

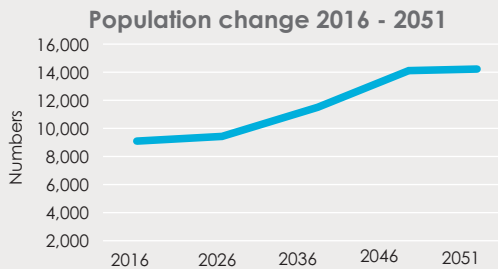
# Melton West Community Profile

## Location & Growth



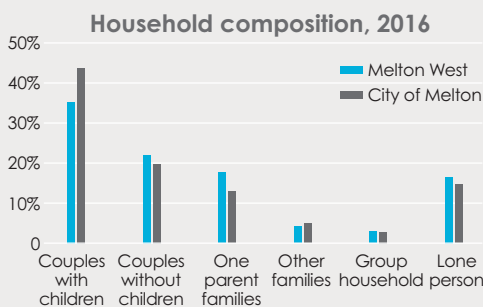
- > Situated in one of the fastest growing regions in Australia with a population of 9,141 in 2019
- > Population has increased by approximately 500 people in the last 7 years
- > Growing at 1.1% per year (City of Melton at 2.94% and Melton Township growing at 1.36% per year)
- > By 2031, the population will grow to 11,477 people
- > By 2051, the population will grow to 14,220 people
- > The annual growth rate to 2051 is forecast at 1.08%

## Population



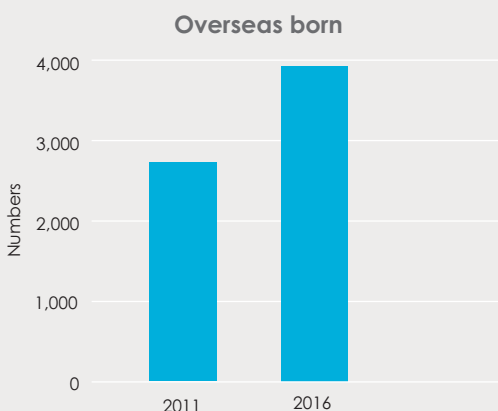
- > Young population, median age is 31 (City of Melton, 33)
- > 141 babies born in 2019 (City of Melton, 2,711)
- > 76% of the population is aged less than 49 year
- > The largest population age groups are:
  - 0-4 years old (716)
  - 5-9 years old (734)
  - 35-39 years old (671)
- > By 2036, people aged 70+ will almost double, from 619 people in 2019 to 1,029 people in 2036

## Households



- > There are more than 3,205 households
- > Average household size is 2.9
- > Household composition is:
  - 36% couples with children (City of Melton, 43%)
  - 21.5% couples without children (City of Melton, 20%)
  - 16.5% one parent families (City of Melton, 13%)
  - 16.5% lone persons (City of Melton, 15%)
- > Average children per family is 1.1

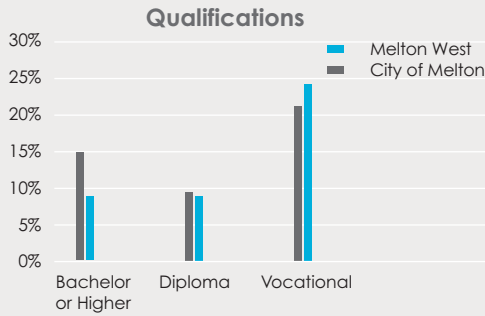
## Diversity



- > Between 2011 and 2016, the number of overseas born residents increased from 2,684 to 3,935 (+ 1,251)
- > Top three countries of birth: United Kingdom, New Zealand, and India
- > 18.5% of residents speak a language other than English (City of Melton, 32%)
- > Religion:
  - 29% reported as having 'No religious affiliation' (City of Melton, 22%)
  - Islam and Buddhism is increasing
- > In Melton West, 311 people identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background\*

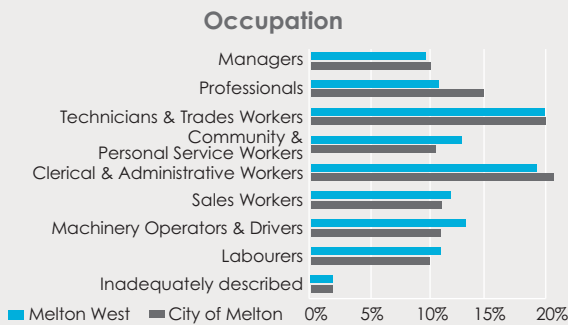
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## Education



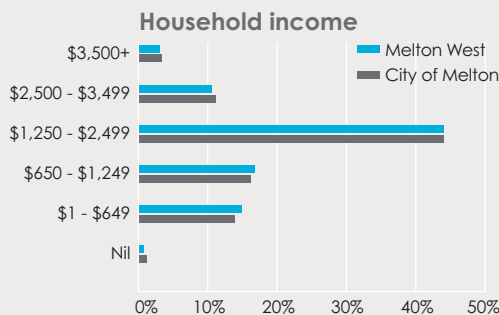
- > 25% of the population attend an educational institution (City of Melton, 26%)
- > There are 734 babies and pre-schoolers, 1,084 primary schoolers and 800 secondary schoolers
- > 44% of residents have completed Year 12 (City of Melton, 51%)
- > University attendance is 2.7% (City of Melton, 3.5%)
- > Bachelor or Higher Degree qualification is 9.5% (City of Melton, 16%)
- > Vocational qualification is 24.5% (City of Melton, 21%)

## Employment



- > 3,781 people are employed, of which 64% are working full time and 34% part time
- > Most work in technical, trade and clerical and administrative occupations
- > 12% work in professional occupations (City of Melton, 14%)
- > 77% travel to work by car (City of Melton, 70%)
- > 8% travel to work by train or bus (City of Melton, 10%)
- > 13% of residents are engaged in some form of voluntary work (City of Melton, 12.5%)

## Income



- > 12.5% of households earn low income (City of Melton, 14%)
- > 15% of households earn high income (City of Melton, 19%)
- > Median weekly household income is \$1,426 (City of Melton, \$1,542)
- > Median monthly mortgage repayment is \$1,517 (City of Melton, \$1,704)
- > 10% of households are experiencing mortgage stress (City of Melton, 13%)
- > 29.5% of households are experiencing rental stress (City of Melton, 31%)
- > SEIFA index is 947 (City of Melton 994)#
- > Average motor vehicle per dwelling is 2 (City of Melton, 2)

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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
- > id. City of Melton Community Profile
- > id. City of Melton Population Forecasts

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