



State of Australian Cities 2012

Albury–Wodonga



Population and Settlement

- The Albury-Wodonga metropolitan area population increased from 95,621 in 2001 to 103,209 in 2011. This represents a growth rate of 0.8 per cent, below the national average of 1.5 per cent.
- Albury-Wodonga is Australia's eighteenth largest city and is home to 0.5 per cent of Australians.
- Over the five years 2006-2011, Albury-Wodonga's stock of private dwellings increased by 2,406. With a population increase of 4,497 over the same period, there were 1.86 additional people for each new dwelling constructed. Albury-Wodonga's 2011 household occupancy rate was 2.64 people per dwelling, which was below the 2011 average major city rate of 2.73.
- Of Albury-Wodonga's total stock of 42,191 private dwellings in 2011, 9.61 per cent were unoccupied, compared to the major city average of 9.16 per cent.
- In the year to March 2012, Albury-Wodonga hosted 3.9 million domestic visitor nights, up from three million in 2008, and over 316,000 international visitor nights, up from nearly 177,000 in 2008.

Productivity

- In 2011, 283,233 passengers passed through Albury Airport. This represented 0.3 per cent of Australia's 110 million domestic passenger movements over the same period.

Sustainability

- Consistent with other inland major cities (Canberra and Toowoomba), between 1952 and 2011 Albury-Wodonga experienced a trend of larger increases in average annual temperatures, than major cities in other parts of Australia.
- Albury-Wodonga also experienced a trend of larger decreases in rainfall than major cities in other parts of Australia.

Governance

- The Albury-Wodonga metropolitan area straddles the Victoria-New South Wales border and is subject to strategic planning by both jurisdictions.
- The *Hume Regional Growth Plan*, covering local government areas in north-east Victoria including Wodonga, is expected to be completed by late 2013. Regional growth plans are being developed across regional Victoria to provide broad direction for land use and development.