Gippsland PHN Health Needs

Our Vision: a measurably healthier Gippsland

South Gippsland Shire 2025 Snapshot







Age 0-11 **13.0%** Gippsland **13.3%** Victoria **14.4%**



Age 12-25 **13.6%** Gippsland 14.5% Victoria 16.9%



Age 26-64 **46.7%**Gippsland 47.4%
Victoria 51.9%



Age 65+
26.5%
Gippsland 24.8%
Victoria 16.8%



30,823

Growth rate 2022-23: **0.4%**Gippsland population **307,653**

7 I'd like to see many more opportunities for people to gather and connect and reduce their feelings of loneliness.

- Community Member

KORUMBURRA

LEONGATHA

FOSTER

FISH CREEK

Median age

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



Gippsland 23 Victoria 24



Median age Non-Indigenous

49
Gippsland 46
Victoria 38

WILSONS

For every 100 people in South Gippsland



Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Gippsland 2 Victoria 1



Experience very high disadvantage Gippsland 15
Australia 10



Born in non-English speaking country Gippsland 6 Victoria 24



Used homelessness services
Gippsland 3

Gippsiand Victoria 1



Need help with daily activities
Gippsland 7



18

Current smoker (adults) Gippsland 19 Victoria 16



15

Victoria 5

Provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability (15 years or older)
Gippsland 14
Victoria 13



67

Consume alcohol at levels likely to increase risk of lifetime harm (adults) Gippsland 65 Victoria 60



22

Did volunteer work (adults) Gippsland 17 Victoria 13 I think healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle should be promoted more.

- Community Member

7 7 We need better communal-style housing and more models of social housing.

- Community Member





Prevention



IMMUNISATION RATE

1 year old children 92.5%

Gippsland Victoria 92.3% 93.4%

5 year old children 96.4%

Gippsland Victoria 94.8%



Breast (50-74 year olds) Bowel (50-74 year olds)

51.5%

Gippsland Victoria 45.9%

Gippsland Victoria 47.3% 43.9%

49.4%

Cervical (25-74 year olds)

54.8%

Gippsland Australia



Per 100,000 people

1,741

Victoria 1,865

Note that both immunisation rates and cancer screening rates dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic and they are not yet back to pre-pandemic levels.

South

♣ Health Issues

	Gippsland	Gippsland	Victoria
Dementia as per cent of all deaths	6.7%	6.4%	9.1% (Australia)
Avoidable deaths due to heart related issues (per 100,000)	41.4	40.6	33.3
Avoidable deaths due to cancer (per 100,000)	36.3	33.7	27.5
Avoidable deaths due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (per 100,000)	10.9	13.8	8.5
Avoidable deaths due to diabetes (per 100,000)	4.5	5.9	5.5
Alcohol intoxication ambulance attendances (per 100,000)	349	-	394
Diagnosed mental health condition (self-reported)	9.7%	11.0%	8.8%
Mental health-related prescriptions (per cent of people with PBS subsidised or co-payment)	22.2%	22.2%	16.8%

Health Services and Workforce



98

Lower urgency Emergency Department presentations per 1,000 people Gippsland 163

Australia 124



Psychologists (Full time equivalents per 100,000 people) Gippsland 44 Victoria 117



135

General practitioners (Full time equivalents per 100,000 people) Gippsland 118 Victoria 111



Mental health attendance to GP Gippsland 8.7% Victoria 7.9%



1,019

Nurses and midwives (Full time equivalents per 100,000 people) Gippsland 1,293 Victoria 1,352



2.0%

Clinical psychologist attendance Gippsland 1.4% Victoria 2.0%