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**Economy**

Horsham Rural City

**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, 0.7% of people in Horsham Rural City travelled to work by public transport - Regional Vic 1.5% Vic 8.7%

* 69.1% travelled to work by car as a driver - Regional Vic 67.3% Vic 61.8%
* 5.9% worked from home Regional Vic 6.2% Vic 4.6%

In 2016, 6% of private dwellings did not have a motor vehicle - Regional Vic 5% Vic 8%

In 2020, 27.1% of residents from Horsham Rural City rated their ‘access to public transport’ as good - Regional Vic 40.9% Vic 67.2%

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**Housing & Utilities**

Housing

In 2016, 4.1% of all renting households in Horsham Rural City were social housing - Regional Vic 3.6% Vic 2.9%

In 2016, 21.2% of dwellings in Horsham Rural City were private rentals - Regional Vic 21.5% Vic 25.8%

In 2016, the average household size in Horsham Rural City was 2.3 people - Regional Vic 2.4 Vic 2.6

Housing Support

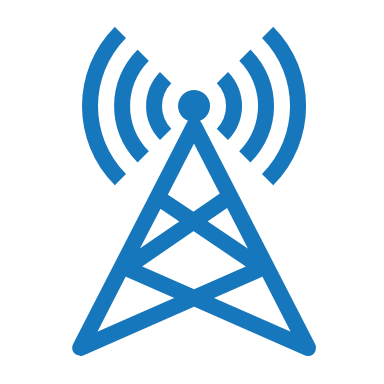
In 2018/2019 there were 539 specialist homeless service clients in Horsham Rural City, 56% of this group were under the age of 29

In June 2020, 9% of people aged 15 years and over received Commonwealth Rent Assistance Vic 7%

House Prices

In March 2021, the median house price in Horsham was $324,300 Regional Vic $465,000 Vic $688,000

* This is a 29.7% increase since March 2020
* No data was available for Natimuk

Telecommunications

In 2016, 75% of dwellings in Horsham Rural City had internet access - Regional Vic 78% Vic 84%

In 2020, 60.7% of Horsham Rural City residents rated their ‘access to mobile phone reception’ as good - Regional Vic 65.7% Vic 74.1%

In 2020, 41.4% of residents in Horsham Rural City rated their ‘access to high speed reliable internet’ as good - Regional Vic 55.2% Vic 71.1%

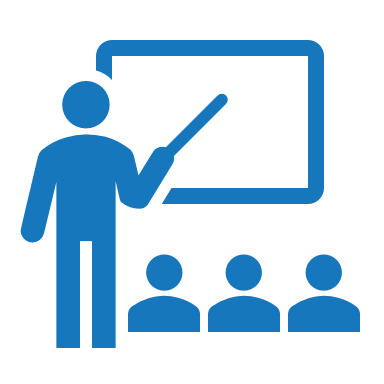
**Education**

Pre-school

In 2020, there were 222 4-year-olds from Horsham Rural City enrolled in a pre-school or pre-school program

* There were 81 5-year-olds enrolled in a pre-school or pre-school program

In 2020 there were 166 children enrolled in a pre-school program within a long day care centre

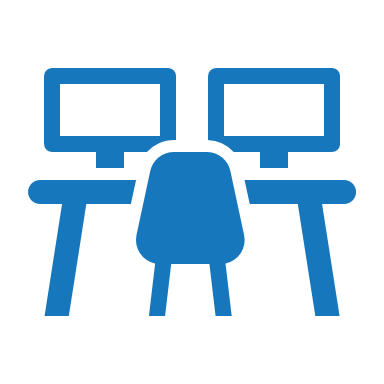
Schools

In 2020, 68.4% of residents from Horsham Rural City 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) |
| Horsham Primary School | Government | 422 | 31.3 |
| Horsham West – Haven Primary School | Government | 697 | 47.0 |
| Laharum Primary School | Government | 9 | 1.4 |
| Natimuk Primary School | Government | 31 | 2.7 |
| Ss Michael & John’s Catholic Primary School (Horsham) | Non-gov | 250 | 16.8 |

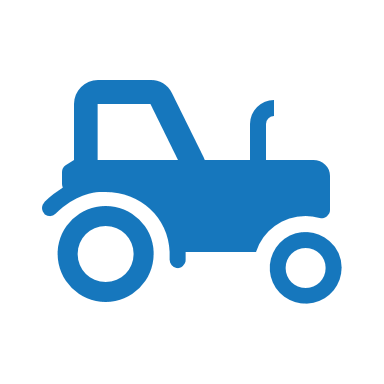
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| Special Developmental School | Funding | Students Enrolled | Teaching Staff EFT |
| Horsham Special School | Government | 87 | 12.0 |

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| Secondary School | Funding | Students  (2020) | Teaching Staff EFT  (2020) | VET enrolments  (2020) | Senior Secondary Certificate awarded (2020) |
| Holy Trinity Lutheran College Horsham (Prep–12) | Non-gov | 607 | 49.3 | 13 | 15 |
| Horsham Secondary College | Government | 958 | 84.4 | 122 | 90 |
| St Brigid’s College (Horsham) | Non-gov | 265 | 33.0 | 59 | 49 |

**Employment**

Employment

In 2016 the total labour force of the population aged 15–64 years in Horsham Rural City was 75% - Regional Vic 71% Vic 72%

In 2016, 17% of people in Horsham Rural City worked in health care and social assistance (Regional Vic 14% Vic 13%)

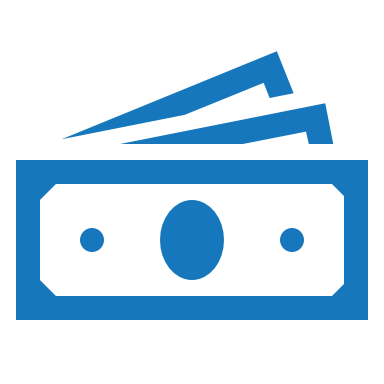
* 12% worked in retail trade (Regional Vic 11% Vic 10%)
* 9% percent worked in agriculture, forestry and fishing (Regional Vic 8% Vic 2%)

In 2020, 18.9% of people in Horsham Rural City 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 Horsham Rural City was 2.5% - Regional Vic 4.1% Vic 5.6%

* This is a decrease from 2.9% in September 2020

In June 2021, 8% 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 Horsham Rural City was $617 **-** Regional Vic $576 Vic $644

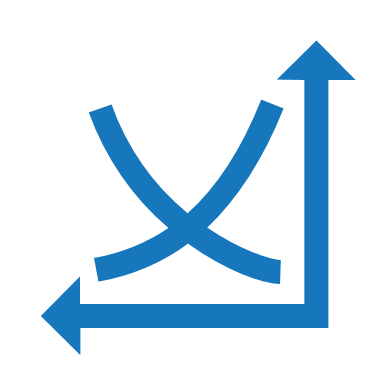
In 2020 15.1% of people in Horsham Rural City reported a high level of financial distress - Regional Vic 13.8 % Vic 13.3 %

In 2021 the percentage of families with children in Horsham Rural City that were welfare dependent or had a low income was 12.8% - Regional Vic 13.0 % Vic 9.3%

Businesses

In 2020, there were 2,162 businesses in Horsham Rural City - Regional Vic 141,063 Vic 660,214

* There were 186 business entries - Regional Vic 15,168 Vic 100,233
* There were 156 business exits - Regional Vic 14,003 Vic 80,740

In 2020, 23.4% of residents from Horsham Rural City 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, 67.4% of residents from Horsham Rural City agreed with the statement that ‘living costs are affordable here’ - Regional Vic 62.8 % Vic 55.8%

* 29.8% agree with the statement that ‘the community is financially well-off’ - Regional Vic 30.7% Vic 41.2%