Tarneit

Suburb profile

Tarneit is a rapidly expanding multicultural suburb located in Central Wyndham. Over the next 20 years, the population of Tarneit is forecast to grow exponentially. A larger proportion of its population were born overseas compared to Wyndham, and a significant proportion of these residents were from non-English speaking countries.

**Population**

The population of Tarneit has increased by over 12,000 residents between 2011 and 2016. The current population of Tarneit is 34,562 people; approximately 16% of the total Wyndham population.

**Forecast**

The population of Tarneit is forecast to increase by 182.5% between 2016 and 2036. In 20 years, the number of people living in Tarneit will increase to 89,417. The greatest period of growth is forecast between 2016 and 2021, when the population is expected to increase by 37%.

**Age**

The median age of Tarneit residents is 30 years, which is younger than the Wyndham median age of 32 years. Tarneit has a larger proportion of young residents than Wyndham, in particular those aged 0-9 years old (22% and 18% respectively).

**Births**

The number of births to parents living in Tarneit was 759 in 2014, an increase of 69% since 2010.

**Cultural Diversity**

Half the population of Tarneit was born overseas, compared to 42% of residents across Wyndham. Less than half of all Tarneit residents speak English at home (41%), and the most common languages other than English include Punjabi, Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu and Arabic.

**Households**

There are 10,619 dwellings in Tarneit in 2016, and couples with children make up approximately 53% of family types. The average household size is 3.4 people, which is slightly higher than the average across Wyndham (3.1 people)

**Tenure**

Compared to Wyndham, a larger proportion of Tarneit homes were owned with a mortgage in 2016 (52% and 43% respectively). The proportion of rental properties was also slightly higher in Tarneit (26%) compared to Wyndham (25%).

**Employment**

The top three industries of employment for Tarneit residents in 2011 were manufacturing, transport, postal and warehousing and retail trade.

**Journey to work**

Car as driver was the most popular method of travel to work for Tarneit employees in 2011 (67%); train travel was the second most common method of travel (12%).

**Education**

In 2011, 21% of Tarneit residents over 15 years of age had achieved a bachelor degree or higher qualification, compared to 19% of Wyndham residents.

**Need for assistance**

2.7% of Tarneit residents require assistance with core activities compared to 3.9% of Wyndham residents.

**SEIFA Index of Relative Social Disadvantage (IRSD)**

In 2011 Tarneit had a SEIFA IRSD score of 1023, which is higher than the Wyndham score of 1013. Tarneit is less disadvantaged than the municipality overall.