

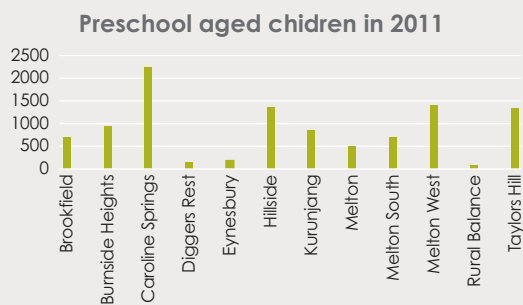


Children in City of Melton



- > There are 10,790 (8.5%) children aged 0-4 years, the second most populous age group
- > By 2036, the number of children aged 0-4 years will grow to more than 25,039 (or by 14,249)
- > In 2014, more babies were born in the Eastern Corridor** (1,194) than Melton Township (912)
- > More than 2,200 babies are forecasted to be born in 2015
- > 2,350 children attended preschool, of which 1,202 were male and 1,148 female

Geographical Distribution



- > In the Eastern Corridor there is a higher number of children aged 0-4 years (5,971) than in the Melton Township (4,281)
- > The highest number of children aged 0-4 years live in:
 - Caroline Springs 2,157
 - Melton West 1,398
 - Taylors Hill 1,335
- > The lowest number of 0-4 year olds live in:
 - Rockbank 99
 - Diggers Rest 126
 - Eynesbury 200

Diversity



- > In 2011, 728 (7.2%) children aged 0-4 years were born overseas and representing 22 countries
- > The top three countries of birth were:
 - New Zealand
 - India
 - Philippines
- > 105 children aged 0-4 years (54 boys and 51 girls) are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background[^]
- > More boys (50) than girls (35) require daily assistance with core activities (mobility, communication or personal care)

About AEDI

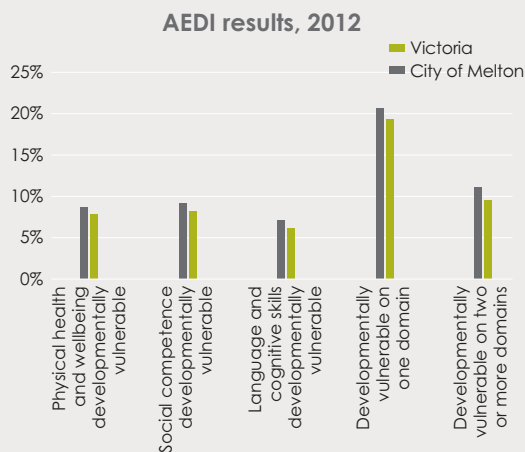


- > The Australian Early Development Index* (AEDI) is a population measure of children's development as they enter school.
- > The AEDI measures how well children are doing across five key areas of development referred to as domains. The AEDI domains have been shown to predict later health, wellbeing and academic success.
- > Children living in the most socio-economically disadvantaged Australian communities were more likely to be developmentally vulnerable on each of the domains.





AEDI Results



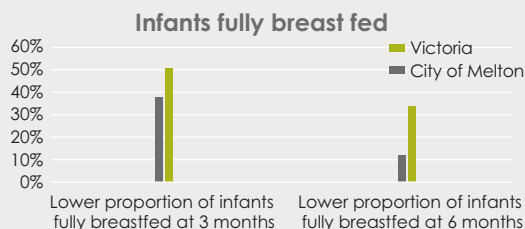
The key findings from 2012 AEDI results for the City of Melton show that a larger proportion of children were developmentally vulnerable on the following domains:

- > Physical health and wellbeing 8.6% (Victoria 7.8%)
- > Social competence 9.1% (Victoria 8.1%)
- > Language and cognitive skills 7.1% (Victoria 6.1%)
- > On one or more 20.9% (Victoria 19.5%)
- > On two or more 11.3% (Victoria 9.5%)

The following suburbs had a lower proportion of children who were developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains:

- > Brookfield
- > Taylors Hill
- > Caroline Springs
- > Burnside

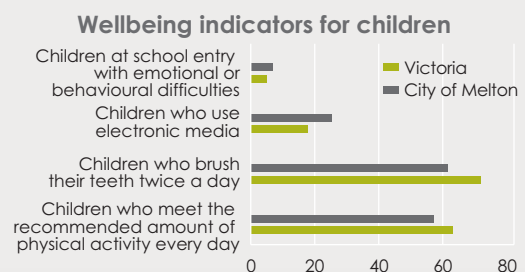
Wellbeing Indicators for Infants



In the City of Melton there are:

- > A higher proportion of children exposed to alcohol in utero (34.6%) than in the Western Melbourne Area (31.7%)
- > A lower proportion (37.6%) of infants fully breastfed at 3 months of age compared to Victoria 51%
- > A lower proportion (11.9%) of infants fully breastfed at 6 months of age compared to Victoria 33.8%
- > A lower participation rate (58.1%) of assessment at 3.5 years Key Age and Stage visits, compared to Victoria (65.4%)

Wellbeing Indicators for Children



In the City of Melton there were:

- > A lower proportion of children (56.6%) who meet the recommended amount of physical activity every day compared to Victoria (62.2%)
- > A lower proportion (61.4%) of children who brush their teeth twice a day, than the Victorian children (71.7%)
- > A higher proportion of children (24.9%) who use electronic media for more than two hours per day, than the Victorian children (17.7%)
- > A higher proportion (6.4%) of children at school entry with emotional or behavioural difficulties, compared to Victoria (4.6%)

References

- > ABS Census of Population and Housing 2011
 - > id. City of Melton Community Profile
 - > id. City of Melton Population Forecasts
 - > <http://maps.aedi.org.au/lga/vic/24650>
 - > <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/research/Pages/vcamstableau.aspx>
- * The AEDI results refer to school age entry children

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** Eastern Corridor consists of: Caroline Springs, Burnside, Burnside Hights, Taylors Hill and Hillside.
^Identified as of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background.

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