

Community report

Whittlesea (C)

Prepared from Community Explorer topic selections for briefing, planning and reporting use.

AREA

Whittlesea (C)

COMPARISON

Greater Melbourne

POPULATION

Persons

GENERATED

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Included sections

1 selected topic will be included in this report.

01 Service age groups

Sources and method

- Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2021 and, where available, 2016 comparison data.
- Percentages are calculated from the denominator supplied for each topic. Change (pp) is the 2021 percentage minus the 2016 percentage when the topic is comparable across years.
- Usual residence topics describe where people usually live, rather than where they were counted on Census night.

Service age groups

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Key takeaway

In 2021, Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49) was the most common category among residents in Whittlesea (C), accounting for 22.6% (51,810 people). This share was higher than Greater Melbourne (21.5%). Since 2016, the biggest change was in Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49), which increased by 9,591 people and 1.2 percentage points.

About this topic

Service age groups divide the population into broad life-stage bands such as children, young adults, working-age adults, and older people. The groupings are designed to reflect typical demand for age-based services and facilities rather than exact five-year cohorts.

This view is useful for planning childcare, schools, recreation, aged services, and other community infrastructure. It works best alongside five year age groups, household type, and dwelling data, which add more detail about who is living in an area and how needs may change over time.

Interpretation notes

- This is a derived grouping rather than a direct Census question, so the age bands are planning-oriented summaries built from standard age data.
- Percentages relate to the total population; use five year age groups when exact cohort detail matters.

Age structure - Service age groups

Whittlesea (C) - Total persons (Usual residence)

Category	2021			2016			Change	
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	pp
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	16,510	7.2%	5.9%	16,150	8.2%	6.4%	+360	-1.0
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	23,498	10.2%	8.7%	18,973	9.6%	8.5%	+4,525	+0.6
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	16,757	7.3%	6.9%	13,820	7.0%	6.7%	+2,937	+0.3
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	19,507	8.5%	8.9%	18,374	9.3%	10.0%	+1,133	-0.8
Young workforce (25 to 34)	35,885	15.6%	16.0%	33,706	17.1%	16.3%	+2,179	-1.5
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	51,810	22.6%	21.5%	42,219	21.4%	21.1%	+9,591	+1.2
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	25,141	11.0%	11.9%	21,942	11.1%	11.9%	+3,199	-0.1
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	20,004	8.7%	9.5%	17,028	8.6%	9.3%	+2,976	+0.1
Seniors (70 to 84)	16,973	7.4%	8.6%	12,907	6.5%	7.7%	+4,066	+0.9
Elderly aged (85 and over)	3,330	1.5%	2.0%	2,359	1.2%	2.0%	+971	+0.3

Category	2021			2016		
	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %	Count	%	Greater Melbourne %
Total	229,396	100.0%	100.0%	197,491	100.0%	100.0%

Data basis: usual residence.