Wyndham East

Demographic profile

Wyndham East is made up of the suburbs of Point Cook, Williams Landing, Truganina and Laverton North. Significant development is occurring in these areas and consequently the population is rapidly increasing. Wyndham East is a highly diverse multicultural area with a large proportion of families with young children.

**Population**

Wyndham East has the largest population of all the districts in Wyndham. In 2016, Wyndham East was home to 77,336 people.

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

Over the next 20 years, the population of Wyndham East is forecast to increase by almost 55%, or 44,934 people. Point Cook and Truganina are the two suburbs forecast to grow the most, with just over 20,000 additional residents expected to move into these areas between 2016 and 2036.

**Age**

Nearly half of all residents in Wyndham East are aged either 0-9 years or 30-39 years, highlighting the area as one where a large number of young families reside. Only 2.2% of the population are aged 70 and over.

**Cultural Diversity**

More than half the population of Wyndham East was born overseas in one of over 150 countries from around the world. The most common countries of birth outside Australia include India (13%), China (6%), New Zealand (4%) and the Philippines (3%). There is also significant language diversity amongst Wyndham East residents. In 2016, 50% of people spoke a language other than English at home. Mandarin, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and Arabic were the top 5 most common.

**Households**

Reflecting the age profile of the area, the predominant household type in Wyndham East are couple families with children (54%). Less than 10% of households were occupied by a lone person, and only 2% were group households.

**Tenure**

The proportion of households owned with a mortgage is higher in the Wyndham East District than in all other districts across Wyndham. In 2016, more than half (53%) were owned with a mortgage, compared to 46% Wyndham wide. 11% of households in Wyndham East were owned outright, and 29% were rented.

**Education**Education attainment amongst Wyndham East residents is high. More than 1 in 5 residents aged 15 years and older hold a Bachelor degree, and over 10% a postgraduate degree such as a Masters or PhD.

**Employment**

61% of people are engaged in full time (44%) and part time (17%) employment, while a quarter of residents aged 15 years and over are unemployed and not looking for work. A large number of these residents will be students engaged in full time study. Health care and social assistance, professional, scientific and technical services and retail are the 3 most common industries of employment for Wyndham East workers.

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

Train travel is popular amongst Wyndham East workers. At the 2016 Census, 18% of people caught the train to work. Despite this, car travel is still the most common method of travel to work. 65% of people drove their car for either part or the entire journey to work.

**Need for assistance**

Only 2% of Wyndham East residents require assistance with core activities such as communication and self-care. This is lower than the Wyndham wide figure of nearly 4%.

# References

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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)