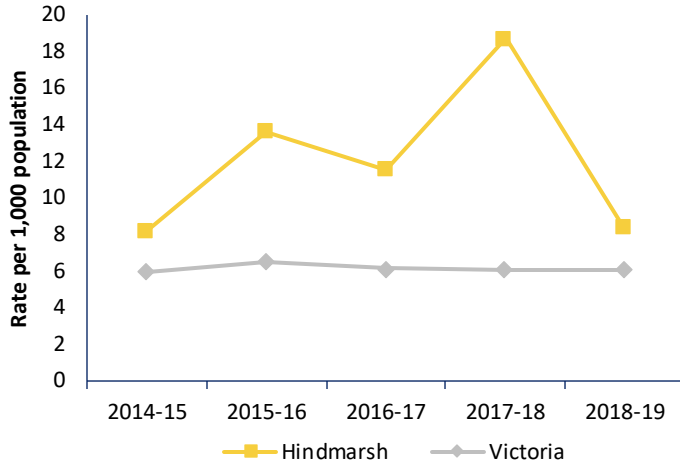# HINDMARSH SHIRE
Oral health profile

This profile is designed to provide local government with **population oral health data** and **risk factor indicators** to undertake **comprehensive public health and wellbeing planning**.

POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE DENTAL HOSPITALISATIONS

Potentially preventable hospitalisations due to dental conditions for children aged 0-9 years 2014-15 to 2018-19[1]

Rate per 1,000 population

Line chart showing Hindmarsh and Victoria rates from 2014-15 to 2018-19.

Hindmarsh — Victoria

EXPERIENCE OF TOOTH DECAY

Proportion of children with at least one decayed, missing or filled primary (baby) or permanent (adult) tooth[2]

|	3-5 years old	6 years old	12 years old
Hindmarsh	36.0%	N/A*	N/A*
Victoria	30.1%	47.7%	52.4%
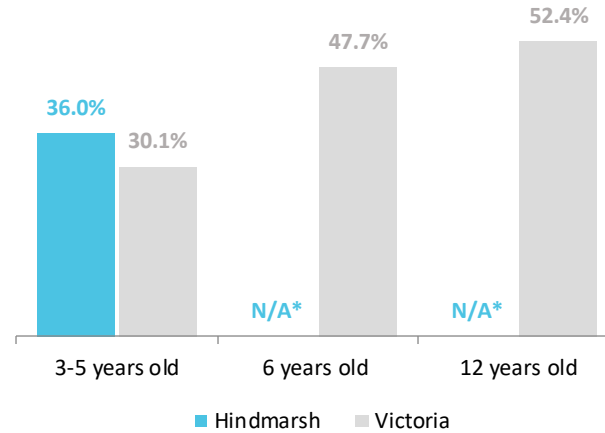
SEVERITY OF TOOTH DECAY

Average number of decayed, missing or filled primary (baby) or permanent (adult) teeth[2]

	3-5 years old	6 years old	12 years old
Hindmarsh	1.20	N/A*	N/A*
Victoria	1.30	2.19	1.54
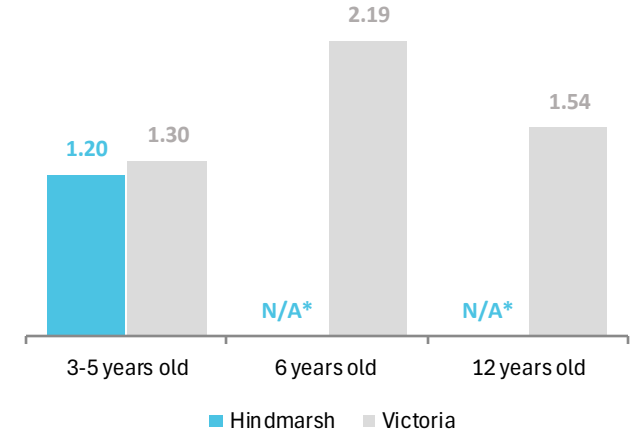
SMOKING STATUS

Smoking increases the risk of severe gum disease and oral cancer.

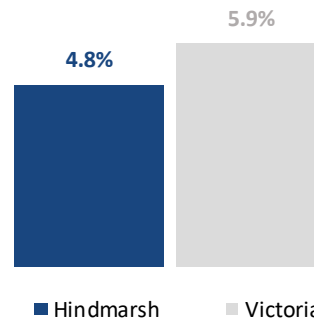Proportion of daily smokers[3]

Hindmarsh	Victoria
18.8%	12.0%
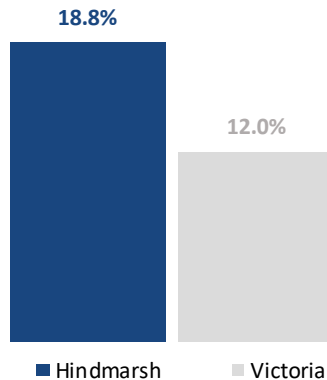
FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity is associated with poorer oral health.

Proportion of people who ran out of money to buy food in the last 12 months[3]

Hindmarsh	Victoria
4.8%	5.9%

WATER FLUORIDATION

Drinking fluoridated water reduces tooth decay.

THE FOLLOWING TOWNS IN HINDMARSH WITH POPULATION > 1,000 ARE NOT OPTIMALLY FLUORIDATED: DIMBOOLA, NHILL[4]

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