



Gold Coast City Council

# Stephens Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Stephens 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 Stephens at 30 June 2002 was 5,280 people, an increase of 512 or 10.7% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 24.7% of the population of Stephens (down from 31.5% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 9.9% (up from 5.0% 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		
	Stephens			GCC	Stephens				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
0-4	9.0	9.3	8.5	6.1	215	206	421		
5-9	12.0	7.7	8.8	6.6	243	190	433		
10-14	10.5	7.8	7.4	6.6	184	183	367		
15-19	6.9	7.1	6.4	6.5	155	160	315		
20-24	7.1	8.9	7.0	6.5	167	180	347		
25-34	17.0	18.8	16.9	14.1	389	449	838		
35-44	16.2	14.5	14.6	14.4	321	399	720		
45-54	9.2	11.1	11.6	13.6	232	340	572		
55-64	6.9	7.4	9.0	10.4	195	248	443		
65-74	3.4	5.3	7.0	8.3	169	177	346		
75+	1.6	2.0	2.9	6.9	55	87	142		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	2,325	2,619	4,944		

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Stephens with a Bachelor degree or higher was 5.5% (up from 2.0% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

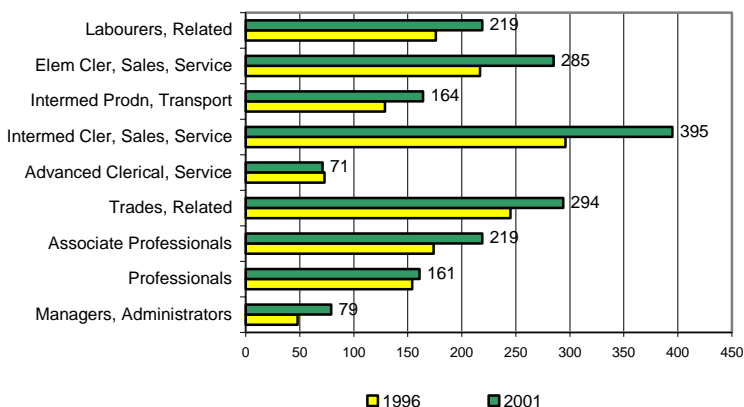
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Stephens			GCC	Stephens				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.2	0.4	0.4	15	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.2	0.7	0.4	16	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	1.5	3.9	4.6	172	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	2.9	3.6	4.5	166	5.8				
Trade Certificate	15.0	14.3	17.7	660	17.4				
Not stated	12.7	11.1	10.1	377	13.6				
Not applicable	67.3	65.9	62.2	2,315	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,721	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Employment

The labour force in Stephens in 2001 represented 59.7% of people aged 15 years and over (up from 57.2% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Stephens increased from 12.7% to 19.5% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 26.3% to 12.8%.

\* 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		
	Stephens			GCC	Stephens				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	27.3	32.0	30.6	1,139	31.6				
Part time	12.7	17.2	19.5	724	18.8				
Not stated(b)	2.2	1.1	2.0	74	1.7				
Total employed.	42.2	50.3	52.1	1,937	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	12.4	9.3	5.7	213	4.1				
Part time work	2.6	2.0	1.9	72	1.5				
Total unemployed	15.1	11.3	7.7	285	5.6				
Total labour force	57.2	61.6	59.7	2,222	57.6				
Not in the labour force	38.3	36.8	37.8	1,405	36.7				
Not stated(c)	4.5	1.6	2.5	93	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,720	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 Stephens in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Stephens, 10.4% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 2.7% 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			
	Stephens		GCC	
	%	No.	%	No.
Negative-\$119	10.4	387	11.3	387
\$120-\$199	19.3	722	14.0	722
\$200-\$399	26.0	972	24.2	972
\$400-\$599	20.9	782	18.2	782
\$600-\$799	11.0	412	10.5	412
\$800-\$999	4.1	153	5.4	153
\$1000 or more	2.7	99	7.3	99
Not stated	5.6	208	9.1	208
Total	100.0	3,735	100.0	3,735

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (395 people or 20.4% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (294 people or 15.2%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and the biggest decrease was in Advanced Clerical and Service Workers.

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## Place of birth

In 2001, 25.9% of the Stephens population were overseas born, 15.0% in main English speaking countries and 10.9% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Stephens 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	
	Stephens		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	76.4	71.6	69.7	3,445	69.1	
MES(a)	12.1	13.5	15.0	742	15.2	
NMES(b)	8.8	11.3	10.9	541	9.2	
Not stated	2.7	3.6	4.3	215	6.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,943</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, 41.5% of the population of Stephens lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 18.5% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 22.9% in 1991 to 23.2% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 4.5% to 8.3% (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)	
	Stephens		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	56.2	44.6	41.5	1,961	44.9	
Couple without children	10.6	19.6	18.5	873	23.1	
One parent family	22.9	20.5	23.2	1,095	12.9	
Other family	0.7	0.8	0.8	39	1.0	
Total	90.4	85.6	84.0	3,968	81.9	
Multi-family household	2.2	2.1	2.0	95	1.8	
Lone person household	4.5	6.5	8.3	392	10.7	
Group household	2.8	5.8	5.6	266	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,721</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 1,889 occupied private dwellings in Stephens, 24.9% were fully owned (up from 18.9% in 1991), 20.0% were being purchased and 51.5% were being rented. Stephens 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)	
	Stephens		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	18.9	21.9	24.9	470	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	21.0	20.4	20.0	377	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	44.4	18.5	14.9	282	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	12.0	35.6	36.2	684	31.7	
Not stated	0.0	0.3	0.3	6	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	3.7	3.2	3.7	70	9.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,889</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 Stephens in 2001, 63.6% of all private dwellings were separate houses (up from 50.4% in 1991), 35.6% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (down from 49.1%), and 0.3% were flats, units or apartments (up from 0.0%). 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 Stephens declined from 3.0 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.6 in 2001.

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

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Stephens		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	50.4	64.1	63.6	1,270	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	49.1	32.4	35.6	710	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	0.0	0.7	0.3	6	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.3	
Total	0.0	0.7	0.3	6	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	0.4	0.2	0.0	0	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.0	0.0	0.2	3	0.2	
Total	0.4	0.2	0.2	3	1.7	
Not stated	0.0	2.7	0.4	7	1.6	

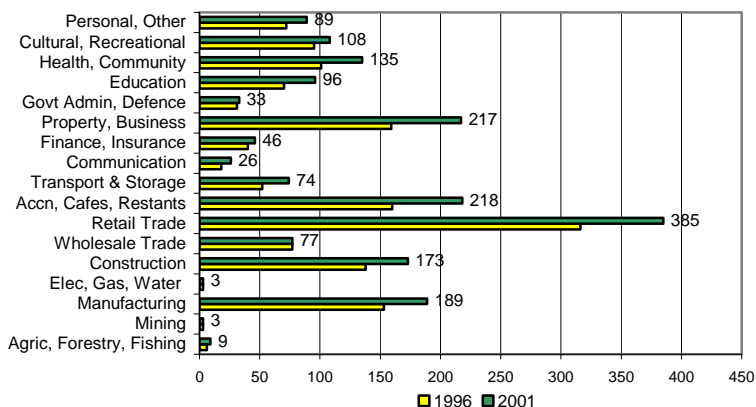
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## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (385 people or 19.9% of employed people) followed by Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants (218 people or 11.3%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and there were no industries showing a decrease.

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



## Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Stephens	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	172	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	33.3	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	6.7	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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