Hume Region

Population
- Actual annual population change from 2004 to 2014 was well below the state measure and projected change from 2014 to 2024 is slightly below.
- People aged 15–44 are under-represented while all other age groups are over-represented.

Diversity
- The percentage of people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin is second highest in the state.
- The percentage of people born overseas is well below the state measure.

Disadvantage and social engagement
- The percentage of people who feel safe on streets alone is the highest in the state.
- The percentage of people who are definitely able to get help from neighbours is the highest in the state.
- The percentage of people who attended a local community event is the highest in the state.
- The percentage of people who rated their community as good or very good for community and support groups is the highest in the state.
- Gaming machine loss per adult population is the lowest in the state.

Housing, transport and education
- The percentage of households with mortgage stress is the highest in the state.
- The percentage of people with at least 2 hour daily commute is the lowest in the state.
- The percentage of dwellings with no motor vehicle is the lowest in the state.

Health status and service utilisation
- The percentage of females reporting being pre-obese is the highest in the state.
- The rate of notifications of pertussis per 100,000 population is the lowest in the state.
- The percentage of males who do not meet physical activity guidelines is the highest in the state.
- The rate of dental service sites per 1,000 population is the lowest in the state.
- The average length of stay for all hospital inpatients is the highest in the state.
- The average length of stay for all ACSC (PPH) separations is the highest in the state.
- The annual change in inpatient separations between 2004/05 and 2014/15 was the lowest in the state.
- The annual change in emergency department presentations between 2004/05 and 2014/15 was the lowest in the state.
- The rate of diagnostic imaging services per 1,000 population is the highest in the state.
- The rate of registered mental health clients per 1,000 population is the highest in the state.

Child and family characteristics and service utilisation
- The percentage of kindergarten participation is the lowest in the state.
- The rate of Child FIRST assessments per 1,000 eligible population is the highest in the state.

Community

Geography

Departmental Region	
Departmental Area	
Most populous community	
Distance to Melbourne	
Travel time to Melbourne	
Remoteness area	

Land use

Commercial	0.0%
Industrial	0.1%
Residential	0.7%
Rural	56.7%
Other	42.4%

Demographics

Annual population change

	Region measure	State measure
Actual annual population change, 2004 - 2014	0.9%	1.7%
Projected annual population change, 2014 - 2024	1.5%	1.7%

Population by age group and sex, 2014

	Females	Males	Total	Region measure	State measure
00-14	26,073	27,216	53,289	19.4%	18.3%
15-24	15,725	17,356	33,081	12.1%	13.3%
25-44	31,851	31,142	62,993	23.0%	29.2%
45-64	37,500	37,550	75,050	27.4%	24.4%
65-84	21,856	21,530	43,386	15.8%	12.8%
85+	4,051	2,468	6,519	2.4%	2.0%
Total	*137,056*	*137,262*	*274,318*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*

Population profile, 2014
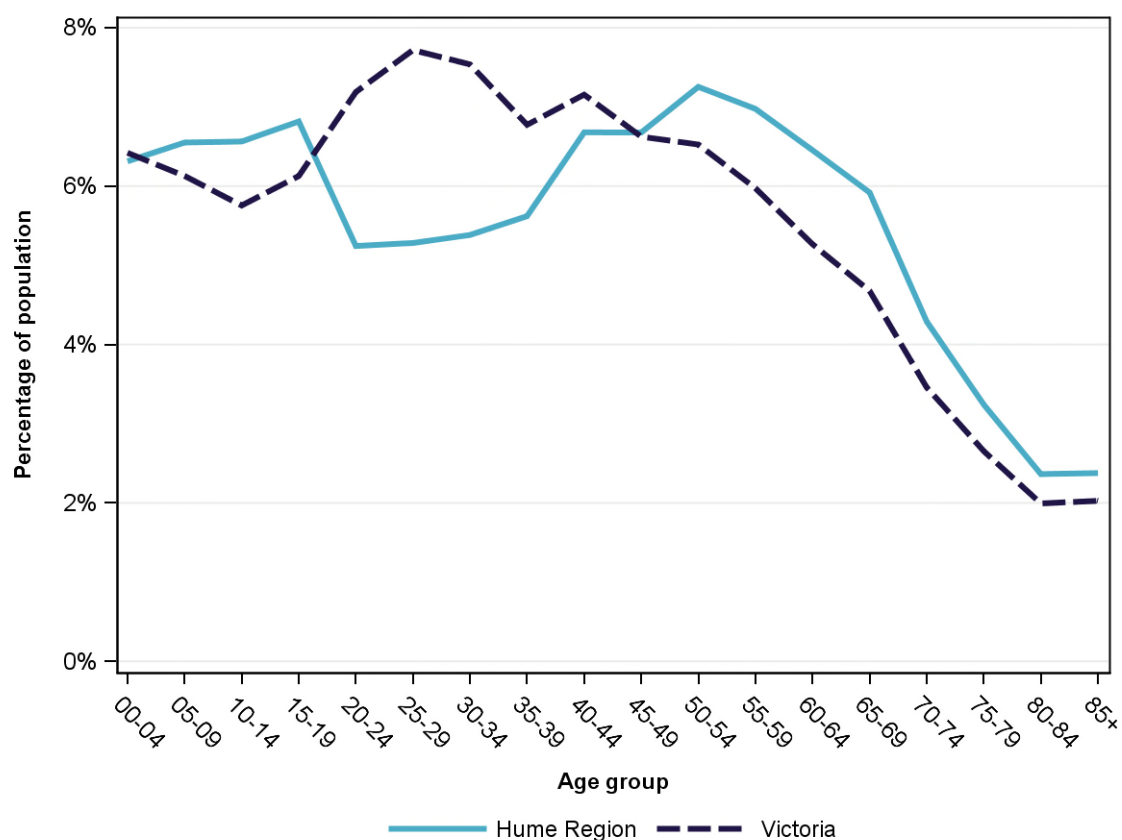
Projected population by age group and sex, 2024

	Females	Males	Total	Region measure	State measure
00-14	29,491	31,143	60,634	19.0%	18.4%
15-24	17,318	18,772	36,090	11.3%	12.1%
25-44	38,632	37,699	76,331	23.9%	28.9%
45-64	40,285	39,393	79,678	24.9%	23.6%
65-84	29,980	28,805	58,785	18.4%	14.9%
85+	4,808	3,171	7,979	2.5%	2.2%
Total	*160,514*	*158,983*	*319,497*	*100.0%*	*100.0%*

Projected population profile, 2024
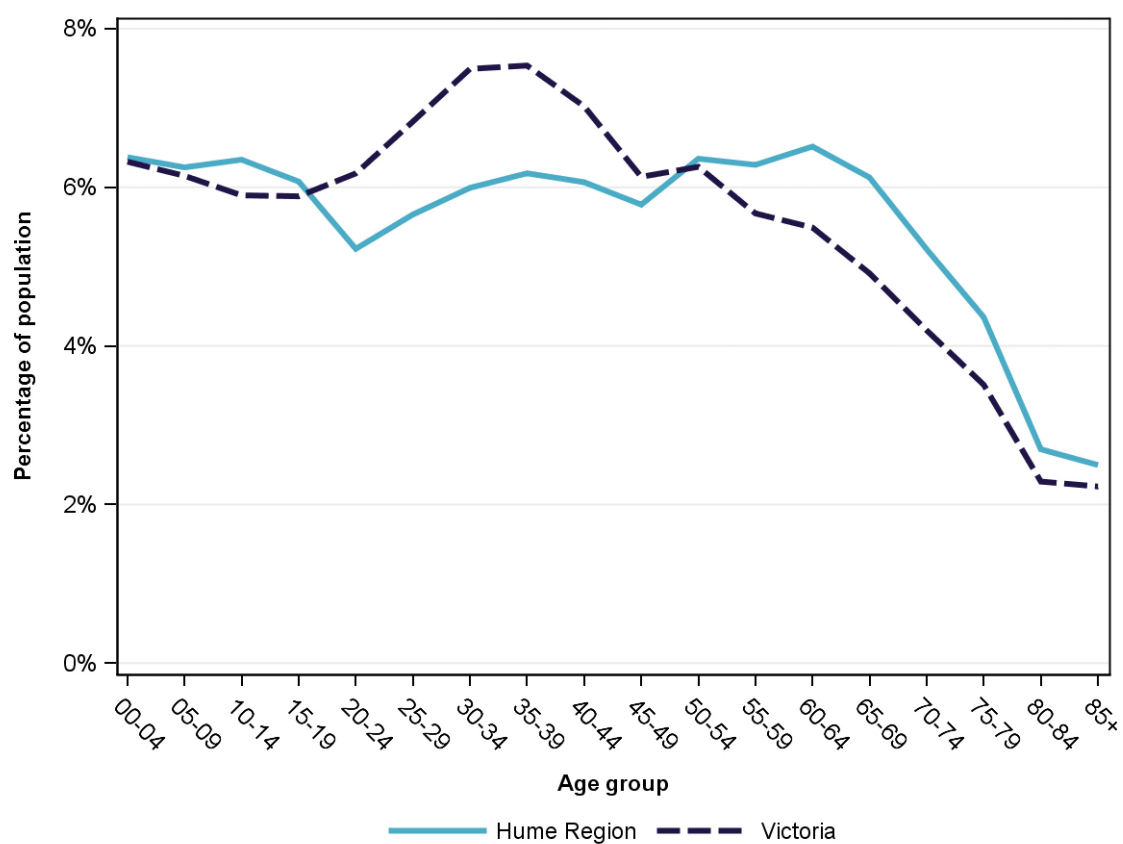
Population projections by age group and sex, 2014 and 2024

Females   Males

2014   2024   2014   2024
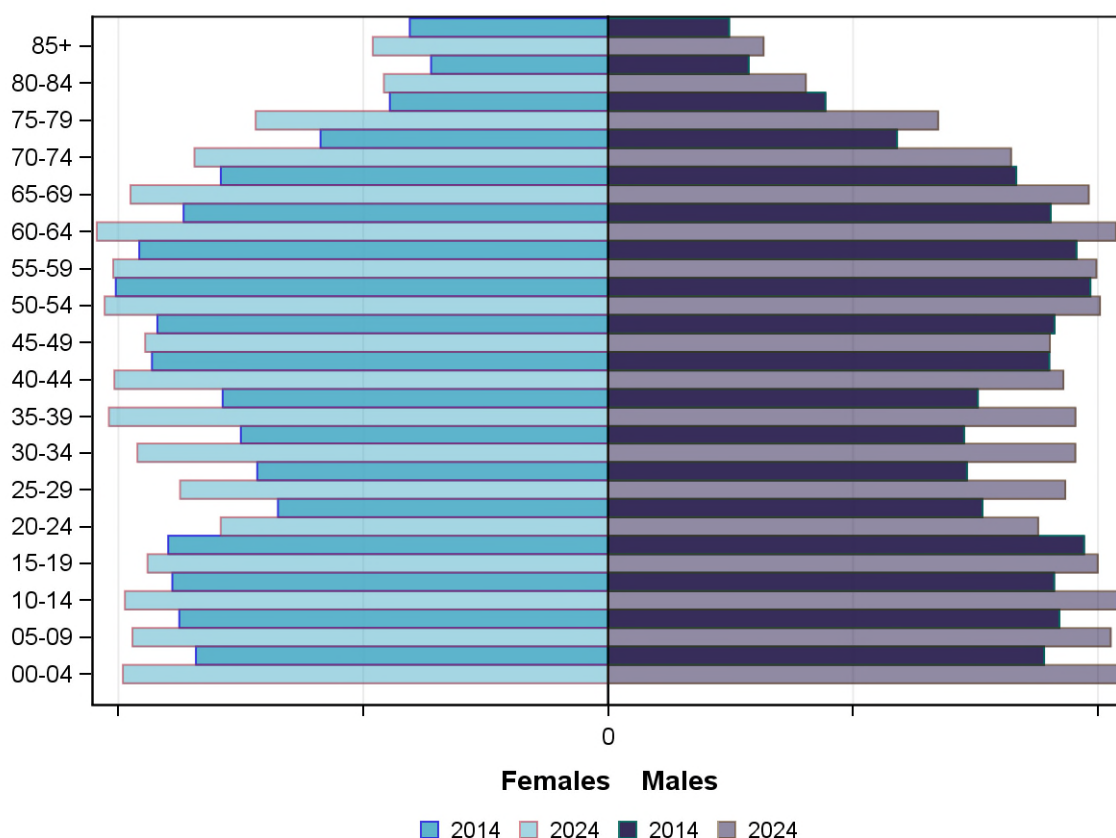
Fertility rate

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Total fertility rate	NA	NA	1.8
Teenage fertility rate	17.5	3	10.4

Diversity

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin	2.1%	2	0.9%
People born overseas	11.1%	7	27.7%
Top 5 overseas countries of birth	United Kingdom	3.1%	
	New Zealand	1.0%	
	Italy	1.0%	
	Germany	0.6%	
	India	0.5%	
People born in a non-English speaking country	6.6%	6	20.9%

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
People who speak a language other than English at home	6.6%	6	24.2%
Top 5 languages other than English	Italian	1.6%	
	Arabic	0.6%	
	German	0.3%	
	Punjabi	0.3%	
	Turkish	0.3%	
People with low English proficiency	1.2%	5	4.2%
Top 5 ancestries	English	39.3%	
	Australian	28.9%	
	Irish	7.2%	
	Scottish	4.0%	
	Italian	4.0%	
New settler arrivals per 100,000 population	156.4	6	982.5
Humanitarian new settler arrivals	20.0%	3	9.3%
People who believe multiculturalism makes life better	42.1%	7	51.0%

Social engagement and crime

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Family violence incidents per 1,000 population	17.1	3	12.4
Drug usage and possession offences per 1,000 population	5.1	6	5.1
Total offences per 1,000 population	82.7	5	82.6
People who feel safe on streets alone	67.7%	1	61.2%
People who believe other people can be trusted	39.9%	4	39.1%
People who spoke with more than 5 people the previous day	80.3%	3	78.4%
People who are definitely able to get help from neighbours	66.4%	1	54.5%
People who help as volunteer	25.8%	3	19.3%
People who feel valued by society	55.2%	2	52.9%
People who attended a local community event	70.8%	1	55.7%
People who are members of a sports group	32.5%	1	26.5%
People who are members of a religious group	18.0%	5	17.9%
People who rated their community as an active community	91.6%	1	81.8%

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
People who rated their community as a pleasant environment	96.0%	3	95.1%
People who rated their community as good or very good for community and support groups	87.1%	1	61.3%

Socio-economic characteristics

Economic and employment characteristics

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage (IRSD)	975	3	1,010
Percentage of highly disadvantaged SA1s	28.9%	3	20.0%
Unemployment rate	6.5%	3	6.3%
People with income less than $400 per week	42.1%	4	39.9%
Females with income less than $400 per week	49.3%	4	47.1%
Males with income less than $400 per week	34.6%	4	32.1%
Families headed by one parent	15.7%	7	15.5%
Percentage of families headed by a female	82.3%	5	82.8%
Percentage of families headed by a male	17.7%	5	17.2%
Low income families with children	10.7%	3	8.7%
Median household income	NA	NA	$1,216
Gaming machine losses per adult population	$373	9	$553
People who delayed medical consultation, unable to afford	16.0%	4	14.4%
People who delayed purchasing prescribed medication, unable to afford	12.5%	5	11.1%
People with food insecurity	5.5%	4	4.6%

Housing, homelessness and transport characteristics

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Households with mortgage stress	12.7%	1	11.4%
Households with rental stress	26.2%	5	25.1%
Rental housing that is affordable	73.8%	1	19.1%
Median house price	NA	NA	$393,000
Median weekly rent for 3-bedroom home	$280	6	$340
New dwellings approved per 1,000 population	7.3	8	11.6
Social housing dwellings	5,302	NA	85,386

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Social housing as a percentage of total dwellings	4.6%	4	3.9%
Homeless people (estimated) per 1,000 population	3.7	4	4.0
Journeys to work which are by car	68.7%	5	66.2%
Journeys to work which are by public transport	1.5%	8	11.1%
People with at least 2 hour daily commute	4.7%	9	11.6%
Dwellings with no motor vehicle	6.1%	9	8.7%

Education characteristics

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Full-time equivalent students	46,335	NA	914,073
Year 9 students attaining national minimum literacy standards	90.5%	5	92.0%
Year 9 students attaining national minimum numeracy standards	94.8%	6	95.6%
People 19 years old having completed year 12	80.0%	7	88.2%
People who did not complete year 12	61.4%	2	43.7%
People who completed a higher education qualification	27.7%	8	45.7%
Students attending public schools	64.3%	4	61.6%

Health and wellbeing

Health conditions

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
People reporting asthma	12.2%	2	10.9%
People reporting type 2 diabetes	5.4%	3	5.0%
People reporting high blood pressure	26.0%	7	25.9%
People reporting heart disease	7.4%	4	6.9%
People reporting osteoporosis	5.2%	6	5.3%
People reporting arthritis	20.8%	5	19.8%
People with dementia (estimated) per 1,000 population	19.0	4	16.8
People reporting being obese	23.6%	3	18.8%
Females reporting being obese	20.9%	2	17.2%
Males reporting being obese	26.1%	2	20.4%
People reporting being pre-obese	32.2%	4	31.2%
Females reporting being pre-obese	28.5%	1	24.3%

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Males reporting being pre-obese	36.0%	8	38.4%
Cancer incidence per 1,000 population	6.4	3	5.2
Cancer incidence per 1,000 females	5.8	3	4.8
Cancer incidence per 1,000 males	7.0	3	5.6
People reporting poor dental health	6.9%	4	5.6%
Notifications of pertussis per 100,000 population	41.9	9	80.9
Notifications of influenza per 100,000 population	287.6	4	293.8
Notifications of chlamydia per 100,000 population	266.8	8	330.7

Health behaviours

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
People aged over 18 who are current smokers	16.1%	2	13.1%
People at increased risk of alcohol-related harm on a single occasion of drinking	50.0%	2	42.5%
People who do not meet dietary guidelines for either fruit or vegetable consumption	50.8%	2	48.6%
Females who do not meet dietary guidelines for either fruit or vegetable consumption	41.6%	7	43.4%
Males who do not meet dietary guidelines for either fruit or vegetable consumption	60.1%	2	54.0%
People who drink sugar-sweetened soft drink every day	15.0%	2	11.2%
People who do not meet physical activity guidelines	55.2%	3	54.0%
Females who do not meet physical activity guidelines	53.8%	7	56.1%
Males who do not meet physical activity guidelines	56.5%	1	52.0%
Breast cancer screening participation	45.2%	9	52.0%
Cervical cancer screening participation	61.5%	3	61.5%
Bowel cancer screening participation	NA	NA	37.6%

Children and young person characteristics

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Babies with low birth weight	6.8%	4	6.6%
Infants fully breastfed at 3 months	48.0%	7	51.8%
Children fully immunised between 24 and 27 months	91.2%	4	90.5%
Children attending 3.5 year old maternal and child health checks	68.6%	3	66.1%
Kindergarten participation	94.3%	9	98.1%

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Children with kindergarten fee subsidy	36.3%	3	26.8%
Children with emotional or behavioural problems at school entry	5.3%	5	4.6%
Children with speech or language problems at school entry	18.3%	2	14.2%
Children developmentally vulnerable in one or more domains	21.8%	3	19.5%
Children developmentally vulnerable in two or more domains	11.2%	3	9.5%

Aged and disability characteristics

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
People with need for assistance with core activity	5.7%	4	5.0%
People of all ages with severe and profound disability living in the community	4.5%	4	4.0%
People aged over 65 years with severe and profound disability living in the community	12.4%	4	13.7%
People receiving disability services support per 1,000 population	11.6	3	8.9
Disability support pension recipients per 1,000 eligible population	74.4	4	51.3
People aged over 75 years who live alone	37.7%	5	35.9%
Percentage of people aged over 75 years who live alone who are female	71.7%	8	73.9%
Percentage of people aged over 75 years who live alone who are male	28.3%	2	26.1%
Aged care residential places	3,006	NA	51,131
Age pension recipients per 1,000 eligible population	768.6	2	707.4

Life expectancy, wellbeing, injury and mortality

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Female life expectancy	84.1	3	84.4
Male life expectancy	79.3	4	80.3
People reporting fair or poor health status	14.5%	7	15.9%
Females reporting fair or poor health status	14.3%	5	15.6%
Males reporting fair or poor health status	14.8%	7	16.2%
People reporting high/very high psychological distress	12.9%	5	12.6%
People reporting adequate work-life balance	NA	NA	53.1%

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Unintentional injuries treated in hospital per 1,000 population	84.6	3	61.0
Intentional injuries treated in hospital per 1,000 population	4.0	3	3.0
Unintentional injuries due to falls	33.7%	8	38.7%
Indirect standardised death rate per 1,000 population	NA	NA	5.3
Avoidable deaths among people aged less than 75 years, all causes, per 100,000 population	133.0	3	109.0
Avoidable deaths among people aged less than 75 years, cancer, per 100,000 population	24.4	5	23.8
Avoidable deaths among people aged less than 75 years, cardiovascular diseases, per 100,000 population	27.3	2	23.0
Avoidable deaths among people aged less than 75 years, respiratory diseases, per 100,000 population	10.9	3	8.1

Service System

Providers

Primary Health Network (PHN)	NA
Primary Care Partnership (PCP)	NA
Most frequently attended public hospital	Goulburn Valley Health [Shepparton]

Access

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
General practitioners per 1,000 population	1.2	3	1.2
General practice clinics per 1,000 population	0.3	5	0.3
Allied health service sites per 1,000 population	0.9	4	0.9
Dental service sites per 1,000 population	0.2	9	0.3
Pharmacies per 1,000 population	0.2	6	0.2
People who could definitely access community services and resources	88.5%	2	85.2%
People who live near public transport	34.3%	8	73.9%
People with private health insurance	37.6%	8	48.0%

Hospital utilisation

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Hospital inpatient separations per 1,000 population	416.2	8	441.6
Percentage of inpatient separations from public hospitals	76.9%	2	61.4%
Percentage of inpatient separations from private hospitals	23.1%	8	38.6%
Inpatient separations from most frequently attended public hospital	25.9%	5	NA
Average length of stay (days), all hospital inpatients	3.0	1	2.8
Average length of stay (days), public hospital inpatients	3.1	2	3.0
Average length of stay (days), private hospital inpatients	2.7	1	2.4
Annual change in inpatient separations between 2004/05 and 2014/15	1.7%	9	3.0%
Projected annual change in inpatient separations between 2014/15 and 2026/27	2.8%	4	3.1%
ACSC (PPH) separations for all conditions per 1,000 population	27.2	5	26.0
ACSC (PPH) separations for acute conditions per 1,000 population	11.0	7	11.2
ACSC (PPH) separations for chronic conditions per 1,000 population	15.4	3	13.3
ACSC (PPH) separations for vaccine preventable conditions per 1,000 population	1.0	7	1.7
Average length of stay (days), all ACSC (PPH) separations	4.6	1	4.0
Emergency department presentations per 1,000 population	313.2	3	263.0
Annual change in emergency department presentations between 2004/05 and 2014/15	1.8%	9	3.0%
Projected annual change in emergency department presentations between 2014/15 and 2026/27	2.6%	7	3.1%
Primary care type emergency department presentations per 1,000 population	136.7	3	103.0

Child protection, family services and youth justice utilisation

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
Child protection investigations completed per 1,000 eligible population	25.6	3	19.4
Child protection substantiations per 1,000 population eligible population	14.4	3	11.4
Child FIRST assessments per 1,000 eligible population	30.7	1	10.1

Health and aged services utilisation

	Region measure	Region rank	State measure
GP attendances per 1,000 population	5,984.5	3	5,889.0
GP attendances per 1,000 females	6,856.6	3	6,740.9
GP attendances per 1,000 males	5,113.7	4	5,019.2
Specialist attendances per 1,000 population	1,162.5	8	1,363.5
Diagnostic imaging services per 1,000 population	1,096.7	1	970.6
People who attended a GP	92.6%	3	90.1%
Females who attended a GP	97.6%	3	94.4%
Males who attended a GP	87.6%	2	85.6%
People who attended a specialist	34.5%	5	34.3%
Females who attended a specialist	37.2%	5	37.6%
Males who attended a specialist	31.9%	5	30.9%
GP attendances bulk billed	79.7%	7	82.8%
Specialist attendances bulk billed	32.7%	5	30.4%
Diagnostic imaging services bulk billed	81.1%	2	75.0%
People receiving prescriptions	72.0%	5	71.1%
Females receiving prescriptions	78.0%	5	76.9%
Males receiving prescriptions	66.0%	5	65.3%
Average patient contribution for prescriptions	$8.52	7	$9.09
HACC clients aged less than 65 years per 1,000 target population	295.2	6	305.3
HACC clients aged 65 years and over per 1,000 target population	948.4	5	737.8
Clients that received Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services per 1,000 population	4.2	8	5.0
Registered mental health clients per 1,000 population	19.0	1	11.9