

# Data Sheet 10 (DS 010)

## Population Aged Under 50 Years

### What are we monitoring?

The percentage of the Blue Mountains population aged less than 50 years compared to Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia, as measured from available census data.

### What is the trend?

The percentage of people aged under 50 years in the Blue Mountains is declining, signifying that the population overall is ageing. In 1996 73.4% of the population was less than 50 years old and in 2011 this had reduced to 61.3% of the population.

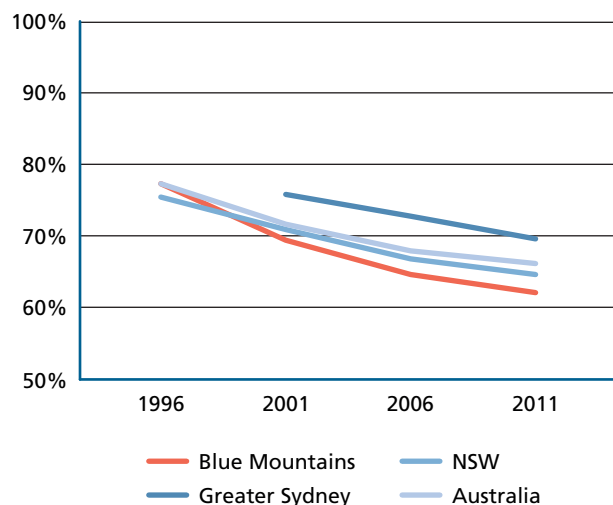
The Blue Mountains also has a smaller percentage of residents aged less than 50 years compared to either Greater Sydney or NSW or Australia.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

A diversity of age groups in the population contributes to a more balanced and healthy demographic population structure. A decline in the percentage of people aged less than 50 indicates an aging population and a decline in the percentage of younger residents.

Stemming the flow of young people out of the Blue Mountains, and encouraging a more balanced mix of age groups, will contribute to a more sustainable community.

Percentage of Population Aged Under 50 years



A more balanced mix of different age groups ensures the community can benefit from the experience of people in different age groups and have less need for costly changes to the range and type of services and facilities required by the population.

Population Aged Under 50 Years – Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia

Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
<b>Blue Mountains LGA</b>				
Number of People Under 50	53219	51794	48732	46532
Population	72506	74317	74069	75941
Percentage of Population Under 50	73.4%	69.7%	65.8%	61.3%
<b>Greater Sydney</b>				
Number of People Under 50	N/A	2872239	2927635	3064287
Population	N/A	3947577	4118031	4391636
Percentage of Population Under 50	N/A	72.8%	71.1%	69.8%
<b>NSW</b>				
Number of People Under 50	4387357	4477332	4494753	4620169
Population	6038696	6371745	6549177	6917660
Percentage of Population Under 50	72.7%	70.3%	68.6%	66.8%
<b>Australia</b>				
Number of People Under 50	13136307	13390144	13702433	14544668
Population	17892423	18972350	19855288	21507719
Percentage of Population Under 50	73.4%	70.6%	69.0%	67.6%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census Data 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011  
[http://censusdata.abs.gov.au/census\\_services/getproduct/census/2011/communityprofile](http://censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2011/communityprofile)