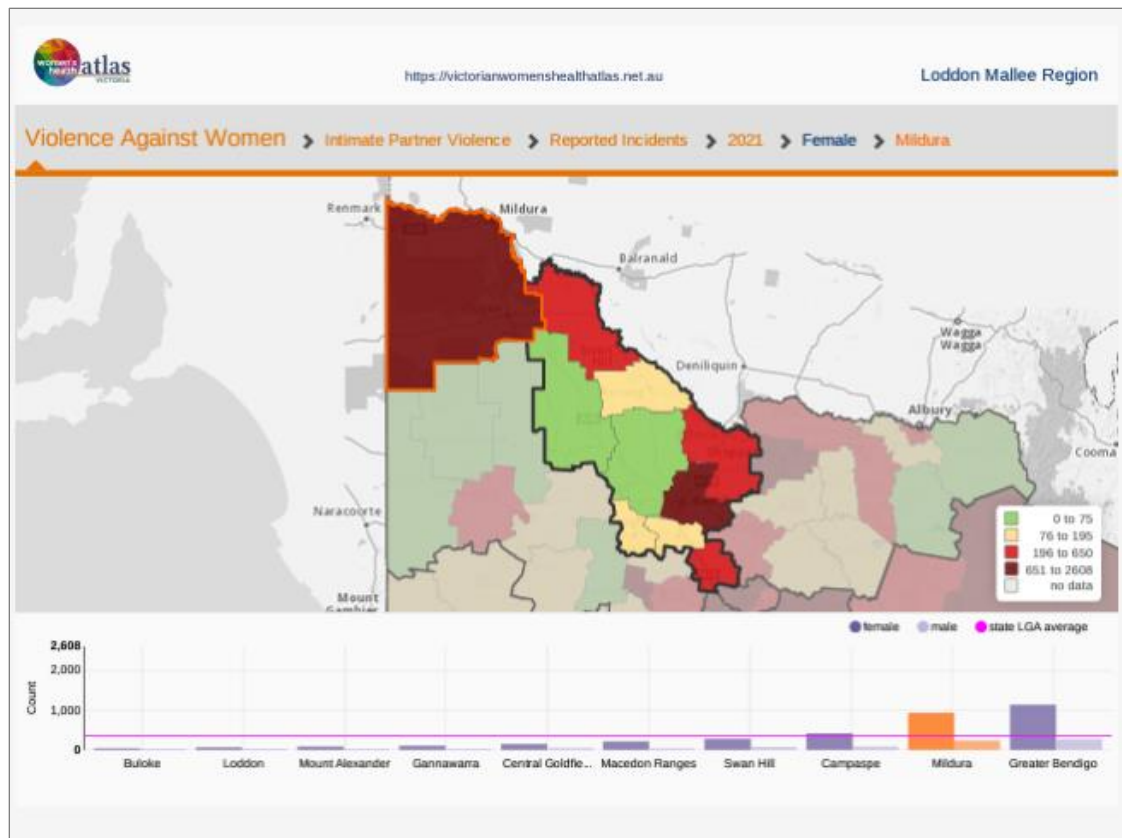
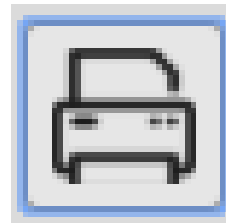
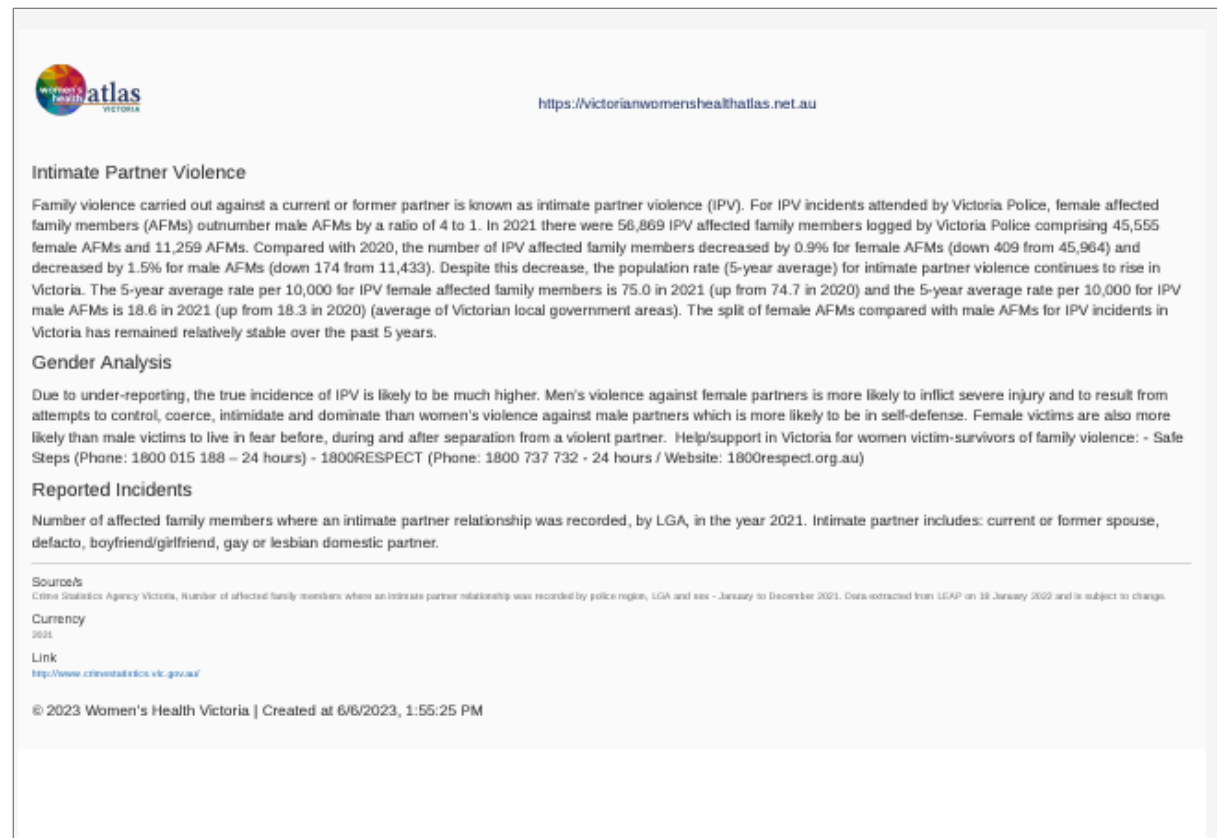
State Region Metro

Loddon Mallee Region



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**Reported Incidents**

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**Sources**  
Census Statistics Agency Victoria, Number of affected family members where an intimate partner relationship was recorded by police region, LGA and sex - January to December 2021. Data extracted from LCAP on 18 January 2022 and is subject to change.

**Currency**  
2021

**Link**  
<http://www.censusstatistics.vic.gov.au/>

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## Choose a different indicator or measure

Select priority health area, indicator and measure to update the atlas

Priority health areas	Indicators	Measures	
Sexual and Reproductive Health >	Perceptions Of Safety >	<b>Rate (per 10,000) &gt;</b>	<p>against women is widespread and long-standing, generating profound personal, social and economic costs to individuals, the community and our nation. Specific groups of women are particularly at risk of violence due to the interplay of a number of complex factors, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, women with a disability and culturally and linguistically diverse women. Having the confidence, knowledge and ability to seek support and access appropriate services is also difficult for many women.</p>
<b>Violence Against Women &gt;</b>	Sexual Offences >	Reported Incidents >	
Mental Health >	Sexual Offences Relationship To Victim >		
Cancer >	Stalking, Harassment And Threatening Behaviours >		
Avoidable Mortality >	Family Violence >		
Gender Equality >	<b>Intimate Partner Violence &gt;</b>		
	Family Violence, Child Present >		

Intimate Partner Violence

[Show for Female](#) [Show for Male](#) [Close](#)



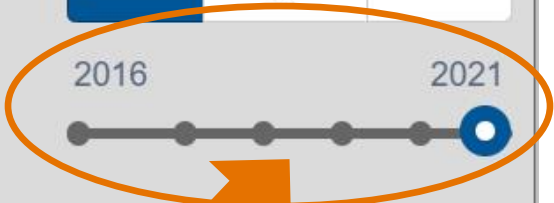
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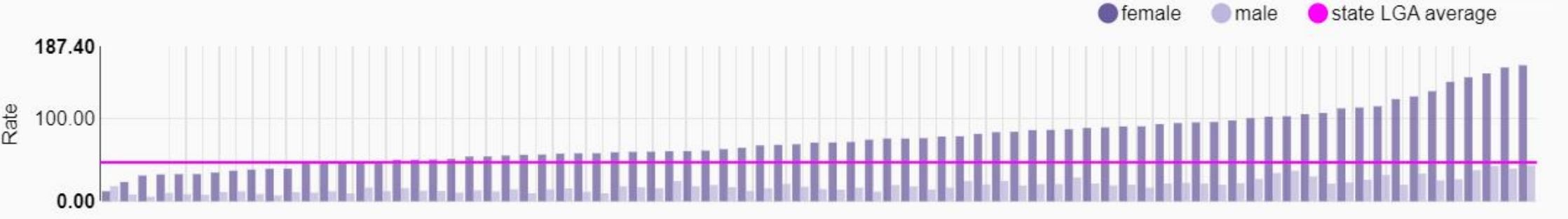
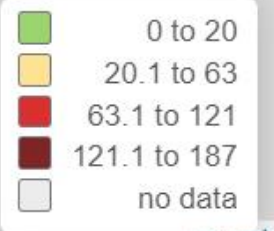
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Female Male

State Region Metro



Drag timeslider to display years



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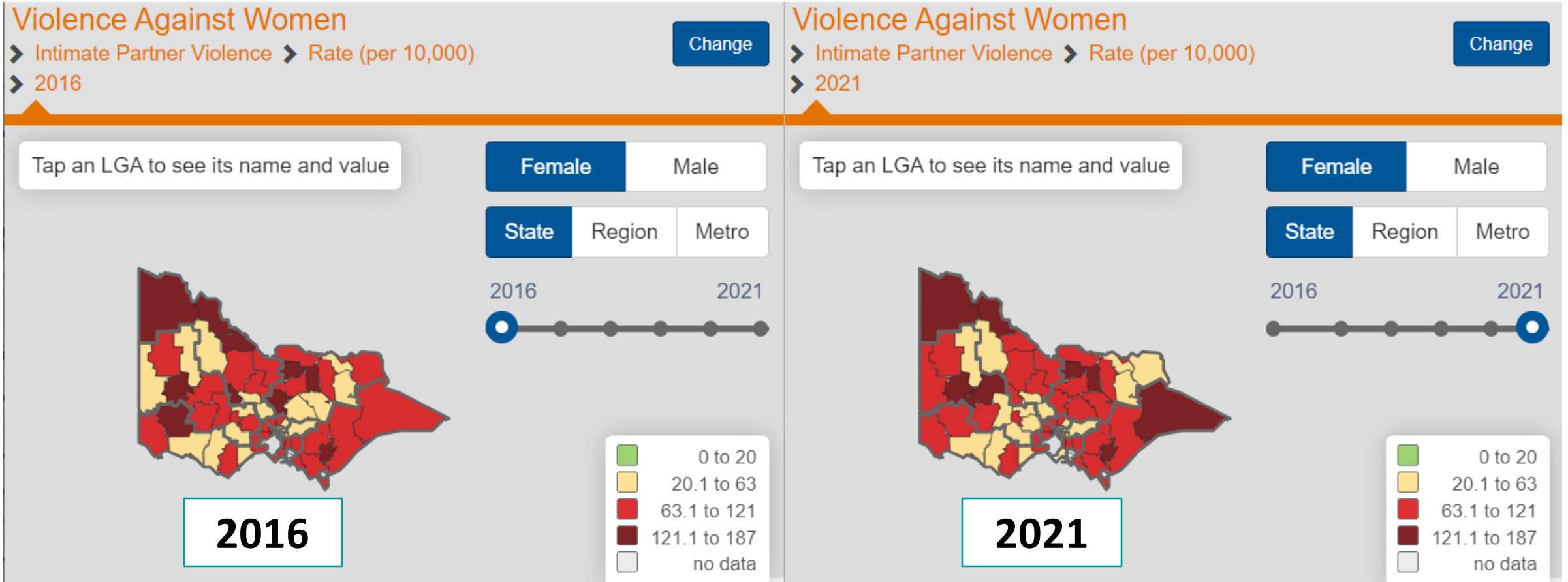
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- same sex

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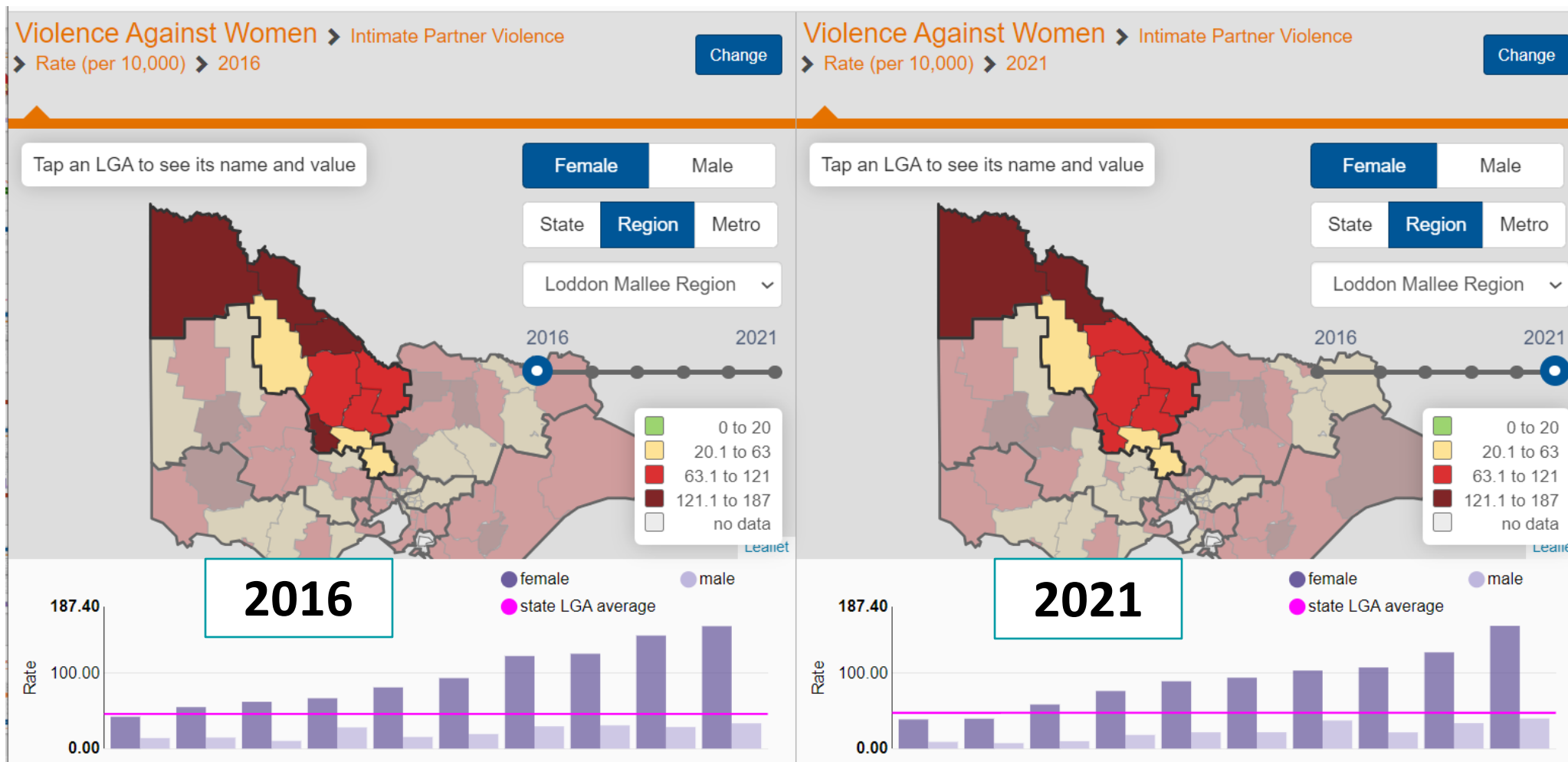


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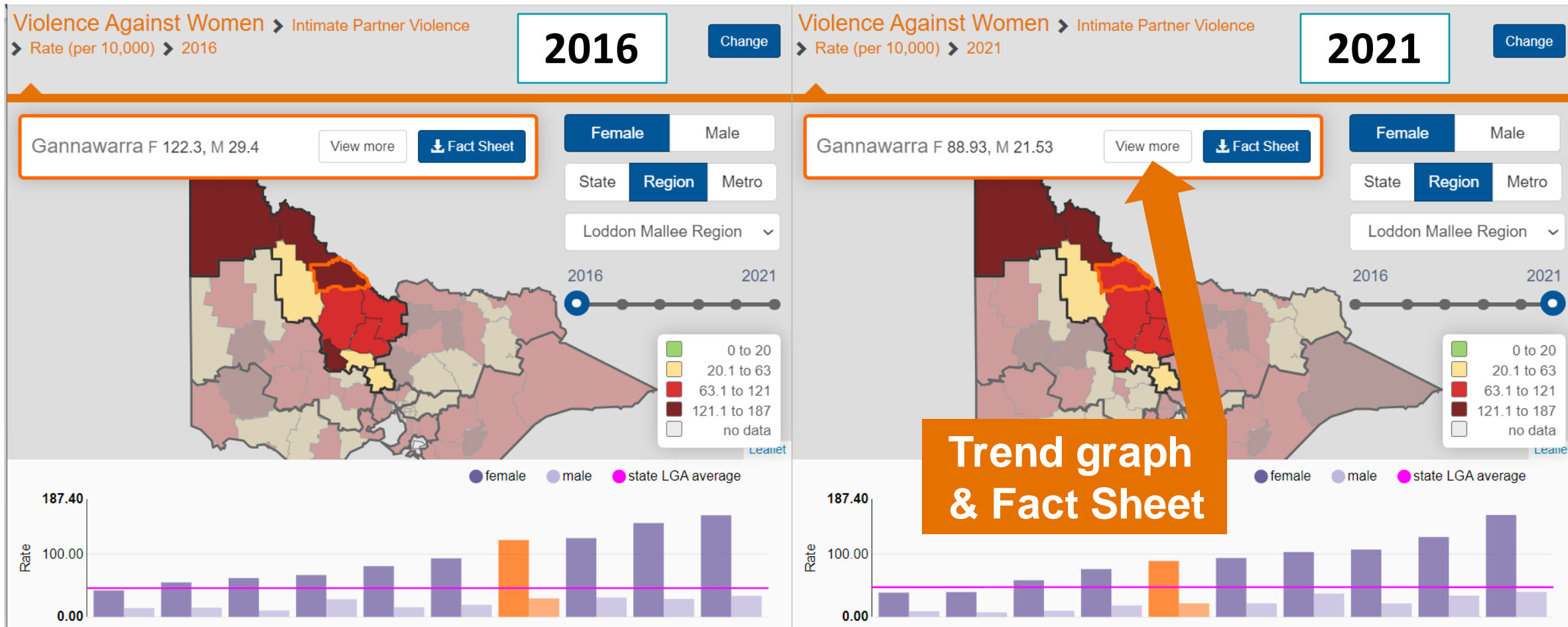
## Intimate Partner Violence > Rate > Statewide



## IPV > Rate > Loddon Mallee Region



## Intimate Partner Violence > Rate > Gannawarra



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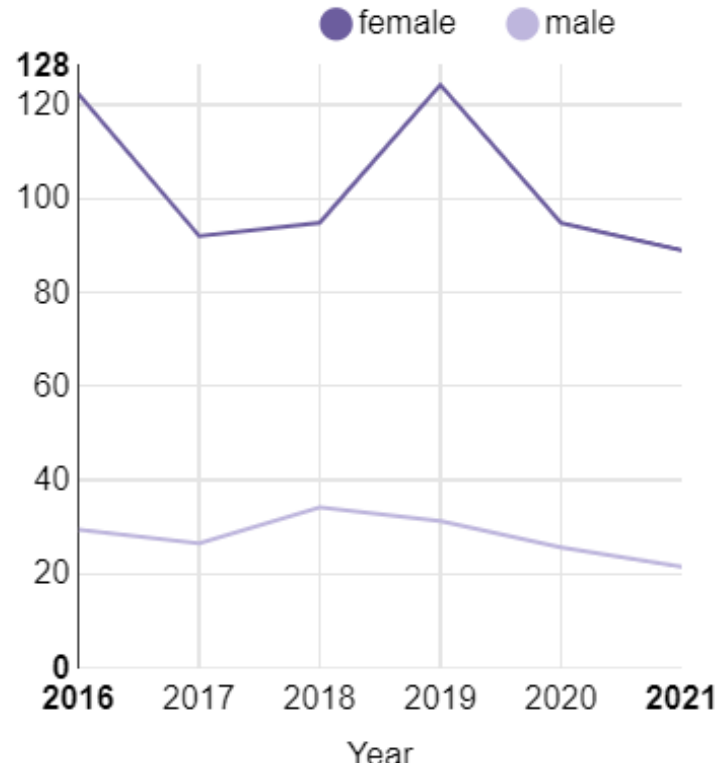
### Gannawarra

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Intimate Partner Violence

Measure	Female	Female state LGA average	Male	Male state LGA average
2021 Rate (per 10,000)	88.93	75.8	21.53	18.9
2020 Rate (per 10,000)	94.81	81.6	25.60	20.9
2019 Rate (per 10,000)	124.21	77.0	31.29	18.5
2018 Rate (per 10,000)	94.81	71.9	34.13	17.9
2017 Rate (per 10,000)	92.0	68.9	26.5	16.9

[↓ Fact Sheet for Violence Against Women](#)



● female ● male

Year

### Women's Health Loddon Mallee

<http://www.whlm.org.au/>

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**VAW**  
Fact Sheet

Indicators	Measures
Perceptions Of Safety	% People who feel safe when walking alone at night
Sexual Offences	Rate (per 10,000) Reported Incidents
Sexual Offences Relationship To Victim	Aggregate 2 year % known to victim
Stalking, Harassment And Threatening Behaviours	Rate (per 10,000) Reported Incidents
Family Violence	Rate (per 10,000) Reported Incidents
Intimate Partner Violence	Rate (per 10,000) Reported Incidents
Family Violence, Child Present	Rate (per 10,000) Reported incidents

Covers every indicator within the section you are currently viewing – in this case VAW



## Benchmark LGA with Region and State

<i>Intimate Partner Violence - Rate (per 10,000)</i>							
Time Period	Gannawarra		Loddon Mallee Region Average		Victoria State LGA Average		
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	All
2021	<b>88.93</b>	<b>21.53</b>	89.4	21.9	75.8	18.9	47.3
2020	<b>94.81</b>	<b>25.60</b>	94.8	23.9	81.6	20.9	51.3
2019	<b>124.21</b>	<b>31.29</b>	100.6	21.9	77.0	18.5	47.8
2018	<b>94.81</b>	<b>34.13</b>	92.5	22.4	71.9	17.9	44.9
2017	<b>92.0</b>	<b>26.5</b>	80.2	21.0	68.9	16.9	42.9

**LGA**

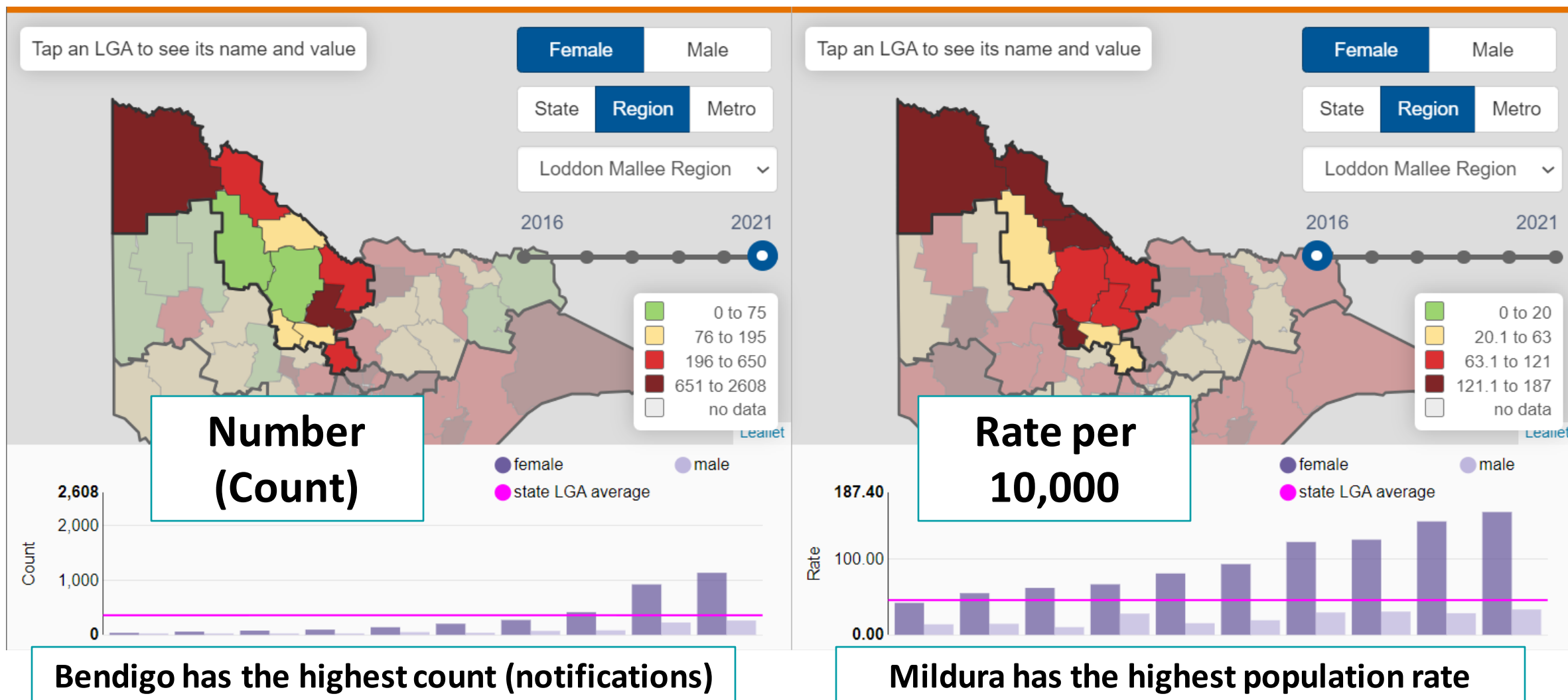
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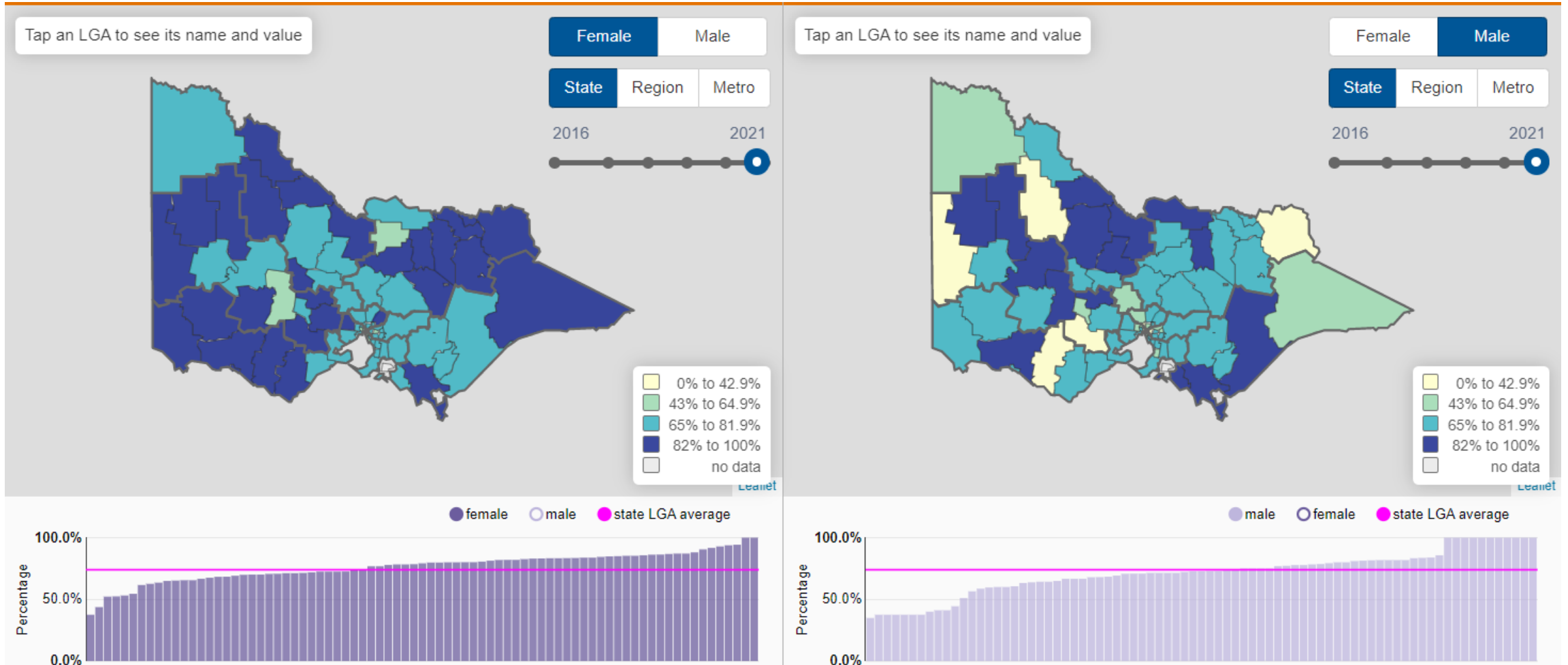


# Compare Count with Rate

## Intimate Partner Violence > Female AFMs



# Compare Female and Male Sexual Offences – Relationship to Victim



# Shortcuts



From any page:  
Takes you back to  
the Home page

## Shortcuts

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Factsheets by LGA



National / Statewide Data



Atlas Education Resources



List of Indicators

## How to use the Atlas

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# Homepage - Shortcuts

## Factsheets by LGA



Set per local government area



# National / Statewide Data

**New series –  
9 titles so far**

## National and Statewide Data Series

### Violence against women

These key Australian and Victorian datasets and reports may be useful where local government level data is not available in the Women's Health Atlas, or where broader context is needed.

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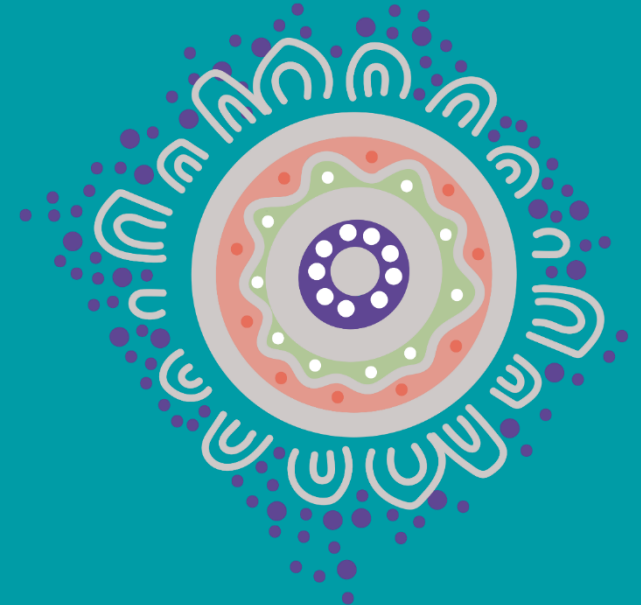
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