



Gold Coast City Council

Southport Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Southport 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 Southport at 30 June 2002 was 24,027 people, an increase of 1,845 or 8.3% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 14.2% of the population of Southport (down from 16.3% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 19.3% (up from 19.1% 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		
	Southport			GCC	Southport				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
0-4	5.4	5.1	4.7	6.1	605	519	1,124		
5-9	4.7	4.2	4.5	6.6	569	492	1,061		
10-14	6.1	5.4	5.1	6.6	647	560	1,207		
15-19	8.1	7.3	7.2	6.5	901	810	1,711		
20-24	8.5	8.6	7.8	6.5	922	944	1,866		
25-34	14.7	15.1	14.9	14.1	1,732	1,823	3,555		
35-44	12.4	11.9	12.7	14.4	1,535	1,496	3,031		
45-54	11.9	12.4	12.5	13.6	1,438	1,527	2,965		
55-64	9.1	9.6	11.3	10.4	1,274	1,408	2,682		
65-74	10.0	10.2	9.0	8.3	1,011	1,132	2,143		
75+	9.1	10.2	10.3	6.9	916	1,546	2,462		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	11,550	12,257	23,807		

Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Southport with a Bachelor degree or higher was 9.8% (up from 4.3% in 1991), higher than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

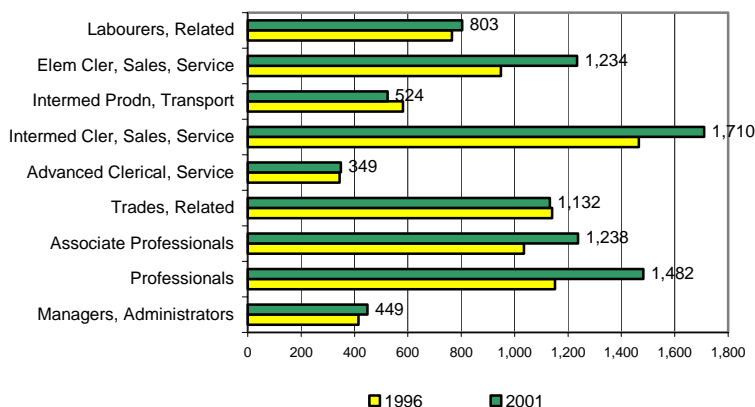
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Southport			GCC	Southport				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.5	0.8	1.3	258	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.4	0.8	0.8	158	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	3.4	5.6	7.8	1,583	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.5	5.1	5.4	1,108	5.8				
Trade Certificate	13.1	12.8	14.8	3,016	17.4				
Not stated	15.3	17.5	16.1	3,295	13.6				
Not applicable	62.8	57.5	53.9	10,997	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	20,415	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Employment

The labour force in Southport in 2001 represented 51.0% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 54.3% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Southport increased from 12.7% to 16.6% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 16.1% to 12.4%.

* 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		
	Southport			GCC	Southport				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	30.4	27.7	26.8	5,464	31.6				
Part time	12.7	14.7	16.6	3,397	18.8				
Not stated(b)	2.5	1.1	1.3	258	1.7				
Total employed.	45.5	43.5	44.7	9,119	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	7.2	6.6	4.6	932	4.1				
Part time work	1.6	1.5	1.7	355	1.5				
Total unemployed	8.8	8.1	6.3	1,287	5.6				
Total labour force	54.3	51.6	51.0	10,406	57.6				
Not in the labour force	43.0	45.0	41.4	8,454	36.7				
Not stated(c)	2.7	3.3	7.6	1,555	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	20,415	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 Southport in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Southport, 11.0% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 5.5% 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		
	Southport		GCC
	%	No.	
Negative-\$119	11.0	2,125	11.3
\$120-\$199	16.0	3,095	14.0
\$200-\$399	26.3	5,077	24.2
\$400-\$599	16.5	3,187	18.2
\$600-\$799	9.1	1,766	10.5
\$800-\$999	4.5	865	5.4
\$1000 or more	5.5	1,054	7.3
Not stated	11.2	2,163	9.1
Total	100.0	19,332	100.0

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (1,710 people or 18.8% of employed people) followed by Professionals (1,482 people or 16.3%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Professionals and the biggest decrease was in Intermediate Production and Transport Workers.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 28.6% of the Southport population were overseas born, 14.8% in main English speaking countries and 13.8% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Southport was higher than for Gold Coast City (24.4%) (Table 5).

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

Place of birth	1991		1996		2001	
	Southport		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	73.4	68.3	63.7	15,165	69.1	
MES(a)	15.3	14.2	14.8	3,514	15.2	
NMES(b)	8.1	11.2	13.8	3,277	9.2	
Not stated	3.2	6.3	7.8	1,848	6.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	23,804	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, 32.8% of the population of Southport lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 22.8% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 13.0% in 1991 to 14.5% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 11.9% to 17.3% (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)	
	Southport		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	43.6	34.8	32.8	6,433	44.9	
Couple without children	21.0	22.7	22.8	4,479	23.1	
One parent family	13.0	13.8	14.5	2,851	12.9	
Other family	1.8	1.8	1.8	358	1.0	
Total	79.4	73.0	72.0	14,121	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.3	2.3	1.4	272	1.8	
Lone person household	11.9	15.0	17.3	3,401	10.7	
Group household	7.4	9.6	9.3	1,831	5.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	19,625	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 10,107 occupied private dwellings in Southport, 30.3% were fully owned (down from 38.0% in 1991), 15.7% were being purchased and 45.2% were being rented. Southport 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)	
	Southport		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	38.0	34.1	30.3	3,060	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	17.2	15.1	15.7	1,584	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	5.8	6.3	6.8	685	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	30.9	36.3	37.6	3,803	31.7	
Not stated	1.6	0.4	0.8	85	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	6.5	7.8	8.8	890	9.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	10,107	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 Southport in 2001, 41.4% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 60.8% in 1991), 22.5% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 16.3%), and 32.4% were flats, units or apartments (up from 21.1%). 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 Southport declined from 2.4 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)	
	Southport		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	60.8	50.2	41.4	4,592	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	16.3	18.2	22.5	2,491	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	10.2	11.8	14.5	1,608	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	10.4	13.3	17.6	1,953	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.5	0.3	0.3	31	0.3	
Total	21.1	25.4	32.4	3,592	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	0.7	1.8	2.2	244	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.1	0.2	20	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.7	0.3	0.2	19	0.2	
Total	1.4	2.2	2.6	283	1.7	
Not stated	0.4	4.0	1.1	125	1.6	

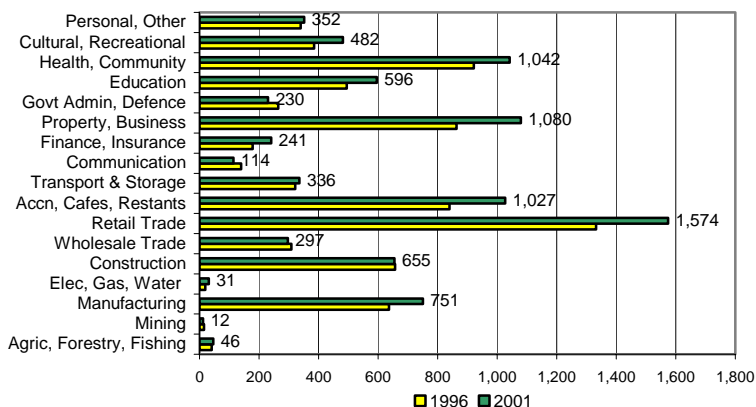
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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (1,574 people or 17.3% of employed people) followed by Property and Business Services (1,080 people or 11.8%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Government Administration and Defence.

Figure 2. Industry
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Southport	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	2,313	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	37.2	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	15.3	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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