

A demographic profile of the Shire of Gunnedah's social characteristics is derived from the last ABS Census in 2011 and shown in Table M1 below. Statistics for both the Gunnedah Urban Centre and Locality (UCL) and the Gunnedah Shire LGA are shown for comparison, as the UCL more closely reflects the demographic profile of the area of investigation. For regional context, the percentage breakdown of the data for the New England and North West Statistical Level Area (SLA) 4 and NSW is provided

Table M1 Socio-economic characteristics of Gunnedah LGA, New England and North West Statistical Local Area by usual place of residence during ABS 2011 Census

	Gunnedah UCL		Gunnedah LGA		New England and North West SLA	NSW
	No.	%	No.	%	%	%
Population and Demography						
Population						
Total Persons	7,888	--	12,066	--	176,194	6,917,658
Age Groups						
0-4 yrs	602	7.6%	888	7.4%	6.9%	6.6%
5-14 yrs	1,021	13%	1,665	13.8%	13.8%	12.6%
15-19 yrs	521	6.6%	828	6.9%	6.9%	6.4%
20-24 yrs	510	6.5%	655	5.4%	5.8%	6.5%
25-34 yrs	909	11.5%	1,288	10.7%	10.4%	13.6%
35-44yrs	837	10.6%	1,411	11.7%	12.2%	14.0%
45-54	977	12.3%	1,662	13.8%	13.8%	13.7%
55-64	878	11.1%	1,484	12.3%	13.0%	11.7%
65+ years	1,640	20.7%	2,185	18.1%	17.2%	14.7%
Median Age	39	--	40	--	40	38
Males	3,852	48.8%	6033	50.0%	49.3%	49.3%
Females	4,036	51.2%	6033	50.0%	50.7%	50.7%
Mobility						
Other address 12 months previous	1,239	15.9%	1,666	14.01%	14.9%	13.6%
Other address 5 years previous	2,727	37.4%	3,916	35.0%	36.7%	36.9%
Cultural Diversity						
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people	1,105	14.0%	1,363	11.3%	9.0%	2.5%
Language spoken at home (Non-English)	527	5.1%	141	3.6%	2.6%	31.0%

	Gunnedah UCL		Gunnedah LGA		New England and North West SLA	NSW
Overseas Born	914	11.6%	2,043	11.8%	12.1%	31.4%
Education						
Currently studying	2,258	28.6%	3,511	29.1%	30.5%	30.9%
Finished school (Year 12)	1,693	28.1%	2,701	29.7%	34.4%	49.2%
Finished school (Year 10)	2,113	35.1%	3,195	35.2%	32.3%	23.9%
Families and Housing						
Dwellings						
Total Dwellings (Occupied)	3,067	91.0%	4,487	90.2%	87.1%	90.3%
Total Dwellings (Unoccupied)	303	9.0%	488	9.8%	12.9%	9.7%
House (including semi-detached, townhouse etc)	2,743	81.4%	4133	92.1%	92.1%	80.2%
Flat or other Dwelling	324	9.6%	352	7.9%	7.9%	19.8%
Households						
Family households	1,989	64.9%	3,135	69.9%	69.5%	71.9%
Lone person House	974	31.8%	1,234	27.5%	27.2%	24.2%
Group Household	102	3.3%	118	2.6%	2.8%	3.8%
Av Household Size	2.4	--	2.5	--	2.4	2.6
Families						
Couple family with children	766	38.0%	1,318	40.3%	39.0%	45.5%
Couple family without children	820	40.7%	1,282	41.5%	42.2%	36.6%
One parent family	395	19.6%	532	16.7%	17.3%	16.3%
Other family	35	1.7%	46	1.4%	1.5%	1.7%
Housing cost and tenure						
Fully owned	1,085	35.4%	1701	37.9%	37.5%	33.2%
Median Rent (\$/week)	\$200	--	\$190	--	\$175	\$300
Rented (Total):	1,036	33.8%	1338	29.8%	19,549	743,053
<i>Real estate Agent</i>	560	54.0%	622	13.9%	13.5%	17.4%
<i>State Housing Authority</i>	164	15.8%	167	3.7%	3.8	4.4%
Other Tenure Type	28	0.9%				
Being purchased	832	27.1%	1,273	28.4%	29.7%	33.4%

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Not stated	84	2.7%	126	2.8%	3.1%	2.6%
<i>Vehicle ownership and travel to work</i>						
Vehicle Ownership						
Households with no vehicles	309	10.1%	344	7.6%	7.8%	10.4%
Households with vehicles	2,756	89.9%	3,992	88.9%	88.5%	86.4%
Journey to Work						
Travel to work by car (as driver or passenger)	2,435	76.0%	3,630	69.5%	68.9%	62.8%
Travel to work by public transport	14	0.4%	19	0.4%	0.6%	13.8%
Travel to work by walking only	158	4.9%	274	5.2%	5.4%	4.1%
Other						
<i>Economic characteristics</i>						
Income						
Median Individual Income (\$/weekly)	\$478	--	\$485	--	\$479	\$561
Median Household income (\$/weekly)	\$888	--	\$937	--	\$902	\$1,237
Low income households <\$400/wk	523	17.1%	691	15.4%	15.7%	12.3%
High income households >\$1,499/wk	781	25.5%	1215	27.1%	24.2%	37.5%
Employment						
Workforce participation (Full-time)	2,007	58.3%	3,324	59.8%	59.2%	60.2%
Workforce participation (Part-time)	1,012	29.4%	1,598	28.8%	28.7%	28.2%
Unemployed persons	239	6.9%	332	6.0%	6.2%	5.9%