

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.



Despite population growth, the number of recorded crimes committed in Wyndham decreased.



In the 12 months between January and December 2017, Wyndham's crime rate and the number of crimes committed decreased.



Between January and December 2017 Wyndham's crime rate (i.e. the number of recorded offences per 100,000 population) was 6,151, compared to 9,206 in the North and West Metropolitan Region and 7,962 for Victoria.



Furthermore, Wyndham's crime rate decreased from 2016 to 2017 by a greater percentage (-10.9%) than that recorded in Victoria (-10.7%).

THE FACTS IN A NUTSHELL

- The latest crime statistics tell us that Wyndham has experienced a 10.9% decline in its annual crime rate.
- Wyndham recorded fewer offences per 100,000 people (6,151) compared to the North and West Metro area (9,206) and Victoria (7,962).
- Property and deception offences were the most reported offence in both Wyndham (59.7%) and Victoria (57.5%), however in Wyndham, this was a 15.2% decrease since 2016.
- There was a 12.0% increase in crimes against the person.
- In Wyndham, in 2017, 81.2% of crimes were committed by males and 18.8% by females. The majority of male offenders were aged 25-29 years, and the majority of female offenders were aged 30-34 years.
- Wyndham has the fourth lowest youth crime rate across Growth Councils in Greater Melbourne.
- The number of fatal crashes in Wyndham doubled between 2015 and 2016 from 5 to 10. The number of traffic accidents involving serious injury decreased by 28 accidents.

SAFETY IN PUBLIC AND IN YOUR HOME

Our latest Annual Community Satisfaction Survey (2017) results show that a 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.

The rate of reported family incidents increased in Wyndham from 2013 to 2016 before declining by 13.5% in 2017. In 2017 the family violence rate in Wyndham was slightly lower compared to Victoria. Despite a 10.7% decrease in the number of family violence incidences, Wyndham had the fifth highest number of all Victorian municipalities in 2017. 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