



Gold Coast City Council

# Coolangatta Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Coolangatta 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 Coolangatta at 30 June 2002 was 4,669 people, an increase of 820 or 21.3% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 7.9% of the population of Coolangatta (up from 7.6% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 36.9% (down from 38.5% 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    |     |     |         |
|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|---------|-----|-----|---------|
|             | Coolangatta |       |       | GCC   | Coolangatta |       |         | No. | No. | Persons |
|             | %           | %     | %     |       | %           | Males | Females |     |     |         |
| 0-4         | 3.3         | 2.8   | 3.0   | 6.1   | 105         | 97    | 202     |     |     |         |
| 5-9         | 2.4         | 2.1   | 2.4   | 6.6   | 62          | 96    | 158     |     |     |         |
| 10-14       | 2.0         | 2.2   | 2.5   | 6.6   | 90          | 78    | 168     |     |     |         |
| 15-19       | 4.4         | 3.4   | 3.5   | 6.5   | 116         | 121   | 237     |     |     |         |
| 20-24       | 5.7         | 4.9   | 5.5   | 6.5   | 187         | 184   | 371     |     |     |         |
| 25-34       | 9.2         | 9.1   | 9.4   | 14.1  | 333         | 293   | 626     |     |     |         |
| 35-44       | 8.5         | 8.3   | 9.9   | 14.4  | 342         | 319   | 661     |     |     |         |
| 45-54       | 9.4         | 10.3  | 12.6  | 13.6  | 416         | 428   | 844     |     |     |         |
| 55-64       | 16.7        | 14.9  | 14.2  | 10.4  | 464         | 489   | 953     |     |     |         |
| 65-74       | 24.9        | 26.6  | 21.6  | 8.3   | 692         | 751   | 1,443   |     |     |         |
| 75+         | 13.6        | 15.2  | 15.3  | 6.9   | 509         | 517   | 1,026   |     |     |         |
| Total       | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 3,316       | 3,373 | 6,689   |     |     |         |

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Coolangatta with a Bachelor degree or higher was 6.7% (up from 2.3% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

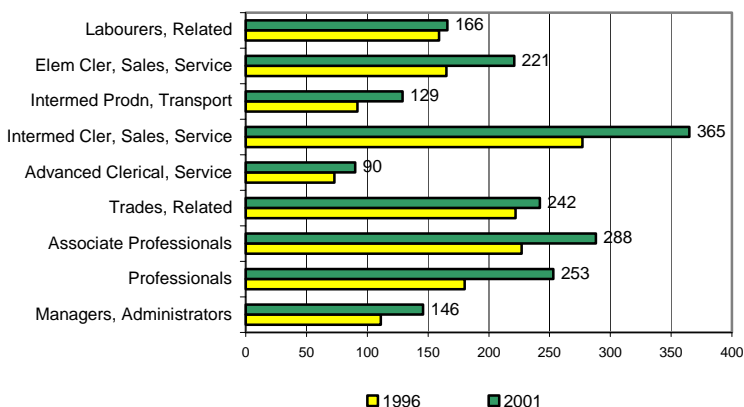
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

| Level of education   | 1991        |       | 1996        |       | 2001  |     |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-----|
|                      | Coolangatta |       | Coolangatta |       | No.   | GCC |
|                      | %           | %     | %           | %     |       |     |
| Postgraduate Degree  | 0.3         | 0.4   | 0.7         | 41    | 1.0   |     |
| Grad Dip & Grad Cert | 0.3         | 0.5   | 0.7         | 46    | 0.8   |     |
| Bachelor Degree      | 1.7         | 3.3   | 5.3         | 324   | 7.0   |     |
| Advanced Dip and Dip | 3.0         | 4.6   | 4.7         | 291   | 5.8   |     |
| Trade Certificate    | 12.3        | 13.7  | 16.0        | 988   | 17.4  |     |
| Not stated           | 18.9        | 16.2  | 17.2        | 1,060 | 13.6  |     |
| Not applicable       | 63.5        | 61.3  | 55.4        | 3,411 | 54.5  |     |
| Total                | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0       | 6,161 | 100.0 |     |

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Employment

The labour force in Coolangatta in 2001 represented 37.1% of people aged 15 years and over (up from 35.4% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Coolangatta increased from 10.4% to 13.9% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 22.9% to 14.7%.

\* 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  |     |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-----|
|                          | Coolangatta |       | Coolangatta |       | No.   | GCC |
|                          | %           | %     | %           | %     |       |     |
| Employed, working:       |             |       |             |       |       |     |
| Full time(a)             | 15.3        | 14.5  | 16.7        | 1,032 | 31.6  |     |
| Part time                | 10.4        | 12.1  | 13.9        | 856   | 18.8  |     |
| Not stated(b)            | 1.6         | 0.9   | 1.1         | 65    | 1.7   |     |
| Total employed.          | 27.3        | 27.5  | 31.7        | 1,953 | 52.0  |     |
| Unemployed, looking for: |             |       |             |       |       |     |
| Full time work           | 6.9         | 5.7   | 4.3         | 263   | 4.1   |     |
| Part time work           | 1.2         | 1.0   | 1.2         | 73    | 1.5   |     |
| Total unemployed         | 8.1         | 6.7   | 5.5         | 336   | 5.6   |     |
| Total labour force       | 35.4        | 34.1  | 37.1        | 2,289 | 57.6  |     |
| Not in the labour force  | 62.1        | 63.7  | 55.0        | 3,392 | 36.7  |     |
| Not stated(c)            | 2.5         | 2.2   | 7.8         | 482   | 5.7   |     |
| Total                    | 100.0       | 100.0 | 100.0       | 6,163 | 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 Coolangatta in 2001 was in the range \$200-\$299 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Coolangatta, 6.5% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 4.2% 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        |       |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
|                          | Coolangatta | GCC   |
|                          | %           | No.   |
| Negative-\$119           | 6.5         | 250   |
| \$120-\$199              | 17.0        | 653   |
| \$200-\$399              | 31.6        | 1,214 |
| \$400-\$599              | 15.3        | 586   |
| \$600-\$799              | 8.0         | 305   |
| \$800-\$999              | 3.8         | 144   |
| \$1000 or more           | 4.2         | 160   |
| Not stated               | 13.7        | 524   |
| Total                    | 100.0       | 3,836 |

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (365 people or 18.7% of employed people) followed by Associate Professionals (288 people or 14.8%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and there were no occupations showing a decrease.

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## Place of birth

In 2001, 18.1% of the Coolangatta population were overseas born, 13.3% in main English speaking countries and 4.8% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Coolangatta 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         |   |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|                | Coolangatta  |              | Coolangatta  |              | GCC          |   |
|                | %            | %            | %            | No.          | %            | % |
| Australia      | 78.9         | 77.4         | 74.6         | 4,991        | 69.1         |   |
| MES(a)         | 13.4         | 12.8         | 13.3         | 890          | 15.2         |   |
| NMES(b)        | 4.6          | 5.1          | 4.8          | 324          | 9.2          |   |
| Not stated     | 3.1          | 4.7          | 7.3          | 489          | 6.5          |   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>6,694</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, 18.6% of the population of Coolangatta lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 27.6% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 12.5% in 1991 to 13.7% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 21.6% to 27.5% (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)     |   |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|                                | Coolangatta  |              | Coolangatta  |              | GCC          |   |
|                                | %            | %            | %            | No.          | %            | % |
| One family household:          |              |              |              |              |              |   |
| Couple with children           | 26.2         | 20.2         | 18.6         | 704          | 44.9         |   |
| Couple without children        | 25.6         | 27.0         | 27.6         | 1,047        | 23.1         |   |
| One parent family              | 12.5         | 13.5         | 13.7         | 521          | 12.9         |   |
| Other family                   | 2.3          | 1.9          | 1.7          | 63           | 1.0          |   |
| Total                          | 66.5         | 62.6         | 61.5         | 2,335        | 81.9         |   |
| Multi-family household         | 0.8          | 0.8          | 1.5          | 56           | 1.8          |   |
| Lone person household          | 21.6         | 25.5         | 27.5         | 1,044        | 10.7         |   |
| Group household                | 11.1         | 11.1         | 9.5          | 359          | 5.6          |   |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3,794</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 3,414 occupied private dwellings in Coolangatta, 30.4% were fully owned (down from 32.1% in 1991), 6.6% were being purchased and 46.5% were being rented. Coolangatta 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)      |   |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|                         | Coolangatta  |              | Coolangatta  |              | GCC          |   |
|                         | %            | %            | %            | No.          | %            | % |
| Fully owned             | 32.1         | 34.3         | 30.4         | 1,038        | 33.3         |   |
| Being purchased(c)      | 4.0          | 6.0          | 6.6          | 224          | 22.8         |   |
| Rented:                 |              |              |              |              |              |   |
| State Housing Authority | 1.1          | 3.3          | 3.2          | 108          | 2.5          |   |
| Other landlord type(c)  | 49.3         | 47.4         | 42.2         | 1,440        | 31.7         |   |
| Not stated              | 3.8          | 0.3          | 1.2          | 40           | 0.5          |   |
| Other Tenure type(c)    | 9.7          | 8.6          | 16.5         | 564          | 9.2          |   |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3,414</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 Coolangatta in 2001, 11.9% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 16.0% in 1991), 4.2% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 2.2%), and 75.3% were flats, units or apartments (up from 72.9%). 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 Coolangatta declined from 2.0 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 1.8 in 2001.

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

| Dwelling Structure                             | 1991(a)     |      | 1996        |       | 2001(b) |   |
|--|-------------|------|-------------|-------|---------|---|
|  | Coolangatta |      | Coolangatta |       | GCC     |   |
|  | %           | %    | %           | No.   | %       | % |
| Separate house                                 | 16.0        | 19.1 | 11.9        | 466   | 57.1    |   |
| Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse | 2.2         | 4.5  | 4.2         | 164   | 16.1    |   |
| Flat, unit or apartment:                       |             |      |             |       |         |   |
| In 1 or 2 storey block                         | 29.4        | 36.0 | 21.2        | 828   | 8.0     |   |
| In 3 or more storey block                      | 42.8        | 30.6 | 53.7        | 2,102 | 15.3    |   |
| Attached to a house                            | 0.6         | 0.8  | 0.4         | 17    | 0.3     |   |
| Total  | 72.9        | 67.4 | 75.3        | 2,947 | 23.6    |   |
| Other dwelling:                                |             |      |             |       |         |   |
| Caravan, houseboat                             | 6.2         | 6.6  | 0.3         | 12    | 1.5     |   |
| Improvised, tent etc                           | 0.0         | 0.2  | 0.2         | 6     | 0.1     |   |
| Attached to a shop, office                     | 2.0         | 1.0  | 1.3         | 49    | 0.2     |   |
| Total  | 8.2         | 7.7  | 1.7         | 67    | 1.7     |   |
| Not stated                                     | 0.8         | 1.2  | 6.9         | 268   | 1.6     |   |

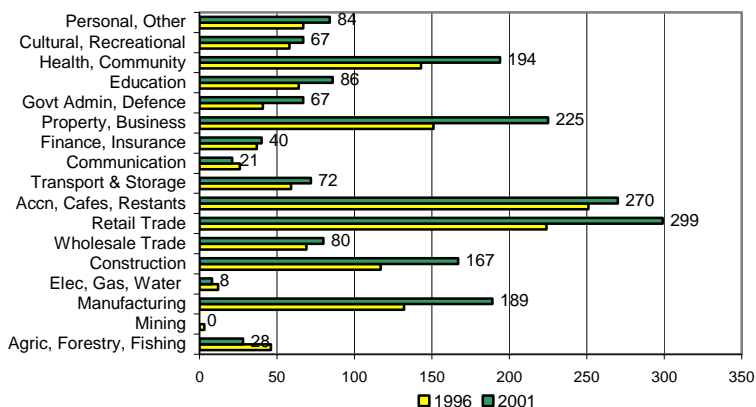
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## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (299 people or 15.4% of employed people) followed by Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants (270 people or 13.9%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

**Figure 2. Industry**  
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Other population facts from the 2001 Census

|   | Coolangatta | GCC    |
|---|-------------|--------|
| Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)     | 3,063       | 48,720 |
| Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b) | 35.4        | 38.5   |
| Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)  | 20.5        | 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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