

Data Sheet 75 (DS 075)

Rate of Population Change

What are we monitoring?

The rate of change in the population of the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA).

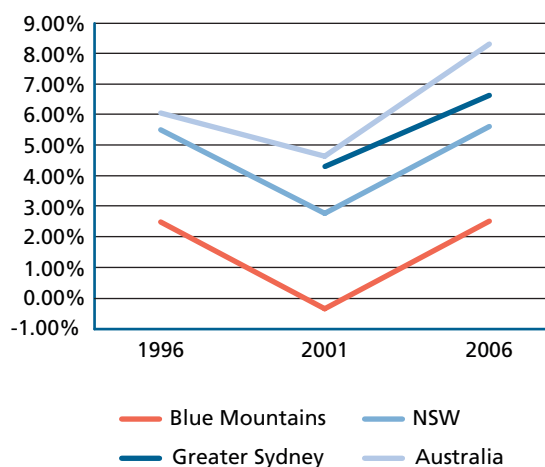
What is the trend?

The population in the Blue Mountains is growing at a lower rate than that for Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia. Between 2006 and 2011 the Blue Mountains population grew by 2.53%, compared to 6.64% for Greater Sydney, 5.63% for NSW and 8.32% for Australia. This means that the Blue Mountains population is not growing in proportion to Greater Sydney, NSW or Australia.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Population is a key demographic measure. The population of the LGA has some influence on the rate base, as population and dwelling increases are usually related, and influences the services that Council provides.

Rate of Population Change (%)



Population Growth – Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia

Blue Mountains				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Population	72,506	74,317	74,068	75,942
Change	N/A	2.50%	-0.34%	2.53%
Greater Sydney				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Population	N/A	3,947,587	4,118,041	4,391,674
Change	N/A	N/A	4.32%	6.64%
New South Wales				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Population	6,038,696	6,371,745	6,549,178	6,917,658
Change	N/A	5.52%	2.78%	5.63%
Australia				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Population	17,892,423	18,972,350	19,855,288	21,507,719
Change	N/A	6.04%	4.65%	8.32%

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