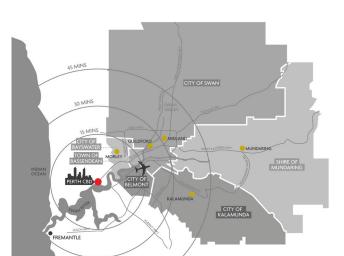


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Perth's Eastern Region

Perth's Eastern Region is an area of Perth which comprises six local governments: the Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater, City of Belmont, City of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan. The Region constitutes around one-third of Perth's metropolitan area encompassing a land area of about 2,100 square kilometres and an estimated population of 365,500 people.

The Region hosts Western Australia's major air, road and rail transport hub for movement of freight and passengers throughout Perth, intrastate, interstate and overseas. The Region is considered the gateway to greater Perth, through the domestic and international airports or from the highways to the north and east.

With a diverse economy, access to a skilled workforce and a range of leisure, lifestyle and living opportunities, Perth's Eastern Region is well positioned for continued growth and represents an attractive investment destination.

Economic trends 2011-2016*

Since 2011, the Region's GRP has increased by over \$4 billion per annum, an increase of 19.1%. By comparison, Western Australia's Gross State Product increased by 3.3% over the same period. The Region is making a strong contribution to the State's economy and now represents **11.2% of GSP**.

Gross Regional Product
\$27.9 million

19.1%







Overall output has increased by 12.2% to **\$59.1 billion** over the past five years but there have been winners and losers in this. Manufacturing output has fallen by 27.2% and wholesale trade by 22.2% which is broadly in line with the State's performance as a whole. Significant growth sectors are construction, up 47.7%; transport, postal & warehousing, up 49% and mining up 62.4%. This compares very favourably with WA's performance where output has remained constant but construction has grown by 6.27%; transport, postal & warehousing by 15.3% and mining effectively remaining the same.

In five years, the Region has experienced a strong increase in jobs of 20.7% to **150,290** which is an annualised growth rate of 3.8%. Despite reductions in manufacturing and wholesale jobs, 25.1% and 18.5% respectively, there have been significant increases in a number of sectors with the largest being construction, 51.9%; health care & social assistance, 48.6% and transport, postal & warehousing, 44.9%. Perth's Eastern Region is again significantly ahead of the State as a whole where employment numbers have increased by 8.9% over the same five year period.

Employment 150,290 20.7%

The total wages and salaries paid to workers in the Region has increased by 16.4% to \$13.1 billion. Increases and reductions in individual sectors broadly reflect the movement in employment outlined above with wages growth in some sectors ahead of jobs growth. Examples are health care & social assistance where wages have grown by 51.8% compared to jobs growth of 48.6% and in transport, postal & warehousing where wages have increased by 46.2% whereas jobs grew by 44.9%. Construction wages however, have not kept pace with jobs growth, with wages growing by 42.7% compared to a 51.9% increase in jobs. Wages and salaries paid in Western Australia have increased by 5.3% over the same period.

Wages and Salaries \$13.1 billion





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The total of local sales/expenditure between industry sectors within the Region has increased by 15.8% to **\$17.4 billion** outstripping the growth in output over that same period and indicating an increased level of trade between firms in the Region. Conversely, total local sales/expenditure levels in the State have fallen by 3%.

Local Sales/Expenditure

\$17.4 billion





Exports of goods and services outside Perth's Eastern Region have grown to **\$20.8 billion** an increase of 7.6% with the largest increases seen by the construction sector, 102%; mining, 71% and transport, postal & warehousing, 58.8%. Once again the manufacturing sector has declined with exports reducing by 52.9% and wholesale trade by 25.8%. The Region is once more ahead of the State where regional exports have decreased by 1.6%.

Regional Exports \$20.8 billion



In contrast to exports, regional imports have fallen by 1.7% to \$15.6 billion which is in line with the trend indicated by the local sales/expenditure figure and reinforces the observation that trade between sectors within the Region has increased. Regional imports for Western Australia have remained constant over this period.

Regional Imports \$15.6 billion





Value-Added in Perth's Eastern Region economy has grown by 20.1% to almost **\$26** billion. The sectors that have contributed most to this strong growth are rental, hiring & real estate services, up by 11.4%; transport, postal & warehousing, up by 56.5%; mining, up by 58.4% and construction activity which increased by 45.3%. In the same five year period, the State has only increased its value-added by 3.26%, with mining overall having declined by 2.2% and manufacturing by 23.5%.

Value-Added \$26 billior



The 2016 Census recorded a total population for Perth's Eastern Region of **361,310** people representing an increase of 10.4% in the five years from 2011. This is more than the State average which indicated an increase of 8.7% in the same period.

Population 361,31



Over the five years from 2011 to 2016, the economy of Perth's Eastern Region has grown strongly with its Gross Regional Product having increased by over 19%, well ahead of the overall Western Australia economy. This pattern is reflected in all measures, in particular, output, employment and value-added.

Manufacturing and wholesale trade have been contracting but construction; transport, postal & warehousing; mining and health care & social assistance have all been expanding significantly. The strategic positioning of the Region to the east of Perth's CBD, the location of the Perth International Airport and the well-connected road network (which provides easy access to the east, north and south) have been major factors in this development. Perth's Eastern Region is clearly in a strong position to build on this growth into the future.

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*2016 figures based on data sourced from the Australia Bureau of Statistics using *2011 figures based on data sourced from the Australia Bureau of Statistics using

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