

2010 Early Childhood Community Profile

Summary sheet for the Shire of Nillumbik



Local demographics for young children aged 0 to 8 years and their families.¹

- There were 666 births notified to the local Maternal and Child Health services in Nillumbik during 2008-09. This represents a decrease of 7.7 per cent since 2006-07 and a decrease of 18.9 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 63,181 people residing in Nillumbik. Of these, 7,491 were aged between 0 to 8 years, representing 11.9 per cent of Nillumbik's total population.
- The population aged 0 to 8 years in Nillumbik is projected to decrease by 2.1 per cent by 2026, while the total population in Nillumbik is expected to increase by 11.7 per cent over this period.
- Using the Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage, Nillumbik was ranked 79 out of 79 LGAs in Victoria. A rank of 1 was assigned to the most disadvantaged LGA in Victoria.
- Of the 4,410 families with children aged between 0 and 8 years in Nillumbik, 91.7 per cent were couple families and 8.3 per cent were one parent families.
- There were 154 Aboriginal persons in Nillumbik, representing 0.3 per cent of the total population. 9.1 per cent of the Aboriginal population in Nillumbik were aged 0 to 8 years.

Health, learning, wellbeing, development and safety indicators for children in the local area.²

- 65.5 per cent of infants in Nillumbik were fully breastfed at 3 months and 52.2 per cent of infants were fully breastfed at 6 months.
- 91.7 per cent of children in Nillumbik were fully immunised at 12-<15 months, 90.4 per cent were fully immunised at 24-<27 months and 83.0 per cent were fully immunised at 60-<63 months.
- 790 Prep children were surveyed in the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) in Nillumbik during 2009. Of these, 11.4 per cent were vulnerable on one or more domains and 3.6 per cent were vulnerable on two or more domains.
- In 2008, 91.9% students enrolled in government schools in Nillumbik were achieving a reading accuracy score of 90% or more on Level 5 texts, 95.4% of Year 1 students were reading Level 15 texts with over 90% accuracy and 98.2% of Year 2 students were achieving 90% accuracy or higher on Level 20 texts.

Families in Nillumbik.

- Based on the 2009 VCHWS survey results, 43.8% of children aged 6 months to 12 years were reported to have been read to almost every day in the Northern Metropolitan 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, 5.5% of main carer's of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Northern Metropolitan 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, 8 substantiated cases of child abuse were recorded in Nillumbik, representing a rate of 1.1 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, the number of families with children aged 0 to 8 years in Nillumbik who remained in public housing 12 months or more after initial allocation was suppressed due to small numbers.



Indicators relating to the local community.³

- 95.2% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Northern Metropolitan 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%).
- 97.8% of parents of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Northern Metropolitan region reported that having someone they could turn to for advice when having problems. This proportion was higher than, but not significantly different to the proportion reported across Victoria (97.1%).
- 91.5% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Northern Metropolitan region were from households where the parent or guardian agreed that their neighbourhood was safe. This proportion was significantly lower than the proportion reported across Victoria (95.1%).

Supports and services in Nillumbik.

- Due to small numbers of hospital separations for gastroenteritis among children aged 0 to 8 in Nillumbik, the rate of hospital separations for gastroenteritis during 2008 - 2009 could not be derived. During 2008 - 2009, there were 7.8 hospital separations for gastroenteritis per 1,000 children aged 0 to 1 in the broader Northern
- In 2008 - 2009, 96.8 per cent of infants in Nillumbik received a home consultation visit and 71.8 per cent of children in Nillumbik attended the 3.5 year key ages and stages visit.
- The kindergarten participation rate in Nillumbik during 2009 was 102.6%. This was greater than the kindergarten participation rate in Victoria (92.7%).
- Prep students attending government schools in Nillumbik were absent for an average 13.5 days over the 2009 school year. Year 1 students were absent for an average 13.8 days and Year 2 students were absent for an average 13.1 days over the 2009 school year.

Early childhood services for families in Nillumbik.

- As at August 2010, there were 23 primary school education providers in Nillumbik - 17 government, 3 Catholic and 3 independent.
- In 2009, there were 23 funded kindergarten programs in Nillumbik. Of these, 6 were kindergarten programs located within a long day care setting.
- As at 22 July 2010, Nillumbik had 1 multi-service Children's Centres completed or under development, funded by state and local government. These were:

Name of Children's Centre

Hurstbridge Early Learning and Care Centre

Status

In planning stage

- There is a Best Start partnership operating in the LGA of Nillumbik.

Data sourced from the 2010 Early Childhood Community Profiles - DEECD

1 2006 Census data unless otherwise specified

2 Reporting period is 2008-09 financial year unless otherwise specified

3 Sourced from 2009 VCHWS survey