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Fact Sheet | Marrickville

Past

The original owners of the land in the Marrickville Council area were the Cadigal Wangal clans, who lived in the area for more than 40,000 years. The Cadigal Wangal clans were part of the Eora nation and spoke the coastal Eora language. The Aboriginal name for most of the present day Marrickville Council area was Bullanaming.

Marrickville was named after the estate of Thomas Chalder. The 24.3 hectare estate was subdivided in 1855 and named 'Marrick' after Chalder's native North Yorkshire village. The estate centred on the intersection of Victoria Road and Chapel Street. William Dean, the publican of the Marrick Hotel in Illawarra Road (now the site of the Henson Park Hotel), is credited with adding the 'ville' to Marrick.

The Winged Victory figure on the World War One war memorial, outside Marrickville Town Hall, is the largest known bronze casting on a memorial in Australia. The Winged Victory stands at over 4 metres.



Marrickville Town Hall opening (1922)
Image held by Marrickville Council



Street Procession for the Town Hall opening (1922)
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Present

Population

	Number	% of total Marrickville population
Total	23,161	32.2%

In 2006, 15.1% of the population in Marrickville were children aged between 0-14 years, and 22.5% were people aged 55 years and over. The median age of in Marrickville was 36 years, compared with 37 years for all people in Australia.

Country of birth

Country	Number	% of suburb	% of Sydney
Australia	11,504	49.7%	60.4%
Viet Nam	1,667	7.2%	1.5%
Greece	1,368	5.9%	0.8%
England	572	2.5%	3.5%
China	551	2.4%	2.6%
Portugal	515	2.2%	0.2%

English was the only language spoken at home by 45.9% of persons in Marrickville. The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Greek 10.1%, Vietnamese 9.0%, Arabic 5.4%, Portuguese 2.9% and Cantonese 2.6%.

Occupation (Top 5)

Country	Number	% of suburb
Professionals	2,970	27.4%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	1,667	15.4%
Technicians and Trades Workers	1,293	11.9%
Managers	1,233	11.4%
Labourers	1,044	9.6%

The median weekly individual income for people aged 15 years and over was \$463, compared with \$518 in Sydney. The median weekly household income was \$1,048, compared with \$1,154 in Sydney.

Household composition

Of 5,727 families: 41.9% were couple families with children, 36.5% were couple families without children, 18.7% were one parent families and 3.0% were other families.

Of 9,242 occupied private: 41% were separate houses, 17.6% were semi-detached, row or terrace houses, 40.5% were flats, units or apartments and 0.9% were other dwellings.

25.6% of occupied private dwellings were fully owned, 24.5% were being purchased and 40% were rented.

Median sale price November 2009 : Houses: \$644,000 and Units: \$380,000 (Australian Property Monitors)

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census (QuickStats)