



Data Sheet 103 (DS 103)

Developmentally Vulnerable Young Children

What are we monitoring?

The percentage of developmentally vulnerable young children in Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA) compared to NSW and Australia.

What is the trend?

The proportion of developmentally vulnerable young children in Blue Mountains LGA is lower than elsewhere in NSW and Australia. The 2015 Australian Early Development Census indicates that the relative position of the Blue Mountains is slipping in relation to the vulnerability of children starting school.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

The developmental readiness of children starting school is an indicator of how well parents and the community are doing in supporting children to develop and become resilient.

Percentage of Developmentally Vulnerable Young Children

Blue Mountains			
Year	2009	2012	2015
Physical	5.5%	5.0%	7.3%
Social	4.7%	4.8%	7.0%
Emotional	6.1%	4.2%	7.7%
Language	3.5%	2.1%	4.6%
Communication	3.6%	2.9%	5.8%
Vulnerable on 1 or more domains	14.0%	11.5%	18.3%
New South Wales			
Year	2009	2012	2015
Physical	8.6%	8.3%	8.5%
Social	8.8%	8.5%	9.2%
Emotional	7.4%	6.2%	6.8%
Language	5.9%	4.8%	4.8%
Communication	9.2%	8.5%	8.1%
Vulnerable on 1 or more domains	21.3%	19.9%	20.2%
Australia			
Year	2009	2012	2015
Physical	9.3%	9.3%	9.7%
Social	9.5%	9.3%	9.9%
Emotional	8.9%	7.6%	8.4%
Language	8.9%	6.8%	6.5%
Communication	9.2%	9.0%	8.5%

Source: Australian Early Development Census,
Australian Government 2009, 2012, 2015