

# **OUR COMMUNITY**



#### 51% of people are female 49% of people are male

Please note that only data for females and males was available. However, it is estimated that approximately 0.5% of Kingston's population may identify as transgender (0.1%), gender diverse (0.2%) or intersex (0.2%).

**18%** aged < 14 years (17% in 2041)

11% aged 15-24 (11% in 2041)

14% aged 25-34 (13% in 2041)

28% aged 35-54 (27% in 2041)

21% aged 55-74 (21% in 2041)

**8%** aged 75+ (11% in 2041)



33% of homes are owned

35% of homes are mortgaged

23% of homes are rented privately

2% of homes are rented through social housing



26% speak a language other than English

0.4% are Aboriginal and/or **Torres Strait Islander** 

**59%** work full-time (46% female, 71% male)

34% work part-time (48% female, 21% male)

5.6% are unemployed (15% young people) (2)

30% volunteer





28% earn less than \$400 per week (33% female, 24% male)

18% earn \$1500+ per week (11% female, 25% male)



16% of people have a disability (16% female, 17% male)

5% of people need assistance with core activities



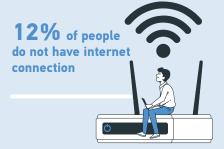
9% of household owners are experiencing mortgage stress

**27%** of rented households are experiencing rental stress.



25% of people have a bachelor or higher degree. (27% female, 23% male)

> 34% of people did not complete Year 12.





6% of people do not have a car



### SPOTLIGHT

P We have an ageing population, with the 75+ age group forecast to have the greatest growth between now and 2041.

There is a gender difference in employment and income. Compared to men, more women hold a bachelor degree or higher, yet are more likely to work part-time and earn less money.

Unemployment rates are much higher for young people.





## HEALTH + WELLBEING



43% do enough physical activity each week

(30 min moderate exercise 5 or more times per week)

10% are sedentary (14% female, 6% male)

29% sit for more than 7 hours on an average weekday



15% of people smoke (10% female, 21% male)

9% of people drink more than 10 standard alcoholic drinks in a week

(risk of harm from alcohol-related disease - 8% female, 12% male)

5% of people drink 5 or more alcoholic drinks in one day

(risk of harm from alcohol-related injury - 2% female, 8% male)

75% of people eat enough fruit every day (2 serves - 80% female, 71% male)

**51%** of people eat enough **vegetables** every day (5 serves -29% young adults)

12% of people agree that alcohol consumption has a negative impact on their household

**12%** of people agree that illegal drugs have a negative impact on their household

17% of people agree that gambling causes harm in their neighbourhood

79% of people report very good or excellent mental health.

4% of people report fair or poor mental health

**73%** of people report they are able to manage stress most of the time (28% students, 38% young adults)

**74%** of people report they are optimistic about the future





#### SPOTLIGHT

**P** Only half of people eat enough vegetables or exercise enough. Young adults eat less vegetables than other age groups.

P More people are concerned about their mental health and feel unable to cope with stress during COVID-19 and compared to past years.

## SAFE + SECURE

96% of people feel safe walking in their local area during the day

<sup>▶</sup> 60% of people feel safe walking in their local area at night (41% females, 79% males)

91% of people feel safe online using the internet

Compared to 2019, December 2020 police data shows that the total criminal incidents (8640) were down by 3.1%, whereas family violence incidents (1779) increased by 9.9%. Only about 25% of family violence incidents are reported to the police.

72% of people know where to go for advice or support for someone about family violence issues





**53%** of people think **graffiti** is a problem in their neighbourhood

**59%** think people in speeding cars is a problem

**62%** people know that all 8 behaviours listed in a survey are always examples of family violence (such as physical violence or controlling behaviours)



78% of people disagree that women prefer a man to be in charge of the relationship

83% of people disagree that men should take control in relationships and be the head of the household



### SPOTLIGHT

Nearly everyone feels safe walking in their local area during the day but people feel less safe at night. More females (59%) feel unsafe walking at night compared to males (21%).

Rates of family violence increased considerably in 2020. Most people know where to get help. More support and education is needed to help prevent family violence.

## CONNECTED + PARTICIPATING

95% of people own appropriate devices to use the internet

94% of people can use the internet in an accessible way

**84%** of people have access to high-quality internet





90% of people are content with their friendships and relationships

86% of people say they have enough people to ask for help



P 90% have not experienced discrimination in Kingston

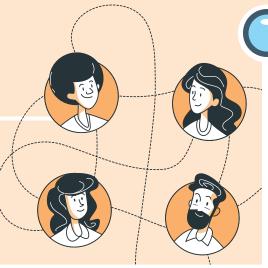




of people are satisfied by their relationships

of people feel a strong sense of belonging to a community

with a disability requiring assistance)



### SPOTLIGHT

P Most people feel happy with their relationships. Less people feel a strong sense of belonging to a community. Even less students and people with a disability feel they

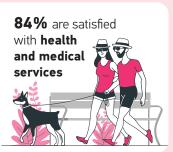
▶ Most people have not experienced discrimination in Kingston in 2020. But people who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, speak a language other than English at home, have a disability, identify as LGBTIQ+, or women are more likely to have experienced discrimination.



## LIVEABLE COMMUNITY

**83%** like the look and feel of their **local area** 

**78%** are satisfied with their local parks and playgrounds



8% of people would not be able to access \$2,000 in an emergency



75% walk or cycle locally to shops or facilities (70% female, 80% male)



72% are prepared to cope with extreme weather and keep themselves safe and well



88% of people have access to fresh and affordable food to meet their household's needs

- 31% rate harm caused by climate change to them / their household's health as significant
- 2 39% experience pollen-related health concerns
  - **15%** have health concerns related to increased **air pollution**
  - **10%** experience heat stress or heat strokes from **heatwayes**





- There is growing awareness of the harm caused by climate change and related health concerns.
- P Not everyone is prepared to cope with a climate related emergency.

#### **DATA SOURCES:**

- ► Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016, Census of Population and Housing, compiled and presented by .id (informed decisions)
- ▶ Australian Bureau of Statistics 2018, Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Victoria
- ► Australian Government October 2020, Labour Market Information Portal, SALM Estimates, https://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/Downloads/SmallAreaLabourMarketsSALM/Estimates
- ► Crime Statistics Agency, December 2020, COVID-19 Family Violence Data Portal
- ▶ Metropolis Research 2020, Health and Wellbeing Survey City of Kingston

#### **KNOW MORE:**

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