



2010 Early Childhood Community Profile

Summary sheet for the Hume region

Local demographics for young children aged 0 to 8 years and their families¹.

- There were 3,348 births notified to the local Maternal and Child Health services in the Hume region during 2008-09. This represents a decrease of 5.1 per cent since 2006-07 and an increase of 7.1 per cent since 2000-01. This compares to an increase in birth notifications across Victoria of 2.3 per cent since 2006-07 and 18.6 per cent since 2000-01.
- At 30 June 2008, there was an estimated 266,930 people residing in the Hume region. Of these, 30,909 were aged between 0 to 8 years, representing 11.6 per cent of the region's total population.
- The population aged 0 to 8 years in Hume is projected to increase by 8.8 per cent by 2026, while the total population in the Hume region is expected to increase by 25.0 per cent over this period.
- Of the 17,345 families in the Hume region with children aged between 0 and 8 years, 80.1 per cent were couple families and 19.9 per cent were one parent families.
- According to the 2006 Census, there were 3,689 Aboriginal persons in the Hume region, representing 1.5 per cent of the region's total population. 24.0 per cent of the Aboriginal population in the Hume region were aged 0 to 8 years.

Indicators relating to health, learning, wellbeing, development and safety of children in the

- 50.1 per cent of infants in the Hume region were fully breastfed at 3 months and 31.5 per cent of infants were fully breastfed at 6 months.
- 92.4 per cent of children in the Hume region were fully immunised at 12-<15 months, 95.5 per cent were fully immunised at 24-<27 months and 81.9 per cent were fully immunised at 60-<63 months.
- 3,268 Prep children were surveyed in the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) in the Hume region during 2009. Of these, 20.8 per cent were vulnerable on one or more domains and 10.6 per cent were vulnerable on two or more domains.
- In 2008, 79.4% students enrolled in government schools in the Hume region were achieving a reading accuracy score of 90% or more on Level 5 texts, 82.6% of Year 1 students were reading Level 15 texts with over 90% accuracy and 93.6% of Year 2 students were achieving 90% accuracy or higher on Level 20 texts.

Families in the Hume region.

- Based on the 2009 VCHWS survey results, 47.2% of children aged 6 months to 12 years were reported to have been read to almost every day in the Hume region. This was less than, but not significantly different to the proportion of children being read to almost every day across Victoria (48.3%).
- Based on the 2009 VCHWS, 4.3% of main carer's of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Hume region were classified as being of high risk of psychological distress. This proportion was higher, but not significantly different to that reported across Victoria (3.7%).
- In 2008 - 2009, 371 substantiated cases of child abuse were recorded in the Hume region, representing a rate of 12.0 per 1,000 children aged 0 to 8 years in the area. This compares to a rate of 7.0 per 1000 children across Victoria.
- Over 2007 - 2008, 86.4% of families with children aged 0 to 8 in the Hume region remained in public housing 12 months or more after initial allocation. This was less than the percentage in Victoria (87.3%).

Indicators relating to the community.³



- 95.6% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Hume region were from households who reported being able to get support from friends, family and neighbours in times of crisis/need. This proportion was similar to the proportion reported across Victoria (95.2%).
- 97.3% of parents of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Hume region reported that having someone they could turn to for advice when having problems. This proportion was similar to the proportion reported across Victoria (97.1%).
- 96.0% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Hume region were from households where the parent or guardian agreed that their neighbourhood was safe. This proportion was higher than, but not significantly different to the proportion reported across Victoria (95.1%).

Supports and services in the Hume region.

- During 2008 - 2009, there were 13.4 hospital separations for gastroenteritis per 1,000 children aged 0 to 1 in the Hume region. This is greater than the rate of hospital separations in Victoria (9.5 per 1,000 children aged 0 to 1).
- In 2008 - 2009, 97.0 per cent of infants in the Hume region received a home consultation visit and 67.7 per cent of children in Hume attended the 3.5 year key ages and stages visit.
- The kindergarten participation rate in the Hume region during 2009 was 93.2%. This was greater than the kindergarten participation rate in Victoria (92.7%).
- Prep students attending government schools in the Hume region were absent for an average 14.8 days over the 2009 school year. Year 1 students were absent for an average 14.9 days and Year 2 students were absent for an average 14.1 days over the 2009 school year.

Early childhood services for families in the Hume region.

- As at August 2010, there were 172 primary school education providers in the Hume region - 131 government, 29 Catholic and 12 independent.
- In 2009, there were 104 funded kindergarten programs in the Hume region. Of these, 19 were kindergarten programs located within a long day care setting.
- As at 22 July 2010, the Hume region had 12 multi-service Children's Centres completed or under development, funded by state and local government. These were:

Name of Children's Centre

- Lake View Children's Centre
- Bright Early Year's Learning Centre
- Lulla's Children and Family Centre
- Kilmore Family Centre
- Yarrawonga Early Childhood Centre
- Yea Children's Centre
- Middle Kinglake Early Years Facility
- Marysville Early Years Facility
- Flowerdale Early Years Facility
- Violet Town Children's Centre
- Wangaratta Children's Services Centre
- Whitebox Rise Children's Centre

Status

- Licensed and Operating
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Data sourced from the 2010 Early Childhood Community Profiles - DEECD

- 1 2006 Census data unless otherwise stated
- 2 Reporting period is 2008-09 financial year
- 3 Sourced from 2009 VCHWS survey