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Fact Sheet | Sydenham

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.

Sydenham was named after the London suburb of Sydenham, part of the Borough of Lewisham. In the 1890s Sydenham was the industrial hub of the area. Factories included Sydney Steel Company, Australian Woollen Mills, Malleable Castings, Marrickville Margarine and Fowler's Potteries.

Sydenham Railway Station opened on 15 October 1884 with the name Marrickville. Sydenham is an important location in the suburban railway system, as a major junction station and having retained buildings from the early period of the railway's construction.



Sydenham Railway Station (1910)

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Sydenham (1890)

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Present

Population

	Number	% of total Marrickville population
Total	961	1.3%

In 2006, 11.6% of the population in Sydenham were children aged between 0-14 years, and 21.3% were people aged 55 years and over. The median age in Sydenham was 36 years, compared with 37 years for all people in Australia.

Country of birth

Country	Number	% of suburb	% of Sydney
Australia	482	50.2%	60.4%
China	47	4.9%	2.6%
Thailand	41	4.3%	0.3%
Viet Nam	36	3.7%	1.5%
Greece	33	3.4%	0.8%
New Zealand	28	2.9%	2.0%

English was the only language spoken at home by 52.1% of persons in Sydenham. The most common languages other than English spoken at home were: Cantonese 6.3%, Greek 5.8%, Vietnamese 4.7%, Thai 4.4% and Indonesian 2.0%.

Occupation (Top 5)

Country	Number	% of suburb
Professionals	109	21.1%
Clerical and Administrative Workers	89	17.2%
Technicians and Trades Workers	68	13.2%
Labourers	63	12.2%
Sales Workers	52	10.1%

The median weekly individual income for people aged 15 years and over who were usual residents was \$520, compared with \$518 in Sydney. The median weekly household income was \$1,153, compared with \$1,154 in Sydney.

Household composition

Of 246 families: 29.7% were couple families with children, 45.5% were couple families without children, 22.0% were one parent families and 2.8% were other families.

Of 386 occupied private dwellings: 41.5% were separate houses, 49.7% were semi-detached, row or terrace houses, 4.7% were flats, units or apartments and 4.1% were other dwellings.

31.1% of occupied private dwellings were fully owned, 32.6% were being purchased and 26.7% were rented.

Median sale price November 2009 : Houses: \$550,000, Units: Not available (Australian Property Monitors)

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census (QuickStats)