



Gold Coast City Council

Bilinga Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Bilinga 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 Bilinga at 30 June 2002 was 1,437 people, an increase of 194 or 15.6% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 11.2% of the population of Bilinga (up from 8.5% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 31.7% (down from 37.3% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (15.2%) (Table 1).

Table 1. Age profile

Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Age (years)	1991		1996		2001			
	Bilinga			GCC	Bilinga			
	%	%	%		No.	Females	Persons	
0-4	3.6	2.9	3.5	6.1	26	36	62	
5-9	2.9	3.4	3.5	6.6	34	27	61	
10-14	1.9	2.4	4.2	6.6	42	32	74	
15-19	4.1	3.2	4.2	6.5	35	38	73	
20-24	6.1	5.2	5.9	6.5	56	48	104	
25-34	10.4	10.5	9.5	14.1	86	81	167	
35-44	9.0	8.3	11.2	14.4	106	91	197	
45-54	9.2	9.4	13.4	13.6	117	118	235	
55-64	15.5	14.6	13.0	10.4	105	123	228	
65-74	27.0	26.6	16.5	8.3	143	147	290	
75+	10.3	13.6	15.2	6.9	132	136	268	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	882	877	1,759	

Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Bilinga with a Bachelor degree or higher was 6.0% (up from 3.2% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

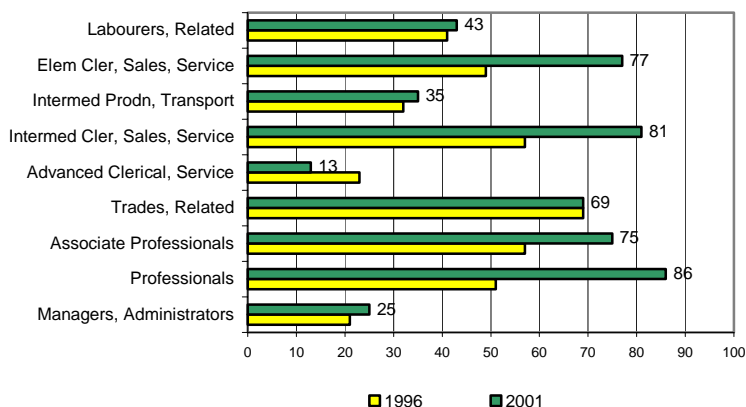
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991		1996		2001	
	Bilinga			GCC	Bilinga	
	%	%	%		No.	%
Postgraduate Degree	0.2	0.3	0.5	8	1.0	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.7	0.6	0.8	13	0.8	
Bachelor Degree	2.3	3.6	4.6	73	7.0	
Advanced Dip and Dip	2.4	3.6	4.7	74	5.8	
Trade Certificate	12.0	13.3	17.2	270	17.4	
Not stated	17.5	15.8	14.8	233	13.6	
Not applicable	64.9	62.9	57.3	900	54.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,571	100.0	

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Employment

The labour force in Bilinga in 2001 represented 41.9% of people aged 15 years and over (up from 37.6% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Bilinga increased from 10.1% to 13.2% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 24.4% to 19.5%.

* 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	
	Bilinga			GCC	Bilinga	
	%	%	%		No.	%
Employed, working:						
Full time(a)	16.6	15.9	18.6	296	31.6	
Part time	10.1	10.8	13.2	209	18.8	
Not stated(b)	1.7	1.4	2.0	31	1.7	
Total employed.	28.5	28.1	33.8	536	52.0	
Unemployed, looking for:						
Full time work	7.6	5.4	6.0	95	4.1	
Part time work	1.5	1.1	2.2	35	1.5	
Total unemployed	9.2	6.4	8.2	130	5.6	
Total labour force	37.6	34.6	41.9	666	57.6	
Not in the labour force	60.6	62.2	52.1	828	36.7	
Not stated(c)	1.8	3.3	5.9	94	5.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,588	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 Bilinga in 2001 was in the range \$200-\$299 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Bilinga, 9.3% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 4.6% 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		GCC
	Bilinga		
	%	No.	
Negative-\$119	9.3	111	11.3
\$120-\$199	17.3	206	14.0
\$200-\$399	32.5	387	24.2
\$400-\$599	15.6	185	18.2
\$600-\$799	7.4	88	10.5
\$800-\$999	4.4	52	5.4
\$1000 or more	4.6	55	7.3
Not stated	8.8	105	9.1
Total	100.0	1,189	100.0

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Professionals (86 people or 16.4% of employed people) followed by Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (81 people or 15.5%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Professionals and the biggest decrease was in Advanced Clerical and Service Workers.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 16.5% of the Bilinga population were overseas born, 11.7% in main English speaking countries and 4.8% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Bilinga 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	
	Bilinga		GCC			
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	81.0	79.2	76.1	1,351	69.1	
MES(a)	12.1	11.7	11.7	208	15.2	
NMES(b)	4.3	4.1	4.8	85	9.2	
Not stated	2.6	5.0	7.4	131	6.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,775	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, 27.5% of the population of Bilinga lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 29.9% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families decreased from 13.6% in 1991 to 12.3% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 16.5% to 20.3% (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)	
	Bilinga		GCC			
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	27.7	26.1	27.5	341	44.9	
Couple without children	29.7	26.4	29.9	371	23.1	
One parent family	13.6	11.8	12.3	152	12.9	
Other family	2.7	1.7	0.8	10	1.0	
Total	73.7	66.0	70.5	874	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.1	1.6	2.4	30	1.8	
Lone person household	16.5	23.3	20.3	251	10.7	
Group household	8.8	9.2	6.8	84	5.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,239	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 830 occupied private dwellings in Bilinga, 32.2% were fully owned (down from 35.8% in 1991), 7.8% were being purchased and 49.8% were being rented. Bilinga recorded higher proportions of dwellings being rented and lower proportions being purchased than Gold Coast City (Table 7).

Table 7. Tenure of dwellings
Occupied private dwellings

Tenure type	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Bilinga		GCC			
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	35.8	33.7	32.2	267	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	6.0	6.9	7.8	65	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.0	2.5	1.9	16	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	48.8	49.3	46.7	388	31.7	
Not stated	2.3	0.4	1.1	9	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	7.1	7.2	10.2	85	9.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	830	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 Bilinga in 2001, 23.8% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 30.3% in 1991), 2.6% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 1.3%), and 65.2% were flats, units or apartments (down from 67.5%). 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 Bilinga declined from 2.1 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.0 in 2001.

Table 8. Dwellings
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Bilinga		GCC			
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	30.3	27.6	23.8	234	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	1.3	3.8	2.6	26	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	34.4	36.9	29.5	291	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	32.1	27.0	35.3	348	15.3	
Attached to a house	1.1	0.7	0.3	3	0.3	
Total	67.5	64.6	65.2	642	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	0.0	0.4	0.3	3	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.5	0.4	0.5	5	0.2	
Total	0.5	0.7	0.8	8	1.7	
Not stated	0.4	3.3	7.6	75	1.6	

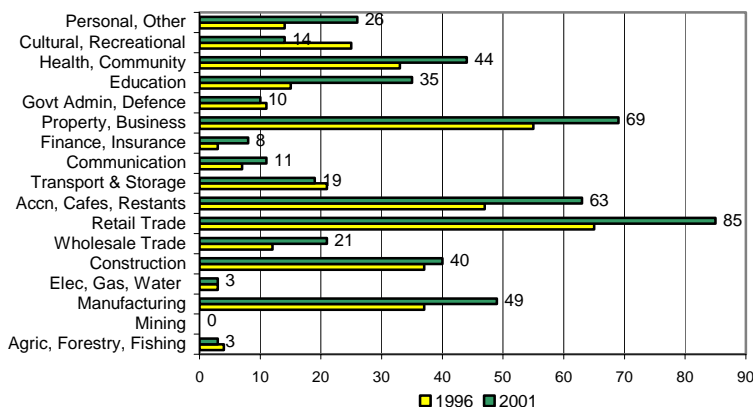
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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (85 people or 16.3% of employed people) followed by Property and Business Services (69 people or 13.2%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Cultural and Recreational Services.

Figure 2. Industry
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Bilinga	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	479	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	39.2	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	14.3	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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