

Data snapshot

2019 Household Survey

Key 2019 City of Whittlesea Household Survey findings

- Survey was distributed over April-May 2019
- 1,083 households completed the survey covering 3,083 individual respondents

Data topic	2019 result	2017 result	2016 result	Precincts of interest	Notes
Median age	40 years	40 years	39 years	Higher in Whittlesea Township, Rural North & Bundoora (52 years) Lower in Mernda, Epping North & Doreen (35 years)	Higher than 2016 Census (34 years)
Household size	2.92	2.89	2.87	Higher in South Morang (3.20) & Epping North (3.18) Lower in Whittlesea Township (2.02)	Almost identical to 2016 Census (2.93)
Two parent families	44.8%	42.3%	40.9%	Higher in Epping North (62.9%) & South Morang (54.4%)	Similar to 2016 Census (42.3%)
One parent families	5.1%	5.9%	6.3%	Highest in Bundoora (8.6%)	Lower than 2016 Census (12.4%)
Born overseas	33.7%	35.6%	34.8%	Higher in Thomastown (47.1%), Lalor (43.9%), Mernda (42.6%) & Epping North (41.0%)	The most common country of birth of overseas-born remains India (6.6%)
Prefer to speak a language other than English	32.9%	33.5%	30.6%	Higher in Lalor (55.6%), Thomastown (49.0%), Epping North (43.7%) & Mernda (38.5%) Lowest in Whittlesea Township (3.8%)	Highest for senior citizens (44.4%)
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	0.6%	0.8%	1.0%	No statistically significant variation	Similar to 2016 Census (0.8%)
Permanent or long-term disability	14.8%	11.6%	N/A	Higher in Whittlesea Township (35.7%) Lower in Rural North (8.3%), Epping North (9.1%) & Mernda (9.6%)	Much higher rates for older adults (29.8%) and senior citizens (51.3%)

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Post-secondary school qualification	72.2%	71.7%	71.1%	Higher in Epping North (79.7%) & Mernda (79.1%)	Non-English speaking respondents more likely to have a bachelor/ higher degree (38.6% vs 20.9%)
Employed as a 'professional'	22.9%	23.9%	18.1%	Higher in Doreen (31.6%)	Increased from 7.0% in 1997 Non-English speaking respondents no more likely to be employed as professionals
Unemployed	4.7%	4.6%	4.1%	Higher in Lalor (9.2%)	
Median personal annual income (from all sources)	\$31,148	\$31,044	\$27,456	Higher in South Morang (\$45,708), Mernda (\$40,352) & Epping North (\$34,788) Lower in Rural North (\$26,884), Whittlesea Township (\$23,920), Lalor (\$23,712) & Thomastown (\$20,020)	Similar to 2016 Census (\$30,732) Higher for males (\$39,624) than females (\$24,024) Higher for English speaking (\$33,094) than Non-English speaking residents (\$28,288)
Work locally (within the City of Whittlesea)	34.2%	32.6%	31.0%	Higher in Whittlesea Township (48.0%) & Mill Park (40.0%)	Females (44.3%) significantly more likely than males (25.2%) to work locally
Work in Inner Melbourne	23.6%	19.1%	19.5%	Lower in Whittlesea Township (10.0%) & Epping (15.8%)	Higher for males (26.4%) and Non-English speaking respondents (24.9%)
Drive to work	78.4%	80.2%	82.2%	Lower in Thomastown (69.5%)	45% who work in Inner Melbourne drive to work
Commute time > 90 minutes	15.5%	15.4%	17.7%	Higher in Rural North (24.4%), Doreen (24.2%) & South Morang (23.4%)	Higher for those using public transport (27.3%)

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Purchasing their home (mortgage)	38.1%	42.7%	37.2%	Higher in Mernda (57.7%) & South Morang (50.4%)	Similar to the 2016 Census (41.9%)
Median weekly mortgage payment	\$436	\$432	\$423	N/A	Higher than 2016 Census (\$416)
Median weekly rental payment	\$358	\$358	\$344	N/A	Higher than 2016 Census (\$334)
No moderate to vigorous physical activity	18.0%	-	17.2%	Higher in Lalor (31.3%) & Epping (24.0%)	57.3% did less than 5 hours per week
Felt <u>unsafe</u> during the day	12.2%	-	10.5%	Higher in Thomastown (22.2%), Bundoora (19.5%) & Epping (18.6%) Lower in Whittlesea Township (1.2%) and Doreen (3%)	Females (13.9%) more likely to feel unsafe than males (10%)
Felt <u>unsafe</u> at night	44.4%	-	41.1%	Higher in Bundoora (57.8%), Lalor (52.2%), Thomastown (49.7%), Mill Park (49.8%) & Epping (49.4%) Lower in Doreen (28.1%), Epping North (35.6%) and South Morang (37.1%)	Females (52.8%) more likely to feel unsafe than males (35.4%)
Agreement with “My neighbourhood has a strong sense of community”	5.93/10	-	5.23/10	Higher in Whittlesea Township (7.58/10) and Doreen (6.82/10) Lower in Mill Park (5.33/10), Epping North (5.56/10) and Lalor (5.59/10)	
Agreement with “I / we participate in community activities and events”	4.74/10	-	4.31/10	Higher in Whittlesea Township (6.47/10)	
Participated in at least one civic activity in the last year	28.5%	-	-	Higher in Rural North (46.3%) Lower in Lalor (21.7%) & Epping (21.8%)	

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Average satisfaction with 21 statements about the local neighbourhood	7.26/10	6.88/ 10	-	Higher in South Morang (7.49) Lower in Rural North (6.05)	Satisfaction with most aspects increased since 2017
Frequent use of walking / cycling paths	70.7%	67.1%	(2015) 58.7%	Higher in Doreen (83.6%) & Whittlesea Township (80.5%) Lower in the Rural North (27.1%)	
Could not access a health service locally in the last 12 months	10.1%	12.9%	-	Residents in Mernda were twice as likely (8.7%) than average (4.1%) to have not been able to access a local doctor	
Top 3 issues for Council to address in the next 12 months:					
1. Traffic management	45.9%	53.5%	38.5%	Highest in Epping North (63.3%) & Mill Park (56.9%)	2019 metropolitan Melbourne average = 20.3%
2. Safety, policing, crime & drugs	15.8%	14.3%	18.8%	Highest in Whittlesea Township (29.3%)	2019 metropolitan Melbourne average = 6.3%
3. Road maintenance & repairs	14.5%	19.6%	17.8%	Highest in Doreen (27.9%)	2019 metropolitan Melbourne average = 7.0%