

Demography, Community Profile & Vulnerable Groups

Our residents

Highlight: The 2021 Census revealed that 101,942 people usually reside in Port Phillip, this is an increase of 1% since 2016 (100,863). The largest age cohort living in the City of Port Phillip is 25 – 45 year olds although the proportion of residents in this age group declined in 2021 (41%, down from 44% in 2016). Weekly median individual and family incomes increased significantly over 2016 figures (up 19% and 20% respectively).

The top languages spoken at home (other than English) remain: Greek, Mandarin, Spanish, Italian and Russian (as per 2016) and the Indigenous population increased from 393 to 514 people. The proportion providing unpaid assistance to a person living with a disability increased from 8.7% to 12% however the proportion formally volunteering in the past 12 months declined (from 20% in 2016 to 16.5% in 2021)

The table below (Figure 1) shows the breakdown of population by neighbourhood areas.

Neighbourhood	2021 Place of usual residence	
	Number	%
Port Phillip	101,980	
Albert Park – Middle Park	19,825	19%
East St Kilda – Balacava	21,205	21%
Elwood – Ripponlea	16,350	16%
Port Melbourne	18,099	18%
South Melbourne	11,693	11%
St Kilda – St Kilda West	14,808	15%

Figure 1: Estimated resident population breakdown.

- The largest age cohort living in the City of Port Phillip is 25 – 45 year olds (41%, down from 44% in 2016).
- There is a smaller number (15%) of babies, pre-schoolers and school aged children 0-19 year olds, as well as retirees and older persons 65+ (13%) as seen in the table below (figure 2) (both similar population to 2016 at 14.6% and 11.5% respectively).

Age groups:	#	%
0-4 years	4,177	4%
5-14 years	7,452	7%
15-19 years	3,289	3%
20-24 years	5,551	5%
25-34 years	23,118	23%
35-44 years	18,287	18%
45-54 years	14,681	14%
55-64 years	11,604	11%
65-74 years	8,050	8%
75-84 years	4,268	4%
85 years and over	1,468	1%

Figure 2: Age group breakdown.

- Median individual weekly income is \$1,289 and family income is \$3,052 (up from \$1,087 and \$2,559 respectively in 2016)
- The top five languages spoken at home (other than English) remain: Greek, Mandarin, Spanish, Italian and Russian (as per 2016)
- The largest non-English country of birth is India 2.1% or 2,131 people (similarly to 2016)
- Indigenous people 514 (0.5%), up from 393 people in 2016
- 56% define themselves as Atheists and 35% as Christians (42% were 'no religion' in 2016)
- 3.9% define themselves as living with a disability and 12% have provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability (vs 8.7% in 2016)
- 16.5% have volunteered in the past 12 months (vs 20% in 2016)

Dwellings and households

Highlight: the proportion of lone households continues to grow (up from 39.5% to 43.8%) as does the proportion of flats or apartments (up from 65.8% to 66.6%)

- 51% of all dwellings are rented (down from 54% in 2016), 5% via a housing authority or community housing provider (similarly to 2016)
- 43.8% of households are lone households (up from 39.5% in 2016)
- 23.4% of dwellings are semi-detached, row or terrace house or townhouses (23.9% in 2016)
- 66.6% of dwellings are flats or apartments (65.8% in 2016)
- Average number of people per household is 2 (similar to 2016)

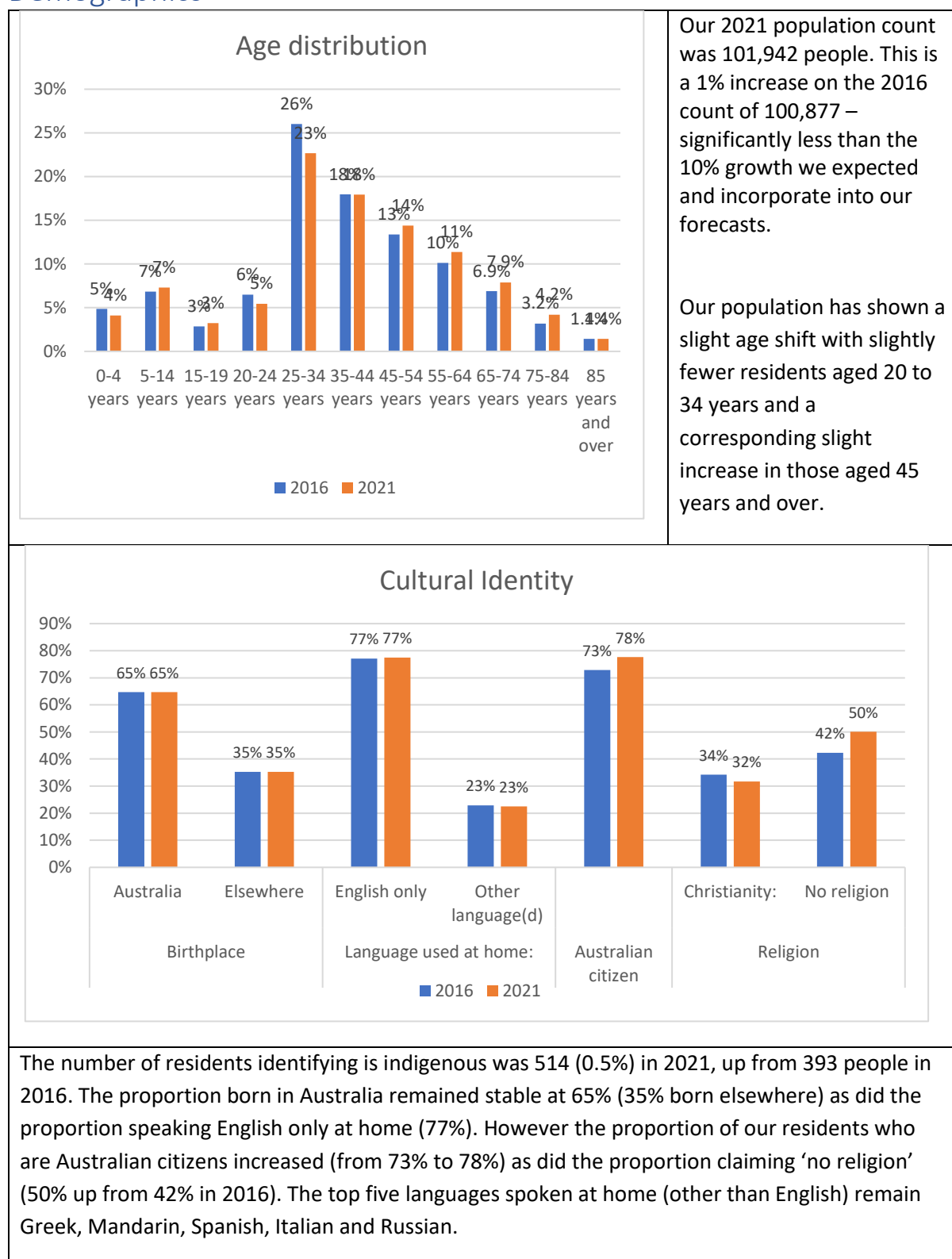
Families

- 32.0% of families are couples with children
- 53.4% of families are couples without children
- 12% of families are single parents

Older persons

- In the Port Phillip council 5,540 people are in receipt of the Age Pension and 3,072 people are in receipt of the Disability Support Pension.

Demographics



Households

Dwelling structure

Dwelling structure	2016	2021
Separate house	9%	9%
Semi-detached	24%	23%
Flat or apartment	66%	67%
Other dwelling	1%	1%

In 2021, dwelling structure types remained stable with two thirds of all dwellings being flats or apartments.

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Number of people usually resident

Number of people usually resident	2016	2021
One	39%	44%
Two	38%	35%
Three	12%	11%
Four or more	8%	8%

