

Spotlight on Leongatha



2016 Population

Leongatha 5,735

Median Age 43

South Gippsland 28,936

Leongatha is the most populous town in South Gippsland



South Gippsland
Shire Council



Population by Gender



47%



53%



Diversity

511 Leongatha residents (10 percent) were born overseas with 17 percent arriving since 2011.

People from the Netherlands and Italy moved to Leongatha between 1946-1985 as dairy farmers.

Top languages other than English spoken at home:

- Italian
- German
- Malayalam
- Mandarin
- Telugu

Most people moving to Leongatha in the past five years came from other parts of Victoria. The most common Victorian places include the Shires of Casey, Frankston, Mornington Peninsula and Yarra Ranges.



Population Growth 1911 - 2036

From 1966 the population of Leongatha became the largest for any South Gippsland town and is expected to remain the largest until 2036.



Employment

There are 2,428 people in the workforce with a lower proportion in full time work.



Education

21 percent of the population attend an educational institution

There is a larger proportion of people in TAFE than Victoria.

A larger proportion of children attend Government Primary Schools than Victoria.



Car Ownership

5.9 percent of households in Leongatha do not have a motor vehicle.

35.2 percent of households in Leongatha have one motor vehicle.

34.6 percent of households have two motor vehicles.

15.9 percent of households have three or more motor vehicles

Income



The individual weekly income is higher than South Gippsland.

There is a higher proportion of people earning less than \$500 per week.

31.4 percent of households earn less than \$650 per week.

5.3 percent of households earn more than \$3,000.



Care

A larger proportion of people in Leongatha provided unpaid care for children other than their own than South Gippsland.

The number of people providing unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age in Leongatha increased between 2011 and 2016.



Key Points in History

The butter factory was opened in 1895 and supplied electricity to the town from 1905-1925.

The Great Southern Railway connected to Leongatha in 1891.

Housing



There are 5,518 dwellings in Leongatha with 90 percent occupancy.

There has been an increase of 122 dwellings since 2011.

53 dwellings per year are forecast to 2036.

There is an average of 2.4 people per household with larger proportion of one person households than in South Gippsland.

More people rent in Leongatha than in South Gippsland and less people own houses outright.

29.7 percent of people live alone compared with 26.8 percent in South Gippsland.

TOP 5

The top five industries of employment include:

- Health Care
- Supermarket and Grocery Stores
- Dairy Manufacturing
- Dairy Cattle Farming
- Primary Education