

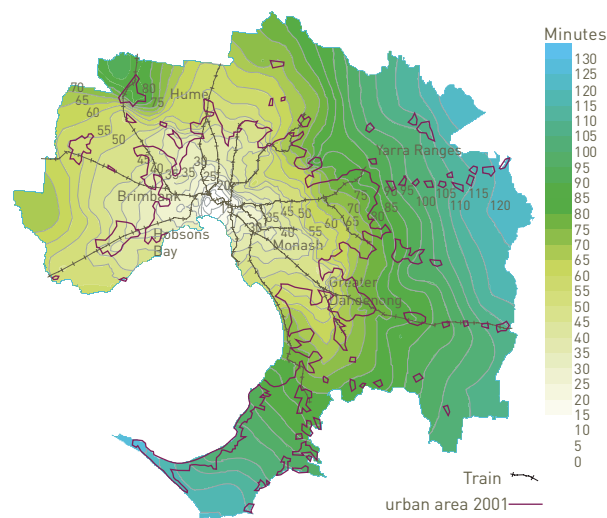
Commuting and traffic

Travel times in 2001

In 2001, estimated travel times by car from across Melbourne to the Port of Melbourne during the peak 7.00am-9.30am time (a typical car-based commuting journey to work in Melbourne) show travel times from the edge of the city range between 60-80 minutes in the east, 45-50 minutes in the north and 35-40 minutes in the west.

Note: The contour lines indicate five-minute periods. Close contours indicate slower travel times.

1 Average travel time by car to Port of Melbourne during peak periods, 2001



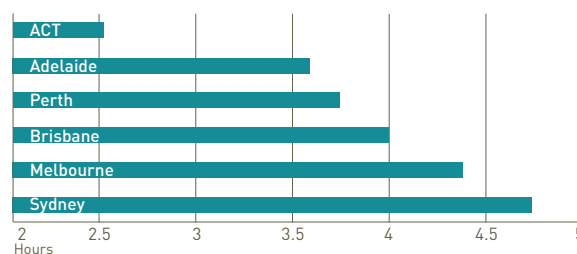
Work destinations

Chapter 4: Working contains more information on commuting to work.

Commuting times in Australian capital cities

Melburnians have the second longest average weekly commuting times nationwide, spending an average of 4.36 hours per week commuting. Nationally, average weekly commuting times range from 2.48 in the ACT to 4.72 hours in Sydney.

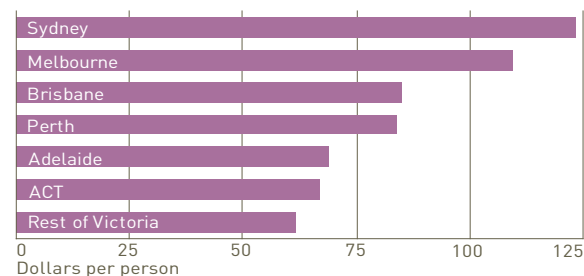
2 Average weekly commuting times for all modes Australian capital cities, 2002



Commuting costs

The wage equivalent costs of commuting in Melbourne, based on what commuters would be paid if commuting time was remunerated, is estimated at \$109 per person per week, higher than all other capital cities except Sydney and \$47 more than for the remainder of Victoria.

3 Comparison of wage equivalent commuting costs, all modes Australian capital cities, 2002



Traffic volumes on main vehicle routes

The higher traffic volumes experienced during the morning peak on the Tullamarine, South-Eastern and Eastern freeways show the impact of commuter trips on traffic volumes. Overall traffic volumes have increased significantly on these main roads over the last 10 years.

4 Changes in traffic volumes (vehicle kilometres travelled) on selected roads and freeways, 1993-4 to 2003-04

