LIFE IN AUSTRALIA 2018
Understanding liveability across metropolitan Australia

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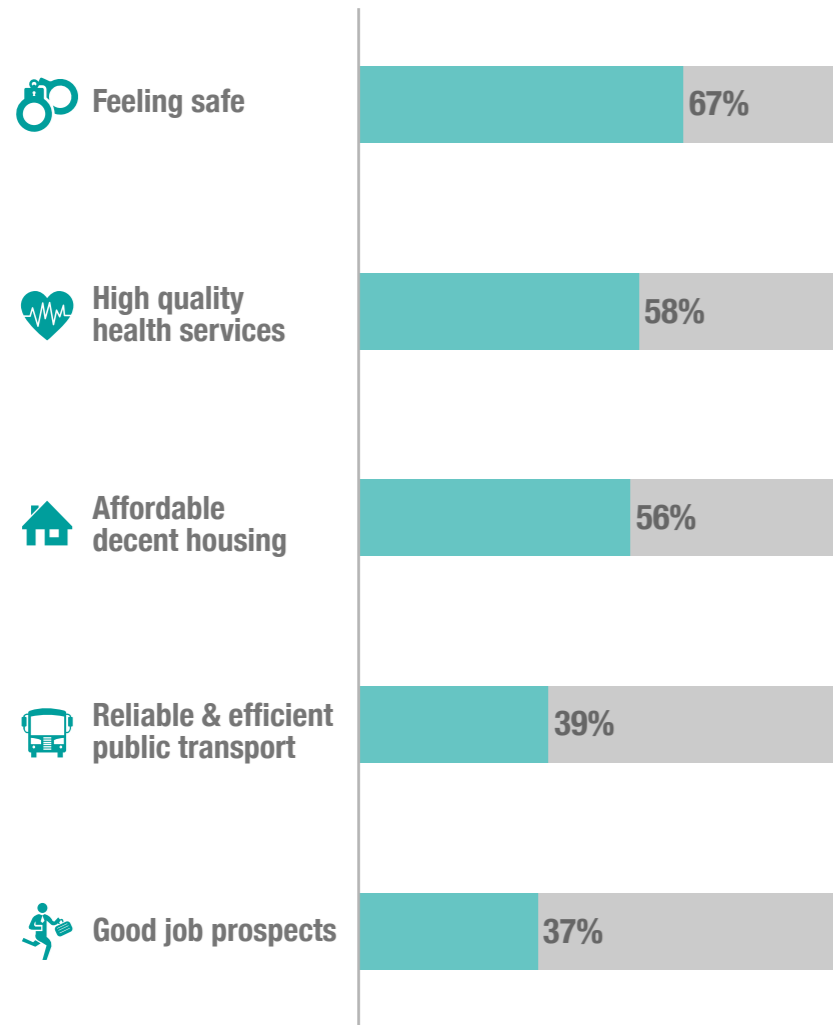📞 (03) 9946 0850

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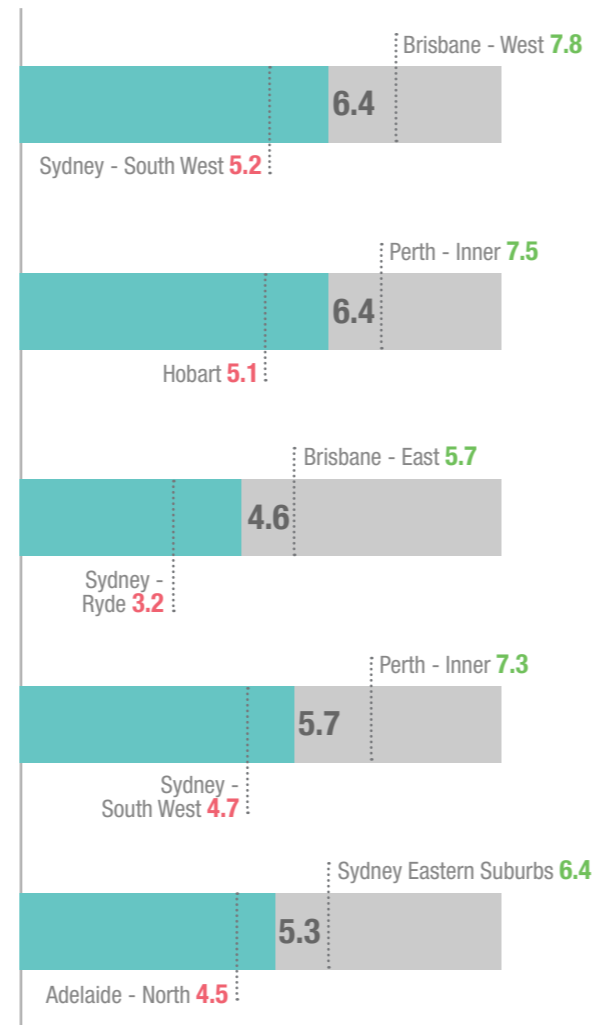## The top five attributes that make somewhere a good place to live

Importance

The percentage of Australians who selected the item as one of their top five attributes that makes somewhere a good place to live.
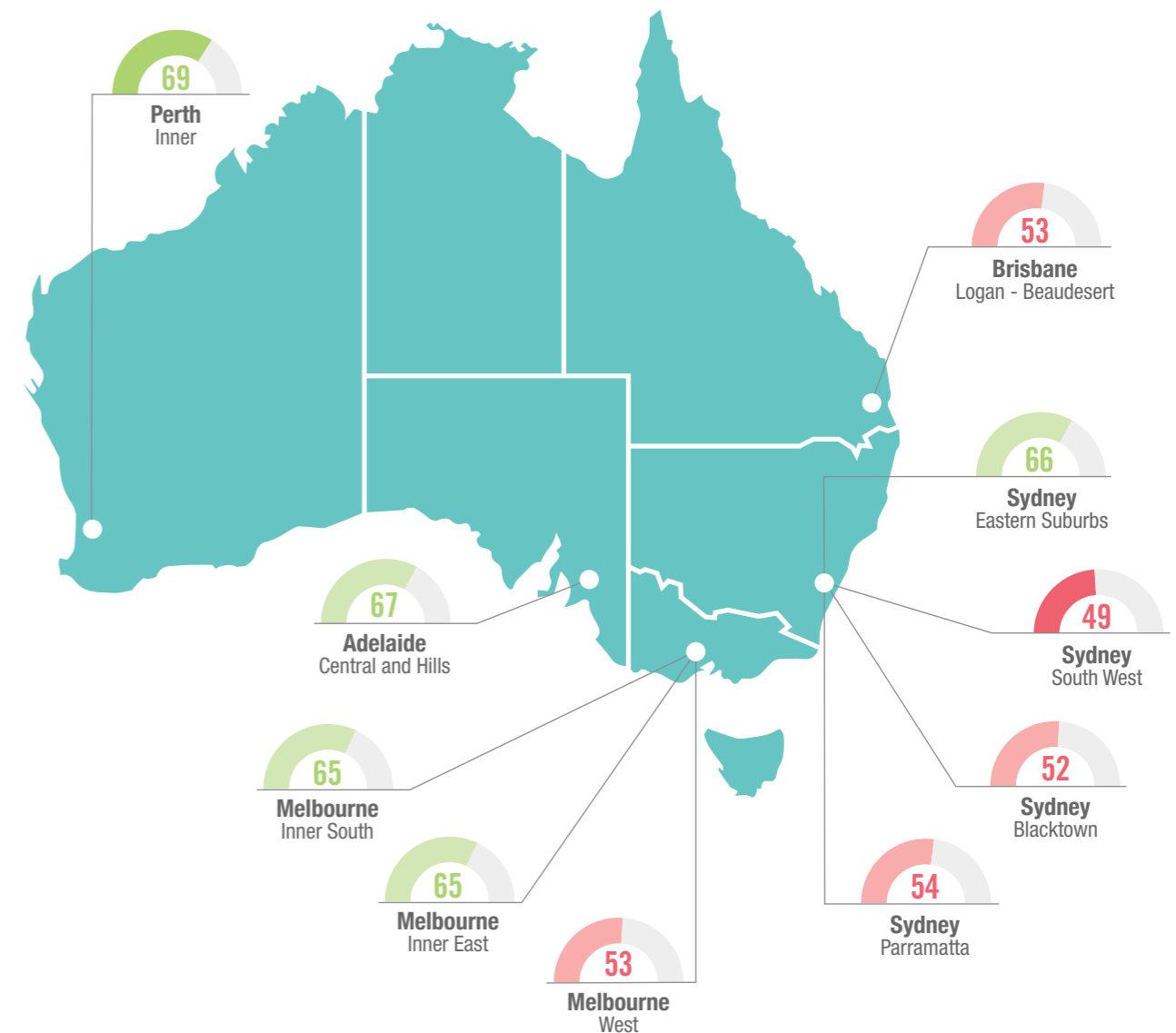
Performance

How Australians rated their local areas' performance against each attribute on a scale between 0 and 10.

Attribute	Importance	Performance
Feeling safe	67%	6.4 — Brisbane - West **7.8** / Sydney - South West **5.2**
High quality health services	58%	6.4 — Perth - Inner **7.5** / Hobart **5.1**
Affordable decent housing	56%	4.6 — Brisbane - East **5.7** / Sydney - Ryde **3.2**
Reliable & efficient public transport	39%	5.7 — Perth - Inner **7.3** / Sydney - South West **4.7**
Good job prospects	37%	5.3 — Sydney Eastern Suburbs **6.4** / Adelaide - North **4.5**

The most and least liveable areas across metropolitan Australia

The most and least liveable areas are drawn from the Metropolitan Australia Liveability Index – a measure of metropolitan Australia's liveability between 0 and 100. The Index is created by multiplying each attributes' importance by how well Australians rate its performance in their local area. The areas shown on the map are ABS SA4 Regions.

69 Perth Inner
53 Brisbane Logan - Beaudesert
66 Sydney Eastern Suburbs
67 Adelaide Central and Hills
49 Sydney South West
65 Melbourne Inner South
52 Sydney Blacktown
65 Melbourne Inner East
54 Sydney Parramatta
53 Melbourne West

About Life in Australia 2018

The Understanding liveability across metropolitan Australia report is drawn from the Ipsos Life in Australia project – the nation's largest annual study of community values and liveability. Life in Australia is a citizen-centric approach to understanding liveability. In October 2018, we asked 9,515 Australians to select the top five attributes that they believe makes somewhere a good place to live. We also asked them to rate how well their local area performed on a scale between 0 and 10 across 16 liveability attributes. Metropolitan Australia's 10 most liveable regions are shown on the next page. Pages 3 and 4 show metropolitan Australia's less and least liveable regions.

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	Metropolitan Australia Liveability Index	Feeling safe (67%)	High quality health services (58%)	Affordable decent housing (56%)	Reliable & efficient public transport (39%)	Good job prospects (37%)	High quality education opportunities (32%)	Access to the natural environment (31%)	A prosperous economy (29%)	Opportunity for all (26%)	Social cohesion (26%)	Connectivity (24%)	A strong sense of community (23%)	A lack of road congestion (20%)	Shopping, leisure & dining (19%)	Viewing and participating in sports & recreation (7%)	Museums, galleries & festivals (7%)
Metropolitan Australia	59.5	6.4	6.4	4.6	5.7	5.3	6.4	7.1	5.8	5.9	6.3	6.2	6.1	4.9	6.6	6.8	5.5

Metropolitan Australia's 10 Most Liveable Regions

#	Region	Metropolitan Australia Liveability Index	Feeling safe	High quality health services	Affordable decent housing	Reliable & efficient public transport	Good job prospects	High quality education opportunities	Access to the natural environment	A prosperous economy	Opportunity for all	Social cohesion	Connectivity	A strong sense of community	A lack of road congestion	Shopping, leisure & dining	Viewing and participating in sports & recreation	Museums, galleries & festivals
1	Perth - Inner	68.6	7.4	7.5	5.2	7.3	5.8	7.2	8.3	6.3	6.3	6.8	7.2	6.9	6.4	7.7	7.5	6.3
2	Adelaide - Central & Hills	67.0	7.6	6.7	5.6	6.6	5.2	7.1	7.9	6.3	6.4	7.1	7.1	6.7	6.4	7.0	7.2	6.6
3	Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	65.8	7.4	7.3	4.1	6.6	6.4	7.4	8.0	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.1	6.2	3.9	7.5	7.7	6.5
4	Melbourne - Inner South	65.0	7.2	7.1	4.4	6.4	5.8	7.1	7.8	6.5	6.3	6.8	6.9	6.6	5.1	7.5	7.3	6.2
5	Melbourne - Inner East	64.9	7.0	7.3	4.5	6.5	6.0	7.4	7.2	6.6	6.2	6.8	6.7	6.4	4.7	7.6	7.3	6.3
6	Brisbane Inner City	64.8	7.3	7.1	4.7	6.8	5.8	7.6	6.7	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.8	6.1	4.7	7.1	6.5	6.9
7	Perth - North West	64.2	6.9	6.9	5.7	6.6	5.1	6.7	7.8	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.1	6.7	7.1	5.0
8	Sydney - North Sydney & Hornsby	63.7	7.4	7.2	3.4	6.1	6.1	7.0	7.7	6.7	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.5	4.3	7.3	6.9	5.9
9	Brisbane - East	63.6	7.1	6.4	5.7	5.3	5.5	6.7	8.2	5.9	6.4	6.6	6.1	7.1	4.9	6.7	7.3	5.7
10	Sydney - City & Inner South	63.1	7.0	7.2	3.7	6.4	6.2	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.3	6.7	6.7	6.6	4.3	7.3	7.0	6.5

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11 Brisbane - West	62.4	7.8	6.8	4.6	5.3	6.0	7.2	7.5	6.0	5.8	6.1	6.1	5.8	4.0	6.4	7.2	5.8
12 Sydney - Northern Beaches	62.4	7.5	6.7	3.2	5.4	6.1	7.1	8.4	6.7	6.3	6.8	6.1	6.6	3.6	7.1	7.5	5.5
13 Perth - South West	62.3	6.2	7.1	5.7	6.5	5.1	6.2	7.4	5.6	5.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	5.8	6.5	6.9	5.2
14 Australian Capital Territory	62.3	7.2	6.3	4.4	5.4	5.9	6.9	7.3	6.3	6.2	6.8	6.7	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.6	5.8
15 Perth - South East	62.1	6.5	6.7	5.5	6.1	5.1	6.8	7.6	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.5	6.3	5.9	6.6	7.1	5.3
16 Melbourne - Inner	62.0	6.3	6.8	4.1	6.9	5.8	6.5	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.9	6.8	6.4	4.4	7.3	7.4	6.7
17 Adelaide - West	61.8	6.8	6.4	5.3	5.9	4.9	6.4	7.3	5.5	5.9	6.4	6.8	6.2	5.9	7.0	7.0	6.1
18 Brisbane - South	61.7	6.4	7.0	5.1	6.1	5.4	6.7	6.9	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.1	4.8	6.9	6.9	5.8
19 Brisbane - North	61.4	6.9	6.5	5.4	5.9	5.7	6.3	6.7	6.0	6.0	6.3	6.0	6.1	4.9	6.6	6.7	5.3
20 Melbourne - Outer East	61.2	6.6	6.7	4.3	5.8	5.4	6.7	7.6	5.9	6.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	4.7	7.2	7.4	5.8
21 Adelaide - South	61.1	6.8	6.1	5.7	5.8	4.7	6.4	7.8	5.4	5.7	6.4	6.4	6.1	5.6	6.6	7.0	5.3
22 Sydney - Inner West	61.0	7.0	6.9	3.7	5.9	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.2	6.0	6.9	6.5	6.2	4.1	6.7	6.8	5.7
23 Sydney - Sutherland	60.5	7.3	6.7	3.7	5.6	5.4	6.3	8.0	6.1	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.5	4.0	6.9	7.3	5.0
24 Hobart	59.9	7.4	5.1	4.9	5.2	4.9	6.4	8.2	5.4	6.0	6.6	6.2	6.5	5.2	6.0	6.9	6.1
25 Melbourne - North East	59.7	6.2	6.7	4.9	5.9	5.3	6.4	6.8	5.9	6.0	6.4	5.9	6.3	4.2	6.7	7.0	5.3
26 Sydney - Baulkham Hills & Hawkesbury	59.2	6.9	6.5	3.9	5.3	5.8	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.2	6.4	3.9	6.9	6.8	5.0

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27	Melbourne - Mornington Peninsula	59.1	6.1	6.7	4.6	5.3	5.0	6.2	8.0	5.7	5.5	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.5	7.2	5.3
28	Sydney - Outer West & Blue Mountains	58.4	6.7	6.0	4.5	5.1	5.0	6.1	7.6	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.5	5.0	6.2	6.7	5.4
29	Adelaide - North	57.9	6.3	5.6	5.6	6.1	4.5	6.0	6.6	5.1	5.5	6.0	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.3	6.6	5.0
30	Sydney - Outer South West	57.4	6.3	6.0	4.6	5.1	5.3	6.1	6.3	5.7	6.1	5.9	5.9	6.0	5.0	6.7	7.1	5.2
31	Brisbane - Ipswich	57.1	6.1	5.7	5.7	4.9	4.6	5.7	6.8	5.3	5.6	6.0	6.1	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.4	4.9
32	Sydney - Inner South West	56.7	6.3	6.3	3.8	5.8	5.2	6.2	6.4	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.8	4.2	6.6	6.2	5.1
33	Sydney - Ryde	56.6	6.7	6.1	3.2	5.9	5.2	6.7	6.6	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.8	3.8	6.5	6.5	5.1
34	Melbourne - South East	56.0	5.4	6.3	4.4	5.2	5.0	6.3	6.7	5.5	5.8	6.2	5.7	5.9	4.2	6.6	6.7	5.4
35	Perth - North East	55.5	5.7	6.5	5.2	4.7	4.7	5.5	6.9	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.7	6.1	4.6
36	Darwin	54.1	5.4	5.3	4.6	5.1	4.9	5.0	7.3	4.6	5.1	6.4	6.0	5.7	7.1	4.8	5.7	4.8
37	Melbourne - North West	53.7	5.8	5.8	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.6	6.3	5.2	5.3	6.3	5.3	5.9	4.9	5.8	6.2	4.6
39	Sydney - Parramatta	53.6	5.9	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.9	5.7	5.8	5.5	5.2	5.9	5.6	5.4	4.5	6.0	5.9	5.1
39	Melbourne - West	53.5	5.3	5.8	4.7	5.1	4.6	5.7	6.4	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.4	5.4	4.1	6.2	6.5	4.9
40	Brisbane - Logan - Beaudesert	53.1	5.4	5.3	5.5	4.7	4.5	5.5	6.4	5.1	5.3	5.6	5.6	5.4	4.2	5.7	6.4	4.7
41	Sydney - Blacktown	51.9	5.3	5.3	4.1	5.4	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.7	4.3	6.4	6.4	4.6
42	Sydney - South West	49.1	5.2	5.1	3.5	4.7	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.1	4.7	5.0	5.4	4.9	4.5	5.9	5.6	4.5

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