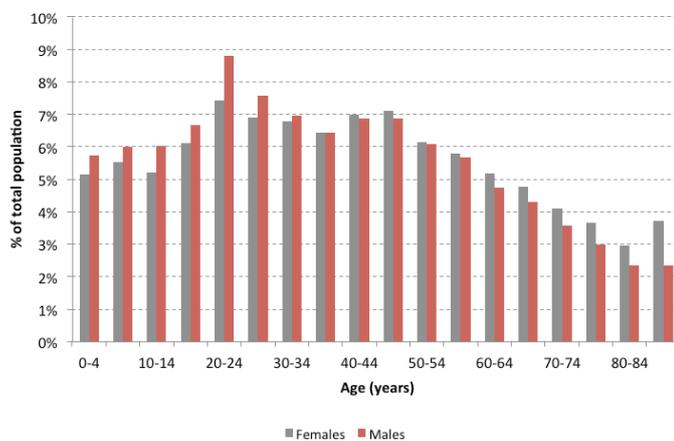


This factsheet provides sex disaggregated data for residents of the City of Whitehorse.

### AGE

Figure 1: Age structure by gender, 2016

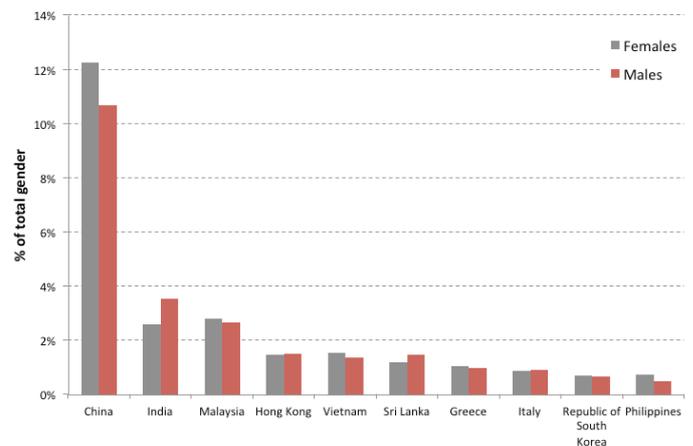


Current official population estimates show that females in Whitehorse comprise 52 per cent of the population and males comprise 48 per cent. Across the age groups for females and males, there are higher proportions of females compared with males in the older years. This pattern in respective age distributions reflects the longer life expectancies of women and is consistent with Victorian and Australian trends.

### NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF BIRTH

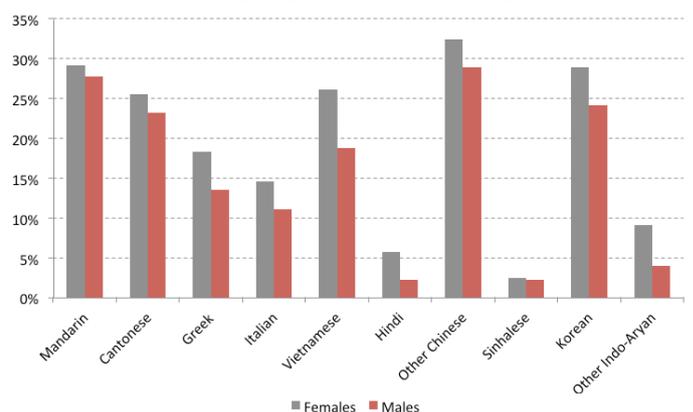
Figure 2 depicts the top ten non-English speaking countries of birth in Whitehorse by gender. A higher proportion of females are from China, Malaysia, Vietnam and Greece (marginally). Females born in Greece and Italy are an older group, with relatively high proportions (90 per cent) aged 55 years or more. The largest proportion of females born in China, Malaysia, India, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, South Korea and the Philippines are aged 24-44 years.

Figure 2: Top ten non-English speaking countries of birth by gender, 2016



### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Figure 3: Persons who speak English 'not well' or 'not at all' by Language other than English, 2016



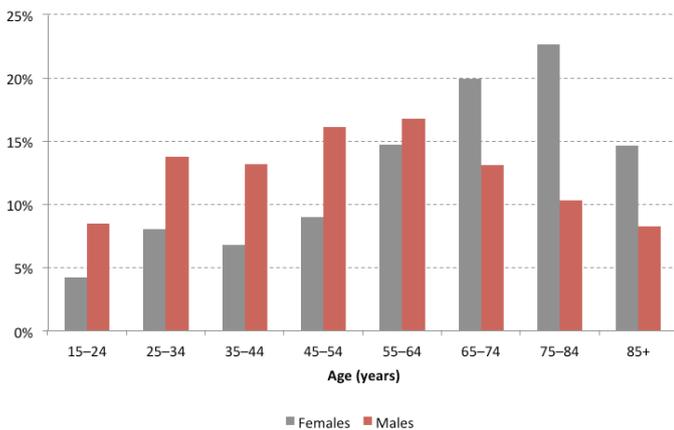
Females who speak languages other than English at home are generally less proficient in spoken English than their male counterparts. The languages for which this pattern is most striking are Vietnamese and Korean. In 2016, 26.2 per cent of females who spoke Vietnamese at home spoke English either 'not well' or 'not at all', compared with 18.8 per cent for males; and 29 per cent of females speaking Korean spoke English either 'not well' or 'not at all', compared with 24.1 per cent of males. This pattern is also evident across the Chinese languages, which are spoken by 19.2 per cent of the Whitehorse community.

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, this factsheet is based on Place of Usual Residence data from the 2016 Census

## LONE PERSON HOUSEHOLDS

There are 13,931 lone-person households in Whitehorse, of which 62.3 per cent are female occupied. Females in lone-person households have an older age profile than their male counterparts, with higher proportions aged 65 plus years. This pattern is consistent with Greater Melbourne and the other local government areas of the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

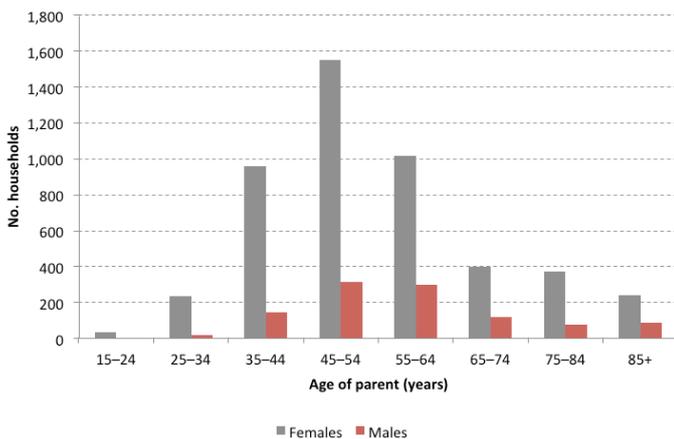
Figure 4: Lone person households by age and gender, 2016



## LONE-PARENT HOUSEHOLDS

There are 5,766 lone parent households in Whitehorse, of which 81.7 per cent have a female head. Females heading lone-parent households have a younger age profile than their male counterparts, with higher proportions aged less than 45 years. This pattern is consistent with Greater Melbourne and the other local government areas of the Eastern Metropolitan Region. Lone parent families are more likely to experience socio-economic disadvantage and be exposed to risks of poorer health and wellbeing.

Figure 5: Lone-parent households by gender, City of Whitehorse, 2016



## LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

In Whitehorse, females are more likely than males to have achieved a graduate diploma/certificate, bachelor degree, and advanced diploma/diploma as their highest level of education. Males are more likely than females to have achieved a postgraduate degree or a certificate as their highest level of education.

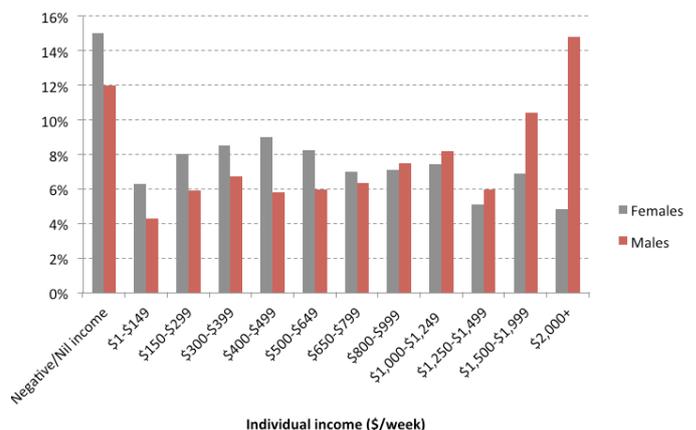
Table 1: Highest level of qualification by gender, 2016

Highest level of qualification	Females	Males
Postgraduate Degree	8.2%	9.7%
Grad Dip, Grad Cert	4.1%	2.7%
Bachelor Degree	24.2%	22.8%
Advanced Dip, Diploma	10.6%	9.7%
Certificate	7.8%	14.6%
Inadequately described	1.0%	0.8%
Not stated	6.6%	5.9%

## INDIVIDUAL INCOME

In Whitehorse, females are more represented in lower weekly income brackets and males are more represented in higher weekly income brackets. This difference in individual incomes has far-reaching consequences for women over their lifetime, particularly given their longer life expectancies. Women often reach later years in life with far less savings and smaller amounts of superannuation than men.

Figure 6: Individual weekly income by gender, 2016



## OCCUPATIONS AND INDUSTRIES

In Australia, occupations and industries are highly segregated along gender lines, with certain jobs (such as community services work) and industries (such as the education and training sector) dominated by women.

Working females in Whitehorse are more represented than males in occupations such as professional, community and personal services, clerical and administrative, and sales. Males are more represented than females in occupations such as managers, technicians and trades, machinery operators/drivers, and labourers.

Working females in Whitehorse are more represented than males in industries such as education and training, and health care and social assistance, and retail. Males are more represented than females in industries such as manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, transport/postal/warehousing, information/media/telecommunications, and professional, scientific and technical services.

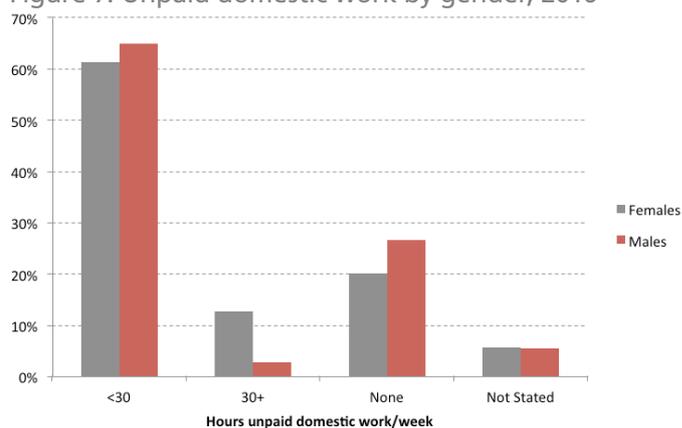
Table 2: Occupation by gender, 2016

Occupation	Females	Males
Managers	10.5%	17.1%
Professionals	34.1%	29.6%
Technicians and trades	3.8%	16.1%
Community and personal services	13.5%	6.1%
Clerical and administrative	20.3%	7.9%
Sales	11.3%	8.4%
Machinery operators/drivers	0.8%	4.8%
Labourers	4.4%	8.3%
Not stated	0.6%	0.8%

## UNPAID DOMESTIC WORK

In Whitehorse males are more likely than females to spend less than 30 hours each week on unpaid domestic work. Males are more likely than females to do no unpaid domestic work during the week. Females are also much more likely than males to spend 30 hours or more on unpaid domestic work each week.

Figure 7: Unpaid domestic work by gender, 2016



## ASSISTANCE TO A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY

In Whitehorse, females are more likely than males to provide help to a family member and/or other person with a long-term disability/illness over a fortnightly period. Males are more likely than females not to provide such assistance over a fortnightly period.

Table 3: Assistance to persons with a disability by gender of caregiver, City of Whitehorse, 2016

Over a fortnight	Females	Males
Assistance given	13.4%	9.9%
Assistance not given	80.6%	84.4%
Not stated	6.0%	5.7%

## CARE OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN

In Whitehorse, females are more likely than males to provide care to dependent children over a fortnight period. Males are more likely than females not to provide such care over a fortnight period.

Table 4: Care of dependent children by gender of caregiver, City of Whitehorse, 2016

Over a fortnight	Females	Males
Care given	30.4%	25%
Care not given	64.1%	69.7%
Not stated	5.5%	5.3%
Total	70,660	64,170

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## MORE INFORMATION

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For more information about **GENDER** refer to:

Australian Bureau of Statistics: [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

Women's Health East: [www.whe.org.au](http://www.whe.org.au)

Profiles of Victorian Communities: [www.socialstatistics.com.au](http://www.socialstatistics.com.au)

You can also contact the **Social Policy Officer**, Whitehorse City Council on **9262 6333**.

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