

Children & Young People in Merri-bek

Your neighbourhood



Your facts

Did you know?

Current population and forecast for 2024-2034:



47,178 people **(27%)** are 0-24 years old. By 2034, this is expected to increase to 63,969 **(29%)**.

Merri-bek First Peoples current population 0-24 year olds:



38% of First Peoples residents are aged 0-24 years old.

Languages children and young people speak at home:



64% speak English only and **30%** speak another language in addition to English.

*Children & Young People includes those aged 0-24 years



Health & Wellbeing

Developmental Vulnerability

19%



of children are reported as vulnerable in one or more area of development, lower than the Victorian average (22%). Developmental vulnerability is highest in Glenroy (34%), Brunswick East (24%), and Fawkner (24%).

Health of Children & Young People

19%



of 0-17 year olds reported asthma as the most common long-term health condition, compared to 18% in Greater Melbourne. 14% of 18-24 year olds reported a mental health condition as the most common long-term health condition, compared to 11% in Greater Melbourne.

Immunisation



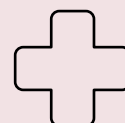
At 5 years of age,

94%

of children were fully immunised.

Key Ages & Stages

69%

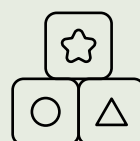


of children at school entry had attended a Maternal & Child Health Centre for their 3.5-year-old check. This was slightly higher than the average for Greater Melbourne.



Education

Kindergarten participation



97%

of eligible children participate in 4-year-old kindergarten and 91% participate in 3-year-old kindergarten, slightly higher than the Victorian average.



Work



Youth Unemployment



11%

of young people aged 15-24 are unemployed, slightly lower than Greater Melbourne, although unemployment was higher in Coburg North (14%) and Fawkner (14%).

Youth Disengagement



7%

of young people aged 15-24 are disengaged from employment and education, slightly higher than Greater Melbourne. Disengagement is highest in Hadfield (11%), Fawkner (10%) and Glenroy (8%).