Wyndham’s Filipino Community

Wyndham’s Filipino community has been growing steadily since 1970. However, the majority of this population (53%) arrived in the 10 years between 2001 and 2011. At the 2011 Census, people born in the Philippines made up 2.4% of Wyndham’s total population. In 2016, this figure had increased to 2.6%, equating to a total of 5,727 people. Over 7,600 Wyndham residents claim Filipino ancestry, however for the purposes of this profile, the Filipino community refers only to those born in the Philippines unless otherwise stated.

The Filipino community is older than the total Wyndham population. As seen in the graph provided, more than half (52%) the Filipino community is aged between 35 and 59 years, compared to 33% of people across Wyndham. Furthermore, less than 1% of the Filipino community is aged 0-4 years, compared to nearly 10% across Wyndham.

Tagalog, a language spoken by approximately one third of the population of the Philippines, is the most commonly spoken language amongst Wyndham’s Filipino community (44%). Filipino, the standardised version of Tagalog and the official language of the Philippines, is the second most commonly spoken language (33%). Approximately 18% of people speak English at home, and almost 80% of people can speak English well or very well.

The Philippines is the largest Catholic country in Asia[[1]](#endnote-1) and the majority of Wyndham’s Filipino community continues to practice Catholicism (72%).

In 2016, a large proportion of Filipino residents aged over 15 had obtained a Bachelor or higher degree (PhD, Masters) (45.9%) and approximately 23.3% had obtained a Certificate or Advanced Diploma or Diploma.

Over a fifth of Wyndham’s Filipino community (over 15 years) work as Managers and Professionals (20.6%, down from just under 25% in 2011), and 16.8% work as Labourers and Machine Operators (down from 18% in 2011).

At the 2016 Census, the majority of the Filipino community lived in Tarneit and Point Cook.[[2]](#endnote-2)

1. http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/01/09/5-facts-about-catholicism-in-the-philippines/ [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
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