

# Sorell

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA



Health is closely tied to our daily environment. This Community Health Check presents information about the environmental, social and economic state of the Sorell local government area.

Community Health  
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# About us



	Sorell LGA	Tasmania
<b>Our population</b>	<b>16,734</b>	<b>557,571</b>
<b>Aboriginal population</b>	<p>4.8%</p>	<p>5.4%</p>
<b>Population by age</b>	<p>17.4% 10% 25.6% 27% 20%</p> <p>0-14 15-24 25-44 45-64 65+</p>	<p>16.6% 11% 25.6% 25.9% 20.9%</p> <p>0-14 15-24 25-44 45-64 65+</p>
<b>Born outside Australia</b>	<p>17%</p>	<p>20.9%</p>
<b>Median age in years</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>

Sources: Our population, Aboriginal population, Population by age, Born outside Australia, and Median age in years: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2021 Census All persons QuickStats, Local Government Areas, Sorell

# Social and economic conditions



## Education

The proportion of people in the Sorell LGA who have completed Year 12 and above is similar to the proportion for Tasmania overall.

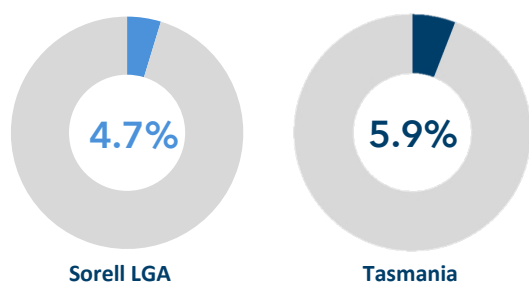
PER CENT OF ELIGIBLE POPULATION WHO HAVE COMPLETED YEAR 12 AND ABOVE



Higher education levels are associated with better health outcomes.

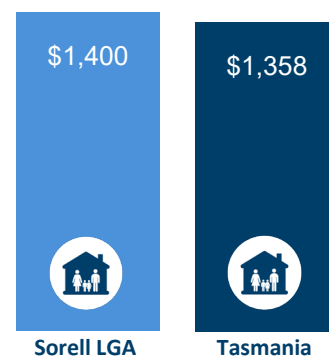
## Unemployment rates

The rate of people in the Sorell LGA who are unemployed is less than the rate in Tasmania overall.



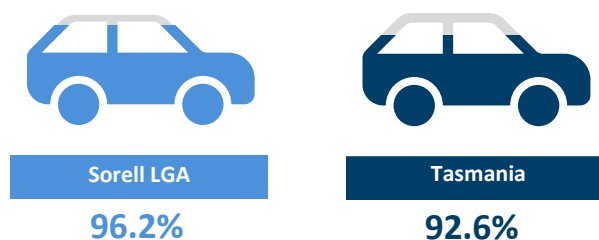
## Median weekly income

Weekly income per household is higher in the Sorell LGA than in the rest of Tasmania.



## Motor vehicles

Ninety-six per cent (96.2%) of households in the Sorell LGA have one or more motor vehicles.



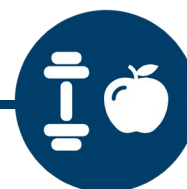
## Home ownership

Fewer people in the Sorell LGA own their homes outright, compared to the rest of Tasmania.

	Sorell	Tasmania
Owned outright	35.6%	37.1%
Owned with mortgage	43.2%	33%
Rented	18.4%	26.4%

Source: Education, Unemployment rates, Median weekly income, Motor vehicles, Home ownership: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021, Census All persons QuickStats, Local Government Areas, Sorell

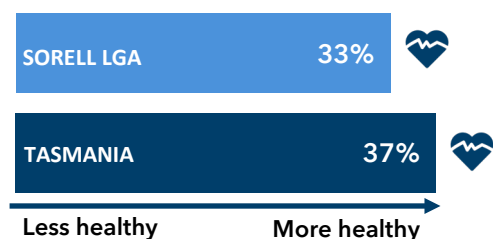
# Healthy living



## Self-reported health

Thirty-three per cent (33%) of Sorell residents rated their health as “excellent” or “very good”. This is lower than the rate for Tasmania.

### ADULTS REPORTING THEIR OWN HEALTH AS ‘EXCELLENT’ OR ‘VERY GOOD’



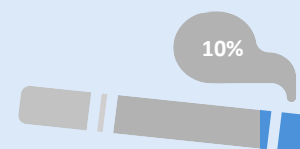
How people feel about their own health, their state of mind and their life in general is a common measure of health. (Australia’s Health 2018. AIHW)

## Risk factors

Risk factors are conditions or behaviours that make it more likely people will get a chronic condition or health problem.

	Sorell LGA	Tasmania
<b>Overweight/obese body mass index (BMI)</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Current smoker</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Consumes 2 or more drinks per day*</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Insufficient moderate/vigorous activity+</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Less than two serves of vegetables per day^</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Less than two serves of fruit per day^</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>53%</b>

In the Sorell LGA, around 10% of people aged 18 years and over, are daily and current smokers, which is lower than the rate for Tasmania.



Source: Self-reported health and Risk factors: Department of Health and Human Services Report on the Tasmania Population Health Survey 2019

\*2009 National Health and Medical Research Council alcohol guidelines

+2014 National Health and Medical Research Council physical activity guidelines

^2013 National Health and Medical Research Council dietary guidelines

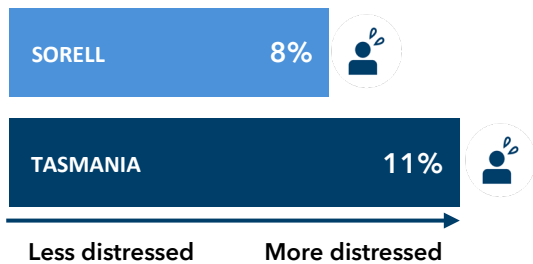
# Healthy living



## Psychological distress

Fewer adults in the Sorell LGA are likely to experience high or very high levels of psychological distress compared with Tasmania overall.

### PEOPLE WITH HIGH OR VERY HIGH LEVELS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS



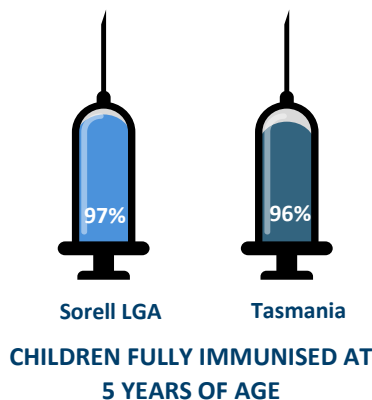
Psychological distress is a term used to describe unpleasant feelings or emotions that can influence how we function in daily life.

## Health care



### Immunisations

Ninety-seven percent (96.9%) of children in the Sorell LGA are fully immunised by the age of five, which is higher than the rate for Tasmania.



### GP and emergency department encounters



During 2019-2021, 17,725 individuals from the Sorell LGA had an encounter with a general practitioner\*



On average each year during 2019-2021, 2,696 individuals from the Sorell LGA visited an emergency department (163 people per 1,000 population<sup>^</sup>), with an average of 3,700 ED presentations per year (223 ED presentations per 1,000 population<sup>^</sup>)

<sup>^</sup>Estimated average annual population for 2019-21 =16,564

Source: Psychological distress: Department of Health and Human Services Report on the Tasmanian Population Health Survey 2013  
Immunisations: Primary Health Information Development Unit, Social Health Atlas of Australia: Local Government Areas; Compiled based on data provided by Australian Childhood Immunisation Register, Medicare Australia, 2018. GP encounters: Primary Health Information Network (PHIN) dataset (General Practice dataset), Analysed by Primary Health Tasmania; accessed October 2022  
Emergency department encounters: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Central Data Warehouse, Tasmania. Analysed by Primary Health Tasmania; accessed October 2022 \*Individual totals may be higher due to patients potentially visiting more than one practice outside an LGA area or possible de-identification linkage errors from patient administration extraction software.






# Health outcomes



## Public hospital admissions

During the five years from 2017-2018 to 2021-22 there were 20,373 admissions to Tasmanian public hospitals from the Sorell LGA area, with 9,339 overnight stays.

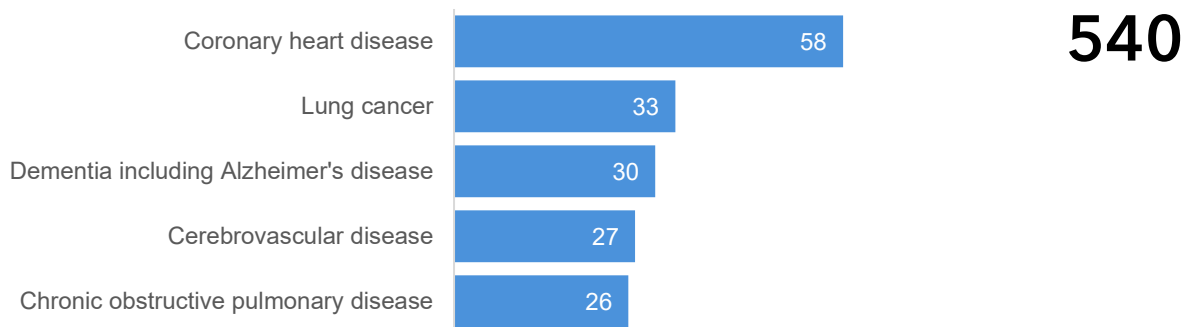
### TOP FIVE CAUSES FOR OVERNIGHT ADMISSIONS

-  **Factors influencing health status and contact with health services\***
-  **Women giving birth**
-  **Other chronic obstructive pulmonary disease**
-  **Pneumonia**
-  **Cerebral infarction**

## Causes of death

During 2016-2020 coronary heart disease (10.7%), lung cancer (6.2%), dementia including Alzheimer disease (5.6%), cerebrovascular disease (5%), and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (4.7%) were the leading causes of the 540 deaths in the Sorell LGA area.

### TOP CAUSES OF DEATH 2016-2020, BY NUMBER



Sources: Public hospital admissions: Department of Health and Human Services, Health Central Data Warehouse, Tasmania. Analysed by Primary Health Tasmania; Accessed October 2022; \*Includes i) examination and investigation, ii) communicable diseases, iii) related to socioeconomic and psychosocial circumstances, iv) health services in other circumstances and v) related to family and personal history and certain conditions influencing health status; Causes of death: Mortality over Regions and Time (MORT) book, LGA, 2016-2020, accessed November 2022.

The Tasmanian Community Health Checks feature information about the 29 Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Tasmania. For reports on the other 28 LGAs, please visit [primaryhealthtas.com.au](https://primaryhealthtas.com.au) and search for **Community Health Checks** or email [info@primaryhealthtas.com.au](mailto:info@primaryhealthtas.com.au).

*This data is sourced as part of Primary Health Tasmania's ongoing provider support activity. While extensive efforts have been made to ensure this information is as accurate as possible, the data is gleaned from multiple public and private organisations via visits and web searches, and Primary Health Tasmania cannot attest to the continued veracity of this dataset as practice and practitioner details change continually. The information presented is accurate as of November 2022. For the most current information, please go to [www.phnexchange.com.au](https://www.phnexchange.com.au).*