### Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council

#### Internet connection

**Please note: For the 2021 Census, the ABS dropped the question regarding household internet connection. This page shows data for the 2016 and previous Censuses only.**

An internet connection is now an important utility for most households in Australia. It is increasingly required for accessing essential information and taking part in the digital economy. Australia-wide in 2016, nearly 80% of all households had internet access. However, this decreases with age – seniors are less likely to have internet access at home. The lack of internet access is likely to indicate a level of disadvantage and could be related to socio-economic factors, age, or geographical isolation.

Internet connectivity in City of Bayswater should be looked at in conjunction with [Household Type](households?[QS]) and [Age Structure](five-year-age-groups?[QS]), as well as [Education Levels.](qualifications?[QS])

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| **Type of internet connection** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **City of Bayswater - Households** | **2016** |  |  | **2011** |  |  | **Change** |
| **Connection type** | **Number** | **%** | **EMRC area %** | **Number** | **%** | **EMRC area %** | **2011 to 2016** |
| Internet connection | 21,388 | 79.5 | 81.7 | 19,137 | 73.6 | 75.8 | +2,251 |
| No internet connection | 3,636 | 13.5 | 11.5 | 5,048 | 19.4 | 17.1 | -1,412 |
| Not stated | 1,889 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 1,823 | 7.0 | 7.1 | +66 |
| **Total households** | **26,913** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **26,008** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+905** |

Analysis of the type of internet connection of households in City of Bayswater compared to EMRC area shows that there was a lower proportion of households with an internet connection

Overall 79.5% of households had an internet connection, compared with 81.7% in EMRC area.

Between 2011 and 2016 the number of households with an internet connection increased by 2,251.