



Gold Coast City Council

Beenleigh Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Beenleigh Statistical Local Area (SLA) in Gold Coast City. Unless otherwise stated, all data are from the Time Series Profile of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2001 Census of Population and Housing (taken on 7 August 2001), which counts both residents and domestic visitors to the SLA on Census night.

Resident Population

The preliminary estimate of the resident population of Beenleigh at 30 June 2002 was 7,970 people, an increase of 253 or 3.3% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 21.7% of the population of Beenleigh (down from 24.1% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 12.1% (up from 11.4% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (15.2%) (Table 1).

Table 1. Age profile

Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Age (years)	1991			1996			2001		
	Beenleigh			GCC	Beenleigh				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
0-4	8.1	7.0	6.9	6.1	288	237	525		
5-9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	305	271	576		
10-14	7.9	7.6	7.3	6.6	282	280	562		
15-19	9.0	8.2	8.4	6.5	308	335	643		
20-24	8.6	8.7	7.2	6.5	295	259	554		
25-34	15.9	14.2	14.4	14.1	549	558	1,107		
35-44	14.0	14.8	13.5	14.4	507	529	1,036		
45-54	10.0	12.2	13.1	13.6	498	503	1,001		
55-64	7.1	8.0	9.6	10.4	359	375	734		
65-74	6.6	6.3	6.6	8.3	234	273	507		
75+	4.8	5.6	5.4	6.9	154	263	417		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,779	3,883	7,662		

Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Beenleigh with a Bachelor degree or higher was 4.1% (up from 2.5% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

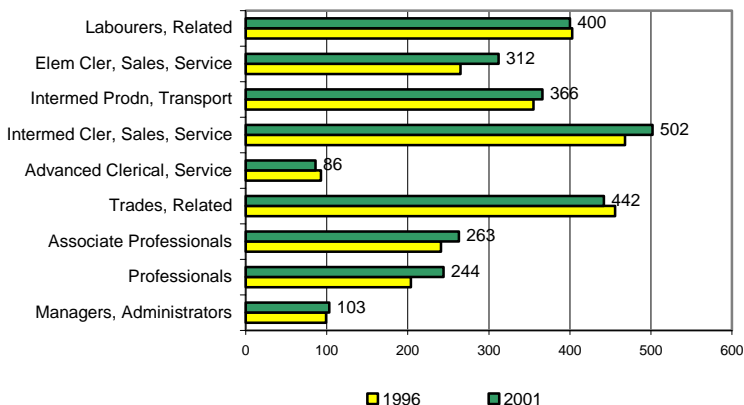
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Beenleigh			GCC	Beenleigh				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.1	0.3	0.4	25	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.4	0.3	0.3	18	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	1.9	2.8	3.4	204	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	2.8	2.7	3.2	195	5.8				
Trade Certificate	12.8	12.8	15.0	901	17.4				
Not stated	14.6	13.7	12.7	764	13.6				
Not applicable	67.3	67.4	64.9	3,894	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	6,001	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Employment

The labour force in Beenleigh in 2001 represented 54.6% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 58.3% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Beenleigh increased from 11.8% to 15.3% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 18.0% to 15.2%.

* Persons unemployed divided by persons in labour force

Table 3. Employment

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Labour force status	1991			1996			2001		
	Beenleigh			GCC	Beenleigh				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	33.2	31.4	29.4	1,764	31.6				
Part time	11.8	13.5	15.3	920	18.8				
Not stated(b)	2.8	1.3	1.6	94	1.7				
Total employed.	47.8	46.2	46.3	2,778	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	8.8	8.0	6.4	383	4.1				
Part time work	1.7	1.6	1.9	114	1.5				
Total unemployed	10.5	9.6	8.3	497	5.6				
Total labour force	58.3	55.8	54.6	3,275	57.6				
Not in the labour force	39.0	41.2	40.7	2,443	36.7				
Not stated(c)	2.7	3.0	4.7	285	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	6,003	100.0				

(a) The definition of 'full-time' changed between the 1991 and 1996 Census

(b) Includes employed persons who did not state their hours worked

(c) Includes persons who did not state their labour force status

Income

The median gross weekly individual income in Beenleigh in 2001 was in the range \$200-\$299 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Beenleigh, 12.0% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 3.2% received a high income of \$1,000 or more (7.3% for Gold Coast City) (Table 4).

Table 4. Income

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Weekly Individual Income	2001		
	Beenleigh		GCC
	%	No.	
Negative-\$119	12.0	737	11.3
\$120-\$199	18.3	1,123	14.0
\$200-\$399	27.2	1,667	24.2
\$400-\$599	17.4	1,068	18.2
\$600-\$799	9.3	569	10.5
\$800-\$999	4.4	270	5.4
\$1000 or more	3.2	194	7.3
Not stated	8.1	493	9.1
Total	100.0	6,121	100.0

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (502 people or 18.1% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (442 people or 15.9%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and the biggest decrease was in Tradespersons and Related Workers.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 19.4% of the Beenleigh population were overseas born, 12.7% in main English speaking countries and 6.7% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Beenleigh was lower than for Gold Coast City (24.4%) (Table 5).

Table 5. Place of birth
Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Place of birth	1991		1996		2001	
	Beenleigh		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	75.6	74.3	76.3	5,846	69.1	
MES(a)	15.8	13.5	12.7	973	15.2	
NMES(b)	6.5	7.1	6.7	514	9.2	
Not stated	2.1	5.2	4.3	327	6.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,660	100.0	

(a) Main English speaking countries: comprises United Kingdom, USA, Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand and Canada

(b) Non-Main English Speaking Countries: other than the MES countries

Household types

In 2001, 42.3% of the population of Beenleigh lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 17.2% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 14.5% in 1991 to 20.0% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 8.5% to 13.1% (Table 6).

Table 6. Household types
Persons in family, group and lone person h/holds (excl overseas visitors)

Household type and Family type	1991 (a)		1996		2001 (b)	
	Beenleigh		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	54.8	47.4	42.3	2,996	44.9	
Couple without children	16.5	18.4	17.2	1,221	23.1	
One parent family	14.5	15.2	20.0	1,420	12.9	
Other family	1.1	1.2	1.3	92	1.0	
Total	87.0	82.1	80.8	5,729	81.9	
Multi-family household	0.9	1.6	1.3	91	1.8	
Lone person household	8.5	12.0	13.1	927	10.7	
Group household	3.5	4.3	4.8	339	5.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,086	100.0	

(a) In 1991, 'Manufactured Home Estates' and 'Accommodation for the Retired or Aged (self-care)' have been excluded. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991.

(b) In 2001, Serviced Apartments and persons living in Serviced Apartments have been included. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991 and 1996.

Tenure of dwellings

Of the 3,090 occupied private dwellings in Beenleigh, 23.5% were fully owned (down from 28.9% in 1991), 24.9% were being purchased and 44.8% were being rented. Beenleigh recorded higher proportions of dwellings being rented and higher proportions being purchased than Gold Coast City (Table 7).

Table 7. Tenure of dwellings
Occupied private dwellings

Tenure type	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Beenleigh		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	28.9	25.3	23.5	727	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	28.1	25.9	24.9	769	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	10.4	11.0	9.8	303	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	26.5	31.8	34.6	1,070	31.7	
Not stated	0.7	0.3	0.4	12	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	5.4	5.7	6.8	209	9.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,090	100.0	

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(b) In 2001, Serviced apartments and persons living in Serviced apartments have been included. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991 and 1996

(c) There were changes in definition between the 1991 and 1996 Census.

Dwellings

In Beenleigh in 2001, 70.7% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 72.4% in 1991), 8.9% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (down from 11.3%), and 16.9% were flats, units or apartments (up from 8.2%). In Gold Coast City, 57.1% of dwellings were separate houses, 16.1% were semi-detached and 23.6% were flats (Table 8). The average household size in Beenleigh declined from 2.7 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.4 in 2001.

Table 8. Dwellings
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Beenleigh		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	72.4	69.5	70.7	2,346	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	11.3	12.0	8.9	296	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	7.9	11.2	16.8	556	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	0.1	0.1	0.1	3	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.2	0.1	0.1	3	0.3	
Total	8.2	11.4	16.9	562	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	6.1	4.8	2.4	81	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.1	0.2	0.1	3	0.2	
Total	6.2	5.1	2.5	84	1.7	
Not stated	1.8	2.0	0.9	29	1.6	

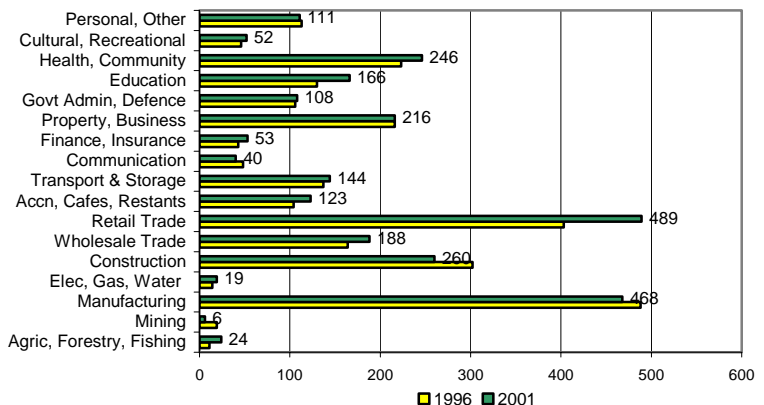
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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (489 people or 17.6% of employed people) followed by Manufacturing (468 people or 16.8%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Construction.

Figure 2. Industry
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Beenleigh	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	218	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	45.7	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	16.7	9.1

(a) Sourced from Basic Community Profile, ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing

(b) Sourced from Usual Residents Profile, ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing

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