



Gold Coast City Council

# Burleigh Heads Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Burleigh Heads 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 Burleigh Heads at 30 June 2002 was 8,058 people, an increase of 1,085 or 15.6% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 11.6% of the population of Burleigh Heads (up from 11.0% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 30.0% (down from 31.0% 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		
	Burleigh Heads			GCC	Burleigh Heads		
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
0-4	4.1	3.7	4.0	6.1	183	178	361
5-9	3.4	3.4	3.8	6.6	170	168	338
10-14	3.5	3.3	3.8	6.6	171	173	344
15-19	4.8	4.2	4.0	6.5	174	187	361
20-24	6.8	6.7	5.7	6.5	262	251	513
25-34	11.9	12.7	12.9	14.1	581	580	1,161
35-44	11.1	10.7	11.3	14.4	480	531	1,011
45-54	9.4	10.4	12.1	13.6	536	552	1,088
55-64	14.0	12.2	12.3	10.4	484	616	1,100
65-74	19.8	19.2	15.7	8.3	634	778	1,412
75+	11.2	13.5	14.3	6.9	570	709	1,279
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4,245	4,723	8,968

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Burleigh Heads with a Bachelor degree or higher was 10.0% (up from 4.8% in 1991), higher than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

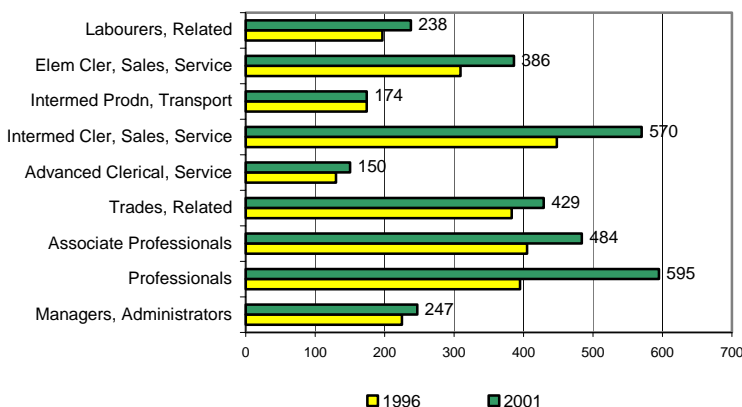
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991		1996		2001	
	Burleigh Heads			GCC	Burleigh Heads	
	%	%	%		No.	%
Postgraduate Degree	0.5	0.9	1.3	102	1.0	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.7	0.8	1.1	84	0.8	
Bachelor Degree	3.7	5.6	7.7	607	7.0	
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.9	5.7	5.8	460	5.8	
Trade Certificate	13.4	14.5	16.7	1,321	17.4	
Not stated	14.3	13.2	13.4	1,063	13.6	
Not applicable	62.6	59.3	54.1	4,288	54.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,925	100.0	

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Employment

The labour force in Burleigh Heads in 2001 represented 46.6% of people aged 15 years and over (up from 44.2% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Burleigh Heads increased from 10.9% to 16.0% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 17.1% to 8.7%.

\* 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	
	Burleigh Heads			GCC	Burleigh Heads	
	%	%	%		No.	%
Employed, working:						
Full time(a)	23.6	23.2	25.4	2,011	31.6	
Part time	10.9	14.1	16.0	1,264	18.8	
Not stated(b)	2.0	0.9	1.2	93	1.7	
Total employed.	36.6	38.1	42.6	3,368	52.0	
Unemployed, looking for:						
Full time work	6.3	5.8	3.2	252	4.1	
Part time work	1.2	1.0	0.9	68	1.5	
Total unemployed	7.6	6.8	4.0	320	5.6	
Total labour force	44.2	44.9	46.6	3,688	57.6	
Not in the labour force	54.0	53.5	48.1	3,808	36.7	
Not stated(c)	1.9	1.5	5.3	419	5.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,915	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 Burleigh Heads in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Burleigh Heads, 7.9% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 8.2% 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		GCC
	Burleigh Heads		
	%	No.	%
Negative-\$119	7.9	487	11.3
\$120-\$199	14.1	873	14.0
\$200-\$399	28.1	1,739	24.2
\$400-\$599	17.8	1,100	18.2
\$600-\$799	9.9	612	10.5
\$800-\$999	5.5	343	5.4
\$1000 or more	8.2	509	7.3
Not stated	8.5	523	9.1
Total	100.0	6,186	100.0

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Professionals (595 people or 17.7% of employed people) followed by Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (570 people or 16.9%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Professionals and there were no occupations showing a decrease.

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## Place of birth

In 2001, 21.5% of the Burleigh Heads population were overseas born, 15.2% in main English speaking countries and 6.3% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Burleigh Heads 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	
	Burleigh Heads		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	77.4	76.2	72.9	6,530	69.1	
MES(a)	14.7	14.8	15.2	1,362	15.2	
NMES(b)	6.0	6.1	6.3	569	9.2	
Not stated	1.9	2.9	5.6	502	6.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,963</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

(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, 29.7% of the population of Burleigh Heads lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 30.0% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 10.2% in 1991 to 12.2% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 15.5% to 17.9% (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)	
	Burleigh Heads		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	32.3	30.0	29.7	1,983	44.9	
Couple without children	30.4	28.1	30.0	2,008	23.1	
One parent family	10.2	10.5	12.2	817	12.9	
Other family	1.3	1.4	1.2	83	1.0	
Total	74.1	70.2	73.1	4,891	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.5	1.9	1.1	75	1.8	
Lone person household	15.5	17.9	17.9	1,198	10.7	
Group household	8.9	10.1	7.8	524	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,688</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

(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 4,244 occupied private dwellings in Burleigh Heads, 40.3% were fully owned (down from 40.7% in 1991), 14.3% were being purchased and 34.7% were being rented. Burleigh Heads recorded lower 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)	
	Burleigh Heads		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	40.7	42.3	40.3	1,711	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	11.0	14.2	14.3	605	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.4	0.7	0.5	23	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	37.4	35.4	33.4	1,418	31.7	
Not stated	2.0	0.3	0.7	31	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	8.7	7.1	10.7	456	9.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,244</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

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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 Burleigh Heads in 2001, 32.2% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 34.6% in 1991), 9.3% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 3.8%), and 54.6% were flats, units or apartments (down from 57.4%). 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 Burleigh Heads declined from 2.2 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.1 in 2001.

**Table 8. Dwellings**  
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Burleigh Heads		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	34.6	34.4	32.2	1,558	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	3.8	6.1	9.3	452	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	12.5	16.0	12.2	590	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	44.5	31.9	42.1	2,040	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.4	0.6	0.3	13	0.3	
Total	57.4	48.4	54.6	2,643	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	2.6	2.4	1.9	93	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.6	1.3	0.4	20	0.2	
Total	3.2	3.7	2.3	113	1.7	
Not stated	1.0	7.3	1.5	74	1.6	

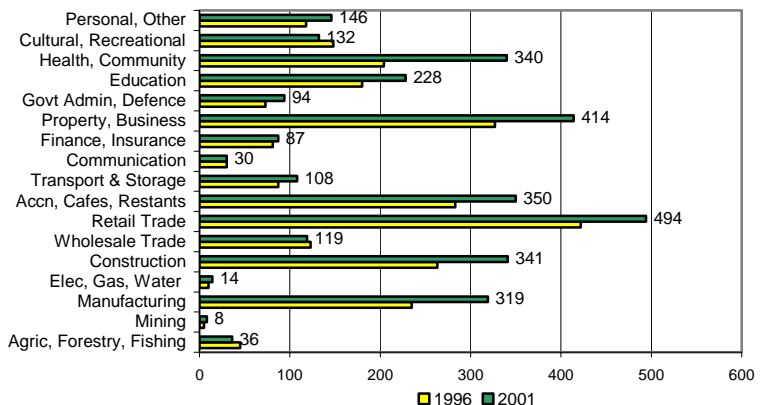
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## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (494 people or 14.7% of employed people) followed by Property and Business Services (414 people or 12.3%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Health and Community Services 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

	Burleigh Heads	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	2,306	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	38.5	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	12.8	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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