

Key Facts About Sunbury

Brief History

Sunbury is a developing residential area in the North-West region of Melbourne, with substantial surrounding rural areas and some industrial and commercial land use. Sunbury is a part of the Hume Local Government Area.

The traditional custodians of the Sunbury area are the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. The area, formerly known as 'Koorakooracup', was a place of age-old ceremony, of celebration, initiation and renewal. Sunbury has several important Aboriginal archaeological sites including five earth rings which are believed to have been used for ceremonial gatherings.

The first European settlement of Sunbury was in 1836 by George Evans and William Jackson. It was Jackson and his brother, Samuel, who named the township 'Sunbury' after Sunbury-on-Thames, a town in Surrey, England.



People & growth



POPULATION GENERAL

In 2016, the population of Sunbury was 36,065¹

14% of Sunbury residents were born overseas: UK (4.8%), NZ (1.7%), India (1%) represent the highest percentage.¹

GROWTH

Sunbury is forecast to grow to 85,288 by 2041.²

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

The health and wellbeing outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continues to be poorer than that of non-aboriginal people.³

People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
1.0%	0.7%

DISABILITY

People in need of assistance due to disability¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
5.7%	6.3%

UNPAID CARE

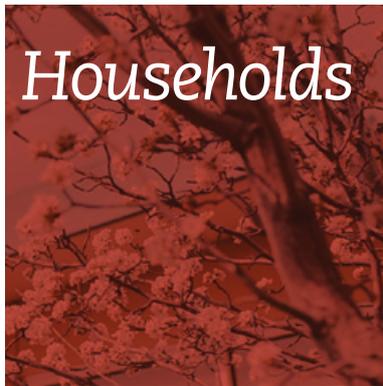
Unpaid aged and disability carers¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
13.0%	12.6%

Unpaid childcare (own and other children)¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
31.8%	28.8%

Households



In Sunbury, 74% of households were purchasing or fully owned their home (Hume 68.5%); 19.2% were renting privately (Hume 20.5%); and 1.1% were in social housing (Hume 2.8%).¹

Households with an internet connection¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
84.1%	80.6%

Lone person households¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
20.0%	15.8%

Low income households (less than \$650 per week)¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
13.8%	16.5%

Households in Mortgage stress¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
6.9%	17.4%

Households in Housing stress¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
9.6%	15.9%

Households in the lowest 40% of incomes who are paying more than 30% of their usual gross weekly income on housing costs.

Households in Rental stress¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
25.0%	35.2%

Workforce



In Sunbury, the three most popular occupations were: Clerical and Administrative Workers (18.4%), Technicians and Trades Workers (17.2%) Professionals (15.5%). Accounting for 51% of the employed resident population.¹

In Sunbury, 63% of the people who work in Sunbury lived in Sunbury, significantly higher than Hume City where 34.2% of people who worked in Hume also lived in Hume.¹

People with trade qualifications¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
23.4%	17.3%

Unemployment rate¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
3.9%	6.8%

TRAVEL TO WORK

People who travelled to work by car¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
73.0%	74.2%



Children

37% of households in Sunbury were couples with children (Hume 43.4%), 12.5% are single parents with children (Hume 13.6%).¹

8,613 children aged 0–17 lived in Sunbury (23.8% of Sunbury population). There are 52,209 children living in Hume (26.5% of Hume population).¹

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Just over one in three prep students in Hume City have visited a dentist in the past year (36.2%), compared to around one in two students across Metropolitan Melbourne (48.6%).⁴

37.7% of Hume babies are fully breastfed at 3 months; this is significantly lower than the Victoria average 51.4%.⁴

7.8% of Hume-Moreland children (aged 0-12 years) were from families that ran out of food and could afford to buy more. The Victorian average is 4.9%.⁴



Youth

8% of the Sunbury population were Secondary Schoolers (12 to 17 years of age); similar to Hume (8.3%).¹

0.9% of Hume City's youth population are Indigenous Youth. Compared with the rest of Hume, Sunbury has the highest proportion of Indigenous young people at 1.3%.⁵

20% of students report being bullied (students in years 7 to 9) in Hume City, higher than Victoria at 18%.⁴

In Hume City, 52.6% of students feel socially connected and get along with their peers (students in years 7 to 9) lower than Victoria at 54.6%.⁴

Youth unemployment rate (persons aged 15-24)¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
8.3%	13.9%

(unemployment for the general population of Sunbury was 3.9%)

Disengaged youth (aged 15-24 not employed or in education)¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
9.0%	11.6%



Access to services

Jacksons Creek Ward (JCW) respondents are more likely to experience problems accessing:

Centrelink/family assistance:

JCW	HUME
11.5%	10.6%

Medicare

JCW	HUME
13.6%	9.6%

Hospitals

JCW	HUME
10.7%	7.8%

Doctors

JCW	HUME
9.2%	7.4%

Disability Support

JCW	HUME
3.8%	1.8%

Mental Health Services

JCW	HUME
4.6%	2.6% ⁴

Health & wellbeing



GENERAL

Satisfied with life as a whole⁶

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
87.4%	82.4%

Somewhat to completely satisfied with personal relationships⁶

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
87.2%	87.0%

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Physical inactivity is linked to increase risk of ill-health and death, unhealthy weight, cardiovascular disease, some cancers and depression.

52.3% of Hume adults meet the physical activity requirements of at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days of the week, lower than the Victorian average 60.3%.⁷

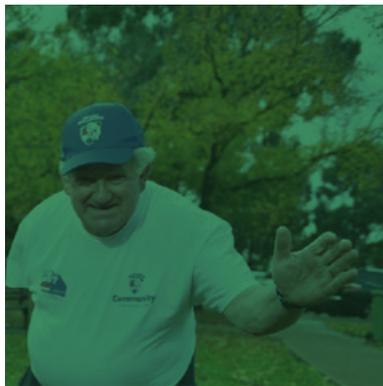
HEALTHY WEIGHT & EATING

Evidence shows that improving your diet and being more physically active can help you maintain a healthy weight and prevent or delay the onset of chronic diseases.

58.1% of Hume adults are overweight or obese.⁷

53.9% of Hume adults do not meet the guidelines of two or more serves of fruit per day, similar to Victorian average at 51.2%.⁷

93.1% of Hume adults do not meet the guidelines for consuming five or more serves of vegetables per day, similar to Victoria at 92.1%.⁷



MENTAL HEALTH

In Hume, the prevalence of depression/anxiety is at 20.1%, similar to the North West Metro Area at 22.5%.⁷

Prevalence of psychological distress for high/very high is 14.8% in Hume and 13.2% in North West Metro Area.⁷

SMOKING

Children in households with a smoker are also more likely to take up smoking themselves, with a threefold increase in daily smoking among young people with any second-hand smoke exposure.⁹

15.5% of Hume residents smoke on a daily basis.⁷

60.1% of Hume residents support smoking bans in outside dining areas.¹⁰

25% of Hume-Moreland children (aged 0-12 years) are exposed to tobacco smoke in the home, higher than Victoria at 18.5%.⁴

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Jacksons Creek Ward respondents were more likely to consume alcohol on a regular basis, with 10.6% consuming alcohol five days a week or more. In Hume this was 7.7%.⁶

24.3% of Jacksons Creek Ward respondents said they 'never drink alcohol' compared to 41.8% in Hume.⁶

Family violence



In the 12 month period of 2015-2016 in Hume, family violence was the context for more than half (57.8%) of all recorded assaults.¹¹

On average in Hume, 59.5 incidents of family violence were reported to police each week.¹¹

70.5% of victimised women in Hume were aged between 15 and 44 years.¹¹

Gambling (electronic gambling machines or EGMs)



Sunbury lost over \$18 million to EGMs in 2016-2017 financial year.¹²

There are 806 EGMs in Hume (across 14 venues), of which 230 (28.5%) are in Sunbury (across 5 venues). Sunbury has 35.7% of venues with EGMs in Hume (at October 2017).¹²

In Sunbury losses per adult, as at June 2016, was approximately \$677.18.¹²

Social participation & civic engagement

71.2% of Jacksons Creek Ward respondents were more likely to be satisfied with feeling part of their community, with Hume at 63.3%.⁴

In the last 12 months, 54.5% of Jacksons Creek Ward respondents were most likely to be involved in sporting and community groups, with Hume at 45.5%.⁴

In the last 12 months, 43.9% of Jacksons Creek Ward respondents participated in at least one civic activity (e.g. attending public meetings, signing a petition), with Hume at 33.8%.⁴

VOLUNTEERING

People who volunteered were more likely to have very high subjective wellbeing compared with people who did not volunteer.¹³

People who volunteer¹

SUNBURY	HUME CITY
17.5%	11.8%

Data and information correct as at November 2017.

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* Further information about data can be found under 'Survey Description'

SURVEY DESCRIPTION

(5) Hume City Council, Community Indicator Survey 2016

Hume City Council administers a Community Indicators Survey every two years. Data can be segmented by 'Council Ward'. Jacksons Creek Ward (JCW) is the ward that represents Sunbury. Majority of respondents from JCW were from Sunbury.

JCW includes suburbs: Bulla, Clarkefield, Diggers Rest, Keilor, Melbourne Airport, Oaklands Junction (north of Deep Creek), Sunbury, Tullamarine and Wildwood.