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Perth

Population and Settlement

- The population of Greater Perth grew by an average of 3.2% per annum from 1,682,860 in 2008 to 1,972,358 in 2013.
- The base population of Perth is projected by ABS to increase by 187% from 1.90 million in 2012 to 5.45 million by 2061. By 2061 the population of Perth is anticipated to surpass that of Brisbane, which will make it Australia's third most populous city.
- The SA2 of Perth City experienced 5.6% population growth in 2012-13, adding 1,700 people.
- The largest population growth in fringe suburbs in 2012-13 was in Baldivis on the southern outskirts of Perth and Ellenbrook, to the city's north-east, which recorded growth of 3,200 and 2,500 people respectively.
- Across both the capital city of Perth and the other areas of Western Australia, the attendance rate at cultural venues and events fell (down 1.2 and 2.2 percentage points respectively, 2005-06 to 2009-10).

Economy & Human Capital and Labour

- The unemployment rate for Greater Perth dropped by 2.9 percentage points from 7.7% in 2001 to 4.8% in 2011.
- Perth saw one of the largest increases of the major cities in labour force participation rates with a 2.3% increase from 62.2% in 2001 to 64.5% in 2011.
- The SA2 of Perth City had an increase in real median weekly income of \$630 to \$1,816 in the period 2001-11.
- Between 2012 and 2013 Perth contributed 11.5% to the total volume measure of national GDP growth.
- Between 1989 and 2013 Perth contributed 10.7% to the total volume measure of national GDP growth.

Infrastructure and Transport

- Passenger vehicle kilometres travelled on road in Perth have risen 2.8 billion km to 16.2 billion km in the period 2001-02 to 2011-12.
- Perth had an increase in average network delay due to congestion at 0.31 minutes per km, 2002-03 to 2010-11. Perth measured the highest increase in delay in the country.
- Fremantle Port recorded a substantial growth in container movements with an average growth rate between 4.5% and 5.5%.
- Out of all the capital cities, the average annual growth rate in airport passenger movements from 2010-11 to 2030-31 is anticipated to be fastest in Perth.
- The number of passengers through airports in Greater Perth rose by 3,286,300 in the period 2009 to 2013.
- The total number of international business visitors travelling to Perth represented an estimated 16% of all business visitors travelling to Australia.
- Perth was one of three major urban areas to have more than a \$10 billion increase in the value of international freight between 2006-07 and 2012-13.

The Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA) geographical classification from the ABS Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2011 is used to define the boundary of Perth (also referred to as Greater Perth), except where otherwise noted.

