



LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE LGA COMMUNITY PROFILE

This fact sheet has been prepared to provide an overview of basic demographic and statistical information that applies to the Liverpool Plains local government area (LGA). It is based on information made available by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) at the last census held in 2011. For more detailed statistical information, please visit the ABS website: www.abs.gov.au.

Who we are: Our History

The Kamilaroi people are recognised as the traditional custodians of the land within the Liverpool Plains and their rich cultural traditions continue to positively influence day to day life within the Shire. These are celebrated and showcased at the Kamilaroi Interpretative Centre located at Willow Tree.

The Liverpool Plains region has a proud agricultural history, possessing some of the most lucrative and productive agricultural land in Australia. The Liverpool Plains is also an important transport hub, located at the confluence of nationally significant road and rail networks. The strategic importance of these industries is reflected in the magnificent Werris Creek Railway Station constructed in 1880; which become the home of the National Rail Monument; and, the proud and largely intact Quirindi main street.

The Liverpool Plains Shire was formally proclaimed in 2004 and covers an area of approximately 5,121 square kilometres. The major population centres within the Liverpool Plains are Werris Creek, Quirindi, Wallabadah and Willow Tree. Each of these settlements possess their own unique heritage and characteristics which are partially captured and reflected in a series of individual community profiles.

Who we are: Our Community Profile

Population Highlights

The Census population of the Liverpool Plains Shire in 2011 was 7,480 persons. Of the total population 3,771 (50.4%) were male and 3,709 (49.6%) persons were female. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 10.9% of the population at 816 persons.

The median age of people living in the Liverpool Plains was 44 years. Children aged 0-14 years made up 19.6% of the total population. Older people that were aged 65 years and over made up 20.2% of the population.

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| 2011 Median | Liverpool Plains | NSW | Australia |
|--|------------------|---------|-----------|
| Age | 44 | 38 | 37 |
| Weekly household income | \$797 | \$1,237 | \$1,234 |
| Couples with children | 35.9% | 45.5% | 44.6% |
| Occupied private dwellings | 82.5% | 90.3% | 89.3% |
| Households with a mortgage | 24.7% | 33.4% | 34.9% |
| Weekly rent | \$150 | \$300 | \$285 |
| Households renting | 28.7% | 30.1% | 29.6% |
| Australia as country of birth | 89.2% | 68.6% | 69.8% |
| University attendance | 4.2% | 14.2% | 14.3% |
| Unemployment | 6.1% | 5.9% | 5.6% |
| Internet access | 61.9% | 73.3% | 83% |
| SEIFA Index of Disadvantage Score & Rank | 913 | R#19 | R#93 |



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Ethnicity

The three largest ancestries in the Liverpool Plains Shire are Australian, English and Irish. 5.5% of our community speak a language other than English at home. In 2011, 10.8% of people living in the Liverpool Plains Shire were born overseas.

Education and Qualifications

27.9% of people in the Shire attend an educational establishment, 27.9% of people aged over 15 years have completed Year 12 schooling (or equivalent) and 340 people have a Bachelor degree qualification.

Disability

480 people or 6.4% of our community report needing help in their day-to-day lives due to a disability.

Employment and Income

3,281 people living within the Liverpool Plains Shire are employed, of which 58.8% are working full time and 28.4% part time. More residents work in sheep, beef cattle and grain farming than any other industry and there are more Managers than any other occupation.

26.3% of the population report doing some form of voluntary work and there are 771 carers providing unpaid assistance to a person with a disability, long term illness or old age.

1,470 of us provided unpaid care for a child/children.

In 2011, 36.3% of households had a weekly income of less than \$600 and 3.7% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3,000.

Households

The average household size in the Liverpool Plains is 2.4 persons. Couples without children are the most common household type (45.6%). In 2011 in the Liverpool Plains Shire, 15.7% of single parents were male and 84.3% were female which is comparable to both the state and national average.

Overall, 43% of the population owned their dwelling; 24.7% were purchasing, and 28.7% were renting, compared with 33.2%, 33.4% and 30.1% respectively for New South Wales.

9.3% of households with a mortgage were making high loan repayments of \$2,600 or more per month and 0.58% of renting households were paying more than \$450 per week in rent.



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Dwellings

In 2011, there were 2,824 (95.8%) separate houses in the Shire, and 53 (1.8%) medium density dwellings. On census night a total of 82.5% of the dwellings were occupied compared to 90.3% in New South Wales. Dwellings with three bedrooms are the most common configuration in the Shire.

Almost a third of total households—33.9 % of homes have no internet connection. Of those homes with access to the internet, 55% had access to the broadband network.

34.4% of households in the Shire had access to two or more motor vehicles compared to 34% in New South Wales.

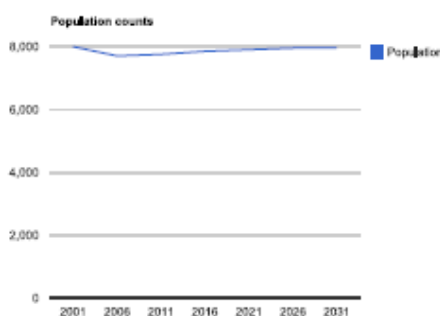
SEIFA—Socio economic index for advantage

The SEIFA index is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantage such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations.

In 2011 the Liverpool Plains Shire scores 913 on the SEIFA index of disadvantage, indicating that it is far more disadvantaged than the national average. To learn more about SEIFA visit: <http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/censushome.nsf/home/seifa>

Forecasts

According to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, population is projected to remain relatively static. With a growth rate of 0.2% forecast for the short to medium term. Further information on the Department’s population projections can be obtained from: <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en-us/deliveringhomes/populationandhouseholdprojections/data.aspx>



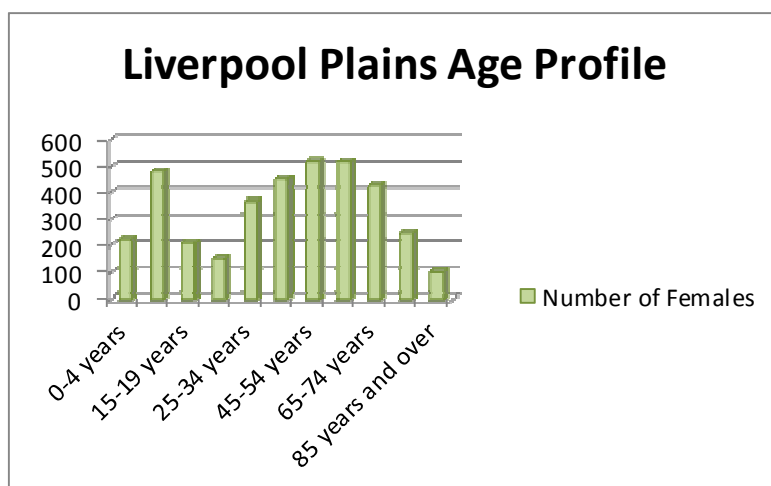
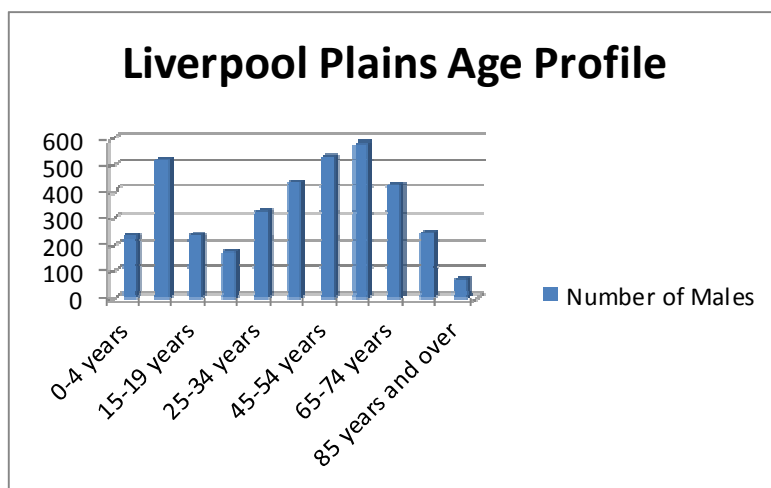
Source: NSW Department of Planning & Environment Population Projections



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Age Profiles



Dependency Ratios

According to the Department of Planning and Environment, youth and age dependency ratios are one way that demands on servicing can be estimated and assessed. Table 1 below details the relevant age dependency ratios for the Liverpool Plains LGA.

| LGA | Age Group | 2001 | 2011 | 2021 | 2031 |
|------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Liverpool Plains | <15 | 1650 | 1550 | 1500 | 1450 |
| Liverpool Plains | 15-44 | 2800 | 2500 | 2350 | 2250 |
| Liverpool Plains | 45-64 | 2150 | 2200 | 2100 | 1950 |
| Liverpool Plains | 65-84 | 1200 | 1400 | 1700 | 1950 |
| Liverpool Plains | 85+ | 150 | 200 | 250 | 300 |
| Liverpool Plains | Youth dependency | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.34 |
| Liverpool Plains | Age dependency | 0.27 | 0.33 | 0.43 | 0.54 |

Source: NSW Department of Planning & Environment Population Projections