

21.01 BRIMBANK MUNICIPAL PROFILE

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Location and Regional Context

Brimbank is a dynamic rapidly growing city which encompasses 25 new and established suburbs across five local districts, each possessing a distinct identity, culture and heritage.

The municipality is located between 11 and 23 kilometres north west of Melbourne's Central Business District (CBD) and is centrally positioned between the CBD and growth areas to the west. With an area of 123 square kilometres, Brimbank is the second largest municipality in Melbourne and the largest in the Western Metropolitan Region.

Brimbank is bound by the City of Hume in the north, the Cities of Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley and Moreland in the east, the Cities of Hobsons Bay and Wyndham to the south and the Shire of Melton to the west.

The City is served by an extensive road network that includes the Calder Freeway, the Western Ring Road, Deer Park Bypass, Melton Highway and Ballarat Road. Passenger and freight rail connections include the Sydenham rail line, Melbourne-Ballarat and Melbourne-Bendigo V-lines and the Melbourne to Sydney passenger and freight lines.

These multiple transport nodes provide good internal and external connections to central Melbourne, rural Victoria, the port area, Melbourne Airport and the Hume Freeway and place Brimbank in an advantageous position with regard to economic and business development potential.

Brimbank has a complete range of educational, recreational and community facilities that include Victoria University (St Albans and Sunshine campuses), Calder Park Motorsport Complex, Sydenham Regional Activity Centre and Sunshine Metropolitan Activity Centre, Sunshine Hospital, St Albans and Sunshine Leisure Centres, Sunshine Golf Club, Keilor Public Golf Course, Organ Pipes National Park, Brimbank Park, Iramoo Wildflower Grassland Reserve and Horseshoe Bend Children's Farm.

People

Brimbank prides itself on being one of Victoria's most culturally diverse municipalities, with more than 96 nationalities represented. Approximately 43% of residents are born overseas and 52% of residents speak languages other than English at home, with Maltese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Macedonian and Croatian being the most common.

The municipality is expected to experience a population increase of 0.5% per annum, to the year 2026, based on the projections prepared by *Victoria in Future*, 2008. The population is projected to increase from approximately 174,746 people in 2006 to over 194,703 people in 2026.

Brimbank currently has a high proportion of younger people, with approximately 35.5% of the population being younger than 24 years of age and 50.5% being younger than the age of 35. However, by the year 2026 the population is forecast to age considerably, with the most notable increase in the over 60 age groups, where the expected increase is approximately 16,873 persons.