# Colac Otway Profile

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## Overview

**Total Area:** 3,437 sqkm          **Population:** 22,273          **Major Town:** Colac

## Demographics

| **Median Age** | **Labour Force Median Age** | **Labour Force Population** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 46 | 45 | 11,324 |

## Vulnerability

| **Homelessness Population** | **Unemployment Rate** | **SEIFA - IRSD** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 95 | 2.6% | 5 |

## Support Payments LGA and State Comparison

| **Rates** | **Colac Otway** | **Victoria** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Age Pension | 2,955 | 617,930 |
| Commonwealth Rent Assistance | 1,015 | 299,680 |
| Disability Support Pension | 990 | 195,705 |
| Carer Allowance | 565 | 173,590 |

## Economy

**Median Income:** $48,226          **Gross Regional Product:** $1,523 Million          **Employed Residents:** 11,507

| **Ranked Industries With Most Value** | **Value ($Million)** | **Ranked Employing Industries** | **No. Employees** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Manufacturing | 209 | Manufacturing | 1,614 |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 202 | Health Care and Social Assistance | 1,602 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 146 | Retail Trade | 1,250 |
| Construction | 102 | Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 1,204 |
| Retail Trade | 89 | Construction | 1,142 |

## Number of Businesses

| **Small Businesses (<20 employees)** | **Total Businesses** |
| --- | --- |
| 4,856 | 4,968 |

## Disaster History

The following Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have been declared in since 01 July 2022. For a full list of declarations visit [Disaster Assist](https://www.disasterassist.gov.au/).

| **AGRN** | **Event Name** | **DRFA Category** | **AGDRP** | **DRA** | **Hazard Type(s)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1147 | AGRN 1147 - Victorian Storms (commencing 25 August 2024) | AB | N | N | Storm |
| 1095 | AGRN 1095 - North East Victorian Storms (commencing 13 December 2023) | B | N | N | Storm |
| 1037 | AGRN 1037 - Victorian Floods (commencing 6 October 2022) | ABCD | N | Y | Flood |

## Disaster History Cumulative Payment

The following payments have been made based on disaster events occurring in since 01 July 2022. For a break down of disaster history payment please visit [Data.gov.au](https://data.gov.au/data/dataset/disaster-history-payment-by-lga)

Note – some AGDRP/DRA payment information is aggregated from suburb level to LGA. As such there may be duplication of records as the boundaries of some suburbs may overlap two or more LGAs.

| **Payment** | **Applications Approved (no.)** | **Applications Received (no.)** | **Applications Approved ($)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Disaster Recovery Allowance | < 20 | < 20 | < 20,000 |
| Freight Subsidy to Primary Producer | < 20 | < 20 | < 20,000 |
| Rural Landholder ($25,000) | < 20 | < 20 | < 20,000 |
| Community Sports and RecClub ($5,000) | < 20 | < 20 | < 20,000 |
| Small Business Grants ($50,000) | < 20 | < 20 | 20,000 |
| Primary Producer Grants ($75,000) | 58 | 66 | 2,300,852 |
| $200K Medium-Large Business | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Primary Producer Loans | 0 | 0 | 0 |

### Data Sources

These profiles utilise data from a number of third-party providers, including:

* Services Australia
* State and Territory Governments
* [Regional population, 2021-22 financial year | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [DSS Benefit and Payment Recipient Demographics - quarterly data | Datasets | data.gov.au - beta](https://data.gov.au/dataset/ds-dga-cff2ae8a-55e4-47db-a66d-e177fe0ac6a0/details)
* [Estimating Homelessness: Census, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/housing/estimating-homelessness-census/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [Small Area Labour Markets | National Skills Commission](https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/topics/small-area-labour-markets#UpdatedLGAstructure)
* [Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/people-and-communities/socio-economic-indexes-areas-seifa-australia/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [EconomyID](https://economy.id.com.au/)
* [Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, July 2018 - June 2022 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/business-indicators/counts-australian-businesses-including-entries-and-exits/latest-release)
* [Regional population by age and sex, 2021 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/population/regional-population-age-and-sex/latest-release#data-downloads)
* [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, May 2023 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release)
* [Personal Income in Australia, 2015-16 to 2019-20 | Australian Bureau of Statistics (abs.gov.au)](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/personal-income-australia/latest-release#data-downloads)

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