

## MELBOURNE'S NORTH REGIONAL PROFILE

**Melbourne's north is a diverse and growing region spanning lively inner communities, historic suburbs and emerging neighbourhoods. It has an attractive natural environment, a growing food and beverage industry, robust health and education sectors, and productive industrial precincts.**

Linking its major industries and businesses, the north comprises integral freight and logistic transit infrastructure such as Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine Freeway and Hume Freeway. The total land area in the region is 167,298 hectares.

Melbourne's north has over 1.1 million residents, which is 21 per cent of Greater Melbourne's population. Its culturally diverse and rapidly growing population is expected to increase by 32 per cent in 2046 to over 1.5 million. Key growth areas include the outer suburbs along the Northern Growth Corridor.

The region has a highly skilled and productive workforce. Key employment sectors include freight and logistics, food production, healthcare and social assistance, and advanced manufacturing. In total, the region currently generates \$40 billion of goods and services each year.



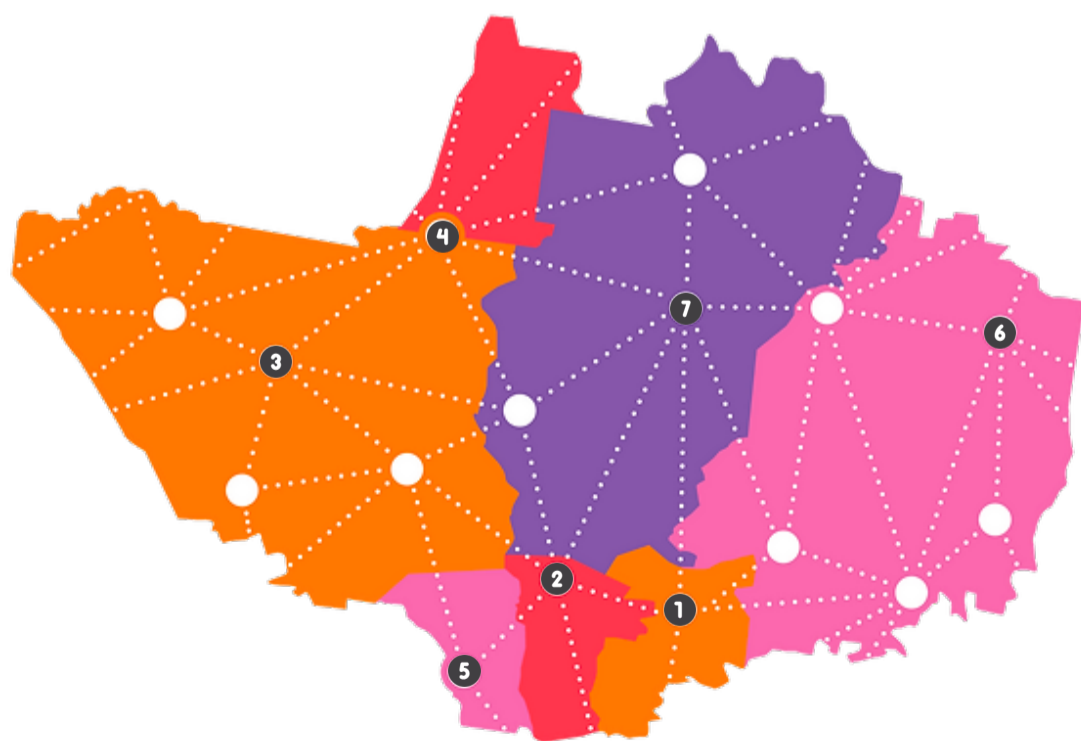
**Total population**  
**1,154,614**  
21% of Greater Melbourne's 5,464,920



**Total land area (hectares)**  
**167,298**  
17% of Greater Melbourne's 999,251

### LGA POPULATIONS

LGA	2026	2046
1 Banyule	136,068	161,397
2 Darebin	160,131	216,417
3 Hume	285,384	411,674
4 Mitchell	69,600	221,636
5 Merri-bek	186,534	245,251
6 Nillumbik	63,693	73,000
7 Whittlesea	253,204	436,436



## HOUSEHOLDS

	Melbourne's North	Greater Melbourne
Couples with children	35.2%	33.1%
Couples without children	22.7%	23.5%
One parent families	10.9%	10.2%
Other families	1.3%	1.2%
Group household	4.1%	4.1%
Lone person	22.1%	23.7%
Other	3.2%	3.4%

## AGE

Seniors	7.8%	8.6%
Empty nesters and retirees	9%	9.5%
Older workers and pre-retirees	11.8%	11.9%
Young workforce	16.5%	16%
Average household size	2.67	2.58
Median age	36	37

## INCOME

	Melbourne's North	Greater Melbourne
Median weekly household income	<b>\$1,876</b>	<b>\$1,901</b>
More than \$2,500 a week (high)	<b>37.6%</b>	<b>38.9%</b>
Less than \$650 a week (low)	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>

## CULTURE

Born overseas	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>35.7%</b>
Speak a language other than English as their primary language	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>
Top three locations born overseas		
India	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
UK	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Italy	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

## HOUSING TENURE

	Melbourne's North	Greater Melbourne
Fully owned	28.4%	28.7%
Mortgage	37.9%	35.6%
Renting (private)	25.2%	26.8%
Renting (social housing)	2.4%	2.3%
Other	1.3%	1.6%

## EMPLOYMENT

### Key Employment Industries

Healthcare and Social Assistance	14.2%	13.5%
Construction	10%	9.3%
Education and training	9.5%	8.8%

### Top three occupations

Professionals	25.8%	26.8%
Clerical and Administrative workers	13.1%	12.9%
Technicals and Trades workers	13%	12.1%

## EMPLOYMENT (CONT)

Top three methods to get to work	Melbourne's North	Greater Melbourne
Car (as driver)	48.3%	46.5%
Worked at home	27.1%	28.8%
Train	3.7%	3.6%

## EDUCATION

Bachelor	30.1%	32.8%
Vocational	15.6%	14.8%
Advanced Diploma or Diploma	9.7%	10%