

Data Sheet 113 (DS 113)

Population Aged 15 to 25 Years

What are we monitoring?

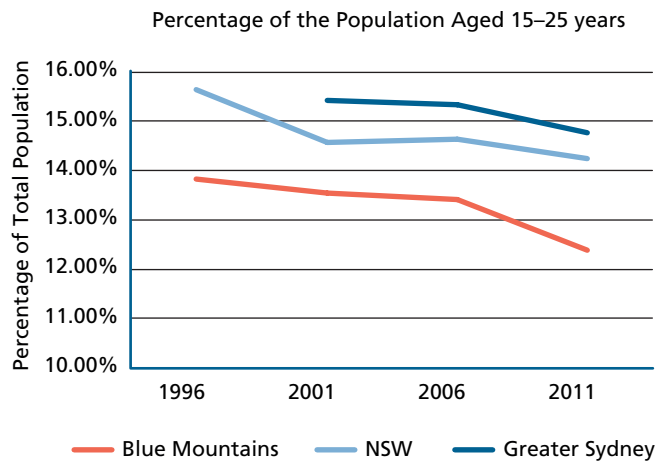
The number of Blue Mountains residents who are aged 15 to 25 as a percentage of total population.

What is the trend?

The percentage of the population in this age group as a percentage of total population is dropping, as it is for the rest of Australia and NSW. In the Blue Mountains the rate of decline has been slightly higher and it is continuing to reduce more rapidly than in NSW or Australia. Between 1996 and 2011 the number of Blue Mountains residents aged 15 to 24 years reduced from 10,029 to 9,397.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

A loss of people in the 15–25 year age bracket is a loss of those who are about to begin their working lives bringing renewed vitality to the local workforce and population generally. It indicates that the City does not have the range of services and facilities that would encourage people in this age bracket to continue to live in the Blue Mountains.



Population Aged 15 to 25 Years – Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney and NSW

Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Blue Mountains				
Population 15–24 Years	10,029	10,070	9,934	9,397
Percentage of Total Population	13.8%	13.6%	13.4%	12.4%
Greater Sydney				
Population Aged 15–24 Years	N/A	608,753	631,252	648,374
Percentage of Total Population	N/A	15.4%	15.3%	14.8%
New South Wales				
Population Aged 15–24 Years	944,894	928,265	957,986	984,945
Percentage of Total Population	15.7%	14.6%	14.6%	14.2%

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