

2010 Early Childhood Community Profile

Summary sheet for the City of Port Phillip



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

- There were 1,303 births notified to the local Maternal and Child Health services in Port Phillip during 2008-09. This represents an increase of 1.2 per cent since 2006-07 and an increase of 32.6 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 93,752 people residing in Port Phillip. Of these, 6,849 were aged between 0 to 8 years, representing 7.3 per cent of Port Phillip's total population.
- The population aged 0 to 8 years in Port Phillip is projected to increase by 9.5 per cent by 2026, while the total population in Port Phillip is expected to increase by 31.1 per cent over this period.
- Using the Index of Relative Socioeconomic Disadvantage, Port Phillip was ranked 73 out of 79 LGAs in Victoria. A rank of 1 was assigned to the most disadvantaged LGA in Victoria.
- Of the 3,585 families with children aged between 0 and 8 years in Port Phillip, 85.9 per cent were couple families and 14.1 per cent were one parent families.
- There were 234 Aboriginal persons in Port Phillip, representing 0.3 per cent of the total population. 8.5 per cent of the Aboriginal population in Port Phillip were aged 0 to 8 years.

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

- 65.2 per cent of infants in Port Phillip were fully breastfed at 3 months and 51.0 per cent of infants were fully breastfed at 6 months.
- 87.7 per cent of children in Port Phillip were fully immunised at 12-<15 months, 90.9 per cent were fully immunised at 24-<27 months and 75.7 per cent were fully immunised at 60-<63 months.
- 586 Prep children were surveyed in the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) in Port Phillip during 2009. Of these, 11.9 per cent were vulnerable on one or more domains and 5.5 per cent were vulnerable on two or more domains.
- In 2008, 89.1% students enrolled in government schools in Port Phillip were achieving a reading accuracy score of 90% or more on Level 5 texts, 96.5% of Year 1 students were reading Level 15 texts with over 90% accuracy and 98.5% of Year 2 students were achieving 90% accuracy or higher on Level 20 texts.

Families in Port Phillip.

- Based on the 2009 VCHWS survey results, 49.9% of children aged 6 months to 12 years were reported to have been read to almost every day in the Southern Metropolitan region. This was more 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, 3.2% of main carer's of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Southern Metropolitan region were classified as being of high risk of psychological distress. This proportion was lower, but not significantly different to that reported across Victoria (3.7%).
- In 2008 - 2009, 29 substantiated cases of child abuse were recorded in Port Phillip, representing a rate of 4.2 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, 81.5% of families with children aged 0 to 8 in Port Phillip 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 local community.³



- 95.2% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Southern 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%).
- 96.6% of parents of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Southern Metropolitan region reported that having someone they could turn to for advice when having problems. This proportion was lower than, but not significantly different to the proportion reported across Victoria (97.1%).
- 94.7% of children aged 0 to 12 years in the Southern Metropolitan region were from households where the parent or guardian agreed that their neighbourhood was safe. This proportion was similar to the proportion reported across Victoria (95.1%).

Supports and services in Port Phillip.

- During 2008 - 2009, there were 12.0 hospital separations for gastroenteritis per 1,000 children aged 0 to 1 in Port Phillip. This is greater than the rate of hospital separations in Victoria (9.5 per 1,000 children aged under 1).
- In 2008 - 2009, 97.9 per cent of infants in Port Phillip received a home consultation visit and 63.9 per cent of children in Port Phillip attended the 3.5 year key ages and stages visit.
- The kindergarten participation rate in Port Phillip during 2009 was 81.9%. This was less than the kindergarten participation rate in Victoria (92.7%).
- Prep students attending government schools in Port Phillip were absent for an average 14.5 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 14.0 days over the 2009 school year.

Early childhood services for families in Port Phillip.

- As at August 2010, there were 11 primary school education providers in Port Phillip - 6 government, 3 Catholic and 2 independent.
- In 2009, there were 25 funded kindergarten programs in Port Phillip. Of these, 18 were kindergarten programs located within a long day care setting.
- As at 22 July 2010, Port Phillip had 3 multi-service Children's Centres completed or under development, funded by state and local government. These were:

<i>Name of Children's Centre</i>	<i>Status</i>
Poets Grove Family & Children's Services Centre	Licensed and Operating
St Kilda Child Care Centre	In planning stage
Port Melbourne Children's Centre	In planning stage

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