Tenure type – Fully owned or purchasing homes

Of the 336,092 families in Victoria with children aged 0 to 8 years, 242,768 (72.2 per cent) either fully owned or were purchasing their homes, 86,701 (25.8 per cent) rented their homes and 6,621 (2.0 per cent) lived in homes with other tenure types.

Of those who either fully owned or were purchasing, 220,037 (90.6 per cent) were couple families and 22,731 (9.4 per cent) were one-parent families. This was similar to 2001 where 90.9 percent of all families with children aged 0 to 8 fully owned or were purchasing and 9.1 per cent were one-parent families.

Living in a home that was either fully owned or being purchased applied to 78.8 per cent of all couple families (78.9 per cent in 2001), but only 40.1 per cent of all one-parent families (38.8 per cent in 2001), with children aged 0 to 8 years in Victoria.

In Melbourne, there were 246,395 families with children aged 0 to 8 years, and 180,825 (73.4 per cent) of these families either fully owned or were purchasing their homes. However, in regional Victoria, where there were 89,698 families with children aged 0 to 8 years, 61,943 (69.1 per cent) fully owned or were purchasing their homes. There has been little change since 2001 where the percentages were 73.5 per cent and 68.6 per cent respectively.

Of the 207,883 couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years in Melbourne, 164,500 (79.1 per cent) either fully owned or were purchasing their homes. In regional Victoria, of the 71,490 couples with children aged 0 to 8 years, 55,536 (77.7 per cent) either fully owned or were purchasing their homes.

Of the 38,511 one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years in Melbourne, 16,325 (42.4 per cent) either fully owned or were purchasing their homes. In regional Victoria, of the 18,208 one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years, 6,407 (35.2 per cent) either fully owned or were purchasing their homes.
Renting homes

Of all families in Victoria with children aged 0 to 8 years, 86,704 (25.8 per cent) were renting a home, slightly increasing from 2001 when it was 24.9 per cent. Of these families, 54,626 (65.3 per cent) were couple families and 32,078 (37.0 per cent) were one-parent families. Since 2001 the percentage has increased for couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years (60.8 per cent in 2001) but decreased for one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 where it was 39.2 per cent.

Of all couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years, 19.6 per cent were renting, compared to 18.2 per cent in 2001. Of all one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years, 56.6 per cent were renting a home compared to 57.7 per cent at the previous Census.

In Melbourne, of the 246,395 families with children aged 0 to 8 years, 60,627 (24.6 per cent) were renting a home. Of these, 39,825 (65.7 per cent) were couple families and 20,802 (34.3 per cent) were one-parent families. This represents 19.2 per cent of all couple families and 54.0 per cent of all one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years in Melbourne.

In regional Victoria, 26,077 (29.0 per cent) of the 89,697 families with children aged 0 to 8 years were renting a home. Of these, 14,801 (56.8 per cent) were couple families and 11,276 (43.2 per cent) were one-parent families. This represents 20.7 per cent of all couple families and 61.9 per cent of all one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years in regional Victoria.
Flowchart 8: Families with children aged 0 to 8 years by tenure type, Victoria

Families in Victoria children aged 0–8
336,092

Regional Victoria
89,698
- Fully owned or purchasing their homes
  61,943
  - Couple families
    55,536
  - One-parent families
    6,407
- Renting their homes
  26,077
  - Couple families
    14,801
  - One-parent families
    11,276
- Other tenure type/non response
  1,678

Melbourne
246,395
- Fully owned or purchasing their homes
  180,825
  - Couple families
    164,500
  - One-parent families
    16,325
- Renting their homes
  60,627
  - Couple families
    39,825
  - One-parent families
    20,802
- Other tenure type/non response
  4,943

Source: ABS 2006, Census
In regional Victoria, the LGAs with the highest percentages of couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years, fully owning or purchasing homes were Golden Plains (S) (91.0%), Macedon Ranges (S) (86.1%), Moorabool (S) (85.9%) and Hindmarsh (S) (85.1%).

The lowest percentages were recorded in the LGAs of Queenscliffe (B) (61.2%), Wodonga (RC) (68.5%) and Swan Hill (S) (70.0%).
The highest percentages in metropolitan Melbourne of couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years, fully owning or purchasing homes, were found in the LGAs of Nillumbik (S) (91.7%), Yarra Ranges (S) (86.9%), Melton (C) (86.7%) and Knox (C) (86.1%).

The lowest percentages were largely concentrated in the central areas of Melbourne (C) (52.0%), Yarra (C) (67.3%), Port Phillip (C) (68.7%) and Maribyrnong (C) (72.1%). The City of Greater Dandenong (C) was also amongst the lowest percentages (63.4%).
In regional Victoria, the LGAs with the highest percentages of one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years, fully owning or purchasing homes were Golden Plains (S) (70.2%), Yarriambiack (S) (61.5%), West Wimmera (S) (58.8%) and Buloke (S) (58.6%).

The lowest percentages were recorded in the LGAs of Wodonga (RC) (24.5%) and Warrnambool (C) (25.4%).
Map 4.2b:
One-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years, fully owning or purchasing homes, within each LGA in Melbourne
As a percentage of all one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years within each LGA

- The highest percentages in metropolitan Melbourne of one-parent families fully owning or purchasing homes, were found in the LGAs of Nillumbik (S) (61.4%), Manningham (S) (56.5%) and Boroondara (C) (52.0%).
- The lowest percentages were recorded in the LGAs of Melbourne (C) (22.2%), Yarra (C) (22.6%), Moonee Valley (C) (30.1%) and Port Phillip (C) (31.0%).
Map 4.3a:
Couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years, renting homes, within each LGA in Victoria
As a percentage of all couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years within each LGA

- In regional Victoria, the highest percentages of couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years old, renting homes, were found in the LGAs of Queenscliffe (B) (39.7%), Wodonga (RC) (30.9%) and Swan Hill (S) (27.3%).
- The lowest percentages were located in Golden Plains (S) (7.3%), Hindmarsh (S) (11.1%), Macedon Ranges (S) (12.7%) and Moorabool (S) (13.1%).
Amongst the metropolitan LGAs, the highest percentages of couple families with children aged 0 to 8 years, renting homes, were in Melbourne (C) (45.7%), Greater Dandenong (C) (32.3%), Yarra (C) (30.8%) and Port Phillip (C) (30.2%).

The lowest percentages were recorded in Nillumbik (S) (7.3%), Melton (S) (11.6%) and Yarra Ranges (S) (11.8%).
Map 4.4a:
One-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years, renting homes, within each LGA in Victoria
As a percentage of all one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years within each LGA

- In regional Victoria, the highest percentages of one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years old living in rented homes were found in the LGAs of Queenscliffe (B) (78.9%), Wodonga (RC) (73.6%) and Warrnambool (C) (72.0%).
- The lowest percentages were located in Golden Plains (S) (30.5%), Yarriambiack (S) (34.6%) and Hindmarsh (S) (34.9%).
Amongst the metropolitan LGAs, the highest percentages of one-parent families with children aged 0 to 8 years living in rented homes were in Melbourne (C) (73.1%), Yarra (C) (72.0%) and Port Phillip (C) (65.8%).

The lowest percentages were recorded in Nillumbik (S) (36.4%), Manningham (C) (41.0%) and Boroondara (C) (45.0%).