

Data Sheet 81 (DS 081)

Youth Unemployment Rate

What are we monitoring?

The rate of unemployment among persons aged 15–24 years in the Blue Mountains compared to Greater Sydney, NSW and Australia.

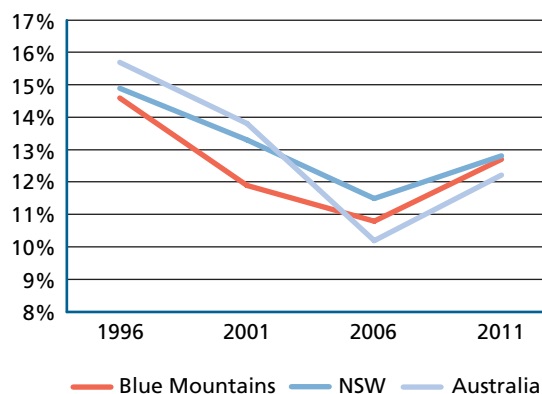
What is the trend?

The trend for youth unemployment in the Blue Mountains is similar to the NSW and Australian trend. The proportion of young people unemployed has been decreasing, as has the overall unemployment rate.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

High rates of youth unemployment can have serious social consequences for the community. It can also be a factor encouraging young people to leave the Blue Mountains to find employment elsewhere.

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Year	1996	2001	2006	2011
Blue Mountains	14.6%	11.9%	10.8%	12.7%
Greater Sydney	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.6%
NSW	14.9%	13.3%	11.5%	12.8%
Australia	15.7%	13.8%	10.2%	12.2%

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