

# The Eastern Metropolitan Region

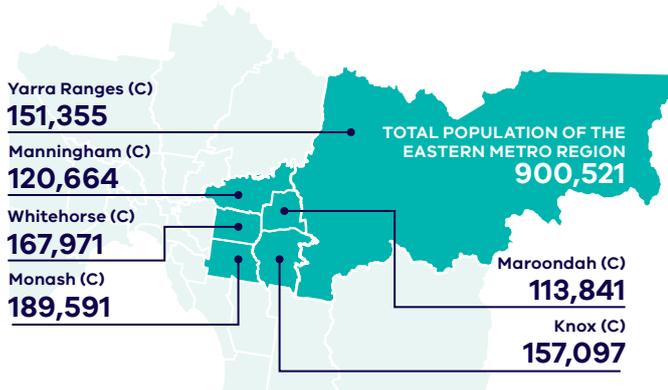


## About the Metropolitan Partnerships

Six new Metropolitan Partnerships have been established for the Inner Metro, Inner South-east, Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern metropolitan regions. These Partnerships will bring together experts and leaders from all levels of government, business and the community to develop priorities for the region which will be shared with the Victorian Government.

*We acknowledge the Aboriginal people as Australia's first peoples and as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and water on which we rely.*

The Eastern Metropolitan Region is highly diverse, and includes the local government areas of Yarra Ranges, Manningham, Maroondah, Knox, Whitehorse and Monash.



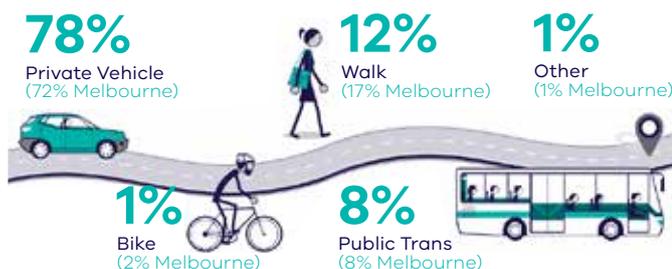
The region has a population of over 900,000, or about 20% of Melbourne's total population.

## Growth and Change

Future growth in this region is expected to occur mainly through urban renewal and consolidation of existing activity centres and redevelopment sites, such as Box Hill, Doncaster Hill and Waverly Park, rather than the establishment of new growth areas.

## How we get around

**Weekday trips - mode share** Source: DEDJTR



## Who lives here?

**Age:** The 20-34 year old age group is currently the largest in the region. However the population is ageing, with 54% of population growth until 2021 expected in the 50-79 year old age range.

**Home ownership is high:** 18% of people in the region rent their home, compared to the metropolitan average of 24%.

**Projected household structure (in 2016):**



**#HOUSEHOLDS**  
121,627 (all regions: 589,824)

**GROWTH 2016-21**  
4% (all regions: 9%)



**#HOUSEHOLDS**  
90,938 (all regions: 446,299)

**GROWTH 2016-21**  
8% (all regions: 12%)



**#HOUSEHOLDS**  
74,883 (all regions: 427,134)

**GROWTH 2016-21**  
9% (all regions: 13%)



**#HOUSEHOLDS**  
35,773 (all regions: 189,143)

**GROWTH 2016-21**  
5% (all regions: 11%)

**Languages:** 27% of the population speaks a language other than English at home, compared to the metropolitan average of 31%. The top 5 languages other than English spoken by people at home are Mandarin, Cantonese, Greek, Italian and Sinhalese (ABS 2011 Census).

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## Employment

Between 2011 and 2016, the average unemployment rate in the region was 4.7% which is 1.2% lower than the metropolitan average.

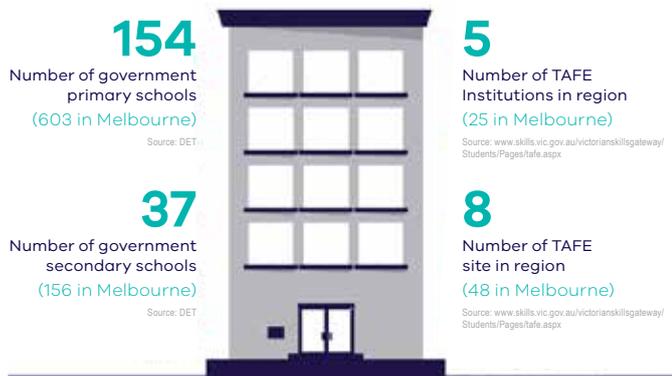
**Largest employers:** Retail, health care and social assistance, manufacturing, and education and training are the largest employment sectors in the region.

**Number of jobs:** There were about 368,000 jobs in the region in 2015, which is around 17% of the total jobs across metropolitan Melbourne.

## Education

The region has a high level of literacy and numeracy, and the year 12 completion rate is higher than the metropolitan average.

39% of adults hold a bachelors degree or higher, consistent with the Melbourne average.



**Universities in region:** Monash University Clayton Campus and Deakin University Burwood Campus.

## Health and wellbeing

Compared to metropolitan Melbourne averages, residents in the region have:

- higher life expectancies
- fewer avoidable deaths
- fewer reports of significant psychological distress
- lower obesity rates
- lower smoking rates.

Child vaccination rates are similar to the metropolitan average.

There are 8,659 aged care places, 15 private hospitals and eight public hospitals in the region. There are fewer GP clinics per person in the region than the metropolitan average.

## Culture and recreation

The region includes a network of galleries and art spaces, including Heide Museum of Modern Art, Monash Gallery of Art, Artspace at Realm, and Wyreena Community Arts Centre.

The region also offers a range of recreation facilities, including 26 aquatic centres, 634 outdoor sports grounds, 144 indoor recreation facilities, and 22 golf courses, many of which are located on the Yarra River.

## Natural Assets and the Environment

The Dandenong Ranges National Park is one of the region's greatest natural assets, featuring 130 native bird species, 31 native mammals, 21 reptiles and nine amphibian species.

The Yarra River is another key natural asset, and forms the inner northern border of the region. The river catchment contains significant parkland and environmental reserves and provides 70 per cent of Melbourne's drinking water.



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