

## Victoria in Future 2015 Report

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On 7 August 2015, The Victorian State Government released the *Victoria in Future 2015 Report* (VIF 2015), projecting a population of 10 million by 2051, making Victoria the fastest-growing state in Australia. As at March 2013, Victoria's population stood at 5.713 million.

The Report includes official state government projections of population and households, in metropolitan Melbourne, regional Victoria, Local Governments (LGAs) areas and Victoria in Future Small Areas (VIFSAs).

The projections cover the years 2011 to 2051 for Victoria and the major regions and 2011 to 2031 for LGAs and VIFAs.

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### Victoria in Future 2015 highlights

#### Components of Population Change

Victoria has a projected population of 10 million by 2051. The natural increase in the population is projected at 1.7 million. Net migration accounts for 2.8 million - a figure that has been rounded up - from net overseas migration and net interstate migration.

The Report makes the projections from 2011 to 2051 according to following figures and factors:

- 3.7 million births;
- 2 million deaths;
- 2.7 million net overseas migrations; and
- 95,000 net interstate migrations.

### Population growth

The Report states that population growth and change occur at different rates across Victoria.

The Report expects middle suburbs to experience a steady increase in population. The designated growth areas and five inner LGAs are predicted to contribute to two thirds of population growth by 2051.

It is predicted that Greater Melbourne is set to experience more than 80 per cent of Victoria’s population growth up to 2051.

The Report predicts there will be a larger total net migration from Greater Melbourne to Victoria’s regions between 2011 and 2051, resulting in population growth from 1.4 million to 2.2 million. This figure is stronger than ABS predictions.

A contributing factor to this stronger prediction may be the announcement of the Geelong Development Authority. The Authority has been given the responsibility by the government to fast-track large-scale development opportunities in order to boost employment and growth opportunities. The Planning Minister will be responsible for determining projects greater than 5000 square metres.

The Victorian Labor Government has approved \$2.8 billion worth of construction projects within its first six months.

### Projected household types in Victoria

Projections for the make-up of households for Victoria are based on data collected in the 2011 census and population estimates from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released on 30 June 2014. The Report projects there will be 4.1 million households in Victoria by 2051.

The Report predicts the percentage of the population according to specific and other household types by 2051 as follows:

- Lone person households 28 per cent;
- Couple without children 27 per cent;
- Family with children 40 per cent; and
- Other household 5 per cent.

Household Type	Population 2011	Population 2031	Proportion 2051
Lone person household	25%	27%	28%
Couple without children	26%	27%	27%
Family with children	43%	41%	40%
Other household	6%	5%	5%

Source: [Victoria in Future 2015](#), Table C.

The release of the *Victoria in Future 2015* Report report follows on from the Victorian Labor Andrews Government announcement earlier in the year that it would reconvene the original *Plan Melbourne*



Ministerial Advisory Committee in order to undertake consultations with the community and produce a refreshed Plan.

The Government has expressed a need to refresh Plan Melbourne to reflect the needs of the community.

The new plan is expected to be incorporated into the Planning Scheme in the first quarter of 2016.

**Further information**

To view the *Victoria in Future 2015* Report, click [here](#).

To view the Victorian Government media release regarding the Plan Melbourne Committee, click [here](#).

To view the Victorian Government media release regarding the announcement of the Geelong Development Authority, click [here](#).