**National and Statewide Data Series  
Rural and regional women**

These key Australian and Victorian datasets and reports may be useful where local government level data is not available in the Women’s Health Atlas, or where broader context is needed.

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**Feedback and suggestions**

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