

## Community Indicators Victoria Social Inclusion Report

In 2009 the Commonwealth Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet released *A Stronger, Fairer Australia* as part of the Australian Government's Social Inclusion Strategy. A compendium of social inclusion indicators was suggested in the report and data for these indicators were presented in *Social Inclusion in Australia: How Australia is faring*. Being socially included is defined as being able to have the resources, opportunities and capabilities needed to learn, work, engage and have a voice. It is hoped that the social inclusion indicators included in the reports will be reassessed at a national level in 2012.

A select number of the Social Inclusion Indicators included in the Federal Government's Social Inclusion Strategy are available on the CIV website<sup>1</sup>. CIV is able to customize these data and collate them into a Social Inclusion Indicators report based on Local Government Area on a fee for service basis. The table below provides a possible list of Social Inclusion Indicators that are readily available to CIV at the Local Government Area level across the State of Victoria.

<b>Stronger, Fairer Australia Headline Indicator Topics</b>	<b>Available Measures Included in Community Indicators Victoria</b>
<b>WORK</b>	
Employment Rate	<i>People Who Are Employed</i>
Unemployment rate	<i>People Who Are Unemployed</i>
<b>LEARN</b>	
Young people not fully engaged in education or work	<i>People Not Engaged At All in Work or Study: young people aged 15-19 years.</i>
Year 12 equivalent education	<i>People aged 20-24 with Year 12 or higher qualification</i>
<b>ENGAGE</b>	
Participation in community groups	<i>People Who Are Members of a Decision-Making Board or Committee</i>
Participation in citizen engagement activities	<i>People Who Participated in Citizen Engagement Activities in the Last 12 Months</i>
Voluntary work	<i>People who Help out as Volunteers Parents Involved in Activities at Their Children's School: percentage of parents with school-aged children.</i>
<b>SOCIAL RESOURCES</b>	
Support from family/friends in time of crisis	<i>People Who Can Get Help from Friends, Family or Neighbours When Needed</i>
Having a say in the community	<i>People Who Feel They Have a Say on Important Issues</i>
Access to internet	<i>People with Internet Access at Home People with Broadband Internet Access at Home</i>

<sup>1</sup> [www.communityindicators.net.au](http://www.communityindicators.net.au)

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<b>COMMUNITY &amp; INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES</b>	
Access to public or private transport	<i>People Who Experienced Transport Limitations in the Last 12 Months</i>
Tolerance of diversity	<i>People Who Agree that It is a Good Thing for a Society to Be Made Up of People from Different Cultures</i>
<b>HOUSING</b>	
Housing affordability	<i>Households with Housing Costs 30% or More of Gross Income Median House Price Median Flat/Unit Price Occupied Private Dwellings which are Government-Owned Rental Dwellings</i>
<b>PERSONAL SAFETY</b>	
Personal safety	<i>People Who Feel Safe or Very Safe When at Home Alone During the Day People Who Feel Safe or Very Safe When at Home Alone at Night People Who Feel Safe or Very Safe Walking Alone in Local Area During the Day People Who Feel Safe or Very Safe Walking Alone in Local Area at Night</i>
Family violence	<i>Recorded Incidents of Family Violence</i>
Personal violence	<i>Recorded Offences for Crimes against the Person</i>
Household crime	<i>Recorded Offences for Crimes against Property</i>
<b>ECONOMIC RESOURCES</b>	
Income inequality	<i>P80/P20 Ratio of Equivalised Gross Weekly Household Income.</i>
Financial Stress	<i>People Who Could Raise 2000 Dollars in Two Days in an Emergency</i>
<b>HEALTH &amp; DISABILITY</b>	
Long term health condition affecting employment	<i>People who describe themselves as a person with a disability</i>
Self-assessed health	<i>People Self-Reporting Health as Excellent or Very Good</i>
Life expectancy	<i>Life Expectancy at Birth</i>
Subjective quality of life	<i>Australian Unity Personal Wellbeing Index</i>
<b>EDUCATION &amp; SKILLS</b>	
Early child development	<i>Australian Early Development Index</i>
Non-school qualifications	<i>People Aged 25 Years and Over Who Have a Non-School Qualification</i>