

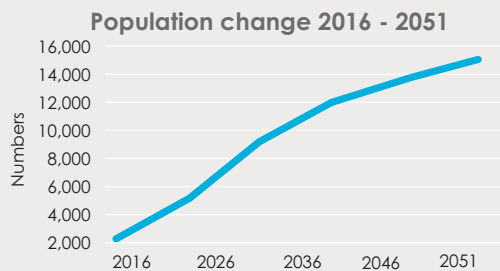
Diggers Rest Community Profile

Location & Growth



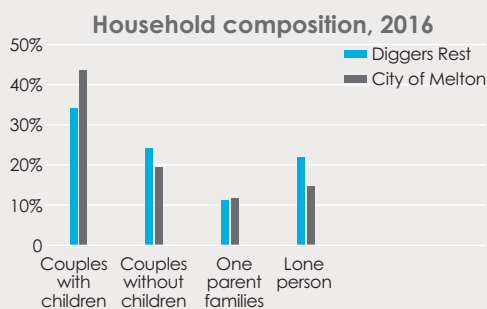
- > Situated in one of the fastest growing regions in Australia with a population of 3,981 in 2019
- > Between 2016 and 2019, the population increased by 1,529 people or 63per cent
- > In the next 10 years, the population is expected to increase to 8,170
- > By 2051, the population will increase to 14,7651 residents (or 290 per cent increase)

Population



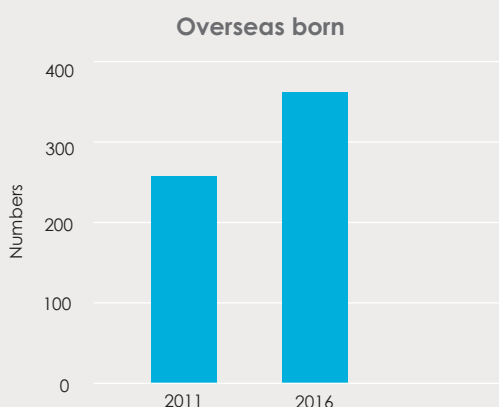
- > Young population, median age is 37 (City of Melton, 33)
- > 72 babies born in 2019 (City of Melton, 2,711)
- > More than 75% of the population is less than 49 years
- > The largest population age groups are:
 - 25-29 years old (478)
 - 30-34 years old (454)
 - 35-39 years old (363)
- > Between 2019 and 2051, the population age structure indicate a large increase in 70+ years old (192 in 2019 and 912 in 2051)

Households



- > There are more than 1,519 households
- > Average household size is 2.6
- > Household composition is:
 - 33% couples with children (City of Melton, 43%)
 - 23% couples without children (City of Melton, 20%)
 - 12% one parent families (City of Melton, 13%)
 - 22% lone persons (City of Melton, 15%)
- > Between 2011 and 2016, the largest increase in household types was in Couples with children
- > Average children per family is 1.8

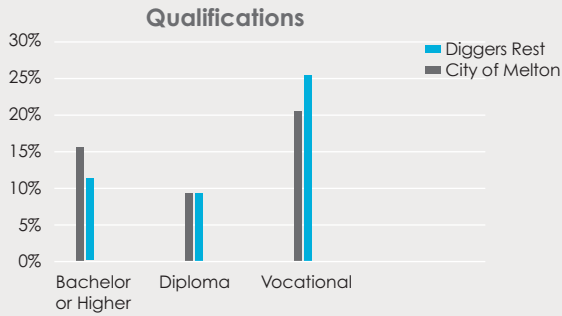
Diversity



- > Between 2011 and 2016, the number of overseas born residents increased from 270 to 383 (+113), 16% of the total population (City of Melton, 30%)
- > Top three countries of birth: United Kingdom, New Zealand and the Philippines
- > 12% of people speak a language other than English (City of Melton, 32%)
- > Religion:
 - Between 2011 and 2016, the 'No religion affiliation' category increased from 433 to 778, or 37% compared to 22% in City of Melton
 - Islam and Hinduism increased marginally
 - Buddhism experienced no change at 1%
- > In Diggers Rest, 31 people identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background*

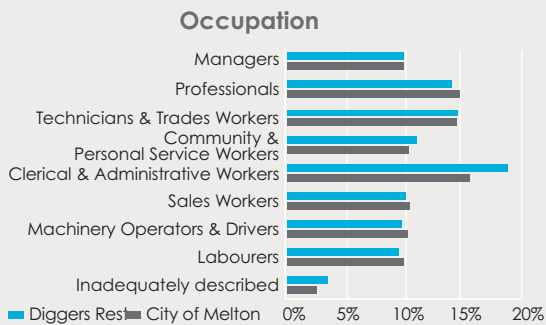
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Education



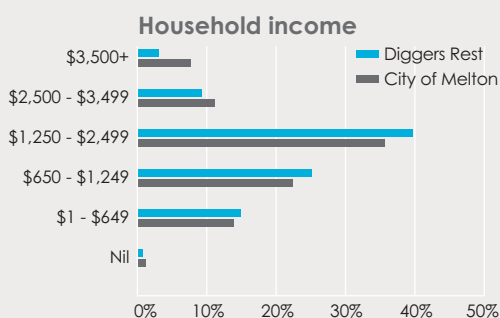
- > 19% of the population attend an educational institution (City of Melton, 26%)
- > There are 304 babies and pre-schoolers, 310 primary schoolers and 232 secondary schoolers
- > 45% of the residents have completed Year 12 (City of Melton, 51%)
- > University attendance is at 3.3% (City of Melton, 3.5%)
- > Bachelor or Higher Degree qualification is 12.6% (City of Melton, 16%)
- > Vocational qualification is 26% (City of Melton, 21%)

Employment



- > 1,241 people are employed, of which 63% are working full time and 35% part time
- > Most work in clerical and administrative occupations 18% (City of Melton, 16%)
- > 15% work in as technicians and trade occupations (City of Melton, 15%)
- > 14% work in professional occupations (City of Melton, 15%)
- > 70% travel to work by car (City of Melton, 70%)
- > 12% travel to work by train or bus (City of Melton, 10%)
- > 15% of residents are engaged in some form of voluntary work (City of Melton, 12.5%)

Income



- > 15% of households earn low income (City of Melton, 14%)
- > 11% of households earn high income (City of Melton, 19%)
- > Median weekly household income is \$1,440 (City of Melton, \$1,542)
- > Median monthly mortgage repayments are \$1,470 (City of Melton, \$1,704)
- > 8% of households are experiencing mortgage stress (City of Melton, 13%)
- > 21% of households are experiencing rental stress (City of Melton, 31%)
- > SEIFA index is 976 (City of Melton, 994)#
- > Average motor vehicles per dwelling is 2.2 (City of Melton, 2.1)

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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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References

- > ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016
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- > id. City of Melton Population Forecasts)

For further information on City of Melton demographics,
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