Gold Coast-Tweed Heads

Population and Settlement
- The population of Gold Coast-Tweed Heads grew by an average of 2.3% per annum from 544,361 in 2008 to 605,134 in 2013, the fifth fastest rate of all major cities after Perth and Cairns.
- Gold Coast-Tweed Heads has 15.8% of its population aged over 65 years of age, which is above average for the major cities.
- The life expectancy for Gold Coast SA4 residents increased from 81.6 years in 2006 to 82.7 years in 2012.
- The percentage of overweight or obese adults in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads decreased by 0.7 percentage points from 61.4% in 2007-08 to 60.7% in 2011-12.
- Gold Coast-Tweed Heads saw smoking rates decrease by 6.7 percentage points from 22.7% in 2001 to 16.0% in 2011-12.
- The percentage of adults in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads who met physical activity guidelines increased by 1.0 percentage point between 2007-08 and 2011-12, to 56.7%.
- Homelessness in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads rose by 0.7 persons per 10,000 from 2006 to reach 28.1 persons per 10,000 in 2011.
- The percentage of households that owned their own home in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads (with or without a mortgage) increased by 0.8 percentage points from 60.8% in 2001 to 61.6% in 2011.
- The average house price in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads rose from $172,000 in 1999 to a peak of over $648,000 in 2008 before declining to $577,000 in 2012.
- In 2011, 15.1% of people in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads worked voluntarily through an organisation of group.

Economy & Human Capital and Labour
- The unemployment rate for Gold Coast-Tweed Heads dropped 2.4 percentage points from 9.9% in 2001 to 7.5% in 2011.
- Gold Coast-Tweed Heads had an increase of 79,763 employed persons between 2001 and 2011.
- Gold Coast-Tweed Heads had one of the largest increases in labour force participation with a 3.2% increase from 2001 to 60.7% in 2011.
- Knowledge-intensive industries in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads increased their share of employment by 3.2 percentage points from 2006 to 2011.
- The average residential property price for both units and houses in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads fell in the period 2009 to 2013.

Infrastructure and Transport
- Transport mode shares for journey to work in Gold Coast-Tweed Heads was predominantly private (84.6%), followed by public (4.4%), then active (4.2%) and other (0.7%) with 6.0% working from home.
- In 2013, Gold Coast-Tweed Heads had 5.77 million passengers through its airport, an increase of 884,700 from 2009.