

Data Sheet 76 (DS 076)

Persons Aged 65 Years and Over

What are we monitoring?

The number and percentage of the population in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA) who are aged over 65 years and over.

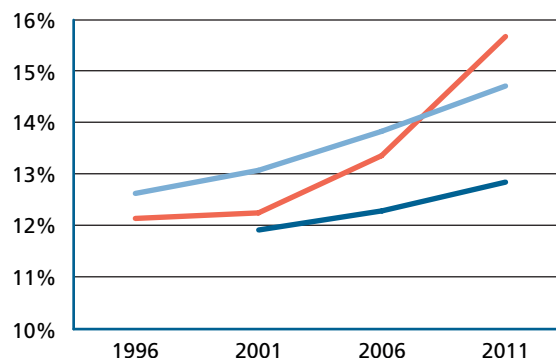
What is the trend?

The percentage of people over 65 is growing more rapidly than the average for Greater Sydney and NSW. This is related to the low growth levels in the overall population and the outmigration of younger people.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Population is a fundamental demographic measure. The age of the population influences the type of services the Council needs to deliver. An older population increases the importance of providing accessible services which support people in ageing well at home.

Persons Aged 65 Years and Over (%)



— Percentage of Total Population – Blue Mountains
 — Percentage of Total Population – Greater Sydney
 — Percentage of Total Population – NSW

Persons Aged 65 Years and Over – Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney and NSW

Blue Mountains				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Persons Aged 65 Years and Over	8,808	9,103	9,896	11,907
Change	N/A	3.35%	8.71%	20.32%
Total Population	72,506	74,317	74,068	75,942
Percentage of Total Population	12.15%	12.25%	13.36%	15.68%
Greater Sydney				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Persons Aged 65 Years and Over	N/A	470,704	506,391	564,445
Change	N/A	N/A	7.58%	11.46%
Total Population	N/A	3,947,577	4,118,031	4,391,674
Percentage of Total Population	N/A	11.92%	12.30%	12.85%
New South Wales				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Persons Aged 65 Years and Over	762,902	833,419	905,778	1,018,178
Change	N/A	9.24%	8.68%	12.41%
Total Population	6,038,696	6,371,745	6,549,178	6,917,658
Percentage of Total Population	12.63%	13.08%	13.83%	14.72%

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