

# Data Sheet 1 (DS 001)

## Residents Working Within or Outside the LGA

### What are we monitoring?

The number of residents working within or outside the Local Government Area (LGA), as a proportion of the total working population.

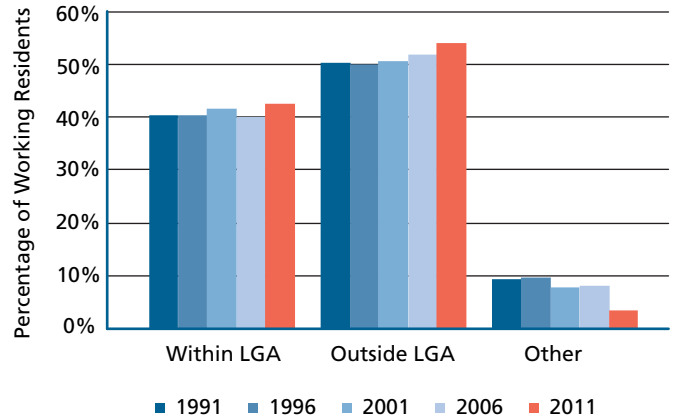
### What is the trend?

Between 1991 and 2011, the total working population in the LGA increased by 6,385 people, from 28,073 to 35,458. The ratio of those working within and outside has remained relatively steady over this time, with just over 53% of workers working outside the LGA in 2011, compared to 42% working within the LGA and 5% of workers classified as other.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Residents who work within the LGA are likely to work closer to home and have a shorter journey to work. In a more sustainable Blue Mountains there would be less people having to commute outside the City to obtain work. This is because there are a range of adverse impacts associated with commuting to work each day, including: reduced time and energy to spend with family and build relationships within the local community, increased traffic congestion, air and noise pollution.

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Year	1991	1991 (%)	1996	1996 (%)	2001	2001 (%)	2006	2006 (%)	2011	2011 (%)
Within LGA	11,293	40%	12,631	40%	13,819	41%	14,010	40%	14,945	42%
Outside LGA	14,134	50%	15,661	50%	16,946	51%	18,016	51%	18,887	53%
Other	2,646	9%	3,095	10%	2,738	8%	2,997	9%	1,626	5%
Total Workers	28,073	100%	31,387	100%	33,503	100%	35,023	100%	35,458	100%

Source: NSW Government Bureau of Transport Statistics – Journey to Work Dataset 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011. <http://bts.nsw.gov.au/Statistics>