

New Migration and Global Cities: A Melbourne Perspective

FACT SHEET

Why are the University of Canberra and Department of Immigration and Citizenship conducting this research?

This research aims to provide a better understanding of the Melbourne region in a global context, particularly in terms of migration from around the world and elsewhere in Australia. Melbourne is one of a small number of Global Cities around the world, making it home to high concentrations of people and international business. Melbourne is also an international gateway to the rest of Australia, and one of Australia's largest cities by population. Outcomes from this research will better explain and support Melbourne and Australia's integration with contemporary globalisation.

What data is being used for this research?

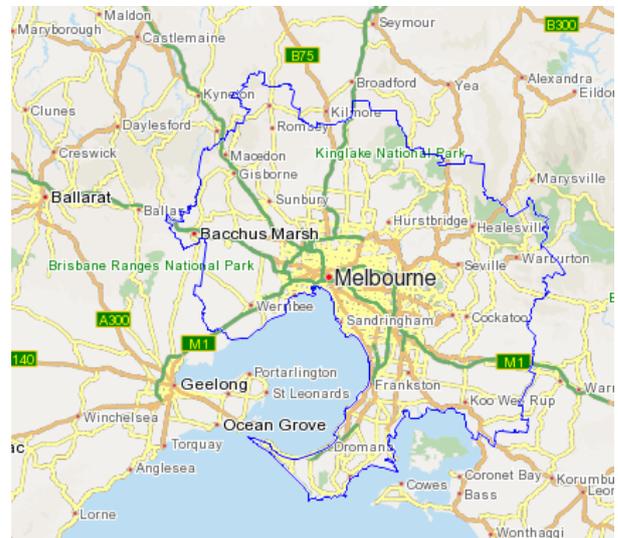
This research will use a range of data, primarily drawn from the Australian Census. Other data sources include the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), Tourism Australia, and a planned survey of people living and working in the Melbourne region. This data will be used to assess trends in people movement, multiculturalism, social change, employment, population, and skill levels within and across the Melbourne region. Further, it will identify factors that are likely to be attractive to skilled workers moving to Melbourne from within Australia and overseas in the future.

What groups of people will this research focus on?

This research focuses on the experiences of residents and workers who have come to the Melbourne region from other parts of Australia and/or overseas. It will explore issues including the many economic, social, and cultural links that residents, workers, and businesses have within Melbourne and other Global Cities.

Where will the research be conducted?

The Melbourne region, for the purposes of our research, is defined by the Melbourne Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) as used in the 2011 Australian Census (as shown in the map below).



Map of Melbourne study area (ABS)



What will the research findings be used for?

This research will help inform strategies and policies for local, state, and federal levels of government, as well as business groups. It will advance Melbourne's global competitiveness and innovation through identifying key factors that attract skilled workers to the Melbourne region, as well as the movement patterns that skilled workers take within and beyond the Melbourne region. It will inform urban planning and sustainability through finding out growth areas for highly-skilled migration and employment in the Melbourne region. It will inform national immigration strategy by attracting people with certain skills or job experience in greatest need. Improved social cohesion may also be achieved through finding areas within Melbourne where various cultural groups feel most comfortable in contributing to local society.

How can your organisation be involved in the project?

The primary aim of promoting this research is to engage stakeholders across the public, private, and not-for profit sectors, so that they may use its findings to help inform future policies or strategies. Increases in and the changing nature of migration to Melbourne presents both challenges and opportunities for society. Our research will measure and monitor these challenges and opportunities, so that decision makers across Melbourne can best attract and support migrants, and aid their valued contributions to the Melbourne community.

Collaboration is also welcomed with organisations that are working on and/or are interested in similar migration-based research. Assistance with activities such as data provision or survey promotion, will allow for research synergies and the opportunity for more locally-tailored findings.

Who is conducting this research?

The research is headed by Dr Richard Hu, convenor of the Globalisation and Cities Research Program (GCRP) within the ANZSOG Institute for Governance at the University of Canberra. Dr Hu has a wealth of experience in globalisation, business, and planning matters. He has also worked with local councils, state Government agencies and businesses in Australia and abroad on successful research projects. The Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) is a partner in this project, which is also being advised by prominent urban policy specialists Prof. Edward Blakely (University of Sydney) and Prof. Saskia Sassen (Columbia University).

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