

# Households now

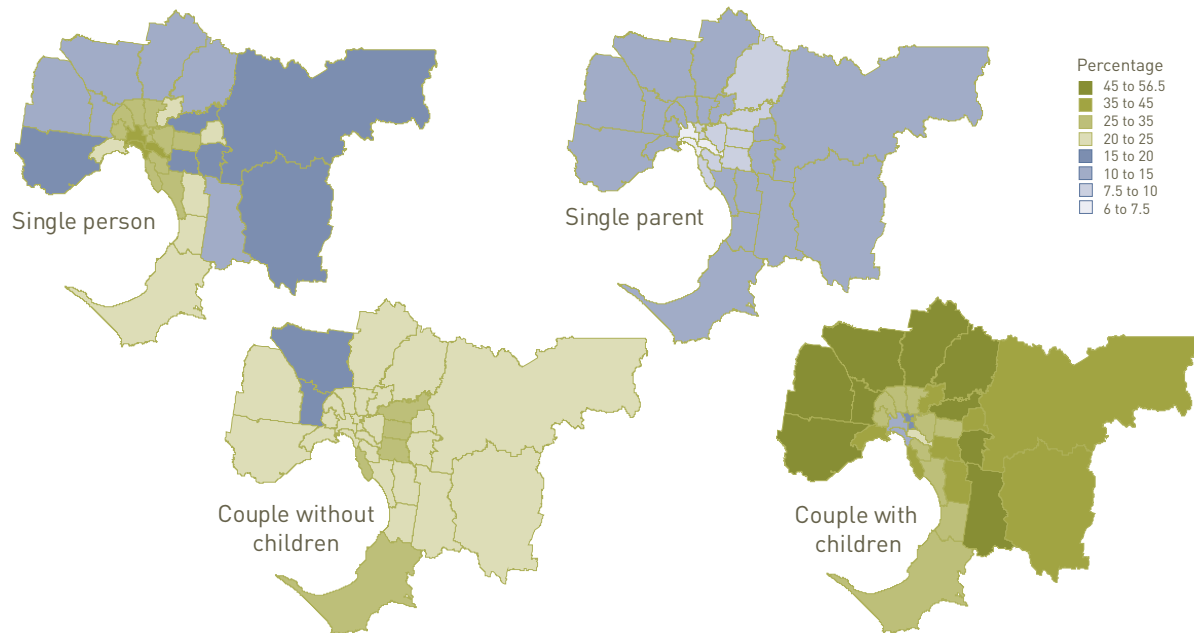
## Geographical differences in household locations

The most common types of households - single persons, couples with and without children, and single parents with children - vary considerably in their housing locations. Single person households make up the largest percentage of the population in the innermost areas. The locational patterns of couples with children are a mirror image of those of single people, with the highest percentages in the outer areas. Single parents are the least likely to live in the most highly priced eastern suburbs. Couples without children are most predominant in areas with larger percentages of older people, while single person households are concentrated in areas dominated by young adults (see Map 1).

Graph 2 indicates that across Melbourne, the average number of occupants in each household is declining and is forecast to continue this trend, while the number of households will continue increasing.

## 1 Household types as a percentage of all households

Local Government Areas, 2001



## 2 Household numbers and average household size

Melbourne and selected Local Government Area averages, 1991-2001 and projections to 2031

