

Data Sheet 77 (DS 077)

Persons Aged 85 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 85 years or over.

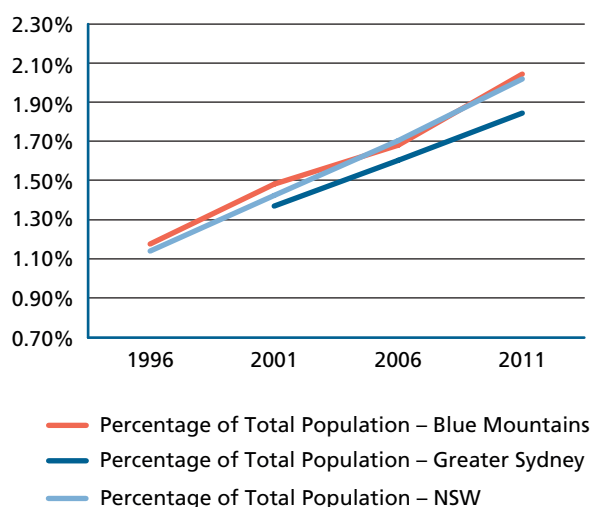
What is the trend?

The percentage of people aged over 85 is about the same as for the overall population in NSW, but higher than in Greater Sydney. This percentage has almost doubled between 1996 and 2011 from 854 to 1,553 people.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Population is a key 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 85 Years and Over (%)



Persons Aged 85 Years and Over – Blue Mountains, Greater Sydney and NSW

Blue Mountains				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Persons Aged 85 Years and Over	854	1,100	1,245	1,553
Change	N/A	28.8%	13.2%	24.7%
Total Population	72,506	74,317	74,068	75,942
Percentage of Total Population	1.2%	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Greater Sydney				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Persons Aged 85 Years and Over	N/A	54,136	65,937	81,067
Change	N/A	N/A	21.80%	22.95%
Total Population	N/A	3,947,577	4,118,031	4,391,674
Percentage of Total Population	N/A	1.37%	1.60%	1.85%
New South Wales				
Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Persons Aged 85 Years and Over	68,949	90,761	111,656	139,735
Change	N/A	31.63%	23.02%	25.15%
Total Population	6,038,696	6,371,745	6,549,178	6,917,658
Percentage of Total Population	1.14%	1.42%	1.70%	2.02%

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