

Towns in Time 2016

Timeseries data from 1981-2006 Censuses - Enumerated population from Census 2011 and 2016

Land Use and Population Research

A Branch of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Merbein

Mildura (RC) LGA

Defined in 2016 as: UCL 215053



The map above shows the location of Merbein in Victoria.

| Summary data | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total population* | 1,798 | 1,764 | 1,791 | 1,751 | 1,836 | 1,890 | 1,868 | 2,003 |
| Male: Female ratio* | 99.2 | 99.6 | 93.4 | 96.7 | 95.6 | 97.1 | 91.6 | 90.2 |
| Visitors on Census night* | 52 | 68 | 77 | 34 | 71 | 54 | 57 | 141 |
| Population in non-private dwellings* | 74 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 56 | 126 |
| Population at same address 5 years ago | 1,055 | 1,005 | 935 | 861 | 896 | 1,045 | 1,104 | 1,017 |

*Includes local, interstate and overseas visitors.

| Population growth | 1981-91 | 1991-2001 | 2001-06 | 2006-11 | 2011-16 |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Net change | -7 | 45 | 54 | -22 | 135 |
| Average annual change | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.6% | -0.2% | 1.4% |

| Area | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 2006 Area (km ²): | 4.74 |
| 2011 Area (km ²): | 4.75 |

| Location | |
|---------------------|--|
| 7km west of Mildura | |

| Age structure | 1981 | | 1986 | | 1991 | | 1996 | | 2001 | | 2006 | | 2011 | | 2016 | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % |
| 0-4 | 105 | 6% | 111 | 6% | 146 | 8% | 135 | 8% | 127 | 7% | 89 | 5% | 96 | 5% | 133 | 7% |
| 5-17 | 403 | 22% | 340 | 19% | 316 | 18% | 329 | 19% | 375 | 21% | 411 | 22% | 309 | 17% | 263 | 14% |
| 18-24 | 215 | 12% | 162 | 9% | 148 | 8% | 115 | 7% | 134 | 7% | 119 | 6% | 157 | 8% | 142 | 7% |
| 25-34 | 227 | 13% | 273 | 15% | 246 | 14% | 243 | 14% | 173 | 9% | 169 | 9% | 162 | 9% | 227 | 12% |
| 35-44 | 191 | 11% | 184 | 10% | 230 | 13% | 235 | 13% | 284 | 16% | 265 | 14% | 178 | 10% | 164 | 8% |
| 45-54 | 217 | 12% | 190 | 11% | 173 | 10% | 209 | 12% | 236 | 13% | 281 | 15% | 296 | 16% | 255 | 13% |
| 55-64 | 187 | 10% | 211 | 12% | 209 | 12% | 169 | 10% | 174 | 10% | 209 | 11% | 232 | 12% | 275 | 14% |
| 65-74 | 167 | 9% | 174 | 10% | 187 | 10% | 183 | 10% | 169 | 9% | 158 | 8% | 200 | 11% | 207 | 11% |
| 75+ | 85 | 5% | 116 | 7% | 133 | 7% | 134 | 8% | 159 | 9% | 185 | 10% | 240 | 13% | 269 | 14% |
| TOTAL | 1,796 | 100% | 1,762 | 100% | 1,788 | 100% | 1,751 | 100% | 1,830 | 100% | 1,884 | 100% | 1,870 | 100% | 1,935 | 100% |

| Indigenous status | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indigenous | 6 | 36 | 75 | 105 | 105 | 87 |
| Non-Indigenous | 1,706 | 1,659 | 1,678 | 1,686 | 1,704 | 1,702 |
| Not stated | 50 | 56 | 77 | 94 | 58 | 151 |
| TOTAL | 1,762 | 1,751 | 1,830 | 1,884 | 1,867 | 1,943 |

| Language spoken at home | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| English only | 1,713 | 1,663 | 1,681 | 1,773 | 1,775 | 1,707 |
| Top 3 LOTES, 2016: | | | | | | |
| - Italian: | 18 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 18 | 0 |
| - German: | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| - Croatian: | Not available | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
| All languages other than English | 47 | 45 | 53 | 49 | 31 | 66 |
| Not stated | 2 | 44 | 96 | 62 | 61 | 169 |
| TOTAL | 1,762 | 1,751 | 1,830 | 1,884 | 1,867 | 1,942 |

| English proficiency among overseas born | 1986* ** | 1996** | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---|----------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Speaks English well or very well (%) | 80% | 83% | 88% | 100% | 53% | 77% |
| Speaks English not well or not at all (%) | 20% | 17% | 12% | 0% | 47% | 25% |
| English proficiency not stated (%) | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

*Applies to those born in non-English speaking countries only

**Applies to persons aged 5 and over only

| Labour force* | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Employed | 665 | 569 | 651 | 696 | 667 | 675 |
| Unemployed | 78 | 84 | 70 | 63 | 85 | 72 |
| TOTAL LABOUR FORCE | 743 | 653 | 721 | 760 | 752 | 747 |
| Not in labour force | 639 | 673 | 614 | 620 | 725 | 730 |
| Labour force status not-stated | 22 | 25 | 78 | 93 | 68 | 151 |
| Unemployment rate | 10.5% | 12.9% | 9.7% | 8.4% | 11.3% | 9.6% |
| Participation rate | 53.8% | 49.2% | 54.0% | 55.1% | 50.9% | 50.6% |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Industry of employment* | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 50 | 51 | 63 | 76 | 63 | 55 |
| Mining | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 |
| Manufacturing | 104 | 93 | 120 | 115 | 65 | 39 |
| Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services | 21 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| Construction | 38 | 27 | 46 | 38 | 36 | 36 |
| Wholesale Trade | 63 | 42 | 53 | 12 | 17 | 14 |
| Retail Trade | 82 | 81 | 99 | 91 | 93 | 78 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 38 | 32 | 27 | 49 | 52 | 61 |
| Transport, Postal and Warehousing | 32 | 26 | 36 | 53 | 51 | 53 |
| Information Media and Telecommunications | 10 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Financial and Insurance Services | 16 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services | 12 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Professional, Scientific and Tech. Services | 14 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 16 | 9 |
| Administrative and Support Services | 12 | 12 | 12 | 33 | 17 | 30 |
| Public Administration and Safety | 43 | 20 | 12 | 35 | 49 | 28 |
| Education and Training | 40 | 27 | 36 | 37 | 56 | 41 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 33 | 37 | 43 | 68 | 89 | 102 |
| Arts and Recreation Services | 6 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 0 |
| Other Services | 37 | 36 | 39 | 21 | 24 | 22 |
| Inadequately described/Not stated | 14 | 22 | 15 | 25 | 11 | 23 |
| TOTAL | 665 | 569 | 651 | 696 | 661 | 604 |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Education | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bachelor degree or higher | 12 | 44 | 34 | 50 | 46 | 77 |
| Diploma or certificate | 167 | 183 | 210 | 255 | 372 | 437 |
| No post school qualification | 1,016 | 959 | 965 | 974 | 835 | 867 |
| Not stated | 210 | 166 | 204 | 195 | 165 | 248 |
| TOTAL | 1,405 | 1,352 | 1,413 | 1,473 | 1,567 | 1,629 |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Birthplace | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Australia | 1,632 | 1,621 | 1,633 | 1,671 | 1,673 | 1,571 |
| Top 3 overseas birthplaces, 2016 | | | | | | |
| - United Kingdom: | 40 | 34 | 31 | 33 | 44 | 41 |
| - New Zealand: | 6 | 3 | 13 | 22 | 17 | 20 |
| - Philippines: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| All overseas birthplaces | 93 | 92 | 78 | 92 | 100 | 123 |
| Birthplace not-stated | 37 | 37 | 119 | 120 | 94 | 219 |
| TOTAL | 1,762 | 1,751 | 1,830 | 1,884 | 1,867 | 1,913 |

| Family composition | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Couple family* with children | 226 | 195 | 203 | 168 | 157 |
| Couple family* without children | 193 | 202 | 197 | 216 | 206 |
| One parent family | 101 | 107 | 120 | 138 | 126 |
| Other family type | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| TOTAL | 535 | 510 | 525 | 526 | 504 |

*Excludes same sex couple families in 1996 only

| Travel to work* | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Bicycle | 6 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Bus | 3 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 7 |
| Car as driver | 359 | 423 | 475 | 481 | 504 |
| Car as passenger | 37 | 42 | 51 | 48 | 32 |
| Motor bike/scooter | 3 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 6 |
| Taxi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Train | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tram or ferry | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walked only | 52 | 50 | 33 | 30 | 18 |
| Other modes | 3 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 14 |
| Multitple modes | 6 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Work from home | 38 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 6 |
| Did not go to work | 47 | 70 | 59 | 52 | 63 |
| Method of travel not stated | 11 | 14 | 17 | 3 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 569 | 651 | 696 | 662 | 655 |

*Applies to persons aged 15 and over

| Vehicle ownership* | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None | 74 | 81 | 66 | 80 | 76 | 64 |
| 1 motor vehicle | 280 | 297 | 286 | 290 | 302 | 301 |
| 2 motor vehicles | 203 | 238 | 241 | 271 | 266 | 280 |
| 3 or more motor vehicles | 78 | 60 | 97 | 107 | 115 | 127 |
| Not stated | 25 | 30 | 48 | 55 | 60 | 104 |
| TOTAL | 661 | 707 | 738 | 803 | 819 | 852 |

*Number of vehicles excluding motorbikes/scooters per occupied private dwelling

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| | 1981* | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dwellings - Number | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % |
| Occupied private dwellings | 594 95% | 661 95% | 697 94% | 707 93% | 738 94% | 803 94% | 817 90% | 852 94% |
| Unoccupied private dwellings | 32 5% | 38 5% | 42 6% | 57 7% | 47 6% | 55 6% | 92 10% | 57 6% |
| TOTAL (private dwellings) | 626 100% | 699 100% | 739 100% | 764 100% | 785 100% | 858 100% | 909 100% | 909 100% |

| Dwellings - Type | 1981* | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % |
| Separate house | 570 91% | 600 86% | 625 85% | 653 85% | 691 88% | 730 85% | 826 91% | 807 89% |
| Medium density** | 24 4% | 48 7% | 72 10% | 51 7% | 79 10% | 92 11% | 38 4% | 61 7% |
| Other dwelling | 24 4% | 45 6% | 34 5% | 34 4% | 12 2% | 36 4% | 45 5% | 26 3% |
| Structure not-stated | 9 1% | 6 1% | 7 1% | 26 3% | 3 0% | 0 0% | 0 0% | 5 1% |
| TOTAL (private dwellings) | 626 100% | 699 100% | 739 100% | 764 100% | 785 100% | 858 100% | 909 100% | 909 100% |

| Dwellings - Tenure | 1981* | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % | Number % |
| Fully owned | 267 45% | 295 45% | 290 42% | 317 45% | 309 42% | 296 37% | 281 34% | 259 30% |
| Being purchased | 174 29% | 177 27% | 178 26% | 169 24% | 216 29% | 269 33% | 267 33% | 268 31% |
| Rented - government | 41 7% | 74 11% | 67 10% | 33 5% | 42 6% | 38 5% | 35 4% | 24 3% |
| Rented - other | 70 12% | 84 13% | 126 18% | 140 20% | 118 16% | 152 19% | 181 22% | 167 20% |
| Other and not stated | 42 7% | 31 5% | 35 5% | 48 7% | 53 7% | 49 6% | 53 6% | 112 13% |
| TOTAL (occ. private dwellings) | 594 100% | 661 100% | 697 100% | 707 100% | 738 100% | 803 100% | 817 100% | 852 100% |

*1981 data for dwellings excludes caravans in caravan parks (but includes other caravans). In all other years, all caravans are included.

**Medium density = semi-detached, row or terrace house, flat unit or apartment and other medium density dwellings

| Household size | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 person | 18% | 20% | 26% | 28% | 28% | 31% | 32% | 34% |
| 2 persons | 33% | 36% | 31% | 35% | 36% | 34% | 35% | 34% |
| 3 persons | 17% | 18% | 18% | 15% | 14% | 15% | 15% | 17% |
| 4 persons | 17% | 15% | 14% | 12% | 12% | 12% | 11% | 9% |
| 5 or more persons | 15% | 11% | 11% | 9% | 9% | 8% | 7% | 7% |
| TOTAL | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Av. household size (persons) | 2.90 | 2.66 | 2.56 | 2.47 | 2.47 | 2.35 | 2.22 | 2.20 |

| Household income | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1st quartile (lowest) | 38% | 38% | 38% | 43% | 39% | 42% | 45% | 44% |
| 2nd quartile | 26% | 29% | 35% | 32% | 34% | 32% | 33% | 31% |
| 3rd quartile | 20% | 20% | 18% | 17% | 19% | 20% | 16% | 18% |
| 4th quartile (highest) | 16% | 12% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 6% | 6% | 6% |
| Not stated (households) | 55 | 85 | 133 | 74 | 114 | 96 | 93 | 105 |
| TOTAL (households) | 594 | 664 | 706 | 716 | 731 | 783 | 799 | 782 |

The map below shows the changes of boundary in Merbein between 2006 and 2016.

