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**Economy**

Northern Grampians Shire

**2022**

**ECONOMY**

The economy of the region and its rural communities is influenced by external factors, particularly globalisation and urbanisation, government and public policy, population size and spread.

**Transport**

In 2016, 0.4% of people in Northern Grampians Shire travelled to work by bus - Regional Vic 0.8% Vic 1.5%

* 74.5% travelled to work by car as a driver - Regional Vic 77.5% Vic 69.4%
* 8.8% worked from home Regional Vic 7.1% Vic 5.2%

In 2016, 6% of private dwellings did not have a motor vehicle - Regional Vic 5% Vic 8%

In 2020, 37.5% of residents from Northern Grampians Shire rated their ‘access to public transport’ as good - Regional Vic 40.9% Vic 67.2%

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**Housing & Utilities**

Housing

In 2016, 3.9% of all renting households in Northern Grampians Shire were social housing - Regional Vic 3.6% Vic 2.9%

In 2016, 18.4% of dwellings in Northern Grampians Shire were private rentals - Regional Vic 21.5% Vic 25.8%

In 2016, the average household size in Northern Grampians Shire was 2.8 people - Regional Vic 2.4 Vic 2.6

Housing Support

In 2018/2019 there were 310 specialist homeless service clients in Northern Grampians Shire, 40% of this group were under the age of 30

In June 2020, 8% of people aged 15 years and over received Commonwealth Rent Assistance Vic 7%

House Prices

In March 2021, the median house price in Stawell was $264,000 Regional Vic $465,000 Vic $688,000

* This is a 20.0% increase since March 2020
* St Arnaud - $240,000 (54.8% increase since March 2020)
* Halls Gap - $280,000 (29.6% decrease since March 2020)

Telecommunications

In 2016, 71.9% of dwellings in Northern Grampians Shire had internet access - Regional Vic 78% Vic 84%

In 2020, 58.5% of Northern Grampians Shire residents rated their ‘access to mobile phone reception’ as good - Regional Vic 65.7% Vic 74.1%

In 2020, 56.9% of residents in Northern Grampians Shire rated their ‘access to high speed reliable internet’ as good - Regional Vic 55.2% Vic 71.1%

**Education**

Pre-school

In 2020, there were 66 4-year-olds from Northern Grampians Shire enrolled in a pre-school or pre-school program

* There were 27 5-year-olds enrolled in a pre-school or pre-school program

In 2020 there were 47 children enrolled in a pre-school program within a long day care centre

Schools

In 2020, 68.6% of residents from Northern Grampians Shire rated the quality of local schools as ‘good’ - Regional Vic 69.7% Vic 71.0%

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| Primary School | Funding | Students Enrolled (2020) | Teaching Staff EFT(2020) |
| Concongella Primary School | Government | 34 | 4.2 |
| Great Western Primary School | Government | 27 | 4.1 |
| Halls Gap Primary School | Government | 46 | 4.2 |
| Marnoo Primary School | Government | 6 | 1.0 |
| St Arnaud Primary School | Government | 103 | 9.4 |
| Stawell 502 Primary School | Government | 286 | 17.6 |
| Stawell West Primary School | Government | 100 | 7.6 |
| St Patrick’s Primary School (St Arnaud) | Non-gov | 92 | 8.2 |
| St Patrick’s Primary School (Stawell) | Non-gov | 150 | 13.7 |

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| Special Developmental School | Funding | Students Enrolled | Teaching Staff EFT |
| Skene Street Specialist School (Stawell) | Government | 53 | 7.2 |

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| Secondary School | Funding | Students(2020) | Teaching Staff EFT(2020) | VET enrolments (2020) | Senior Secondary Certificate awarded (2020) |
| St Arnaud Secondary College | Government | 132 | 16.9 | 23 | 16 |
| Stawell Secondary College | Government | 274 | 35.3 | 107 | 37 |

**Employment**

Employment

In 2016 the total labour force of the population aged 15–64 years in Northern Grampians Shire was 68% - Regional Vic 71% Vic 72%

In 2016, 19% of people in Northern Grampians Shire worked as managers (Regional Vic 15% Vic 14%)

* 17% worked as labours (Regional Vic 12% Vic 9%)
* 14% percent worked as community & person services workers (Regional Vic 12% Vic 11%)

In 2020, 16.7% of people in Northern Grampians Shire agreed with the statement ‘there are plenty of jobs available around here at the moment’ - Regional Vic 16.4% Vic 22.3%

In June 2021, the unemployment rate for Northern Grampians Shire was 3.1% - Regional Vic 4.1% Vic 5.6%

* This is a decrease from 3.7% in September 2020

In June 2021, 7% of young people aged 16-21 received an unemployment benefit - Regional Vic 6.5% Vic 4.2%

Income

In 2016, the median individual weekly income for Northern Grampians Shire was $513 **-** Regional Vic $576 Vic $644

In 2020 15.3% of people in Northern Grampians Shire reported a high level of financial distress - Regional Vic 13.8 % Vic 13.3 %

In 2021 the percentage of families with children in Northern Grampians Shire that were welfare dependent or had a low income was 16.9% - Regional Vic 13.0 % Vic 9.3%

Businesses

In 2020, there were 1,179 businesses in Northern Grampians Shire - Regional Vic 141,063 Vic 660,214

* There were 76 business entries - Regional Vic 15,168 Vic 100,233
* There were 92 business exits - Regional Vic 14,003 Vic 80,740

In 2020, 26.4% of residents from Northern Grampians Shire agreed with the statement that ‘local businesses in this town are doing pretty well at the moment’ - Regional Vic 27.4% Vic 35.9%

Community Economic Wellbeing

In 2020, 66.4% of residents from Northern Grampians Shire agreed with the statement that ‘living costs are affordable here’ - Regional Vic 62.8 % Vic 55.8%

* 14.5% agree with the statement that ‘the community is financially well-off’ - Regional Vic 30.7% Vic 41.2%