



# Bland Community Portrait

## 2011

This Portrait uses data from the 2011 Census to examine the social and economic characteristics of the residents of Bland, looking at how this community differs from Eastern Riverina, and how it has changed since 2006.

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In this Portrait, Bland is the Bland Local Government Area. Eastern Riverina is Bland + Coolamon + Cootamundra + Corowa Shire + Greater Hume Shire + Gundagai + Junee + Lockhart + Temora + Tumut Shire + Tumbarumba + Urana + Wagga Wagga LGAs.

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## Some Bland Indicators

Indicators	Rate in 2011	difference from REROC	change 2006-11
Median age	41 yrs	39 yrs	+ 2 yrs
% children under 10 years	14%	2% more	up 1%
% young adults 15-24 years	13%	3% less	dn 1%
% aged 70+ years	14%	3% more	up 2%
Average family size	2.9	0% more	dn 1%
% families with couple, no children	46%	4% more	dn 1%
% families with couple + children	41%	same	dn 9%
% families with one-parent	12%	3% less	dn 4%
Housing: % rental houses	22%	5% less	same
Public housing: % of occupied dwellings	2%	4% more	same
Average dwelling occupancy	2.4	same	dn 4%
Stability: % in same home, 5+ years	61%	6% more	up 1%
New residents: % in locality <1 year	6%	4% less	dn 2%
Education: % adults in tertiary education	5%	3% less	up 3%
Education: % adults with post-school qualific'n	44%	7% less	up 3%
Education: % of 20-24 year olds finished Year 12	44%	15% less	dn 3%
Income: median weekly individual	\$459	11% less	up 10%
Income: average weekly individual	\$654	4% less	up 30%
Unemployment: % of workforce	4%	1% less	dn 1%
Unemployment: % of 15-19 workforce	10%	4% less	dn 1%
Unemployment: % of 20-24 workforce	8%	same	dn 2%
Workforce: % of adults 15+ in workforce	61%	4% less	dn 1%
Workforce: % of 15-19 year-olds in workforce	44%	14% less	dn 2%
Workforce: % of 20-24 year-olds in workforce	78%	3% more	up 2%
Occupation: % workers who are professionals	9%	9% less	same
Occupation: % workers who are labourers	11%	1% more	dn 3%
Speak non-English language at home	1%	2% less	same
Born overseas: % of residents	4%	3% less	dn 1%
Indigenous: % of residents	4.1%	same	up 45%

# Demography

## Population and growth

In the August 2011 Census, 5,865 residents were counted in Bland – 2,946 females and 2,919 males. The counted population had decreased by 237 or 3.9% since the 2006 Census.

### 93% were at home for Census

Of the residents, 5,460 (93.1%) were at home on Census night, while 18 were staying elsewhere within the same locality and 387 were staying somewhere else in Australia.

### There were 413 visitors

There were 413 visitors from elsewhere in Australia staying in Bland on Census night; these people are not included in this profile.

### Overall, there were males and females equally

Of the residents away from the local area on Census night, there were males and females equally. This is inconsistent with the general pattern that more men are away from home than women, usually due to more work trips.

### 95% were Australian citizens

Around 95% of Bland residents were Australian citizens, compared with 92% for Eastern Riverina.

Population	residents of Bland					Bland's difference	Bland 2011		
	2011	2006	change 2006 2011	%, 2011	% in REROC		males	females	gender ratio
at home on Census Night	5,460	5,789	dn 329	93.1%	94.1%	1.0% less	2,717	2,743	1.01 F:M
away from locality at Census	387	242	up 145	6.6%	5.6%	1.0% more	193	194	1.01 F:M
away from home (but local)	18	70	dn 52	0.3%	0.2%	0.1% more	9	9	1.00 M:F
<b>counted residents</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>6,102</b>	<b>dn 237</b>	100.0%	100.0%	<b>dn 3.9%</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,946</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>
Australian citizens	5,557	5,764	dn 207	94.7%	91.9%	2.9% more	2,759	2,798	1.01 F:M

In all tables, negative numbers are in red, and where appropriate, extreme results (highs and lows) are bold. The gender ratio is blue if males dominate (eg 2.12 M:F), or red if females do (eg 1.30 F:M). Very small differences may show as, say '0.0% more' or '0% higher'; this means they are virtually zero, but slightly positive or negative.

### The median age was 41 years

The median age is the age where half are younger and half older. It was 2 years older than in Eastern Riverina and 1 year older than found here in 2006.

### Dwellings averaged 2.4 residents

Bland had an average of 2.4 residents per occupied dwelling, and 1.1 residents per bedroom. By comparison, Eastern Riverina also averaged 2.4 residents per dwelling and 1.1 per bedroom.

### The median personal income was \$459 a week

The median personal income in mid-2011 was 11% less than the median in Eastern Riverina, \$517.

### The median family income was \$1,072 a week

The median family income here was 14% less than in Eastern Riverina, \$1,240.

### The median mortgage repayment was \$1,070 a month

The median monthly mortgage repayment in Bland in 2011 was 21% or \$285 less than REROC's median.

### The median rent was \$130 a week

The median weekly rent was \$58 lower than Eastern Riverina, or 31% less.

Some medians	2011			2006		Bland's change from 2006	Bland v. REROC
	Bland	REROC	Bland's difference	Bland	REROC		
median age	41 yrs	39 yrs	+ 2 yrs	40 yrs	37 yrs	1 y. older	
av. persons per household	2.4	2.4	same	2.5	3.0	4% less	
av. persons per bedroom	1.1	1.1	same	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
individual weekly income	\$459	\$517	11% less	\$419	\$480	10% more	
family weekly income	\$1,072	\$1,240	14% less	\$1,097	\$1,212	2% less	
household weekly income	\$879	\$996	12% less	\$823	\$972	7% more	
monthly mortgage payment	\$1,070	\$1,355	21% less	\$906	\$1,176	18% more	
weekly rent	\$130	\$188	31% less	\$116	\$156	12% more	
<b>CPI @ 30 June</b>	178.3			154.3		<b>16% more</b>	

# Age structure

This Age Tree illustrates the population's age profile, with each branch representing an age group; older age groups being higher up the tree. The length of each branch is proportional to the number of people in that age group – the shorter branches near the top of the tree show there are fewer older people. Right-hand branches show males in blue; left branches show females in purple.

In 2011, Bland's population was older than in Eastern Riverina, with a slightly different age structure.

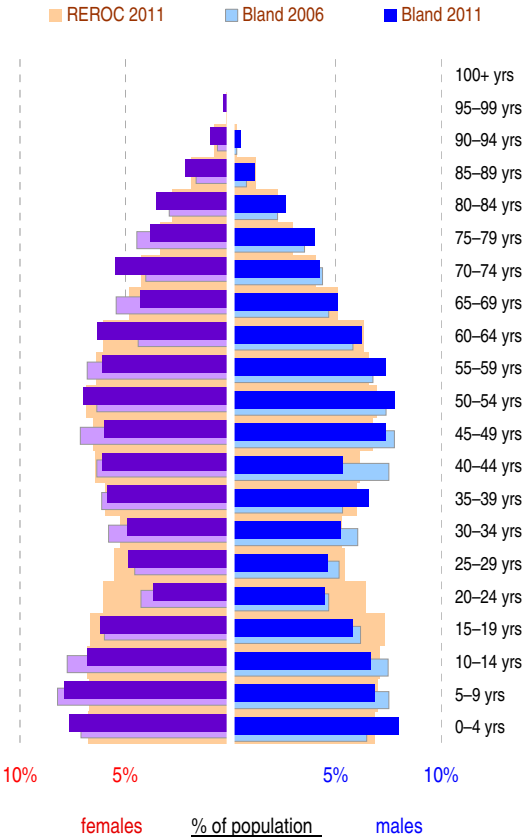
- The average age in Bland was 41 years, which was one year 6 months older than the Eastern Riverina average.
- Half of Bland's population were younger than 41 years, called the median age. This was 2 years older than Eastern Riverina.
- The largest age groups in Bland in 2011 were people 0–4, 5–9 and 50–54 years old.
- Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland had relatively more people aged 0–4, 75–79 and 70–74 years, but fewer people aged 20–24, 15–19 and 25–29 years.

Over 2006 to 2011, the Bland age groups that increased most were 60–64, 0–4 and 70–74 years-old. The 40–44, 10–14 and 30–34 years-old age groups fell most as a proportion of the population.

The ratio of females to males tends to rise past the age of 80, as women tend to live longer than men. In Bland, the ratio peaks in the 95–99 age group, with 3.3 women per man.

- Among those under 70, females were most common among people aged 5–9 and 40–44 years.
- Males were more common among those aged 45–49, 20–24 and 55–59 years.

## Age Tree



5-year age groups	Bland 2011				Bland 2011			Bland's	
	people	percent	% in REROC	Bland's difference	males	females	ratio	Bland in 2006	change from 2006
0–4 yrs	459	<b>7.8%</b>	6.8%	<b>1.0% more</b>	233	226	<b>1.03 M:F</b>	6.8%	<b>up 1.0%</b>
5–9 yrs	433	<b>7.4%</b>	6.9%	0.5% more	200	233	<b>1.17 F:M</b>	7.9%	<b>dn 0.5%</b>
10–14 yrs	395	6.7%	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>0.2% less</b>	194	201	<b>1.04 F:M</b>	7.6%	<b>dn 0.9%</b>
15–19 yrs	351	6.0%	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>1.0% less</b>	169	182	<b>1.08 F:M</b>	6.1%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
20–24 yrs	238	4.1%	6.2%	<b>2.2% less</b>	130	108	<b>1.20 M:F</b>	4.5%	<b>dn 0.4%</b>
25–29 yrs	278	4.7%	5.5%	<b>0.7% less</b>	135	143	<b>1.06 F:M</b>	4.9%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
30–34 yrs	298	5.1%	5.3%	<b>0.2% less</b>	153	145	<b>1.06 M:F</b>	5.9%	<b>dn 0.8%</b>
35–39 yrs	365	6.2%	6.0%	0.3% more	192	173	<b>1.11 M:F</b>	5.7%	up 0.5%
40–44 yrs	335	5.7%	6.3%	<b>0.6% less</b>	156	179	<b>1.15 F:M</b>	6.9%	<b>dn 1.2%</b>
45–49 yrs	392	6.7%	6.7%	same	215	177	<b>1.21 M:F</b>	7.5%	<b>dn 0.8%</b>
50–54 yrs	433	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	0.5% more	227	206	<b>1.10 M:F</b>	6.9%	up 0.5%
55–59 yrs	394	6.7%	6.5%	0.2% more	215	179	<b>1.20 M:F</b>	6.8%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
60–64 yrs	368	6.3%	6.2%	0.1% more	182	186	<b>1.02 F:M</b>	5.1%	<b>up 1.2%</b>
65–69 yrs	274	4.7%	5.0%	<b>0.3% less</b>	148	126	<b>1.17 M:F</b>	5.0%	<b>dn 0.4%</b>
70–74 yrs	286	4.9%	4.1%	<b>0.7% more</b>	124	162	<b>1.31 F:M</b>	4.2%	<b>up 0.7%</b>
75–79 yrs	230	3.9%	3.1%	<b>0.8% more</b>	117	113	<b>1.04 M:F</b>	4.0%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
80–84 yrs	181	3.1%	2.5%	0.6% more	77	104	<b>1.35 F:M</b>	2.6%	up 0.5%
85–89 yrs	98	1.7%	1.5%	0.2% more	34	64	<b>1.88 F:M</b>	1.2%	up 0.5%
90–94 yrs	42	0.7%	0.6%	0.2% more	14	28	<b>2.00 F:M</b>	0.5%	up 0.3%
95–99 yrs	13	0.2%	0.1%	0.1% more	3	10	<b>3.33 F:M</b>	0.1%	up 0.1%
100+ yrs	0	0.0%	0.0%	same	0	0	=	0.0%	same
<b>residents</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>SD: 0.8%</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>4% less</b>
average age		41 yrs	40 yrs	+2 yrs	40 yrs	41 yrs		40 yrs	+1 yrs
median age		41 yrs	39 yrs	+2 yrs				40 yrs	+1 yrs

In this and later tables, the most extreme results in a column (eg differences) are highlighted by bold font so they are easy to spot.

## Life stages

When planning for communities and their services, understanding changes in the numbers of people in key life stages is important. Four broad age groups – children, youth, adults and retirees – are each divided into two life-stages, eight in all. They are pre-school and primary children, secondary and tertiary-age young people, birthing and mid-aged adults, and retiring and the oldest people.

Over 2006 to 2011, the lifestage that grew most, as a proportion of Bland's residents, was the oldest (70+ years) stage, which gained another 2.0% of the population, with the pre-school (0–4 years) lifestage also growing, up by 1.0%.

Offsetting these increases were declines in the relative size of other life stages, such as mid-aged (40–54 years), down by 1.5%, and high school (12–17 years), down by 1.2%.

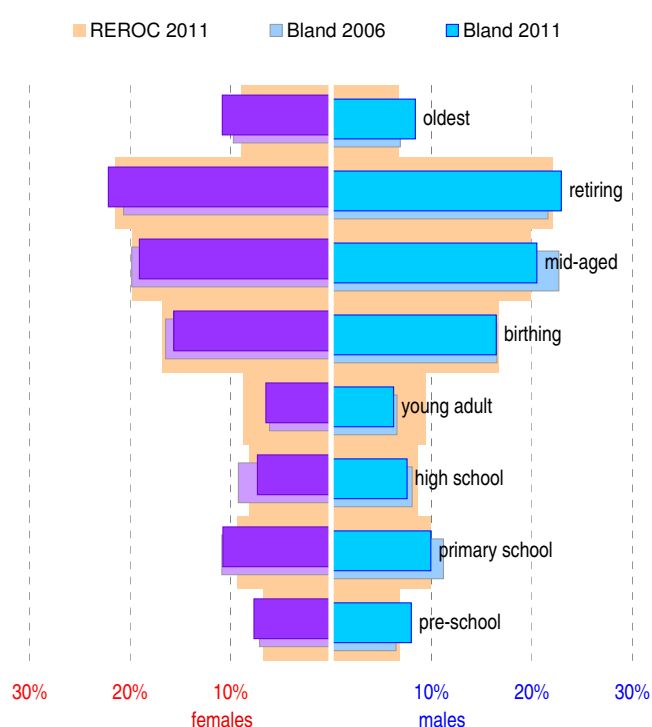
Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland's life stages that were proportionally larger were the oldest stage, with 2.5% more of the population, and pre-school stage, with 1.0% more.

Bland had relatively fewer people in the young adult stage of life, with 2.7% less, and in the high school stage, with 0.9% fewer.

For most communities with reasonably large populations, the number of males and females is within about 5% of each other. Over Bland, the male:female ratio is fairly balanced with males and females equally, reaching 1.30 females per male among those aged 70 or more.

In other life stages, the gender ratio ranged from 1.06 males per female among those in the mid-aged stage to 1.09 females per male in the primary school stage.

### Life stages



Life stages	Bland 2011		% in REROC	Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	difference from 2006
	people	percent			males	females	ratio		
pre-school (0–4 years)	459	7.8%	6.8%	1.0% more	8.0%	7.7%	1.03 M:F	6.8%	1.0% more
primary school (5–11 years)	607	10.4%	9.6%	0.8% more	9.9%	10.8%	1.09 F:M	11.0%	0.7% less
high school (12–17 years)	437	7.5%	8.4%	0.9% less	7.6%	7.3%	1.02 M:F	8.7%	1.2% less
young adult (18–24 years)	373	6.4%	9.1%	2.7% less	6.2%	6.5%	1.05 F:M	6.3%	0.0% more
birthing age (25–39 years)	941	16.0%	16.7%	0.7% less	16.4%	15.7%	1.04 M:F	16.5%	0.4% less
mid-aged (40–54 years)	1,160	19.8%	19.8%	0.0% less	20.5%	19.1%	1.06 M:F	21.3%	1.5% less
retiring (55–69 years)	1,036	17.7%	17.6%	0.0% more	18.7%	16.7%	1.02 M:F	16.9%	0.7% more
oldest (70+ years)	850	14.5%	12.0%	2.5% more	12.6%	16.3%	1.30 F:M	12.5%	2.0% more
<b>residents</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>SD: 1.5%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>dn 4%</b>
aged 15+	5,404	92.2%	93.2%	1.0% less	2,685	2,719	1.01 F:M	93.2%	1.0% less
<b>Dependency ratio</b>	<b>1.43</b>		<b>1.66</b>	<b>0.23 lower</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>1.33</b>		<b>1.51</b>	<b>0.08 lower</b>

The Dependency Ratio is the number of working age (15-64 years) people per person of dependent age (u./15 or 65+). The national average is 2.

The male:female ratio is the ratio of their numbers, not their proportions.

# Generations

Your generation is set by the period you are born in, and the relative sizes of generations in a community influences its overall culture. Without migration into a community, the numbers in every generation would fall, due to deaths, with the oldest generation declining fastest. Increases in the size of a generation indicates that they moved into the community.

Bland is currently undergoing little generational change with Generation X (aged 35–49) increasing their share of the population, with the biggest falls being in the proportions who were Generation Z (aged 5–19) and Generation Y (aged 20–34).

The Veterans generation (aged 80+ in 2011, born before 1931):

- numbered 334 in 2011 (8% of the population);
- were 173 fewer than in 2006 (their share down by 3%);
- had 1.61 women per man.

The Wartime generation (aged 65 to 79 in 2011, born 1931–1946):

- numbered 790 in 2011 (14% of the population);
- were 85 fewer (their share down by 1%) since 2006;
- had 1.03 women per man.

Baby-boomers (aged 50 to 64 in 2011, born 1947–1961):

- numbered 1,195 residents (20% of the population);
- were the largest generation in Bland;
- were 93 fewer (down by 0.7%) since 2006;
- had 1.06 men per woman.

Generation X (aged 30–44 in 2011, born 1961–1976):

- numbered 1,092 in 2011 (19% of the population);
- were the third largest generation;
- decreased by 41 (their share little changed) since 2006;
- had 1.06 men per woman.

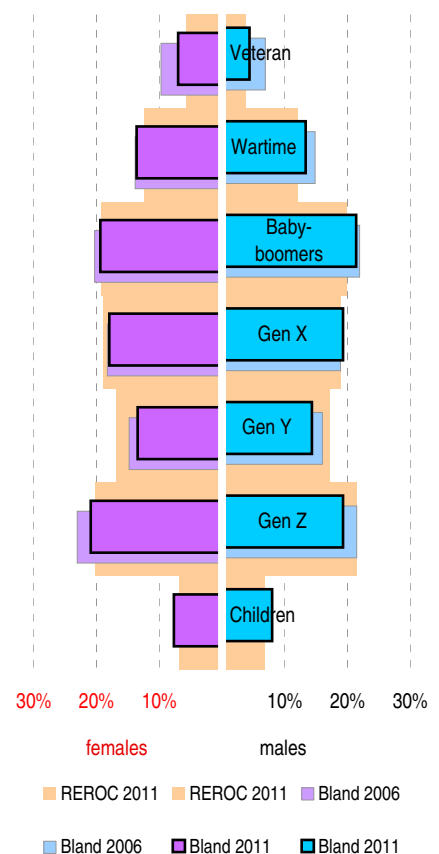
Gen Y (aged 20 to 34 in 2011, born 1961–1976):

- numbered 814, a 14% share;
- 125 less than 2006; a 2% smaller share;
- the fourth largest generation;
- had 1.06 men per woman.

Gen Z (aged 5–19 years old in 2011, born from 1991–2006):

- numbered 1,179 (20%), the second largest generation;
- 180 fewer than in 2006 (their share was down by 2%);
- had 1.06 males per female.

Sizes of generations



**Bland's population was down by 238 between 2006 and 2011, due to:**

- an increase from 459 net births (those under 5 in 2011)
- less net departures by 180 Gen Zs + 173 Veterans + 125 Gen Ys + 93 Baby-boomers + 85 of the Wartime generation + 41 Gen Xs

Generations	Bland			Bland			M / F ratio	REROC, 2011	
	2011	2006	change	2011%	2006%	change		share (%)	Bland diff
infants (aged 0–5)	459		<b>+ 459</b>	8%	0%	<b>up 8%</b>	1.03 M:F	7%	1% more
Generation Z (aged 5–19)	1,179	1,359	<b>- 180</b>	20%	22%	<b>dn 2%</b>	1.09 F:M	21%	<b>1% less</b>
Generation Y (aged 20–34)	814	939	<b>- 125</b>	14%	15%	<b>dn 2%</b>	1.06 M:F	17%	<b>3% less</b>
Generation X (aged 35–49)	1,092	1,133	<b>- 41</b>	19%	19%	<b>up 0%</b>	1.06 M:F	19%	<b>0% less</b>
Baby-boomers (aged 50–64)	1,195	1,288	<b>- 93</b>	20%	21%	<b>dn 1%</b>	1.09 M:F	20%	1% more
Wartime (aged 65–79)	790	875	<b>- 85</b>	13%	14%	<b>dn 1%</b>	1.03 F:M	12%	<b>1% more</b>
Veterans (aged 80+)	334	507	<b>- 173</b>	6%	8%	<b>dn 3%</b>	1.61 F:M	5%	1% more
<b>total residents</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>- 238</b>	100%	100%	<b>SD: 1.0%</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	93%	<b>dn 3.9%</b>



# Children borne

The average number of births that women have had increases with age, and the proportions with one, two or three children all grow. The rising birth rate plateaus around the age of 40; few women have babies after this age. Women aged from 45 to 60 (the baby boomer generation, when the Pill first became available) tend to have fewer births than older women.

In Bland, the average number of children borne by all women aged 15+ was 2.4. This was higher than in Eastern Riverina, where women averaged 2.1 births.

As young women matured, their average number of births increased.

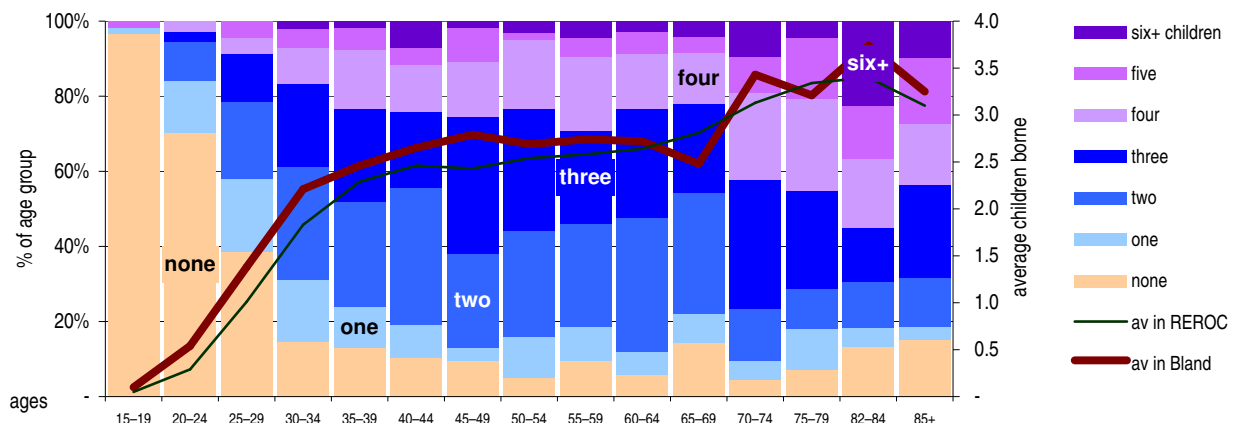
- Among those aged 15–19, 97% had never had children (in Bland).
- Among those aged 20–24, 70% had never had children. About 14% had one birth and 16% had two or more births.
- By the age of 40–44 years, 36% of women had borne two children and 20% had borne three. Only 10% had never given birth.

The number of children borne by women has trended downwards for decades. In Bland, the average number of births was steady between 2006 and 2011.

- Average births for women aged 20–24 years was 0.1 lower than in 2006.
- The average births for women aged 30–34 years and 50–54 years also fell.
- Average births rose most for those aged 25–29 years.

Compared with Eastern Riverina, the average number of births per woman in Bland was 0.3 higher. Thirteen of the 5-year age cohorts had higher birth rates here; two had lower rates.

Number of children borne, by women's ages, 2011



Number of children borne	Number of children ever borne					av. births per women		change 2006–2011	
	none	one	two	three	four +	av in Bland	av in REROC	Bland	REROC
age of women in 2011									
% of women of each age having had this many births									
15–19 years	97%	2%	-	-	2%	0.1	0.1	same	same
20–24 years	70%	14%	10%	3%	3%	0.5	0.3	dn 0.1	dn 0.1
25–29 years	39%	19%	21%	13%	9%	1.4	1.0	up 0.3	same
30–34 years	15%	17%	30%	22%	17%	2.2	1.8	dn 0.1	same
35–39 years	13%	11%	28%	25%	23%	2.5	2.3	same	same
40–44 years	10%	9%	36%	20%	24%	2.7	2.5	same	same
45–49 years	10%	4%	25%	36%	26%	2.8	2.4	same	dn 0.1
50–54 years	5%	11%	28%	33%	23%	2.7	2.5	dn 0.1	dn 0.1
55–59 years	10%	9%	28%	25%	29%	2.7	2.6	same	same
60–64 years	6%	6%	36%	29%	23%	2.7	2.6	up 0.1	dn 0.1
65–69 years	14%	8%	32%	24%	22%	2.5	2.8	dn 1.0	dn 0.3
70–74 years	4%	5%	14%	34%	42%	3.4	3.1	same	dn 0.3
75–79 years	7%	11%	11%	26%	45%	3.2	3.3	dn 0.6	same
80–84 years	13%	5%	12%	14%	55%	3.7	3.4	up 0.8	up 0.2
85+ years	15%	3%	13%	25%	43%	3.3	3.1	dn 0.2	up 0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>same</b>	<b>same</b>

Average births calculated from raw data assuming 7 births 0% = w/. 0.5%

The most common number of births for each age are shaded this colour

The biggest changes are shaded this colour

# Households

## The households of Bland

Households are the fundamental unit of a community, with three broad types - families, lone persons, and shared households. The Australian trend is towards more single-person households, but locally the types of households are often a reflection of the sizes of dwellings available. More flats usually means more small dwellings and more single persons.

In 2011, 2,263 households were counted in Bland, 46 fewer than in 2006.

Of the households, 69% were families, 29% were single persons and 2% were shared or group households.

The average size of all households was 2.42 persons, which was 0.05 smaller than in Eastern Riverina. Family households averaged 3.02 people, similar to Eastern Riverina.

Of the 1,569 family households:

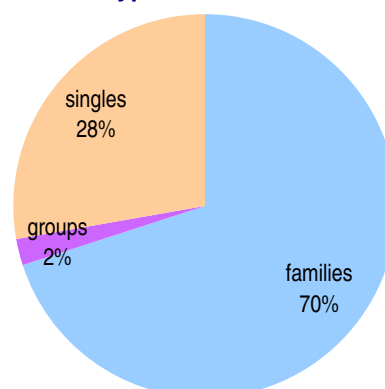
- half (52%) had two members,
- one-sixth (17%) had three members, and
- three-tenths (31%) had four or more members.

Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland had 3% more family households with two members, 2% fewer with three members, and similar proportions with four or more members.

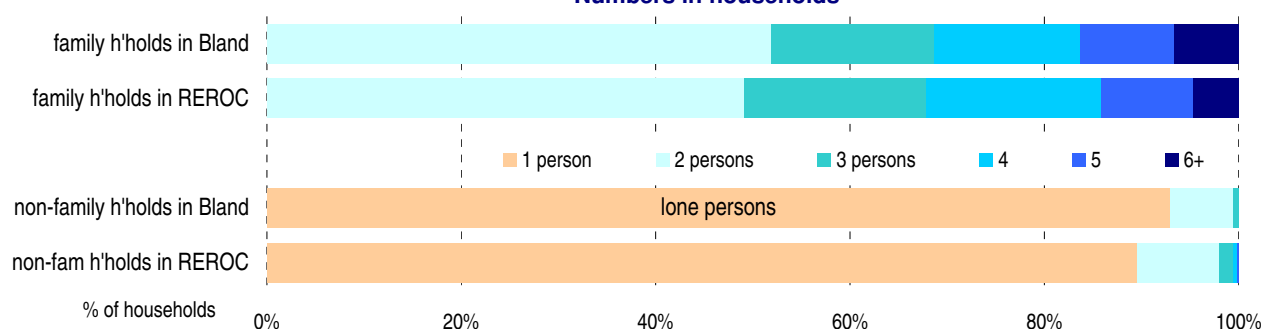
Of the other households in Bland, 645 or 93% were lone-person households. The rest were shared or group housing, with nine in every ten of these having two 'flat-mates' and about one in every twelve having three members. Across Eastern Riverina, nine in every ten of non-family households were lone persons.

Since 2006, the average size of all households had decreased by 0.05 persons. That of family households decreased by 0.02 while that of non-family households increased by 0.01.

Types of households



Numbers in households



Sizes of households	Number of households (dwellings) of each size						total households	total residents	av. h'hold size
	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 or more			
family households		815	262	236	152	104	1,569	4,734	3.02
non-family households	645	45	4	0	0	0	694	747	1.08
<b>all dwellings 2011</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>5,481</b>	<b>2.42</b>
family households 2006 *	..	816	315	244	186	90	1,651	5,014	3.04
non-family households 2006 *	619	33	6	0	0	0	658	703	1.07
<b>all dwellings 2006 *</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2,309</b>	<b>5,717</b>	<b>2.48</b>
<b>2011</b>									
family h'holds in Bland		52%	17%	15%	10%	7%	1,569	4,734	3.02
family h'holds in REROC		49%	19%	18%	9%	5%	34,301	103,405	3.01
non-family h'holds in Bland	93%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	694	747	1.08
non-fam h'holds in REROC	90%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	14,781	16,718	1.13

The total number of residents is calculated by multiplying the number of households by their sizes, assuming 5.9 persons per household for those recorded as '6 or more'. This assumption makes the calculated total equal the population in private dwellings.



# Living arrangements

There are various living arrangements within households, and the roles people have differs between the sexes, from other places, and over time. Mostly, adults live as a single or a partner in a couple, while young people are either dependent children (under 15), full-time students (aged 15 to 24), or independent.

Here, 49% of residents lived as partners in a couple, with more than one in every ten being de facto couples.

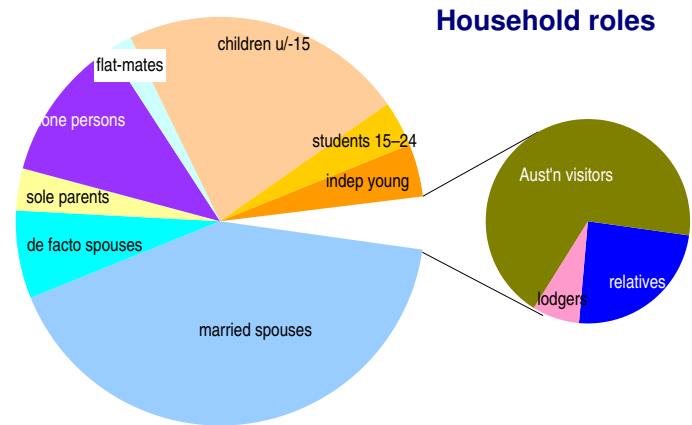
Sole parents were 3% of residents.

Children living with a parent made up 30% of the residents, of whom:

- 22% were under 15 years old,
- 4% were full-time students, and
- 4% were independent young adults.

Of the other adults:

- 12% were living alone
- 2% lived in shared housing
- 1% lived with relatives.

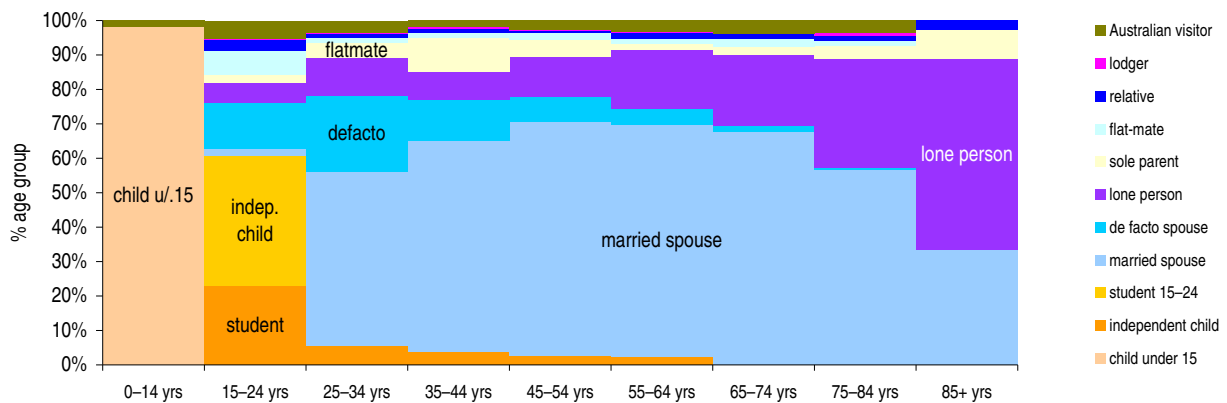


Compared to Eastern Riverina, Bland had 2% more residents who were married spouses and 1% more children under 15, but 1% fewer were independent young adults and 1% fewer were sole parents.

Compared with 2006, 1.5% more residents were de facto spouses and 0.8% more were lone persons, while 2.4% fewer were married spouses and 0.6% fewer were independent young adults.

The chart below shows the proportions of different age groups in the main roles. The dominant feature is the proportion who are married spouses, which peaks at over half the people in their 60s. The proportion in de facto relationships peaks around thirty years old, while the proportion who live alone tends to increase with age (about half those aged 85+ live alone).

## Changing household roles with age



Roles in households	Bland 2011				Bland 2011			2006 % in Bland	
	persons, all ages	% of all ages	% in REROC	Bland's difference	males	females	ratio		diff. from 2006
married spouses	2,303	42%	40%	2% more	1,146	1,157	1.01 F:M	44%	dn 2%
de facto spouses	380	7%	7%	0% less	185	195	1.05 F:M	5%	up 2%
sole parents	187	3%	4%	1% less	49	138	2.82 F:M	3%	up 0%
lone persons	642	12%	11%	1% more	330	312	1.06 M:F	11%	up 1%
flat-mates	104	2%	3%	1% less	58	46	1.26 M:F	1%	up 1%
children under 15	1,237	22%	21%	1% more	603	634	1.05 F:M	23%	dn 0%
full-time students (15-24)	205	4%	4%	0% less	99	106	1.07 F:M	4%	up 0%
independent young adults	218	4%	5%	1% less	159	59	2.69 M:F	5%	dn 1%
relatives	57	1%	1%	0% less	28	29	1.04 F:M	1%	dn 0%
lodgers	18	0%	1%	0% less	12	6	2.00 M:F	0%	dn 0%
Aust'n visitors	161	3%	3%	0% more	69	92	1.33 F:M	3%	up 0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,512</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,738</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Children living with their families and not a partner are classified into one of three groups - children under 15, dependent children (who are full-time students), and non-dependent children (who may work or be part-time students, or neither). Flat-mates are unrelated people who share a household; Lodgers are unrelated residents living with a family.

## Families

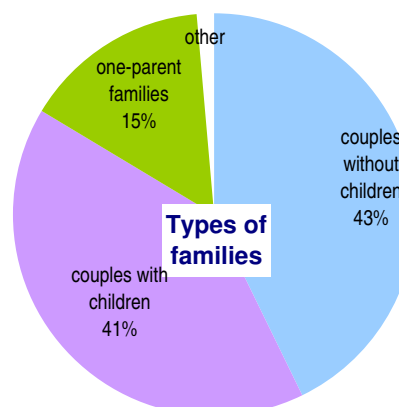
Most people live in families, and the types of families in a community affects its characteristics and needs. Families with high proportions of dependents, such as one-parent families and large families, tend to have lower disposable incomes and live in areas with cheaper housing. Couples without children are mainly either young or empty-nesters, and can include same-sex couples.

Of the families in Bland:

- 41% were couples with children;
- 46% couples without children;
- 12% were one-parent families.

The biggest difference from Eastern Riverina in the types of families is that Bland had 4% more couples without children and 3% fewer one-parent families.

Between 2006 and 2011, the number of couples without children decreased by 1% and the number of one-parent families decreased by 4%, while the overall population counted fell by 5%.



Type of families	Bland 2011				Bland 2006			Bland 2006	
	families	% families	% in REROC	Bland's difference	families	change	change %	% families	change in %
couples without children	730	46%	43%	4% more	736	dn 6	dn 1%	44%	up 2%
couples with children	650	41%	41%	same	717	dn 67	dn 9%	43%	dn 2%
one-parent families	187	12%	15%	3% less	195	dn 8	dn 4%	12%	up 0%
other families	13	1%	1%	1% less	16	dn 3	dn 19%	1%	dn 0%
<b>total families</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>1,664</b>	<b>dn 84</b>	<b>dn 5%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

Note: this count excludes family members temporarily absent on Census Night. In the Census, a family is a group of related people living in the same dwelling.

The average size of all families in Bland in 2011 was 2.9 persons, which was very similar to Eastern Riverina and virtually unchanged from 2006.

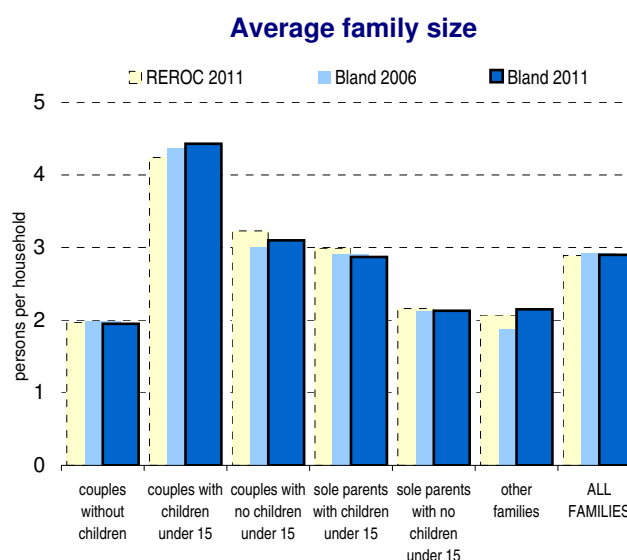
Couple families averaged 4.1 persons:

- 4.4 for families with children under 15,
- 3.1 for families with no children under 15.

One-parent families averaged 2.6 persons:

- 2.9 for families with children under 15,
- 2.1 for families with no children under 15.

Between 2006 and 2011, the average family size of other families increased most, by 0.27, while that of couples without children fell most, down by 0.04.



Family size	Bland 2011			REROC, 2011 av size	Bland's difference	Bland, 2006		REROC, 2006	
	families	residents	av size			av size	change	av size	change
couples without children	730	1,425	1.95	1.97	0.02 less	1.99	dn 0.04	1.97	dn 0.02
couples with children under 15	482	2,137	4.43	4.24	0.19 more	4.37	up 0.06	4.24	up 0.19
couples with no children under 15	168	521	3.10	3.23	0.13 less	3.01	up 0.09	3.23	dn 0.13
sole parents with children under 15	107	307	2.87	2.99	0.12 less	2.91	dn 0.04	2.94	dn 0.07
sole parents with no children under 15	80	170	2.13	2.16	0.03 less	2.13	same	2.16	dn 0.03
other families	13	28	2.15	2.07	0.08 more	1.88	up 0.27	2.06	up 0.09
<b>ALL FAMILIES</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>0.01 more</b>	<b>2.93</b>	<b>dn 0.03</b>	<b>2.93</b>	<b>dn 0.03</b>

Excludes family members temporarily absent on Census Night.

## Marriage and family blending

Many families consisting of couples who may not be married to each other, living with children who may not be both of theirs by birth. A person's marital state can be a poor indicator of their lifestyle. A person's legal marital status (eg married, divorced) can be less relevant than their social marital status (whether they live as a couple or a single).

Of Bland's 4,580 residents aged 15+ in 2011, 55% were married and 27% had never married. The other 19% were once married, and were now separated (3%), divorced (7%), or widowed (9%).

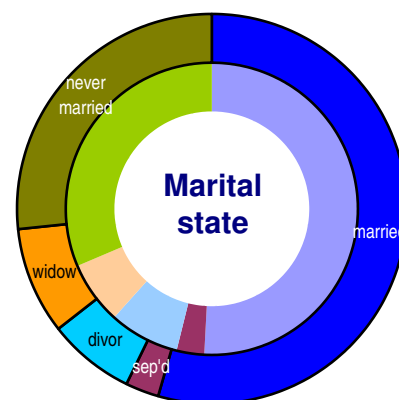
About 56% of residents in Bland lived as a couple, which was similar to the 55% who were legally married. Of cohabiting couples, one in seven were not married (to each other).

Compared with Eastern Riverina, more residents were married (4% more) and widowed (2% more), while fewer were never married (5% fewer).

Over 2006 to 2011, the proportions of adults in Bland who were divorced rose by 2% and the proportion never married rose by 1%. The proportion who were married fell by 4%.

Generally, because women live longer, more tend to be widowed, but also separated and divorced. In Bland there were 3.8 women per man among the widowed, 1.0 men per woman among separated adults but 1.2 men per woman among divorced adults.

People who have never married are more usually male; in Bland, there were 1.4 men per woman among those who had never married.



The outer, darker ring is Bland; the inner, lighter ring is REROC.

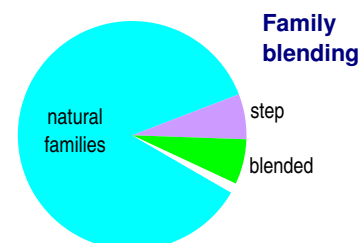
Legal marriage	Bland, 2011			Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	change from 2006
	people	percent	% in REROC		males	females	ratio		
married	2,496	54.5%	50.7%	<b>3.8% more</b>	1,255	1,241	1.01 M:F	58.5%	<b>dn 4.0%</b>
separated	127	2.8%	3.2%	<b>0.4% less</b>	65	62	1.05 M:F	2.8%	same
divorced	332	7.2%	7.9%	<b>0.7% less</b>	180	152	1.18 M:F	5.2%	<b>up 2.0%</b>
widowed	403	8.8%	6.8%	<b>2.0% more</b>	84	319	<b>3.80 F:M</b>	8.0%	up 0.8%
never married	1,222	26.7%	31.4%	<b>4.7% less</b>	706	516	<b>1.37 M:F</b>	25.4%	up 1.3%
<b>residents aged 15+</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,290</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Living situation									
married	2,303	56.0%	52.0%	<b>4.0% more</b>	1,146	1,157	1.01 F:M	59.0%	<b>dn 3.0%</b>
de facto	381	9.3%	9.6%	<b>0.3% less</b>	186	195	1.05 F:M	7.1%	up 2.2%
single	1,426	34.7%	38.4%	<b>3.7% less</b>	731	695	1.05 M:F	33.8%	up 0.9%
<b>residents aged 15+</b>	<b>4,110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,063</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>1.01 M:F</b>	<b>100%</b>	

These tables excludes those who were temporarily absent on Census night, and people living in 'visitors only' households or non-private dwellings (eg nursing homes, barracks).

Families are either 'natural' families (where children come from both parents, or were adopted), step-families (where all children came from one partner), or blended families (with children from each partner).

In Bland, 84 families (13% of families) included at least one step-child – 6.6% were step families and 6.3% were blended families.

- Of Eastern Riverina families, 7.1% were step-families and 5.4% were blended families.
- Between 2006 and 2001, the number of step or blended families in Bland rose by 4 (or 5%).



Blended and step families	Bland, 2011			Bland's difference	Bland, 2006			change % in REROC	
	families	%	% in REROC		families	%	change		change%
natural families	560	85.8%	86.6%	<b>0.9% less</b>	629	87.8%	dn 69	dn 11%	dn 5%
step families	43	6.6%	7.1%	<b>0.6% less</b>	46	6.4%	dn 3	dn 7%	dn 1%
blended families	41	6.3%	5.4%	<b>0.9% more</b>	34	4.7%	up 7	up 21%	up 3%
other families	9	1.4%	0.9%	<b>0.5% more</b>	7	1.0%	up 2	up 29%	up 32%
<b>families</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>716</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>dn 63</b>	<b>dn 9%</b>	<b>dn 4%</b>

## Child caring

The Census asked adults (15+) whether they voluntarily provided child care, either for their own child or another's, within the past fortnight. The proportion caring for a child rises to a peak with people in their forties, while the proportion caring for another's child peaks in the grandparent age.

In Bland, 29% of adults (aged 15+) provided some voluntary child care, with 20% providing care only for their own children and 9% caring for another's child (of whom 1% were also caring for their own children).

Generally, there is a noticeable difference in child care provision between men and women. This is shown on the chart by the lines representing men and women. At virtually all ages, more women care for children than men.

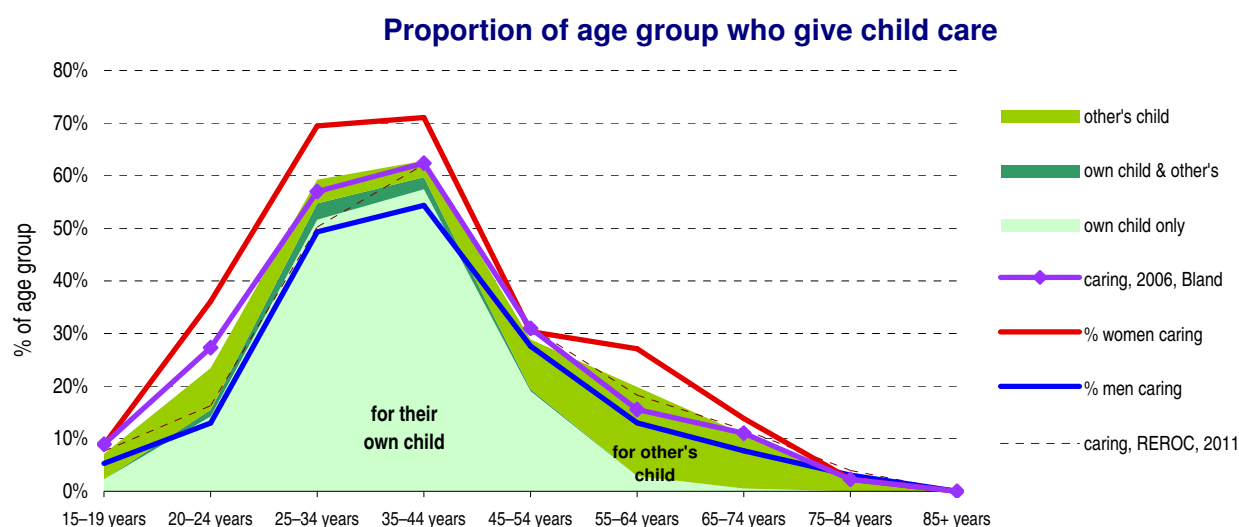
- In Bland, 34% of women provided voluntary child caring compared to 24% of men.
- For Eastern Riverina overall, 23% of women and 33% of men provided child care.

Child caring peaked in Bland between the ages of 35–44 years when 63% of residents were providing child caring (71% of women and 54% of men). It was next highest among people aged 25–34 years (59%) and 45–54 years (29%).

Caring for others' children was highest amongst residents aged 55–64 years with 17% caring for another's child (likely their grandchild), compared with 3% of this age group who were caring only for their own child. Among those aged 65–74 years, 10% looked after another's child (with or without their own).

Between 2006 and 2011, the proportion caring for a child in Bland fell by 1%.

- In the highest-caring age, 35–44 years, the proportion caring for a child was steady.
- The proportion of 55–64 years caring for a child rose by 4%..
- The proportion of 20–24 years caring for a child fell by 4%.



Child care given, residents aged 15+	% of residents of each age who cared in 2011 for ...					caring, REROC, 2011		caring, 2006, Bland	
	own child only	other's child	any child (total)	% men caring	% women caring	% caring, any child	Bland diff. from REROC	% caring, any child	change 2006–2011
15–19 years	2%	5%	7%	5%	9%	8%	1% less	9%	dn 2%
20–24 years	14%	9%	23%	13%	36%	16%	7% more	27%	dn 4%
25–34 years	52%	8%	59%	49%	69%	50%	9% more	57%	up 2%
35–44 years	57%	5%	63%	54%	71%	62%	1% more	62%	up 0%
45–54 years	19%	10%	29%	28%	30%	31%	2% less	31%	dn 2%
55–64 years	3%	17%	20%	13%	27%	18%	2% more	16%	up 4%
65–74 years	1%	10%	11%	8%	14%	12%	1% less	11%	dn 0%
75–84 years	0%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1% less	2%	up 0%
85+ years	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	same	0%	same
<b>all residents aged 15+</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>1% more</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>dn 1%</b>

# Housework

The Census asked adults(15+) how many hours housework (unpaid domestic work) they did in the last week, including cleaning, cooking, washing, shopping, gardening and maintenance. The usual housework pattern is not surprising – as with child caring, women do more hours than men, and people of parenting age do more than teenagers or older people.

**In Bland, women averaged around 17 hours of domestic work a week, compared to 7 hours for men.**

Overall, 22% of Bland adults did not do any housework. They include high proportions of the teenagers: here 41% of them did no housework. Those least able to avoid housework were aged 25–34 years, of whom only 11% did no housework.

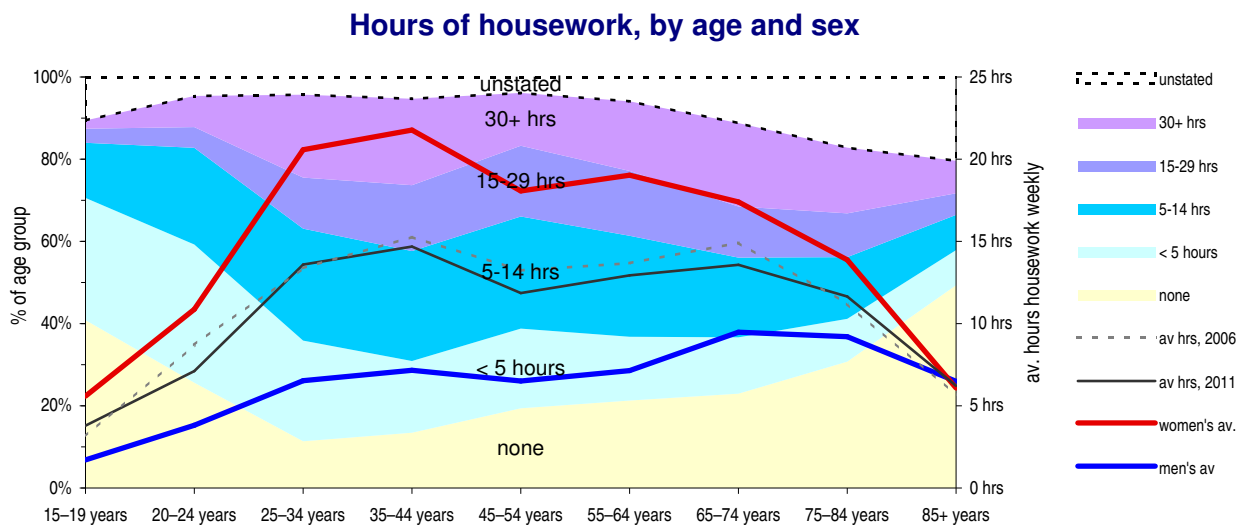
Housework is strongly affected by having children, with the peak housework hours usually occurring over the main child-rearing ages. Here, the peak housework age:

- for women was around 35–44 years, when they averaged around 22 hours housework each week;
- for men, the peak housework was 9 hours a week among those aged 65–74 years.

Women tend to do more housework than men regardless of age.

- Among those aged 15–19 years, women did 3.3 times the housework, 6 hours vs 1.7 for men.
- Among residents aged 65–74 years, women did 3.2 times the housework.
- In advanced age, housework tapers off, often faster for women than men. Men aged over 85 do 7% more housework than women.

Between 2006 and 2011, the average weekly housework by women in Bland fell by 1.3 hours; for men, average housework fell by 0.1 hours.



The chart shows how domestic labour changes with age and sex. The shaded areas represent the proportion of adults of each age who did different amounts of housework (eg 5-14 hours a week), running from the youngest on the left to the oldest on the right. The solid lines show the average hours of domestic work per week, shown on the right axis, by all people in 2001 and 2006 (dark lines) and by men and women in 2011 (blue and red lines).

Housework by age in Bland	hours of unpaid domestic work per week					av hours pw housework, Bland			
	none	< 5 hours	5-14 hrs	15-29 hrs	30+ hrs	women, 2011	men, 2011	F change 2001-2006	M change 2006-2011
15-19 years	41%	30%	13%	3%	2%	5.6 hrs	1.7 hrs	up 1.3	dn 0.3
20-24 years	26%	34%	24%	5%	8%	10.9 hrs	3.8 hrs	dn 0.4	dn 2.4
25-34 years	11%	24%	27%	12%	20%	20.6 hrs	6.5 hrs	dn 0.6	up 0.4
35-44 years	13%	17%	27%	16%	21%	21.8 hrs	7.2 hrs	dn 0.8	dn 0.6
45-54 years	19%	19%	27%	17%	13%	18.1 hrs	6.5 hrs	dn 2.6	up 0.1
55-64 years	21%	16%	25%	16%	17%	19.0 hrs	7.1 hrs	dn 1.7	dn 0.0
65-74 years	23%	14%	19%	12%	20%	17.4 hrs	9.5 hrs	dn 2.3	dn 0.4
75-84 years	31%	10%	15%	11%	16%	13.9 hrs	9.2 hrs	up 0.8	up 0.5
85+ years	49%	9%	9%	5%	8%	6.1 hrs	6.5 hrs	up 0.7	up 0.4
<b>residents</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>16.9 hrs</b>	<b>6.8 hrs</b>	<b>dn 1.3</b>	<b>dn 0.1</b>

The average number of hours is estimated by multiplying the proportion in each range by an estimated average for that range, where there are more than 5 people. The averages used are 0 for none, 2 for <5 hours, 10 for 5-14 hours, 22 for 15-29 hours, and 35 for 30+ hours.

# Housing

## Types of dwellings

The types of dwellings in a community are a reflection of its land prices and population structure. Regional and outer metropolitan areas have traditionally been dominated by detached houses, but newer dwellings tend to be smaller and use less land. Urban areas, too, have seen a trend towards houses being replaced by higher-density dwellings, from townhouses to high-rise flats.

In 2011, 2,262 occupied private dwellings were counted in Bland, containing 5,481 residents at an average occupancy of 2.42 persons per dwelling.

Some 94% of the occupied dwellings were detached houses, which was 5% more than in Eastern Riverina. The other occupied dwellings were:

- 17 attached houses such as semis and townhouses,
- 86 flats and units,
- 32 other types of dwellings, notably flats attached to a shop.

Of the occupied flats/units, all were low-rise.

The occupancy rate of houses was 2.48 persons per dwelling.

- This was 7% lower than in 2006.
- The occupancy rate over Eastern Riverina was 2.56.

For flats and units, the average occupancy was 1.35 persons.

- This was 23% lower than the occupancy rate in 2006.
- Occupancy of flats in Eastern Riverina averaged 1.52 persons.

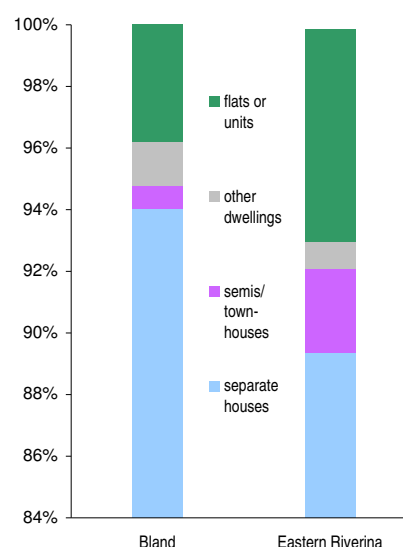
The occupancy rate of attached houses (eg semis and townhouses) was 0.94 persons per dwelling.

- This was 38% lower than the occupancy rate in 2006.
- The occupancy rate in Eastern Riverina averaged 1.62 persons.

There were also 409 people living in institutional (or non-private) accommodation in 2011. This can include nursing homes, boarding houses, hospitals, prisons, and barracks.

- The number in institutional accommodation had risen by 79 since 2006.

Types of dwellings



Types of dwellings	Dwellings occupied by residents				occupancy rates of dwellings				
	Bland 2011	% Bland dwgs.	% REROC dwgs.	Bland's difference	residents, Bland 2011	residents / dwelling	residents / dwg, 2006	% change	res/ dwg, REROC
<b>separate houses</b>	<b>2,127</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>5% more</b>	<b>5,283</b>	<b>2.48</b>	<b>2.55</b>	<b>dn 7%</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<b>semis/ town-houses</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2% less</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>dn 38%</b>	<b>1.62</b>
• one storey	17	0.8%	2.3%	1.5% less	16	0.94	1.33	dn 39%	1.58
• two or more storeys	0	0.0%	0.4%	0.4% less	0	-	1.20	-	1.88
<b>flats or units</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>3% less</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>dn 23%</b>	<b>1.52</b>
• in a 1-2 storey block	82	3.6%	6.5%	2.8% less	110	1.34	1.52	dn 18%	1.52
• in a 3 storey block	0	0.0%	0.2%	0.2% less	0	-	-	-	1.35
• in a 4+ storey block	0	0.0%	0.2%	0.2% less	0	-	-	-	1.50
• attached to a house	4	0.2%	0.1%	0.1% more	6	1.50	1.60	dn 10%	1.74
<b>other dwellings</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1% more</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>1.86</b>	<b>up 21%</b>	<b>1.81</b>
• caravan, cabin, houseboat	9	0.4%	0.4%	0.0% less	7	0.78	1.71	dn 93%	1.31
• improvised home or tent	3	0.1%	0.1%	0.1% more	4	1.33	-	-	2.81
• flat attached to a shop	20	0.9%	0.4%	0.5% more	55	2.75	2.06	up 69%	2.18
not stated	0	0.0%	0.2%	0.2% less	0	-	1.86	-	1.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>5,481</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>up 37%</b>	<b>2.45</b>

people in non-private dwellings

409 in 2011 330 in 2006

Occupied private dwellings are only those that held residents on Census night, and exclude dwellings occupied by visitors and non-classifiable households (which are mainly dwellings that appeared inhabited but where a Census form was not collected).



## Dwelling tenures

The Census asks whether each occupied dwelling is fully-owned, being bought (mortgaged) or rented. The balance between these three forms of housing tenure gives some indications about the permanency, age and wealth of a community.

Overall, 47% of Bland's occupied dwellings were fully owned, 27% of Bland's dwellings were being purchased, and 22% were rented (4% had other arrangements or did not say).

The proportion fully-owned was 9% higher than in Eastern Riverina. Generally, more fully-owned dwellings indicates an older, longer-settled population.

- 49% of houses, 9% of flats / units and none of the semi's / townhouses were fully owned.
- The proportion fully-owned was down by 3% between 2006 and 2011.

The proportion of Bland's dwellings being purchased was 5% lower than in Eastern Riverina, often an indication of lower population turnover and fewer incoming residents.

- 28% of separate houses were being purchased; 7% of the flats / units were.
- The proportion of dwellings being purchased was rose by 3% between 2006 and 2011.

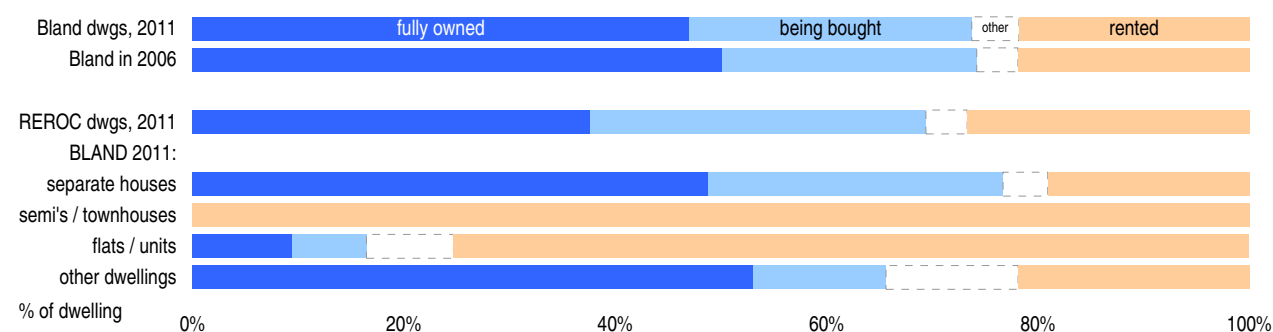
Most other dwellings were rented (22%), which was 5% lower than for Eastern Riverina.

- The proportion of dwellings that were rented was steady between 2006 and 2011.
- 100% of the semi's / townhouses were rented as were 7% of the flats / units.
  - 5% of all dwellings were rentals managed by real estate agents;
  - 8% were managed by individuals (eg small investors);
  - 7% had other private landlords.

About 2% of occupied dwellings in Bland were public housing, 45 homes in all.

- Of these, 42 were separate houses, and 3 were flats or units.
- Since 2006, the number of occupied public housing dwellings had fallen by 2.

### Tenure of dwellings, by type



Tenures of dwellings, by type	% of each dwelling type in each tenure				% under different landlords			public housing	
	fully owned	being bought	rented	other	estate agent	owner	public housing	2011	2006
separate houses	49%	28%	19%	4%	4%	7%	2%	42	41
semi's / townhouses	0%	0%	100%	0%	31%	31%	0%	0	6
flats / units	9%	7%	75%	8%	33%	12%	4%	3	0
other dwellings	53%	13%	22%	13%	0%	9%	0%	0	0
<b>Bland dwgs, 2011</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
REROC dwgs, 2011	38%	32%	27%	4%	12%	7%	4%	1,839	2,054
<b>Bland diff. from REROC</b>	<b>9% higher</b>	<b>5% lower</b>	<b>5% lower</b>	<b>1% higher</b>	<b>7% lower</b>	<b>1% higher</b>	<b>2% lower</b>		
Bland in 2006	50%	24%	22%	4%	3%	9%	2%		
<b>Bland change from 2006</b>	<b>3.1% lower</b>	<b>2.6% higher</b>	<b>0.1% lower</b>	<b>0.6% higher</b>	<b>1.8% higher</b>	<b>1.3% lower</b>	<b>0.0% lower</b>		

The 'other' tenure includes not stated. The proportions under different landlords do not add to the total rental proportion as some less-common landlord types are not shown.

## Mortgage payments

The level of mortgage payments in a community is a reflection of two main factors - dwelling prices and the age of the mortgages. Lower mortgage payments usually signify that dwellings are cheaper on average, or that fewer are buying more-expensive houses. Higher mortgage payments can be caused by an incoming population, since their mortgages are newer, and generally reflect higher house prices than paid by longer-term residents.

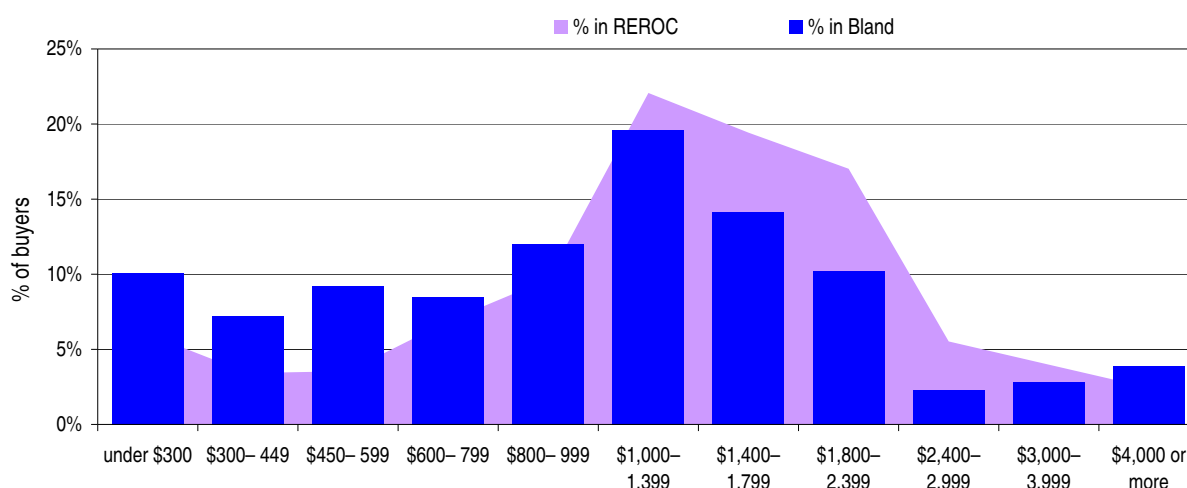
The average mortgage payment in 2011 by the 607 households in Bland who were paying off their home was about \$1,300 a month. The median mortgage (where half the households paid more and half less) was around \$1,070 a month.

- the average mortgage here was 15% less than Eastern Riverina
- the median mortgage was 21% less

The average mortgage generally varies with the type of dwelling, and here ranged from about \$3,500 per month among the 3 attached houses and \$1,900 among the 6 flats or units, down to \$1,015 among the 592 separate houses.

The average 2006 mortgage was around \$1,150 (in 2011 dollars), so the average mortgage in Bland had risen by about \$149 or 13% over the 5 years.

### Monthly mortgage payments



Monthly mortgage payments	occupied dwellings being purchased				% of dwelling type in mortgage range			Bland, 2006	
	number in Bland	% in Bland	% in REROC	Bland's difference	separate houses	attached houses	flats or units	range	% of home buyers
under \$300	57	10%	6%	<b>4.1% more</b>	10%	0%	0%	\$1-\$249	5%
\$300-449	41	7%	3%	4% more	7%	0%	0%	\$250-\$399	10%
\$450-599	52	9%	4%	<b>6% more</b>	9%	0%	0%	\$400-\$549	<b>17%</b>
\$600-799	48	8%	7%	2% more	9%	0%	0%	\$550-\$749	<b>16%</b>
\$800-999	68	12%	10%	2% more	12%	0%	0%	\$750-\$949	14%
\$1,000-1,399	111	<b>20%</b>	<b>22%</b>	2% less	<b>20%</b>	0%	0%	\$950-\$1,199	<b>16%</b>
\$1,400-1,799	80	<b>14%</b>	<b>19%</b>	5% less	<b>14%</b>	0%	<b>50%</b>	\$1,200-\$1,399	7%
\$1,800-2,399	58	10%	17%	7% less	10%	0%	0%	\$1,400-\$1,599	4%
\$2,400-2,999	13	2%	6%	3% less	2%	0%	0%	\$1,600-\$1,999	4%
\$3,000-3,999	16	3%	4%	1% less	2%	0%	<b>50%</b>	\$2,000-\$2,999	5%
\$4,000 or more	22	4%	2%	1% more	3%	<b>100%</b>	0%	\$3,000+	4%
not stated	41			not included in percentages				not stated	
<b>Total</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>592</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	total	<b>100%</b>
av. monthly mortgage	\$1,300		\$1,536	15% lower	\$1,015	\$3,500	\$1,900		\$996
median monthly mortgage	\$1,070		\$1,355	21% lower					\$784

The largest bands for each place and dwelling type are highlighted in bold. The average mortgage is calculated from the mid-points of the ranges using \$5000 for the top range in 2011, and \$4,000 in 2006.

CPI June 2006:	154.3	CPI June 2011	178.3
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## Weekly rents

Since more renters live in poverty than home owners or buyers, the rents paid in a community is an indicator of the community incomes. Places with more people paying lower rents often have pockets of disadvantage in the areas where rents are lowest.

The average rent paid by the 492 households renting in Bland in 2011 was around \$148 a week. The median rent, where half the households paid more and half less, was \$130 a week.

- The average rent was \$180 per week for the 119 dwellings managed by real estate agents.
- It was \$125 a week for the 286 dwellings managed by private landlords (eg investors, housing associations, charities).
- In public housing, the average rent was \$173 a week.

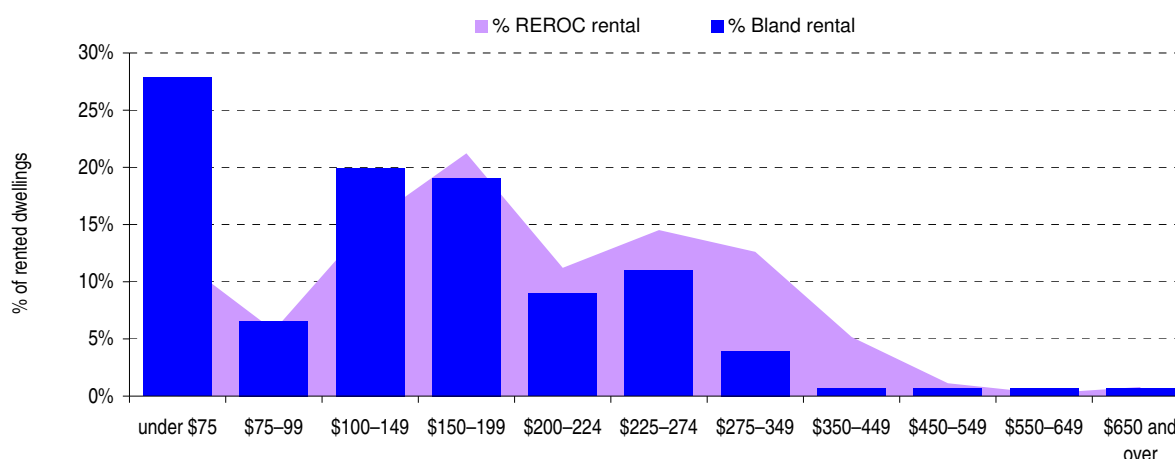
The most common rents in 2011 were in the ranges under \$75 and \$100–149 a week, which covered 67% of rental households.

Rents in Bland were, on average, 21% less than in Eastern Riverina (\$188 a week), where the most common rent ranges were \$150–199 and \$100–149 a week.

The average weekly rent in Bland in 2006 was \$134 (in 2011 dollars), so average rents had risen by \$14 over 5 years, which was 10% in real terms. The median weekly rent had risen by \$14 or 13% in real terms.

- Average rents in Eastern Riverina rose 10% over these five years; median rents by 10%.

### Weekly rents



Weekly rent payments	occupied rented dwellings				% dwellings in each rent range, by landlord			% Bland in 2006	
	rented dwellings	% Bland rental	% REROC rental	Bland's difference	real estate agents	private* landlords	public housing	2006 rent ranges	% Bland rental
under \$75	127	<b>28%</b>	12%	<b>16% more</b>	3%	32%	7%	\$0 - 49	26%
\$75-99	30	7%	6%	1% more	5%	6%	20%	\$50 - 99	21%
\$100-149	91	<b>20%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5% more</b>	28%	18%	26%	\$100 - 139	22%
\$150-199	87	<b>19%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>2% less</b>	24%	20%	20%	\$140 - 179	13%
\$200-224	41	9%	11%	<b>2% less</b>	13%	8%	11%	\$180 - 224	8%
\$225-274	50	11%	<b>15%</b>	<b>4% less</b>	16%	10%	11%	\$225 - 274	6%
\$275-349	18	4%	13%	<b>9% less</b>	8%	3%	0%	\$275 - 349	3%
\$350-449	3	1%	5%	<b>5% less</b>	3%	0%	0%	\$350 - 449	2%
\$450-549	3	1%	1%	<b>0% less</b>	0%	1%	0%	\$450 - 549	0%
\$550-649	3	1%	0%	0% more	0%	0%	7%	\$550 +	0%
\$650 and over	3	1%	1%	<b>0% less</b>	0%	1%	0%		
not stated	36			not included in percentages				not stated	
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>119</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>46</b>		<b>100%</b>
<b>average rent</b>	<b>\$148</b>		<b>\$187</b>	<b>21% lower</b>	<b>\$180</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$173</b>	av (2011 \$):	<b>\$134</b>
<b>median rent</b>	<b>\$130</b>		<b>\$188</b>	<b>31% lower</b>		n.a.		med (2011 \$):	<b>\$116</b>

The most common rent ranges are have their data in bolded. The average is calculated by multiplying the % in each range by its mid-point, using \$800 for the top range in 2011 and \$700 in 2006. Rents in 2006 are inflated by the change in the CPI over the five years, to show equivalent dollars.

\* The column 'private landlords' includes individuals, cooperatives, church groups and 'other'.

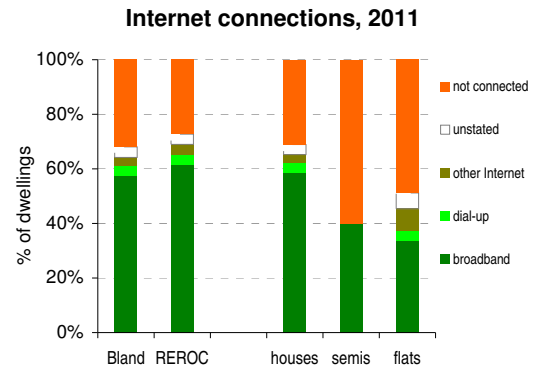
# Internet connection

By August 2011, 64% of occupied dwellings in Bland were connected to the Internet, with 58% having a broadband connection and 3% using dial-up.

- Compared with Eastern Riverina, there were 5% more households with no Internet connection.
- Overall, 42% of dwellings did not have high-speed Internet, compared with 38% for Eastern Riverina.
- 66% of flats were without broadband, compared with 41% of separate houses.

Between 2006 and 2011, the proportion of dwellings with no Internet connection was down by 16% while the proportion with broadband rose by 38%.

- In Eastern Riverina, the proportion of dwellings with no connection was down by 16% while the proportion with broadband rose by 33%.



Internet connection	occupied dwellings				% of dwelling type, Bland			Bland, 2006	
	number	% Bland dwellings	% REROC dwellings	Bland's difference	separate houses	semis or townhouses	flats	% dwellings	change 2006-2011
an Internet connection	1,450	64%	69%	5% less	65%	40%	45%	50%	up 14%
no Internet connection	722	32%	27%	5% more	31%	60%	49%	48%	dn 16%
unstated	88	4%	4%	0% more	4%	0%	6%	3%	up 1%
<b>occupied dwellings</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
broadband	1,301	58%	62%	4% less	59%	40%	34%	19%	up 38%
dial-up	78	3%	3%	0% more	4%	0%	3%	29%	dn 26%
other Internet	71	3%	4%	1% less	3%	0%	8%	1%	up 2%
<b>no broadband connection</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>4% more</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>dn 38%</b>

Other types of internet connection include through mobile phone, but wireless is included in broadband.

# Vehicles

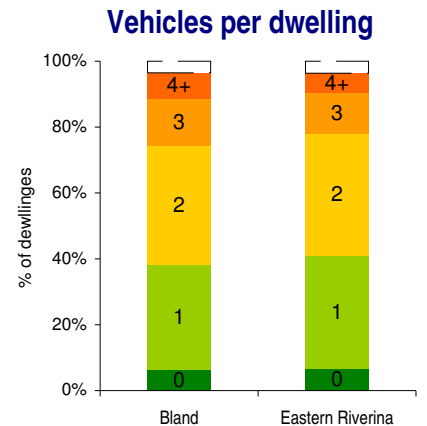
In 2011, an average of 1.9 vehicles were parked at each household in Bland. This was 7% or 0.12 vehicles per household more than Eastern Riverina.

About 6% of Bland households had no vehicles, with most having one (32%) or two (36%), while 22% had three+ vehicles.

- Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland had more households with three vehicles and fewer households with one vehicle.

The average vehicles per household was up by 0.29 since 2006.

- the proportion of households with three vehicles was up by 1.4%
- the proportion with one vehicle fell by 1.6%.



Vehicles per dwelling	occupied dwellings by number of vehicles				Bland change, 2006-2011			REROC change, 2006-2011	
	dwellings 2011	% Bland dwellings	% REROC dwellings	Bland's difference	dwellings in 2006	% dwgs 2006	change in % dwgs	% dwgs 2006	change in % dwgs
no vehicles	141	6%	7%	0% less	141	6%	0.1% more	8%	1.1% less
one vehicle	720	32%	34%	2% less	773	33%	1.6% less	35%	1.0% less
two vehicles	817	36%	37%	1% less	824	36%	0.5% more	36%	0.8% more
three vehicles	329	15%	12%	2% more	304	13%	1.4% more	12%	0.6% more
four+ vehicles	175	8%	6%	2% more	188	8%	0.4% less	5%	0.6% more
number not stated	80	4%	4%	0% less	81	4%	0.0% more	4%	0.1% more
<b>All occupied dwellings</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,311</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>dn 2.1%</b>	<b>2.7% more</b>	<b>same</b>
<b>average vehicles / dwelling</b>	<b>1.89</b>		<b>1.77</b>	<b>0.12 more</b>	<b>1.61</b>		<b>up 0.29</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>up 0.20</b>

The average vehicles per dwelling is calculated assuming 4.5 vehicles average in dwellings with 4+ vehicle.

# Community Capital

The time that residents have lived in a community affects the extent to which they develop relationships and networks with other residents, and build social capital. The longer that more residents have lived in a place, the stronger their community networks are likely to be.

## Stability

In 2011, 61% of Bland's residents had lived in the same house for at least 5 years, compared with 55% in Eastern Riverina. This indicates that residential stability here was higher than Eastern Riverina.

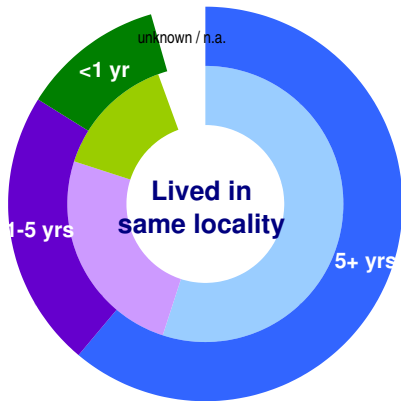
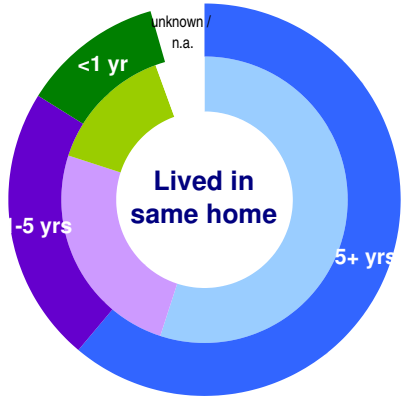
- 23% had been in their home for 1 to 5 years (25% for Eastern Riverina).
- 12% had been in their home for less than a year (14% for Eastern Riverina).

Another indicator of community stability is the proportion of residents who have stayed in the same locality for over five years, either in the same home or after moving. In the Census, the locality is regarded as Bland.

- 73% of Bland's residents had lived in this locality for more than 5 years, which was 8% higher than the average across Eastern Riverina.
- 90% of current residents had lived here in the same locality for at least a year, compared with 85% across Eastern Riverina.

One in 8 residents had lived in their home for less than a year; one in every 17 had lived in this locality less than a year.

Over the five years 2006 to 2011, the proportion of residents who had lived over 5 years in the same house rose by 1%. The proportion who moved home within the last year fell by 2%.



The outer, darker ring is Bland; the inner, lighter ring is REROC.

Residential stability	Bland 2011		% in REROC	Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	change from 2006
	people	percent			males	females	ratio		
same home 5+ years	3,580	61%	55%	6% more	61%	61%	1.00 M:F	60%	up 1%
same home 1-5 years	1,336	23%	25%	2% less	22%	23%	1.06 F:M	22%	up 1%
same home <1 year	693	12%	14%	2% less	12%	11%	1.10 M:F	14%	dn 2%
not given	256	4%	6%	1% less	5%	4%	1.07 M:F	4%	dn 0%
<b>residents</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>	
same locality 5+ years	4,291	73%	65%	8% more	73%	74%	1.01 F:M	74%	dn 1%
same locality 1-5 years	971	17%	20%	3% less	17%	16%	1.01 M:F	14%	up 2%
same locality <1 year	347	6%	9%	4% less	6%	6%	1.09 M:F	8%	dn 2%
not given	256	4%	6%	1% less	5%	4%	1.07 M:F	4%	dn 0%

## Net migration

The net migration into and out of Bland over 2006 to 2011 can be estimated by 'aging' the 2006 population to see what the 2011 population would be if no one had moved. If the population counted in an age group in the 2011 Census is lower than expected from natural change alone, some people must have left the area. If the population is higher than expected, some people that age have moved into the area.

In 2011, Bland's population was counted as 5,865, but the population expected after births and deaths was around 6,322, so Bland had a net migration of 459 outwards.

The largest groups leaving the area were:

- 132 people aged 20–24 yrs
- 114 people aged 15–19 yrs
- 85 people aged 10–14 yrs

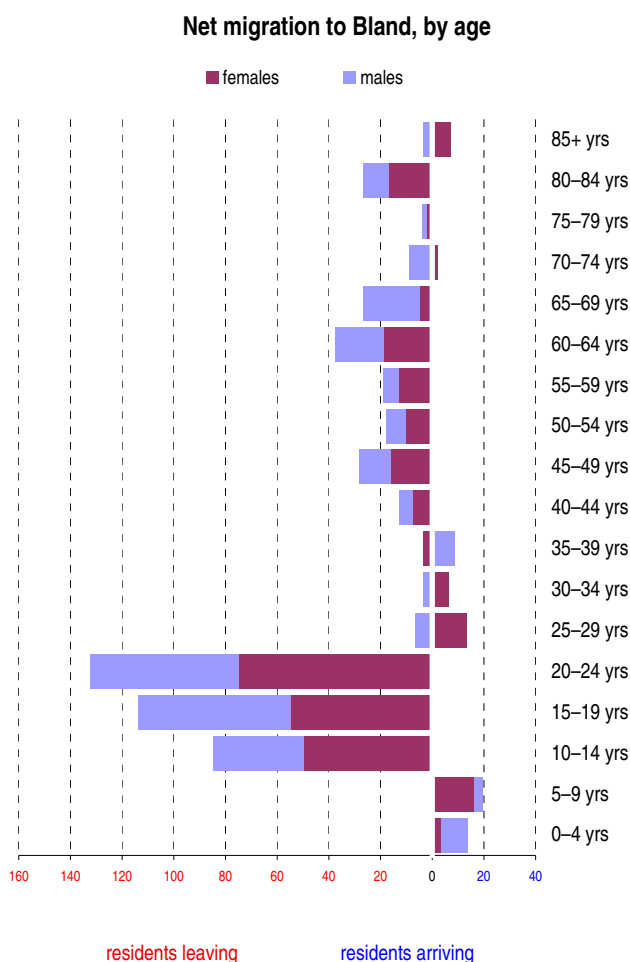
The largest groups arriving in the area were:

- 19 people aged 5–9 yrs
- 14 people aged 0–4 yrs

The table below shows the 2006 population, the expected natural changes over 2006 to 2011, and the resultant 2011 'expected' population. The net migration is the difference between the expected population and that counted in the 2011 Census.

The births over 2006 to 2011, shown as 0 years old, are calculated by applying birth rates to the number of women in each age group from 15 to 44. All other age groups have deaths, calculated from their average mortality rates. The 2011 expected populations of each age are the population that was five years younger in 2006, less the expected deaths over the period.

Note: these numbers are approximate as they are calculated from Census counts (not estimated resident population) using national birth and death rates.



Net migration to Bland, by age	2006 population		natural change 2006–11		2011 expected popn		net migration 2006 - 2011		
	males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	persons
0 yrs			224	224					
0–4 yrs	197	217	(1)	(1)	223	223	10	3	14
5–9 yrs	229	251	( )	( )	197	217	3	16	19
10–14 yrs	228	237	( )	( )	229	251	(35)	(50)	(85)
15–19 yrs	188	183	( )	( )	228	237	(59)	(55)	(114)
20–24 yrs	142	130	( )	( )	188	183	(58)	(75)	(132)
25–29 yrs	157	139	( )	( )	142	130	(7)	13	7
30–34 yrs	184	177	(1)	( )	156	139	(3)	6	3
35–39 yrs	162	187	(1)	( )	183	177	9	(4)	5
40–44 yrs	229	194	(1)	(1)	161	186	(5)	(7)	(13)
45–49 yrs	237	218	(2)	(1)	227	193	(12)	(16)	(28)
50–54 yrs	225	194	(3)	(2)	234	216	(7)	(10)	(18)
55–59 yrs	206	208	(4)	(2)	221	192	(6)	(13)	(19)
60–64 yrs	177	134	(5)	(3)	201	205	(19)	(19)	(38)
65–69 yrs	142	166	(7)	(3)	170	131	(22)	(5)	(27)
70–74 yrs	133	123	(9)	(6)	133	160	(9)	2	(7)
75–79 yrs	107	136	(14)	(8)	119	115	(2)	(2)	(4)
80–84 yrs	68	89	(20)	(15)	87	121	(10)	(17)	(27)
85+ yrs	35	72	(48)	(66)	55	95	(4)	7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>(235)</b>	<b>(224)</b>	<b>(459)</b>

The birth rate used here is based on the national birth rate inflated by 1.4 times, so net migration of 0-4 year-olds is minimised.

140%



## New arrivals and visitors

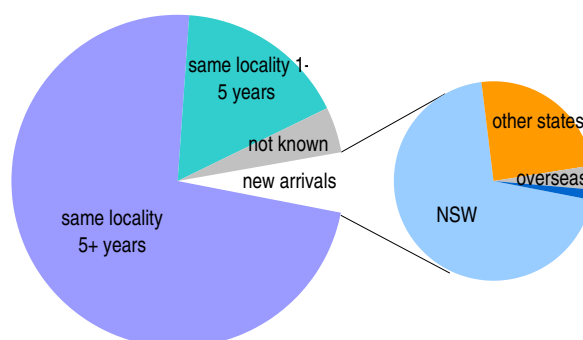
The residents who arrived in this locality in the previous year were mainly from NSW (243 people or 4.1% of Bland's residents), with 85 from other states and 13 from overseas.

New residents from overseas could be immigrants or returning Australians. Overseas visitors who are not Australian residents are not included in this profile.

Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland had 3.5% fewer of its population who were recent arrivals (within the last year), with the biggest difference being the lower proportion from NSW.

Over the last five years, the largest group of arrivals was from NSW, which provided 602 new residents (making 10% of the 2011 population). New residents from other states constituted another 4% of the population.

Period of residency in the locality



New residents to the locality	Bland 2011			Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	changed share from 2006
	people	% residents	% in REROC		males	females	ratio		
<b>Came last year from ...</b>									
NSW	243	4.1%	6.7%	2.5% less	4.2%	4.1%	1.02 M:F	5.2%	dn 1.1%
other states	85	1.4%	2.2%	0.7% less	1.6%	1.3%	1.19 M:F	2.2%	dn 0.7%
overseas	13	0.2%	0.5%	0.3% less	0.2%	0.2%	1.16 F:M	0.2%	up 0.0%
unstated place	6	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	0.2%	0.0%	M	0.1%	dn 0.0%
<b>new residents last year</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>3.5% less</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>1.09 M:F</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>dn 1.8%</b>
<b>Came in last 5 years, from ...</b>									
NSW	602	10.3%	16.1%	5.9% less	9.8%	10.7%	1.09 F:M	11.8%	dn 1.6%
other states	250	4.3%	5.1%	0.9% less	4.5%	4.1%	1.09 M:F	3.1%	up 1.1%
overseas	39	0.7%	1.6%	0.9% less	0.6%	0.7%	1.16 F:M	0.5%	up 0.2%
unstated place	27	0.5%	0.4%	0.1% more	0.5%	0.4%	1.47 M:F	0.3%	up 0.1%
<b>newish residents, last 5 years</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>7.6% less</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>1.03 F:M</b>	<b>15.8%</b>	<b>dn 0.1%</b>

There were 431 Australian visitors to Bland on Census night, August 2011, of whom 18 (about one in every twenty) were visitors from within the same locality (eg staying with friends). Most of the other visitors came from New South Wales, 263 in all.

Visitors on Census night, 2011	visitors in Bland			Bland 2011		% of visitors, all ages			Bland's change from 2006
	2011	2006	change 2006-2011	visitors, all ages	% of visitors, all ages	% in REROC	Bland's difference	all ages, Bland, 2006	
visiting on Census night	431	466	dn 35	431	7.3%	5.6%	1.8% more	7.6%	dn 0.3%
<b>Visitors from ...</b>					% visitors, any age			% visitors	
the local area	18	70	dn 52	18	4%	4%	0% less	15.0%	dn 10.8%
New South Wales	263	246	up 17	263	61%	65%	4% less	52.8%	up 8.2%
Victoria	60	74	dn 14	60	14%	16%	2% less	15.9%	dn 2.0%
Queensland	40	39	up 1	40	9%	6%	3% more	8.4%	up 0.9%
South Australia	21	16	up 5	21	5%	2%	2% more	3.4%	up 1.4%
the ACT	13	6	up 7	13	3%	3%	0% more	1.3%	up 1.7%
Western Australia	9	6	up 3	9	2%	1%	1% more	1.3%	up 0.8%
Tasmania	7	5	up 2	7	2%	1%	0% more	1.1%	up 0.6%
the Northern Territory	0	4	dn 4	0	0%	0%	0% less	0.9%	dn 0.9%
other Territories	0	0	same	0	0%	0%	same	0.0%	same
<b>Total visitors</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>dn 35</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	

Note: The column 'number any age' can be altered to a specific age group. When this is not the case, the numbers are the same as in the 2011 column.

## Voluntary work

The Census asked adults (aged 15+) whether, in the past year, they had spent any time doing voluntary work through an organisation or group. The volunteer rate is the percentage of people who said they did. While this is a narrow measure of benevolent behaviour, it allows comparisons between age groups, communities and over time.

In Bland, 1,431 residents (31%) said that they volunteered in a community group in 2011, but 61% said that they did not; 8% did not answer.

- The rate of volunteering was 7% higher than in Eastern Riverina, 25%.

Volunteering tends to be most common across middle-age, when parents are often involved in school activities, and only declines in old age as incapacity increases.

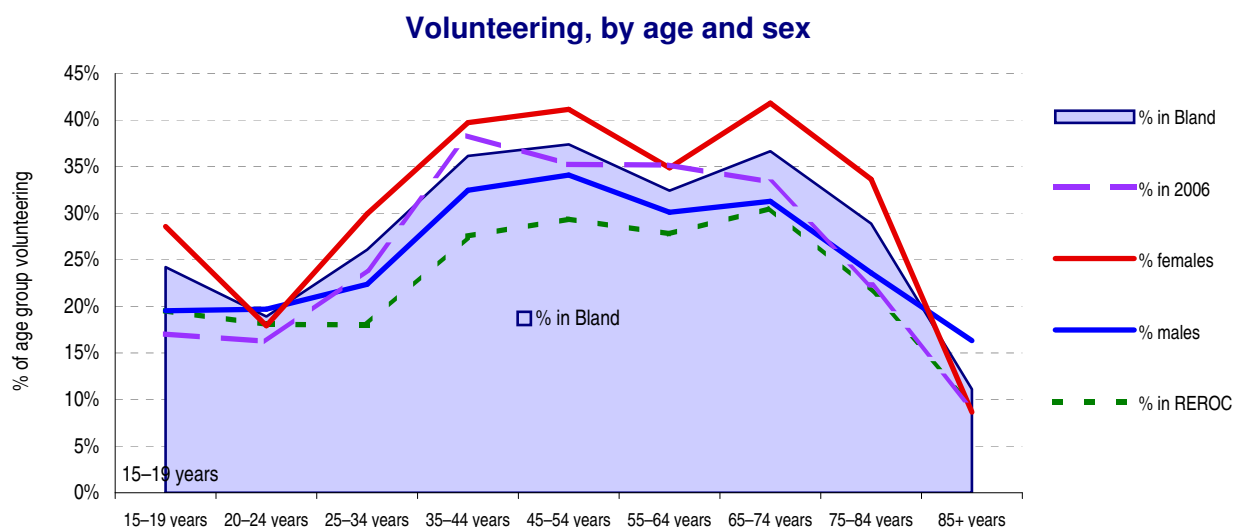
- Here, volunteering was most common among 45–54 year-olds, at 37%.
- As well, 37% of 65–74 year-olds and 36% of 35–44 year-olds volunteered.
- In numbers, the age groups contributing the most volunteers were 45–54 year-olds (308), 35–44 year-olds (253) and 55–64 year-olds (247).

Volunteering is generally more common amongst women than men across most age groups. Among volunteers in Bland, there were 122 women for every 100 men.

- 34% of women and 28% of men were volunteers.
- Among 75–84 year-olds there were 1.59 females per male volunteer; among 15–19 years there were 1.58 females per male.
- Among volunteers aged 20–24 years, there were 1.37 males per female.

Over 2006 to 2011, the average volunteering rate in Bland rose by 2%

The change varied from a rise of 7% among 15–19 year-olds to a fall of 3% among 55–64 year-olds.



Volunteering, by age	Bland 2011				Volunteers in Bland, 2011			Bland, 2006	
	volunteers	% age group	% in REROC	Bland's difference	% males	% females	gender ratio	% in 2006	change 06-11
15-19 years	85	24%	20%	5% more	20%	29%	1.6 F:M	17%	up 7%
20-24 years	45	19%	18%	1% more	20%	18%	1.4 M:F	16%	up 3%
25-34 years	151	26%	18%	8% more	22%	30%	1.3 F:M	24%	up 2%
35-44 years	253	36%	28%	9% more	32%	40%	1.3 F:M	38%	dn 2%
45-54 years	308	37%	29%	8% more	34%	41%	1.1 F:M	35%	up 2%
55-64 years	247	32%	28%	5% more	30%	35%	1.1 F:M	35%	dn 3%
65-74 years	206	37%	31%	6% more	31%	42%	1.4 F:M	33%	up 3%
75-84 years	119	29%	22%	7% more	24%	34%	1.6 F:M	22%	up 7%
85+ years	17	11%	9%	2% more	16%	9%	1.1 F:M	9%	up 2%
<b>residents aged 15+</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>7% more</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>1.2 F:M</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>up 1%</b>

## Need for disability assistance

In the Census, people with a profound or severe disability are those who needed assistance with self-care, movement or communication because of long-term disability or health condition. The prevalence of severe disabilities increases significantly after the age of 75, so higher average rates of disability usually occur in places with higher proportions of older people.

### In Bland, 5.1% of the population needed assistance because of disability; about one person in 19.

- This rate was similar to the average in Eastern Riverina.
- The biggest influences were the lower rates among those aged 75–84 years and 5–14 years.

The proportion of people with a severe disability is generally under 3% of those under 40, then rises rapidly with increasing age, to about 50% of the oldest people.

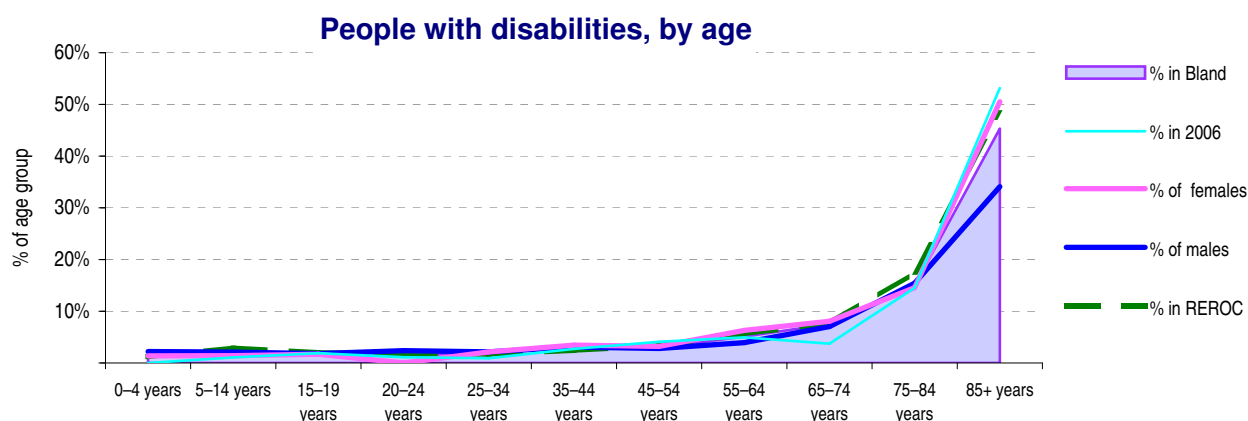
- In Bland, the disability rate reached 45% among those aged 85+ years.
- The next highest rate was among 75–84 year-olds at 15%.
- Compared with Eastern Riverina, disability rates here were higher among 35–44 year-olds (when similar proportions reported a disability), but lower among 85+ year-olds (3% fewer).

Males tend to have higher disability rates from birth than females, and this trend continues through adulthood due to their having more disabling accidents. With ageing, women's disability rates tend to rise faster, until they can exceed male rates.

- Overall, 4.4% of males and 5.7% of females reported a severe or profound disability requiring assistance; the overall female disability rate was 1.3 times that of males.
- In Bland, there were 3.2 women per man among 85+ year-olds with a disability. There were 1.5 women per man among 55–64 year-olds.
- Conversely, there were 1.7 males per female among 0–4 year-olds with a disability.

### Between 2006 and 2011, the overall disability rate in Bland rose by 0.9% from 4.2%.

- The biggest contributors to this (taking account the sizes of age groups) were rises in the rates among 65–74 year-olds (up 3.8% from 3.7%), and 25–34 year-olds (up 1.2% from 0.9%).



People with disabilities, by age	Bland in 2011		% in REROC	Bland's difference	Bland, 2011			Bland, 2006	
	number	% age group			% of males	% of females	gender ratio	% in 2006	change 06–11
0–4 years	8	1.8%	1.2%	<b>0.6% more</b>	2.2%	1.4%	<b>1.7 M:F</b>	0.0%	-
5–14 years	14	1.7%	2.9%	<b>1.1% less</b>	2.1%	1.4%	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	1.1%	up 0.7%
15–19 years	6	1.7%	2.0%	<b>0.2% less</b>	1.8%	1.7%	=	1.9%	dn 0.1%
20–24 years	3	1.3%	1.8%	<b>0.5% less</b>	2.4%	0.0%	<b>M</b>	1.1%	up 0.2%
25–34 years	12	2.1%	1.7%	0.4% more	2.2%	2.1%	=	0.9%	up 1.2%
35–44 years	22	3.3%	2.5%	<b>0.8% more</b>	3.1%	3.4%	<b>1.2 F:M</b>	2.7%	up 0.5%
45–54 years	24	3.0%	3.3%	<b>0.3% less</b>	2.8%	3.2%	=	4.1%	dn 1.1%
55–64 years	38	5.1%	5.7%	<b>0.6% less</b>	3.9%	6.3%	<b>1.5 F:M</b>	4.9%	up 0.1%
65–74 years	41	7.6%	7.6%	<b>0.1% less</b>	7.0%	8.1%	<b>1.2 F:M</b>	3.7%	up 3.8%
75–84 years	59	15%	18%	<b>2.6% less</b>	15%	15%	<b>1.0 F:M</b>	15%	up 0.4%
85+ years	63	45%	48%	<b>3.0% less</b>	34%	51%	<b>3.2 F:M</b>	53%	dn 7.8%
<b>residents</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>0.0% less</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>1.3 F:M</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>up 0.9%</b>

The total used for the percentages does not include those who did not state whether they needed assistance. The gender ratio is the ratio of the male and female numbers. Changes over 2006 to 2011 are shown as '+' if there were no people with a disability in either year.

## Disability care given

Many people in the community need assistance with core tasks of daily living, and this can require significant contributions from a number of people. The Census asked people aged 15 or more whether they provided unpaid care to people with profound or severe disabilities, within the previous fortnight, and found that on average about one person in every eight had provided disability care.

In Bland, 13% of residents aged 15+ gave unpaid care to another needing assistance, with 556 carers in all. This rate was very similar to Eastern Riverina.

- There were 2.6 carers per person with severe disabilities in Bland; the ratio in Eastern Riverina was 2.5 carers per person.

Generally, more women than men are carers. In Bland, 15% of women were unpaid carers and 11% of men were. There were 1.3 women per man among carers.

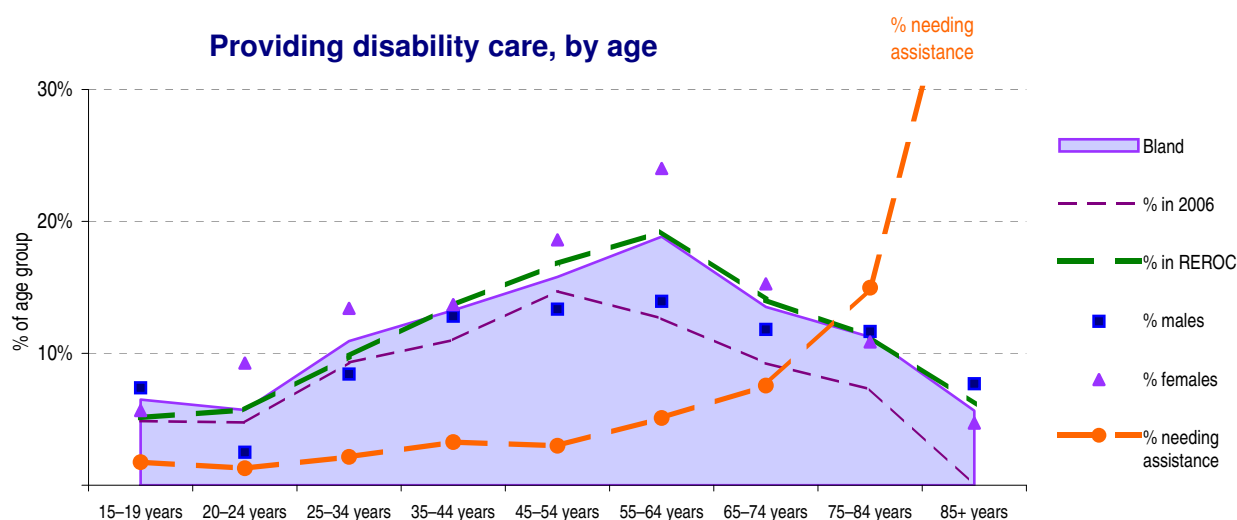
- Among carers 20–24 years old, there were 3.3 women per man.
- Among 55–64 year-olds, there were 1.6 women per man.
- Men were more common among carers aged 15–19 years with 1.2 males per female.

Caring is provided by people across all ages. However, as with other forms of domestic labour, the contribution tends to be highest from women in their middle years, when caring for both ageing parent and younger people with a disability can occur.

- In Bland, giving care was highest amongst 55–64 year-olds, of whom 19% were carers (14% of men and 24% of women).
- Among younger people, 11% of 25–34 year-olds and 6% of 15–19 year-olds were carers.

Between 2006 and 2011, the proportion of adults in Bland who gave unpaid care rose by 3% from 10%.

- The proportion of 55–64 year-olds giving care rose by 6%.
- The proportion of 65–74 year-olds giving care rose by 4%.



Adults providing disability care	Bland 2011		% in REROC	Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland, 2006	
	number	% age group			% males	% females	gender ratio	% in 2006	diff. 06-11
15-19 years	20	6%	5%	1% more	7%	6%	1.2 M:F	5%	up 2%
20-24 years	13	6%	6%	0% less	3%	9%	3.3 F:M	5%	up 1%
25-34 years	60	11%	10%	1% more	8%	13%	1.6 F:M	9%	up 2%
35-44 years	87	13%	14%	0% less	13%	14%	1.1 F:M	11%	up 2%
45-54 years	126	16%	17%	1% less	13%	19%	1.2 F:M	15%	up 1%
55-64 years	137	19%	19%	0% less	14%	24%	1.6 F:M	13%	up 6%
65-74 years	68	14%	14%	1% less	12%	15%	1.3 F:M	9%	up 4%
75-84 years	38	11%	11%	0% less	12%	11%	=	7%	up 4%
85+ years	7	6%	6%	0% less	8%	5%	1.3 F:M	0%	-
<b>residents aged 15+</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0% more</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>1.3 F:M</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>up 3%</b>

The total used for the percentages does not include those who did not state whether they gave assistance. The gender ratio is the ratio of the male and female numbers. Changes over 2006 to 2011 are shown as '↑' if there were no people caring in 2006.

# Education

## School attendance

The 2011 Census counted 1,079 school students in Bland – 135 at pre-school, 575 in primary/infants school, and 369 in high school.

School attendance rates are indicated by dividing the student population by their main age group. In Bland:

- 70% of the number aged 3–4 years attended pre-school,
- 95% of the number aged 5–11 were at primary school\*, and
- 84% of the number aged 12–17 were at high school.

Compared with Eastern Riverina, the attendance ratio for pre-school-aged was 1% lower, for primary-aged children was 3% higher, and for high-school-aged was 4% higher.

Over 2006–2011, the number in school fell by 9% from 1,180.

- the number at pre-school decreased by 11%;
- the number in primary school decreased by 5%;
- the number of high-school students decreased by 13%.

In 2011, 85% of primary students were in public schools; 15% were at Catholic schools, and 1% were at other private schools.

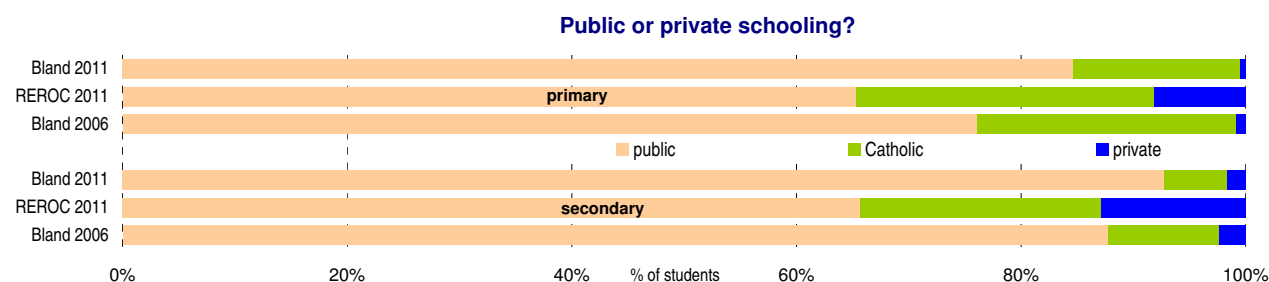
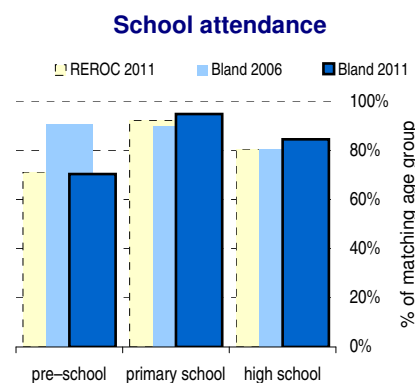
- Between 2006 and 2011, the number attending public primary schools rose by 6% from 459.
- The number in Catholic primary schools fell by 39% from 139.
- The number in private primary schools fell by 40% from 5.

In 2011, 93% of secondary students were in public schools; 6% were at Catholic schools, and 2% were at other private schools.

- Since 2006, the number at public high schools had fallen by 8% from 373.
- The number attending private high-schools had fallen by 40% from 10.
- The number at Catholic high-schools had fallen by 50% from 42.

Across all school students in Bland, there were 107 females per 100 males.

- This ranged from 1.11 males per female in pre-school to 1.10 females per male in high school.



Children attending education	Bland 2011				Bland 2011			Bland 2006	
	students	% school-age pop'n	REROC 2011	Bland's difference	males	females	ratio	% school-age pop'n	change in number 2006–2011
pre-school	135	70%	71%	1% less	71	64	1.11 M:F	90%	dn 11%
primary school	575	95%	92%	3% more	275	300	1.09 F:M	90%	dn 5%
high school	369	84%	80%	4% more	176	193	1.10 F:M	80%	dn 13%
<b>Students</b>	<b>1,079</b>				<b>522</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>1.07 F:M</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>dn 9%</b>
<b>Primary</b>		% students						% students	
public	487	85%	65%	19% more	226	261	1.15 F:M	76%	up 6%
Catholic	85	15%	27%	12% less	49	36	1.36 M:F	23%	dn 39%
private	3	1%	8%	8% less	0	3	F	1%	dn 40%
<b>Secondary</b>		% students						% students	
public	342	93%	66%	27% more	162	180	1.11 F:M	88%	dn 8%
Catholic	21	6%	21%	16% less	11	10	1.10 M:F	10%	dn 50%
private	6	2%	13%	11% less	3	3	=	2%	dn 40%

\* The attendance rate at primary school should theoretically be 100% because primary school is compulsory, but here student numbers are divided by the number of 5 to 11 year olds. Since some students could be younger than 5 and others older than 11 when the Census was taken, the ratio can vary from 100%.

## Tertiary studies

The proportion of a community's residents in tertiary education is partly a reflection of the age structure – areas with more young adults usually have more residents in tertiary education. Because the Census counts permanent residents, areas without tertiary institutions can still have tertiary students, who either relocate temporarily to study or use remote education.

Bland residents included 245 tertiary students in 2011, of whom 147 were at TAFE, 78 at university, and 20 at other tertiary colleges.

These students constituted 5.4% of the adult population (aged 15+), which was 2.9% lower than Eastern Riverina.

- 2.3% fewer of the adults were at University, compared with Eastern Riverina.

From 2006 to 2011, the number of residents enrolled in tertiary courses increased by 3% from 237.

- the number at other tertiary rose by 122%
- the number at TAFE fell by 17%

There were 99 students aged 15 to 24 in Bland attending TAFE or University in 2011, representing 17% of the population that age.

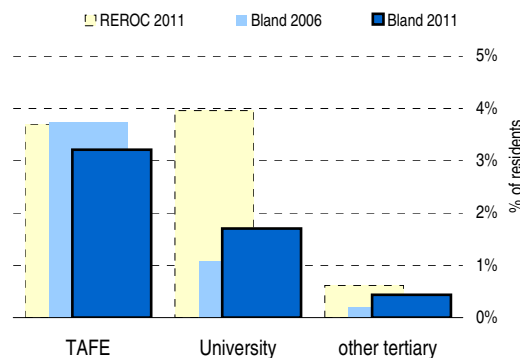
- 11% were at TAFE and 6% were at university.
- This compares with 10% at TAFE and 14% at university for Eastern Riverina.
- The number at TAFE or Uni had risen by 2% since 2006.
- 28% of TAFE students and 77% of Uni students were full-time.

There were 122 mature-age students (25+ years) in Bland attending TAFE or University in 2011, representing 4% of the population aged 25–74 years.

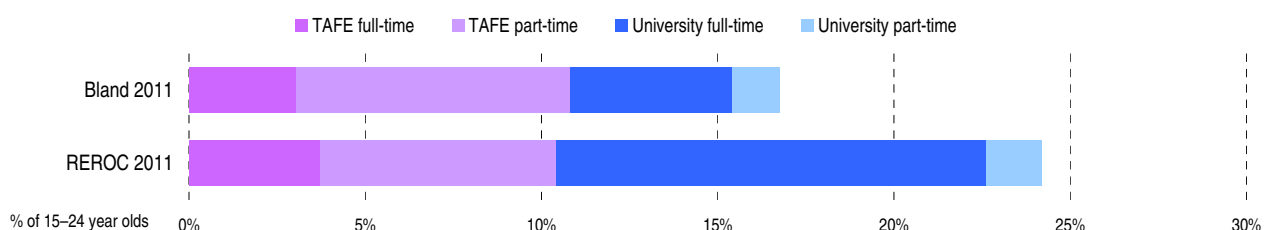
- 2% were at TAFE and 1% were at university (3% at TAFE and 2% at university in Eastern Riverina).
- The number of mature-age TAFE or Uni students had fallen by 7% since 2006.
- 15% of these TAFE students and 21% of these Uni students were full-time.

Men and women tend to have different attendance patterns (and courses), with men generally more likely to attend TAFE. Here, among tertiary students overall, there were 2.0 females per male.

### Tertiary attendance



### Tertiary attendance by 15–24 year olds



Tertiary education	Bland 2011				Bland students, 2011			% adults, Bland 2006	number change 2006–2011
	students	% adults	% in REROC	Bland's difference	males	females	ratio		
TAFE	147	3.2%	3.7%	0.5% less	62	85	1.4 F:M	3.7%	dn 17%
University	78	1.7%	4.0%	2.3% less	17	61	3.6 F:M	1.1%	up 53%
other tertiary	20	0.4%	0.6%	0.2% less	4	16	4.0 F:M	0.2%	up 122%
<b>tertiary students</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>2.9% less</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2.0 F:M</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>up 3%</b>
<b>15–24 year olds</b>	% 15–24 yrs								
TAFE full-time	18	3.0%	3.7%	0.7% less	5	13	2.6 F:M	3.3%	dn 14%
TAFE part-time	46	7.8%	6.7%	1.1% more	30	16	1.9 M:F	8.9%	dn 19%
University full-time	27	4.6%	12.2%	7.6% less	0	27	F	1.7%	up 145%
University part-time	8	1.4%	1.6%	0.2% less	3	5	1.7 F:M	1.2%	same
<b>all 15–24 students</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>7.4% less</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1.6 F:M</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>up 2%</b>
<b>25+ year olds</b>	% 25–74 yrs								
TAFE full-time	12	0.4%	0.5%	0.1% less	0	12	F	0.3%	up 33%
TAFE part-time	67	2.0%	2.2%	0.2% less	23	44	1.9 F:M	2.5%	dn 26%
University full-time	9	0.3%	0.7%	0.4% less	0	9	F	0.2%	up 29%
University part-time	34	1.0%	1.5%	0.5% less	14	20	1.4 F:M	0.7%	up 36%
<b>all 25+ students</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1.3% less</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2.3 F:M</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>dn 7%</b>

Note: Change over 2006–2011 is the change in the number of students, as a percent of 2006.



# Years of schooling

A good indicator of a community's education is the average years of school completed, though this is affected by the age structure. Older people tend to have less schooling so a community with more elderly people will tend to have a lower average schooling.

The average schooling in Bland in 2011 was 10 years 2 months.

- Average schooling in Eastern Riverina was 10 years 5 months.
- Since 2006, average schooling in Bland had risen by 2 months.
- Average schooling in Eastern Riverina rose by 2 months over this period.

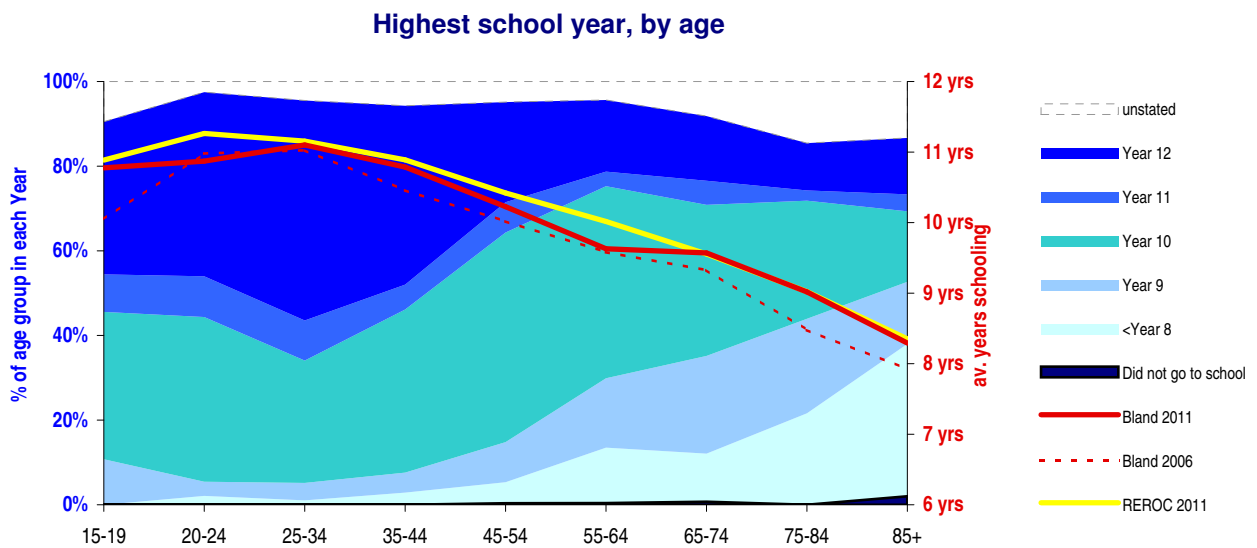
The average years schooling generally falls with age. In Bland, it falls from

- 10 years 10 months among those in their early twenties, to
- 10 years 3 months among residents of middle-age, then to
- 9 years among residents aged 75-84.

A useful indicator of a community's education is the proportion of people who have finished Year 12 of school. In Bland, 1,233 residents had finished Year 12, equivalent to 28% of the adult population (aged 15+).

- 44% of recent school-leavers (aged 20 to 24) had completed Year 12 in Bland.
- The proportion who finished Year 12 falls with age to 11% of residents aged 75-84.
- The number of residents who had completed Year 12 increased by 85 or 7% between 2006 and 2011.

The chart shows the highest year of school completed by residents of different ages. The shaded bands show the proportion of each age group who completed that year, and the lines show the average years schooling completed.



Highest school year, by age	% of age group whose highest school year was ...						average years schooling		
	Year 12	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9	<Year 8	Did not go to school	Bland 2011	REROC 2011	Bland 2006
15-19	36%	9%	35%	11%	0%	0%	10.8 yrs	10.9 yrs	10.0 yrs
20-24	44%	10%	39%	3%	2%	0%	10.9 yrs	11.3 yrs	11.0 yrs
25-34	52%	9%	29%	4%	1%	0%	11.1 yrs	11.2 yrs	11.0 yrs
35-44	42%	6%	39%	5%	3%	0%	10.8 yrs	10.9 yrs	10.5 yrs
45-54	24%	7%	50%	9%	5%	0%	10.2 yrs	10.4 yrs	10.0 yrs
55-64	17%	3%	45%	16%	13%	0%	9.6 yrs	10.0 yrs	9.6 yrs
65-74	15%	6%	36%	23%	11%	1%	9.6 yrs	9.6 yrs	9.3 yrs
75-84	11%	2%	28%	22%	22%	0%	9.0 yrs	9.0 yrs	8.5 yrs
85+	13%	4%	17%	15%	36%	2%	8.3 yrs	8.4 yrs	7.9 yrs
<b>all aged 15+</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>10.1 yrs</b>	<b>10.4 yrs</b>	<b>10.0 yrs</b>
number of residents	1,233	266	1,677	528	378	13			

The average schooling is estimated by multiplying the proportions who finished each year by the number of years, taking the average for <Year 8 as Year 6, excluding non-stated.

## Level of education attained

Education is a strong determinant of income and social status. A good indicator of a community's education level is the proportion of adults (aged 15+) with post-school qualifications.

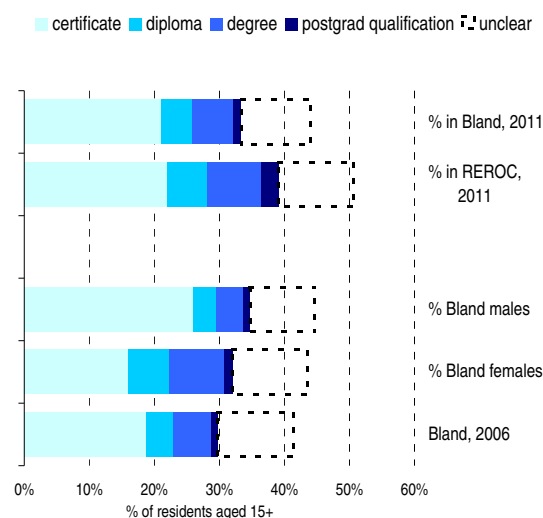
In Bland, 44% of adults had a post-school qualification in 2011, which was much lower than REROC's 51%.

Most commonly, the highest qualification held by Bland residents was a certificate (held by 21% of residents), then a bachelor degree (6%), a diploma or advanced diploma (5%), and least commonly, a postgraduate degree/diploma (1%).

In Bland, there were males and females equally among those with qualifications. However, there were more men with a certificate, and more women with bachelor degree.

In 2006, 41% had a tertiary qualification, with the most noticeable changes since then being a 18% rise in the number with a postgrad qualification and a rise of 15% in the number with a diploma.

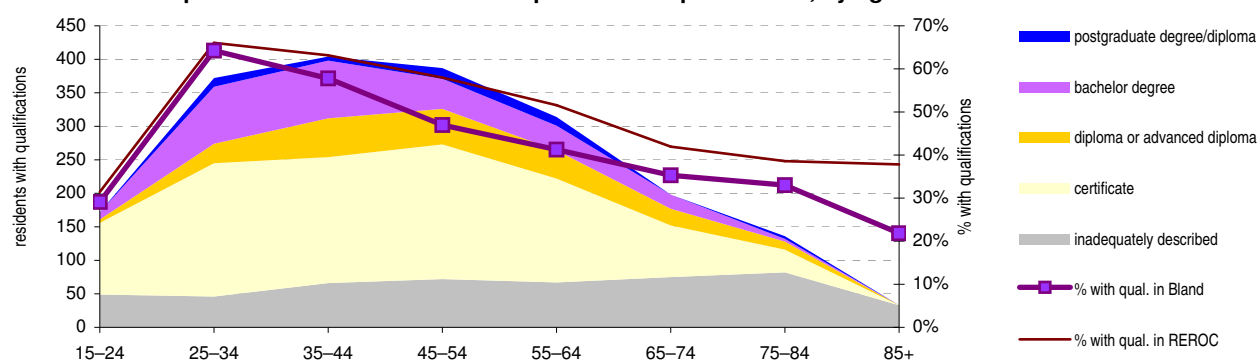
### Highest tertiary qualification



Highest tertiary qualifications	Bland 2011		% in REROC, 2011	Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland change from 2006	
	people aged 15+	% in Bland, 2011			% Bland males	% Bland females	ratio	Bland, 2006	change in %
postgraduate degree/diploma	52	1%	3%	1% less	1%	1%	1.3 F:M	44	up 18%
bachelor degree	289	6%	8%	2% less	4%	8%	2.0 F:M	279	up 4%
diploma or advanced diploma	224	5%	6%	1% less	3%	6%	1.9 F:M	195	up 15%
certificate	961	21%	22%	1% less	26%	16%	1.6 M:F	891	up 8%
inadequately described	490	11%	12%	1% less	10%	12%	1.2 F:M	551	dn 11%
none or not stated	2,560	56%	49%	7% more	55%	56%	1.0 F:M	2,782	dn 8%
<b>total qualified</b>	<b>4,576</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>1.0 M:F</b>	<b>4,742</b>	

Across the age groups, the proportion with a post-school qualification was highest amongst 25–34 at 64% (vs. 66% in Eastern Riverina), then amongst 35–44 (58% vs. 63%), and 45–54 (47% vs. 58%).

### Proportion of Bland residents with post-school qualification, by age



Highest qualific'ns of residents, by age	No. of Bland residents, 2011, by age group								
	15–24	25–34	35–44	45–54	55–64	65–74	75–84	85+	15+
postgraduate degree/diploma	0	13	6	16	13	0	4	0	52
bachelor degree	11	85	86	45	37	21	4	0	289
diploma or advanced diploma	5	29	58	53	42	25	12	0	224
certificate	107	199	188	201	155	77	34	0	961
inadequately described	49	46	66	72	67	75	82	33	490
<b>total qualified</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2,016</b>
residents this age	591	579	699	824	761	561	412	151	4,578
<b>% with qual. in Bland</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>44%</b>
% with qual. in REROC	31%	66%	63%	58%	52%	42%	39%	38%	51%
Bland diff. from REROC	2% less	2% less	5% less	11% less	10% less	7% less	6% less	16% less	7% less

# The Local Economy

## Individual incomes

In mid-2011, the average income from all sources of the adults (aged 15+) in Bland was around \$654 a week. The average income for women was \$523, which was 66% of the average for men, \$786.

- The average weekly income was \$30 or 4% lower than the \$684 average for Eastern Riverina.
- The median income (or mid-point) was \$459 a week compared with \$517 for Eastern Riverina, 11% lower.

Since 2006, average weekly earnings rose 24% across Australia. The average income in Bland rose by 10% more (up by 34%), suggesting that local wages growth was high.

- Male average incomes went from \$614 in 2006 to \$786 in 2011, up by 28%.
- Women's incomes went from \$390 in 2006 to \$523 in 2011, up by 34%.
- The median income went from \$363 in 2006 to \$459 in 2011, up by 26% (25% in Eastern Riverina).

Incomes can be aggregated into four broad bands. Low income is less than \$300 a week (roughly the single pension); middle income goes up to near average earnings (to \$800 pw); upper income is up to \$1,500. The top income band is \$1,500+ a week.

Bland had 3% more in the low income band than Eastern Riverina, and 4% fewer in the upper income band. In Bland:

29% of adults had low incomes

People with incomes under \$300 are mainly dependent spouses, people on pensions or benefits, or part-time workers. 35% of women and 23% of men were on low incomes.

40% of adults had middle incomes

People on middle incomes (up to average weekly earnings) tend to be full-time workers in less skilled jobs, or independent workers. 43% of women and 37% of men were on middle incomes.

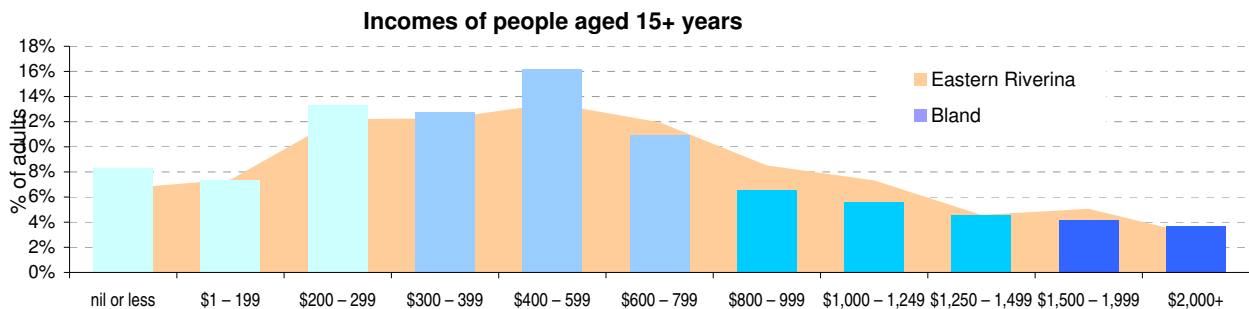
17% of adults got upper incomes

People on upper incomes (above AWE) tend to be professional or managerial workers or successful self-employed. 12% of women and 22% of men were on upper incomes.

8% of adults were in the top income band

People on top incomes (over twice AWE) tend to be senior professional or managerial workers or business owners. 4% of women and 11% of men were on top incomes.

The total value of personal incomes in Bland in 2011 was about \$1.1 billion.



Incomes of people aged 15+ years	Bland 2011				Bland 2011			% in Bland in 2006	
	number	% in Bland	% in REROC	Bland's difference	males	females	M : F ratio	ranges	% in Bland
nil or less	381	8%	7%	2% more	172	209	1.2 F:M	nil / neg've	9%
\$1 - 199	338	7%	7%	0% less	113	225	2.0 F:M	\$1-149	7%
\$200 - 299	610	13%	12%	1% more	250	360	1.4 F:M	\$150-249	19%
\$300 - 399	586	13%	12%	1% more	234	352	1.5 F:M	\$250-399	16%
\$400 - 599	741	16%	13%	3% more	320	421	1.3 F:M	\$400-599	15%
\$600 - 799	500	11%	12%	1% less	284	216	1.3 M:F	\$600-799	10%
\$800 - 999	302	7%	9%	2% less	186	116	1.6 M:F	\$800-999	7%
\$1,000 - 1,249	256	6%	7%	2% less	162	94	1.7 M:F	\$1,000-1,299	5%
\$1,250 - 1,499	209	5%	5%	0% less	145	64	2.3 M:F	\$1,300-1,599	3%
\$1,500 - 1,999	193	4%	5%	1% less	139	54	2.6 M:F	\$1,600-1,999	2%
\$2,000+	168	4%	3%	1% more	122	46	2.7 M:F	\$2,000 or mo	2%
not stated	297	6%	8%	1% less	163	134	1.2 M:F	not stated	7%
<b>total</b>	<b>4,581</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,290</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>1.0 F:M</b>		<b>100%</b>
av wk income, people aged 15+ years		<b>\$654</b>	<b>\$684</b>	<b>4% less</b>	<b>\$786</b>	<b>\$523</b>	<b>1.5 M:F</b>		<b>\$503</b>
median income (aged 15+)		<b>\$459</b>	<b>\$517</b>	<b>11% less</b>					<b>\$363</b>

From 2006 to 2011, the average Australian adult total earnings increased from \$673 to \$837, by 24%. Men's rose 25% from \$801 to \$1003; women's rose 22% from \$535 to \$654.

# Family incomes

The incomes of different types of families gives some indication of their earning capacities, but not necessarily their need, which is affected by their differing sizes. Families with children often have the highest income, but also the most people on average to support. Single parent families generally have the lowest income because they have fewer earners, but have at least as many members as child-free couples, who usually have higher incomes.

The average weekly family income in Bland in mid-2011 was around \$1,358.

- This was 19% or \$101 a week lower than the \$1,459 average for Eastern Riverina.
- The family income was equivalent to 2.1 individual incomes (also 2.1 in Eastern Riverina).
- Average incomes ranged from \$1,672 for couples with children and \$1,238 for couples no children down to \$811 for one-parent families.

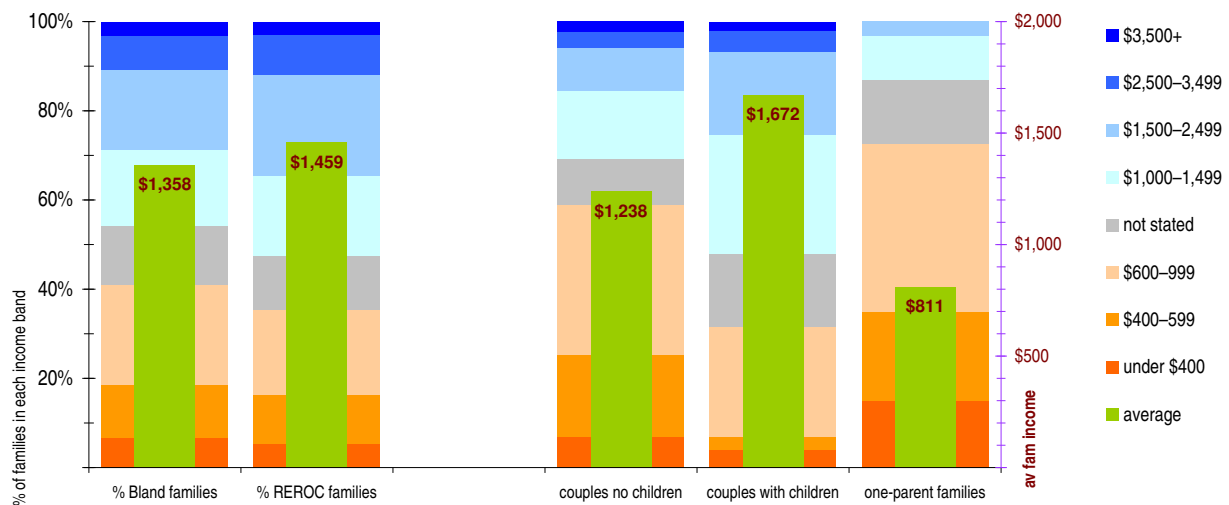
While the average family income was \$1,358, the median income for all families (where half earn more and half less) was \$1,072. The average is higher than the median because some families have very high incomes, which pulls the average up.

- In Bland, the average is 27% above the median.
- In Eastern Riverina, the median family income was \$1,240 a week; the average was 18% higher.

Between 2006 and 2011, the average family income in Bland rose by \$291 or 27%, from \$1,068 a week in 2006.

- In Eastern Riverina, average family income rose by \$276 or 27%, from \$1,183 a week.
- The median family income in Bland rose by 13%; in Eastern Riverina by 18%.
- The average income in Bland rose by 14% more than the median, suggesting there were more higher-income families.

Family weekly incomes



Family weekly incomes	families in each income range				% of family types in each income range			Bland families, 2006	
	number in Bland	% Bland families	% REROC families	Bland's difference	couples no children	couples with children	one-parent families	income ranges 2006	% Bland families
under \$400	105	7%	5%	1.4% more	7%	4%	15%	under \$350	9%
\$400-599	191	12%	11%	1.0% more	18%	3%	20%	\$350-649	11%
\$600-999	351	22%	19%	3.1% more	34%	25%	38%	\$650-999	25%
\$1,000-1,499	271	17%	18%	0.8% less	15%	26%	10%	\$1,000-1,399	20%
\$1,500-2,499	281	18%	23%	4.9% less	10%	19%	3%	\$1,400-1,999	13%
\$2,500-3,499	123	8%	9%	1.2% less	3%	5%	0%	\$2,000-2,999	7%
\$3,500+	49	3%	3%	0.2% more	2%	2%	0%	\$3,000+	2%
not stated	210	13%	12%	1.3% more	10%	17%	15%	not stated	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>
average family income		<b>\$1,358</b>	<b>\$1,459</b>	<b>19% less</b>	<b>\$1,238</b>	<b>\$1,672</b>	<b>\$811</b>		<b>\$1,068</b>
av. income in REROC					\$1,310	\$1,864	\$878		
median family income		<b>\$1,072</b>	<b>\$1,240</b>						<b>\$949</b>

The average weekly income is calculated by multiplying the mid-point of each income range (using \$4,000 for the top range in 2011, \$3,500 in 2006) by the number in that range, and dividing by the total in all stated ranges. The ranges shown in the table are summarised from a larger number. The larger income bands are highlighted by bolding.

## Labour force

There were 2,794 residents of Bland in the workforce in 2011. They constituted 61% of the adult population aged 15+ (the workforce participation rate).

- About 59% of the adults were employed and 2% were unemployed, giving an unemployment rate of 3.5% of the workforce.
- Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland's workforce participation rate in 2011 was 4% lower and its unemployment rate was 1% lower.
- Since 2006, the participation rate had fallen by 1% and the unemployment rate had fallen by 1%.

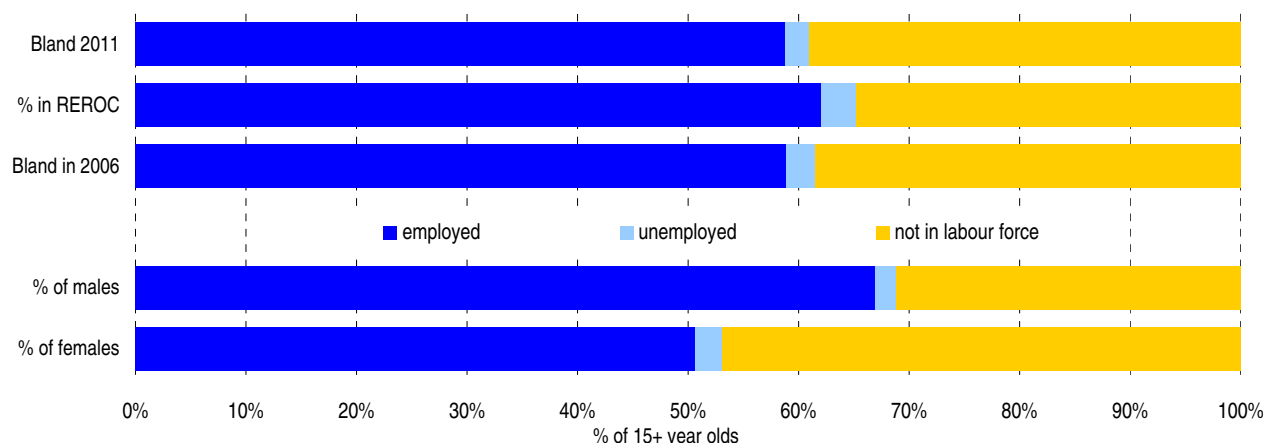
Women tend to have lower workforce participation rates on average, with greater time spent in child raising, housework and caring. In Bland, women's workforce participation was at 53% compared with 69% for men.

- Women also tend to have lower attachment to the workforce, and to withdraw (by not seeking work) when unemployed. This can cause their measured unemployment rate to be lower. Here, however, women's unemployment rate in 2011 was 5% when men's was 3%.

Women's domestic responsibilities also make them more inclined towards working part-time. In Bland, 41% of female workers were part-timers when 11% of the men were.

- Similarly, among the unemployed workforce, 58% of women wanted part-time work while 23% of men did.
- The overall proportion of unemployed residents wanting part-time work was 2% higher than in Eastern Riverina and 6% higher than in 2006.

### Labour force status, adults 15+



Employment status	Bland 2011			Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	Bland's change from 2006
	number	% of adults	% in REROC		% of males	% of females	ratio of percents		
employed	2,695	58.8%	62.0%	3.2% less	66.9%	50.7%	1.32 M:F	58.9%	dn 0.1%
unemployed	99	2.2%	3.2%	1.1% less	1.9%	2.4%	1.25 F:M	2.7%	dn 0.5%
labour force (participation rate)	2,794	61.0%	65.2%	4.3% less	68.8%	53.1%	1.30 M:F	61.5%	dn 0.6%
not in labour force	1,790	39.0%	34.8%	4.3% more	31.2%	46.9%	1.50 F:M	38.5%	up 0.6%
<b>residents aged 15+</b>	<b>4,584</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.00 M:F</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
unemployment rate (% labour force)		3.5%	5.0%	1.4% less	2.8%	4.5%	1.62 F:M	4.3%	dn 0.8%
full-time workers	1,765	65.5%	64.9%	0.6% more	84.8%	47.5%	1.78 M:F	72%	dn 6.3%
part-time workers	735	27.3%	29.0%	1.7% less	10.7%	41.0%	3.83 F:M	23%	up 4.6%
unemployed want full-time work	57	57.6%	59.6%	2.0% less	77.3%	41.8%	1.85 M:F	63%	dn 5.9%
unemployed want part-time	42	42.4%	40.4%	2.0% more	22.7%	58.2%	2.56 F:M	37%	up 5.9%

## Employment by age

The table below shows the labour force status of Bland residents by age, and calculates a number of employment indicators, shown in the chart below.

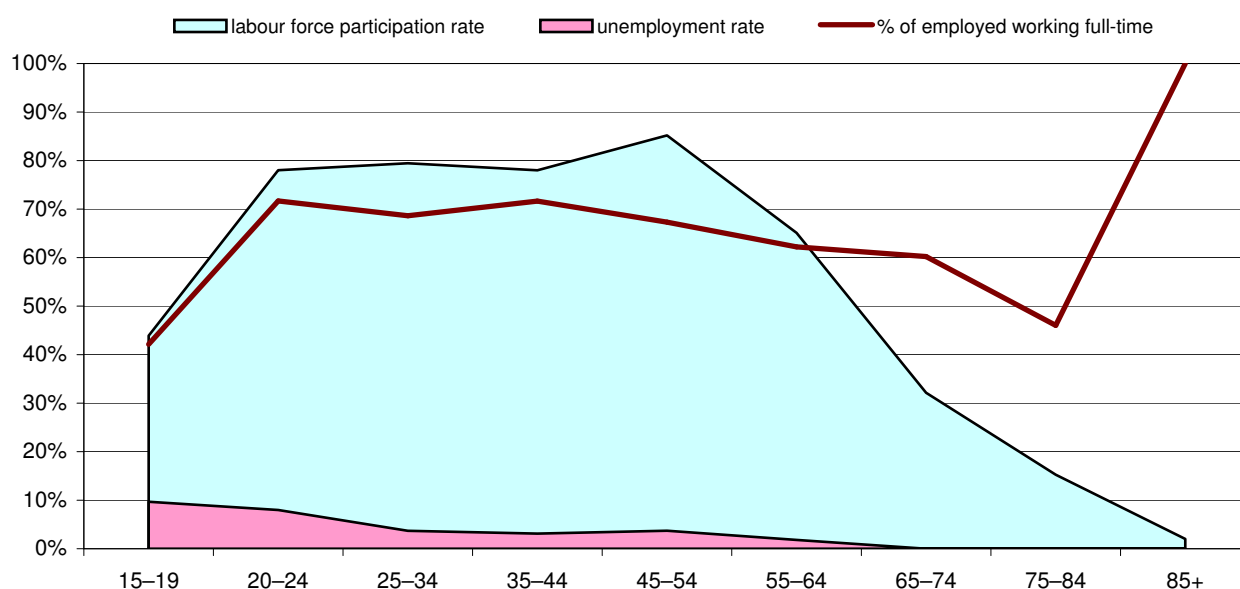
The first indicator is the unemployment rate, which averaged 4% over all residents in Bland in the labour force. Unemployment was highest among those aged 15–19 at 10%, and was 8% among those aged 20–24, and 4% among 45–54 year-olds.

The second indicator is the labour force participation rate, which averaged 61% over all residents in Bland. Labour force participation rose as education finished, from 10% of 15 to 19 year-olds, to 85% of 45–54 year-olds, before falling with old age to 2% of the 85+ year-olds.

Another employment indicator is the proportion of full-time workers, which averaged 65% over all residents. This proportion also rise as education finishes, here from 42% of 15 to 19 year-old workers, to 100% of 85+ year-old workers, before falling with old age to 46% of the 75–84 year-old workers.

Overall, 58% of unemployed residents wanted full-time work. This proportion was highest among those aged 20–24 (80%) and 35–44 (76%).

**Bland Employment Indicators, by age**



Employment status by age	No. of Bland residents, 2011, by age group								
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+
employed	140	173	443	529	676	487	181	63	3
unemployed	15	15	17	17	26	9	0	0	0
<b>labour force</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>
not in labour force	188	45	101	129	104	240	350	319	134
not stated	10	8	18	25	18	26	32	31	12
<b>residents aged 15+</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>149</b>
unemployment rate	10%	8%	4%	3%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%
labour force participation rate	44%	78%	79%	78%	85%	65%	32%	15%	2%
% of employed working full-time	42%	72%	69%	72%	67%	62%	60%	46%	100%
% unemployed want full-time	47%	80%	47%	76%	54%	33%	-	-	-
<b>REROC unemployment rate</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>REROC participation rate</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>2%</b>
2006 unemployment rate	10%	10%	6%	4%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%
2006 participation rate	46%	76%	78%	81%	82%	64%	30%	10%	6%



## Industries of employment

The five industries that were largest employers of Bland residents in 2011 were:

- rural industries, with 28% of workers
- mining, 9%
- retail trade, 9%
- education & training, 7%
- health & social care, 6%.

Other significant employers for residents were:

- food & accommodation, 6% of the workers;
- public administration, 6%;
- transport & storage, 6%;
- construction, 4%.

Industries that employed greater proportions of local residents in Eastern Riverina included:

- rural industries (24% more)
- mining (9% more)
- transport & storage (1% more).

Industries that employed proportionally more local women included:

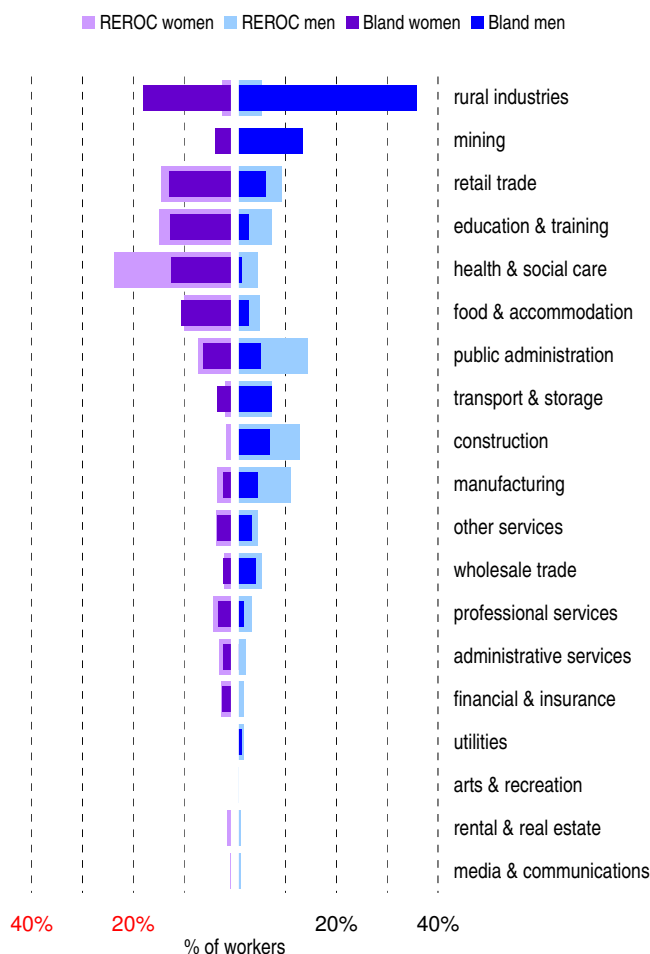
- health & social care (7.6 women per man)
- education & training (3.7 women per man)
- food & accommodation (3.1 women per man).

Men were predominant in

- construction (17.7 men per woman)
- mining (4.7 men per woman)
- transport & storage (2.8 men per woman).

Since 2006, the fastest-growing employers were the mining, education & training, and food & accommodation industries, whose share of local workers rose by 3.8%, 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively.

## Industries



Industry of employers	Bland 2011				Bland 2011			Bland's change from 2006	
	number	% of workers	% in REROC	Bland's difference	males	females	ratio of workers	Bland in 2006	Bland's change from 2006
rural industries	760	28.2%	3.9%	<b>24.3% more</b>	35.8%	18.1%	<b>2.6 M:F</b>	31.6%	<b>dn 3.4%</b>
mining	250	9.3%	0.2%	<b>9.1% more</b>	13.4%	3.8%	<b>4.7 M:F</b>	5.4%	<b>up 3.8%</b>
retail trade	242	9.0%	11.7%	<b>2.7% less</b>	6.0%	12.9%	<b>1.6 F:M</b>	10.2%	<b>dn 1.2%</b>
education & training	187	6.9%	10.8%	<b>3.8% less</b>	2.6%	12.7%	<b>3.7 F:M</b>	6.3%	up 0.6%
health & social care	163	6.0%	13.5%	<b>7.5% less</b>	1.2%	12.4%	<b>7.6 F:M</b>	6.0%	up 0.1%
food & accommodation	163	6.0%	7.3%	<b>1.2% less</b>	2.6%	10.6%	<b>3.1 F:M</b>	5.7%	up 0.4%
public administration	151	5.6%	10.9%	<b>5.3% less</b>	5.1%	6.2%	<b>1.1 M:F</b>	6.2%	<b>dn 0.6%</b>
transport & storage	150	5.6%	4.7%	0.9% more	7.2%	3.4%	<b>2.8 M:F</b>	5.2%	up 0.3%
construction	112	4.2%	7.6%	<b>3.4% less</b>	6.9%	0.5%	<b>17.7 M:F</b>	4.3%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
manufacturing	93	3.4%	7.4%	<b>3.9% less</b>	4.4%	2.2%	<b>2.6 M:F</b>	3.3%	up 0.2%
other services	92	3.4%	4.0%	<b>0.6% less</b>	3.4%	3.4%	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	3.3%	up 0.1%
wholesale trade	88	3.3%	3.7%	<b>0.4% less</b>	4.1%	2.2%	<b>2.5 M:F</b>	3.1%	up 0.2%
professional services	63	2.3%	3.7%	<b>1.4% less</b>	1.6%	3.3%	<b>1.5 F:M</b>	2.1%	up 0.3%
administrative services	36	1.3%	2.6%	<b>1.2% less</b>	0.7%	2.2%	<b>2.3 F:M</b>	1.6%	<b>dn 0.3%</b>
financial & insurance	28	1.0%	2.1%	<b>1.1% less</b>	0.0%	2.4%	<b>F</b>	1.0%	up 0.0%
utilities	20	0.7%	1.1%	<b>0.3% less</b>	1.3%	0.0%	<b>M</b>	0.5%	up 0.2%
arts & recreation	12	0.4%	0.7%	<b>0.3% less</b>	0.6%	0.3%	<b>3.0 M:F</b>	0.5%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
rental & real estate	10	0.4%	1.3%	<b>0.9% less</b>	0.2%	0.6%	<b>2.3 F:M</b>	0.4%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
media & communications	8	0.3%	1.0%	<b>0.7% less</b>	0.2%	0.4%	<b>1.7 F:M</b>	0.3%	<b>dn 0.0%</b>
inadequately described	68	2.5%	1.9%	0.6% more	2.5%	2.5%	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	2.9%	<b>dn 0.4%</b>
<b>employed residents</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

## Occupations

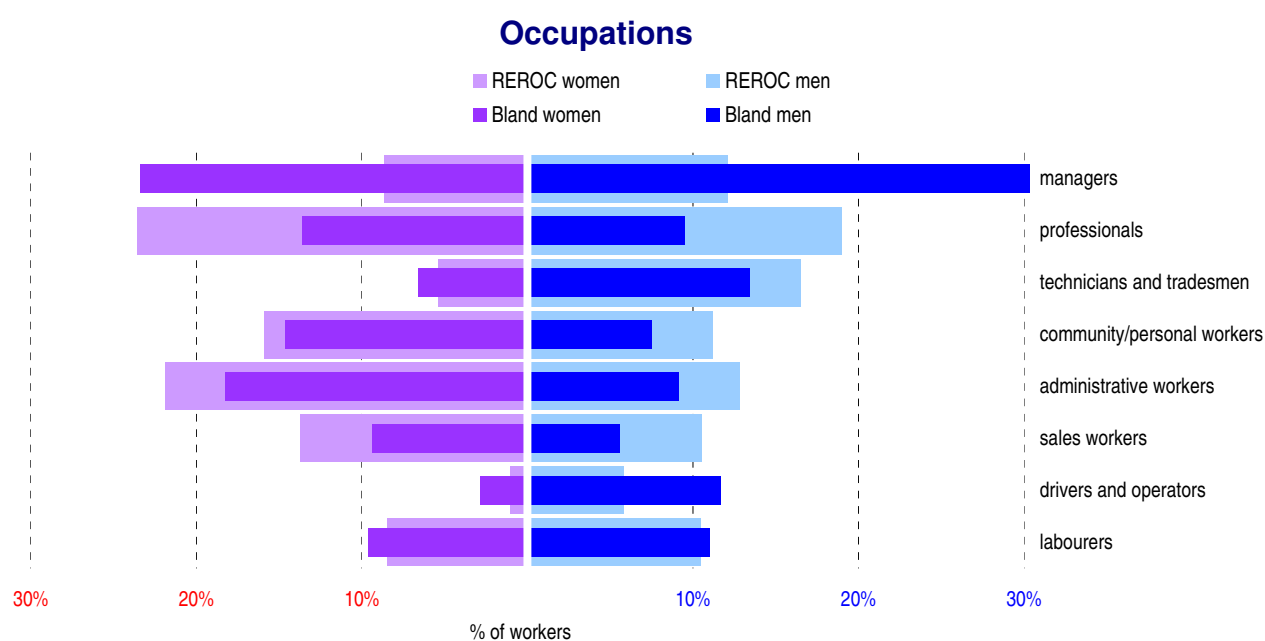
Occupations are a good indicator of socio-economic status, and communities with more people in more highly educated occupations tend to be wealthier. The occupational tree below shows the proportions of men and women in the eight occupational bands in Bland in 2011, with the more educated ones being higher branches. The more top-heavy the tree, the higher is the socio-economic status of the community. The lighter background tree shows REROC's occupations for comparison.

Bland had 40% workers in the top two occupational bands (30% were managers, including farmers and small business operators, and 9% professionals), compared with 31% for Eastern Riverina. The two lowest bands made up 23% of Bland's workers (12% were drivers / machine operators and 11% were labourers). Eastern Riverina had 16% in these occupations.

Relative to Eastern Riverina, Bland had 18% more workers who were managers, but 9% fewer workers who were professionals and 5% fewer who were sales workers.

Many occupations have a significant gender bias. In Bland, there were 4.1 men per woman among drivers and operators and 2.0 men per woman among technicians and tradesmen, but there were 2.0 women per man among administrative workers and 2.0 women per man among community/personal workers.

Occupational growth over 2006 to 2011 was highest among drivers and operators with a 2.4% larger proportion of the workforce, and technicians and tradesmen with a 1.4% larger proportion. Conversely, 2.7% fewer worked as managers, and 2.7% fewer as labourers, .



Occupations of employed residents	Bland 2011		workers in Bland					Bland's change from 2006	
	number workers	% of workers	% in REROC	Bland's difference	% of males	% of females	ratio of percents	Bland in 2006	Bland's change from 2006
managers	822	30%	12%	<b>18.4% more</b>	30%	23%	1.3 M:F	33%	dn 2.7%
professionals	256	9%	19%	<b>9.5% less</b>	9%	14%	1.4 F:M	9%	up 0.4%
technicians and tradesmen	362	13%	17%	<b>3.1% less</b>	13%	7%	2.0 M:F	12%	up 1.4%
community/personal workers	202	7%	11%	<b>3.7% less</b>	7%	15%	2.0 F:M	7%	up 0.3%
administrative workers	246	9%	13%	<b>3.7% less</b>	9%	18%	2.0 F:M	8%	up 1.1%
sales workers	151	6%	11%	<b>4.9% less</b>	6%	9%	1.7 F:M	6%	dn 0.1%
drivers and operators	315	12%	6%	<b>5.8% more</b>	12%	3%	4.1 M:F	9%	up 2.4%
labourers	297	11%	11%	0.5% more	11%	10%	1.1 M:F	14%	dn 2.7%
unclear	45	2%	2%	0.1% more	2%	2%	1.0 M:F	2%	dn 0.1%
<b>total employed residents</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>same</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	<b>100%</b>	

The 2011 occupations are coded to the 2011 Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO), which has replaced the 1996 Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) used in the 2006 Census. Where reasonable, 2006 occupations have been matched to 2011 classifications, otherwise 'n.a.' is shown for 2006.

## Travel to work

In the 2011 Census, people were asked how they traveled to work on Tuesday 8 August.

In Bland, 72% of the 2,695 employed residents traveled to work that day, with 10% not going to work, and 16% working from home; some did not say.

Some journeys involved multiple 'trips' by different modes (eg a lift and a bus). In all, 1,947 Bland workers took 2,001 trips, an average of 1.03 trips per worker; most people used just one mode of transport to work.

The most common way to get to work nearly everywhere is by driving, and in Bland, 69% of workers who traveled did so by driving in 2011 (80% in Eastern Riverina).

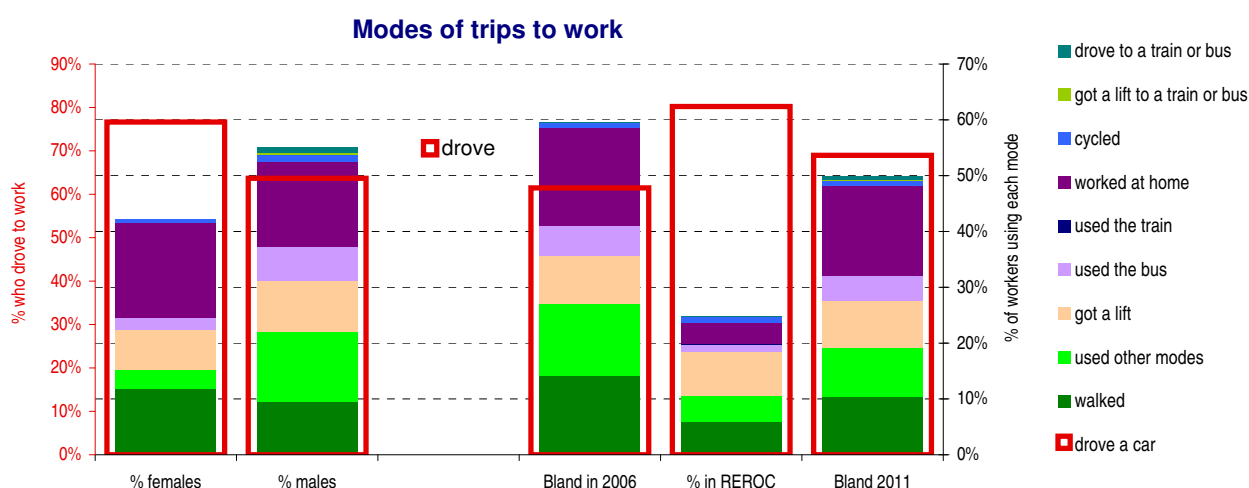
Since 2006, the proportion who drove rose by 8%.

Driving is generally more common amongst men than women; in Bland, there were 1.2 men per woman among drivers.

There was male bias among travellers who used other modes (6.6 men per woman), and those who used the bus (4.4 men per woman).

Other than driving, the other main ways people traveled to work in Bland were that 10% of travelers walked, 9% used other modes, 8% got a lift, and 4% used the bus. Less common were those who cycled (1%), or drove to a train or bus (1%).

In Bland, women were most numerous among those who did not work on Census day, with 1.1 women per man.



The 'used other modes' category includes trips by taxi (3), truck (91), motorcycle (16), and other modes, often as one stage of a journey.

Trips to work	Bland 2011		% in REROC	Bland's difference	Bland 2011		Bland in 2006	
	workers	% travellers			% males	% females	gender ratio	% of trips
drove a car	1,343	69.0%	80.2%	11.2% less	63.7%	76.6%	1.2 M:F	61% up 7.5%
walked	203	10.4%	5.9%	4.5% more	9.4%	11.9%	1.1 M:F	14% dn 3.8%
used other modes	172	8.8%	4.7%	4.1% more	12.7%	3.3%	6.6 M:F	13% dn 4.1%
got a lift	162	8.3%	7.8%	0.5% more	9.0%	7.3%	1.8 M:F	8% dn 0.1%
used the bus	87	4.5%	1.3%	3.2% more	6.2%	2.0%	4.4 M:F	5% dn 0.9%
cycled	20	1.0%	1.0%	0.0% less	1.3%	0.6%	3.0 M:F	1% up 0.2%
used the train	0	0.0%	0.1%	0.1% less	0.0%	0.0%	=	0% same
got a lift to a train or bus	3	0.2%	0.0%	0.1% more	0.3%	0.0%	M	0% up 0.2%
drove to a train or bus	11	0.6%	0.0%	0.5% more	1.0%	0.0%	M	0% up 0.4%
<b>Trips to work</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>101%</b>		<b>103%</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>1.4 M:F</b>	<b>103%</b>
<b>Employed residents</b>		<b>% workers</b>			<b>% workers</b>			<b>% workers</b>
travelled to work	1,947	72%	85%	12.6% less	75%	69%	1.4 M:F	71% up 1.6%
worked at home	432	16%	4%	12.2% more	15%	17%	1.2 M:F	18% dn 1.6%
did not work on Census day	264	10%	10%	0.1% less	8%	12%	1.1 F:M	9% up 0.7%
not stated	52	2%	1%	0.5% more	1%	3%	1.4 F:M	3% dn 0.7%
<b>Employed residents</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>100%</b>

The top half of the table shows trips, not workers, and multiple-mode trips (eg lift to bus) are counted as several trips, where possible. The 'used other modes' category includes 4 taxi trips, 58 by truck, 9 by motorcycle, 57 by unnamed other modes, and 44 trips by multiple modes.

# Community Cultures

## Ancestry

How people describe their ancestry is a significant indicator of their cultural heritage. In the Census, people could give at most two ancestries. Only 7 ancestries were prompted with tick boxes (English, Irish, Italian, German, Chinese, Scottish and Australian); others had to be written in, which will lower responses. People with Australian ancestry are usually a minority.

In Bland in 2011, 48% of residents ticked Australian ancestry. About 96% of residents named two ancestries.

The most common non-Australian ancestries were:

- English, 41% of residents;
- Irish 12.6%;
- Scottish 11.9%;
- German 5.6%;
- Dutch 0.8%.

Compared with Eastern Riverina, Bland had more people with Australian, Scottish and English ancestries.

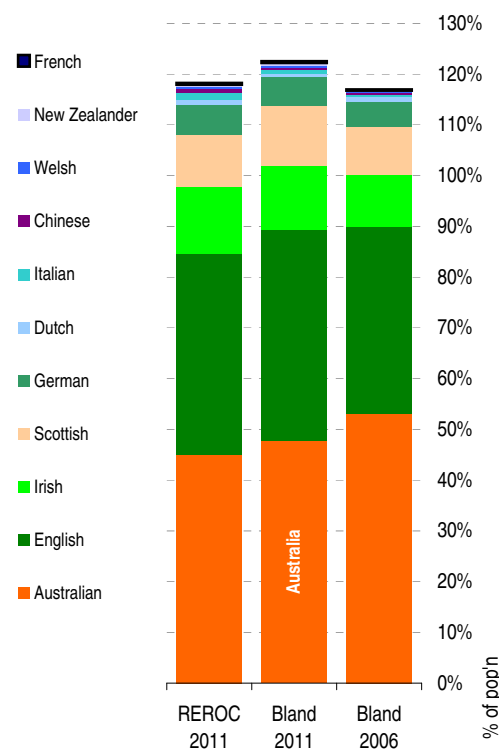
Having both parents born overseas is an indicator that ancestral culture may be strong. Here, residents with Filipino ancestry were most likely to have both parents born overseas, with 100% in this situation.

- Other ancestries where high proportions had both parents born overseas were Croatian (100%), Chinese (75%), Maori (50%), and Polish (33%).

Since 2006, ancestries that became more common in Bland were English, with 4.6% more of the population than in 2006, and Scottish (2.6% more); Irish had 2.2% more.

- Note that the number writing in Indigenous ancestry is often low, because there is a specific Indigenous Census question.

### Most common ancestries



Ancestry	Bland 2011				Parents of Bland residents			Bland in 2006	Bland's change from 2006
	residents	percent	% in REROC	Bland's difference	both born overseas	one born overseas	both born Australia		
Australian	2,808	47.8%	44.9%	<b>3% more</b>	0%	6%	<b>91%</b>	53.1%	<b>dn 5.2%</b>
Australian Aboriginal	11	0.2%	0.4%	<b>0% less</b>	0%	0%	<b>100%</b>	0.3%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
English	2,433	41.5%	39.7%	<b>2% more</b>	7%	7%	84%	36.9%	<b>up 4.6%</b>
Irish	738	12.6%	13.3%	<b>1% less</b>	2%	5%	<b>90%</b>	10.3%	<b>up 2.2%</b>
Scottish	699	11.9%	10.1%	<b>2% more</b>	5%	7%	87%	9.4%	<b>up 2.6%</b>
German	329	5.6%	5.9%	<b>0% less</b>	3%	5%	<b>90%</b>	5.0%	up 0.6%
Dutch	45	0.8%	1.1%	<b>0% less</b>	29%	29%	42%	0.9%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
Italian	39	0.7%	1.4%	<b>1% less</b>	31%	10%	59%	0.5%	up 0.2%
Chinese	28	0.5%	0.7%	<b>0% less</b>	<b>75%</b>	0%	25%	0.3%	up 0.2%
Welsh	27	0.5%	0.4%	0% more	15%	11%	74%	0.2%	up 0.3%
New Zealander	26	0.4%	0.5%	<b>0% less</b>	27%	<b>50%</b>	23%	0.2%	up 0.2%
French	21	0.4%	0.3%	0% more	14%	<b>33%</b>	52%	0.3%	up 0.1%
Greek	21	0.4%	0.3%	0% more	14%	29%	57%	0.2%	up 0.1%
Maori	20	0.3%	0.2%	0% more	<b>50%</b>	<b>35%</b>	15%	0.2%	up 0.1%
Maltese	13	0.2%	0.2%	0% more	31%	31%	38%	0.1%	up 0.2%
Filipino	9	0.2%	0.3%	<b>0% less</b>	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	0.1%	up 0.0%
Polish	9	0.2%	0.3%	<b>0% less</b>	33%	<b>33%</b>	33%	0.2%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
Hungarian	9	0.2%	0.1%	0% more	33%	<b>33%</b>	33%	0.1%	up 0.0%
Croatian	3	0.1%	0.1%	<b>0% less</b>	<b>100%</b>	0%	0%	0.2%	<b>dn 0.1%</b>
unlisted	138	2.4%	4.2%	<b>2% less</b>		n.a.		1.6%	up 0.8%
not stated	295	5.0%	6.6%	<b>2% less</b>	3%	2%	53%	5.9%	<b>dn 0.9%</b>
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>7,721</b>	<b>131.6%</b>	<b>131.1%</b>	<b>0% more</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>126.0%</b>	<b>up 5.6%</b>
<b>residents</b>	<b>5,869</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## Indigenous residents

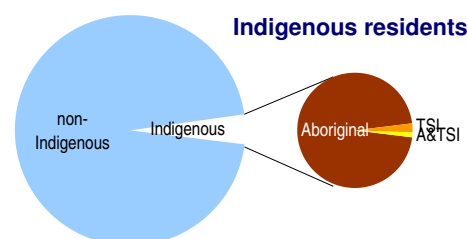
The Census asked whether people had Indigenous origins. In 2011, the number who responded yes increased nationally by 25%, as more baby-boomers and Gen X people said they and their children had Indigenous origins.

In 2011, Bland had 238 Indigenous residents, with 229 having Aboriginal origins; 6 having Torres Strait Islander (TSI) origins; 3 having both Aboriginal and TSI origins.

Indigenous people constituted 4.1% of the residents, similar to 3.8% of Eastern Riverina.

The average age of Indigenous residents was about 25 years; it was 40 years for non-Indigenous residents.

Indigenous residents had a median age of 15–19; for non-Indigenous residents it was 40–44.

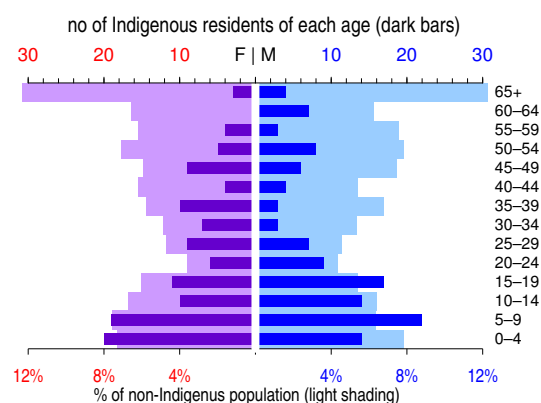


The age structure of the Indigenous population is very different from the non-Indigenous community, due to higher mortality rates at most ages and higher birth rates. Young people form a larger share of the Indigenous population, and people over 65 are much less common than among non-Indigenous people.

- 17% of Indigenous residents were aged 5–9 years versus 7% of non-Indigenous residents;
- 14% Indigenous were 0–4 years old, vs 8%;
- 12% Indigenous were 15–19 years old, vs 6%;
- However, people aged 65+ were 3% of Indigenous people but 20% of non-Indigenous.

In 2006, Bland had an Indigenous population of 164, so numbers had risen by 74 or 45% over five years to 2011. The overall population fell 4%.

- The numbers aged 5–9 and 0–4 years increased most.
- The numbers aged 10–14 and 40–44 fell most.



Indigenous people	Bland 2011		% in REROC	Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	change 2006–2011
	number	% residents			males	females	ratio		
Aboriginal	229	3.9%	3.6%	0.3% more	120	109	1.10 M:F	158	up 45%
Torres Strait Islander (TSI)	6	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% more	0	6	F	3	up 100%
Aboriginal and TSI	3	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% less	0	3	F	3	same
<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>0.3% more</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1.02 M:F</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>up 45%</b>
non-Indigenous	5,482	93.5%	92.5%	1.0% more	2,717	2,765	1.02 F:M	5,725	dn 4%
not stated	143	2.4%	3.7%		80	63	1.27 M:F	214	dn 33%
<b>residents</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,918</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>1.01 F:M</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>dn 4%</b>

Ages of Indigenous residents	Bland 2011				Bland Indigenous residents, 2011			Bland in 2006	change 2006–2011
	Indigenous	% of Indig.	% non-Indig	Indig. diff.	males	females	ratio		
0–4	34	14%	8%	7% more	14	20	1.4 F:M	18	up 16
5–9	41	17%	7%	10% more	22	19	1.2 M:F	12	up 29
10–14	24	10%	7%	3% more	14	10	1.4 M:F	26	dn 2
15–19	28	12%	6%	6% more	17	11	1.5 M:F	15	up 13
20–24	15	6%	4%	2% more	9	6	1.5 M:F	14	up 1
25–29	16	7%	5%	2% more	7	9	1.3 F:M	8	up 8
30–34	10	4%	5%	1% less	3	7	2.3 F:M	9	up 1
35–39	13	5%	6%	1% less	3	10	3.3 F:M	8	up 5
40–44	8	3%	6%	2% less	4	4	=	10	dn 2
45–49	15	6%	7%	0% less	6	9	1.5 F:M	15	same
50–54	13	5%	7%	2% less	8	5	1.6 M:F	10	up 3
55–59	7	3%	7%	4% less	3	4	1.3 F:M	9	dn 2
60–64	7	3%	6%	3% less	7	0	M	5	up 2
65+	7	3%	20%	17% less	4	3	1.3 M:F	3	up 4
<b>residents</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1.0 M:F</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>up 76</b>
<b>average age</b>		<b>24.5 yrs</b>	<b>40.3 yrs</b>	<b>-15.7 yrs</b>	<b>25.2 yrs</b>	<b>23.9 yrs</b>		<b>28.1 yrs</b>	<b>dn 3.6 yrs</b>

## Birthplaces

The variety of birthplaces is an indication of cultural diversity, though many places have just a few from many countries.

92% of Bland residents were born in Australia and 4% were born overseas, coming from at least 19 countries (4% did not give their birthplace).

The main overseas birthplaces, and the number and proportion of residents born there, were:

- the UK – 96 or 1.6%;
- New Zealand – 39 or 0.7%;
- China – 11 or 0.2%;
- the Philippines – 9 or 0.2%;
- the Netherlands – 8 or 0.1%.

Between 2006 and 2011, the biggest increases in Bland were among those born in:

- Australia, with 1.2% more of the population;
- China, with similar;
- the USA, with similar.

Birthplaces with a falling share of the population included:

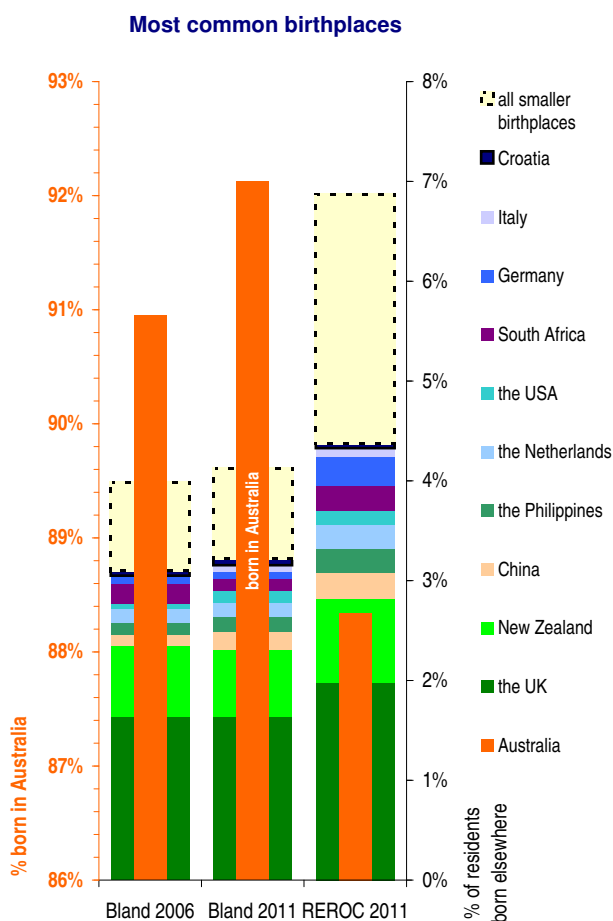
- South Africa (0.1% less);
- Ireland (0.1% less).

There were males and females equally among Australian-born residents here, and 1.07 women per man among overseas-born residents.

- those born in China had 1.8 men per woman
- those born in the Philippines had all women
- those born in the UK had 1.0 women per man
- those born in New Zealand had 1.3 women per man.

The proportion of Bland residents born in Australia was 4% higher than Eastern Riverina.

No overseas birthplace was significantly more common in Bland than in Eastern Riverina



Main birthplaces of residents	Bland 2011			Bland's difference	Bland 2011			Bland in 2006	change from 2006
	people	percent	% in REROC		males	females	ratio		
Australia	5,403	92.1%	88.3%	4% more	2,692	2,711	1.0 F:M	91.0%	up 1.2%
the UK	96	1.6%	2.0%	0.3% less	47	49	1.0 F:M	1.6%	same
New Zealand	39	0.7%	0.8%	0.2% less	17	22	1.3 F:M	0.7%	same
China	11	0.2%	0.3%	0.1% less	7	4	1.8 M:F	0.1%	up 0.1%
the Philippines	9	0.2%	0.2%	0.1% less	0	9	F	0.1%	same
the Netherlands	8	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	8	0	M	0.1%	same
the USA	7	0.1%	0.1%	same	3	4	1.3 F:M	0.0%	up 0.1%
South Africa	7	0.1%	0.3%	0.1% less	3	4	1.3 F:M	0.2%	dn 0.1%
Germany	4	0.1%	0.3%	0.2% less	0	4	F	0.1%	same
Italy	4	0.1%	0.1%	same	4	0	M	0.0%	up 0.1%
Croatia	4	0.1%	0.0%	same	4	0	M	0.0%	same
Fiji	4	0.1%	0.1%	same	0	4	F	0.0%	same
Canada	4	0.1%	0.1%	same	4	0	M	0.0%	up 0.1%
Ireland	3	0.1%	0.1%	0.1% less	0	3	F	0.1%	dn 0.1%
Malta	3	0.1%	0.0%	same	0	3	F	0.1%	dn 0.1%
India	3	0.1%	0.3%	0.2% less	0	3	F	0.0%	up 0.1%
Hong Kong	3	0.1%	0.1%	same	3	0	M	0.1%	same
Poland	3	0.1%	0.0%	same	3	0	M	0.0%	up 0.1%
a non-listed place	27	0.5%	1.2%	0.7% less	11	16	1.5 F:M	0.3%	up 0.1%
<b>all smaller birthplaces</b>	53	0.9%	2.5%	1.6% less	24	29		0.9%	same
not stated	220	3.8%	4.8%	1.0% less	110	110	=	5.1%	dn 1.3%
<b>overseas born</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>19 places</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1.07 F:M</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>up 0.1%</b>

Not all birthplaces can be shown in this table due to space constrictions, smaller birthplaces are in an appendix. 'All smaller birthplaces' are those not shown in the table.



# Languages

The languages spoken at home gives a good indication of the cultural diversity and language resources in a community.

In Bland, 96% of residents spoke English at home in Bland in 2011, which was not very different from 2006, and 3% more than in Eastern Riverina.

About 1% of residents spoke another language at home (2% fewer than in Eastern Riverina), speaking at least 9 different languages. 3% did not say what they spoke.

The main non-English languages spoken here, and the number and proportion of residents speaking them, were:

- Croatian – 19 speakers, or 0.3% of residents;
- Italian – 9 speakers or 0.2%;
- SE Asian languages – 6 speakers or 0.1%;
- Aboriginal languages – 6 speakers or 0.1%.

Between 2006 and 2011, the number of people speaking a foreign language at home increased by 11.

- Croatian was spoken by 0.3% more of the population;
- Italian was spoken by 0.1% more;
- Hungarian was spoken by 0.1% more

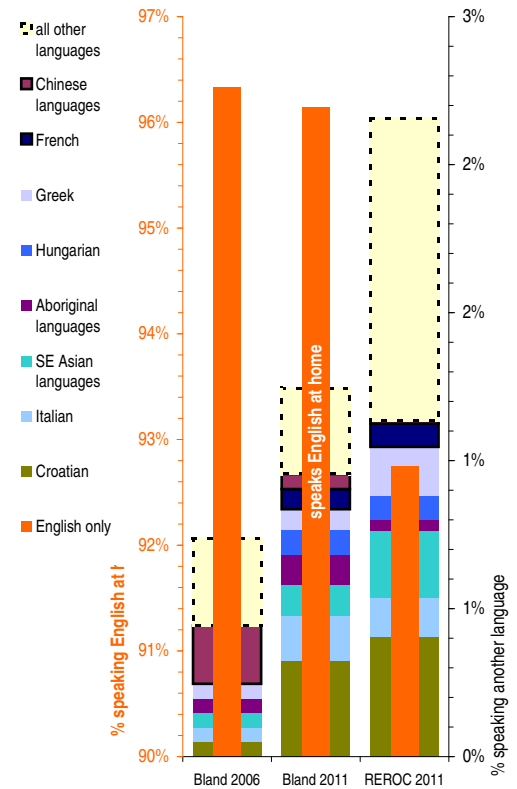
Compared with Eastern Riverina, the languages spoken proportionally more in Bland were:

- Aboriginal languages , spoken by 0.1% more.

Among foreign language speakers in Bland, there were males and females equally; among English speakers there were 1.02 females per male.

- SE Asian languages speakers had only females;
- Aboriginal languages speakers had only females;
- Italian speakers had 2.0 males per female;
- Greek, French, Chinese languages speakers were all male.

Most common languages



Main languages spoken at home	Bland 2011				Bland 2011			Bland in 2006		change 2006-2011
	people	percent	% in RERO	Bland's difference	males	females	ratio	2006		
English only	5,638	96.1%	92.8%	3% more	2,794	2,844	1.0 F:M	96.3%	dn 0.2%	
another language	70	1.2%	3.1%	2% less	35	35	=	1.0%	up 0.2%	
not stated	156	2.7%	4.2%	1% less	90	66	1.4 M:F	2.7%	dn 0.0%	
<b>residents</b>	<b>5,864</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8 langs.</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>1.0 F:M</b>	<b>100%</b>		
Croatian	19	0.3%	0.4%	0.1% less	11	8	1.4 M:F	0.0%	up 0.3%	
Italian	9	0.2%	0.1%	0.0% more	6	3	2.0 M:F	0.0%	up 0.1%	
SE Asian languages	6	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	0	6	F	0.0%	up 0.1%	
Aboriginal languages	6	0.1%	0.0%	0.1% more	0	6	F	0.0%	up 0.1%	
Hungarian	5	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% more	0	5	F	0.0%	up 0.1%	
Greek	4	0.1%	0.2%	0.1% less	4	0	M	0.0%	up 0.0%	
French	4	0.1%	0.1%	0.0% less	4	0	M	0.0%	up 0.1%	
Chinese languages	3	0.1%	0.0%	0.0% more	3	0	M	0.2%	dn 0.1%	
<b>all other languages</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>0.7% less</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.4 M:F</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>dn 0.0%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>1.8% less</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.1 M:F</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>up 0.3%</b>	

Not all languages can be shown in this table due to space constrictions, smaller languages are in an appendix. 'All other languages' are those not shown in the table.

# Beliefs

In Bland 84% of residents were Christian in 2011, and 1% had another type of religious belief. However, 11% had no religious belief; and 5% did not state their religion.

The main non-Christian beliefs in Bland in 2011 were:

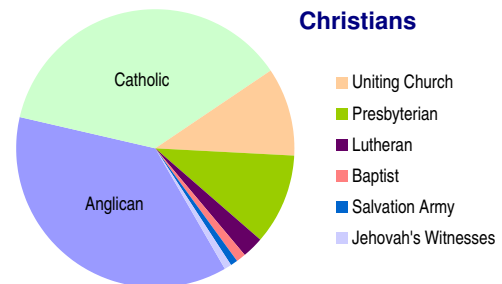
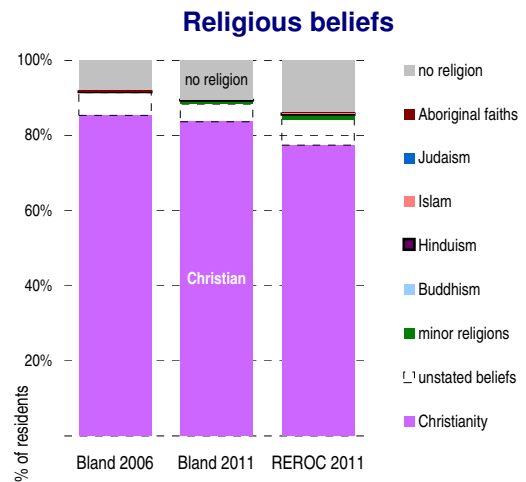
- Buddhism – 14 adherents, or 0.2% of the residents.

The fastest growing belief system over 2006 to 2011 was no religion with 140 more adherents, followed by minor religions with 19 more.

There were falls in the number who believed in Christianity (down by 300).

Among Christians in Bland, there were 1.1 women per man, while there were 1.3 men per woman among those who did not have a religion.

- Women were most common among Jehovah's Witnesses followers (1.4 women per man) and Buddhism followers (1.3 women per man).
- Men were most common among followers of minor religions (1.4 men per woman) and unstated beliefs (1.3 men per woman).



Religious beliefs	Bland 2011		% in RERO C	Bland's difference	Bland 2011			2006 % Bland	change from 2006
	people	percent			males	females	ratio		
Christianity	4,908	83.7%	77.5%	<b>6.2% more</b>	2,372	2,536	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	5,208	<b>dn 300</b>
no religion	616	10.5%	13.8%	<b>3.3% less</b>	352	264	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	476	<b>up 140</b>
Buddhism	14	0.2%	0.4%	<b>0.2% less</b>	6	8	<b>1.3 F:M</b>	7	<b>up 7</b>
Hinduism	3	0.1%	0.2%	<b>0.2% less</b>	3	0	<b>M</b>	3	<b>same</b>
Islam	0	0.0%	0.3%	<b>0.3% less</b>	0	0	<b>=</b>	7	<b>dn 7</b>
Judaism	0	0.0%	0.0%	<b>0.0% less</b>	0	0	<b>=</b>	-	<b>same</b>
Aboriginal faiths	0	0.0%	0.0%	<b>0.0% less</b>	0	0	<b>=</b>	-	<b>same</b>
minor religions	46	0.8%	0.8%	<b>0.0% less</b>	27	19	<b>1.4 M:F</b>	27	<b>up 19</b>
unstated beliefs	277	4.7%	6.9%	<b>2.2% less</b>	158	119	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	370	<b>dn 93</b>
<b>total residents</b>	<b>5,864</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>2,918</b>	<b>2,946</b>	<b>1.0 F:M</b>	<b>6,098</b>	<b>dn 234</b>
<b>Christians</b>							<b>=</b>		
Anglican	1,708	29.1%	26.3%	<b>2.9% more</b>	827	881	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	1,825	<b>dn 117</b>
Catholic	1,696	28.9%	31.1%	<b>2.2% less</b>	826	870	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	1,769	<b>dn 73</b>
Uniting Church	484	8.3%	6.2%	<b>2.1% more</b>	232	252	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	557	<b>dn 73</b>
Presbyterian	483	8.2%	6.0%	<b>2.3% more</b>	240	243	<b>1.0 F:M</b>	536	<b>dn 53</b>
Lutheran	120	2.0%	2.4%	<b>0.4% less</b>	58	62	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	132	<b>dn 12</b>
Baptist	45	0.8%	1.2%	<b>0.5% less</b>	21	24	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	62	<b>dn 17</b>
Salvation Army	44	0.8%	0.3%	<b>0.5% more</b>	22	22	<b>=</b>	64	<b>dn 20</b>
Jehovah's Witnesses	33	0.6%	0.2%	<b>0.3% more</b>	14	19	<b>1.4 F:M</b>	29	<b>up 4</b>
other Protestant	28	0.5%	0.2%	<b>0.3% more</b>	9	19	<b>2.1 F:M</b>	19	<b>up 9</b>
Pentecostal	25	0.4%	0.8%	<b>0.4% less</b>	14	11	<b>1.3 M:F</b>	26	<b>dn 1</b>
Eastern Orthodox	13	0.2%	0.2%	<b>0.0% more</b>	4	9	<b>2.3 F:M</b>	8	<b>up 5</b>
Churches of Christ	9	0.2%	0.1%	<b>0.1% more</b>	3	6	<b>2.0 F:M</b>	-	<b>up 9</b>
Seventh-day Adventist	6	0.1%	0.3%	<b>0.2% less</b>	3	3	<b>=</b>	7	<b>dn 1</b>
Latter Day Saints	6	0.1%	0.1%	<b>0.0% less</b>	3	3	<b>=</b>	6	<b>same</b>
Oriental Orthodox	0	0.0%	0.1%	<b>0.1% less</b>	0	0	<b>=</b>	-	<b>same</b>
Brethren	0	0.0%	0.2%	<b>0.2% less</b>	0	0	<b>=</b>	3	<b>dn 3</b>
Assyrian Apostolic	0	0.0%	0.0%	<b>same</b>	0	0	<b>=</b>	-	<b>same</b>
other Christian	208	3.5%	1.8%	<b>1.8% more</b>	96	112	<b>1.2 F:M</b>	81	<b>up 127</b>
<b>total Christians</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>83.7%</b>	<b>77.5%</b>	<b>6.2% more</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>1.1 F:M</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>dn 300</b>