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Hobart

Population and Settlement

- The population of Greater Hobart grew by an average of 0.9% per annum from 209,166 in 2008 to 217,973 in 2013, making Hobart one of the slowest-growing major cities.
- Hobart had an above average proportion of its population aged over 65.
- Hobart is projected by ABS to have the largest increase in the percentage of older people within capital city populations at 7.5 percentage points between 2012 and 2031.
- The life expectancy for Greater Hobart residents increased from 80.0% in 2006 to 80.8% in 2012.
- The percentage of overweight or obese adults in Hobart increased by 3.0 percentage points from 59.5% in 2007-08 to 62.5% in 2011-12.
- Hobart saw smoking rates decrease by 2.6 percentage points from 21.0% in 2001 to 18.4% in 2011-12.
- The percentage of adults in Hobart who met physical activity guidelines decreased by 6.9 percentage points between 2007-08 and 2011-12, to 52.9%.
- Homelessness in Hobart rose by 13.1 persons per 10,000 from 2006 to reach 35.2 persons per 10,000 in 2011.
- The percentage of households that owned their own home in Hobart (with or without a mortgage) decreased by 0.7 percentage points from 70.2% in 2001 to 69.5% in 2011.

Economy & Human Capital and Labour

- The unemployment rate for Greater Hobart dropped 3.4 percentage points from 9.1% in 2001 to 5.7% in 2011.
- Greater Hobart experienced the largest decrease in average duration of unemployment in sub state regions between 2003 and 2013, down to an average of 38 weeks.
- The proportion of people in Hobart with a vocational or higher education qualification rose by 12.8 percentage points from 49.6% in 2001 to 62.4% in 2011.
- Hobart residents with a Certificate III or above, or employed in a skilled occupation rose by 10.2 percentage points from 48.4% in 2001 to 58.6% in 2011.
- Disposable incomes for low and middle income households rose by \$69 in the period 2007-08 to 2011-12, one of the largest increases in disposable weekly household incomes in capital cities.

Infrastructure and Transport

- There was an increase in the number of people who agreed that their city had a good road network and minimal traffic congestion between 2010 and 2012 in Hobart (up 11.0 percentage points from 44% to 55%).
- Passenger vehicle kilometres travelled on road in Hobart have risen 0.1 billion km to 1.9 billion km in the period 2001-02 to 2011-12; a much smaller increase than other capital cities.