

# COMMUNITY SAFETY IN WYNDHAM

## FACT SHEET

While it is not Council's role to police crime, we work closely with a range of government and community stakeholders to improve community safety where we can. Crime prevention is the responsibility of Victoria Police and the State Government.



As Wyndham's population grows, the number of incidents grow too, simply because we have more people living in the City.



In the past 12 months (April 2016-March 2017) Wyndham's crime rate and the number of crimes committed have decreased.



Between April 2016 and March 2017 Wyndham's crime rate (i.e. the number of recorded offences per 100,000 population) was 6,455.1, compared to 9,884.1 in the North and West Metropolitan Region and 8,825 for Victoria.



Furthermore, Wyndham's crime rate decreased from 2016 to 2017 by a greater percentage (-6.3%) than that recorded in the North and West Metropolitan Region (-0.6%) and Victoria (+2.5%).

## THE FACTS IN A NUTSHELL

- The latest crime statistics tell us Wyndham has experienced a 6.3% decline in its crime rate.
- Wyndham has recorded the lowest crime rate of all six Western Region Councils (Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melton, Moonee Valley and Wyndham).
- Of Melbourne's outer Growth Councils, Wyndham has experienced the second highest drop in the crime rate (6.3%), with Cardinia leading (15.2%) and just ahead of Melton (6.2%). Growth Councils experiencing crime rate rises include Hume (0.5%), Whittlesea (8.3%) and Casey (10.4%).
- The 2016-17 crime rate in Wyndham is 3.8% lower than it was in 2012-13 (6,455.1 and 6,709.4 respectively).
- The crime rate in the 'crimes against the person' category has increased by 9.6% from 2016 to 2017.

## SAFETY IN PUBLIC AND IN YOUR HOME

Our latest annual Community Satisfaction Survey Results show a significantly higher proportion of Wyndham residents feel safe during the day when compared to night time. The results also show that Wyndham residents feel safer in shopping precincts.



Council embraces every opportunity to partner with the State Government and Victoria Police to improve the perception of safety in public places.

Recent works funded by the State Government to install lighting and public art at Station Place in Werribee is a prime example.

The 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey found:

- A majority of residents felt safe during the day.
- 27% of residents were aware of improvements at Station Place.
- 64% of residents felt safer in the area as a result.

## FAMILY VIOLENCE

Family violence can affect anyone in the community. While it can be perpetrated by any member of a family against another, men are the most common perpetrators.

Family violence is more damaging to the health of Victorian women aged 15-44 years than any other well-known risk factors, including high blood pressure, obesity and smoking.

Wyndham's family violence incident rate is the second highest of all Western Region Councils.

The family violence incident rate decreased by 5.5% from 2016 to 2017 and the number of incidents decreased by 2.4% from 2016 to 2017. However, over the last 5 years the incident rate has increased by 22.2%, and the number of incidents has increased by 48.5%.

Wyndham City's commitment to addressing family violence locally is through service delivery, developing facilities and creating safe public spaces, as an employer and as a community leader.

If you or someone you know needs help or information search "family violence" at [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au)