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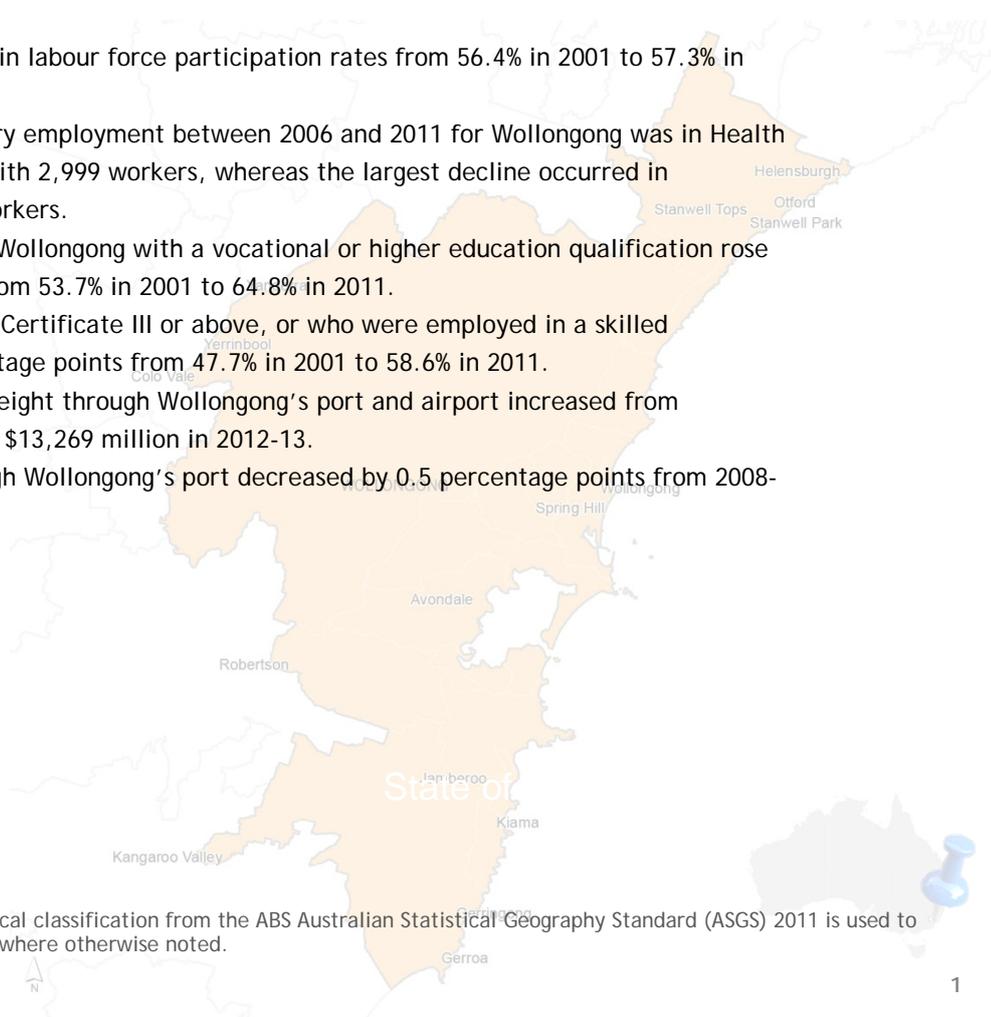
Wollongong

Population and Settlement

- The population of Wollongong grew by an average of 1.1% per annum from 272,289 in 2008 to 286,581 in 2013, making it one of the four slowest-growing major cities.
- Wollongong has 16.3% of its population aged over 65 years, equal second highest along with Geelong of all major cities.
- The percentage of overweight or obese adults in Wollongong increased by 3.5 percentage points from 59.2% in 2007-08 to 62.7% in 2011-12.
- Wollongong saw smoking rates decrease by 6.0 percentage points from 22.6% in 2001 to 16.6% in 2011-12.
- The percentage of adults in Wollongong who met physical activity guidelines decreased by 5.6 percentage points between 2007-08 and 2011-12, to 45.6%.
- The percentage of households that own their own house in Wollongong (with or without a mortgage) decreased by 0.3 percentage points from 68.2% in 2001 to 67.9% in 2011.
- The average house price in Wollongong rose from \$187,000 in 1999 to \$492,000 in 2012.
- In 2011, 16.4% of people in Wollongong were involved in voluntary work through a social or community group.

Economy & Human Capital and Labour

- The unemployment rate for Wollongong dropped by 2.1 percentage points from 8.9% in 2001 to 6.8% in 2011.
- Wollongong saw an increase in labour force participation rates from 56.4% in 2001 to 57.3% in 2011.
- The largest growth in industry employment between 2006 and 2011 for Wollongong was in Health Care and Social Assistance with 2,999 workers, whereas the largest decline occurred in Manufacturing with 1,721 workers.
- The proportion of people in Wollongong with a vocational or higher education qualification rose by 11.1 percentage points from 53.7% in 2001 to 64.8% in 2011.
- Wollongong residents with a Certificate III or above, or who were employed in a skilled occupation rose 10.9 percentage points from 47.7% in 2001 to 58.6% in 2011.
- The value of international freight through Wollongong's port and airport increased from 2006-07 by \$9,033 million to \$13,269 million in 2012-13.
- The volume of freight through Wollongong's port decreased by 0.5 percentage points from 2008-09 to 23.5% in 2012-13.



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