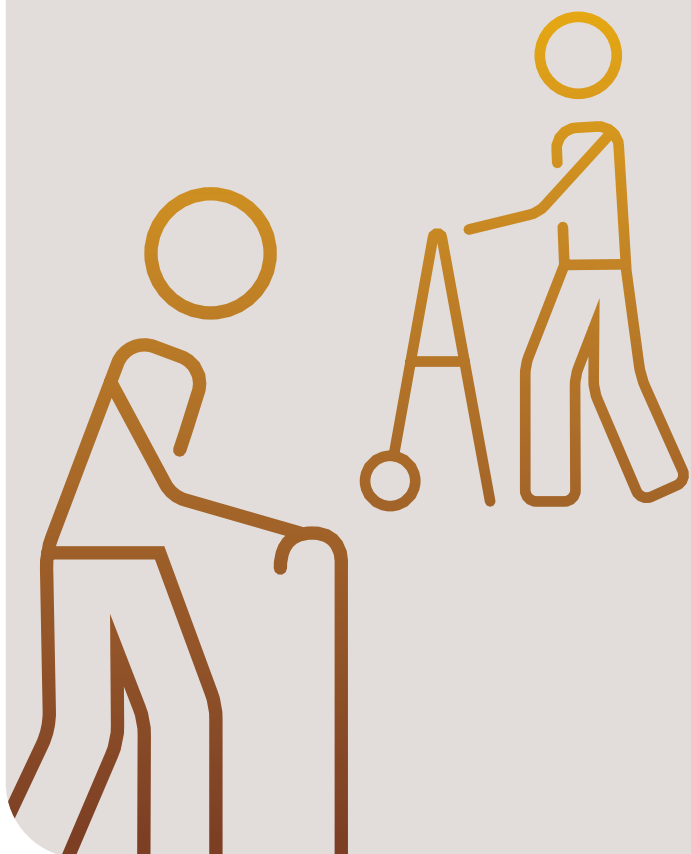


# OLDER PEOPLE

## RESEARCH SUMMARY



**Our health and wellbeing is shaped by the people in our lives, our community, and the place in which we live.**

Hobsons Bay City Council has prepared a series of research summaries to provide information about the social and environmental conditions that affect our health and wellbeing.

This research summary provides information on older people in Hobsons Bay, who are defined as people aged 60 years and above.

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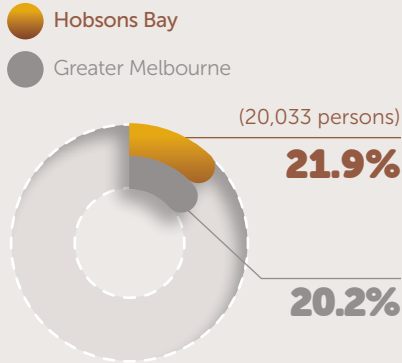


# PEOPLE

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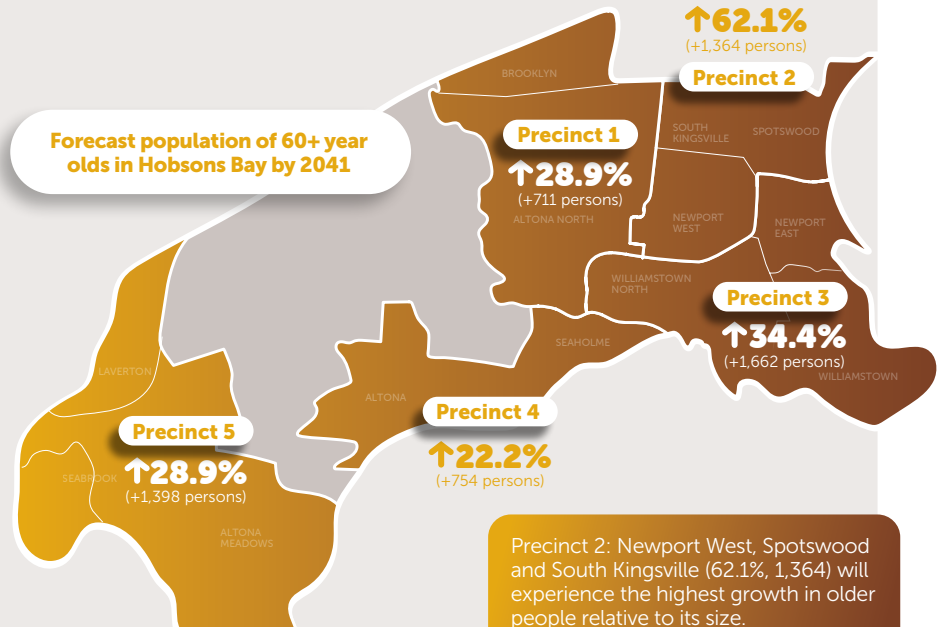
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In 2021, older people made up 21.9% of Hobsons Bay's population (20,033 persons), a slightly larger proportion compared to Greater Melbourne (20.2%).



Note: People aged 60-69 (+1,139 persons) and people aged 70-84 (+1,012 persons) had both increased by more than 10% since 2016.

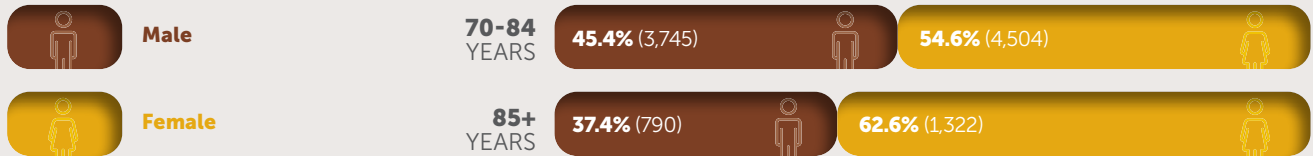
By 2041, the number of older people in Hobsons Bay is forecast to grow by 29.7% (5,886 persons).



## Age

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In 2021, Hobsons Bay had larger proportions of females across all age groups of older people.

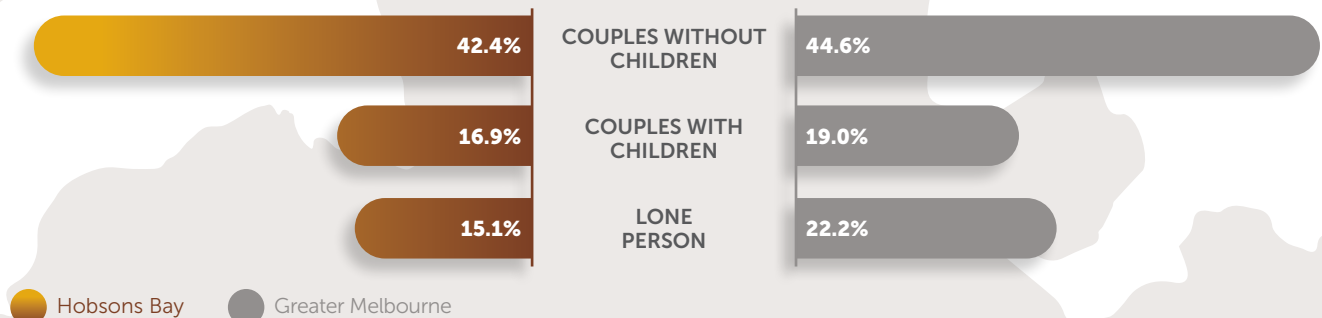


## Households

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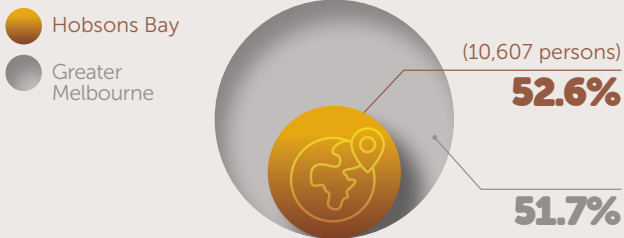
In 2021, a substantially smaller proportion of older people in Hobsons Bay (15.1%) were living in lone-person households, compared to Greater Melbourne (22.2%).

### HOUSEHOLD TYPE FOR 60+ YEAR OLDS

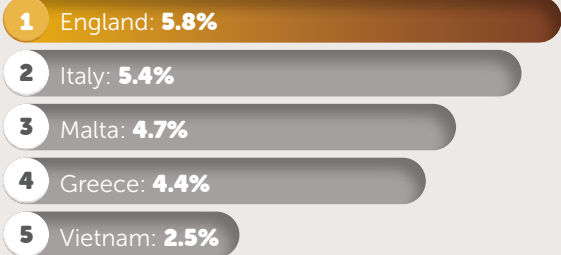


Cultural diversity 2

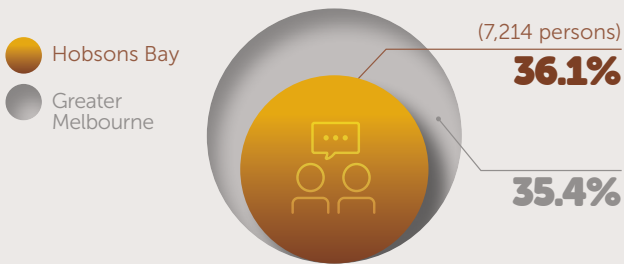
In 2021, Hobsons Bay had a slightly larger proportion of older people who were born overseas (52.6%), compared to Greater Melbourne (51.7%).



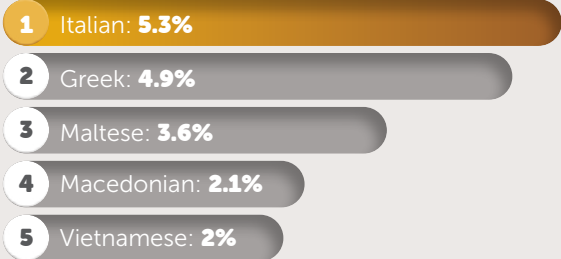
The top five overseas birthplaces for older people in Hobsons Bay:



In 2021, Hobsons Bay had a similar proportion of older people who spoke a language other than English at home (36.1%), compared to Greater Melbourne (35.4%).



The top five languages spoken by older people in Hobsons Bay:

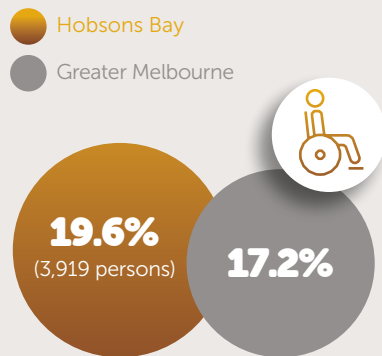


In 2021, just over two thirds (67.8%) of older people in Hobsons Bay who spoke another language also spoke English very well or well, a larger proportion than Greater Melbourne (63.7%).



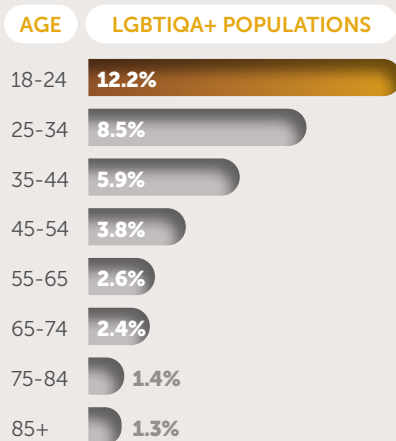
Disability 2

In 2021, 19.6% of older people in Hobsons Bay (3,919 persons) required assistance with their daily activities, a larger proportion than Greater Melbourne (17.2%).



LGBTIQA+ 10

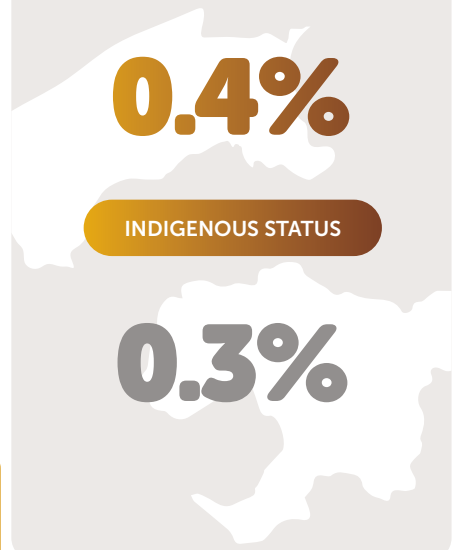
In 2017, people aged 65 and above in Victoria were least likely to be LGBTIQA+



Note: LGBTIQA+ refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, asexual and other sexually or gender diverse communities. Local data is not available.

First Nations 2

In 2021, 0.4% of older people in Hobsons Bay (73 persons) were First Nations people, a similar proportion to Greater Melbourne (0.3%).

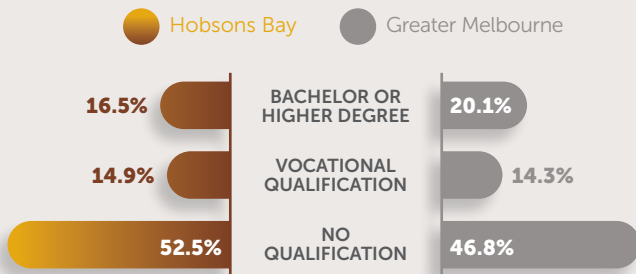


# EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

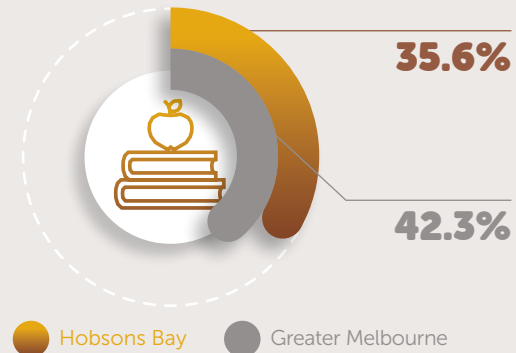
## Education

In 2021, a larger proportion of older people in Hobsons Bay (52.5%) had no tertiary qualifications, compared to Greater Melbourne (46.8%).

### HIGHEST QUALIFICATION ACHIEVED

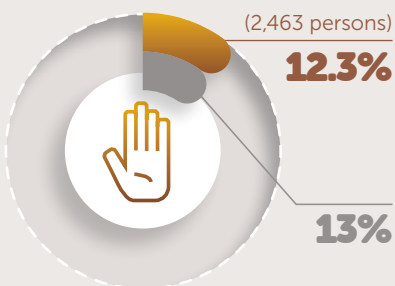


In 2021, a smaller proportion of older people in Hobsons Bay (35.6%) had completed Year 12 or equivalent compared to Greater Melbourne (42.3%).

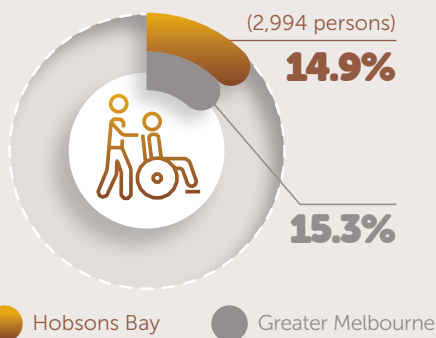


## Care/Unpaid Work

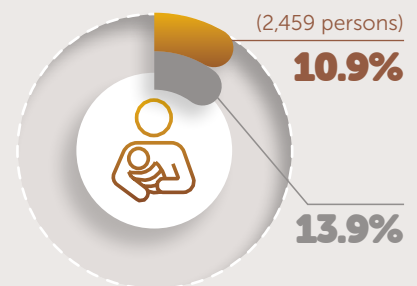
In 2021, 12.3% of older people in Hobsons Bay (2,463 persons) volunteered, a similar proportion to Greater Melbourne (13.0%).



In 2021, 14.9% of older people in Hobsons Bay (2,994 persons) provided unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, long-term illness or old age, a similar proportion to Greater Melbourne (15.3%).

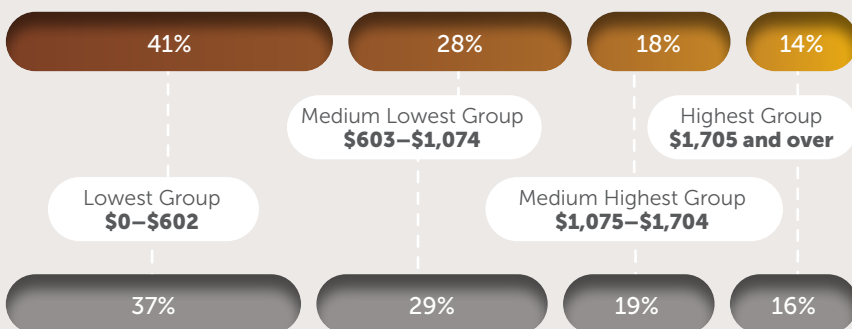


In 2021, 10.9% of older people in Hobsons Bay (2,459 persons) provided unpaid childcare, a smaller proportion than Greater Melbourne (13.9%).

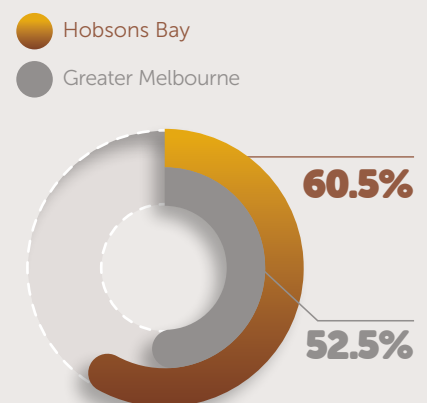


## Income

In 2021, a larger proportion of households including older people in Hobsons Bay (41%) were in the lowest group for equivalised weekly household income, compared to Greater Melbourne (37%).



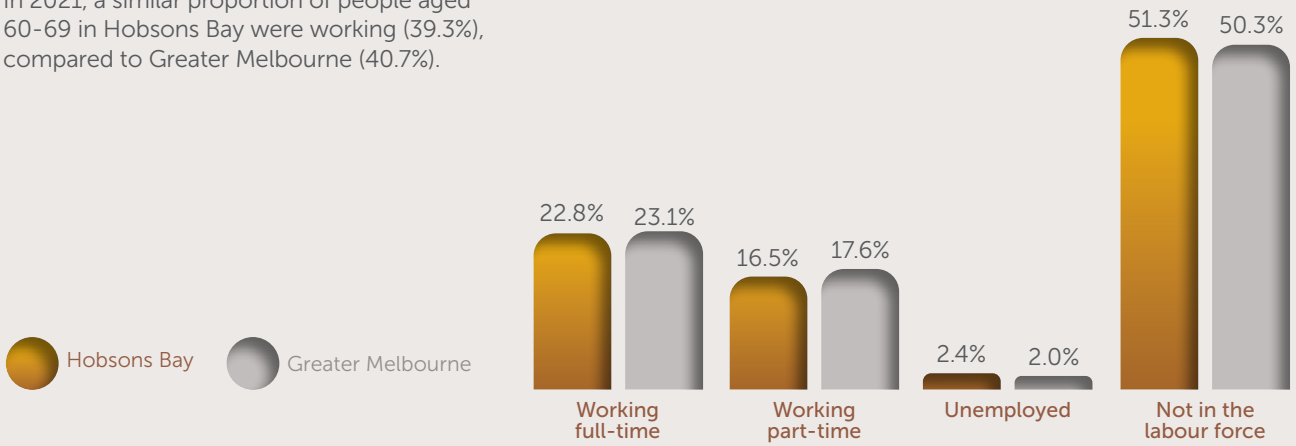
In 2021, a larger proportion of people aged 65 or above in Hobsons Bay (60.5%) received the aged pension, compared to Greater Melbourne (52.5%).



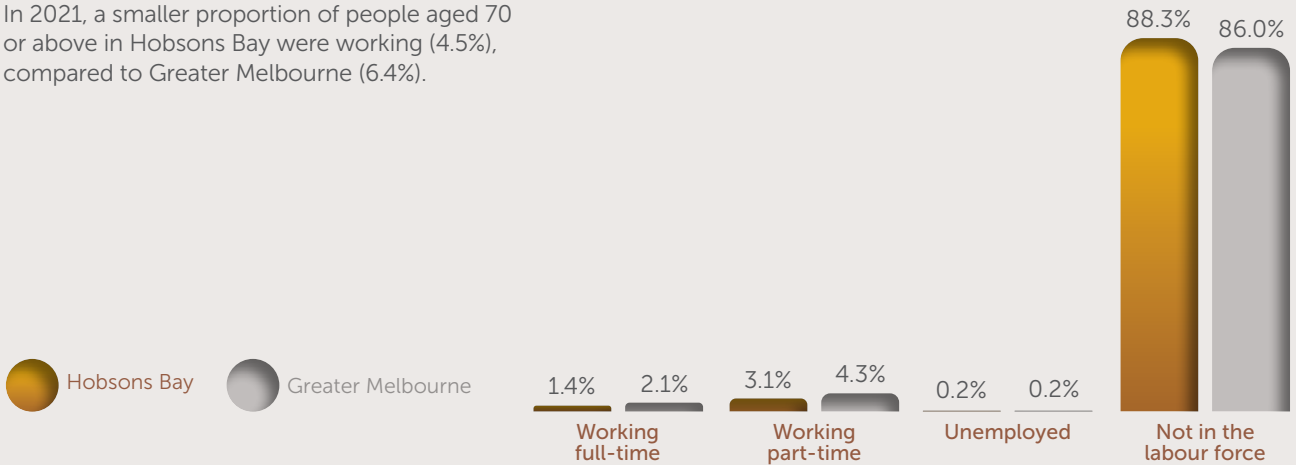
Note: Equivalised household income puts all households on an equal footing independent of household size and composition to enable a true comparison between households (id Consulting 2022).

Employment <sup>2</sup>

In 2021, a similar proportion of people aged 60-69 in Hobsons Bay were working (39.3%), compared to Greater Melbourne (40.7%).



In 2021, a smaller proportion of people aged 70 or above in Hobsons Bay were working (4.5%), compared to Greater Melbourne (6.4%).



The top three industries for people aged 60-69 in Hobsons Bay:

- 1 Hospitals: **4.5%** (181 persons)
- 2 Local government: **3.1%** (124 persons)
- 3 Primary education: **2.9%** (116 persons)

The top three industries for people aged 70 or above in Hobsons Bay:

- 1 Building and other industrial cleaning services: **0.2%** (16 persons)
- 2 Local government: **0.1%** (15 persons)
- 3 Primary education: **0.1%** (12 persons)

The top three occupations for people aged 60-69 in Hobsons Bay:

- 1 Professionals: **10.2%** (983 persons)
- 2 Clerical and administration: **7.4%** (716 persons)
- 3 Managers: **6.1%** (590 persons)

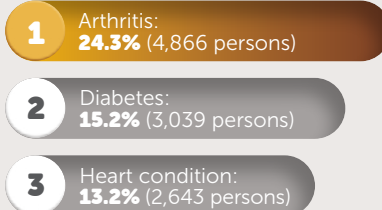
The top three occupations for people aged 70 or above in Hobsons Bay:

- 1 Professionals: **1.1%** (119 persons)
- 2 Clerical and administration: **0.8%** (81 persons)
- 3 Managers: **0.7%** (69 persons)

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

## Long-term health conditions <sup>2</sup>

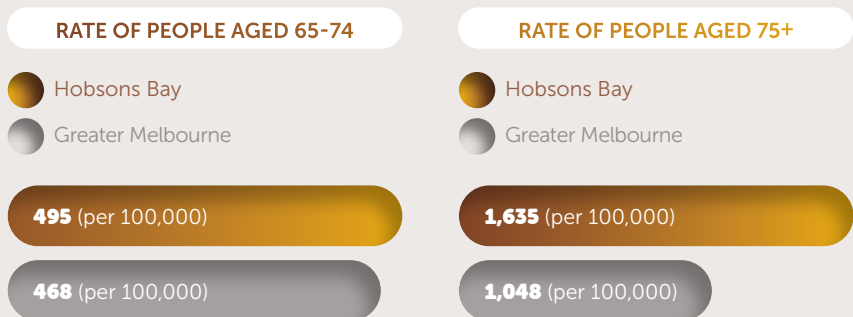
Top three health conditions among older people in Hobsons Bay:



Note: These are the same as Greater Melbourne.

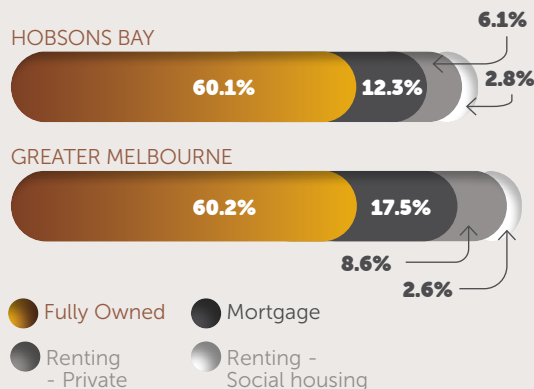
## Mental health <sup>10</sup>

In 2019-20, people aged 65-74 and 75+ in Hobsons Bay were more likely to present to emergency departments for mental and behavioural disorders, compared to Greater Melbourne.



## Homelessness <sup>1, 11</sup>

In 2021, a smaller proportion of older people in Hobsons Bay (12.3%) were paying off a mortgage, compared to Greater Melbourne (17.5%).



The 2016 Census showed that women over 55 were the fastest growing group to experience homelessness in Australia, increasing by 31% to 6,866 persons (from 5,234 persons in 2011).

**31%**  
INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS

## Safety <sup>3</sup>

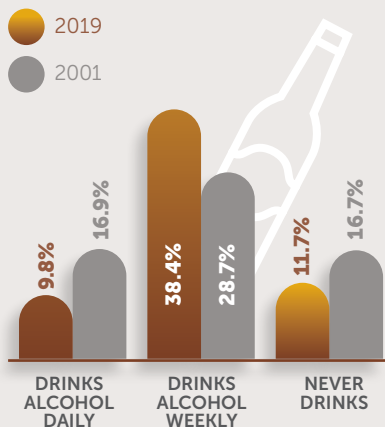
It is estimated that up to 10% of older people in Australia have experienced elder abuse.

UP TO  
**10%**  
HAVE EXPERIENCED ELDER ABUSE

Note: The actual figure could be much higher due to underreporting.

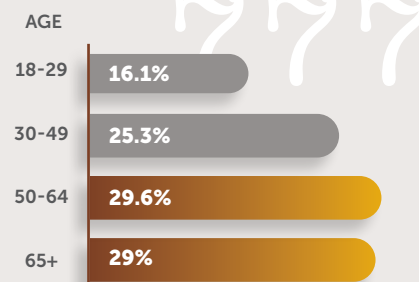
## Alcohol and Gambling <sup>8, 9</sup>

In 2019, a substantially smaller proportion of older people in Victoria consumed alcohol every day (9.8%), compared to the same group in 2001 (16.9%).



In 2017, national research found that people aged 65 and above were over-represented among regular (monthly) users of electronic gaming machines.

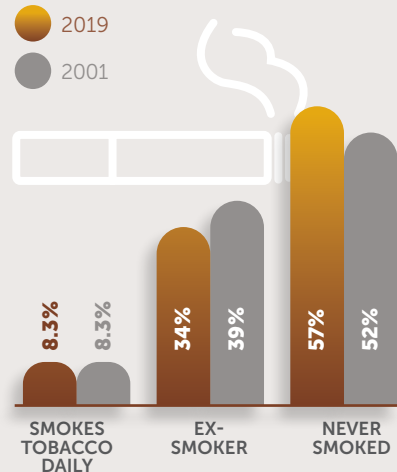
### % OF REGULAR GAMBLERS USING EGMS



Note: People aged 50-64 were also over-represented

## Smoking <sup>3, 4</sup>

In 2019, the same proportion of older people in Victoria smoked daily (8.3%), compared to 2001.



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