

# Data Sheet 65 (DS 065)

## Households with an Internet Connection

### What are we monitoring?

Number of households in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA) with an internet connection.

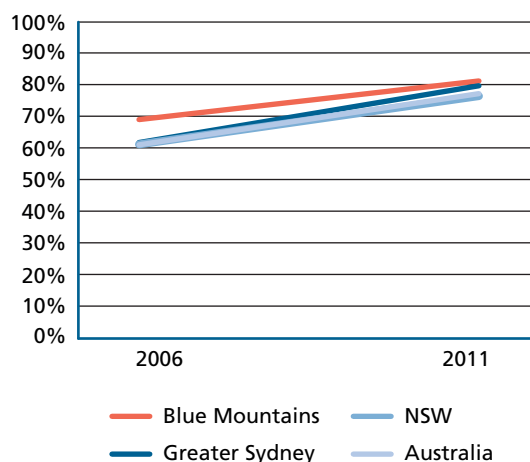
### What is the trend?

The percentage of Blue Mountains households connected to the internet is higher than that of Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia. The number of households with an internet connection has increased from 69% in 2006 to 82% in 2011. As the price of connecting continues to fall and more services move to the internet, this number is likely to grow further in the 2016 census. Note that this measure is only for household connections and does not include mobile phones, tablets and other portable internet connections.

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

Internet connectivity is an important measure of the shift to a more digital society and economy. Council provides internet connections at its Libraries and demand for these services is influenced by whether residents have alternate methods of connecting to the internet.

Percentage of Households with an Internet Connection



Internet Connection

Region	Blue Mountains		Greater Sydney		New South Wales		Australia	
	2006	2011	2006	2011	2006	2011	2006	2011
Broadband Connection	12,725	21,228	N/A	1,122,743	943,549	1,726,472	2,802,177	5,424,508
Dial-Up Connection	5,996	849	N/A	38,306	472,608	71,211	1,535,028	235,398
Other Type	112	771	N/A	53,855	14,719	87,725	42,727	303,048
Total Connected	18,833	22,848	N/A	1,214,904	1,430,876	1,885,408	4,379,932	5,962,954
No Connection	7,813	4,441	N/A	252,180	817,252	495,949	2,531,018	1,525,108
Not Stated	607	742	N/A	54,314	80,088	89,940	233,146	272,257
Total	27,253	28,031	N/A	1,521,398	2,328,216	2,471,297	7,144,096	7,760,319
Percentage Connected	69.1%	81.5%	62.1%	79.9%	61.5%	76.3%	61.3%	76.8%

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