

Eastern Metropolitan Region profile

The eastern metropolitan region is one of 6 regions identified in Plan Melbourne. It stretches from leafy middle and outer ring suburbs such as Doncaster, Box Hill and Ringwood, to townships like Yarra Junction and Olinda in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges.

The region is the traditional home of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nations.

The region's economy is significant, containing 16% of Greater Melbourne's jobs and contributing almost \$59 billion Gross Regional Product (GRP) annually.

Residents enjoy a choice of health and recreation facilities, local and regional shopping destinations, and access to leading schools, universities and other tertiary institutions.

The ERG comprises five of the Eastern Metropolitan Region's councils.



ERG population (people)

731,499

(15% of Greater Melbourne's 5,096,298)



ERG land area (hectares)

290,105

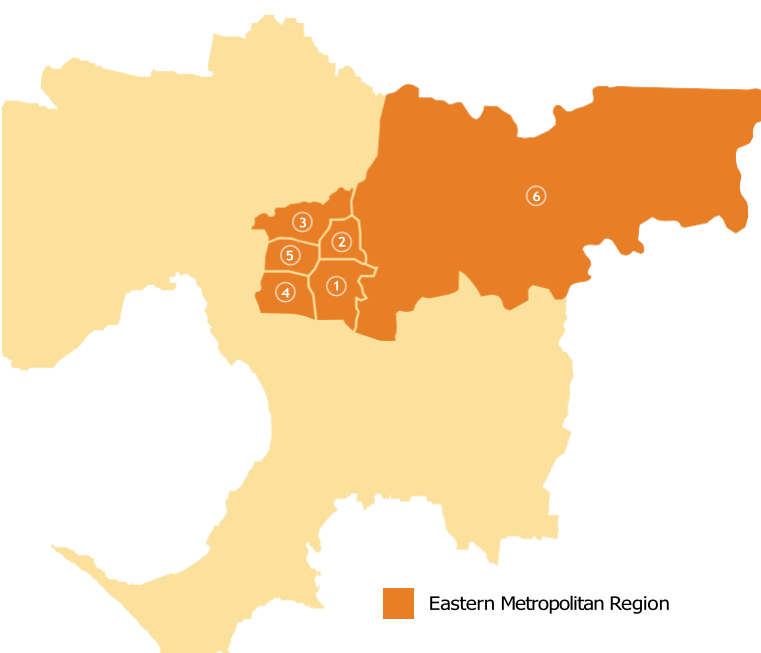
(30% of Greater Melbourne's 999,251)



EMR Gross Regional Product (GRP - \$M)

\$62,145

(14% of Greater Melbourne's \$408,939)*



Eastern Metropolitan Region

1. Knox population

159,465

2. Manningham population

126,491

3. Maroondah population

115,689

4. Monash* population

194,877

5. Whitehorse population

172,466

6. Yarra Ranges population

157,376

Household type


35.4%
33.1%

Couples with children


25.1%
23.5%

Couples without children


10.4%
10.2%

One parent families


1.1%
1.2%

Other families


3.3%
4.1%

Group household


21.6%
23.7%

Lone person


2.4%
3.4%

Other

Age group comparison with Greater Melbourne



- Seniors **(10.8%)**
- Empty nesters & retirees **(10.8%)**
- Older workers & pre-retirees **(12.8%)**
- Young workforce **(13.2%)**

**Average household size
(persons per dwelling)**
2.61
Median age
40

- Seniors **(8.6%)**
- Empty nesters & retirees **(9.5%)**
- Older workers & pre-retirees **(11.9%)**
- Young workforce **(16%)**

**Average household size
(persons per dwelling)**
2.58
Median age
37

Household income



\$1878

\$1866

Median weekly household income



HIGH

28%

HIGH

27.8%

LOW

23.9%

LOW

22.6%

High (\$2947+) and low (less than \$881) weekly household income groups

People born overseas



35.9%

35.7%

Total born overseas (%)



33.5%

34.1%

Speak a language other than English at home



7.9%

3.4%

Top 3 overseas birth places by size - China (%)



3.4%

4.9%

Top 3 overseas birth places by size - India (%)



3.4%

3.3%

Top 3 overseas birth places by size - UK (%)

Housing tenure



35.2%

28.7%

Fully Owned

36.1%

35.6%

Mortgage

21.2%

26.8%

Renting (private)

1.7%

2.3%

Renting (social housing)

5.7%

6.4%

Other

Employment, education and transport



- Health Care & Social Assistance
(63,467 jobs or 14% of all jobs in eastern region)
- Retail Trade
(45,504 jobs/10%)
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
(43,702 jobs/9.6%)

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(13.5% of all jobs in metro Melbourne)
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(9.4%)
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
(9.6%)

Employment — Main industries



240,919

of 386,864 workers

Employment — number of people who live and work in the Region



- Manufacturing
(**\$36B, 26.4%**)
- Construction
(**\$21.5B, 15.8%**)

- Retail, Hiring & Real Estate Service
(**\$11.7B, 8.6%**)
- Health Care & Social Assistance
(**\$9.3B, 6.8%**)
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
(**\$8.2B, 6.0%**)

Top five industry sectors - Regional economic output - \$136.5B



4.8%

5.3%

Unemployment rate



- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Construction

- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Education & Training

Emerging groups (largest changes in jobs - 2016 v 2021)



64.6%

64.3%

People aged 15+ who completed Year 12



44.3%

42.8%

People with university qualifications or a diploma.



- Car (as driver) (**48.3%**)
- Worked at home (**29.1%**)
- Did not go to work (**11.7%**)

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Top 3 methods of travel to work

