

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 (July 2016-June 2017) Wyndham's crime rate and the number of crimes committed have decreased.



Between July 2016 and June 2017 Wyndham's crime rate (i.e. the number of recorded offences per 100,000 population) was 6,406.8, compared to 9,667.8 in the North and West Metropolitan Region and 8,659.2 for Victoria.



Furthermore, Wyndham's crime rate decreased from 2016 to 2017 by a greater percentage (-9.4%) than that recorded in the North and West Metropolitan Region (-5.6%) and Victoria (-2.0%).

THE FACTS IN A NUTSHELL

- The latest crime statistics tell us Wyndham has experienced a 9.4% 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 growth Councils (Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Whittlesea and Wyndham), Wyndham has experienced the third highest drop in the crime rate (9.4%), with Cardinia leading (17.2%) and just behind of Melton (11.7%). Growth Councils experiencing crime rate rises include Whittlesea (0.9%) and Casey (1.1%).
- The 2016-17 crime rate in Wyndham is 0.3% higher than it was in 2012-13 (6,389.4 and 6,406.8 respectively).
- The number of crime committed in the 'crimes against the person' category has increased by 9.2% between 2016 to 2017.

SAFETY IN PUBLIC AND IN YOUR HOME

Our latest Annual Community Satisfaction Survey (2016) results show a that higher proportion of respondents feel safe in public areas of Wyndham during the day when compared to at night. The results also show that feelings of safety are higher in shopping precincts compared to on trains.



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 respondents felt safe during the day.
- 27% of respondents were aware of improvements at Station Place.
- 64% of respondents 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, it is more likely to be perpetrated by men against women and children.

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 12.6% from 2016 to 2017 and the number of incidents decreased by 9.9%. Despite the recent decline, over the past 5 years the incident rate has increased by 12.1%, and the number of incidents has increased by 36.2%. 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