

# Data Sheet 114 (DS 114)

## Volunteer Residents

### What are we monitoring?

The percentage of the population in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA) who volunteer compared to Sydney, NSW and Australia.

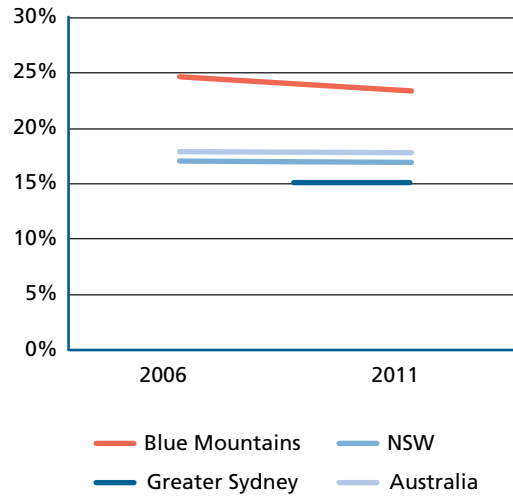
### What is the trend?

The proportion of Blue Mountains residents volunteering declined very slightly between 2006 (24.7%) and 2011 (23.4%) but remained well above the average for Greater Sydney (15.1%), NSW (16.9%) and Australia (17.8%).

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

The proportion of residents who volunteer is an indicator of the resilience and strength of a community and its social capital.

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Year	2006	2011
Blue Mountains	24.7%	23.4%
Greater Sydney	N/A	15.1%
New South Wales	17.1%	16.9%
Australia	17.9%	17.8%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census Data 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011  
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