Western District

Demographic profile

Wyndham West includes the suburbs Werribee, Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes. All three suburbs are experiencing large growth, with many new residential developments occurring in these areas. There are however, large sections of this district which are established and home to long term Wyndham residents.

**Population**

There are 63,616 people living within the Western District of Wyndham, approximately 29% of the total Wyndham population. Wyndham Vale and Manor Lakes are home to just over 23,000 residents, while Werribee has a population of 39,518 people.

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

The population of Wyndham West is forecast to more than double over the next 20 years. Between 2016 and 2036, the population is forecast to increase by 111%, adding an additional 73,998 residents. The largest forecast growth is expected in Werribee, whose population is predicted to increase by over 28,700 residents between 2016 and 2036.

**Age**

Wyndham is an area home to a large number of families. This is reflected in the Western District where the predominant age groups are 30-39 years (17%) and 0-9 years (16%). In addition, the Western District also has a large population of young adults (20-29 years; 15%).

**Cultural Diversity**

Nearly two thirds of Western District residents were born in Australia and around 31% were born overseas. The top countries of birth outside Australia include India, New Zealand, England, the Philippines and Myanmar. Karen, Punjabi, Italian, Hindi and Arabic are the most commonly spoken languages other than English. In the Western District, two thirds of residents speak English at home, and 28% of people speak one of 125 different languages.

**Households**

The most common household type in the Western District is couple families with children. There is a large proportion of lone person household in the Western District compared to Wyndham wide (19% and 14% respectively). The average household size is smaller than the Wyndham median of 3.1. In Werribee is median household size is 2.7. In Wyndham Vale/Manor Lakes it is 3.0.

**Tenure**

Around 21% of households in the Western District are owned outright, and 38% owned with a mortgage; just over a quarter are rented.

**Employment**

Unemployment in the Western District is slightly higher than Wyndham wide. In 2016, around 32% of Western District residents over the age of 15 were not in the labour force and not looking for work, compared to 29% across Wyndham – noting that a large proportion of these people will be either retired or attending an educational institution. Retail, health care and social assistance and transport, postal and warehousing were the most common industries of employment amongst workers from the Western District.

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

Car as driver was the most common method of travel to work for Western District employees in 2016 (68%). Around 12% of Western District employees caught the train to work on Census day 2016, 2% caught the bus and 1% walked.

**Education**

1 in 5 Western district residents aged 15 years and older had obtained a certificate level qualification. 16% of people had a bachelor degree or higher, of which 4% were postgraduate degrees.

**Need for assistance**

Nearly 6% of Wyndham West residents require assistance with core activities, including communication, self-care and/or body movements. This is higher than the Wyndham wide proportion of 3.9% .

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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)