

Grampians

Regional Tourism Summary

Year Ending December 2021



The visitor economy has suffered immense losses since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with large declines recorded across most top-level measures compared to the pre-pandemic results. However, early signs of recovery are evident as restrictions have been progressively lifted and some measures have improved relative to the performance of 2020 during a period of limited travel.

Tourism is an important industry for the Grampians. The region received approximately 1.6 million domestic (overnight and daytrip) visitors, who spent an estimated \$441 million in the year ending December 2021.

The Grampians tourism region comprises three tourism sub-regions: Central Highlands, Western Grampians and Wimmera.¹

GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT



GRP	% OF ECONOMY
\$279M ▼-9% y/y	6.1% ▼ -0.8%pts

VALUE OF TOURISM

In 2019-20, tourism was estimated to be worth \$279 million to the region's economy in direct and indirect Gross Regional Product, representing 6.1 per cent of the region's economy.

TOURISM EMPLOYMENT



JOBS	% OF ECONOMY
4,600 ▲ 2% y/y	10.5% ▲ 0.1%pts

Tourism generated employment of approximately 4,600 people or 10.5 per cent of the region's employment (direct and indirect jobs).

DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT



SPEND	VISITORS
\$354M +26% y/y	785,000 +17% y/y
▼ -5% 2019/21	▼ -29% 2019/21

DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT SPEND

Domestic overnight expenditure in the Grampians in the year ending December 2021 was estimated to be \$354 million, up 26 per cent on 2020 during a period of low activity. However, overnight spend remained 5 per cent below the year ending December 2019 (pre-COVID) result. Visitors spent an average of \$148 per night and \$451 per visitor in 2021.

DOMESTIC DAYTRIPS



SPEND	DAYTRIPS
\$87M -20% y/y	835,000 -4% y/y
▼ -42% 2019/21	▼ -39% 2019/21

DOMESTIC DAYTRIP SPEND

Daytrip visitors spent an estimated \$87 million in the year ending December 2021, a decrease of 42 per cent compared to the year ending December 2019.

Growth rates for Gross Regional Product and Employment are year-on-year percentage changes for 2019-20 vs 2018-19. International visitor data is currently limited to state-level results.

Sources: National and International Visitor Surveys and Regional Expenditure Model, December 2021, Tourism Research Australia (TRA), released March 2022.
Regional Tourism Satellite Account 2019-20, TRA, released July 2021.
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Image: Boroka Lookout, Halls Gaps



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Key Regional Tourism Statistics

Tourism Economic Contribution	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	YOY change (2019-20) (%)
Gross Regional Product (GRP)							
Direct GRP (\$m)	117	117	130	141	158	148	-7%
Indirect GRP (\$m)	110	112	123	134	149	131	-12%
Total GRP (\$m)	227	229	253	274	307	279	-9%
Direct GRP (%)	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	3.2%	-0.3%pts
Indirect GRP (%)	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	2.9%	-0.5%pts
Total GRP (%)	5.9%	6.1%	6.2%	6.4%	6.9%	6.1%	-0.8%pts
Persons Employed							
Direct Employment (000s)	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.8	5%
Indirect Employment (000s)	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	-10%
Total Employment (000s)	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.1	4.5	4.6	2%
Direct Employment (%)	7.3%	7.1%	7.6%	8.0%	8.4%	8.7%	0.3%pts
Indirect Employment (%)	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	2.0%	1.8%	-0.2%pts
Total Employment (%)	8.9%	8.7%	9.3%	9.8%	10.4%	10.5%	0.1%pts

Visitors, Nights and Expenditure	YE Dec 2016	YE Dec 2017	YE Dec 2018	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	YE Dec 2021	YOY change (YE Dec 2020-21) (%)	2 year change (YE Dec 2019-21) (%)	YE Dec 2021 Share Total
Domestic									
Daytrip visitors (000's)	1,089	1,269	1,207	1,378	869	835	-4%	-39%	51.5%
Overnight visitors (000's)	786	995	1,104	1,108	674	785	17%	-29%	48.5%
Total domestic visitors (000's)	1,875	2,264	2,311	2,486	1,543	1,620	5%	-35%	100.0%
Visitor nights (000's)	1,902	2,565	2,974	2,677	1,836	2,393	30%	-11%	100.0%
Length of stay (nights)	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.7	3.0			
Daytrip Expenditure (\$m)	119	126	119	149	108	87	-20%	-42%	19.7%
Daytrip spend per trip	109	100	98	108	125	104			
Domestic Overnight Expenditure (\$m)	175	342	331	374	282	354	26%	-5%	80.3%
Domestic Overnight Spend per Visitor (\$)	223	344	300	338	418	451			
Domestic Overnight Spend per Night (\$)	92	133	111	140	153	148			
Total Domestic Expenditure (\$m)	294	469	450	523	390	441	13%	-16%	100.0%
International									
Overnight visitors (000's)	49	52	51	57	16	-	-	-	-
Visitor nights (000's)	272	352	372	276	-	-	-	-	-
Length of stay (nights)	5.5	6.8	7.3	4.8	-	-			
International Overnight Expenditure (\$m)	13	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-
International Overnight Spend per Visitor (\$)	266	-	-	350	-	-			
International Overnight Spend per Night (\$)	48	-	-	73	-	-			

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Improvements in the NVS methodology has resulted in a break in series. Please use caution when comparing 2020 and 2021 results with previous time periods and releases.

For further information on methodology changes and impacts refer to the TRA NVS Methodology.

Note: Figures noted as '-' are under the publishable threshold.

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¹Grampians Tourism Region definition – SA2s

Each tourism region is defined using smaller geographical building blocks called Statistical Areas Level 2 (SA2s), developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. SA2s do not precisely align with the boundaries of Local Government Areas (LGAs). For further information refer:

[https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Australian+Statistical+Geography+Standard+\(ASGS\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Australian+Statistical+Geography+Standard+(ASGS))

The following SA2s are included in the Grampians tourism region:

Region	SA2
Central Highlands	Ararat, Ararat Region, St Arnaud Stawell
Western Grampians	Hamilton, Horsham, Horsham Region, Southern Grampians, West Wimmera
Wimmera	Buloke, Nhill Region, Yarriambiack

Regional Map

The Tourism, Events and Visitor Economy (TEVE) branch of the Victorian Government has developed a map noting Victoria's tourism sub-regions as managed by Tourism Research Australia. These definitions form the basis of data reported from the National Visitor Survey and the International Visitor Survey. This document also outlines SA2s and LGAs as they relate to the regions. Refer to:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/tourism-industry-resources/research/regional-visitation>

More Information

For further information on National Visitor Survey methodology changes and impacts refer to the Tourism Research Australia NVS Methodology.

<https://www.tra.gov.au/Domestic/national-visitor-survey-methodology>

For the latest information on domestic visitation to Victoria's regions from the National Visitor Survey by Tourism Research Australia please refer to the results updated quarterly by TEVE at:

<http://www.business.vic.gov.au/tourism-industry-resources/research/domestic-and-regional-research>

Further information on international visitors to Victoria's regions from the International Visitor Survey by Tourism Research Australia is also updated quarterly by TEVE and available at:

<http://www.business.vic.gov.au/tourism-industry-resources/research/international-research>

Refer to the [TRA website](#) for information on how estimates for international visitors have been produced in the absence of survey data since the June 2020 quarter.

For further information on the methodology and key concepts for the Regional Tourism Satellite Accounts 2019-20, please refer to:

<https://www.business.vic.gov.au/tourism-industry-resources/research/economic-significance>

For more detail on the State Tourism Satellite Accounts 2019-20, published by Tourism Research Australia refer to the full report:

<https://www.tra.gov.au/economic-analysis/economic-value/state-tourism-satellite-account/state-tourism-satellite-account>

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