

Data Sheet 80 (DS 080)

Domestic Visitors to Blue Mountains National Park

What are we monitoring?

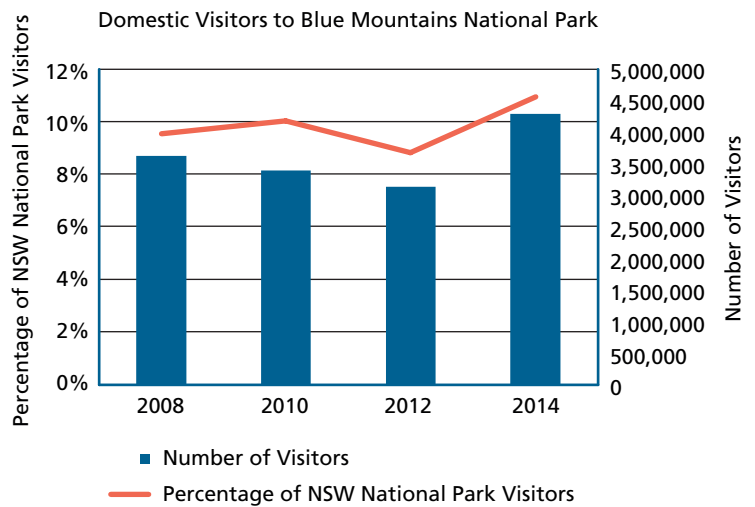
The number of domestic visitors to the Blue Mountains National Park and the percentage of total NSW National Park visits this represents.

What is the trend?

The long term trend is that number of domestic visitors to the Blue Mountains National Park decreased from 2008 to 2012 and then increased significantly from 2012 to 2014. In 2014 there were over 4.2 million domestic visitors to the Blue Mountains National Park, representing 11% of all visitation to National Parks in NSW.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Tourism is an important part of the Blue Mountains economy. This measure helps us assess the success of the Blue Mountains region as a tourist destination. Many of the Council's parks and reserves adjoin the National Park and serve as entry points to it. Keeping track of visitor numbers helps the Council and other agencies to plan services and facilities.



Annual Domestic Visitation to Blue Mountains National Park (BMNP)

Year	2008	2010	2012	2014
Visitors to BMNP	3,620,769	3,387,224	3,134,192	4,289,882
Total Visitors to NSW National Parks	37,927,616	33,843,626	35,495,624	39,167,370
Percentage of Total NSW National Park Visitation	9.5%	10.0%	8.8%	11.0%

Source: NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage, Domestic Visitation to NSW National Parks
<http://environment.nsw.gov.au/research/NSWparkspopularity.htm>