

What are we monitoring?

The overall percentage of the Blue Mountains population that leaves the Local Government Area (LGA) each year compared with the rest of NSW as well as in and out migration by age group.

What is the trend?

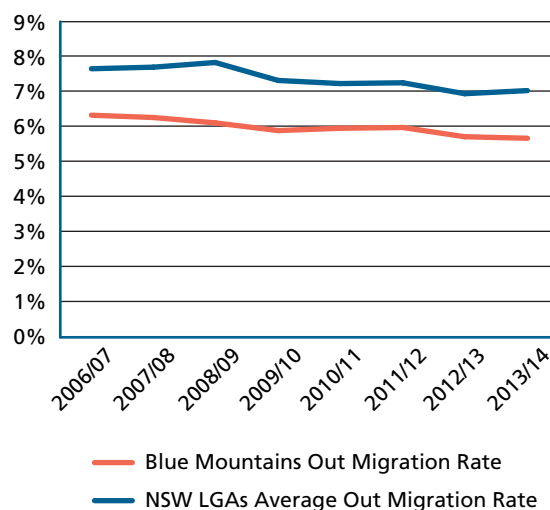
The percentage of people leaving the LGA has slowly declined since 2006–2007. This mirrors the overall trend for NSW. The proportion of residents leaving the Blue Mountains is substantially lower than the NSW average.

In 2011, the age group with the highest net migration away from the Blue Mountains was persons aged 18–24 years (-1,257) followed by persons aged 25–34 years (-368).

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Understanding in and out migration helps us understand what is happening to the population. It also helps to paint a picture of life in the Blue Mountains. The age structure of people who move into and out of Blue Mountains City is strongly influenced by the economy and housing of the area and can influence demand for particular services. Understanding Blue Mountains City's attraction to different age groups helps service planning for the community and can inform advocacy to other levels of government and private enterprise to provide infrastructure, employment opportunities and facilities which may help to retain age groups that are leaving the area.

Blue Mountains and NSW Out Migration Rates



Percentage of the Population Migrating Out of the Blue Mountains and Out of NSW

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Blue Mountains	6.3%	6.3%	6.1%	5.9%	5.9%	6.0%	5.7%	5.7%
NSW Average	7.6%	7.7%	7.8%	7.3%	7.2%	7.2%	6.9%	7.0%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Regional Internal Migration Estimates by LGA 2011, 2006/07–2013/14

Blue Mountains In and Out Migration by Age Group 2011

Age Group	In Migration	Out Migration	Net Migration
5 to 11 Years	1,248	1,062	186
12 to 17 Years	586	684	-98
18 to 24 Years	672	1,929	-1,257
25 to 34 Years	2,098	2,466	-368
35 to 44 Years	2,352	1,711	641
45 to 54 Years	1,345	1,323	22
55 to 64 Years	1,339	1,191	148
65 Years and Over	1,194	1,201	-7
Total	10,834	11,567	-733

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing 2011 (Usual Residence Data)