

A safe and connected community



Perceptions of safety

When out and about in Stonnington, most people feel moderately safe (55%) or very safe (32.7%).



of residents **feel safe** walking alone during the day.



residents feel safe walking alone in their **local area after dark**.

- » Entertainment precincts/nightlife areas, laneways, residential streets, travelling on public transport and bike/shared pathways are places where more people report feeling unsafe.
- » Seeing or experiencing people speeding in cars, litter/rubbish, alcohol/drug debris, graffiti and noisy/rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour in the street contributes most to people feeling unsafe.
- » Just over two thirds (69.1%) of residents agreed that **people in their neighbourhood are willing to help each other**.

- » Just over half (50.9%) of residents felt that they live in a **close-knit neighbourhood**, significantly less than the Victorian estimate (61.0%).
- » 57.5% feel they could 'raise' attention from people who live here, if they sensed trouble.
- » Almost three quarters of residents (74.1%) agree that **people in their neighbourhood can be trusted**.
- » One in five (21.4%) residents **volunteer for an organisation or group**.



of people living in Stonnington are **able to get help** from family or friends if needed.



of residents feel more connected to their community since COVID-19.



Injury and Hospital Admissions

1855 **unintentional injury hospitalisations in 2018**

- » The largest age group for **unintentional injury hospitalisation was 25–64 years** followed by 65–84 and the 85+.
- » **Falls was the main cause of injury** followed by transport with fractures the most common injury type.



- » Hospital admissions for falls is higher for Stonnington in both males and females in comparison to Greater Melbourne and Victoria. Admissions for females are significantly higher than males.
- » **Most injuries occurred in the home** followed by roads, streets and highways, residential institutions and sports and athletic areas.



1040 **police reported family violence incidents from 2019–2020. A 24% increase from 2018–2019.**



14.3% increase in police reported family violence incidents during Covid restrictions from April to September 2020.

- » Sexual offences **against children has halved** in the last two years in Stonnington.



Crime

There were 9494 criminal incidents in 2020, an 8.4% increase from 2019. Public health and safety offences related to COVID restrictions caused the biggest increase.

- » In 2020, South Yarra, Prahran and Malvern East experienced the most crime followed by Windsor.

- » Theft from a motor vehicle remains the main crime committed.



victim reports in 2020
2% from 2019



People aged 25–34 years experience the most harm and males experience more harm than females. For the last five years, Stonnington has had a higher rate of victimisation than the Victorian average.

- » 74% of all crime in Stonnington was categorised as low harm crime, 15.3% was considered medium harm crime and 10.7% was considered high harm crime.