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Gold Coast-Tweed Heads

Population and Settlement

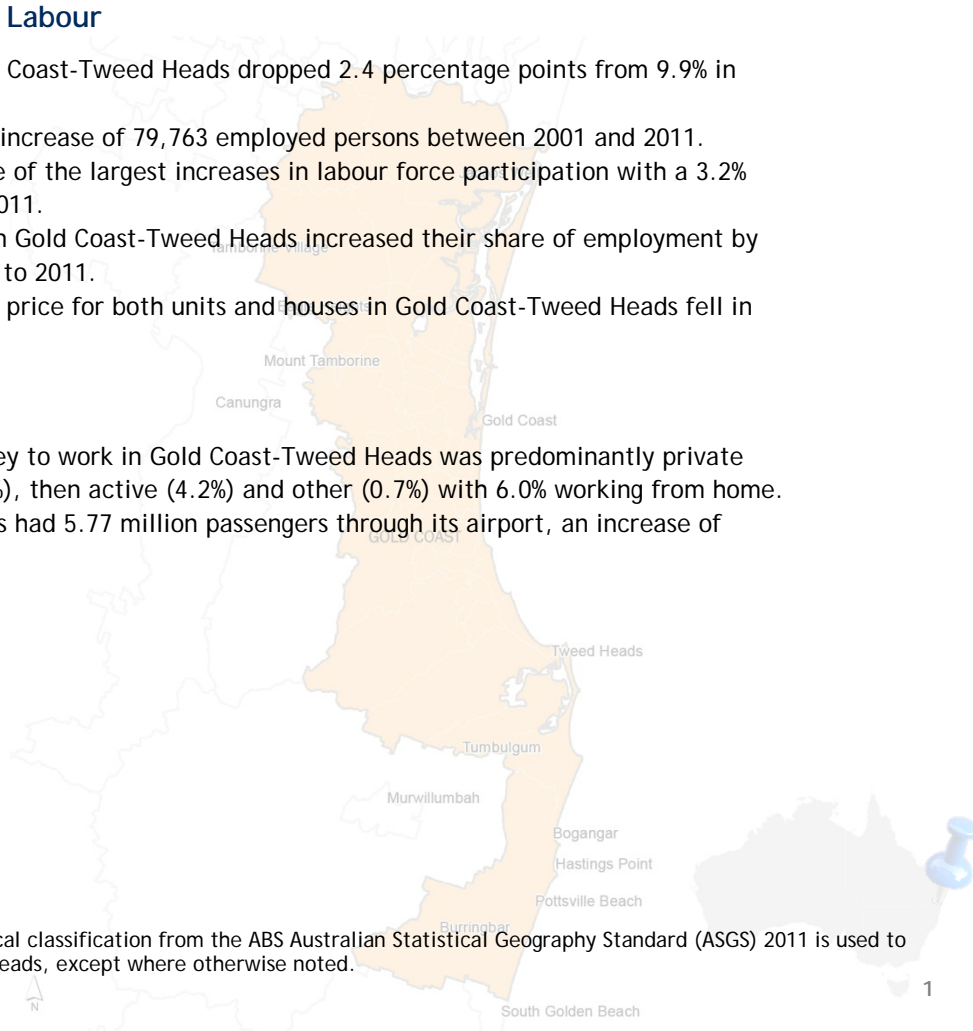
- The population of Gold Coast-Tweed Heads grew by an average of 2.3% per annum from 544,361 in 2008 to 605,134 in 2013, the fifth fastest rate of all major cities after Perth and Cairns.
- Gold Coast-Tweed Heads has 15.8% of its population aged over 65 years of age, which is above average for the major 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.



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