



MILDURA'S Economic Profile

Located at the heart of the tri-state area where Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia meet, the Mildura region spans more than 22,082km² and offers exceptional opportunities for business, investment and lifestyle. As a nationally significant centre for agriculture and horticulture the region has grown into a diverse and resilient economy, with strengths across food and beverage manufacturing, logistics and advanced manufacturing. Often dubbed the Solar Capital of Australia, it is also a major hub for renewable energy and other emerging resource industries.

The Mildura Rural City Council Area includes a network of vibrant communities from the regional city of Mildura through to smaller townships and remote localities, each contributing to the character,

economy and cultural vitality of the region. This diversity offers flexibility and choice for residents, workers and investors.

The region's enviable liveability - underpinned by a warm, dry climate and strong sense of community - continues to attract new residents and businesses. The Mildura Local Government Area (LGA) offers a unique blend of relaxed regional living with access to high-quality education, health, retail and recreational services. Businesses benefit from an engaged workforce, a competitive operating environment and infrastructure that supports sustainable growth. With connectivity to national freight routes and land availability, the region is well positioned to accommodate future population and economic growth.

Source: REMPLAN Economy Mildura (RC) Overview (2025 Release 1)



Mildura Rural City Council

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Median house price
\$470,750



625,149
domestic visitors to
Mildura LGA



41
townships
and localities



Gross Regional Product
\$4.65
billion

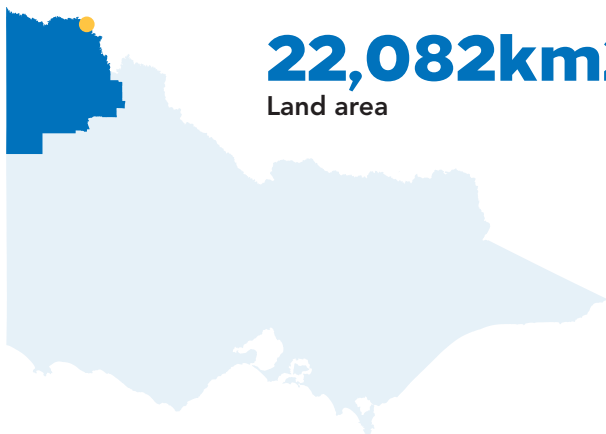


Regional Exports
\$2.86
billion



\$9.26
billion
Annual economic output

57,309
estimated resident
population



22,082km²
Land area



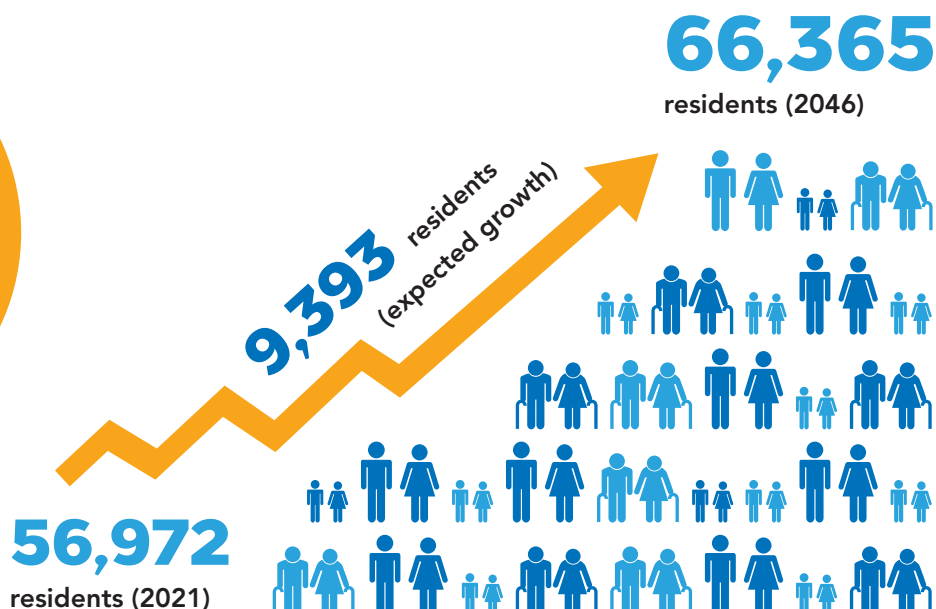
More than
5,492
Registered
businesses



Mildura LGA's resident population

How many people call Mildura home?

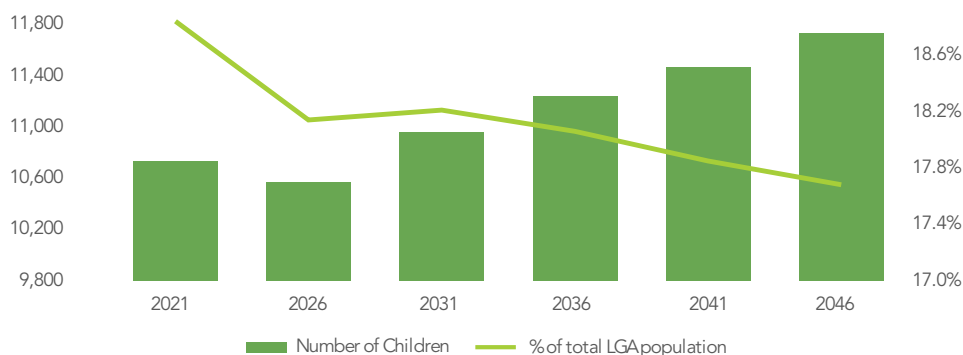
Source: REMPLAN Forecast Total Population 2046, Australian Bureau of Statistics 2021 Mildura Census



How is Mildura's population projected to change?



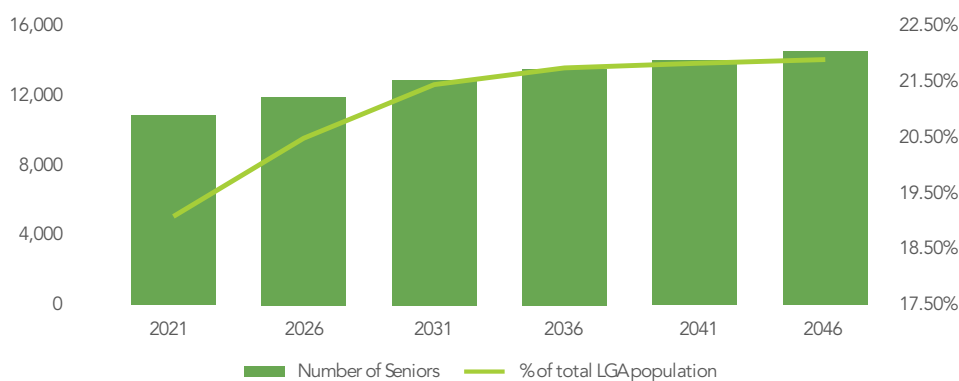
Children (0-14 years)



Working age (15-64 years)



Seniors (65+)



Mildura's Productivity



**\$4.65
billion**

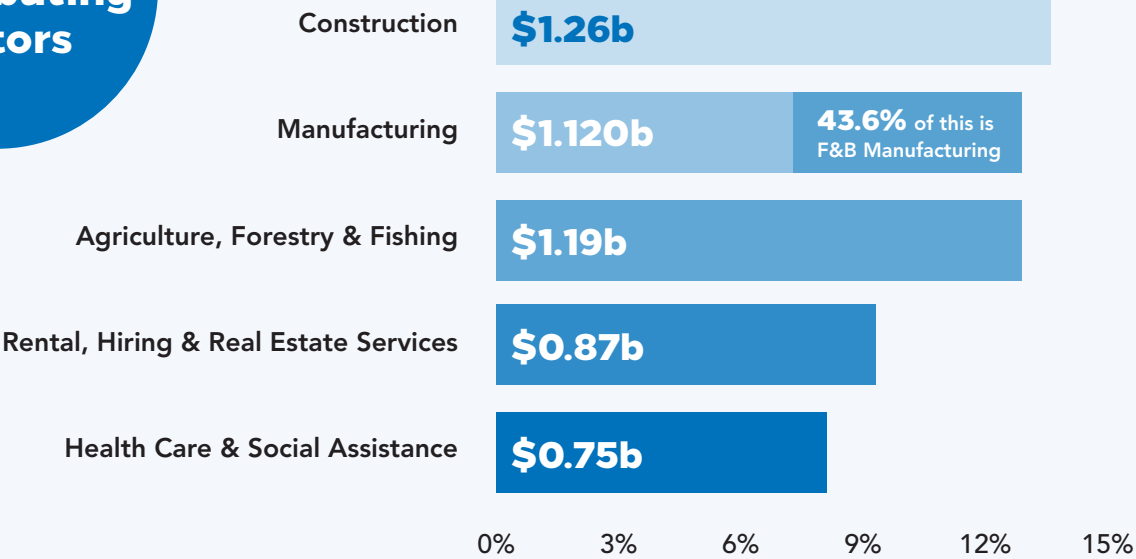
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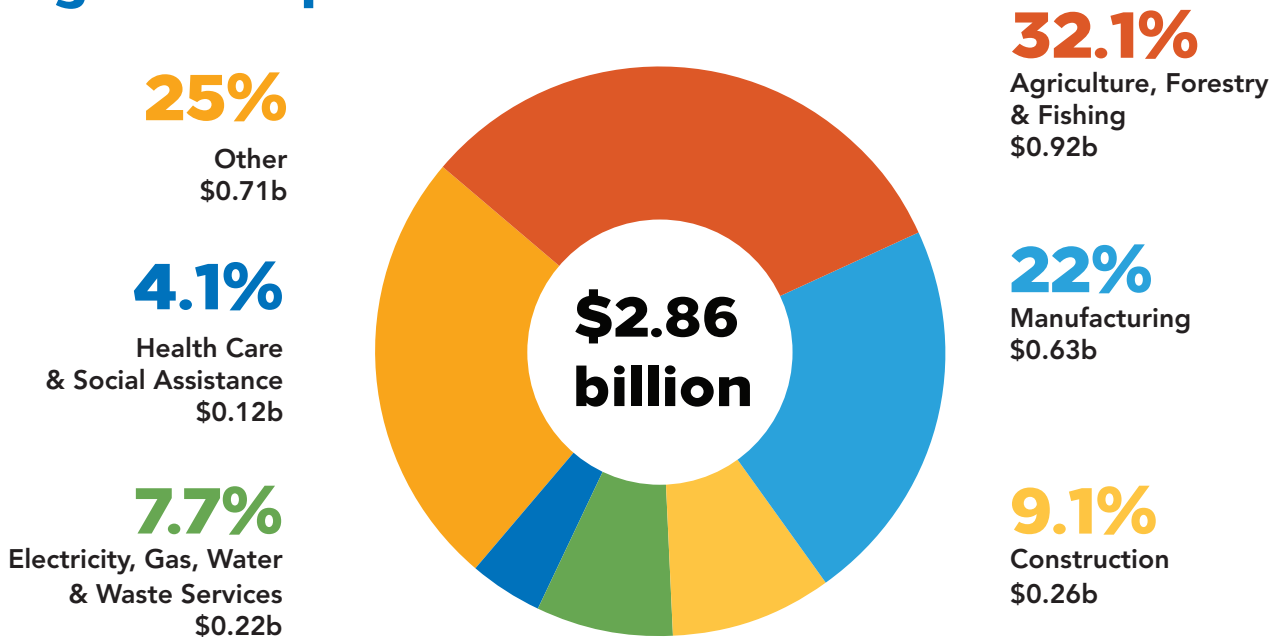
**\$9.26
billion**

Output

TOP 5 Contributing sectors



Regional Exports





Jobs in Mildura

Mildura supports
25,016 jobs
(Feb 2026)

Jobs in 2016
22,368

Jobs in Feb 2026
25,016

Jobs in 2046
31,641



%

Mildura's unemployment rate

Mildura's unemployment rate has decreased from the peak in 2017 at 6.7% and remained quite stable during the pandemic years, when rates increased across the rest of the state and Australia.

8

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3

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

● Mildura ● Victoria ● Australia

2026

1.8%

Mildura LGA

4.2%

Victoria

4.1%

Australia

Which industries employ the most workers?

In 2021 the top three industries in Mildura were Health Care and Social Assistance, Agriculture and Retail Trade.

These industries employed a total of 10,110 workers in 2021 accounting for 40% of total jobs within the Mildura Local Government Area.



Health Care and Social Assistance

4,211 jobs



Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing

2,961 jobs



Retail Trade

2,938 jobs



81%

Female
Employees



19%

Male
Employees



26%

Female
Employees



74%

Male
Employees



59%

Female
Employees



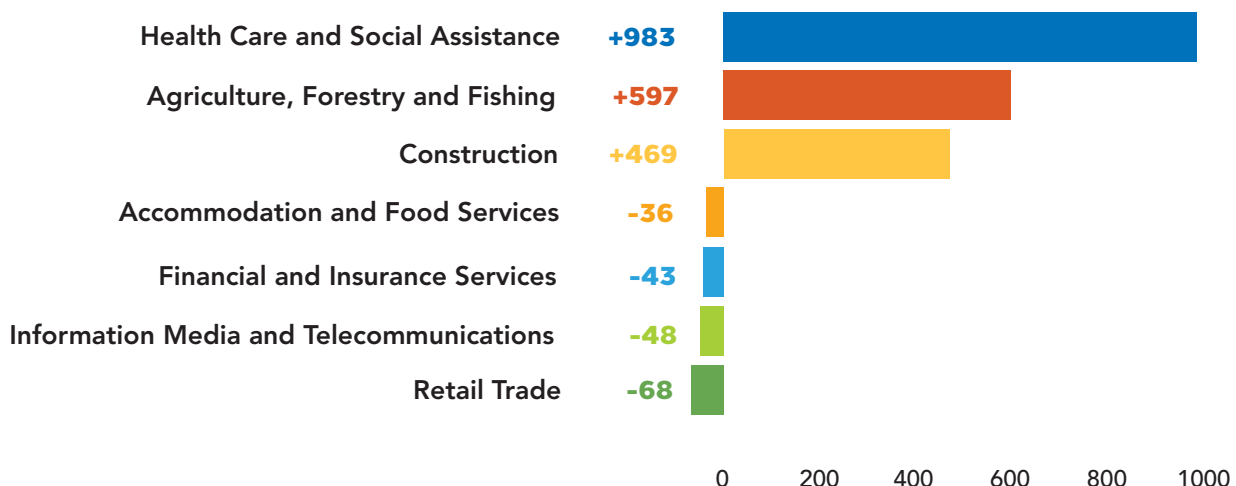
41%

Male
Employees

Source: REMPLAN Economy Workforce Breakdown, ABS 2021 Census Place of Work Employment (Scaled)

Which jobs demands are changing the most?

The largest increase in jobs from 2016 to 2021 has been in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector, followed by Agriculture and Construction. The sectors decreasing in jobs were Retail trade, Information Media, Financial and Insurance Services and Accommodation and Food Services.



Source: REMPLAN Economy Trends Jobs, ABS 2021 Census Place of Work Employment (Scaled), ABS 2022 / 2023 National Input Output Tables, and ABS June 2024 Gross State Product



Property prices

Since 2012 the median house price has increased by \$260,750 reflecting a compounding annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.4%.



House

\$470,750



Unit

\$349,000



Residential land (500m2)

\$180,000

Mildura's building approvals

What is the value of building approvals in Mildura LGA?

\$239m

The total value of building approvals within the Mildura LGA in 2024/2025

Residential
\$128.7m

54%



New houses
226

86%



Other residential
36

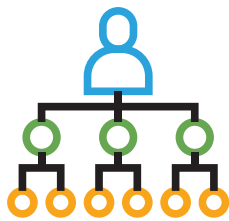
14%



Non-residential
\$110.4m

46%

Business in Mildura

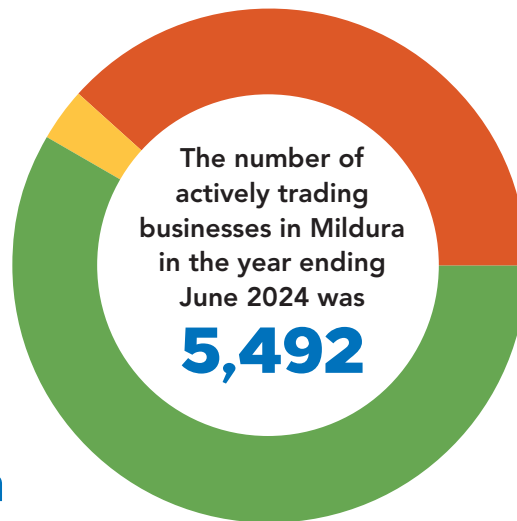


2.9%

20-199 employees

0.1%

200+ employees



37.2%

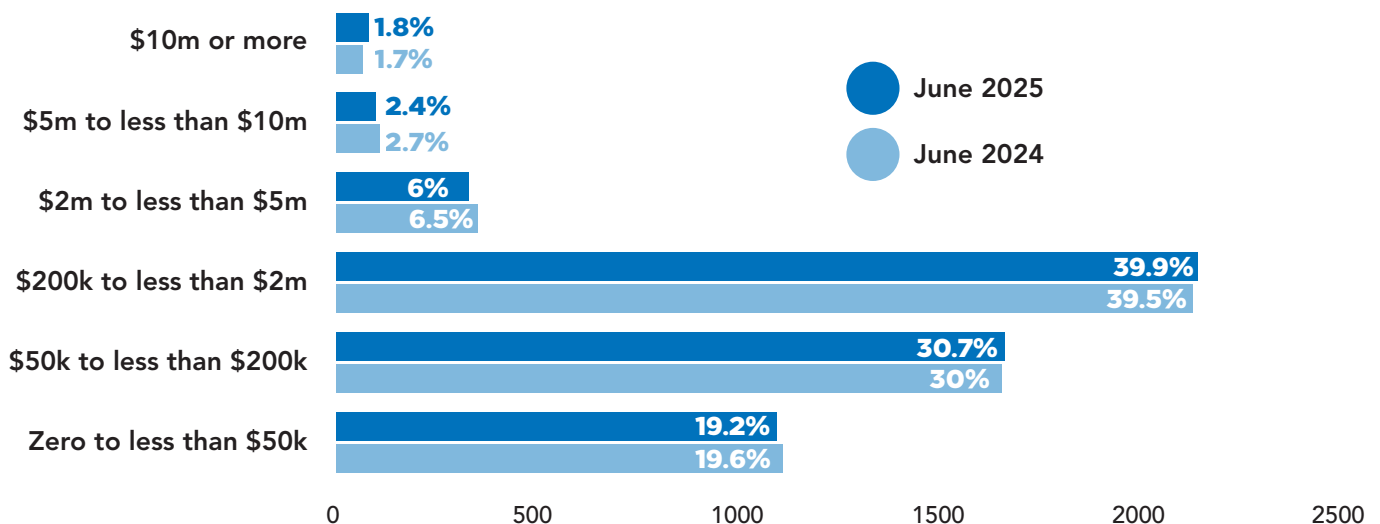
1-19 employees

59.7%

Non-employing

How much do Mildura businesses turnover?

Mildura businesses continue to increase their turnover with a notable increase of +40 businesses now in the \$5m - \$10m category and an additional 10 businesses climbing into the \$10m+ category.



Source: REMPLAN Community Trends Business Counts (Staff) & Business Counts (Turnover), ABS, Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits.

Business Spend

Spend on local business*

\$895m

**↑
1.4%**

Contribution from visitors*

\$218m

**↑
24%**

*Represents electronic in-store spend with local businesses in the Mildura LGA over 12 months to March 2026. Note: businesses with EFTPOS machines registered outside the LGA are not included in this data. Source: Sourced from banking transaction data

Key categories



Online Accommodation

\$16.6m ↑

10% (Regional VIC 6.4%)

Discretionary Retail

\$254m ↑

2.3% (Regional VIC 2.9%)



Tourism and Entertainment

\$117m ↑

5.1% (Regional VIC 3.7%)

How many visitors come to Mildura?*

Total Visitors

645,732

International Visitors

20,583

(3.2%)

Mildura's tourism

What are overnight visitor's main reasons for visiting Mildura?*

Visiting friends and relatives



Overnight 43%

Business & Other



Overnight 15.4%

Holiday



Overnight 41.6%

Visitation data is for the Mildura LGA, as provided by Tourism Research Australia (TRA) DoTS Data Source: Tourism Research Australia DoTS, International Visitor Survey, Year ending December 2025

Where do Mildura's visitors come from?

Top Domestic source markets ^{*1}

1

Melbourne

2

The Murray

3

Adelaide

4

Sydney

5

Barossa

Top International source markets ^{*2}



1

New Zealand



2

USA



3

France



4

United Kingdom



5

Germany



6

Japan



7

China Mainland

*1 top source markets based on tourism region mobility data for Mildura LGA in 12 months to January 2026

*2 top international source markets based on spend data for Mildura LGA in 2024

Source: Localis Mobility Dashboard, Mildura LGA, Mobility – Top 20 Tourism Regions 2026

Localis Spend Comparison, Mildura LGA, Visitor Spend Comparison, International Source markets 2024

Where can I find out more?

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