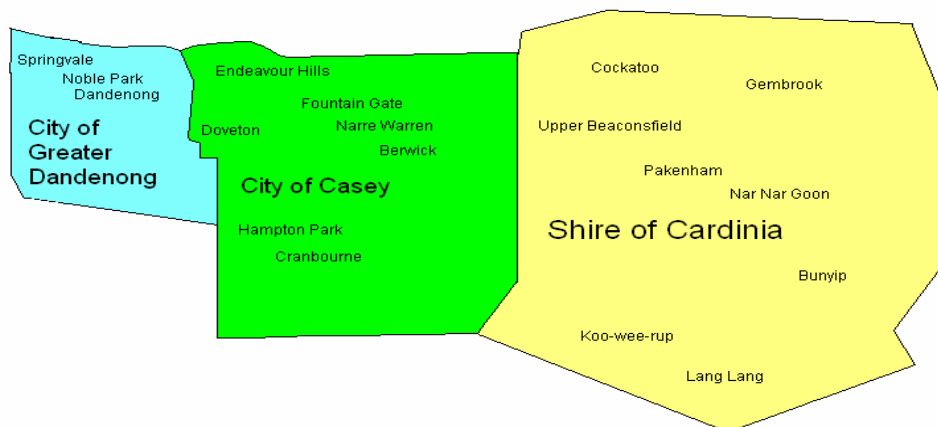


Demographic profile of the South Eastern Region

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1. Introduction

The southeast region of Melbourne is one of the most culturally diverse in Australia. While the City of Greater Dandenong has a well-established multicultural character, the neighbouring municipalities of Casey and Cardinia are increasing in both mainstream populations and their diversity of migrant communities. Net population increases in the region are due principally to affordable housing and improvements in road transport

To reflect the changing needs of the region, South Eastern Region MRC has expanded services into the City of Casey with the establishment of a full-time office in Narre Warren

This profile is updated after each Census, to reflect not only the evolving nature of the region but also new issues and a detailed analysis of longer term migrant and refugee issues

Abbreviations used:

- 'CALD' = culturally and linguistically diverse
- 'SERMRC' = South Eastern Region Migrant Resource Centre
- 'DIAC' = the Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- 'GPO' = General Post Office
- 'ABS' = Australian Bureau of Statistics

Definitions used:

'Migrant' = unless otherwise specified, for the purpose of this document only, this word is used in reference to migrants to Australia from non-English speaking countries

'Established communities' = for the purpose of this document only, communities over 15,000 nationally and over 5,000 in Victoria, with between 500 -1,250 for Greater Dandenong, representing between 10% to 25% of the state total

'Recently arrived communities' = for the purpose of this document only, communities less than 15,000 nationally and 5,000 in Victoria, prior to June 2006

'Refugee Communities' = recently arrived communities, of whom the majority have settled under Humanitarian and Refugee visa class categories

2. The Region

City of Greater Dandenong

The City of Greater Dandenong covers 130 square kilometres and is located approximately 30 kilometres from the GPO. In December 1994, the City was formed by the amalgamation of City of Dandenong and most of City of Springvale. It is now known as Melbourne's 2nd City.

Website: <http://www.greaterdandenong.com/>

The City has a diverse composition of neighbourhoods, from semi-rural Keysborough to the high-density residential and manufacturing sectors of Springvale and Dandenong.

Major rail transport branches at Dandenong into the northern and southern ends of Casey. Road transport includes links to the Monash Freeway, Princes Highway and South Gippsland Highway.

Major industries include manufacturing, transport, retail and Victoria's largest cemetery complex, the Springvale necropolis.

- Population August 2006 = 125,520
- 46.5% of the population born in a non-English speaking country, with over 165 different countries represented.
- Non-English speaking background, % of suburbs:
 - *Dandenong* – 61.30%
 - *Dandenong North* – 46.89%
 - *Dandenong South* – 63.34%
 - *Noble Park* – 55.60%
 - *Keysborough* – 49.93%
 - *Springvale* – 63.07%
 - *Springvale South* – 56.75%
 - *Bangholme* – 16.97%
 - *Lyndhurst (part)* – 19.64%

City of Casey

Casey covers 400 square kilometres, located approximately 50 kilometres from the GPO. In December 1994, the City was formed by an amalgamation of former City of Berwick, and parts of former City of Cranbourne.

Website: <http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/>

Casey is the one of the largest and is the fastest growing municipality in Victoria. It has a diverse civic make-up, including the urban growth corridors of the Monash Freeway and the South Gippsland highway, and coastal villages at its southernmost border.

Property is relatively affordable and has attracted an abundance of new homebuyers. City of Casey estimates that approximately 80 new families per week are continuing to move to Casey. Population projection for the next Census has City of Casey close to 300,000 people, which is the population of Canberra. The completion of Eastlink is expected to stimulate further population growth.

Major industries include retail, manufacturing and hospitality, also Monash University and Chisholm TAFE.

- Population August 2006 = 214,959
- 22% of the population born in a non-English speaking country, with over 163 different countries represented.
- Non-English speaking background,% of suburbs:
 - *Narre Warren* – 27.62%
 - *Narre Warren North* – 23.76%
 - *Narre Warren South* – 26.13%
 - *Berwick* – 16.80%
 - *Endeavour Hills* – 45.51%
 - *Doveton* – 41.24%
 - *Hallam* – 45.58%
 - *Hampton Park* – 41.72%
 - *Cranbourne* – 16.69%
 - *Cranbourne North* – 17.18%
 - *Cranbourne West* – 20.57%

Shire of Cardinia

The Shire covers 1,200 square kilometres, located approximately 70 kilometres from the GPO. Cardinia was formed in 1994 by the amalgamation of the Shire of Pakenham, with a portion of the former City of Cranbourne (Cardinia, Koo Wee Rup, and Lang Lang areas to the south), with a small portion of Emerald from the former Shire of Sherbrooke. The majority of migrants settling in Cardinia are settling in Pakenham, though there is expected to be a commensurate increase in the development of Officer.

Website: <http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/>

- Population August 2006 = 57,116

- 6% of the population born in a non-English speaking country, with over 97 different countries represented.
- Non-English speaking migrant background, % of particular towns (*rural areas of Cardinia have very low migrant %*):
 - *Pakenham* – 11.38%
 - *Beaconsfield* – 11.64%
 - *Officer* – 10.52%
 - *Emerald* – 10.82%
 - *Gembrook* – 11.55 %
 - *Koo Wee Rup* – 12.71%

Surrounding areas

City of Monash

34% of the population are non-English speaking background migrants

City of Kingston

20% of the population non-English speaking background migrants

City of Frankston

9% of the population non-English speaking background migrants

Shire of Mornington Peninsula

6% of the population non-English speaking background migrants

City of Knox

17% of the population non-English speaking background migrants

Shire of Yarra Ranges

7% of the population non-English speaking background migrants

Shire of Bass Coast

5% of the population non-English speaking background migrants

3. Migrant population

i. Migrants from non-English speaking countries

Greater Dandenong =	69,016	(71, 179 – Census 2001) ↓ - 3.13%
Casey =	62,052	(44,619 – Census 2001) ↑ + 28.09%
Cardinia =	6,727	(2, 937 – Census 2001) ↑ + 56.34%
TOTAL =	137,795	(118,735 – Census 2001) ↑ + 13.53%

Source: Census 2006

Top 10 migrant population groups

City of Greater Dandenong

RANK 2006	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	NUMBER	RANK 2001
1	VIET NAM	10,607	1
2	CAMBODIA	4,677	2
3	SRI LANKA	3,832	3
4	INDIA	3,825	5
5	CHINA	2,690	6
6	ITALY	2,345	4
7	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	2,046	9
8	GREECE	1,964	8
9	AFGHANISTAN	1,682	-
10	SUDAN	1,652	-

Source: Census 2006

City of Casey

RANK 2006	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	NUMBER	RANK 2001
1	SRI LANKA	4,850	1
2	INDIA	4,696	2
3	MAURITIUS	2,450	3
4	PHILIPPINES	2,095	7
5	AFGHANISTAN	1,710	-
6	ITALY	1,661	4
7	NETHERLANDS	1,545	5
8	CHINA	1,530	10
9	SOUTH AFRICA	1,451	-
10	POLAND	1,310	8

Source: Census 2006

Shire of Cardinia

RANK 2006			RANK 2001
1	NETHERLANDS	610	1
2	GERMANY	342	3
3	ITALY	340	2
4	SOUTH AFRICA	141	-
5	SRI LANKA	127	10
6	INDIA	122	7
7	CROATIA	107	5
8	PHILIPPINES	104	6
9	MAURITIUS	93	8
10	SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (not further defined)	89	-

Source: Census 2006

Migrant settlement trends for region: time periods – Jan 1998 to Dec 2007

LGA	1998-2007	2002-2007	Jan - Dec 2007
	10 Years	5 Years	1 Year
Greater Dandenong	21,720	14,905	2,212
Casey	14,481	10,082	1,255
Cardinia	890	637	70
TOTAL for region	37,091	25,624	3,537

Source: DIAC 2008

ii. Visa categories

Arrivals by visa, SE region – July 1996 to Dec 2007

⊙ Refugee stream (including 200 visa & 201 visa)

- Greater Dandenong = 4,059
- Casey = 1,091
- Cardinia = 7
- **TOTAL for region = 5,157**

⊙ Sponsored (Humanitarian) stream (202 visa)

- Greater Dandenong = 4,060
- Casey = 1,374
- Cardinia = 11
- **TOTAL for region = 5,445**

⊙ Family migration stream

- Greater Dandenong = 8,592
- Casey = 5,294
- Cardinia = 388
- **TOTAL for region = 14,274**

⊙ Skilled stream

- Greater Dandenong = 5,995
- Casey = 7,415
- Cardinia = 498
- *TOTAL for region* = **13,908**

Source: DIAC 2008

iii. Age groups

Migrant % of the Aged population (over 65 years of age)

Greater Dandenong
>65 population = 17,362
Migrants = 9,888
% = 56.95%

Casey
>65 population = 16,928
Migrants = 6,815
% = 40.26%

Cardinia
>65 population = 5,589
Migrants = 1,283
% = 22.96%

Migrant % of the Youth population (15 to 24 years of age)

Greater Dandenong
15-24 year old population = 17,795
Migrants = 7,388
% = 41.52%

Casey
15-24 year old population = 30,361
Migrants = 6,824
% = 22.38%

Cardinia
15-24 year old population = 7,525
Migrants = 528
% = 7.02%

Source: Census 2006

iv. Faith groups**Top 10**

	<i>Greater Dandenong</i>	<i>Casey</i>	<i>Cardinia</i>
1	CATHOLIC	CATHOLIC	CATHOLIC
2	BUDDHIST	ANGLICAN	ANGLICAN
3	ISLAM	ISLAM	UNITING CHURCH
4	ORTHODOX	ORTHODOX	PRESBYTERIAN & REFORMED
5	ANGLICAN	UNITING CHURCH	BAPTIST
6	UNITING CHURCH	BUDDHIST	LUTHERAN
7	PRESBYTERIAN & REFORMED	PRESBYTERIAN & REFORMED	GREEK ORTHODOX
8	HINDU	BAPTIST	BUDDHIST
9	CHRISTIAN - OTHER	CHRISTIAN - OTHER	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
10	PENTECOSTAL	HINDU	CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Source: Census 2006***v. Languages***Top 10 languages spoken*

	<i>Greater Dandenong</i>	<i>Casey</i>	<i>Cardinia</i>
1	VIETNAMESE	SINHALESE	ITALIAN
2	KHMER	SPANISH	DUTCH
3	CANTONESE	ITALIAN	GERMAN
4	GREEK	ARABIC	CROATIAN
5	ITALIAN	SERBIAN	GREEK
6	ARABIC	GREEK	SPANISH
7	SERBIAN	MANDARIN	FRENCH
8	MANDARIN	HINDI	POLISH
9	SPANISH	FRENCH	ROMANIAN
10	SINHALESE	DARI	HUNGARIAN

Source: Census 2006

4. Education and Employment

i. Education attainment levels in the region

Year 8 or below

Greater Dandenong	= 12.64%
Casey	= 6.91%
Cardinia	= 7.23%
VICTORIA	= 8.39%

Year 12 or above

Greater Dandenong	= 40.02%
Casey	= 39.90%
Cardinia	= 33.77%
VICTORIA	= 44.01%

Source: Census 2006

ii. Employment patterns in the region

Total number employed in the workforce

Greater Dandenong	47,967
Casey	100,682
Cardinia	24,327
VICTORIA	1,832,679

Migrant % of workforce

Greater Dandenong	55.89%
Casey	37.68%
Cardinia	10.55%
VICTORIA	19.42%

Source: Census 2006

iii. Unemployment in the region

Total number unemployed

Greater Dandenong	5,002
Casey	5,685
Cardinia	139
VICTORIA	91,196

Migrant % of unemployed

Greater Dandenong	66.23%
Casey	34.71%
Cardinia	11.58%
VICTORIA	29.94%

Source: Census 2006

5. Migrant communities

i. Established migrant communities

	<i>Census 2006</i>	<i>Census 2001</i>
<u><i>Vietnamese</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong	10,607	10,425
• Casey	1,005	773
• Cardinia	27	18
<u><i>Cambodian</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	4,677	4,287
• Casey =	965	506
• Cardinia =	9	3
<u><i>Chinese</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	2,690	2,384
• Casey =	1,530	1,150
• Cardinia =	46	25
<u><i>Filipino</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	1,153	1,041
• Casey =	2,095	1,466
• Cardinia =	104	89
<u><i>Indian</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	3,825	2,688
• Casey =	4,696	2,413
• Cardinia =	122	71
<u><i>Sri Lankan</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	3,832	3,984
• Casey =	4,850	3,495
• Cardinia =	127	59
<u><i>Lebanese</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	657	658
• Casey =	552	448
• Cardinia =	13	15
<u><i>Russian</i></u>		
• Greater Dandenong =	210	220
• Casey =	143	94
• Cardinia =	8	12

	<i>Census 2006</i>	<i>Census 2001</i>
<u>Turkish</u>		
• Greater Dandenong	916	994
• Casey	737	602
• Cardinia	10	16
<u>Polish</u>		
• Greater Dandenong	1,040	1,284
• Casey	1,310	1,248
• Cardinia	77	54
<u>Romanian</u>		
• Greater Dandenong	522	756
• Casey	1,242	1,060
• Cardinia	44	24
<u>Greek</u>		
• Greater Dandenong	1,964	2,098
• Casey	787	683
• Cardinia	54	47
<u>Mauritian</u>		
• Greater Dandenong	1,455	1,611
• Casey	2,450	2,120
• Cardinia	93	66

ii. Recently arrived migrant communities

	<i>Census 2006</i>	<i>Census 2001</i>
<u>Serbian</u> *		
• Greater Dandenong	843	*
• Casey	652	*
• Cardinia	27	*

* Australian Bureau of Statistics advises that since the 2001 Census, the category 'Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of' has been revised to 'Montenegro' and 'Serbia,' since Australia recognised Montenegro as a newly independent republic in June 2006. Therefore a fair comparison cannot be made with this group with the 2001 Census, due to changes of birthplace definition and identification.

<u>Bosnian & Herzegovinian</u>		
• Greater Dandenong	2,046	2,102
• Casey	950	637
• Cardinia	20	12

Macedonian

• Greater Dandenong	1,051	1,108
• Casey	384	380
• Cardinia	7	9

Croatian

• Greater Dandenong	1,277	1,238
• Casey	1,286	1,169
• Cardinia	107	102

Iraqi

• Greater Dandenong	243	308
• Casey	272	92
• Cardinia	0	3

Iranian

• Greater Dandenong	145	90
• Casey	140	62
• Cardinia	13	8

iii. Refugee Communities*Arriving July 1996 – December 2007**Source: DIAC 2008*Afghan

• Greater Dandenong	2,379
• Casey	1,402
• Cardinia	3

Eritrean

• Greater Dandenong	61
• Casey	4
• Cardinia	0

Ethiopian

• Greater Dandenong	233
• Casey	66
• Cardinia	0

Somali

• Greater Dandenong	56
• Casey	66
• Cardinia	0

Sudanese

• Greater Dandenong	2,127
• Casey	543
• Cardinia	10

Burmese

• Greater Dandenong	221
• Casey	16
• Cardinia	0

Sierra Leonean

• Greater Dandenong	37
• Casey	5
• Cardinia	0

Liberian *

• Greater Dandenong	47
• Casey	3
• Cardinia	0

Burundian *

• Greater Dandenong	37
• Casey	0
• Cardinia	0

Congolese (Democratic Republic of Congo) *

• Greater Dandenong	9
• Casey	0
• Cardinia	0

* *Note:* Source: ABS Census 2006

(Separate listings for these countries not available from DIAC Settlement Database)

6. Data sources used:

- (1) *DIAC (Department of Immigration and Citizenship)*
Settlement database
- (2) *Census 2006*, Australian Bureau of Statistics

7. Further information:

- *City of Greater Dandenong: A Statistical Snapshot*, Greater Dandenong City Council
- *Population Diversity in Local Councils in Victoria*, Victorian Multicultural Commission