West Precinct

Heidelberg West, Bellfield, Heidelberg Heights

What does our community look like?*

Population size: 14,411
(11.3% of Banyule's population)

Overseas born: 30.6%
(Highest rate in Banyule)

Median age: 35
(Banyule median age: 40)

Median weekly household income: $1,625
(Banyule median: $2,016)

Unemployment rate: 6.6%
(Banyule rate: 4.3%)

People aged 50+: 29.9%
(Banyule percentage: 37.1%)

Use a language other than English at home: 31.8%
(Banyule percentage: 22%)

Population forecast increase 2024 - 2041: 32.6%
(One of the highest rates in Banyule)

Participation in the labour force: 61.9%
(Banyule percentage: 64%)

Sex**: Male: 49.3%
Female: 50.7%

Socio-economic rating***: 955
(Banyule rating: 1058)

*Sourced from Profile .id using ABS Census 2021 - https://profile.id.com.au/banyule

**The ABS Census 2021 collected information relating to sex but not gender. We recognise that this is a significant data gap and the use of sex data can exclude people who identify as a gender other than the sex assigned at birth.

***Sourced from Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA), Australia, ABS 2021

What's important to our community?*

Top three livability priorities by importance

- Natural environment 73%
- Feeling safe 69%
- Public transport 52%

*Sourced from Living in Place Survey (profile .id) https://profile.id.com.au/banyule

Top concerns and issues by importance

- Inflation/Cost of living 56%
- Housing/Price of housing 47%
- Crime/Law and order/Violence/ Anti-social behaviour 40%
- Drug/Alcohol abuse 31%
- Poverty/Inequality 26%

29% of households indicated they disliked the safety of the streets and area of their local neighbourhood



15% of households in the West precinct are paying more than 30% of their household income on mortgage or rent



High instance of youth disengagement (24%, compared to 17% average for Banyule)

> **"Small street and good neighbours"**
> Community Survey respondent, 2023





Only **12%** of households within 200m of bike paths

12% of residents in West Precinct reported long-term mental health condition (compared to 9% Banyule average)

Banyule City Council

Residents show notably higher instances of:

- Arthritis (12%, compared to 9% Banyule average)
- Diabetes (10%, compared to 4% Banyule average)
- Heart disease (5%, compared to 4% Banyule average)
- Lung conditions (2%, compared to 1% Banyule average) and;
- Stroke (2%, compared to 1% Banyule average)



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Health and Wellbeing

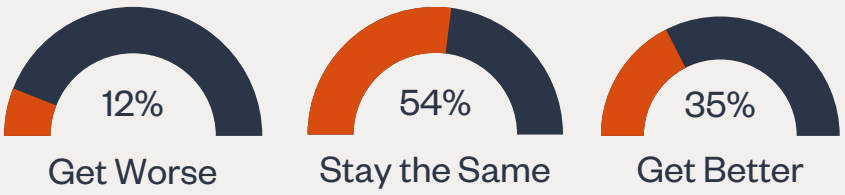
Physical health

How would you rate your physical health?

7.1/10

Banyule wide rate: 7.3/10

Do you think your physical health will get better, worse or stay the same over the next year?



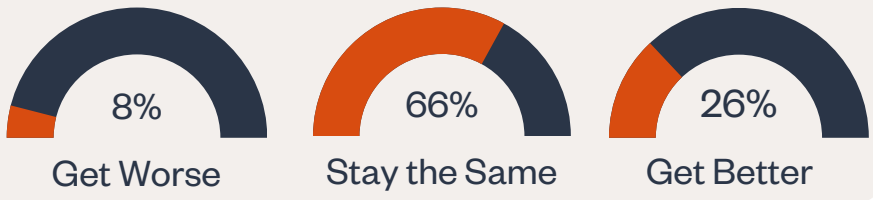
Mental health

How would you rate your mental health?

7/10

Banyule wide rate: 7.5/10

Do you think your mental health will get better, worse or stay the same over the next year?



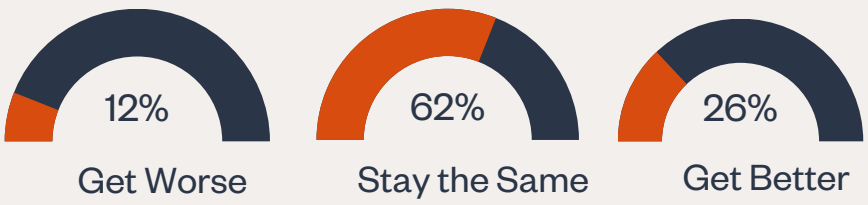
Social wellbeing

How would you rate your social wellbeing?

6.9/10

Banyule wide rate: 7.4/10

Do you think your social wellbeing will get better, worse or stay the same over the next year?



Education

Increase in proportion of population (15 years and older) who have completed year 12

Up from 54.8% in 2016 to 63.8% in 2021



Volunteering

11.2%

Report some form of voluntary work

Banyule wide percentage: 14.4%



Need for assistance

7.6%

Need assistance with core activities

Banyule wide percentage: 5.9%



Long term health condition

33.4%

Have one or more long term health condition

Banyule wide percentage: 33.4%



The data from this report has been sourced from https://profile.id.com.au/banyule (ABS Census 2021, Profile id's, Living in Place Survey, Household Survey and Council's annual Community Satisfaction Survey)

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