Werribee

suburb profile

Werribee is the second largest suburb in Wyndham, home to over 40,000 residents in 2016. It is one of the oldest, most established areas of Wyndham, first settled over 150 years ago. Significant growth in Werribee occurred in the 1960s, and continues today. Unlike the majority of Wyndham, a large proportion of Werribee’s population is over 60 years of age; furthermore, the median age of Werribee residents is 4 years older than residents Wyndham wide.

**Population**

There are 40,343 people residing in Werribee, accounting for approximately 19% of the total population of Wyndham.

**Forecast**

Werribee’s population is forecast to increase by 71.2% between the years 2016 and 2036. This increase will see an additional 29,133 people living in Werribee in 2036, taking the total population to 70,071 residents.

**Age**

Werribee has an older population than Wyndham, with 13% of its residents over 60 years of age, compared to 8% of residents Wyndham wide. The median age of Werribee residents is 36 years, compared to 32 years across Wyndham.

**Births**

There were 566 births to parents living in Werribee in 2014, an increase of 2% since 2010.

**Cultural Diversity**

In 2016, 31% of Werribee residents were born overseas and 27% of residents spoke a language other than English at home. India, England, New Zealand, Myanmar and Italy were the top 5 countries of birth outside Australia. Karen, Italian, Punjabi, Hindi and Arabic were the most commonly spoken languages other than English.

**Households**

There are 15,911 households in Werribee with an average household size of 2.7 people. Werribee has a larger proportion of lone person households (21%) compared to Wyndham (14%).

**Tenure**

A quarter of homes in Werribee (25%) are fully owned, compared to 18% of homes across Wyndham. There are also a greater proportion of rental properties in Werribee compared to Wyndham (27% and 25% respectively).

**Employment**

The most common industries of employment for Werribee employees were manufacturing, retail, and construction.

**Journey to work**

More than two thirds of employed persons from Werribee and across Wyndham drove their car to work on Census day 2011. Train travel was the next most common method of travel to work for both Werribee (10%) and Wyndham employees (11%).

**Education**

In 2011, more than 18% of Werribee residents aged 15 years and over had obtained a vocational qualification. Less than 11% of residents had obtained a bachelor or higher degree, compared to 19% across Wyndham.

**Need for assistance**

The largest proportion of residents that require assistance with core activities are in Werribee, where 6.3% reported needing assistance with communication, self-care or body movement activities compared to 3.9% of residents Wyndham wide.

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

In 2011 Werribee had a SEIFA IRSD score of 948, which is lower than the Wyndham score of 1013 and means it is more disadvantaged than the municipality overall.