

Note on Cervical Screening data for Victoria

Cervical screening participation rates for Victoria are calculated differently due to the inclusion of participants in the [Compass Trial](#). Although Compass Trial participants do not undergo the standard Pap smear, they are still included in the participation data. However, as Compass Trial participants are – depending on which arm of the Compass Trial they have been allocated – screened at longer intervals than the standard screening program, the base population used when calculating participation rates is adjusted to account for Compass Trial participants who were screened in 2014 and not due for a rescreen in 2015–16. For example, if a participant screened in 2014 was given a Compass rescreen timeframe of 5 years, she would not be expected to screen in 2015–16.

Low grade and high grade abnormality rates exclude Compass Trial participants as they undergo HPV testing rather than having a Pap smear.