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| The Food Act report |
| 2020 and 2021: From lockdowns to renewal |
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# 2020 and 2021 in review

This report is the Department of Health’s (the department’s) review of food regulation across Victoria in 2020 and 2021, as required under section 7C of the Victorian Food Act 1984 (the Act).

The department works collaboratively with local councils, commonwealth and state partners, food businesses, and the food industry to support food safety in Victoria. The department, through the Food Safety Unit, strives to ensure that food sold across the state is safe and suitable to eat, and that Victorians are protected from food-related harm and illness.

2020 and 2021 saw Victoria’s celebrated food industry feel the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. From the closure of businesses to changes in how the sector operated—these impacts altered how Victorians ate, socialised, ran business, and engaged with our vibrant food culture.

During this time, many food regulatory staff from local council and state government branches were redeployed to the pandemic response. Environmental health officers (EHOs) in local councils were in high demand due to their unique skills. As EHOs are responsible for food business registration and food safety assessments, the redeployment posed many challenges to business-as-usual food regulatory operation from local councils.

Under the Act, local councils must report on the measures they have taken to maintain food safety and protect public health from food-related illness and allergens. The data from councils in this report is therefore presented in recognition of the circumstances faced during the pandemic period.

During this period, the Food Safety Unit (the Unit) strived to provide local councils, food businesses and the public with tools and information that could support them during the pandemic. With activities ranging widely, such as providing temporary exemptions to food safety auditors to allow them to undertake inspections of class 1 facilities (those that provide food for vulnerable members of the community) via video where they would otherwise be unable to enter the premises.

The Unit also provided daily COVID-19 information and advice to food business and the public via the Unit’s health.vic web pages until the department’s emergency management structure was established and could undertake this important work.

Some of the Unit’s staff were seconded into the department’s emergency response work, but key food safety activities continued. The Reform Team pushed forward with designing a new digital platform for business registrations, reducing red tape for food business through changes to the classification system and providing training to EHOs on risk management and other key support information.

The Investigations and Compliance Team monitored anaphylaxis notifications and provided allergen advice and training opportunities, investigated outbreaks of foodborne illnesses, and undertook recalls of unsafe food.

The Policy team supported the Minister for Health at The Food Ministers' Meeting, where decisions about food laws are made. The team acted as Victorian representatives on inter-jurisdictional working groups and on the Food Regulation Standing Committee. They were also busy responding to all the applications and proposals from Food Standards Australia New Zealand to amend the Food Standards Code. Tables 13, 14 and 15 demonstrate the breadth of activities of the Unit in 2020 and 2021.

# The food business count

## Data sources, specifications, and limitations

The data sources, specifications, limitations, and other explanatory notes about the data presented in this report is contained in the following three tables.

Data from local councils regarding fixed food premises and data from temporary and mobile food premises are drawn from different sources; the sources and specifications of the data is described in the first two tables below. The third table outlines common specifications across fixed, temporary, and mobile premises.

Table 1: Fixed food premises (class 1–3)

| Specifications | Description |
| --- | --- |
| Date range | 1 January to 31 December 2020 and 1 January to 31 December 2021. |
| Data specifications | Department of Health’s (previously called the Department of Health and Human Services’) Food Performance Dataset (as amended from time to time) provides a common set of concepts, data elements and edit/validation rules that define activities carried out under the Act. The terminology is aligned to the concepts and provisions in the Act. The use of the Food Performance Dataset across all municipalities is intended to promote a consistent approach to administering the Act across the state, as provided in s. 7A. |
| Inclusions | **Class 1–3 food premises**  **Registrations**: A count of all class 1–3 fixed food premises:   * registered with Victorian councils, as required under the Act, as at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2021, regardless of the date of initial registration or renewal * operated by businesses, community groups and not-for-profit organisations * with a registration status of ‘New/Initial’, ‘Renewal’ unless otherwise stated.   **Enforcement actions**: A count of actions taken under the Actin relation to food premises to prevent or reduce the possibility of a serious danger to public health or to mitigate the adverse consequences of a serious danger to public health. Enforcement actions comprise:  **General enforcements**: Refer to a range of directions, orders and actions permitted under the Act, such as, a direction to comply with records, training or audit requirements, an order to close a food premises, or seizure of food.  **Infringement notices**: Refer to notices issued by councils for various breaches of the Act or the Code without the need for prosecution. A list of infringement offences is contained in Schedule 1 of the Act. |
| Exclusions | **Class 4 fixed food premises**: The number of class 4 fixed food premises that actively traded in Victoria in 2020 or 2021 is not known. Due to the lower risk of class 4 premises’ food handling activities, these businesses are only required to notify councils of their basic details – such as business type, the nature of the business, types of food handled and their address and contact details – on a once-off basis. Councils are not required to contact them annually to ascertain whether they are still operating. For these reasons, data on class 4 fixed food premises are excluded from this report.  **Ceased registration 1 January to 31 December**: Data in this report relates to fixed food premises registered with councils as at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2021. Data excludes food premises that were operating for any period during a calendar year, but which closed before a premises count was taken by council at 31 December of the relevant year. |
| Features and limitations of the data | **Missing and incomplete fixed premises data**: Not all councils were able to report against the department’s Food Performance Dataset in relation to fixed food premises operating in their municipalities in 2020 and 2021.  Due to the pandemic, some local councils experienced difficulties in submitting data for 2020 and 2021. Their incomplete data is included and noted in the relevant section of this report.  **Zero versus missing values**: The data system currently has no facility for recording missing data – that is, where a ‘0’ shows in a council data report, may mean either that there was no result for the period, or that there are missing data.  **Rounding**: Tables in this report may not add to 100 per cent due to rounding. |
| Sources | **Quarterly council reports**: Councils are required to report their activities under the Act to the department on a quarterly basis. These reports contain details relating to the numbers of food premises and any events that occurred at the premises during the quarter, such as an inspection or enforcement action. For a full list of activities that are required to be reported, refer to the *Victorian Government Gazette No. S 375 Friday 17 September 2010* which can be found on the [Victorian Government Gazette website](http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/gazette_bin/index.cfm?bct=home) <http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au/gazette\_bin/index.cfm?bct=home>  **The department’s data repository**: In 2017, the Food Safety Unit (the FSU) introduced a new, simplified, centralised Food Act Database. |

Table 2: Temporary and mobile food premises (class 2–4)

| Specifications | Description |
| --- | --- |
| Date ranges | As at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2021, except where noted, the count is *cumulative* for the period 1 January to 31 December 2020 and the period 1 January to 31 December 2021. |
| Data specifications | These are outlined in:   * the department’s Food Performance Dataset, as previously described * the Streatrader system documentation. When a food premises registration or notification is approved (class 2–3) or accepted (class 4) by a council, the Streatrader system allocates a unique account reference number to each trader. |
| Inclusions | **Class 2–4 temporary and mobile food premises**  **Registrations and notifications**: A count of temporary and mobile premises and water transport vehicles recorded in Streatrader and comprising:   * class 2–3 premises with a registration status of ‘New’ and ‘Renewal’ as recorded over the period * class 4 premises with an initial notification recorded and class 3 PrimeSafe premises initial notifications.   Unless otherwise stated, the data indicate category type, that is, business or community group/not-for-profit organisation.  Note: premises type is ‘temporary’ or ‘mobile’.  **Class 2–4** **registrations/notifications**: A count of food premises *registrations* (class 2–3) or *notifications* (class 4) under the Act recorded in the Streatrader system as at 31 December 2020 and at 31 December 2021 by the registering business with the principle council. This differs from reports in which ‘*premises’* is the denominator; that is, there may be more than one food premises per registration.  **Class 4 premises:** A count of class 4 temporary and mobile food premises that were in 2020 and 2021. In contrast to class 4 *fixed* food premises (see earlier explanation) these premises must routinely inform councils of where and when they will be trading (excluding vending machines). They do this by lodging a ‘statement of trade’ (SOT) in the Streatrader system. Because these data are entered directly by traders into a statewide data system, comparisons may be made between councils.  **Class 4 initial notifications:** A count of class 4 premises that notified a council of their food selling activities under the Act for the first time during the period**.**  **Community groups:** Refers to not-for-profit bodies, or persons or unincorporated groups of persons undertaking food handling activities solely for the purpose of raising funds for charitable purposes.  **Principal (registering) council**:The principal council is the council the trader needs to register with to sell food in Victoria. This is determined with reference to the following:   * If a business or community group has a place where it routinely prepares or stores food (such as a fixed premises), it must register with the council in whose municipality these activities are taking place. * If all food handling activities take place at a mobile or temporary premises, the business or community group must register with the council in whose municipality its mobile food premises is garaged, or where the equipment for its temporary food premises is stored. * If none of above conditions are applicable, the business or community group must register with the council in whose municipality its main business address is located.   The principal council registers a temporary or mobile food business once on behalf of all state-wide councils. Once registered, the business can trade in any council area across the state, through notifying the relevant council of an intention to trade in its municipality. The registering council is responsible, together with those ‘trading councils’, for monitoring the compliance of the business. The registering and trading councils can take enforcement action when deemed appropriate. |
| Limitations | **Vending machines** are defined as food premises under the Actand are minimally regulated due to the low risk of the foods sold. Only registration/notification data on food vending machines is included in this report.  **Water transport vehicles:** Data on water transport vehicles are generally excluded from this report except for Data report 3: tables 6 and 7. |
| Features and limitations of the data | **Missing and incomplete data – enforcement actions:**  Data on temporary and mobile food premises operating in all 79 Victorian municipalities were available for inclusion in this report, except for enforcement actions taken by councils for breaches of the Act by these premises. The department is collaborating with councils to ensure that these data can be reported in the future. |
| Source | Data on temporary and mobile food premises are sourced directly fromStreatrader, a customised database and software application developed by the department and used by councils to administer Victoria’s statewide registration/notification scheme for these temporary and mobile food premises.  The data in this report draws on information entered into the Streatrader system by food business and community group system users and council officers in Victoria’s 79 municipalities. |

Table 3: All food premises types (fixed, temporary and mobile) – common specifications

| Specifications | Description |
| --- | --- |
| Food premises classifications | The Actclassifies food premises according to the public health risks involved in their food handling activities. There are four classes:   * class 1 – high-risk foods for groups most vulnerable to food-related illness * class 2 – high-risk foods that need correct temperature control at all times to keep them safe * class 3 – unpackaged low-risk foods or pre-packaged high-risk foods, occasional community groups’ ‘cook and serve’ foods * class 4 – other low-risk food handling activities, including pre-packaged low-risk food.   Class 1, 2 and 3 food premises must register annually, while class 4 premises are required to notify councils on a once-off basis. |
| Areas outside municipalities | Food premises data relating to Victoria’s six alpine resorts are included in the figures for the municipalities that manage food safety compliance at these resorts, which is:   * Indigo Shire – Mount Hotham Alpine Resort and Falls Creek Alpine Resort * Mansfield Shire – Mount Stirling Alpine Resort and Mount Buller Alpine resort * Baw Baw Shire – Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort * Murrindindi Shire – Lake Mountain Alpine Resort.   Data for French Island is listed in the figures for the Bass Coast Shire. |
| Other data sources | **Program files, Departmental of Health**  The department’s FSU regulatory and incident management program files were the source of data on:   * **laboratory notifications** of pathogens under Schedule 5 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019 (Vic)* * **complaints** made to the FSU about food and/or food premises * **food recalls** conducted in Australia and Victoria to remove foods that pose a health risk from the distribution chain * **food premises closures by councils** under s. 19 of the Act which enables councils to temporarily order the closure of a food premises to protect public health until major or ongoing problems relating to adequate hygiene and food handling at the premises are remedied. These data are based on information reported by councils.   **Food Safety Register of Convictions, Department of Health**  The tables in this report are based on information provided by councils and on related court records that were placed on the Food Safety Register of Convictions. The register includes prosecutions brought by councils for offences under the Act or the Regulations where a conviction was recorded in 2020 and/or 2021. It does not include prosecutions where the outcome was:   * a finding of guilt but where no conviction was recorded * a finding of not guilty, or where the charges were withdrawn or struck out.   The Act requires councils to provide information about convictions in matters that they have prosecuted or in relation to premises that they have registered or that are in their municipalities. The Act also permits the Secretary of the department to obtain information from other sources for the purpose of ensuring that the information on the register is reliable and verified.  Visit the department’s [Food Safety Register of Convictions](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/food-safety/food-safety-register-of-convictions) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/food-safety/food-safety-register-of-convictions>.  **Food sampling surveillance data**   * **Statutory food surveillance samples** refer to the numbers of samples each council must take from class 1-3 food premises and submit for analysis each year. These are declared annually by the department and published in the Victorian Government Gazette. * **Statutory surveillance** refers to samples taken by councils for the purposes of routine monitoring and regional and statewide surveillance surveys. * **Complaint sampling** refers to samples taken by councils as part of investigation of complaints about food premises from the public or other food premises operators. |
| Features and limitations of the data | **Accuracy and completeness**  While every effort is made to ensure that the data presented in this report are complete and accurate, the report may contain some errors. For example, councils may have under- or over-reported food premises numbers, or incorrectly recorded a food premises as class 1, 2, 3 or 4 at the time when data were collated for this report. Technical data reporting problems, which could not be resolved in time for publication, may also affect the data.  **Rounding**  Note that tables in this report may not add to 100 per cent due to rounding. |

# Data report 1: Classes 1–3 fixed food premises registration status by municipality in Victoria 2020 and 2021

This table includes registration types that are counted from across the whole of 2020 and the whole of 2021.

The data presented here differs from that in that presented in Data report 2 due to different variables being measured. The status of a premises can change throughout the year. Some registrations may have had conditions imposed on them, been revoked or the premises may have been closed by the proprietor and so the status may have been counted more than once after a change occurred.

Table 4: Class 1-3 fixed food premises registration status by municipality across 2020 and 2021

| Council | Initial / new registration 2020 | Renewal of registration 2020 | Closed by proprietor 2020 | Initial/new registration 2021 | Renewal of registration 2021 | Closed by proprietor 2021 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 8 | 215 | 2 | 6 | 215 | 0 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 11 | 133 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banyule City Council | 25 | 709 | 15 | 13 | 730 | 30 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 5 | 380 | 6 | 14 | 387 | 21 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 14 | 429 | 4 | 8 | 442 | 9 |
| Bayside City Council | 23 | 645 | 9 | 13 | 671 | 27 |
| Benalla Rural City | 0 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boroondara City Council | 50 | 1,188 | 21 | 22 | 1,240 | 53 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 5 | 67 | 2 | 0 | 77 | 1 |
| Brimbank City Council | 43 | 1,150 | 33 | 25 | 1,215 | 26 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 2 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 35 | 318 | 3 | 42 | 318 | 11 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 47 | 612 | 21 | 22 | 653 | 37 |
| Casey City Council | 80 | 1,496 | 30 | 65 | 1,641 | 45 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 2 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 0 |
| City of Ballarat | 98 | 855 | 2 | 132 | 871 | 1 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 8 | 286 | 1 | 6 | 293 | 6 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 32 | 249 | 26 | 45 | 250 | 34 |
| Darebin City Council | 26 | 1,228 | 27 | 35 | 1,268 | 27 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 5 | 476 | 0 | 8 | 474 | 0 |
| Frankston City Council | 3 | 757 | 0 | 10 | 804 | 0 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 0 | 100 | 0 | 6 | 97 | 2 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 28 | 961 | 26 | 36 | 1,032 | 58 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 7 | 177 | 3 | 12 | 175 | 10 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 5 | 133 | 2 | 1 | 143 | 5 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 9 | 879 | 91 | 72 | 824 | 112 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 31 | 1,255 | 17 | 9 | 1,162 | 24 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 29 | 1,961 | 256 | 0 | 2,067 | 322 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 9 | 503 | 0 | 9 | 516 | 0 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 0 | 114 | 4 | 0 | 131 | 1 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 15 | 635 | 22 | 16 | 693 | 63 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 8 | 190 | 4 | 5 | 193 | 9 |
| Hume City Council | 61 | 1,302 | 17 | 31 | 1,450 | 62 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 7 | 258 | 7 | 7 | 277 | 20 |
| Kingston City Council | 31 | 1,367 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Knox City Council | 27 | 976 | 40 | 17 | 1,013 | 94 |
| Latrobe City Council | 8 | 541 | 6 | 11 | 558 | 12 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 5 | 106 | 1 | 4 | 120 | 3 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 16 | 390 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manningham City Council | 31 | 682 | 19 | 19 | 775 | 41 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 3 | 175 | 3 | 5 | 180 | 4 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 20 | 874 | 31 | 19 | 908 | 37 |
| Maroondah City Council | 7 | 765 | 114 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melbourne City Council | 547 | 3,267 | 0 | 406 | 3,281 | 0 |
| Melton City Council | 62 | 566 | 7 | 25 | 722 | 17 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 13 | 525 | 16 | 22 | 540 | 10 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 8 | 280 | 5 | 16 | 296 | 11 |
| Moira Shire Council | 8 | 252 | 8 | 5 | 273 | 14 |
| Monash City Council | 14 | 1,269 | 82 | 4 | 1,168 | 115 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 26 | 839 | 20 | 13 | 858 | 31 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 11 | 210 | 5 | 12 | 229 | 5 |
| Moreland City Council | 40 | 1,267 | 70 | 42 | 1,267 | 124 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 134 | 1,195 | 18 | 132 | 1,185 | 45 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 6 | 216 | 3 | 6 | 211 | 4 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 110 | 97 | 9 | 173 | 31 | 6 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 9 | 187 | 3 | 7 | 197 | 5 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 8 | 343 | 0 | 15 | 343 | 0 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 6 | 169 | 1 | 24 | 144 | 0 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 31 | 1,084 | 63 | 18 | 1,097 | 44 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 2 | 86 | 1 | 0 | 90 | 3 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 2 | 347 | 0 | 0 | 368 | 0 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 3 | 178 | 6 | 4 | 170 | 10 |
| Stonnington City Council | 43 | 1,195 | 27 | 29 | 1,195 | 40 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 3 | 125 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 18 | 388 | 13 | 8 | 391 | 21 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 19 | 218 | 0 | 21 | 222 | 0 |
| Towong Shire Council | 1 | 70 | 3 | 1 | 69 | 8 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 4 | 234 | 8 | 5 | 261 | 3 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 3 | 331 | 2 | 6 | 331 | 3 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 0 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 1 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 23 | 1,096 | 19 | 8 | 1,112 | 51 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 40 | 1,132 | 21 | 21 | 1,223 | 31 |
| Wodonga City Council | 6 | 263 | 25 | 4 | 258 | 30 |
| Wyndham City Council | 153 | 1,160 | 0 | 179 | 1,263 | 0 |
| Yarra City Council | 215 | 1,121 | 40 | 139 | 1,176 | 42 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 36 | 1,128 | 17 | 15 | 851 | 35 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 2 | 91 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 0 |
| **Grand total** | **2,486** | **46,938** | **1,446** | **2,139** | **43,430** | **1,667** |

# Data report 2: Class 1–3 fixed food premises registrations by municipality and class in Victoria in 2020 and 2021

The Act requires class 1, 2 and 3 food premises to register annually with their responsible council. Class 4 food premises must notify the responsible council of the basic details of the food premises on a one-off basis. Class 4 fixed premises, which handle only low-risk foods, are excluded from this table.

Please note, data in this table is taken as a ‘point in time’. The data reflects registrations as of 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2021.

Table 5: Class 1–3 fixed food premises registrations by municipality and class in 2020 and 2021

| Council | Class 1  2020 | Class 2  2020 | Class 3  2020 | Class 1  2021 | Class 2  2021 | Class 3  2021 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 8 | 162 | 55 | 8 | 158 | 55 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 10 | 101 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banyule City Council | 62 | 490 | 197 | 56 | 544 | 173 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 13 | 331 | 47 | 13 | 349 | 60 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 19 | 331 | 97 | 20 | 344 | 95 |
| Bayside City Council | 52 | 515 | 110 | 55 | 545 | 111 |
| Benalla Rural City | 8 | 94 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boroondara City Council | 90 | 956 | 213 | 95 | 995 | 225 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 1 | 58 | 15 | 1 | 61 | 16 |
| Brimbank City Council | 68 | 898 | 260 | 72 | 921 | 273 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 6 | 52 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 15 | 261 | 79 | 15 | 272 | 83 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 46 | 435 | 199 | 49 | 464 | 199 |
| Casey City Council | 124 | 1,023 | 459 | 136 | 1,119 | 496 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 8 | 79 | 14 | 8 | 76 | 15 |
| City of Ballarat | 65 | 693 | 191 | 66 | 728 | 202 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 9 | 235 | 51 | 9 | 246 | 50 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 10 | 200 | 96 | 10 | 211 | 106 |
| Darebin City Council | 68 | 958 | 255 | 68 | 996 | 266 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 25 | 332 | 124 | 25 | 337 | 122 |
| Frankston City Council | 67 | 533 | 155 | 70 | 578 | 163 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 4 | 64 | 32 | 4 | 68 | 33 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 65 | 770 | 180 | 73 | 841 | 212 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 9 | 139 | 39 | 9 | 153 | 35 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 4 | 105 | 31 | 4 | 112 | 33 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 51 | 697 | 180 | 53 | 723 | 179 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 71 | 833 | 399 | 68 | 743 | 384 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 110 | 1,718 | 310 | 111 | 1,823 | 345 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 33 | 349 | 124 | 35 | 353 | 127 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 6 | 82 | 30 | 6 | 97 | 29 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 39 | 506 | 127 | 41 | 581 | 150 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 8 | 143 | 51 | 8 | 148 | 51 |
| Hume City Council | 81 | 997 | 302 | 85 | 1128 | 330 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 9 | 180 | 83 | 8 | 196 | 100 |
| Kingston City Council | 75 | 955 | 395 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Knox City Council | 74 | 688 | 278 | 76 | 716 | 325 |
| Latrobe City Council | 33 | 413 | 109 | 32 | 431 | 118 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 2 | 78 | 32 | 2 | 87 | 38 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 16 | 298 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manningham City Council | 61 | 529 | 142 | 62 | 556 | 141 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 3 | 128 | 50 | 3 | 133 | 53 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 33 | 721 | 171 | 34 | 750 | 180 |
| Maroondah City Council | 64 | 588 | 234 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melbourne City Council | 69 | 3,308 | 392 | 69 | 3,192 | 383 |
| Melton City Council | 51 | 448 | 136 | 60 | 534 | 170 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 25 | 391 | 138 | 24 | 403 | 145 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 15 | 226 | 52 | 15 | 251 | 57 |
| Moira Shire Council | 15 | 205 | 48 | 15 | 206 | 71 |
| Monash City Council | 92 | 944 | 326 | 90 | 899 | 297 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 46 | 736 | 103 | 47 | 755 | 100 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 11 | 164 | 51 | 14 | 177 | 55 |
| Moreland City Council | 70 | 1,015 | 284 | 71 | 1,066 | 288 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 71 | 915 | 250 | 73 | 939 | 240 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 5 | 151 | 69 | 5 | 145 | 71 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 3 | 129 | 64 | 3 | 128 | 62 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 5 | 134 | 60 | 5 | 133 | 71 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 24 | 232 | 95 | 24 | 241 | 93 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 7 | 131 | 34 | 7 | 125 | 29 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 35 | 1,007 | 136 | 35 | 996 | 128 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 2 | 66 | 21 | 2 | 69 | 22 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 9 | 229 | 85 | 9 | 243 | 90 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 6 | 144 | 37 | 6 | 145 | 33 |
| Stonnington City Council | 46 | 1,068 | 151 | 47 | 1,086 | 131 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 5 | 101 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 16 | 312 | 91 | 17 | 308 | 95 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 13 | 151 | 67 | 13 | 154 | 70 |
| Towong Shire Council | 3 | 44 | 27 | 3 | 48 | 27 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 14 | 168 | 64 | 14 | 184 | 71 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 17 | 267 | 52 | 16 | 264 | 60 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 1 | 34 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 6 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 2 | 53 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 81 | 865 | 192 | 87 | 898 | 186 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 81 | 852 | 260 | 81 | 902 | 292 |
| Wodonga City Council | 20 | 204 | 66 | 19 | 203 | 66 |
| Wyndham City Council | 97 | 847 | 260 | 107 | 925 | 301 |
| Yarra City Council | 48 | 1,135 | 192 | 47 | 1,116 | 196 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 56 | 853 | 272 | 48 | 657 | 196 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 4 | 76 | 13 | 4 | 76 | 12 |
| **Grand total** | **2,690** | **37,323** | **10,293** | **2,568** | **36,076** | **9,687** |

# Data report 3: Class 2–4 temporary and mobile food premises by municipality, class, and premises type, Victoria 2020

Under Victoria’s statewide system for registration/notification of a mobile food premises (such as a food van) or a temporary food premises (such as a market stall), one council is primarily responsible for, and approves the registration of, a business’s food handling operations. This council is known as the principal council or registering council.

An individual registration can apply to one or more temporary or mobile food premises. For instance, a registered business may operate several food vans (premises) under its single registration.

Tables 6 and 7 reflect the number of registered or notified premises managed by councils in 2020 and 2021. The status of a premises can change throughout the year from registered to unregistered and back again, such as when a premises has been temporarily closed and then reopened by a proprietor. In these circumstances a premises may be counted more than once in a period as changes occur to its registered status.

‘PrimeSafe notifications’ in this table refers to a licensed meat transport vehicles that sell meat at a market.

Table 6: Class 2–4 temporary and mobile food premises by municipality, class, and premises type, 2020

| Council | Mobile premises  class 2 – 2020 | Mobile premises class 3 – 2020 | Mobile premises class 4 – 2020 | PrimeSafe premises class 3 – 2020 | Temporary premises class 2 – 2020 | Temporary premises class 3 – 2020 | Temporary premises class 4 – 2020 | Vending machines  class 2 – 2020 | Vending machines  class 3 – 2020 | Vending machines  class 4 – 2020 | Water transport class 3 – 2020 | Total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 17 | 11 | 3 |  | 40 | 47 | 84 |  |  |  |  | 202 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 11 | 3 | 2 |  | 31 | 31 | 62 |  |  |  | 4 | 144 |
| Banyule City Council | 9 | 11 | 8 |  | 46 | 47 | 655 |  |  | 2 | 4 | 782 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 19 | 13 | 9 |  | 76 | 66 | 216 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 401 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 25 | 17 | 13 | 7 | 63 | 86 | 326 |  |  |  | 5 | 542 |
| Bayside City Council | 23 | 11 | 7 |  | 67 | 53 | 433 |  |  |  |  | 594 |
| Benalla Rural City | 8 | 5 | 2 |  | 19 | 30 | 68 |  |  |  | 3 | 135 |
| Boroondara City Council | 10 | 9 | 10 |  | 175 | 149 | 795 |  |  | 2 |  | 1150 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 4 |  | 1 |  | 6 | 7 | 18 |  |  |  |  | 36 |
| Brimbank City Council | 62 | 18 | 18 |  | 69 | 38 | 548 |  |  |  |  | 753 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 5 | 3 | 2 |  | 17 | 15 | 45 |  |  |  |  | 87 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 21 | 27 | 8 | 1 | 26 | 29 | 284 |  |  | 1 | 25 | 422 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 52 | 29 | 19 | 3 | 81 | 101 | 787 |  |  |  | 11 | 1083 |
| Casey City Council | 109 | 68 | 25 | 2 | 148 | 88 | 1321 |  | 1 | 3 |  | 1765 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 19 | 13 | 93 |  |  |  | 3 | 147 |
| City of Ballarat | 38 | 29 | 19 | 1 | 95 | 86 | 655 |  |  | 3 | 3 | 929 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 12 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 70 | 53 | 158 |  |  |  |  | 312 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 9 | 11 | 3 |  | 25 | 29 | 98 |  |  |  | 3 | 178 |
| Darebin City Council | 75 | 27 | 9 |  | 95 | 91 | 472 |  |  | 1 |  | 770 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 33 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 83 | 75 | 148 |  | 45 |  | 8 | 419 |
| Frankston City Council | 34 | 21 | 3 |  | 45 | 52 | 498 |  |  | 2 |  | 655 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 5 | 4 |  |  | 27 | 20 | 51 |  |  |  | 3 | 110 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 22 | 25 | 4 |  | 94 | 71 | 442 |  |  | 2 |  | 660 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 10 | 19 | 4 |  | 20 | 38 | 77 |  |  |  | 3 | 171 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 22 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 47 | 31 | 67 |  |  |  | 7 | 187 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 43 | 45 | 24 |  | 60 | 84 | 1010 |  |  | 1 | 31 | 1298 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 40 | 22 | 10 |  | 145 | 103 | 486 |  |  | 4 |  | 810 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 79 | 59 | 10 | 1 | 63 | 97 | 225 |  |  | 3 |  | 537 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 36 | 22 | 17 | 1 | 56 | 49 | 419 |  |  |  | 4 | 604 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 9 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 41 | 66 | 226 |  |  |  | 1 | 364 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 2 | 2 |  |  | 29 | 18 | 16 |  |  |  |  | 67 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 24 | 27 | 4 |  | 50 | 45 | 368 |  |  |  |  | 518 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 12 | 4 |  |  | 23 | 13 | 110 |  |  |  | 2 | 164 |
| Hume City Council | 142 | 16 | 26 |  | 130 | 67 | 922 |  |  | 1 | 9 | 1313 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 19 | 13 | 8 | 2 | 112 | 107 | 200 |  |  |  | 2 | 463 |
| Kingston City Council | 66 | 19 | 17 | 1 | 88 | 128 | 947 |  |  | 6 | 2 | 1274 |
| Knox City Council | 53 | 111 | 11 |  | 42 | 49 | 875 |  | 10 | 1 |  | 1152 |
| Latrobe City Council | 29 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 113 | 96 | 382 |  |  |  |  | 643 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 6 | 1 | 1 |  | 31 | 8 | 64 |  |  |  | 3 | 114 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 19 | 15 | 12 |  | 66 | 64 | 301 |  |  | 1 | 6 | 484 |
| Manningham City Council | 25 | 11 |  |  | 68 | 72 | 250 |  |  |  |  | 426 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 17 | 13 |  |  | 41 | 38 | 46 |  |  |  | 10 | 165 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 27 | 1 | 10 |  | 73 | 49 | 403 |  | 2 | 3 |  | 568 |
| Maroondah City Council | 21 | 9 |  |  | 24 | 55 | 327 |  |  | 1 |  | 437 |
| Melbourne City Council | 72 | 26 | 8 | 2 | 439 | 383 | 1254 |  | 5 | 3 |  | 2192 |
| Melton City Council | 74 | 29 | 13 |  | 65 | 78 | 549 |  |  | 3 | 2 | 813 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 59 | 33 | 21 |  | 74 | 95 | 581 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 865 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 17 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 36 | 33 | 250 |  |  |  | 12 | 363 |
| Moira Shire Council | 25 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 68 | 45 | 191 |  |  |  | 13 | 358 |
| Monash City Council | 25 | 25 | 15 |  | 100 | 105 | 941 |  | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1216 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 32 | 9 | 5 |  | 94 | 73 | 367 |  |  | 2 | 2 | 584 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 29 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 29 | 28 | 161 |  |  | 1 | 3 | 269 |
| Moreland City Council | 67 | 15 | 18 | 3 | 242 | 161 | 716 |  |  | 1 |  | 1223 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 51 | 33 | 7 | 4 | 122 | 180 | 928 |  |  | 3 | 4 | 1332 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 14 | 7 | 6 |  | 54 | 65 | 202 |  |  |  | 3 | 351 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 13 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 61 | 59 | 98 |  | 2 |  | 2 | 255 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 21 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 56 | 84 | 196 |  |  |  | 6 | 382 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 8 | 12 | 5 |  | 23 | 48 | 656 |  | 4 |  | 1 | 757 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 53 | 31 | 58 |  |  | 4 | 2 | 159 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 49 | 11 | 17 |  | 163 | 141 | 515 | 1 |  | 2 |  | 899 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 21 | 90 |  |  |  | 6 | 151 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 13 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 83 | 97 | 258 |  |  | 1 | 7 | 479 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 10 | 8 | 4 |  | 108 | 58 | 108 |  |  |  | 1 | 297 |
| Stonnington City Council | 15 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 109 | 55 | 362 |  |  |  |  | 553 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 11 | 6 | 7 |  | 38 | 49 | 115 |  |  |  | 2 | 228 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 35 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 47 | 107 | 203 |  |  | 2 | 3 | 420 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 13 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 35 | 277 |  |  |  | 8 | 378 |
| Towong Shire Council | 7 | 4 | 6 |  | 22 | 22 | 75 |  |  |  | 3 | 139 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 27 | 9 | 18 |  | 47 | 51 | 200 |  | 1 |  | 3 | 356 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 21 | 16 | 2 |  | 67 | 32 | 311 |  |  |  | 6 | 455 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 33 | 11 | 8 | 5 | 45 | 60 | 347 |  |  |  | 2 | 511 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 10 | 4 |  |  | 18 | 16 | 42 |  |  | 1 |  | 91 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 7 | 4 | 5 |  | 67 | 42 | 725 |  | 1 | 6 |  | 857 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 50 | 32 | 12 | 4 | 125 | 109 | 643 |  | 5 | 4 | 2 | 986 |
| Wodonga City Council | 37 | 23 | 3 | 4 | 79 | 55 | 229 |  |  |  | 1 | 431 |
| Wyndham City Council | 120 | 26 | 10 |  | 140 | 146 | 356 |  |  | 1 |  | 799 |
| Yarra City Council | 30 | 15 | 3 |  | 127 | 87 | 362 |  |  |  |  | 624 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 89 | 33 | 17 | 6 | 112 | 171 | 1,261 | 1 |  | 1 | 13 | 1,704 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 12 | 2 | 3 |  | 42 | 18 | 64 |  |  |  |  | 141 |
| **Grand total** | **2,419** | **1,299** | **621** | **89** | **5,744** | **5,394** | **29,669** | **2** | **78** | **77** | **261** | **45,653** |

Table 7: Class 2–4 temporary and mobile food premises by municipality, class, and premises type, 2021

| Council | Mobile premises  class 2 – 2021 | Mobile premises class 3 – 2021 | Mobile premises class 4 – 2021 | PrimeSafe premises class 3 – 2021 | Temporary premises class 2 – 2021 | Temporary premises class 3 – 2021 | Temporary premises class 4 – 2021 | Vending machines  class 2 – 2021 | Vending machines  class 3 – 2021 | Vending machines  class 4 – 2021 | Water transport class 3 – 2021 | Total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 15 | 12 | 3 |  | 44 | 42 | 90 |  |  |  |  | 206 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 12 | 4 | 2 |  | 31 | 29 | 26 |  |  |  | 4 | 108 |
| Banyule City Council | 13 | 14 | 8 |  | 46 | 53 | 701 |  |  | 2 | 4 | 841 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 25 | 23 | 8 |  | 84 | 75 | 229 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 446 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 21 | 20 | 14 | 7 | 54 | 68 | 351 |  |  |  | 5 | 540 |
| Bayside City Council | 27 | 16 | 8 |  | 77 | 63 | 448 |  |  |  |  | 639 |
| Benalla Rural City | 12 | 10 | 2 |  | 32 | 32 | 67 |  |  |  | 3 | 158 |
| Boroondara City Council | 13 | 7 | 10 |  | 100 | 113 | 836 |  |  | 1 |  | 1,080 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 3 |  | 1 |  | 7 | 5 | 19 |  |  |  |  | 35 |
| Brimbank City Council | 60 | 12 | 19 |  | 55 | 28 | 565 |  |  |  |  | 739 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 7 | 2 | 2 |  | 18 | 16 | 44 |  |  |  |  | 89 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 21 | 22 | 10 | 2 | 25 | 34 | 295 |  |  | 1 | 22 | 432 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 51 | 28 | 16 | 4 | 57 | 77 | 806 |  |  |  | 10 | 1,049 |
| Casey City Council | 113 | 62 | 25 | 1 | 116 | 63 | 1,381 |  | 2 | 5 |  | 1,768 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 93 |  |  |  | 4 | 140 |
| City of Ballarat | 42 | 31 | 18 | 1 | 94 | 92 | 708 |  |  | 3 | 3 | 992 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 49 | 44 | 164 |  |  |  |  | 283 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 9 | 12 | 3 |  | 19 | 28 | 103 |  |  |  | 3 | 177 |
| Darebin City Council | 83 | 25 | 10 |  | 89 | 97 | 509 |  |  | 2 |  | 815 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 45 | 19 | 5 | 7 | 87 | 77 | 163 |  | 45 |  | 7 | 455 |
| Frankston City Council | 38 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 53 | 532 |  |  | 4 |  | 689 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 6 | 4 |  |  | 28 | 19 | 54 |  |  |  | 3 | 114 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 21 | 18 | 4 |  | 75 | 62 | 456 |  |  | 2 |  | 638 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 11 | 19 | 4 |  | 26 | 34 | 76 |  |  |  | 4 | 174 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 22 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 37 | 32 | 84 |  |  |  | 5 | 193 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 55 | 52 | 23 |  | 64 | 89 | 1054 |  |  | 3 | 25 | 1,365 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 39 | 22 | 10 |  | 126 | 78 | 498 |  |  | 3 |  | 776 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 79 | 54 | 11 | 1 | 62 | 93 | 277 |  |  | 3 |  | 580 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 39 | 22 | 17 | 3 | 45 | 50 | 436 |  |  |  | 5 | 617 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 10 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 42 | 68 | 239 |  |  |  | 1 | 380 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 4 | 2 |  |  | 30 | 23 | 18 |  |  |  |  | 77 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 24 | 28 | 4 |  | 43 | 39 | 373 |  |  |  |  | 511 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 11 | 7 |  |  | 23 | 15 | 120 |  |  |  | 2 | 178 |
| Hume City Council | 152 | 19 | 27 | 1 | 111 | 63 | 974 | 2 |  | 2 | 9 | 1,360 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 17 | 15 | 9 | 2 | 115 | 108 | 211 |  |  |  | 2 | 479 |
| Kingston City Council | 73 | 26 | 17 | 1 | 90 | 142 | 978 |  |  | 6 | 2 | 1335 |
| Knox City Council | 56 | 118 | 11 |  | 36 | 52 | 926 |  | 10 | 1 |  | 1,210 |
| Latrobe City Council | 26 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 98 | 85 | 397 |  |  |  |  | 634 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 5 | 2 | 1 |  | 31 | 8 | 65 |  |  |  | 3 | 115 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 21 | 19 | 12 |  | 67 | 77 | 325 |  |  | 1 | 4 | 526 |
| Manningham City Council | 23 | 12 |  |  | 46 | 63 | 128 |  |  |  |  | 272 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 19 | 15 |  |  | 32 | 32 | 52 |  |  |  | 8 | 158 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 24 | 2 | 10 |  | 58 | 40 | 428 |  |  | 3 |  | 565 |
| Maroondah City Council | 20 | 8 |  |  | 25 | 46 | 240 |  |  | 1 |  | 340 |
| Melbourne City Council | 83 | 28 | 8 | 2 | 441 | 357 | 1,285 |  | 5 | 3 |  | 2,212 |
| Melton City Council | 84 | 26 | 14 |  | 51 | 67 | 582 |  |  | 5 | 2 | 831 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 58 | 32 | 21 |  | 75 | 83 | 593 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 864 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 16 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 36 | 35 | 284 |  |  |  | 12 | 397 |
| Moira Shire Council | 27 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 65 | 49 | 197 |  |  |  | 11 | 365 |
| Monash City Council | 29 | 27 | 14 |  | 125 | 97 | 983 |  | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1,281 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 35 | 13 | 6 |  | 95 | 59 | 377 |  |  | 2 | 2 | 589 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 33 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 25 | 33 | 170 |  |  | 1 | 4 | 284 |
| Moreland City Council | 54 | 13 | 18 | 2 | 130 | 86 | 741 |  |  | 2 |  | 1,046 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 57 | 36 | 3 | 4 | 106 | 194 | 537 |  |  | 3 | 11 | 951 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 14 | 7 | 6 |  | 51 | 73 | 205 |  |  |  | 4 | 360 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 11 | 12 | 9 | 1 | 61 | 63 | 100 |  | 2 |  |  | 259 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 24 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 59 | 94 | 211 |  |  |  | 17 | 425 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 10 | 11 | 5 |  | 31 | 58 | 681 |  | 4 |  | 1 | 801 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 49 | 26 | 61 |  |  | 3 | 2 | 151 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 30 | 12 | 18 |  | 119 | 126 | 528 |  |  | 2 |  | 835 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 19 | 88 |  |  | 1 | 6 | 134 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 13 | 12 | 4 | 8 | 80 | 90 | 259 |  |  |  | 3 | 469 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 11 | 6 | 4 |  | 105 | 57 | 118 |  |  |  | 1 | 302 |
| Stonnington City Council | 19 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 125 | 64 | 372 |  |  |  |  | 596 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 13 | 7 | 7 |  | 40 | 56 | 122 |  |  |  | 2 | 247 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 35 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 45 | 86 | 216 |  |  | 2 | 3 | 411 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 12 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 31 | 293 |  |  |  | 7 | 387 |
| Towong Shire Council | 10 | 5 | 6 |  | 25 | 35 | 84 |  |  |  | 3 | 168 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 26 | 11 | 18 |  | 45 | 59 | 218 |  | 1 |  | 2 | 380 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 23 | 18 | 3 |  | 68 | 42 | 328 |  |  |  | 6 | 488 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 38 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 53 | 62 | 370 |  |  |  | 8 | 559 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 11 | 3 |  |  | 19 | 14 | 47 |  |  | 1 |  | 95 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 10 | 5 | 4 |  | 53 | 39 | 767 |  | 1 | 6 |  | 885 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 60 | 29 | 14 | 4 | 91 | 96 | 673 |  | 5 | 4 | 1 | 977 |
| Wodonga City Council | 41 | 20 | 2 | 5 | 60 | 50 | 192 |  |  |  | 1 | 371 |
| Wyndham City Council | 150 | 22 | 12 |  | 149 | 150 | 387 |  |  | 1 |  | 871 |
| Yarra City Council | 20 | 11 | 3 |  | 87 | 82 | 376 |  |  |  |  | 579 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 85 | 32 | 12 | 7 | 106 | 136 | 633 | 1 | 1 |  | 14 | 1,027 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 18 | 2 | 4 |  | 45 | 21 | 68 |  |  |  |  | 158 |
| **Grand total** | **2,555** | **1,324** | **629** | **100** | **5,204** | **5107** | **29,685** | **3** | **78** | **85** | **263** | **45,033** |

# Data report 4: Class 2–3 temporary and mobile registrations by registering council and business type, Victoria 2020 and 2021

Under Victoria’s state-wide system for single registration or notification of a mobile food premises (such as a food van) or a temporary food premises (such as a market stall), one council only is responsible for the registration of a premises. This council is known as the principal or registering council.

A registering organisation is categorised as either a business or a community group.

Tables 8 and 9 below reflect the number of registration applications made to council by businesses or community groups in 2020 and 2021.

Table 8: Class 2–3 temporary and mobile registrations by registering councils and business type, 2020

| Council | Business Class 2 | Business Class 3 | Business Class 4 | Community Group Class 2 | Community Group Class 3 | Community Group Class 4 | Community Group Total | Total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 44 | 42 | 53 | 13 | 16 | 34 | 63 | 202 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 13 | 29 | 37 | 29 | 9 | 27 | 65 | 144 |
| Banyule City Council | 30 | 34 | 74 | 25 | 28 | 591 | 644 | 782 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 72 | 55 | 74 | 23 | 25 | 152 | 200 | 401 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 46 | 93 | 126 | 42 | 22 | 213 | 277 | 542 |
| Bayside City Council | 60 | 42 | 101 | 30 | 22 | 339 | 391 | 594 |
| Benalla Rural City | 12 | 22 | 24 | 15 | 16 | 46 | 77 | 135 |
| Boroondara City Council | 90 | 78 | 163 | 95 | 80 | 644 | 819 | 1,150 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 24 | 36 |
| Brimbank City Council | 122 | 47 | 140 | 9 | 9 | 426 | 444 | 753 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 10 | 5 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 31 | 56 | 87 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 22 | 66 | 94 | 25 | 16 | 199 | 240 | 422 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 114 | 100 | 194 | 19 | 44 | 612 | 675 | 1,083 |
| Casey City Council | 224 | 135 | 246 | 33 | 24 | 1,103 | 1,160 | 1,765 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 14 | 14 | 33 | 14 | 9 | 63 | 86 | 147 |
| City of Ballarat | 109 | 95 | 134 | 24 | 24 | 543 | 591 | 929 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 48 | 50 | 74 | 34 | 18 | 88 | 140 | 312 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 20 | 33 | 22 | 14 | 10 | 79 | 103 | 178 |
| Darebin City Council | 162 | 117 | 121 | 8 | 1 | 361 | 370 | 770 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 70 | 113 | 52 | 46 | 37 | 101 | 184 | 419 |
| Frankston City Council | 70 | 55 | 69 | 9 | 18 | 434 | 461 | 655 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 13 | 14 | 24 | 19 | 13 | 27 | 59 | 110 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 84 | 71 | 105 | 32 | 25 | 343 | 400 | 660 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 20 | 40 | 31 | 10 | 20 | 50 | 80 | 171 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 47 | 28 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 49 | 91 | 187 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 82 | 115 | 252 | 21 | 45 | 783 | 849 | 1,298 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 131 | 79 | 116 | 54 | 46 | 384 | 484 | 810 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 138 | 141 | 104 | 4 | 16 | 134 | 154 | 537 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 58 | 53 | 89 | 34 | 23 | 347 | 404 | 604 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 39 | 62 | 125 | 11 | 19 | 108 | 138 | 364 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 6 | 3 | 5 | 25 | 17 | 11 | 53 | 67 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 59 | 54 | 93 | 15 | 18 | 279 | 312 | 518 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 27 | 14 | 39 | 8 | 5 | 71 | 84 | 164 |
| Hume City Council | 247 | 75 | 247 | 25 | 17 | 702 | 744 | 1,313 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 70 | 73 | 94 | 61 | 51 | 114 | 226 | 463 |
| Kingston City Council | 131 | 123 | 183 | 23 | 27 | 787 | 837 | 1,274 |
| Knox City Council | 75 | 159 | 138 | 20 | 11 | 749 | 780 | 1,152 |
| Latrobe City Council | 70 | 45 | 53 | 72 | 66 | 337 | 475 | 643 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 10 | 6 | 25 | 27 | 6 | 40 | 73 | 114 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 55 | 56 | 102 | 30 | 29 | 212 | 271 | 484 |
| Manningham City Council | 65 | 50 | 54 | 28 | 33 | 196 | 257 | 426 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 39 | 43 | 29 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 54 | 165 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 85 | 48 | 84 | 15 | 4 | 332 | 351 | 568 |
| Maroondah City Council | 38 | 45 | 51 | 7 | 19 | 277 | 303 | 437 |
| Melbourne City Council | 452 | 382 | 900 | 59 | 34 | 365 | 458 | 2,192 |
| Melton City Council | 116 | 77 | 131 | 23 | 32 | 434 | 489 | 813 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 91 | 77 | 196 | 42 | 52 | 407 | 501 | 865 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 34 | 42 | 72 | 19 | 13 | 183 | 215 | 363 |
| Moira Shire Council | 40 | 42 | 75 | 53 | 24 | 124 | 201 | 358 |
| Monash City Council | 85 | 99 | 172 | 40 | 33 | 787 | 860 | 1,216 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 87 | 60 | 71 | 39 | 24 | 303 | 366 | 584 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 49 | 32 | 70 | 9 | 11 | 98 | 118 | 269 |
| Moreland City Council | 268 | 146 | 182 | 41 | 33 | 553 | 627 | 1,223 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 139 | 167 | 183 | 34 | 54 | 755 | 843 | 1,332 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 44 | 53 | 75 | 24 | 22 | 133 | 179 | 351 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 43 | 51 | 33 | 31 | 24 | 73 | 128 | 255 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 43 | 55 | 89 | 34 | 47 | 114 | 195 | 382 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 26 | 59 | 120 | 5 | 6 | 541 | 552 | 757 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 27 | 25 | 25 | 31 | 12 | 39 | 82 | 159 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 206 | 131 | 214 | 7 | 21 | 320 | 348 | 899 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 22 | 27 | 38 | 5 | 6 | 53 | 64 | 151 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 32 | 82 | 113 | 64 | 38 | 150 | 252 | 479 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 36 | 40 | 33 | 82 | 27 | 79 | 188 | 297 |
| Stonnington City Council | 89 | 36 | 130 | 35 | 22 | 241 | 298 | 553 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 21 | 29 | 58 | 28 | 28 | 64 | 120 | 228 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 61 | 95 | 55 | 21 | 32 | 156 | 209 | 420 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 33 | 36 | 101 | 8 | 21 | 179 | 208 | 378 |
| Towong Shire Council | 14 | 13 | 30 | 15 | 16 | 51 | 82 | 139 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 61 | 55 | 99 | 13 | 9 | 119 | 141 | 356 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 60 | 35 | 43 | 28 | 19 | 270 | 317 | 455 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 54 | 45 | 78 | 24 | 33 | 277 | 334 | 511 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 19 | 7 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 30 | 52 | 91 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 34 | 26 | 110 | 40 | 21 | 626 | 687 | 857 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 139 | 103 | 143 | 36 | 49 | 516 | 601 | 986 |
| Wodonga City Council | 86 | 62 | 39 | 30 | 21 | 193 | 244 | 431 |
| Wyndham City Council | 214 | 80 | 76 | 46 | 92 | 291 | 429 | 799 |
| **Yarra City Council** | 124 | 86 | 125 | 33 | 16 | 240 | 289 | 624 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 152 | 176 | 384 | 50 | 47 | 895 | 992 | 1,704 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 21 | 10 | 14 | 33 | 10 | 53 | 96 | 141 |
| **Grand total** | **5,969** | **5,167** | **8,203** | **2,196** | **1,954** | **22,164** | **26,314** | **45,653** |

Table 9: Class 2–3 temporary and mobile registrations by registering councils and business type, 2021

| Council | Business Class 2 | Business Class 3 | Business Class 4 | Community Group Class 2 | Community Group Class 3 | Community Group Class 4 | Community Group Total | Total |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 47 | 40 | 56 | 12 | 14 | 37 | 63 | 206 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 15 | 32 | 22 | 28 | 5 | 6 | 39 | 108 |
| Banyule City Council | 36 | 43 | 79 | 23 | 28 | 632 | 683 | 841 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 82 | 71 | 77 | 27 | 28 | 161 | 216 | 446 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 35 | 77 | 134 | 40 | 23 | 231 | 294 | 540 |
| Bayside City Council | 73 | 49 | 103 | 31 | 30 | 353 | 414 | 639 |
| Benalla Rural City | 23 | 28 | 22 | 21 | 17 | 47 | 85 | 158 |
| Boroondara City Council | 66 | 71 | 168 | 47 | 49 | 679 | 775 | 1,080 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 5 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 18 | 25 | 35 |
| Brimbank City Council | 109 | 32 | 145 | 6 | 8 | 439 | 453 | 739 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 10 | 6 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 29 | 56 | 89 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 26 | 64 | 100 | 20 | 16 | 206 | 242 | 432 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 101 | 90 | 200 | 7 | 29 | 622 | 658 | 1,049 |
| Casey City Council | 206 | 114 | 258 | 23 | 14 | 1,153 | 1,190 | 1,768 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 13 | 14 | 34 | 9 | 8 | 62 | 79 | 140 |
| City of Ballarat | 114 | 109 | 143 | 22 | 18 | 586 | 626 | 992 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 40 | 41 | 77 | 21 | 13 | 91 | 125 | 283 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 20 | 33 | 26 | 8 | 10 | 80 | 98 | 177 |
| Darebin City Council | 166 | 116 | 133 | 6 | 6 | 388 | 400 | 815 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 85 | 115 | 58 | 47 | 40 | 110 | 197 | 455 |
| Frankston City Council | 69 | 56 | 76 | 9 | 16 | 463 | 488 | 689 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 14 | 11 | 27 | 20 | 15 | 27 | 62 | 114 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 72 | 60 | 111 | 24 | 20 | 351 | 395 | 638 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 23 | 41 | 31 | 14 | 16 | 49 | 79 | 174 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 37 | 24 | 28 | 22 | 22 | 60 | 104 | 193 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 96 | 121 | 267 | 23 | 45 | 813 | 881 | 1,365 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 122 | 66 | 120 | 43 | 34 | 391 | 468 | 776 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 136 | 136 | 117 | 5 | 12 | 174 | 191 | 580 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 56 | 57 | 91 | 28 | 23 | 362 | 413 | 617 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 36 | 60 | 137 | 16 | 22 | 109 | 147 | 380 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 8 | 3 | 6 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 60 | 77 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 54 | 52 | 92 | 13 | 15 | 285 | 313 | 511 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 26 | 17 | 39 | 8 | 7 | 81 | 96 | 178 |
| Hume City Council | 247 | 77 | 255 | 18 | 15 | 748 | 781 | 1,360 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 63 | 80 | 104 | 69 | 47 | 116 | 232 | 479 |
| Kingston City Council | 140 | 146 | 185 | 23 | 25 | 816 | 864 | 1,335 |
| Knox City Council | 74 | 169 | 148 | 18 | 11 | 790 | 819 | 1,210 |
| Latrobe City Council | 55 | 44 | 50 | 69 | 59 | 357 | 485 | 634 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 7 | 7 | 25 | 29 | 6 | 41 | 76 | 115 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 50 | 68 | 104 | 38 | 32 | 234 | 304 | 526 |
| Manningham City Council | 56 | 52 | 22 | 13 | 23 | 106 | 142 | 272 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 36 | 39 | 30 | 15 | 16 | 22 | 53 | 158 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 72 | 40 | 87 | 10 | 2 | 354 | 366 | 565 |
| Maroondah City Council | 36 | 42 | 38 | 9 | 12 | 203 | 224 | 340 |
| Melbourne City Council | 466 | 366 | 916 | 58 | 26 | 380 | 464 | 2,212 |
| Melton City Council | 115 | 60 | 144 | 20 | 35 | 457 | 512 | 831 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 87 | 70 | 202 | 46 | 46 | 413 | 505 | 864 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 33 | 43 | 76 | 19 | 13 | 213 | 245 | 397 |
| Moira Shire Council | 44 | 43 | 77 | 48 | 25 | 128 | 201 | 365 |
| Monash City Council | 105 | 95 | 173 | 49 | 31 | 828 | 908 | 1,281 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 92 | 51 | 74 | 38 | 23 | 311 | 372 | 589 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 49 | 38 | 77 | 9 | 11 | 100 | 120 | 284 |
| Moreland City Council | 169 | 92 | 191 | 15 | 9 | 570 | 594 | 1,046 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 137 | 189 | 93 | 26 | 56 | 450 | 532 | 951 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 41 | 60 | 76 | 24 | 24 | 135 | 183 | 360 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 42 | 54 | 35 | 30 | 24 | 74 | 128 | 259 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 44 | 69 | 90 | 39 | 54 | 129 | 222 | 425 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 37 | 65 | 123 | 4 | 9 | 563 | 576 | 801 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 28 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 8 | 40 | 73 | 151 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 142 | 122 | 217 | 7 | 16 | 331 | 354 | 835 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 10 | 23 | 39 | 5 | 5 | 52 | 62 | 134 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 27 | 77 | 112 | 66 | 36 | 151 | 253 | 469 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 33 | 36 | 35 | 83 | 28 | 87 | 198 | 302 |
| Stonnington City Council | 109 | 49 | 135 | 35 | 22 | 246 | 303 | 596 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 25 | 33 | 60 | 28 | 32 | 69 | 129 | 247 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 61 | 85 | 56 | 19 | 21 | 169 | 209 | 411 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 38 | 37 | 111 | 4 | 11 | 186 | 201 | 387 |
| Towong Shire Council | 18 | 19 | 32 | 17 | 24 | 58 | 99 | 168 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 59 | 60 | 103 | 12 | 13 | 133 | 158 | 380 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 64 | 46 | 48 | 27 | 20 | 283 | 330 | 488 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 63 | 53 | 94 | 28 | 37 | 284 | 349 | 559 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 21 | 6 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 35 | 55 | 95 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 32 | 27 | 118 | 31 | 18 | 659 | 708 | 885 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 123 | 94 | 152 | 28 | 41 | 539 | 608 | 977 |
| Wodonga City Council | 80 | 57 | 33 | 21 | 19 | 161 | 201 | 371 |
| Wyndham City Council | 252 | 81 | 88 | 47 | 91 | 312 | 450 | 871 |
| Yarra City Council | 88 | 76 | 130 | 19 | 17 | 249 | 285 | 579 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 152 | 153 | 204 | 40 | 37 | 441 | 518 | 1,027 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 27 | 12 | 19 | 36 | 11 | 53 | 100 | 158 |
| **Grand total** | **5,770** | **5,081** | **8,216** | **1,992** | **1,791** | **22,183** | **25,966** | **45,033** |

# Data report 5: Enforcement action by councils for offences in relation to class 1–3 fixed food premises by class, Victoria 2020 and 2021

Table 10 includes ‘general enforcement actions’, which refer to a range of actions taken by councils for breaches of various sections of the Act. Among these are various directions orders to comply, premises closures, food seizures, revocation or suspension of registration, legal proceedings for breach of undertakings and increases to a food premises audit frequency. The table does not include offences under the Act which resulted in a conviction.

Table 10: Enforcement action by councils for offences in relation to class 1–3 food fixed premises by class and municipality, 2020 and 2021

| Council | Class 1 General Enforcement – 2020 | Class 1 Infringement notices – 2020 |  | Class 2 General Enforcement – 2020 | Class 2 Infringement notices – 2020 | Class 3 General Enforcement – 2020 | Class 3 Infringement notices – 2020 | Total 2020 | Class 1 General Enforcement – 2021 | Class 1 Infringement notices – 2021 | Class 2 General Enforcement – 2021 | Class 2 Infringement notices – 2021 | Class 3 General Enforcement – 2021 | Class 3 Infringement notices – 2021 | Total 2021 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Alpine Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ararat Rural City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Banyule City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **6** | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Bass Coast Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Baw Baw Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 5` | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Bayside City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **10** | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Benalla Rural City | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Boroondara City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 18 | 3 | 1 | 0 | **22** | 2 | 0 | 39 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 54 |
| Borough of Queenscliffe | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brimbank City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 6 | 8 | 0 | 4 | **18** | 0 | 0 | 24 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 56 |
| Buloke Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Campaspe Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cardinia Shire Council | 0 | 1 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Casey City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Central Goldfields Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| City of Ballarat | 1 | 0 |  | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **18** | 2 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 18 |
| Colac Otway Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corangamite Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Darebin City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 5 | 29 | 0 | 0 | **34** | 0 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| East Gippsland Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Frankston City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | **11** | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Gannawarra Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Glenelg Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Golden Plains Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Greater Bendigo City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Greater Dandenong City Council | 1 | 0 |  | 48 | 10 | 8 | 0 | **67** | 5 | 0 | 52 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 69 |
| Greater Geelong City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greater Shepparton City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hepburn Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hindmarsh Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hobson's Bay City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Horsham Rural City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hume City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indigo Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kingston City Council | 6 | 0 |  | 69 | 0 | 5 | 0 | **80** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Knox City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **7** | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| Latrobe City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Loddon Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Macedon Ranges Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manningham City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | **13** | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 17 |
| Mansfield Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 1 | 0 |  | 106 | 20 | 23 | 6 | **156** | 3 | 0 | 131 | 38 | 20 | 3 | 195 |
| Maroondah City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Melbourne City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **18** | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 19 |
| Melton City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| Mildura Rural City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | **6** | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Mitchell Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Moira Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Monash City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 12 | 6 | 2 | 0 | **20** | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 10 | 4 | 0 | 0 | **14** | 0 | 0 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 23 |
| Moorabool Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moreland City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mornington Peninsula Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **6** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 1 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moyne Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Murrindindi Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nillumbik Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Grampians Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Port Phillip City Council | 1 | 0 |  | 18 | 1 | 2 | 0 | **22** | 1 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 25 |
| Pyrenees Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Gippsland Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Grampians Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Stonnington City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **13** | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Strathbogie Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Surf Coast Shire | 0 | 0 |  | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swan Hill Rural City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Towong Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wangaratta Rural City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Warrnambool City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wellington Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Wimmera Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitehorse City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 9 | 11 | 0 | 1 | **21** | 0 | 0 | 14 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 38 |
| Whittlesea City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Wodonga City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Wyndham City Council | 0 | 1 |  | 37 | 4 | 6 | 1 | **49** | 0 | 0 | 24 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 42 |
| Yarra City Council | 0 | 0 |  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Yarra Ranges Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Yarriambiack Shire Council | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Grand total** | **11** | **2** |  | **459** | **113** | **55** | **16** | **656** | **14** | **0** | **505** | **129** | **73** | **17** | **738** |

# Food sampling by local council under s.32 of the Act, 2020 and 2021

To ensure a proactive approach to food safety surveillance in Victoria, the minimum number of food samples that must be collected by local councils and analysed in a food laboratory is mandated according to s. 32 of the Act. Depending on risk identified by local council officers, food samples may undergo microbiological, chemical, physical, allergen or labelling analysis. Where hazards are identified through sampling, councils act to address or remove the risk. This ensures that the safety of the Victorian food supply is continually monitored, and potential hazards are detected and addressed.

In 2020, councils were required to collect a total of 10,000 food samples. In 2021, councils were required to collect a total of 9,000 food samples. These samples were distributed proportionately to individual councils based on the number of food premises registered in each council area, and numbers were reduced in 2021 to reflect the reduced number of food businesses open during the state’s response to the COVID pandemic. In both years, sampling of food in class 1 businesses, providing food to vulnerable consumers, remained a priority.

The department is currently making changes to the statewide database that will allow more in-depth analysis of these surveillance samples in the future. Local councils are encouraged to use a risk-based approach to select the most appropriate samples to test. Councils can use these data for additional food safety assessments in businesses within their municipality, and to analyse trends.

Additional food sampling and surveillance was undertaken in 2020 and 2021 as part of several surveys in which councils participated, with some coordinated by the department. In 2020, analysis of the risk of pet food to humans was undertaken. In this study, a range of raw and processed pet food samples were analysed for pathogens that could cause illness in humans. Nearly half (44 per cent) contained either *Campylobacter* or *Salmonella* species, indicating that handling pet food in the home requires the same care and food safety practices that are applied to foods for the (non-furry) family.



Other studies indicated that, in the main, food handling practices in the preparation of ready-to-eat-salads and sandwiches was generally good, as was the hygienic condition of modified-atmosphere and vacuum packaged foods. These types of packaging provide foods with longer shelf life and improve the freshness and quality of the food for consumers.[[1]](#footnote-2) While these techniques can improve the shelf life of foods, they can present risks to consumers if not performed correctly. This latter survey was conducted in response to the changed operations of many food businesses during the lock-down periods, to confirm that businesses were not contributing to food safety risks.

# Data report 6: Offences under the Act that resulted in a conviction, 2020 and 2021

In 2020, convictions were recorded against 10 parties (companies or individuals) relating to 9 food premises operating in Victoria during this period. The companies or individuals were found guilty of a total of 72 offences under the Act. In most cases, convictions were recorded for multiple offences.

In 2021, convictions were recorded against 11 parties (companies or individuals) relating to 9 food premises operating in Victoria during this period. The companies or individuals were found guilty of a total of 54 offences under the Act. In most cases, convictions were recorded for multiple offences.

Most of these convictions were for breaches of section 16(1) of the Act, which is a failure to comply with the Code. The vast majority of these were breaches of chapter three of the Code - the food safety standards; specifically, Standard 3.2.2 - Food Safety Practices and General Requirements and Standard 3.2.3 - Food Premises and Equipment. The following table provides a breakdown of the offences where convictions were recorded in 2020 and 2021.

In the following table there may be more than one:

* offence per convicted party
* convicted party per premises.

Offences under s.16 - compliance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, 2020 and 2021

Table 11: Offences under s.16 – compliance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, 2020 and 2021

| Type of offence | No. of offences2020 | No. of offences 2021 |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Standard 1.2.5, clause 4 – prohibition on sale of food after its use-by date**  Fail to ensure that food is not sold after its use-by date | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 3(1)(a) – food handling – skills and knowledge**  Fail to ensure persons undertaking or supervising food handling operations have skills in, food safety and food hygiene matters. | 2 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 3(1)(b) – food handling – skills and knowledge**  Fail to ensure persons undertaking or supervising food handling operations have knowledge of food safety and food hygiene matters. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 3(1)(a) and (b) – food handling – skills and knowledge**  Fail to ensure that persons undertaking, or supervising food handling operations have skills in food safety and food hygiene matters; and knowledge of food safety and food hygiene matters commensurate with their work activities | 0 | 3 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 6(1)(a) – food storage**  Fail to store food in such a way that it is protected from the likelihood of contamination. | 6 | 4 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 6(2)(a) – food storage**  When storing potentially hazardous food, fail to store it under temperature control. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 7(1)(a) – food processing**  Fail to take all practicable measures to process only safe and suitable food. | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 7(1)(b)(i) – food processing**  Fail, when processing food, to take all necessary steps to prevent the likelihood of food being contaminated. | 2 | 2 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 7(1)(b)(i) and (ii) – food processing**  Fail, when processing food, to take all necessary steps to prevent the likelihood of food being contaminated; and where a process step is needed to reduce to safe levels any pathogens that may be present in the food – fail to use a process step that is reasonably known to achieve the microbiological safety of the food | 0 | 2 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 7(3) – food processing**  Fail, when cooling cooked potentially hazardous food, to cool the food within two hours from 60 degrees C to 21 degrees C; and within a further four hours from 21 degrees C to 5 degrees C. | 2 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 7(4) – food processing**  Did fail, when reheating previously cooked and cooled potentially hazardous food to hold it hot, to use a heat process that rapidly heats the food to a temperature of 60 degrees C or above and did not demonstrate that the heating process used will not adversely affect the microbiological safety of the food. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 8(5)(a) – food display**  Fail, when displaying potentially hazardous food to display it under temperature control | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 17(1) – hand washing facilities**  Fail to maintain easily accessible hand washing facilities; fail to maintain at or near each hand wash facility, a supply of warm running water and soap or other items that may be used to thoroughly clean hands; fail to ensure hand washing facilities are only used for the washing of hands, arms and face; fail to provide at or near each hand wash facility, single use towels or other means of effectively drying hands that are not likely to transfer pathogenic microorganisms to the hands; and a container for used towels if needed. | 1 | 2 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 17(1)(a) – hand washing facilities**  Fail to maintain easily accessible hand washing facilities. | 1 | 2 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 17(1)(b)(ii) – hand washing facilities**  Fail to maintain at or near each hand wash facility, a supply of soap. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 17(1)(c) – hand washing facilities**  Fail to ensure hand washing facilities are only used for the washing of hands, arms and face. | 2 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 17(1)(d)(i) – hand washing facilities**  Fail to provide at or near each hand wash facility, single use towels or other means of effectively drying hands that are not likely to transfer pathogenic microorganisms to the hands. | 1 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 19(1)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e) and (f) – cleanliness**  Fail to maintain the food premises to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of garbage, except in garbage containers; recycled matter, except in containers; food waste; dirt; grease; or other visible matter. | 2 | 3 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 19(1)(a)(c)(d) and (e) – cleanliness**  Fail to maintain food premises to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of garbage, except in garbage containers; food waste; dirt; or grease | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 19(1)(c)(d)(e) and (f) – cleanliness**  Fail to maintain the food premises to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of food waste; dirt; grease; or other visible matter. | 1 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 19(1)(e) – cleanliness**  Fail to maintain food premises to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of grease | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 19(2)(a)(b)(c) and (d) – cleanliness**  Fail to maintain all fixtures, fittings and equipment, having regard to its use, and those parts of vehicles that are used to transport food, and other items provided by the business to purchasers to transport food, to a standard of cleanliness where there is no accumulation of food waste, dirt, grease or other visible matter. | 5 | 3 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 20(1) – cleaning and sanitising of specific equipment**  Fail to ensure the following equipment is in a clean and sanitary condition in the circumstances set out as follows - eating and drinking utensils immediately before use; and the food contact surfaces of equipment whenever food that will come into contact with the surface is likely to be contaminated. | 3 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 20(1)(a) – cleaning and sanitising of specific equipment**  Fail to ensure the following equipment is in a clean and sanitary condition in the circumstances set out as follows - eating and drinking utensils immediately before use. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 20(1)(b) – cleaning and sanitising of specific equipment**  Fail to ensure the following equipment is in a clean and sanitary condition in the circumstances set out as follows - the food contact surfaces of equipment whenever food that will come into contact with the surface is likely to be contaminated. | 2 | 2 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 21(1) – maintenance**  Fail to maintain food premises and all fixtures, fittings and equipment, having regard to their use, and those parts of vehicles that are used to transport food, and other items provided by the business to purchasers to transport food, in a good state of repair and working order having regard to their use. | 5 | 3 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 21(2) – maintenance**  Fail to not use any chipped, broken or cracked eating or drinking utensils for handling food | 0 | 2 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 22(a) – temperature measuring devices**  Fail, at a food premises where potentially hazardous food is handled, to have temperature measuring device that is readily accessible. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 23(b)(i) –** in relation to single use items that are intended to come into contact with food or the mouth of a person, did fail to take all practicable measures to protect them from the likelihood of contamination until use | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 24(1)(b) – animals and pests**  Fail to take all practicable measures to prevent pests entering the food premises. | 3 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.2, clause 24(1)(c) – animals and pests**  Fail to take all practicable measures to eradicate and prevent the harbourage of pests on the food premises and those parts of vehicles that are used to transport food. | 5 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.2 – clause 24(1)(b) and (c) – animals and pests**  Fail to take all practicable measures to prevent pests entering the food premises and to take all practicable measures to eradicate and prevent the harbourage of pests on the food premises and those parts of vehicles that are used to transport food. | 0 | 3 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 3(c) - general requirements**  Fail to ensure the design and construction of food premises permits the food premises to be effectively cleaned and, if necessary, sanitised | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 8 – lighting**  Fail to have a lighting system that provides sufficient natural or artificial light for the activities conducted on the food premises. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 10(2)(b) – floors**  Subject to subclause (3), fail to ensure floors were unable to absorb grease, food particles or water | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clauses 11(3)(a) – walls and ceilings**  Fail to ensure that walls and ceilings be sealed to prevent the entry of dirt, dust and pests | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clauses 11(3)(c) – walls and ceilings**  Fail to ensure that walls and ceilings be able to be easily and effectively cleaned | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 12(1)(b) – general requirements**  Fail to ensure fixtures, fittings and equipment are fit for their intended use | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 12(2)(b) – general requirements**  Fail to ensure that fixtures and fittings are designed, constructed, located and installed, and equipment must be designed, constructed, located and, if necessary, installed so that they are able to be easily and effectively cleaned. | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 12(3)(a) – general requirements**  Fail to ensure that the food contact surfaces of fixtures, fittings and equipment are able to be easily and effectively cleaned and, if necessary, sanitised if there is a likelihood that they will cause food contamination. | 0 | 1 |
| **Standard 3.2.3, clause 14(2)(b) - hand washing facilities**  Fail to ensure hand washing facilities are connected to, or otherwise provided with, a supply of warm running potable water. | 1 | 0 |
| **Standard - unspecified**  Fail to comply with any requirement imposed on the person by a provision of the Food Standards Code in relation to conduct of a food business or to food intended for sale or food for sale. | 0 | 1 |

Table 12: Offences under other sections of the Act

| Type of offence | No. of offences2020 | No. of offences 2021 |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **S. 10A(1) – falsely describing food in other circumstances**  Did cause food intended for sale to be falsely described that the person ought reasonably to know that a consumer of the food who relies on the description is likely to suffer physical harm. | 1 | 0 |
| **S. 10A(2) – falsely describing food in other circumstances**  Did sell food that the person ought reasonably to know is falsely described and is likely to cause physical harm to a consumer of the food who relies on the description. | 1 | 0 |
| **S. 12(1) – handling and sale of unsuitable food**  Did handle food intended for sale in a manner that will render, or is likely to render, the food unsuitable. | 1 | 1 |
| **S. 12(2) – handling and sale of unsuitable food**  Did sell food that is unsuitable. | 2 | 1 |
| **S. 19(7) – orders relating to food premises**  Did contravene an order made under this section by the relevant authority. | 10 | 2 |
| **S. 19F – food safety program must be kept at premises**  Fail to ensure that a required food safety program is kept at the premises to which it relates. | 1 | 0 |
| **S. 35A(1)(a) – requirement to be registered or to notify registration authority**  Did operate a food business from a food premises that is not registered with the registration authority. | 2 | 5 |

## Penalties

Financial penalties imposed in 2020 comprised fines ranging from $806 to $50,000. The lowest fine was issued to the proprietor of a hotel in Mount Alexander Shire, for allowing a food business to operate from a food premises that is not registered. The highest fine was issued to the proprietor of a pizza and pasta bar in the City of Port Phillip, with costs of $15,000, for failing to correctly store food, maintain the food premises and equipment in a clean and sanitary state and ensure that persons undertaking, or supervising food handling operations, have the correct skills. This premises had the highest number of offences recorded with 20 offences.

Financial penalties imposed in 2021 comprised fines ranging from $500 to $15,000. The lowest fine of $500 was issued to the proprietor of a pizza restaurant in Glen Eira City Council, for allowing a food business to operate from a food premises that is not registered. The highest, to the proprietor of a restaurant in the City of Greater Dandenong, was $15,000 for failing to maintain the food premises in a clean and sanitary state, prevent food from being contaminated and ensure that persons undertaking, or supervising food handling operations, have the correct skills. This premises had the highest number of offences recorded against it with 17 offences.

Table 12: Convictions under the Act by local council area

| Council | Number premises 2020 | Number convictions 2020 | Number premises 2021 | Number convictions 2021 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Boroondara City Council | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| City of Port Phillip | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| City of Greater Dandenong | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| City of Monash | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Frankston City Council | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Glen Eira City Council | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Knox City Council | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Manningham City Council | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Maribyrnong City Council | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Melbourne City Council | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Moonee Valley City Council | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mount Alexander Shire Council | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Yarra Rangers Shire | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

# Representation on major food safety related committees

Table 13: National committees 2020 and 2021

| National committees | Convening department/ organisation | Purpose | Accountability | Victorian representatives | Meeting attendance capacity |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Advisory Committee on Novel Foods  *Meetings and teleconferences as required* | FSANZ | To consider requests made by industry to FSANZ for novel food status and to identify those substances that require a pre-market risk assessment (via application). | FSANZ board | Senior Food Science Officer, FSU | As Department of Health (DH) Victoria representative |
| Food Minister’s Forum (previously the Australia and New Zealand Forum on Food Regulation)  *2 meetings/year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To develop domestic food regulatory policy and policy guidelines for setting domestic food standards.  To adopt, amend or reject standards and to request that these be reviewed. | Council of Australian Governments (COAG) | Minister for Health (lead)  Minister for Primary Industries/Agriculture  Senior Manager, FSU  Director Food Regulation and Biosecurity Policy | As Victorian Government representatives  DH senior official supporting Minister for Health  As Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) Victoria, senior official supporting Minister for Primary Industries/ Agriculture |
| Bi-National Food Safety Network  *Meetings and teleconferences as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To coordinate information sharing, communication and action on bi-national food incidents. | FSANZ Board | Manager, Regulation and Incident Management, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Bi-National Recall Officers Group  *1 meeting per year* | FSANZ | To provide for continuous improvement with respect to the implementation of food recalls. | FSANZ board | Manager, Regulation and Incident Management, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Environmental Health Professional Australia (EHPA) Food Special Interest Group (SIG)  *6 meetings/year* | Environmental Health Professional Australia | To discuss regulatory food safety issues. | Environmental Health Professional Australia | Manager, Systems and Program Development, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Expert Advisory Group on Analytical Methods  *1 meeting/year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To work with Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) on the standards development process in order to advise on fit for purpose analytical methods | ISFR | Senior Food Science Officer, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Fats and oils labelling policy working group (FRSC Working Group) | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To assess and develop the case for changes to fats and oils labelling on food. | FRSC | Senior Food Science Officer – Nutrition, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Food Medicine Interface Working Group (ISFR Working Group)  *Meetings as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To provide regulatory clarity on products that could be food or therapeutic goods. | ISFR | Manager, Regulation and Incident Management, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Food Microbiology (FT–035)  *Two meetings per year, teleconferences as required* | Standards Australia | To review and revise standard Australian analytical methods for detecting microorganisms in food. | Standards Australia | Senior Food Science Officer, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Food Regulation Enforcement Guideline Working Group (ISFR Working Group)  Working group ceased in late 2020. | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To review the Australia New Zealand Food Regulation Enforcement Guideline. | ISFR | Manager, Food Safety Reforms, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Food Regulation Standing Committee (FRSC) of the Forum  *4 meetings/year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To provide policy advice to the Forum. | Minister for Health (lead)  Minister for Primary Industries | Senior Manager, FSU  Director Food Regulation and Biosecurity Policy, Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) | As DH Victoria representatives |
| Food Safety Management Working Group  *Meetings as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To review the *Food safety management policy guideline* with a particular focus on the adequacy and appropriateness of its guidance in relation to the general food service sector and closely related retail sector. | FRSC of the Forum | Manager, Food Safety Reforms, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Food Standards Code guidance material Working Group (ISFR Working Group) | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To establish a process for the development and maintenance of Food Standards Code guidance material by ISFR. | ISFR | Senior Food Science Officer, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Food Surveillance Network  *4 teleconferences/ year and additional teleconferences as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To identify opportunities for cross-jurisdictional involvement and facilitate collaboration and circumstances in which a national or cross-jurisdictional approach will be efficient and effective.  To prioritise areas for action.  To optimise information sharing. | ISFR | Senior Food Science Officer, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| FRSC Energy Labelling of Alcoholic Beverages Advisory Group | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To progress policy development of energy labelling of alcoholic beverages. | FRSC | Senior Policy Analyst, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| FRSC National Working group on human milk and human milk products | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To provide policy advice on the regulation and importation of human milk and human milk products in  Australia and New Zealand and the benefits of national standards to apply to operating human milk banks. | Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) | Senior Manager, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Health Star Rating Advisory Committee jurisdictional group  *2-3 teleconferences per year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Front of Pack Labelling Secretariat) | To discuss current issues with the Health Star Rating System and provide jurisdictional input into the Health Star Rating Advisory Committee meeting. | Forum | Senior Food Science Officer – Nutrition, FSU  Senior Nutritionist, Prevention & Population Health, FSU  Senior Policy Officer, DJPR | As DH Victoria representatives  As DJPR Victoria representative |
| Implementation Sub-Committee for Food Regulation (ISFR)  *3 meetings/year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To develop, or assist in the development of, guidelines on consistent enforcement of food regulations that aim to minimise cost to industry and meet the objective of minimum effective regulation. | FRSC of the Forum | Manager, Food Safety Reforms, FSU  Chief Executive Officer, Dairy Food Safety Victoria  Chief Executive Officer, Prime Safe | As DH Victoria representative  As DPI, Victorian representative  As an observer |
| Independent Review of the mandatory fortification of bread  *2 meetings/year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To review impacts and outputs of the fortification standards | FRSC of the Forum and Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) | Senior Food Science Officer - Nutrition, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| ISFR Health Claims Working Group  *Meetings and teleconferences as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To assist with the development of a long-term mechanism for the watch dog function and facilitate consistent implementation. | ISFR | Senior Policy Analyst, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| ISFR Nutrition, Health and Related Claims Implementation Working Group (ISFR Working Group)  *Meetings and teleconferences as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | 1. To ensure that industry is supported to comply with Standard 1.2.7  2. To ensure Standard 1.2.7 is enforced consistently by all Australian and New Zealand regulators | ISFR | Senior Policy Analyst, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Jurisdictional Forum  *Meetings and teleconferences as required* | FSANZ | To engage in the standards setting process prior to an assessment for an application or proposal being finalised and provided to the FSANZ board. | FSANZ board | FSU Senior Food Science Officer and Senior Policy Analyst | As DH Victoria representatives |
| National Food Incident Response Protocol Working Group (ISFR Working Group)  *Meetings and teleconferences as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To develop and maintain a national protocol to respond to food incidents in a consistent and coordinated manner | ISFR | Manager, Regulation and Incident Management, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Strategic Planning Working Group  (FRSC Working Group)  *3 meetings/year* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To develop and oversee the implementation of the *Strategic plan 2013–2017*;the strategic plan is reviewed by FRSC every 12 months. | FRSC of the Forum | Manager Food Policy  Policy Manager, Food Regulation and Biosecurity Policy, DJPR | As DH Victoria representative  As DJPR Victoria representative |
| Sugar labelling policy working group (FRSC Working Group) | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To assess and develop the case for changes to sugar labelling on food. | FRSC | Senior Food Science Officer – Nutrition, FSU | As DH Victoria representative |
| Surveillance, Evidence and Analysis Working Group (ISFR Working Group)  *1 meeting/year, and teleconferences as required* | Department of Health (Cwlth) (Food Regulation Secretariat) | To provide a strategic overview to the national system for cooperative and collaborative actions on food surveys, testing, monitoring, epidemiological studies, research, surveillance, and intelligence gathering. | ISFR | Senior Food Science Officer FSU | As DH Victoria representative |

Table14: State committees 2020 and 2021

| State committees | Convening department/ organisation | Purpose | Accountability | Representatives | Meeting attendance capacity |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Allergen testing Special Interest Group (SIG)  *1 meeting/year* | National Measurement Institute (NMI) (Public analytical laboratory) | To advise on compliance issues in relation to standards. | NMI | Senior Food Science Officers, FSU | As DH Victoria representatives |
| Health Claims Implementation – Victoria Working Group  *Meetings as required* | DH Victoria | To develop a Victorian plan for implementing the Nutrition, Health and Related Claims Standards (1.2.7) | Senior Manager, FSU | Senior Manager, FSU  Senior Policy Analyst, FSU  Senior Food Science Officer, FSU  Chief Executive Officer, Dairy Food Safety Victoria | As DH Victoria representatives |
| Victorian Food Regulator’s Forum  *4 meetings/year* | DJPR Victoria | To discuss regulatory food safety issues across all agencies | Minister for Health  Minister for Primary Industries | Senior Manager, FSU  Chief Executive Officer, PrimeSafe  Chief Executive Officer, Dairy Food Safety Victoria  Director Agriculture & Food Industry Policy, DPI  Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Association of Victoria | As DH Victoria representative |

# Resources, publications, and presentations 2020-2021

Table 15: Resources, publications, and presentations

| **Year** | **Title** | **Audience** | **Description** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2020 & 2021 | Better Health Channel (online) | General public | Practical information for the public on keeping food safe and preventing foodborne illness and regular updates and revisions. |
| 2020 & 2021 | DoFoodSafely | General public; food businesses, food handlers | Online learning tool for people wanting to work as food handlers or those wanting to refresh their knowledge of safe food handling. |
| 2020 & 2021 | Public Health Hub | Local council officers | Secure departmental website for EHOs and EHO managers containing resources and tools for EHOs such as guidance on policy, procedures, and the Act, eLearning interactive training. |
| 2020 & 2021 | Food safety risk assessment training | EHOs | Training program to provide EHOs with skills to promote embed and deliver a consistent risk-based approach to food safety assessments of food premises with development of a guide and training program |
| 2020 & 2021 | Guidance material | EHOs and food businesses | Development of diverse multimedia information tools, including a video animation, guides, and case studies; updated Food Safety Unit web pages on health.vic; newsletters for council; flyers for businesses, podcasts and online information. |
| 2020 & 2021 | Register of convictions (*online*) | General public | Details of offences under the Actor the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code which resulted in a conviction being recorded against a food business or person operating a food business. |
| 2020 & 2021 | Streatrader – registration tool for community groups and businesses selling food from temporary and mobile premises (*online portal*) | Food businesses; community groups | The Streatrader website provides resources and a streamlined, online process for the registration and notification of food businesses, community groups and not-for-profit organisations that trade as temporary or mobile food premises in Victoria. |
| 2020 & 2021 | Frequently asked questions (FAQ) factsheets for EHOs | EHOs | A broad range of topics including substantial transformation, auditing of class 1 food manufacturers, food dehydration, microgreens, dogs in food premises, and food Vs medicine. |
| Feb-March 2020 | EHO Forums | EHOs | Update on work being undertaken by the Food Safety Reform Program Team. |
| Feb 2020 | Bendigo regional forum | Local council | Presentation on Food Safety Reform work. |
| Feb 2020 | Food business survey - risk assessment baseline | Food businesses | Survey of food premises to understand if any difference made in assessment of their business’ pre and post implementation of risk-based assessment. |
| Feb 2020 | Breakout session at LGPro annual conference | LGPro membership | Virtual session about the Food Safety Reform Program to the LGPro annual conference. |
| Mar 2020 | Daily updates for food businesses on health.vic | Food businesses | Providing the latest available information for food businesses on COVID-19 and food safety. |
| July 2020 | Food safety assessment guide | EHOs | A guide to the principles of risk-based assessment and their application to the assessment of food businesses food safety |
| July 2020 | Presentation to Food Safety Champions - risk assessment | Food Safety Champions’ Group | Promotion of the practice of risk-based assessment to the steering group. |
| June 2020 | Keeping backyard chickens | Public | Guidance on the safe keeping of backyard chickens, advice on the risk of illness from *Salmonella* and mitigating risk with good hygiene practises and egg safety tips. |
| July 2020 | Food safety supervision training competencies, current & superseded codes | EHOs and food businesses | Updated guidance for EHOs and food businesses regarding changes to food safety supervisor training by RTOs. |
| Aug 2020 | Stage 4 restrictions - EHO food safety activities | EHOs | Advice to local councils on COVID-19 stage 4 food safety requirements. |
| Aug 2020 | Food safety auditing - guide for EHOs | Food safety auditors and EHOs | Guidance and requirements for food safety auditors and EHOs. |
| Sep 2020 | Food Act remote audit checklist and guidance | Food safety auditors and EHOs | Guide requirements for auditors and EHOs on conducting remote audits during the pandemic. |
| Aug 2020 | Pet food report | Jurisdictions (state, territory and federal) | Report on surveillance results on pathogens in pet food meat. |
| Sep 2020 | Reform newsletter #6 | EHOs | Update on activities by the department under the Food Safety Reform Program. |
| Sep 2020 | kJ labelling 2018 and 2019 report public version | EHOs, food businesses, public | Report on the outcomes of the first year of kilojoule labelling requirements in large chain food businesses and supermarkets. |
| Sep 2020 | Food safety auditor's handbook 5th edition | Food safety auditors, EHOs | Update of the handbook for auditors including new requirements for registration as an auditor. |
| Sep 2020 | Food safety auditor's code of conduct | Food safety auditors, EHOs | New requirements for auditors approved by the department. |
| Sept 2020 | Divisional update | Regional divisional staff | Update on reform program for departmental staff. |
| Sep 2020 | Food safety auditor's code of conduct declaration form | Food safety auditors, EHOs | New requirements for auditors approved by the department. |
| Sep 2020 | Food safety management policy better practice guidelines | Local council officers | Guidance for environmental health managers and local council on food safety policy making. |
| Oct 2020 | Food safety management policy template | Local council officers | A template for environmental health managers and local council for generating consistent food safety policy. |
| Oct 2020 | 2018-2019 Annual report - data | Public | Reporting of data from local councils on food businesses and departmental and council activities in accordance with the Act, s.7C. |
| Oct 2020 | Guide to infringements notices under the *Food Act 1984* | EHOs | Guidance for EHOs. |
| Nov 2020 | EHO virtual Forum | EHOs and departmental divisional staff | Updates on work undertaken under food safety reform agenda, including digital systems, policy and guidance, changes to the Act, and reports on co-design work. |
| Nov-Dec 2020 | Influencing and Persuasion Skills workshop | EHO Champions group | Skills based course to teach EHOs how to persuade and influence target audiences to engender behavioural change. |
| Dec 2020 | Podcast on the Food Safety Reform Program | LGPro membership | Manager of Food Safety Reform Program interviewed about the reform work being undertaken by the department |
| Dec 2020 | Food safety | Local council officers | Introduction to the food safety and the Food Safety Unit for the LGPro newsletter. |
| Dec 2020 | Guide to recording and reporting food safety data under the Act. | Local council officers | Advice for local councils on correct use of the Food Act Database. |
| Feb 2021 | Guide to the *Food Act 1984* | Local council officers | Comprehensive guide to the Act and all its provisions and requirements. |
| Feb 2021 | Substantial transformation guide | EHOs | Guide on what constitutes substantial transformation of fresh foods, such as fruit and vegetables and herbs. |
| Mar 2021 | Food safety risk-based assessment eLearning module and training package | EHOs | Interactive training module that takes the user through a risk-based assessment set in a council office and a café. |
| Apr 2021 | Guidebook for template developers, edition 3.1 | Template developers | Advice for template developers on their role and responsibilities under the Act. |
| Apr 2021 | Notifiable micro-organisms in the food surveillance system | Food analyst’s | Presentation to authorised food analysts about their obligations under the Public Health and Welling Act |
| May 2021 | FAMS 2021 (Food Allergen Management Symposium) | Food industry | Presentation on the Victorian Anaphylaxis notification system |
| May 2021 | EHO orientation program | EHOs | Orientation for new and recently returning EHOs to familiarise them with the department’s public health structure, programs, and activities |
| May-Oct 2021 | Allergen training | EHOs | Series of allergen training sessions for EHOS (33 sessions). |
| May 2021 | Proposed changes to the Act factsheets | Local council officers | Four factsheets on the proposed changes to the Act that would alter the class system used in Victoria. |
| Jul 2021 | Temporary food premises guidelines | Food businesses | Updated document on requirements for food businesses operating at temporary sites, such as fairs and farmer’s markets. |
| Aug 2021 | Food assessment seizure animation | EHOs | An easy to follow ‘how to’ guide to making a seizure at a food business and using it as evidence in a prosecution. |
| Aug 2021 | Streatrader guidance for temporary premises - updated | Food businesses | Updated guidance for temporary food businesses about the relevant food safety requirements and tips for how to keep food safe. |
| Aug 2021 | Reform newsletter #7 | Local council officers | Update on the activities of the Food Safety Reform Program. |
| Oct 2021 | Environmental health technician (food safety) guidance | Local council officers | Advice for local councils on the safe use of environmental health technicians for food safety activities in the community. |
| Oct 2021 | MAP (final) report | EHOs | Paper looking at the microbiological safety and quality of modified atmospheric packaged (MAP) food products. |
| Oct 2021 | ‘Free-from’ packaged foods survey | EHOs | Statewide survey for the department. |
| Oct 2021 | Proposed changes to the Victorian food business classification system | EHOs | Updated information and factsheets on the proposed changes to the Act including the introduction of a new class of food premises (class 3A) and changes to food safety program requirements for some food businesses. |
| Oct 2021 | Safe pet food handling | Public | Advice on safe handling of pet food. |
| Nov 2021 | Food Act enforcement guide revision | EHOs | Updated information on food safety enforcement activities in food businesses. |
| Dec 2021 | Guide to s. 40D - revisions | EHOs | Updated information on the revocation or suspension of the registration of food businesses. |
| Dec 2021 | Reform newsletter #8 | Local council officers | Final update on the food safety reform work. |

1. Modified atmosphere packaging is seen when the manufacturer modifies the gas inside the packaging. For example, adding nitrogen or carbon dioxide to the mix. Vacuum packaging removes all or most of the oxygen from the food. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)