

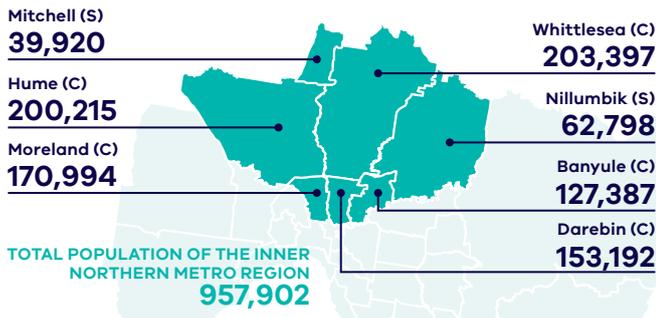
The Northern Metropolitan Region

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 Northern Metropolitan Region is a diverse and vibrant region with inner city cultural hubs and growing outer suburbs. The region includes the local government areas of Darebin, Moreland, Banyule, Nillumbik, Whittlesea, Hume and parts of Mitchell.



The region has a population of over 957,000, or about 20% of Melbourne's total population.

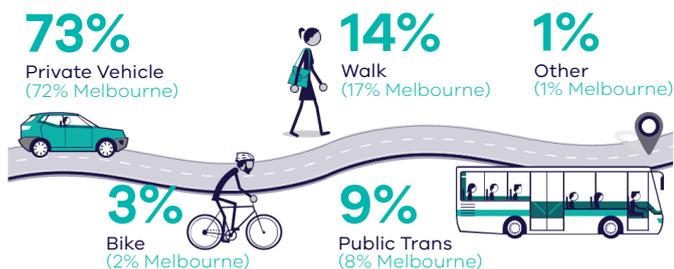
Growth and Change

Over the next five years the region's population is expected to grow by around 12%, compared to the metropolitan average of 10%.

Growth will occur in greenfield areas such as Wallan, Craigieburn and Wollert, as well as through infill opportunities in the inner suburbs of Darebin and Moreland.

How we get around

Weekday trips - mode share Source: DEDJTR



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Who lives here?

Age: The 20-34 year old age group is currently the largest in the region. However the fastest growth (21%) until 2021 is expected in the 65-79 year old age range.

Housing mix: 22% of people in the region rent their home, compared to the metropolitan average of 24%.

Projected household structure to 2021:



Couples with children

#HOUSEHOLDS
129,138 (all regions: 589,824)

GROWTH 2016-21
12% (all regions: 9%)



Couples without children

#HOUSEHOLDS
85,490 (all regions: 446,299)

GROWTH 2016-21
13% (all regions: 12%)



Lone person

#HOUSEHOLDS
77,151 (all regions: 427,134)

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



One-parent family

#HOUSEHOLDS
40,857 (all regions: 189,143)

GROWTH 2016-21
12% (all regions: 11%)

Languages: 35% of the population speak 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 Italian, Arabic, Greek, Turkish, and Macedonian (ABS 2011 Census).



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Employment

Between 2011 and 2016, the average unemployment rate in the region was 6.4% which is 0.5% higher than the metropolitan average.

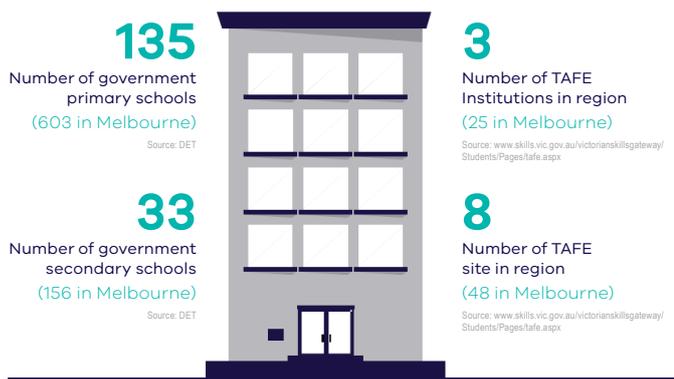
Largest employers: Healthcare and social assistance, and manufacturing and retail trade are the largest employment sectors in the region.

Number of jobs: There were about 317,000 jobs in the region in 2015, which is around 15% of the total jobs across metropolitan Melbourne.

Education

The region has lower levels of literacy and numeracy compared to metropolitan Melbourne, and the year 12 completion rate of 90.1% is lower than the metropolitan average (90.8%).

37% of adults hold a bachelors degree or higher, which is 2% lower than the Melbourne average.



Universities in region: The region has two university campuses and three TAFE institutions.

Health and wellbeing

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

- shorter life expectancies
- higher levels of significant psychological distress
- higher obesity rates.

Childhood vaccination rates and smoking rates are similar to the metropolitan average.

There are 6,720 aged care places, seven private hospitals and 10 public hospitals in the region. There are fewer GP clinics, dental health sites, and allied health services per person than the metropolitan average.

Culture and recreation

Local tracks and trails, parks, and leisure facilities provide opportunities for walking, swimming, cycling and horse riding. There are also stadiums, courts and sport grounds across the region that support Australian Rules football, soccer, rugby, cricket, basketball, netball, gymnastics, tennis, hockey and lacrosse.

Cultural arts in the region are supported by facilities such as the Darebin Performing Arts Centre, Northcote Town Hall, Banyule Theatre Complex and the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre.

There are also numerous galleries and art spaces that support the connection between the local community and the region's local artisans.

Natural Assets and the Environment

The region has a rich natural environment that includes the Yarra River along the south-east border of the region. The Merri Creek is a major north/south biodiversity corridor that also provides community and leisure opportunities from Northcote and Brunswick to the outer suburbs.



Craigieburn Park Inclusive Play Space, Hume City Council

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