

COMMUNITY SAFETY IN WYNDHAM

While it is not Council's role to police crime, through the Safer Communities Portfolio Committee, 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 between April '16 /March '17 and April '17/March '18.
- The latest crime statistics tell us that Wyndham's crime rate (i.e. the number of recorded offences per 100,000 people) decreased to 4,239.
- Behind Nillumbik, Wyndham has the second lowest crime rate in the North and West Metro region. Wyndham's crime rate was also lower than in the North and West Metropolitan Region (6,657) and Victoria (5,868).
- Behind Cardinia, Wyndham has the second lowest crime rate across Growth Councils in Greater Melbourne.



FAMILY VIOLENCE¹

From April 2017 to March 2018, Wyndham had the fifth highest number of family violence incidents of all Victorian municipalities, despite a 9.5% decrease in recorded incidents from the previous year. In comparison, other Greater Melbourne growth areas such as Mitchell recorded up to a 8.7% increase in 2017.

Between April 2013 and March 2018, the number of family violence incidents in Wyndham increased by 15.9% which is less than that for Victoria in the same period (17.1%).

Rank by Number of Incidents	Area	Apr '17- Mar '18	% change (Apr - Mar) '16/'17 - '17/'18	% change (Apr - Mar) '13/'14 - '17/'18
1	Casey	4,449	-4.8%	22.2%
2	Geelong	3,216	-5.0%	13.0%
3	Hume	3,215	4.3%	11.7%
4	Whittlesea	3,041	0.4%	34.9%
5	Wyndham	2,603	-9.5%	15.9%
6	Latrobe	2,572	0.9%	29.3%
-	North West Metro Region	23,823	-1.1%	17.0%
-	Victoria	75,263	-3.2%	17.1%



SAFETY IN PUBLIC AND IN YOUR HOME²

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 improvement at Station Place.
- 64% of respondents felt safer in the area as a result.

THE FACTS IN A NUTSHELL^{3,4,5}

- The latest crime statistics tell us that Wyndham experienced a 9.0% decline in the annual number of crimes committed; a greater decline than Victoria (8.8%).
- Property and deception offences were the most reported offence in both Wyndham (62.7%) and Victoria (61.6%) . However in Wyndham, this was a 14.5% decrease since the previous year.

- Wyndham has the second lowest crime rate and fourth lowest youth crime rate across Growth Councils in Greater Melbourne.
- The number of fatal crashes in Wyndham increased from 5 to 10 between 2015 and 2016, and those involving serious injury decrease by 31 or 26.1%.

¹ Crime Statistics Agency (Year ending 30 March '18). Family Incidents

² Wyndham City Council (2016 and 2017). Annual Community Satisfaction Survey

³ Crime Statistics Agency (Year ending 30 March '18). Recorded criminal incidents

⁴ Crime Statistics Agency (Year ending 30 March '18). Gender and age. Direct request

⁵ VicRoads (2011 to 2016) Crash Statistics—Wyndham

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Safer Communities Portfolio Committee members include representatives from the Wyndham community, Victoria Police, the Department of Health and Human Services, Women's Health West, UnitingCare Wyndham, Roadsafe Westgate, Odyssey House, Western Integrated Family Violence Committee, and WEStJustice. Together, we focus on the safety of Wyndham residents.

YOUTH CRIME^{6,7}

- For the April 2017 to March 2018 period, Wyndham had the fourth lowest crime rate of 3,528 per 100,000 people aged 10 to 25 years across Growth Councils in Greater Melbourne.
- Growth Councils include Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Mitchell, Whittlesea and Wyndham.
- The majority of all Wyndham offenders (16.5%) were aged between 15 and 19 years.

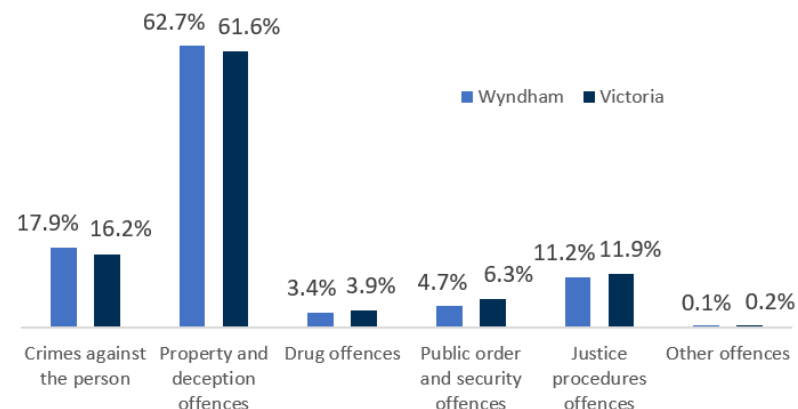


TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS⁸

- In 2017, there were 176 traffic accidents in Wyndham, including 3 fatal and 35 serious injury crashes.
- Of the fatal and serious injury crashes in 2017, 36 involved drivers (95%).
- The second highest road user involved in serious injury and fatal crashes were motorcyclists and pillion (16 in total or 42% of fatal and serious injury crashes).

RECORDED OFFENCES^{9,10}

In the April 2017 to March 2018 period, there were 10,878 recorded crimes committed in Wyndham, an annual decrease of 9.0%. In comparison, there was an 8.4% decrease in recorded crimes across the North and West Metro area and an 8.8% decrease across Victoria.



- Property and deception offences were the most reported offence in both Wyndham (6,820 or 62.7% of offences) and Victoria (233,082 or 61.6%). In Wyndham, this was an annual decrease of 14.5%.
- Crimes against the person were the second most reported offence in both Wyndham (1,948 or 17.9% of offences) and Victoria (61,159 or 16.2% of offences). In Wyndham, this was an annual increase of 7.5%.
- Property and deception offences include arson, property damage, burglary/break and enter, theft, and deception. Most property and deception offences were thefts (57.9%), followed by burglary/break and enters (19.4%) and property damage (13.9%).
- Wyndham City is one of the largest growing municipalities in Victoria with large volumes of new dwellings being built, which are more susceptible to theft and damage when vacant.
- Between April 2017 and March 2018, the majority of offenders were male (80.6%).

⁶ Crime Statistics Agency (Year ending 30 March '18). Gender and age. Direct request
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