



## State of Australian Cities 2014 - 15

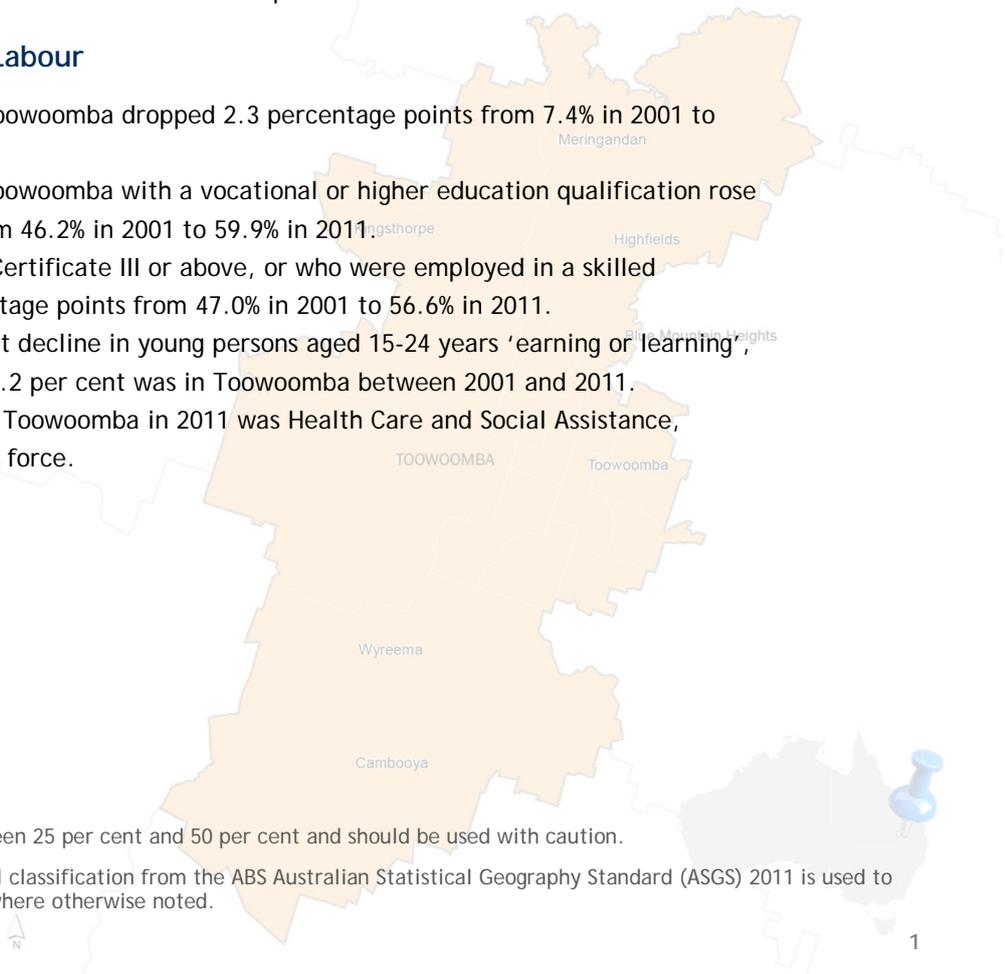
### Toowoomba

#### Population and Settlement

- The population of Toowoomba grew by an average of 1.1% per annum from 106,559 in 2008 to 112,588 in 2013, the fourth slowest growing non-capital major city.
- The life expectancy for Toowoomba SA4 residents increased from 81.2 years in 2006 to 81.3 years in 2012.
- The percentage of overweight or obese adults in Toowoomba decreased by 14.9 percentage points from 82.4% in 2007-08 to 67.5% in 2011-12.<sup>1</sup>
- Toowoomba saw smoking rates increase by 2.3 percentage points from 16.7% in 2001 to 18.6% in 2011-12.<sup>1</sup>
- The percentage of adults in Toowoomba who met physical activity guidelines decreased by 9.6 percentage points between 2007-08 and 2011-12, to 27.1%.<sup>1</sup>
- Homelessness in Toowoomba rose by 1.9 persons per 10,000 from 2006 to reach 36.5 persons per 10,000 in 2011.
- The percentage of households that owned their own home in Toowoomba (with or without a mortgage) decreased by 1.7 percentage points from 64.4% in 2001 to 62.7% in 2011.
- The average house price in Toowoomba rose from \$130,000 in 1999 to a peak of \$355,500 in 2010 before declining to \$352,000 in 2012.
- The percentage of multi-unit dwellings in Toowoomba rose by 1.9 percentage points, from 17.8% in 2006 to 19.7% in 2011.
- Toowoomba's average household size in 2011 was 2.4 persons.

#### Economy & Human Capital and Labour

- The unemployment rate for Toowoomba dropped 2.3 percentage points from 7.4% in 2001 to 5.1% in 2011.
- The proportion of people in Toowoomba with a vocational or higher education qualification rose by 13.7 percentage points from 46.2% in 2001 to 59.9% in 2011.
- Toowoomba residents with a Certificate III or above, or who were employed in a skilled occupation rose by 9.6 percentage points from 47.0% in 2001 to 56.6% in 2011.
- Of the major cities, the largest decline in young persons aged 15-24 years 'earning or learning', of 3.7 percentage points to 71.2 per cent was in Toowoomba between 2001 and 2011.
- The top employing industry in Toowoomba in 2011 was Health Care and Social Assistance, employing 15.1% of the labour force.



<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 Toowoomba, except where otherwise noted.