

# YOUNG 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 young people in Hobsons Bay, who are defined as people aged 12 to 25 years.

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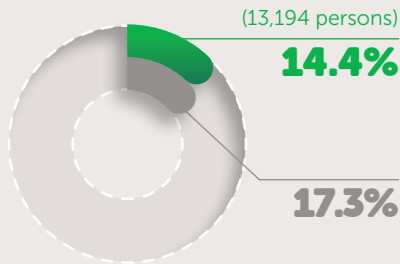
# PEOPLE

## Population

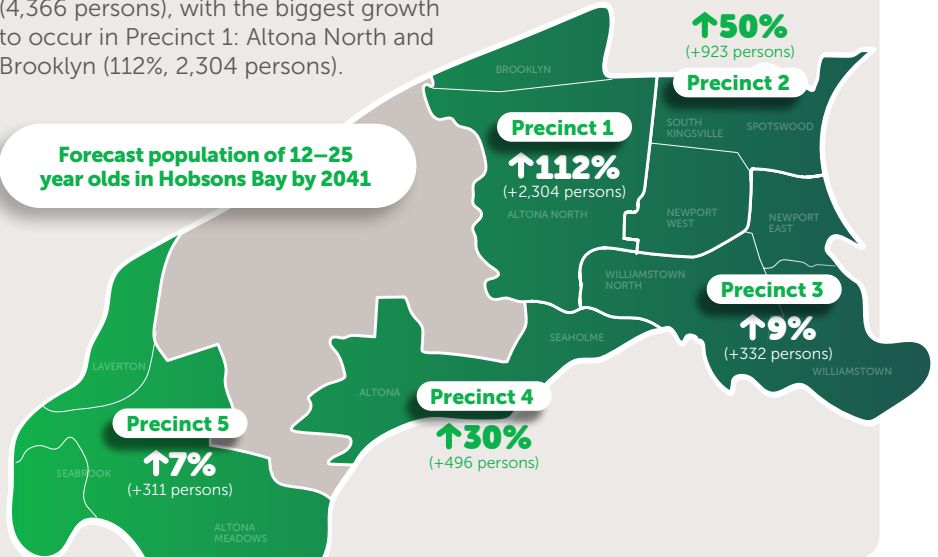
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In 2021, young people made up 14.4% (13,194 persons) of Hobsons Bay's population, a smaller proportion than for Greater Melbourne (17.3%).

- Hobsons Bay
- Greater Melbourne



By 2041, the number of young people in Hobsons Bay is forecast to grow by 33% (4,366 persons), with the biggest growth to occur in Precinct 1: Altona North and Brooklyn (112%, 2,304 persons).

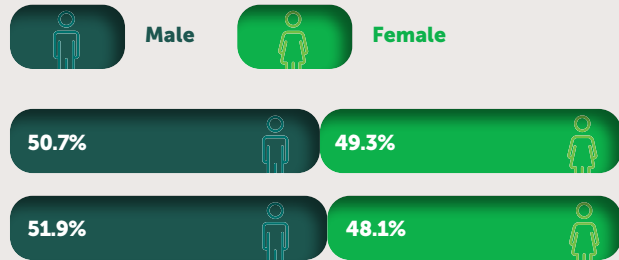


**Forecast population of 12-25 year olds in Hobsons Bay by 2041**

## Age

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In 2021, Hobsons Bay had a similar proportion of females and males aged 12-17 and a larger proportion of males aged 18-25. This is consistent with rates in Greater Melbourne.

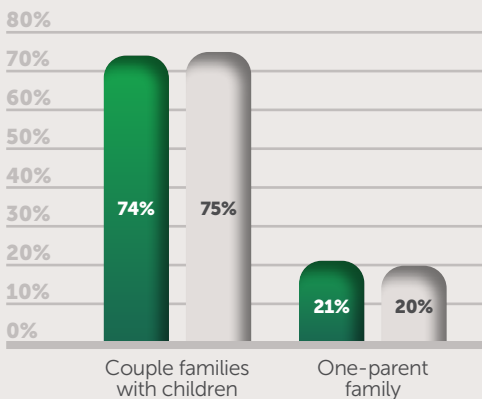


Note: For the first time, the 2021 Census allowed respondents to identify as non-binary, although this was not recorded statistically and is not reflected in these figures

## Households

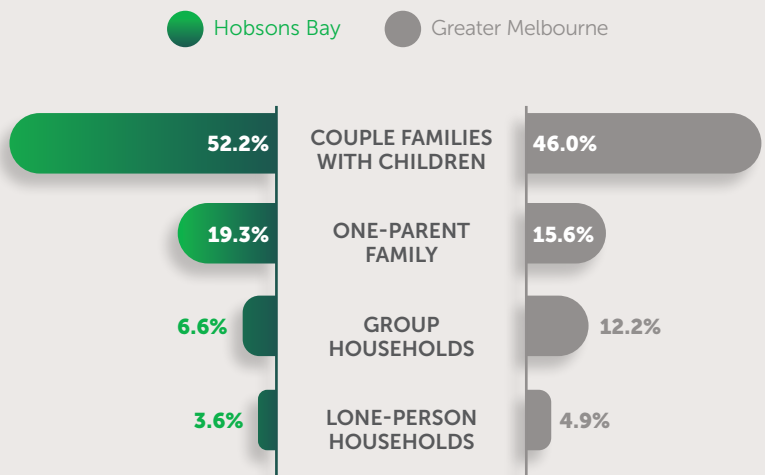
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In 2021, there was a similar proportion of young people aged 12-17 living in couple family households in Hobsons Bay (73.9%), compared to Greater Melbourne (74.8%).



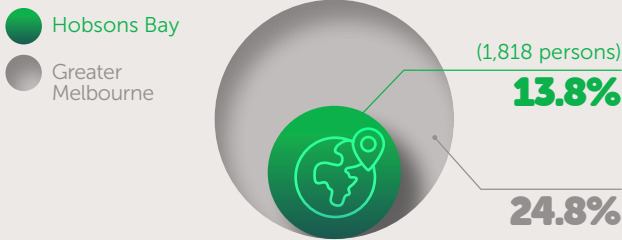
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In 2021, there was a smaller proportion of young people aged 18-25 living in group households in Hobsons Bay (6.6%), compared to Greater Melbourne (12.2%).

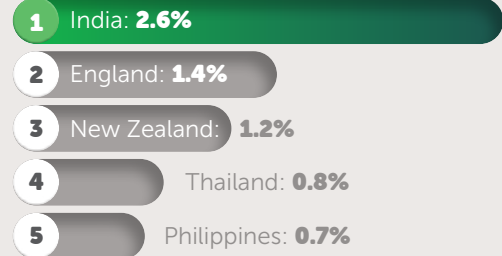


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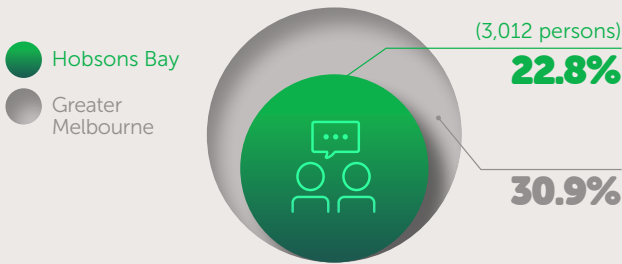
In 2021, Hobsons Bay had a smaller proportion of young people who were born overseas (13.8%), compared to Greater Melbourne (24.8%).



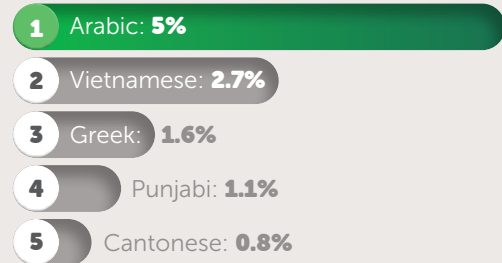
The top five overseas birthplaces of young people in Hobsons Bay:



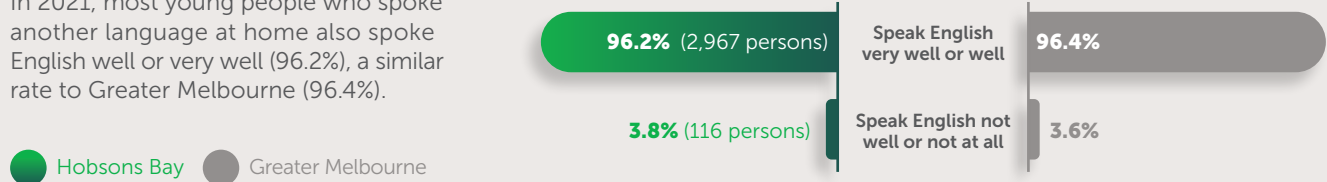
In 2021, Hobsons Bay had a lower proportion of young people who spoke a language other than English at home, compared to Greater Melbourne.



The top five languages spoken at home by young people in Hobsons Bay:

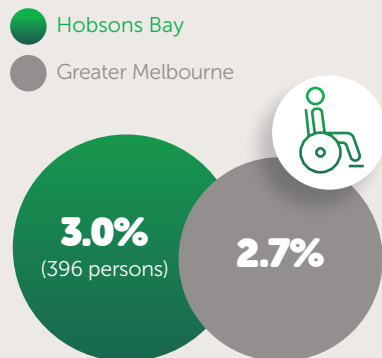


In 2021, most young people who spoke another language at home also spoke English well or very well (96.2%), a similar rate to Greater Melbourne (96.4%).



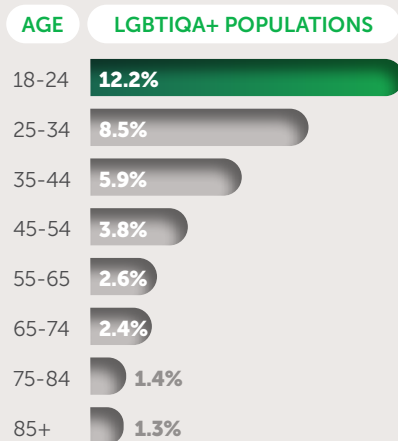
Disability 2

In 2021, 3.0% of young people in Hobsons Bay (396 persons) required assistance with their daily activities, a similar proportion to Greater Melbourne (2.7%).



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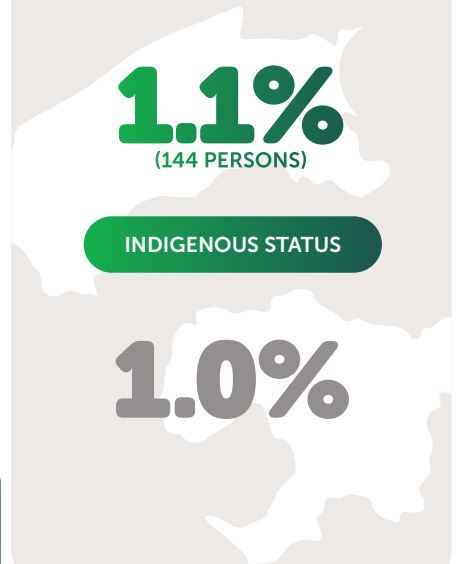
In 2017, people aged 18 to 24 in Victoria were most likely to be LGBTIQA+.



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, 1.1% of young people in Hobsons Bay (144 persons) were First Nations people, a similar proportion to Greater Melbourne (1.0%).



# EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

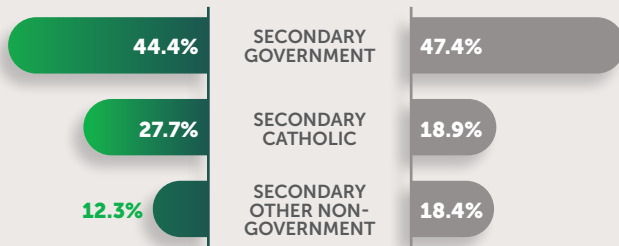
Note: The COVID-19 pandemic created challenges for some young people to participate effectively in education and employment, particularly during 2020 and 2021.

## Education

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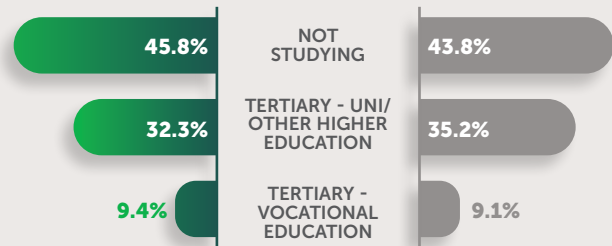
In 2021, 84.6% of people aged 12-17 in Hobsons Bay (7,032 persons) were attending secondary school, a similar proportion to Greater Melbourne (84.8%). A larger proportion were attending Catholic secondary school (27.7%) compared to Greater Melbourne (18.9%).

● Hobsons Bay ● Greater Melbourne



In 2021, 32.3% of people aged 18-25 in Hobsons Bay (2,379 persons) were attending university, a slightly smaller proportion to Greater Melbourne (35.2%).

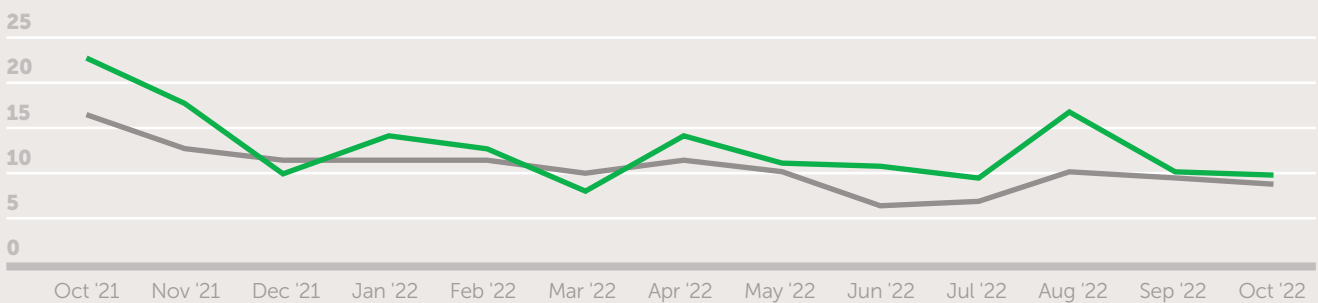
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In the year to October 2022, unemployment among people aged 15-25 in Hobsons Bay has generally been higher, compared to Greater Melbourne.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

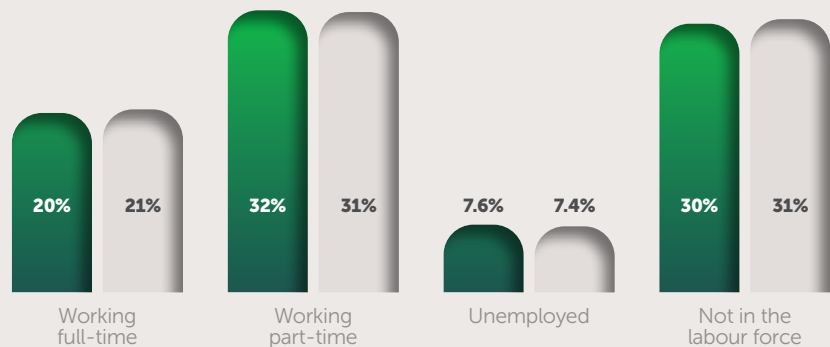
— Hobsons Bay — Greater Melbourne



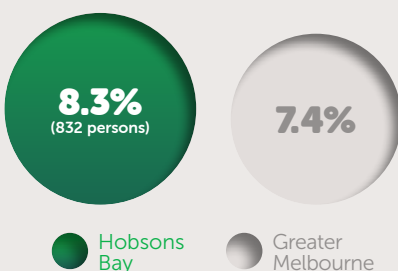
In 2021, the proportion of people aged 15 to 25 in Hobsons Bay who were working, unemployed or not in the workforce was similar to Greater Melbourne.

## Labour force status (15-25 years)

● Hobsons Bay ● Greater Melbourne



In 2021, 8.3% of people aged 15-25 in Hobsons Bay were not engaged in employment or education, a higher rate than for Greater Melbourne (7.4%).



The top three occupations for young people aged 15-25 in Hobsons Bay were:



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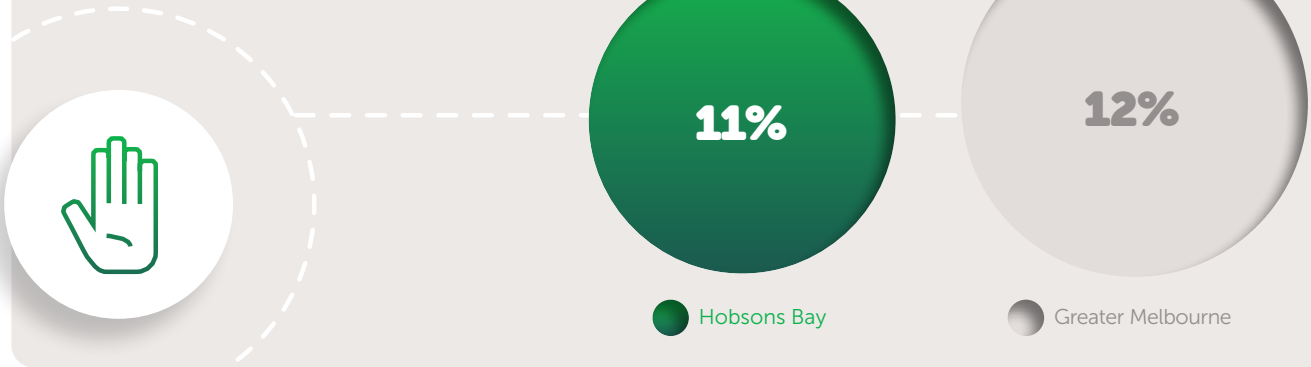


# EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT cont.

## Volunteering

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In 2021, 11% of people aged 15-25 in Hobsons Bay (1,088 persons) volunteered, a slightly smaller proportion than Greater Melbourne (12%).

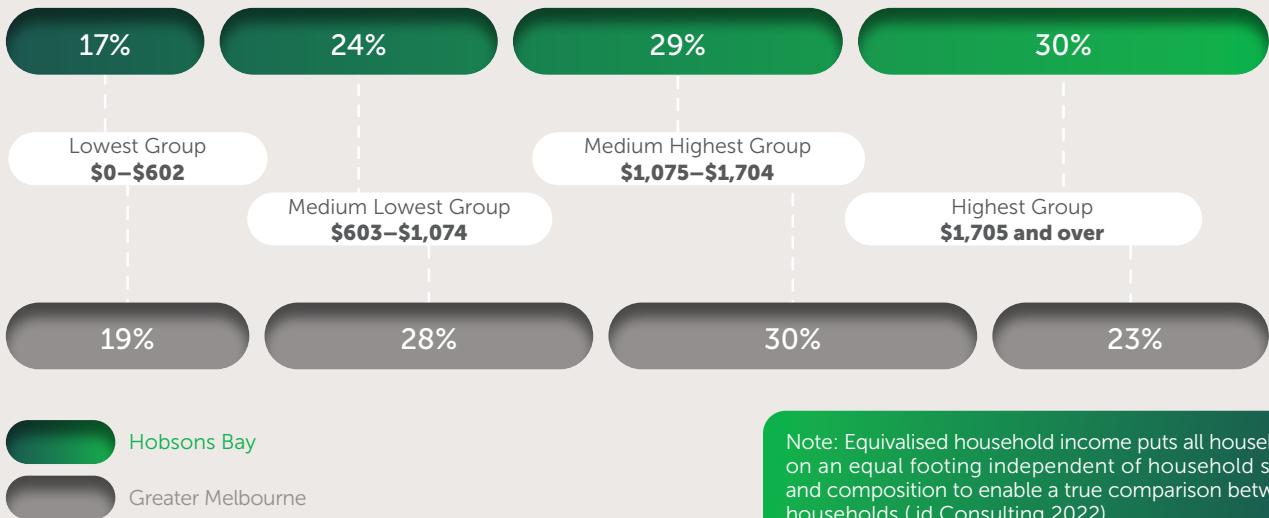


## Income

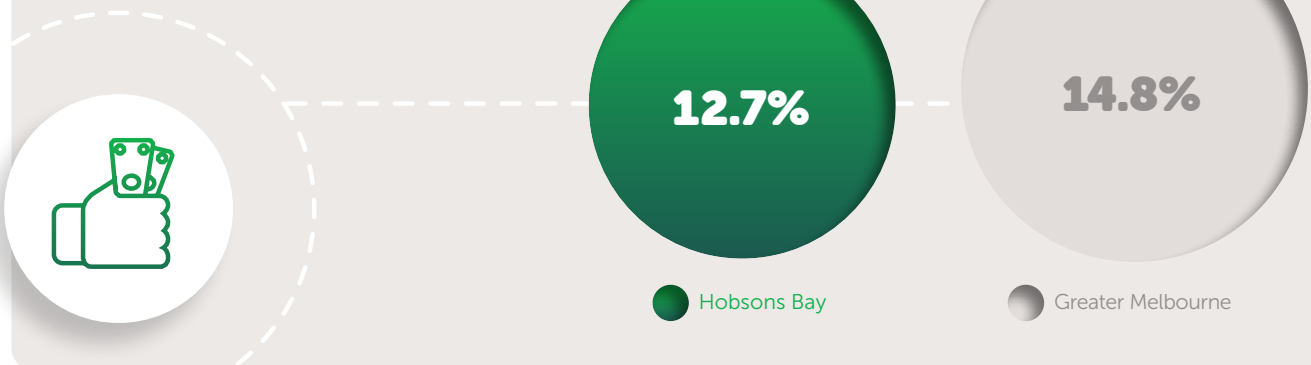
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In 2021, a larger proportion of households containing young people in Hobsons Bay were in the highest group for weekly equivalised household income (30%), compared to Greater Melbourne (23%).

### INCOME LEVELS OF HOBSONS BAY



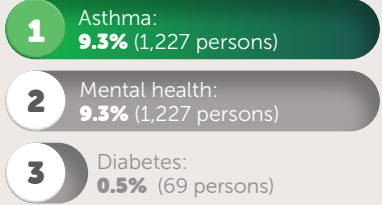
In September 2022, 12.7% of people aged 16-21 in Hobsons Bay received the youth allowance payment, lower than the rate for Greater Melbourne (14.8%).



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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

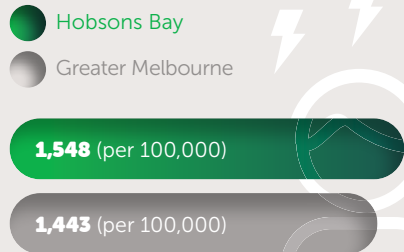
Top three health conditions among young people in Hobsons Bay:



Note: Greater Melbourne had the same top two amongst 12-25 year olds (asthma and mental health), although it had slightly lower rates of asthma and mental health conditions (8.3% and 8.8% respectively).

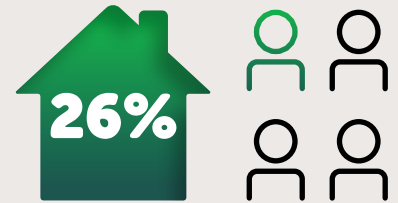
## Mental health <sup>9</sup>

In 2019-20, people aged 15-24 in Hobsons Bay were more likely to present to emergency departments for mental and behavioural disorders, compared to Greater Melbourne.



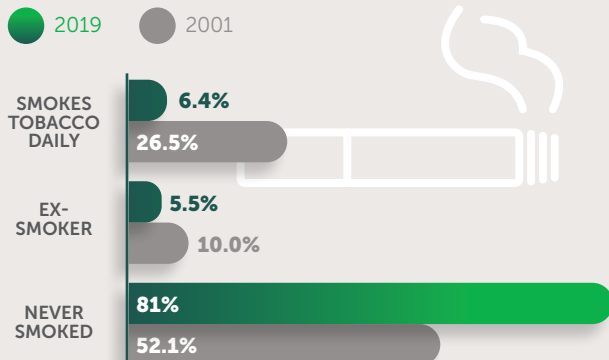
## Homelessness <sup>8</sup>

In 2020, 26% of people experiencing homelessness in Victoria were aged 12-24, representing at least 6,000 young people on any given night.

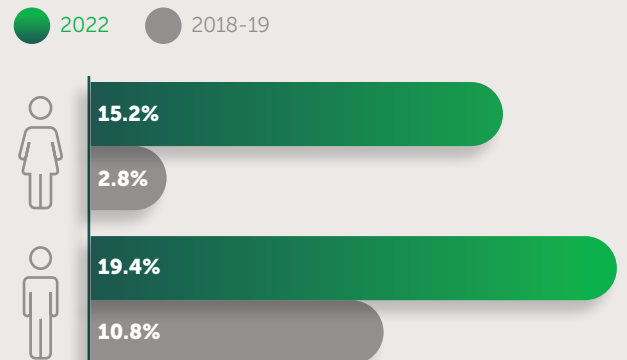


## Smoking <sup>3, 4</sup>

In 2019, a substantially smaller proportion of people aged 18-24 in Victoria smoked daily (6.4%), compared to the same group in 2001 (26.5%).

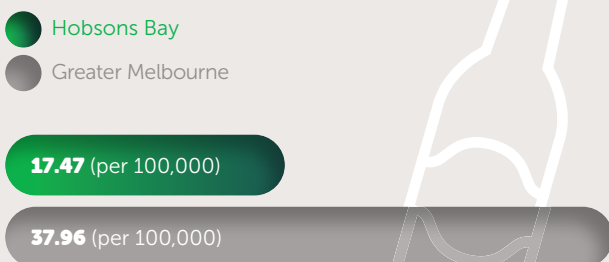


In 2022, a substantially larger proportion of women aged 18-24 used e-cigarettes (15.2%), compared to the same group in 2018-19 (2.8%). Increases were also reported for men aged 18-24 over the same period.

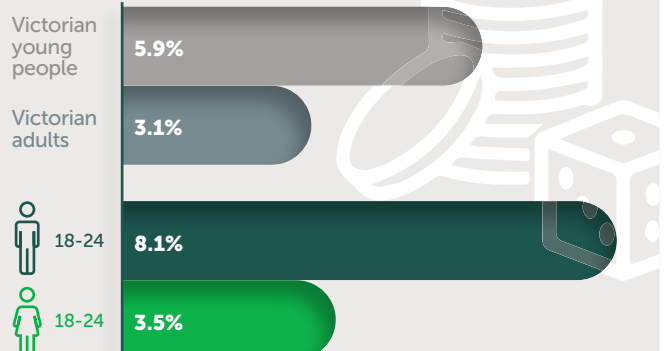


## Alcohol and Gambling <sup>7, 10</sup>

In 2020-21, there was a lower rate of alcohol-related ambulance attendances for people aged 20-24 in Hobsons Bay, compared to Greater Melbourne.



Research shows that people aged 18-24 in Victoria are significantly more likely to experience moderate or severe harm from gambling, compared to other age groups. This risk was significantly higher again among males aged 18-24.



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