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### Ballarat

#### Population and Settlement

- The population of Ballarat grew by an average of 2.0% per annum from 87,893 in 2008 to 96,940 in 2013.
- The life expectancy for Ballarat SA4 residents increased from 79.9 years in 2006 to 80.7 years in 2012.
- The percentage of overweight or obese adults in Ballarat increased by 8.2 percentage points from 67.1% in 2007-08 to 75.3% in 2011-12<sup>1</sup>.
- The percentage of adults in Ballarat who met physical activity guidelines decreased by 22.6 percentage points between 2007-08 and 2011-12, to 34.3%<sup>1</sup>.
- Homelessness in Ballarat rose by 2.2 persons per 10,000 from 2006 to reach 35.5 persons per 10,000 in 2011.
- The percentage of houses in Ballarat with overcrowded conditions, based on households that need one or more bedrooms under the Canadian National Occupancy Standard, decreased by 0.8 percentage points from 2.9% in 2001 to 2.1% in 2011.
- The percentage of households that owned their own home in Ballarat (with or without a mortgage) decreased by 3.8 percentage points from 70.8% in 2001 to 67.0% in 2011.

#### Economy & Human Capital and Labour

- The unemployment rate for Ballarat dropped 3.5 percentage points from 9.4% in 2001 to 5.9% in 2011.
- The largest growth in industry employment between 2006 and 2011 for Ballarat was in Health Care and Social Assistance with 1174 workers, whereas the largest decline occurred in Manufacturing with 238 workers.
- The proportion of people in Ballarat with a vocational or higher education qualification rose by 13.6 percentage points from 48.4% in 2001 to 62.0% in 2011.
- Ballarat residents with a Certificate III or above, or who were employed in a skilled occupation rose 10.8 percentage points from 47.8% in 2001 to 58.6% in 2011.

#### Infrastructure and Transport

- Transport mode shares for journey to work in Ballarat in 2011 was predominantly private (86.9%), followed by active (4.9%), then public (4.0%) and other (0.5%) with 3.7% working from home.
- The number of dwellings with no motor vehicle in Ballarat in 2011 was 7.8%.
- The number of dwellings with an internet connection in Ballarat rose by 18.9 percentage points from 56.4% in 2006 to 75.3% in 2011.

<sup>1</sup> Estimate has a relative standard error between 25 per cent and 50 per cent and should be used with caution.

The Significant Urban Area (SUA) geographical classification from the ABS Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2011 is used to define the boundary of Ballarat, except where otherwise noted.

