

A young boy with brown hair, wearing a yellow and black plaid shirt and blue shorts, is smiling and hanging from a red rope on a playground structure. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a body of water. A large blue diagonal shape covers the right side of the image, containing the title and subtitle text.

Knox in 2020

A summary of the State
of Knox Report 2020
and the results of the
2020 Municipal Survey

Knox Community Profile

Who we are

166,791

individuals
call Knox
home.



39

is the
median age.



30%

of residents
were born
overseas.



5%

of people
require assistance
in their day-to-
day lives due to
disability.



25%

speak a
language other
than English at
home.



Knox Community Profile

How we live

59,150

dwellings in
Knox, 2,975
more than 2011.



84%

of dwellings
are single
detached
houses.



16%

of dwellings
are medium
to high
density.



20%

of people in
Knox live by
themselves.



50%

Households
are families
with one or
more children.

How we work and learn

1/3

of employed
people live and
work in Knox.



22%

of people have
a bachelors
degree or higher.



80%

of people
travel to work in
a private car.



More Knox
residents work
in health care
and social
assistance than
any other industry.

Environment

Greenhouse gas emissions in Knox are higher than the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA) average.



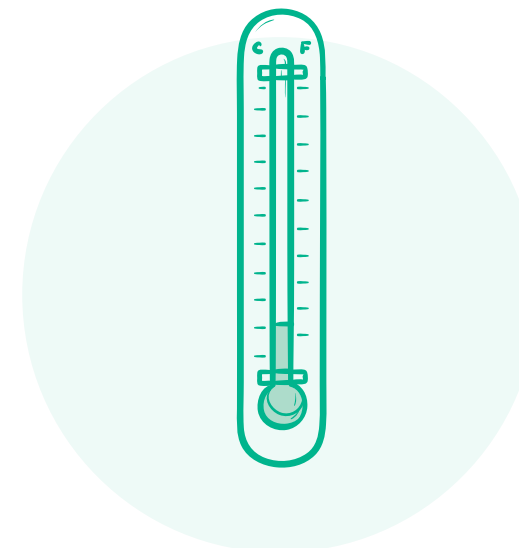
The decline in waste generation from 2016 to 2017 was

28kg
per household



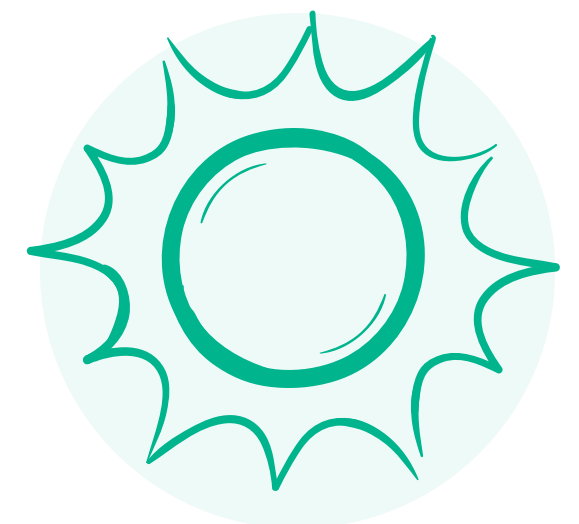
1 in 6

Houses has solar installations.



2.0°

Celsius increase in average annual temperature in Knox between 1965 - 2019.



19 days

over 35° Celsius locally in 2019, including 9 days of 40°+

Environment



69%

of Knox dwellings are within 400m of open space compared to the metropolitan average of 82%.



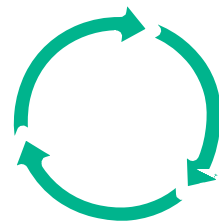
18%

of Knox's total area is under tree canopy cover compared to the metropolitan average of 16% and the Eastern Region average of 27%.

Knox's biodiversity programs have re-vegetated

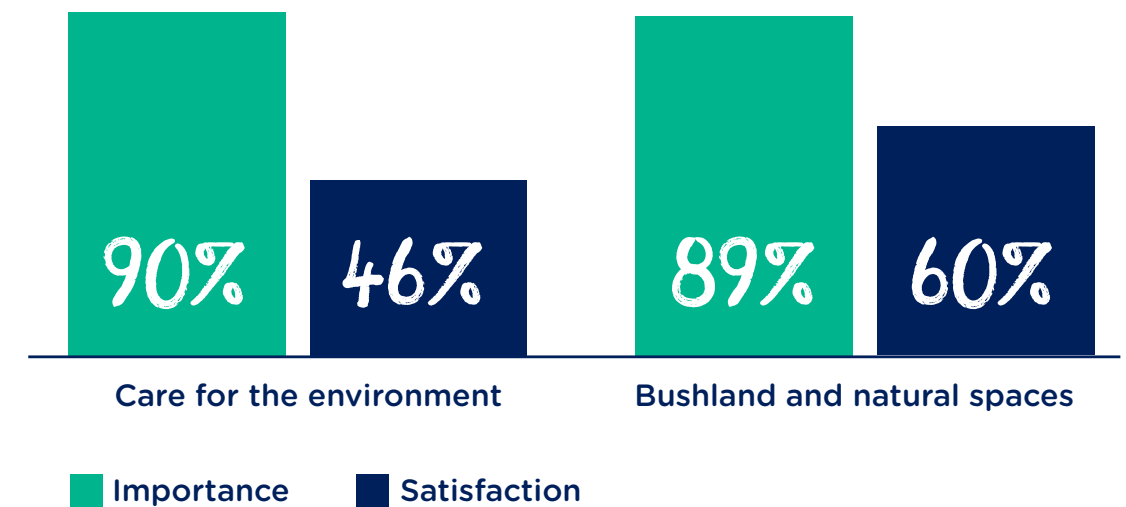
19 hectares

of land in Knox since 2009.



In our municipal survey you told us...

That care for the environment and bushland and natural spaces are a priority. Less than half of surveyed residents were satisfied with the current care for the environment in Knox.



You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Cleanliness and maintenance of public spaces, streets and roads and hard rubbish collection issues.



Care for the environment including bushfire management and plans.

Housing

↑ 59,150

dwellings in Knox,
2,975 more than 2011.

↑ 34%

Ten year increase
in Knox median
household income,
compared to 41% in
greater Melbourne.

↑ 130%

Ten year increase in
Knox median house
price compared
to 86% for greater
Melbourne.



84%

of dwellings are
single detached
houses compared
to 82% in 2006.



1 in 6

dwellings are an
apartment, unit or
terrace, compared
to 1 in 7 in 2006.

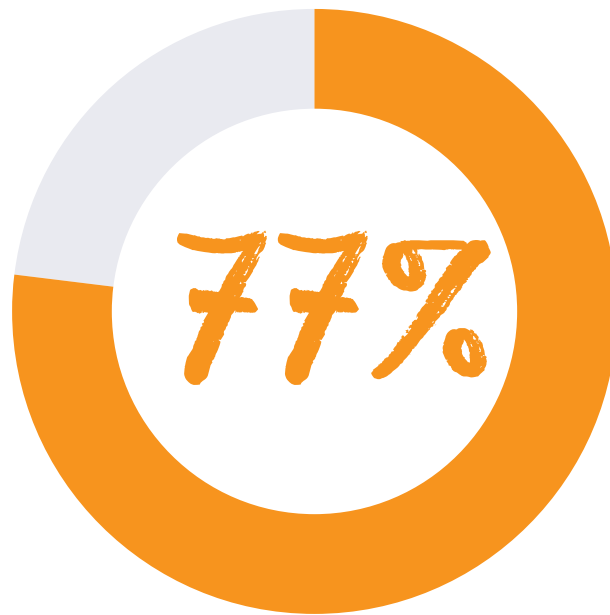


8 in 10

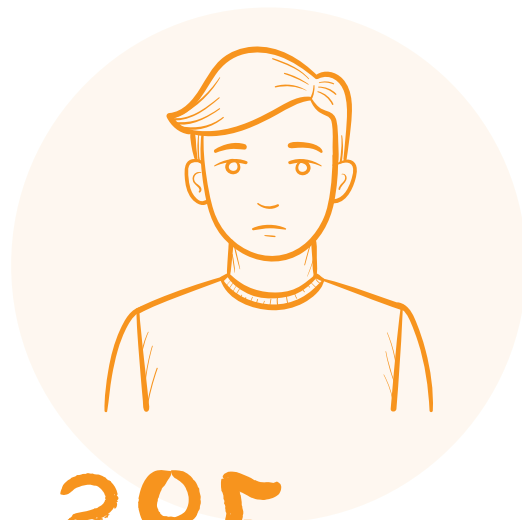
households in Knox
have at least one
spare bedroom.



Housing

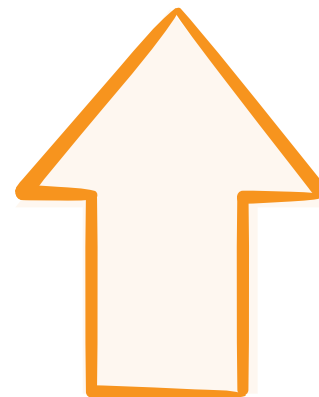


The proportion of the social housing need that can be met with existing local social housing and affordable private rentals.



385

The estimated number of homeless people in Knox.

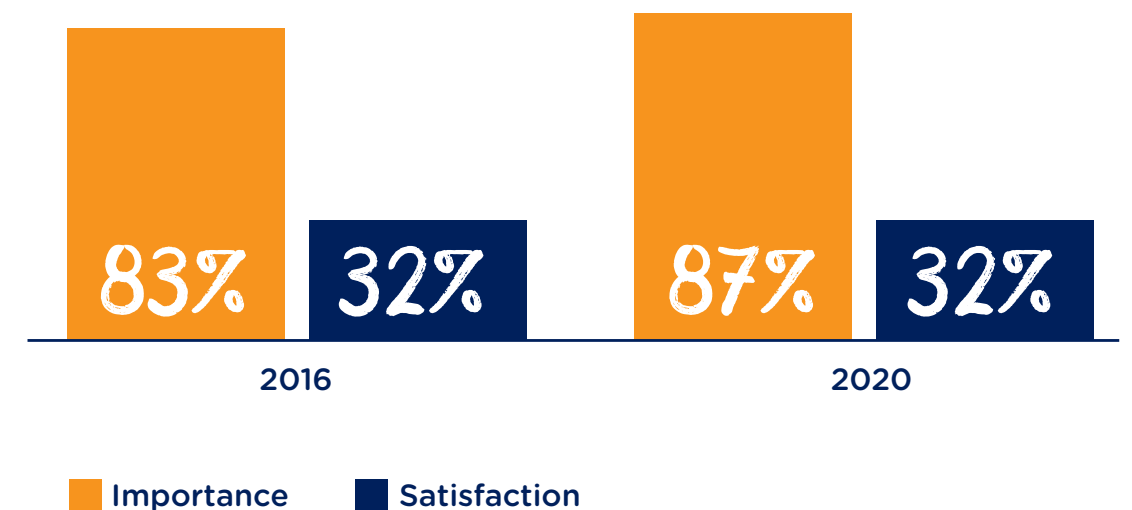


46%

The estimated increase in homelessness in Knox from 2011.

In our municipal survey you told us...

That type and affordability of housing is one of the main community priorities, however, less than a third of surveyed residents are satisfied with this aspect of Knox.

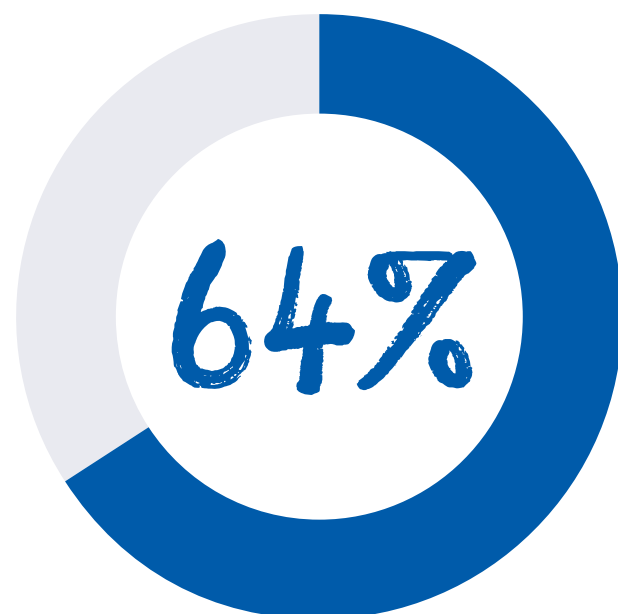


You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Development, planning and housing issues including affordable housing, adequate infrastructure and restrictions.

Moving Around

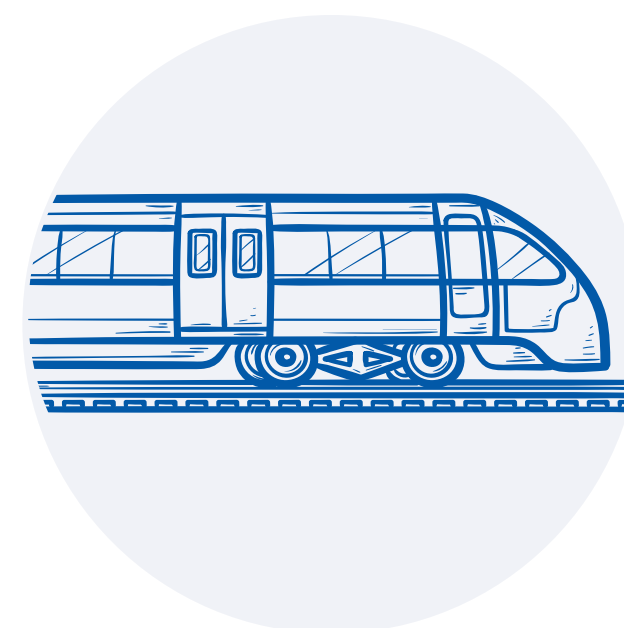


of households are within 400m of any public transport stop compared to the metropolitan average of 69%



80%

of travel on a weekday in Knox is by car, 9% more than the metropolitan average. Car use has reduced by 6 percentage points since 2010.

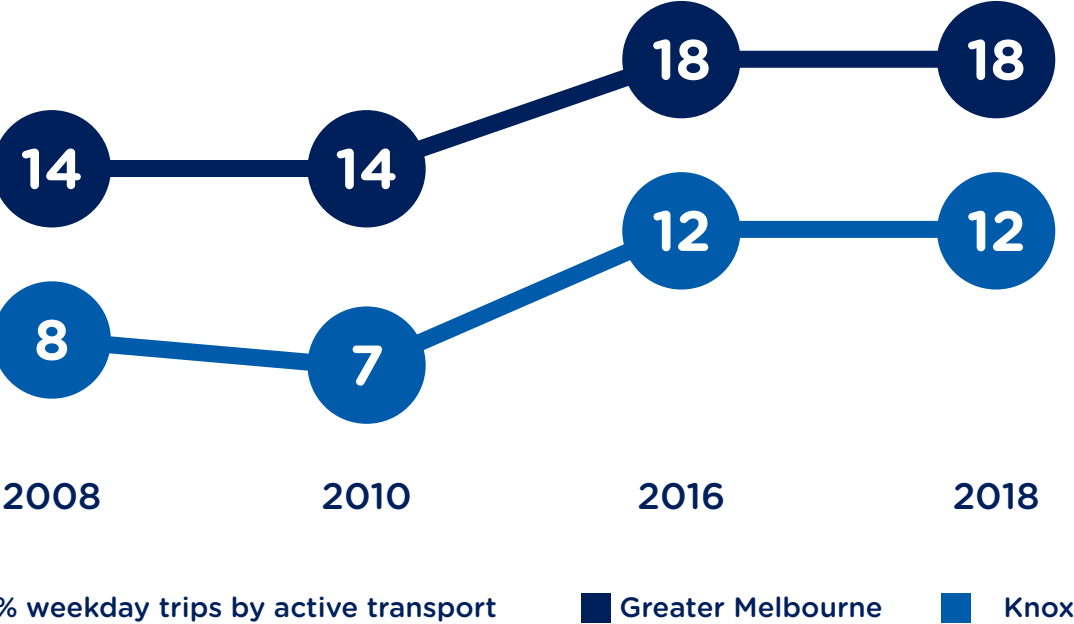


7%

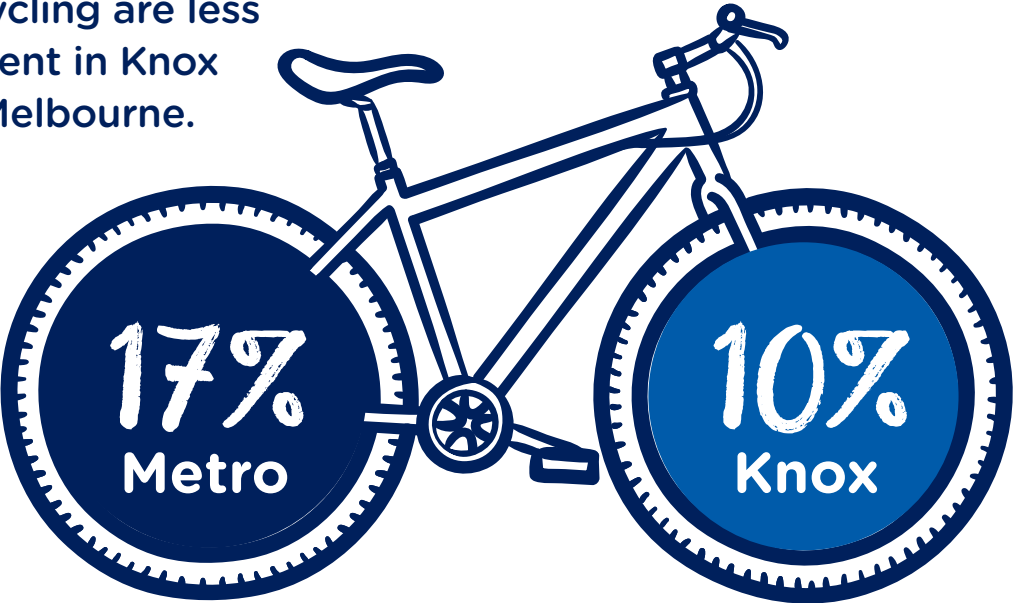
is the average percentage of weekday trips by public transport, up from 5% in 2010.

Moving Around

Walking and cycling is increasing in Knox but remains lower than greater Melbourne.



Weekend walking and cycling are less prevalent in Knox than Melbourne.



% weekend trips by active transport



In our municipal survey you told us...

That ease of getting around is a high priority for the community and around half of surveyed residents are satisfied with this aspect of Knox.



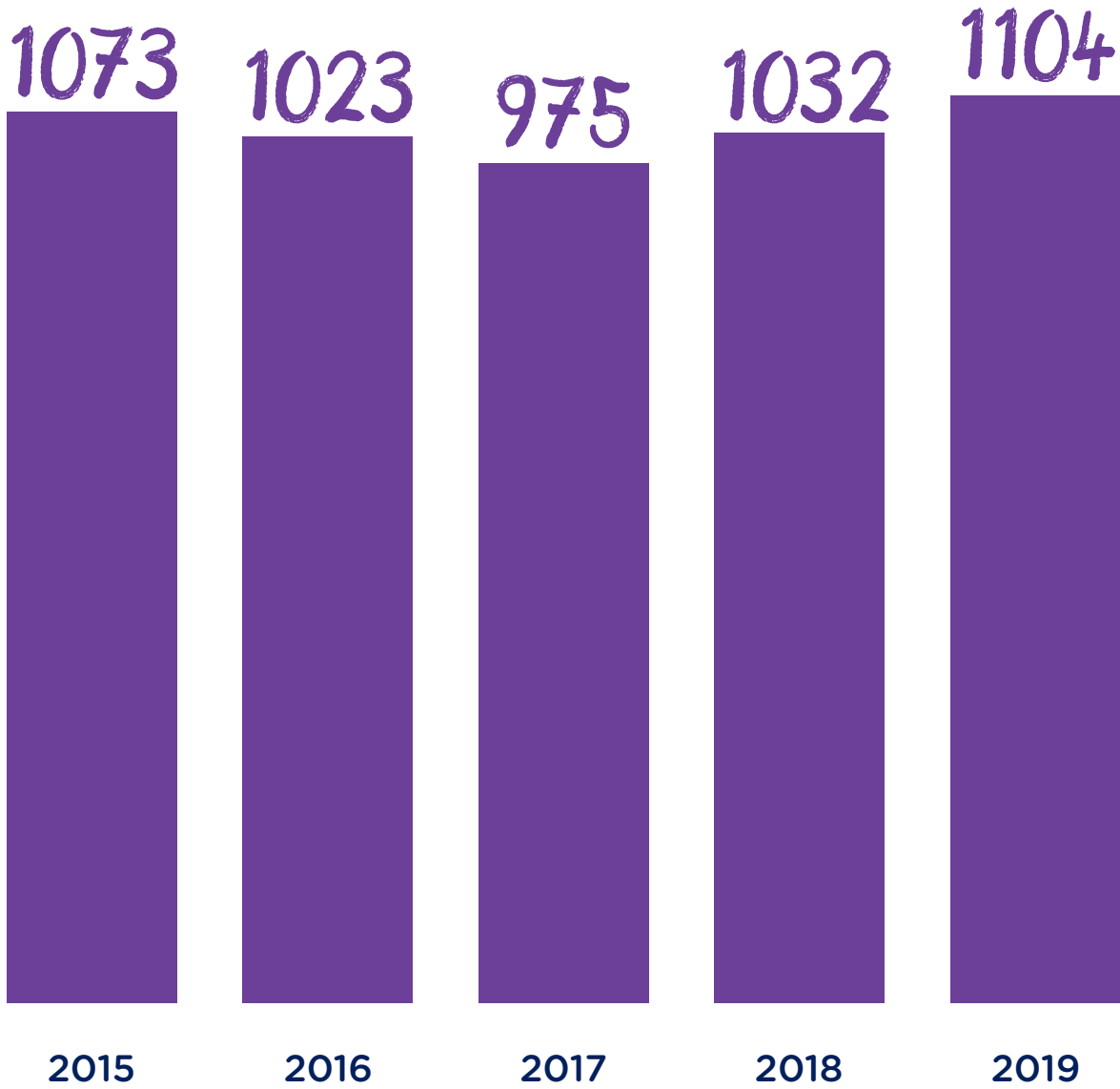
You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Better roads and public transport and better parking.

Safety

The rate of reported family violence incidents in Knox has started an upward trend.



Number of reported family violence incidents per 100,000 population

Of the 8,805 crime incidents in Knox in 2019, two thirds were property related.

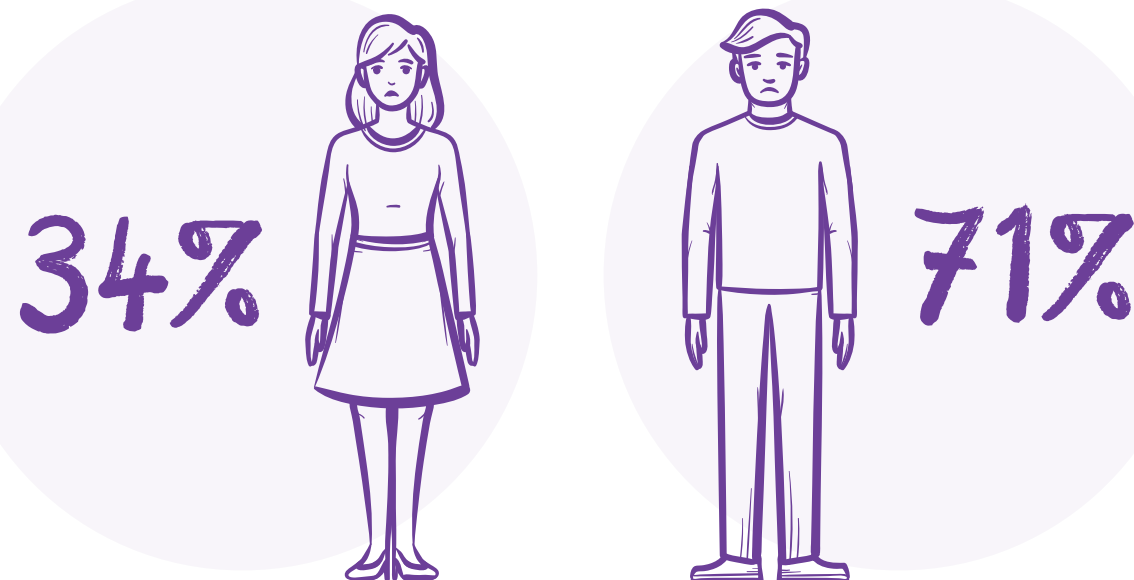
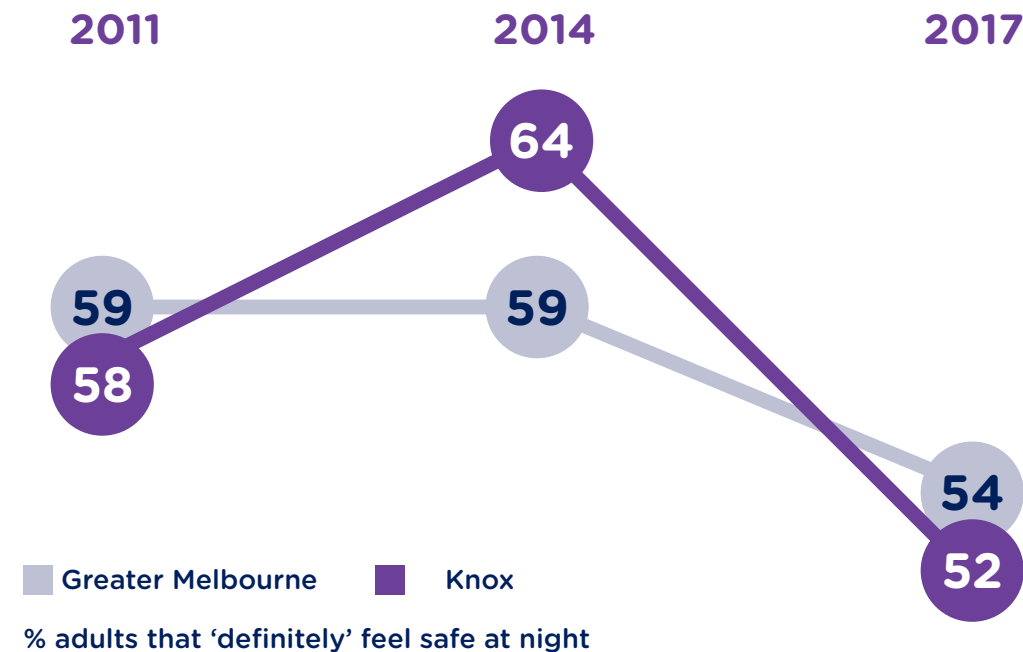


The rate of drug incidents is higher in Knox with 304 incidents per 100,000 population compared to the Melbourne average of 242.



Safety

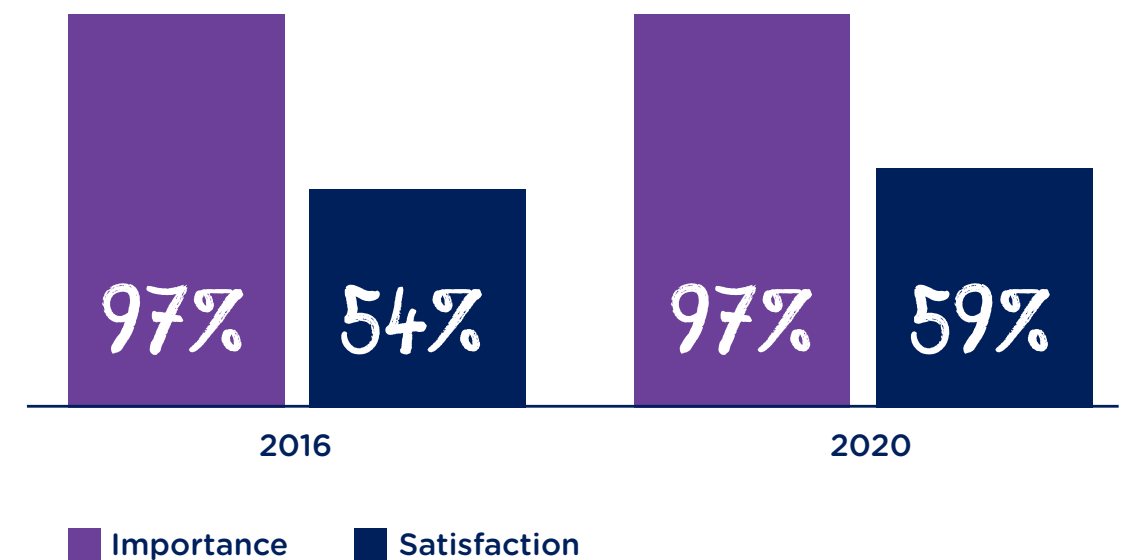
Perceptions of safety are declining.



34% of women that feel safe in their neighbourhood at night compared to 71% of men.

In our municipal survey you told us...

That **safety** is the most important issue for our community and 59% of residents surveyed are satisfied with this aspect of Knox.



You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Community safety and security.

Economy, Employment and Learning

66,244

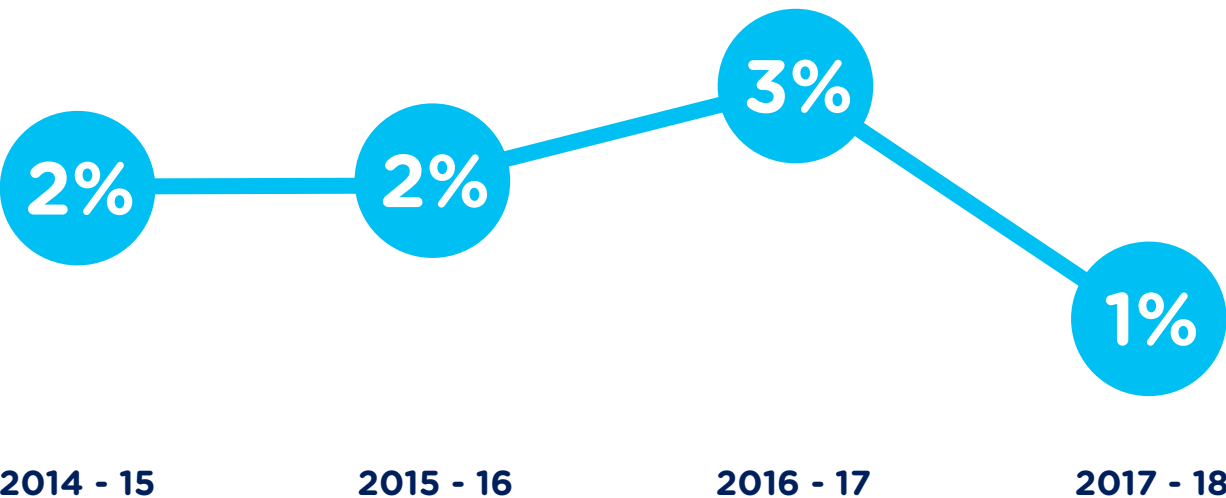
Total jobs in Knox

Knox has a high rate of youth engagement with 80% of youth fully engaged in work or study. However this decreased by almost 2% from 2011 to 2016.



Job growth has declined in Knox

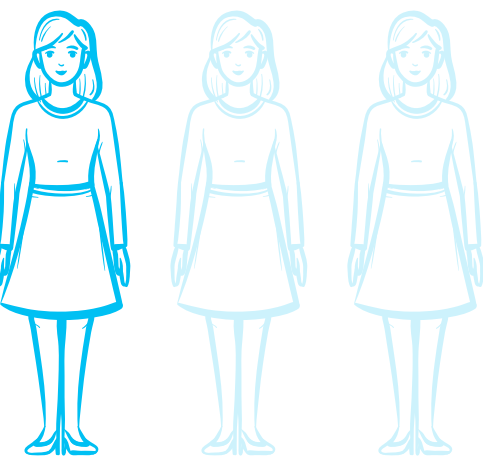
Annual jobs growth rate



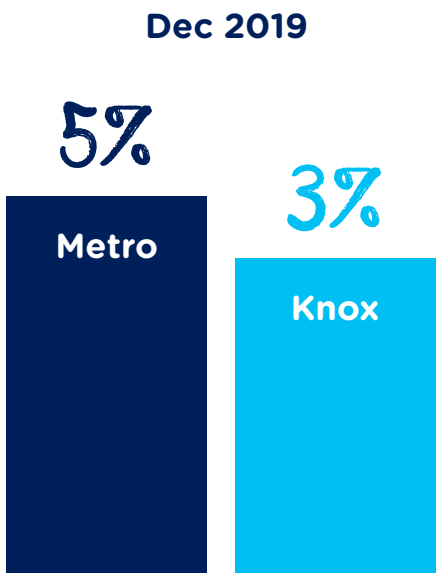
10% of school leavers aged 15 - 24 left school early in 2001 compared to 14% in 2011.

Economy, Employment and Learning

More Knox residents now work in health care and social assistance, previously more residents had worked in manufacturing.



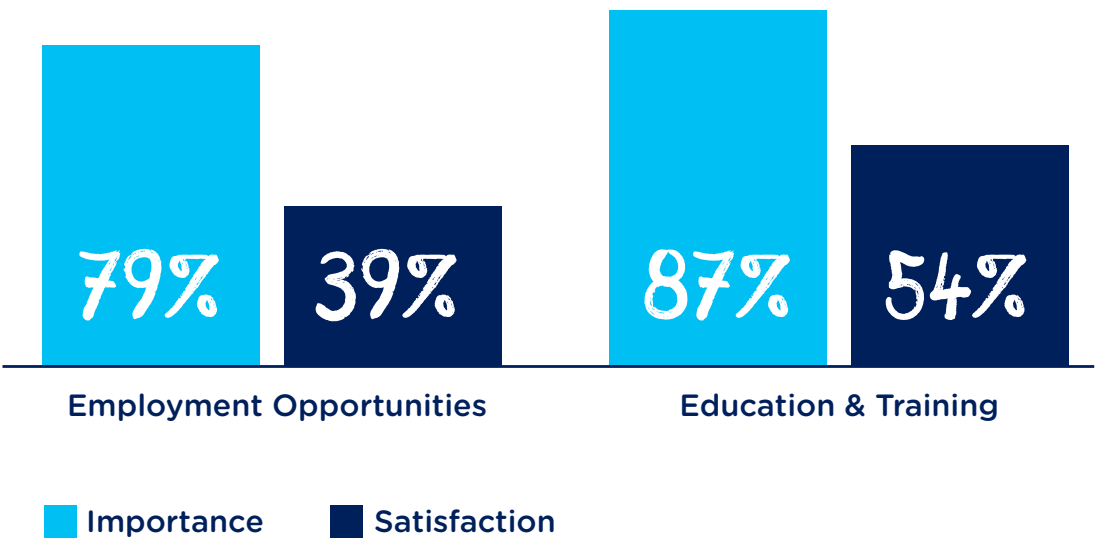
One third of employed people live and work in Knox. More Knox residents now work part time (+2%).



Unemployment in Knox is below the metropolitan Melbourne average.

In our municipal survey you told us...

Education and training is very important and over half of surveyed residents are satisfied with this aspect of Knox. Employment opportunities are also of high importance and just over a third of surveyed residents are satisfied with this aspect of Knox.



You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Supporting employment programs, creating jobs, and accessible education and training.

Health and Wellbeing

50%

of adults undertake adequate physical activity to meet the national guidelines.

41%

of adults rate their health as very good or excellent, compared to 38% in 2014.



16%

of adults are smokers, up from 13% in 2014.



55%

of adults are overweight or obese, up from 49% in 2008 and higher than the metropolitan average of 49%.

56%

of Knox residents do not meet the daily recommendation for fruit & vegetables, up from 49% in 2014 and higher than the metropolitan average of 51%.



Health and Wellbeing

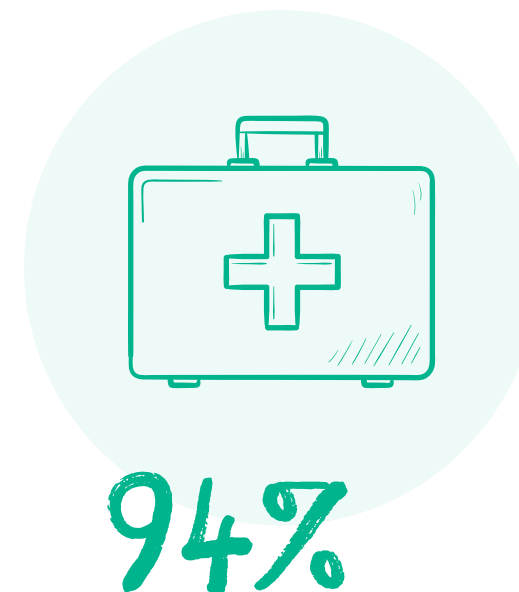
60%

of adults are at increased lifetime risk of alcohol related harm, an increase of 3 percentage points from 2014.



84%

of children aged 0 - 6 years are developmentally 'on track' in all domains, 4% higher than the state average.



94%

of children in Knox aged 5 years are fully immunised.



45%

At increased risk of alcohol related injury on a single occasion.

26%

Agreed that 'getting drunk every now and then is OK.'



23%

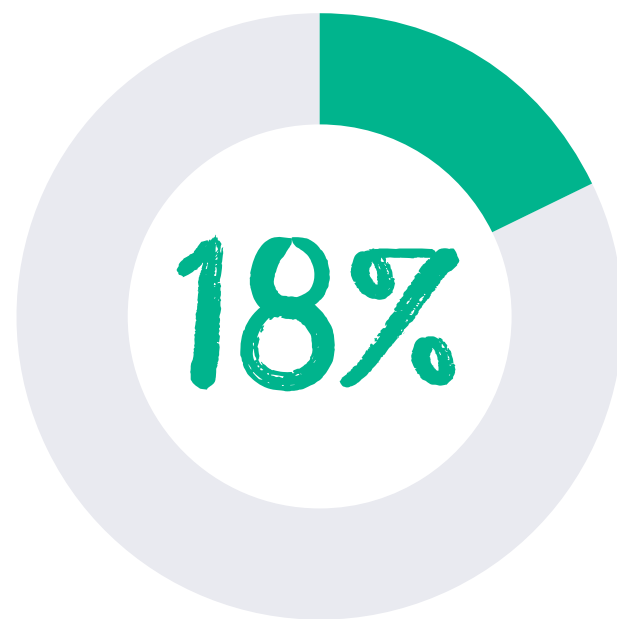
of young people in Outer Eastern Melbourne have depressive symptoms.



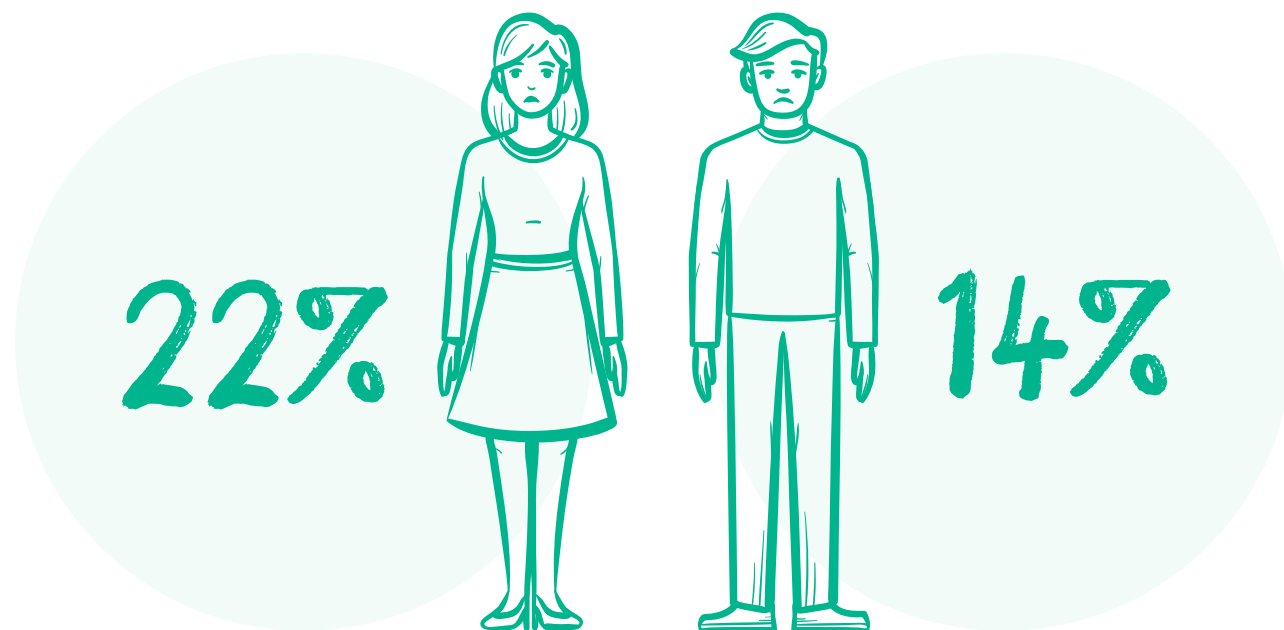
44%

of students have good or excellent resilience.

Health and Wellbeing



of adults suffer from psychological distress, up from 11% in 2011. This is higher than the metropolitan average of 15%.

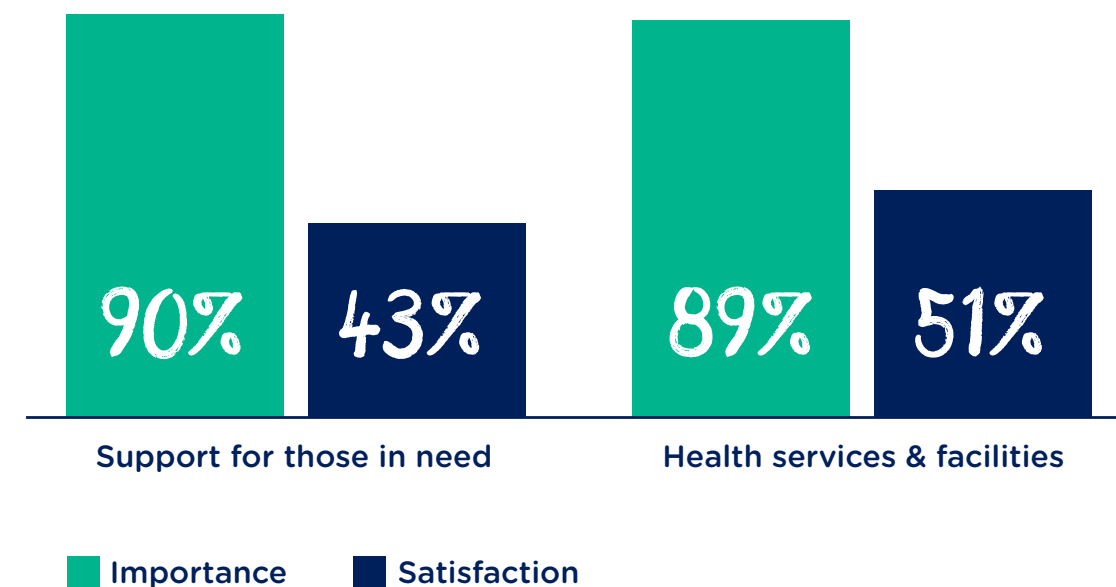


The proportion adults with poor mental health was significantly higher in women than men.

In our municipal survey you told us...

Support for those in need was the second most important aspect of Knox for surveyed residents but less than half were satisfied with this aspect.

Health services and facilities are also of high importance and just over half of surveyed residents are satisfied with this aspect of Knox.

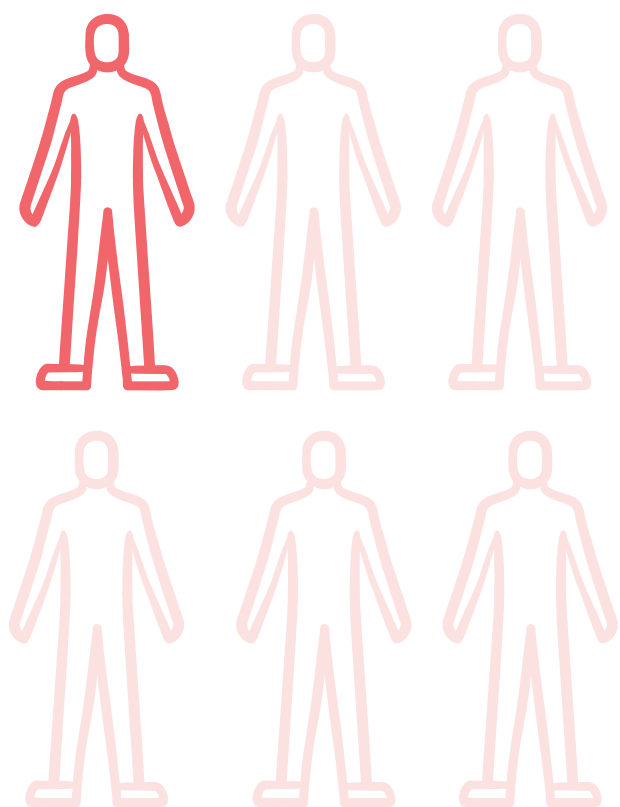


You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Services/support for vulnerable, including older adults, young people, people with a disability, homeless and family violence victims.

Social Inclusion



1 in 6

adults in Knox
are socially
isolated.



1 in 3

adults in Knox
volunteers

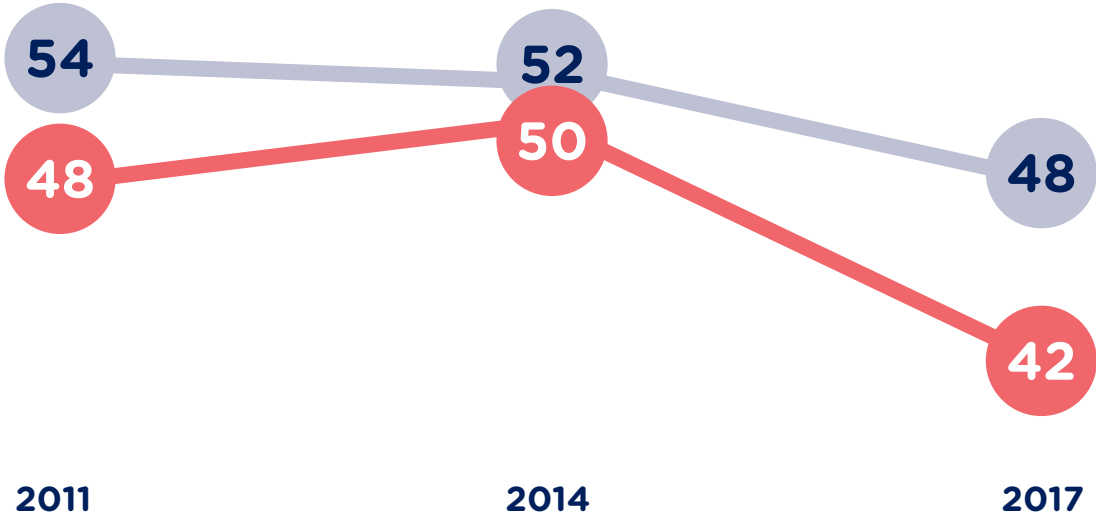
1 in 3

Adults in Knox show
low support for
gender equity in
relationships. This
result aligns with the
state average of 36%



% adults that 'definitely'
feel valued by society.

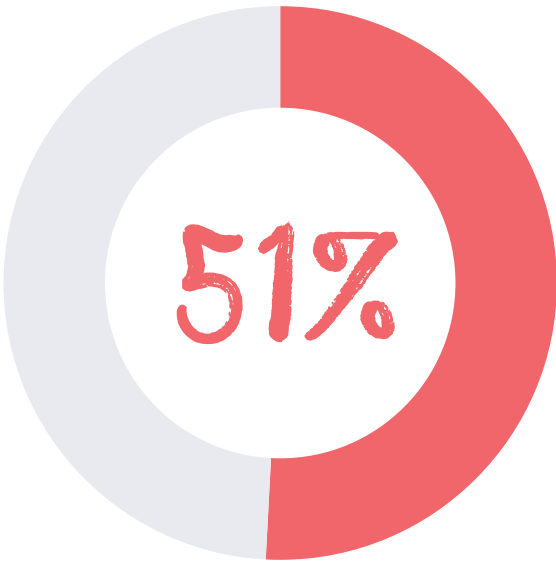
Knox Metro



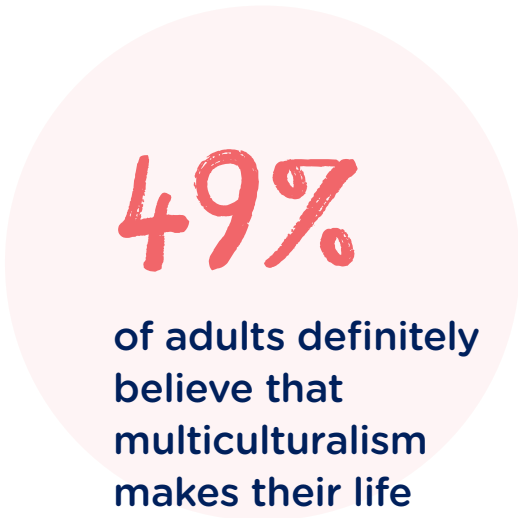
42%

people in
Knox feel valued
by society,
compared
to 50% in 2014.

Social Inclusion

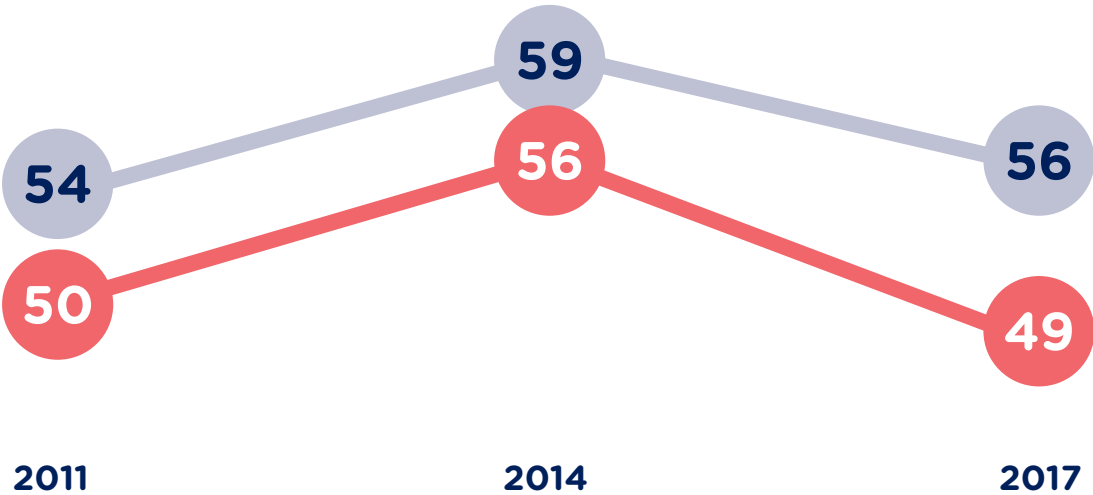


had attended a local community event in the past 6 months.



% adults that 'definitely' agree that multiculturalism makes their life better.

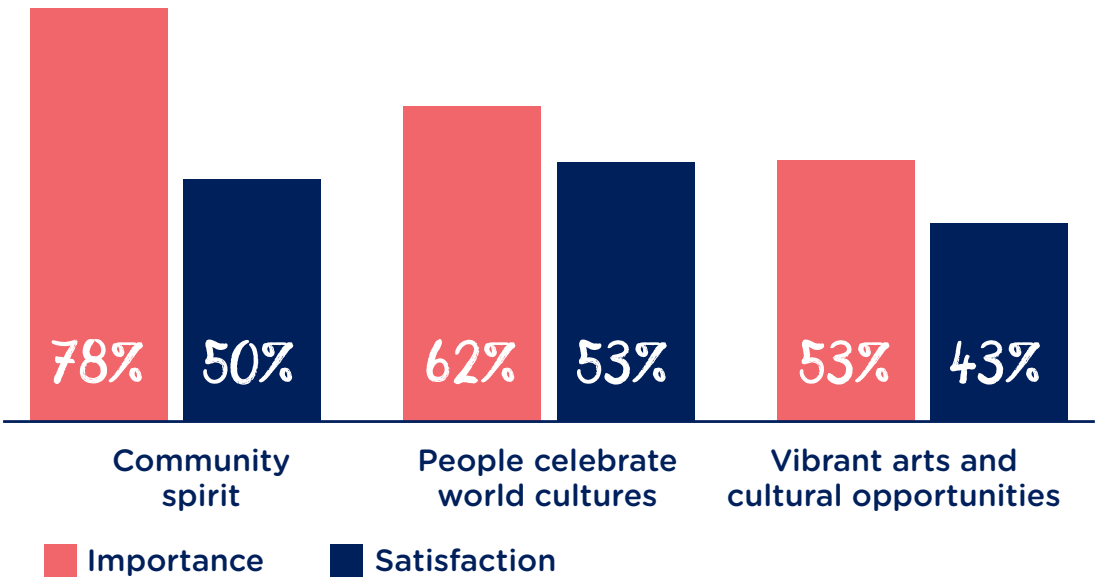
Knox Metro



In our municipal survey you told us...

Community Spirit is an important part of Knox, however, only half of surveyed residents were satisfied with this aspect.

People celebrate world cultures and vibrant arts and cultural opportunities were of lower importance.



You told us that Knox needs to focus on...

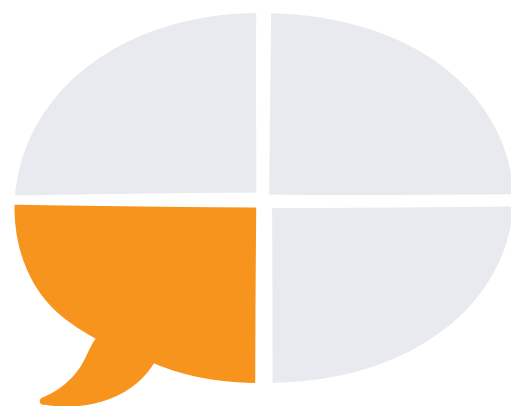


Building community spirit in Knox.

Decision Making

A quarter

of adults feel there are opportunities to have a real say on matters that are important to them compared to 37% in 2011.

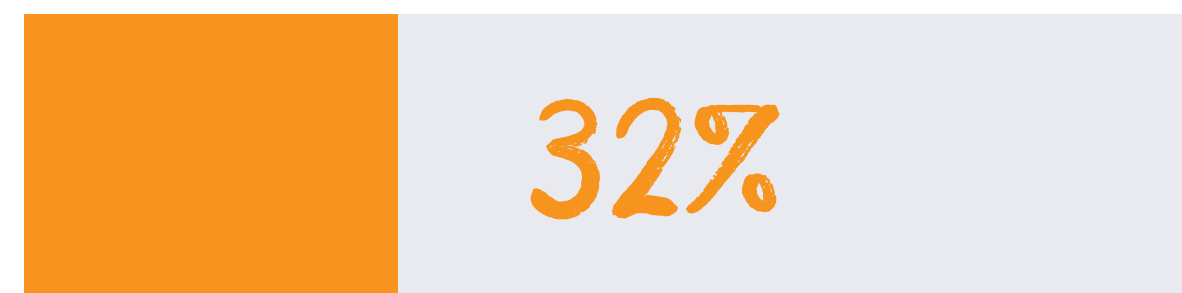


% adults that definitely agree there are opportunities to engage on issues that are important to them.

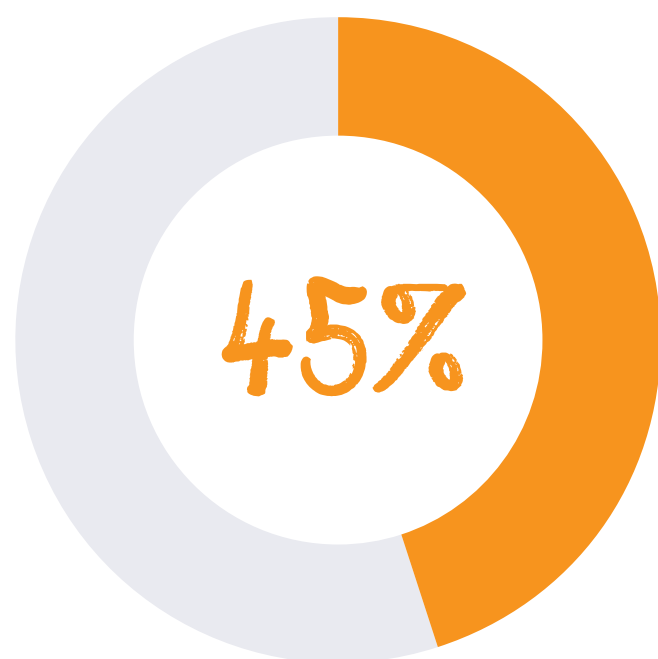
2011



2014



2017



the percentage of adults think Council is good or very good at keeping the community informed.

Decision Making

The percentage of adults rating Community engagement as good or better rose by 7 percentage points from 2018 to 2019.

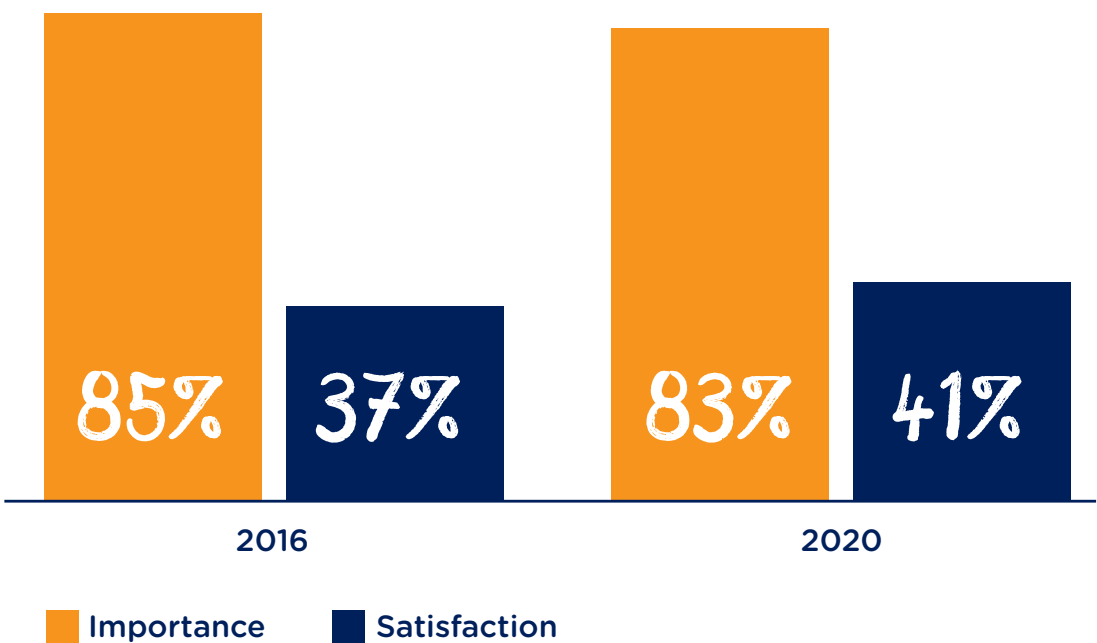


% adults rating Council engagement as 'very good' or 'good'



In our municipal survey you told us...

Opportunities to have a say is important and less than half of surveyed residents are satisfied with this aspect of Knox.



You told us that Knox needs to focus on...



Making Council more efficient and responsive. Listening and providing more reasonable regulations, rates and fines.

Data Sources

All data shown in this document is the most up-to-date population data available as at June 2020. Gathering, processing and standardisation of population level data (survey and Census data) takes time, generally resulting in a time lag between data collection and its availability for use and analysis.

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How we live

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Decision Making

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