

# SHIRE OF BUSSELTON TIME SERIES PROFILE OVERVIEW 1996-2006

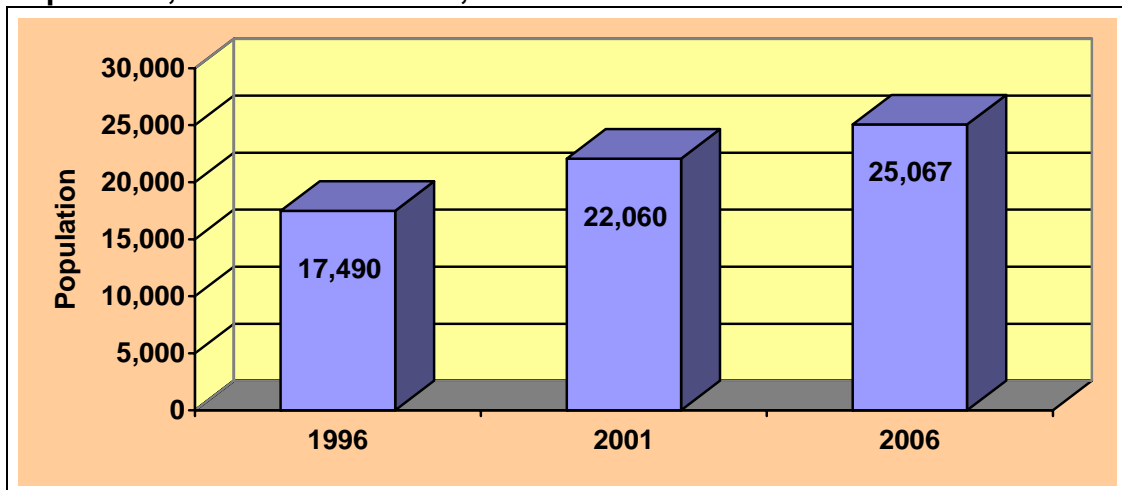
## Introduction

The following demographic profile is based on the Time Series Census Profile (1996-2006) for the Shire of Busselton. This Time Series Census Profile was sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics website and relates to place of enumeration (count of persons based on where they were on census night).

## Population

The population for the Shire of Busselton increased by 7,577 people from 17,490 (1996) to 25,067 (2006), an increase of 43.3 per cent for the period. Over the same period the WA population grew 15.1 per cent, which highlights the rapid population growth the Shire of Busselton has experienced over the past decade.

### **Population, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006**



Based on population projections provided by the Western Australian Planning Commission this high growth rate is expected to continue with the population set to reach 36,500 by 2021.

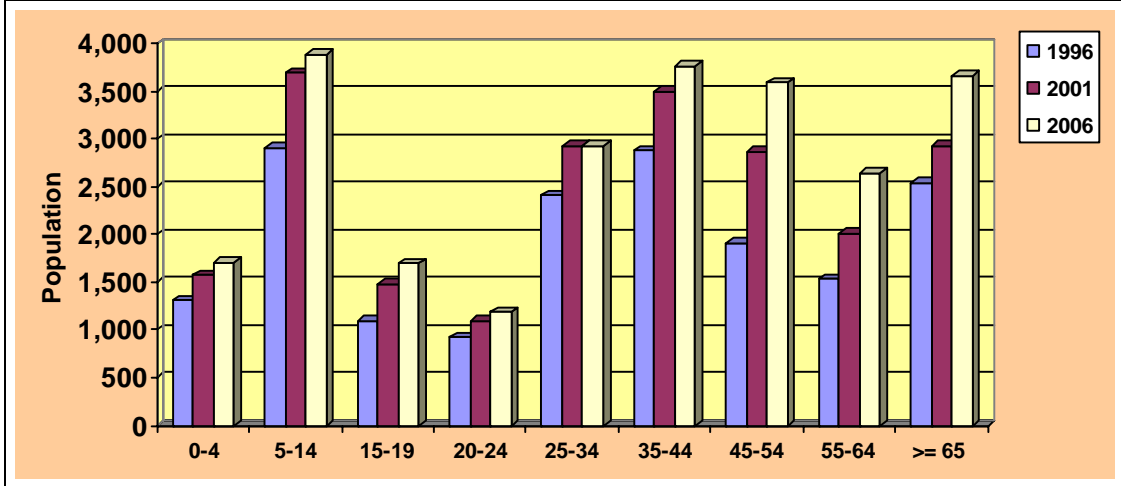
## Age Structure

Over the period 1996-2006, the Shire of Busselton experienced most of its population growth in the older age brackets (45 years and over), though all age groups increased over the period. The highest increase was the 45-54 age group which increased 88.0 per cent, while the lowest increase was for the 25-34 age group which increased 21.8 per cent.

As of the 2006 Census, 39.5 per cent of the population of the Shire of Busselton were aged 45 and over (up from 34.2 per cent in 1996) compared with the WA figure of 37.3 per cent.

The high proportion of older residents in Busselton is in part due to the significant number of retirees settling in the area for the attractive lifestyle it offers.

**Age Structure, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006**



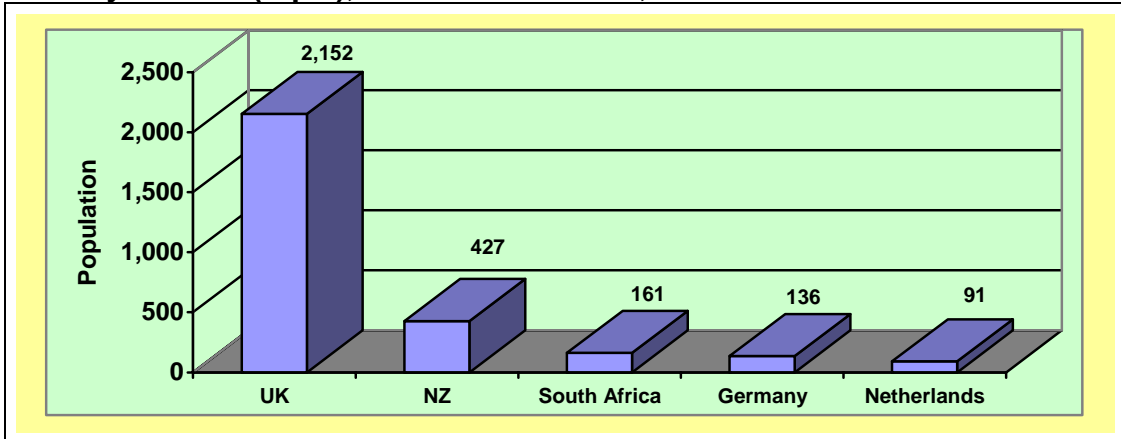
**Country of Birth**

In the Shire of Busselton people born in the United Kingdom represented the largest country of birth for the grouping of people born outside Australia. As of the 2006 Census, people born in the United Kingdom represented 8.6 per cent of the total shire population, followed by New Zealand with 1.7 per cent.

This compares to the WA figures where people born in the United Kingdom represented 10.5 per cent of the state population, followed by New Zealand with 2.4 per cent.

Generally, the Shire of Busselton, along with most regional areas in Western Australia, attracts a lower share of new migrants, compared with the Perth metropolitan area.

**Country of Birth (top 5), Shire of Busselton, 2006**



## Household Income

Median household income for the Shire of Busselton rose substantially over the period 1996-2006.

In 2006, the median weekly household income for the shire was \$960, up from \$505 in 1996. This represents an increase of 90.1 per cent over the 10 year period.

This compares to the WA median weekly household income for 2006 of \$1,063, up from \$635 in 1996 (a 67.4 per cent increase over the 10 year period).

Busselton's lower household income is likely to be due to the relatively high number of retirees in the area. These retirees would generally have a lower than average household income even though the value of their net assets is likely to be significantly above average.

### **Weekly Household Income, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006**

<i>Income Range</i>	<i>Negative/ Nil income</i>	<i>\$1 - \$149</i>	<i>\$150 - \$349</i>	<i>\$350 - \$499</i>	<i>\$500 - \$649</i>	<i>\$650 - \$799</i>	<i>\$800 - \$999</i>	<i>\$1,000 - \$1,399</i>	<i>\$1,400 - \$1,999</i>	<i>\$2,000 - \$2,499</i>	<i>\$2,500 or more</i>	<i>Not stated</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>1996</b>													
<i>Number</i>	26	51	676	938	466	539	522	515	233	55	28	558	<b>4,607</b>
<i>Percentage</i>	0.6%	1.1%	14.7%	20.4%	10.1%	11.7%	11.3%	11.2%	5.1%	1.2%	0.6%	12.1%	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>2001</b>													
<i>Number</i>	34	22	490	883	462	674	722	901	554	212	77	710	<b>5,741</b>
<i>Percentage</i>	0.6%	0.4%	8.5%	15.4%	8.0%	11.7%	12.6%	15.7%	9.6%	3.7%	1.3%	12.4%	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>2006</b>													
<i>Number</i>	42	62	227	472	750	347	534	1,505	1,031	412	491	878	<b>6,751</b>
<i>Percentage</i>	0.6%	0.9%	3.4%	7.0%	11.1%	5.1%	7.9%	22.3%	15.3%	6.1%	7.3%	13.0%	<b>100.0%</b>

Note: Table based on count of couple families and one parent families in family households.

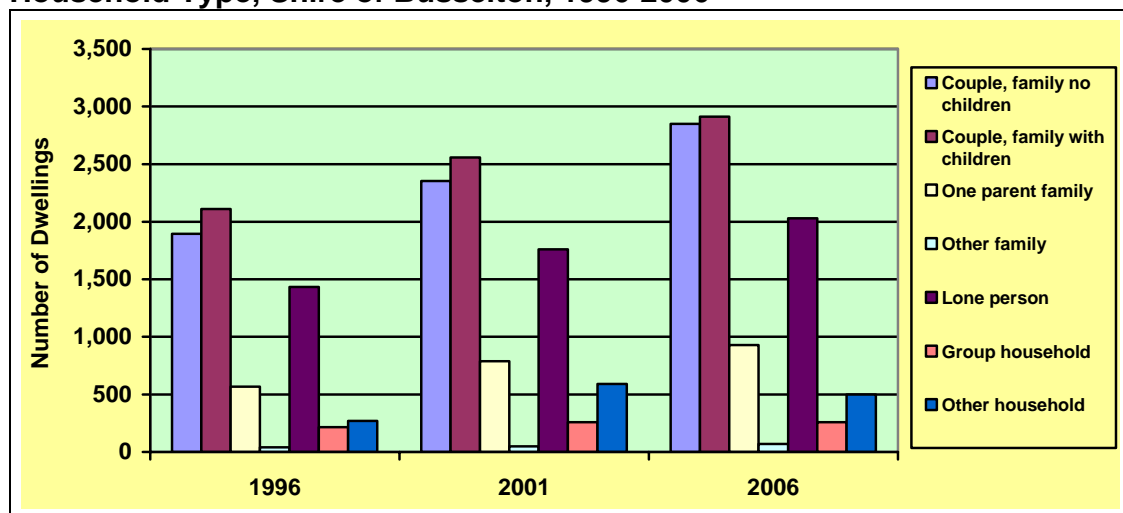
## Household Type

As of 2006, couples with children formed the largest family type in the Shire of Busselton (2,913 households). However households containing couples with no children were on the rise with 2,851 households, up from 1,894 households in 1996. This represents an overall increase over the 10 years of 50.5 per cent.

The same trend but to a smaller extent was reflected in the WA figures where the number of households containing couples with no children rose 26.9 per cent over the 10 year period 1996-2006. However, in terms of overall share of total households, the WA figures show couples with no children increased their share by 5.4 per cent, while the same category for the Shire of Busselton increased its overall share by only 3.1 per cent.

Again, the larger increase in households containing couples with no children in the Shire of Busselton compared to the rest of WA would in part be due to the large number of retired couples in the area.

## Household Type, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006



Note: Table based on count of occupied private dwellings (T14, Time Series Census Profile, 1996-2006).

## Educational Institution Attended

The tertiary and “other” education sectors in the Shire of Busselton were the only sectors which increased their overall share of educational institutions attended for the period 1996-2006. The tertiary education sector increased from 3.4 per cent in 1996 to 3.9 per cent in 2006 while the “other” education sector increased from 0.8 per cent to 1.2 per cent. All other sectors decreased their percentage share over the same period.

There was a large increase in the “Not Stated” category which was also a trend experienced by the state as a whole.

## Educational Institution Attended, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006

Educational Institution	1996		2001		2006	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Pre-school	285	5.9%	376	5.8%	399	5.3%
Primary	1,977	40.7%	2,548	39.4%	2,520	33.7%
Secondary	1,058	21.8%	1,440	22.3%	1,579	21.1%
TAFE	389	8.0%	519	8.0%	506	6.8%
Tertiary	167	3.4%	282	4.4%	291	3.9%
Other	41	0.8%	69	1.1%	91	1.2%
Not Stated	848	17.4%	1,038	16.1%	1,790	23.9%
Overseas Visitors	97	2.0%	192	3.0%	298	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,862</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,464</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,474</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

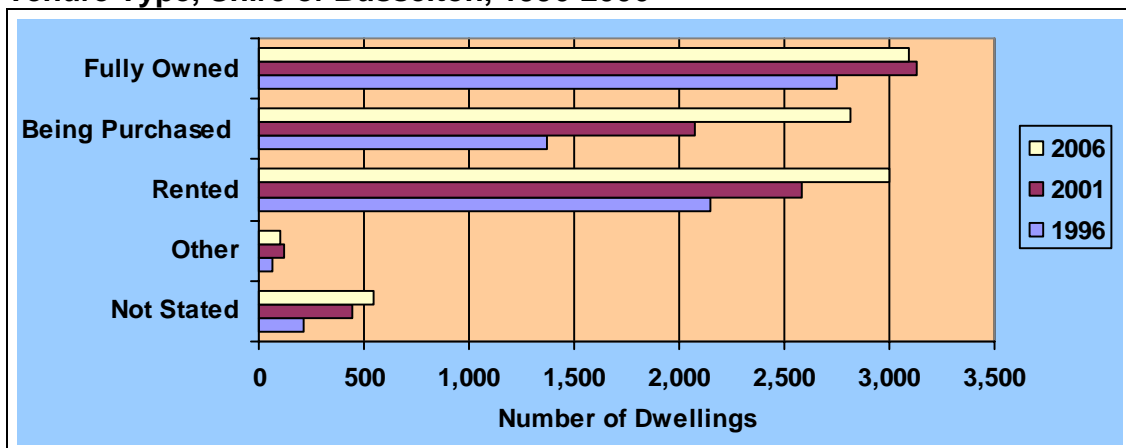
## Dwellings by Tenure Type

In the Shire of Busselton, the number of dwellings being purchased as well as dwellings rented continued to increase over the census periods 1996, 2001 and 2006, while the number of dwellings fully owned decreased in the 2006 Census.

As at 2006, 32.4 per cent of dwellings in the shire were fully owned, 29.5 per cent were being purchased and 31.4 per cent were being rented. This compares to the WA figures for 2006 where 30.2 per cent of dwellings were fully owned, 35.1 per cent were being purchased and 26.0 per cent were being rented.

Based on these figures there is a higher proportion of properties being rented in the Shire of Busselton compared to the state as a whole, even though the overall share of households being rented in the Shire of Busselton decreased between 1996 and 2006.

### Tenure Type, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006

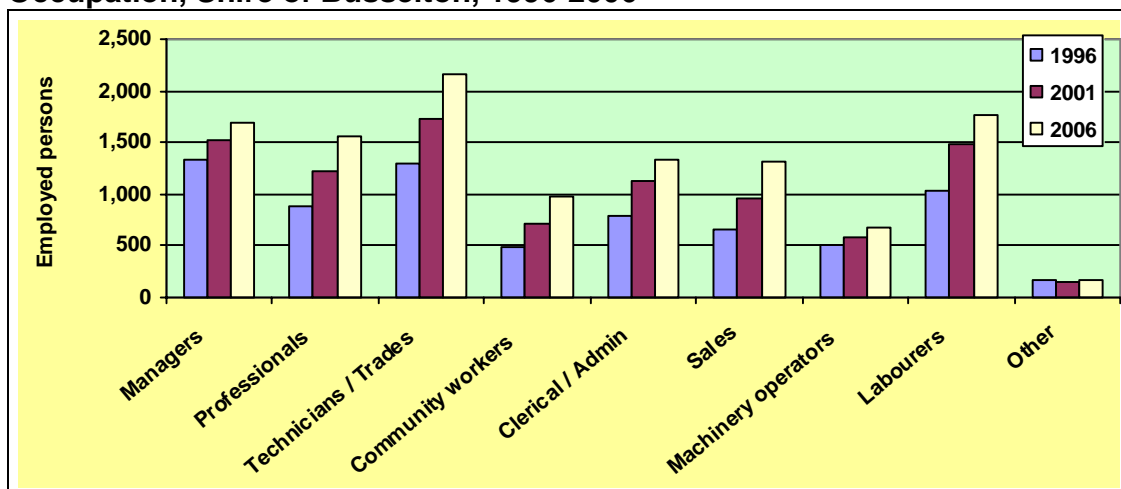


### Occupation

In 2006, the largest group of employed people in the Shire of Busselton was technicians and trades workers (2,163), who accounted for 18.6 per cent of the total labour force. This represents an overall increase in the number of technicians and trade workers of 67.5 per cent since 1996, though its overall share of the total labour force was stable over the 10 year period. The fastest growing employment category however was community and personal service workers which increased 104.6 per cent between 1996 and 2006.

These occupation figures from the 2006 Census differ from the WA figures where the largest group of employed people was professionals, who in 2006 accounted for 18.6 per cent of the overall labour force. The next largest category for WA was technicians and trades workers with 16.4 per cent of the total labour force.

## Occupation, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006



## Employment by Industry

The construction industry was the largest employer of people in the Shire of Busselton in 2006, increasing its share of the total workforce from 10.7 per cent in 1996 to 14.8 per cent in 2006, with an additional 955 people employed in that sector. This reflects the growth in the new housing market in the Shire of Busselton.

The next largest industry by employment in the shire was retail trade with 13.5 per cent of the workforce, followed by accommodation and food services with 11.0 per cent and health care and social assistance with 8.8 per cent.

In employment terms the construction industry had the largest increase in terms of its share of the total shire workforce, up 38.3 per cent between 1996 and 2006, while the mining industry recorded the largest drop over the same period (down 35.7 per cent). Other industries recording a substantial increase in overall share over the period were electricity, gas, water and waste services, as well as retail and administrative and support services.

For WA as a whole the retail sector was the largest of all industries by employment with 11.1 per cent of the labour force in 2006. The next largest industry employer was health care and social assistance with 10.2 per cent, followed by manufacturing with 9.4 per cent.

## Employment by Industry, Shire of Busselton, 1996-2006

Industry (employed persons)	1996		2001		2006	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	709	9.9%	861	9.1%	779	6.7%
Mining	200	2.8%	163	1.7%	211	1.8%
Manufacturing	726	10.2%	936	9.9%	927	8.0%
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	40	0.6%	68	0.7%	92	0.8%
Construction	764	10.7%	1,080	11.4%	1,719	14.8%
Wholesale trade	229	3.2%	286	3.0%	246	2.1%
Retail trade	765	10.7%	1,171	12.3%	1,565	13.5%
Accommodation & food services	675	9.4%	1,055	11.1%	1,280	11.0%
Transport, postal & warehousing	189	2.6%	285	3.0%	359	3.1%
Information media & telecommunications	67	0.9%	87	0.9%	85	0.7%
Financial & insurance services	159	2.2%	194	2.0%	267	2.3%
Rental, hiring & real estate services	205	2.9%	234	2.5%	309	2.7%
Professional, scientific & technical services	306	4.3%	377	4.0%	480	4.1%
Administrative & support services	190	2.7%	352	3.7%	404	3.5%
Public administration & safety	261	3.7%	320	3.4%	442	3.8%
Education & training	464	6.5%	572	6.0%	694	6.0%
Health care & social assistance	598	8.4%	773	8.1%	1,022	8.8%
Arts & recreation services	56	0.8%	96	1.0%	97	0.8%
Other services	291	4.1%	363	3.8%	397	3.4%
Inadequately described/Not stated	250	3.5%	226	2.4%	259	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,144</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,499</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>100.0%</b>