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**Economy**

Hindmarsh Shire

**2022**

**ECONOMY**

The economy of the region and its rural communities is influenced by external factors, particularly globalisation and urbanisation, government and public policy, population size and spread.

**Transport**

In 2016, 0.2% of people in Hindmarsh Shire travelled to work by public transport - Regional Vic 1.5% Vic 8.7%

* 59.9% travelled to work by car as a driver - Regional Vic 67.3% Vic 61.8%
* 11.7% worked from home Regional Vic 6.2% Vic 4.6%

In 2016, 5% of private dwellings did not have a motor vehicle - Regional Vic 5% Vic 8%

In 2020, 17.7% of residents from Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires[[1]](#footnote-1) rated their ‘access to public transport’ as good - Regional Vic 40.9% Vic 67.2%

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**Housing & Utilities**

Housing

In 2016, 1.6%of all renting households in Hindmarsh Shire were social housing - Regional Vic 3.6% Vic 2.9%

In 2016, 15.6% of dwellings in Hindmarsh Shire were private rentals - Regional Vic 21.5% Vic 25.8%

In 2016, the average household size in Hindmarsh Shire was 2.2 people - Regional Vic 2.4 Vic 2.6

Housing Support

In 2018/2019 there were 76 specialist homeless service clients in Hindmarsh Shire, 33% of this group were under the age of 29

In June 2020, 6% of people aged 15 years and over received Commonwealth Rent Assistance Vic 7%

House Prices

In March 2021, the median house price in Nhill was $135,000 Regional Vic $465,000 Vic $688,000

* This is a 25.6% increase since December 2020
* Dimboola - $195,000
* Jeparit - $105,000
* Rainbow - $120,000

Telecommunications

In 2016, 70% of dwellings in Hindmarsh Shire had internet access - Regional Vic 78% Vic 84%

In 2020, 62.5% of Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shire residents rated their ‘access to mobile phone reception’ as good - Regional Vic 65.7% Vic 74.1%

In 2020, 42.7% of residents in Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires rated their ‘access to high speed reliable internet’ as good - Regional Vic 55.2% Vic 71.1%

**Education**

Pre-school

In 2020, there were 15 4-year-olds from Hindmarsh Shire enrolled in a pre-school or pre-school program

* There were 6 5-year-olds enrolled in a pre-school or pre-school program

In 2020 there were 14 children enrolled in a pre-school program within a long day care centre

Schools

In 2020, 61.4% of residents from Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires rated the quality of local schools as ‘good’ - Regional Vic 69.7% Vic 71.0%

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| Primary School | Funding | Students Enrolled (2020) | Teaching Staff EFT(2020) |
| Dimboola Primary School | Government | 94 | 6.7 |
| Jeparit Primary School | Government | 20 | 3.4 |
| Nhill Lutheran School | Non-gov | 66 | 5.4 |
| St Patrick’s School (Nhill) | Non-gov | 32 | 3.8 |
| St Peter’s Lutheran School (Dimboola) | Non-gov | 29 | 2.6 |

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| Secondary School | Funding | Students(2020) | Teaching Staff EFT(2020) | VET enrolments (2020) | Senior Secondary Certificate awarded (2020) |
| Dimboola Memorial Secondary College | Government | 149 | 18.7 | 26 | 18 |
| Nhill College (P-12) | Government | 240 | 27.0 | 31 | 17 |
| Rainbow P-12 College | Government | 109 | 18.1 | 5 | 10 |

**Employment**

Employment

In 2016 the total labour force of the population aged 15–64 years in Hindmarsh Shire was 67% - Regional Vic 71% Vic 72%

In 2016, 25% of people in Hindmarsh Shire worked as managers (Regional Vic 15% Vic 14%)

* 16% worked as labourers (Regional Vic 12% Vic 9%)
* 13% percent worked as professionals (Regional Vic 17% Vic 23%)

In 2020, 18.8% of people in Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires agreed with the statement ‘there are plenty of jobs available around here at the moment’ - Regional Vic 16.4% Vic 22.3%

In June 2021, the unemployment rate for Hindmarsh Shire was 2.8% - Regional Vic 4.1% Vic 5.6%

* This is a decrease from 0.4% in September 2020

In June 2021, 8.1% of young people aged 16-21 received an unemployment benefit - Regional Vic 6.5% Vic 4.2%

Income

In 2016, the individual median weekly income for Hindmarsh Shire was $497 **-** Regional Vic $576 Vic $644

In 2020 8.3% of people in Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires reported a high level of financial distress - Regional Vic 13.8 % Vic 13.3 %

In 2021 the percentage of families with children in Hindmarsh Shire that were welfare dependent or had a low income was 10.5% - Regional Vic 13.0 % Vic 9.3%

Businesses

In 2020, there were 815 businesses in Hindmarsh Shire - Regional Vic 141,063 Vic 660,214

* There were 50 business entries - Regional Vic 15,168 Vic 100,233
* There were 51 business exits - Regional Vic 14,003 Vic 80,740

In 2020, 29.0% of residents from Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires agreed with the statement that ‘local businesses in this town are doing pretty well at the moment’ - Regional Vic 27.4% Vic 35.9%

Community Economic Wellbeing

In 2020, 53.7% of residents from Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires agreed with the statement that ‘living costs are affordable here’ - Regional Vic 62.8 % Vic 55.8%

* 30.7% agree with the statement that ‘the community is financially well-off’ - Regional Vic 30.7% Vic 41.2%
1. The Regional Wellbeing Survey (2020) data is only available as grouped data for Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shires [↑](#footnote-ref-1)