Werribee South

suburb profile

Werribee South is a large agricultural and tourist area of Wyndham, home to the Werribee Park Mansion and Gardens, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Wyndham Harbour. Werribee South attractions are surrounded by hundreds of hectares of vegetable farming that provide fresh produce to food retailers Victoria wide. Despite the majority of Werribee South remaining Green Wedge land, development within parts of the suburb and surrounded rural areas will see the population more than triple in the next 20 years.

**Population**

The population of Werribee South is 1,768 people; less than 1% of the total population of Wyndham.

**Forecast[[1]](#endnote-1)**

Werribee South’s population is forecast to increase by nearly 300% (292.4%) between the years 2016 and 2036. This increase will see an additional 5,602 people living in Werribee South in 2036, taking the total population to around 7,518 residents.

**Age**

The median age of Werribee South residents is the highest in the municipality at 46 years. Over 20% of the population of Werribee South are 65 years of age or older.

**Births**

In 2014, there were 13 children born to parents living in Werribee South, a decrease in 19% since 2010.

**Cultural diversity**

Werribee South is less culturally diverse than the rest of the municipality, with 21% of residents born outside Australia, compared to 42% Wyndham wide. Unlike the Wyndham wide cultural profile, the top countries of birth outside Australia amongst Werribee South residents include Italy, England, Greece, New Zealand and India.

20% of Werribee South residents speak a language other than English at home. European languages including Italian, Macedonian, Greek, and Maltese are the most commonly spoken languages.

**Households**

There are 968 dwellings in Werribee South up from 701 in 2011. Unlike most other areas across Wyndham, the majority of households in Werribee South are occupied by couple families without children (23%). Furthermore, the median household size in Werribee South is on average smaller than across Wyndham (2.4 and 3.2 people per household respectively).

**Tenure**

In 2016 more than a third of homes in Werribee South were owned outright (34%), compared to 18% of homes across Wyndham. Less than 20% of dwellings in Werribee South are rented, and around 13% are owned with a mortgage.

**Employment**

The most common industries of employment in Werribee South are agriculture, forestry and fishing, construction and retail.

**Journey to work[[2]](#endnote-2)**

Over 7% of Werribee South employees worked from home in 2016, compared to 3.6% of residents across Wyndham. Car as driver was the most common method of travel to work for employed Werribee South residents, followed by walking (7%).

**Education**

Werribee South residents have some of the lowest rates of higher education attainment across the municipality. Being a predominantly agricultural area, vocational qualifications were the most common qualification amongst 15+ year olds from Werribee South (23%). Around 12% of residents aged 15 years and over had obtained a Bachelor Degree or higher.

**Need for assistance**

A larger proportion of Werribee South residents (6.1%) require assistance with core activities than Wyndham residents overall (3.9%).

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

Werribee South and Cocoroc have an SEIFA IRSD score of 1013, which is the same as the Wyndham score. This means Werribee South and Cocoroc have the same level of disadvantage as Wyndham overall.

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1. .id Consulting base the 2016 population around estimates which account for the approximate 5% non-response rate in the Census and adjustments for births, deaths and net migration. As a result, the forecast 2016 population may differ from that reported in the population section of this profile. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Method of travel to work data includes Car as driver and train as sole method of travel, and in conjunction with other transport modes (e.g. bus, car, tram etc.). [↑](#endnote-ref-2)