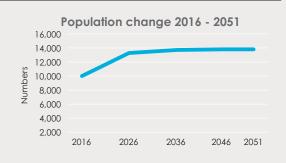
# Melton South Community Profile

#### Location & Growth



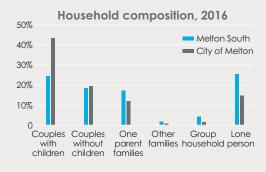
- > Situated in the fastest growing region in Australia with a population of 10,710 in 2019
- > In the last seven years, the population has increased by almost 2,000 people
- Between 2017-2018, Melton South was one of the fastest growing outer suburbs in Victoria, growing at 8.1% (City of Melton, 5.4%)
- > By 2036, the population will increase to 13,713
- > By 2051, the population will grow marginally to 13,801
- > The annual growth rate to 2051 is forecast at 0.8%

## **Population**



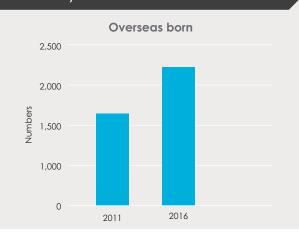
- > Young population, median age is 33 (City of Melton, 33)
- > 171 babies born in 2019 (City of Melton 2,711
- > 66% of the population is aged less than 49 years
- > Largest population age groups are:
  - 0-4 years old (836)
  - 5-9 years old (825)
  - 30-34 years old (813)
- > By 2036, people aged 70+ will almost double (1,020 people in 2019 to 1,900 people in 2036)

#### Households



- There are more than 4,008 households
- > Average household size is 2.6
- > Household composition is:
  - 24% couples with children (City of Melton, 43%)
  - 19% couples without children (City of Melton, 20%)
  - 18% one parent families (City of Melton, 13%)
  - 25.5% lone persons (City of Melton, 15%)
- Average children per family is 0.9%

#### Diversity



- Between 2011 and 2016, the number of overseas born residents increased from 1,626 to 2,271 (+646), a 40% increase
- Top three countries of birth are: United Kingdom, India and New Zealand (8% of the total population)
- 19% of residents speak a language other than English (City of Melton 32%)
- > Religion:
  - Higher 'No religion affiliation' at 31% (City of Melton, 22%)
  - Islam and Buddhism is increasing
- There are 148 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander\* people living in Melton South

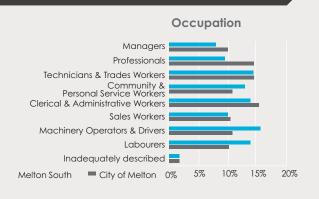
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#### Education



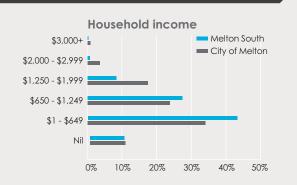
- 20% of the population attend an educational institution (City of Melton, 26%)
- > There are 838 babies and pre-schoolers, 1,142 primary schoolers and 782 secondary schoolers
- > 34% have completed Year 12 (City of Melton, 51%)
- > 38% held an educational qualification (City of Melton, 46%)
- > University attendance is at 2.3% (City of Melton, 3.5%)
- Bachelor or Higher Degree qualification is 8% (City of Melton, 16%)
- Vocational qualification is 22% (City of Melton, 21%)

### **Employment**



- > 3,315 people are employed, of which 63% are working full time and 35% part time
- Most work as Machinery Operators And Drivers
- > 9% work in professional occupations (City of Melton, 15%)
- > 72% travel to work by car (City of Melton, 75%)
- > 12% travel to work by train (City of Melton, 10%)
- 11% are engaged in some form of voluntary work (City of Melton 12.5%)

#### Income



- > 25% of households earn low income (City of Melton, 14%)
- > 6% of households earn high income (City of Melton, 19%)
- Median weekly household income is \$1,338 (City of Melton, \$1,,542)
- Median monthly mortgage repayment is \$1,363 (City of Melton, \$1,733) (City of Melton, 13%)
- 17% of households are experiencing mortgage stress (City of Melton, 13%)
- 36% of households are experiencing rental stress (City of Melton, 31%)
- > Average motor vehicles per dwelling is 1.8 (City of Melton, 2)
- > SEIFA index is 867 (City of Melton, 994)#

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- \* Due to issues with non-identification and undercounting in the 2016 Census, the number could double.
- # SEIFA index figures above 1,000 are above the Australian average and so relatively less disadvantaged, while index figures below 1,000 indicate areas of relatively greater disadvantage when compared to the nation.

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