

Changing life stages in Bega Valley Shire

Changes in the proportion of the population in the various life stages will occur naturally as a community ages, but these trends can be emphasised or counteracted by the age composition of the people moving into and out of the area. Changes in the relative size of the major life stages lead to different demands for facilities and services.

Overall, Bega Valley Shire is showing some signs of change in the balance of the life stages amongst its residents. The stage which increased most proportionally between 2001 and 2006 were 55 to 74 year-olds, whose share of the population rose by 30 people per 1000, and 40 to 54 year-olds, with 7 more per 1000. Offsetting these rises were falls in the 25 to 39 age group, whose share dropped by 23 per 1000 people, and 5 to 11 year-olds, with 14 people per 1000 fewer.

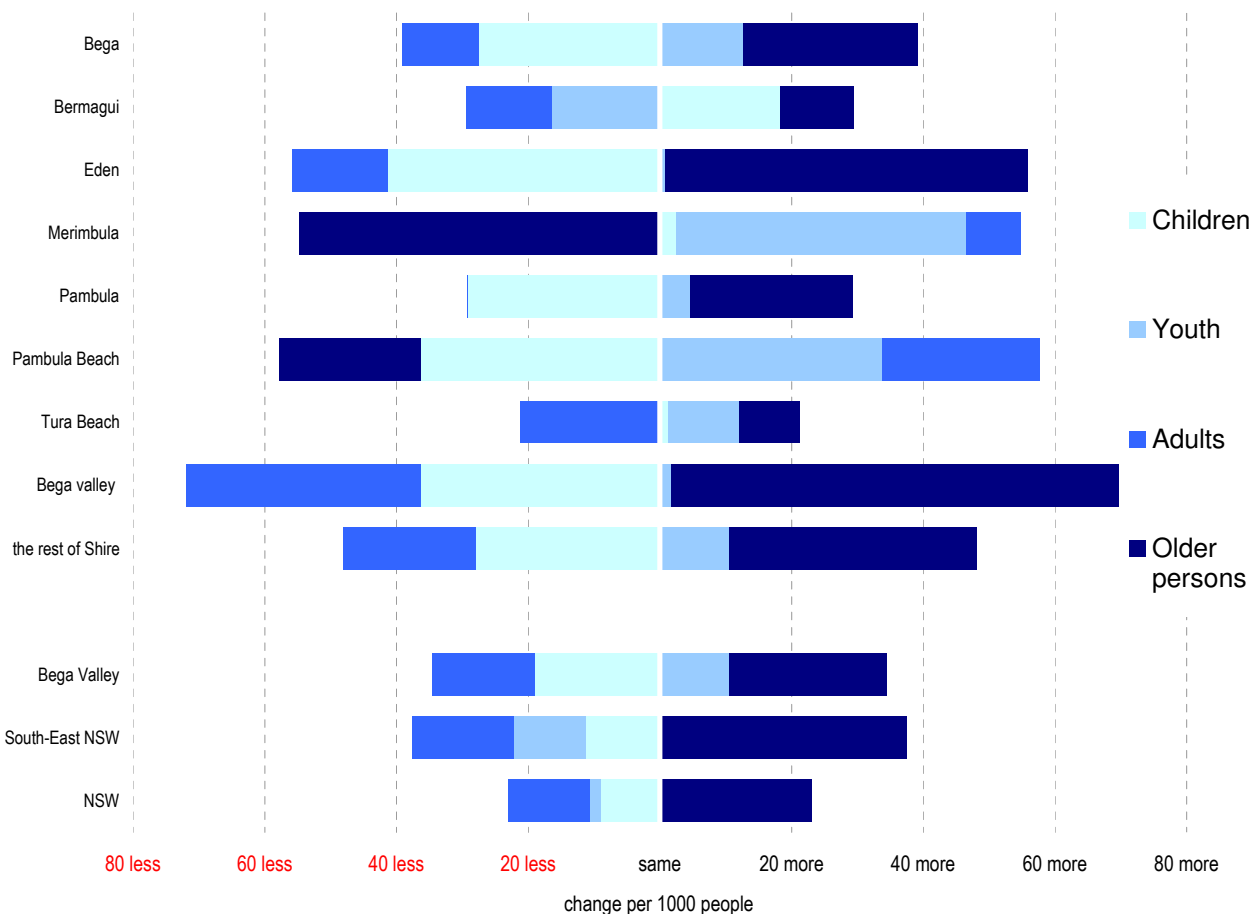
Among the districts, the greatest demographic shifts were in Merimbula and in Pambula Beach, while Tura Beach and Bega were more stable. There were particularly noticeable increases among 55 to 74 year-olds in Bega valley, 55 to 74 year-olds in Pambula, 55 to 74 year-olds in Eden and 12 to 17 year-olds in Pambula Beach. Conversely, there were local falls in the proportions of 75+ year-olds in Merimbula, 75+ year-olds in Pambula Beach, 25 to 39 year-olds in Eden and 5 to 11 year-olds in Bega valley.

The district with the fastest-growing proportions of children was Bermagui (18 more per 1000) then Merimbula (3 more); those with the fastest-growing proportions of youth included Merimbula (44 more per 1000) and Pambula Beach (34 more).

The adult populations grew fastest overall in Pambula Beach and Merimbula. The fastest-declining proportions of 25 to 29 year-olds were in Eden (37 fewer per 1000) and Bega valley (31 fewer).

The population aged 55 to 74 age group grew most in Bega valley (59 more per 1000) and Pambula (49 more), while the 75+ age group increased fastest in Eden (17 more) and Bega (15 more).

Changes in age groups per 1000 people, 2001–2006



Age group changes 2001–2006 per 1000 pop'n	Children		Youth		Adults		Older persons		change (std devn)
	0 to 4	5 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 54	55 to 74	75+	
Bega	11 less	17 less	7 more	6 more	18 less	6 more	12 more	15 more	13
Bermagui	4 less	22 more	16 less	0 less	28 less	15 more	21 more	10 less	18
Eden	11 less	30 less	4 more	3 less	37 less	23 more	38 more	17 more	26
Merimbula	3 less	6 more	32 more	12 more	22 less	30 more	8 more	63 less	31
Pambula	17 less	12 less	11 more	6 less	4 less	4 more	49 more	25 less	23
Pambula Beach	23 less	13 less	38 more	4 less	6 less	30 more	27 more	48 less	30
Tura Beach	15 more	14 less	2 more	9 more	9 less	12 less	1 more	8 more	11
Bega valley	3 less	33 less	7 less	8 more	31 less	4 less	59 more	11 more	29
the rest of Shire	6 less	22 less	3 less	14 more	23 less	3 more	33 more	4 more	18
Bega Valley	5 less	14 less	4 more	6 more	23 less	7 more	30 more	6 less	16
South-East NSW	3 less	8 less	5 less	6 less	22 less	7 more	29 more	8 more	15
NSW	3 less	6 less	1 less	0 less	13 less	1 more	19 more	4 more	9
std deviation	11	17	17	7	12	15	19	29	7

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Age group changes 2001–2006, residents	Children		Youth		Adults		Older persons		Total
	0 to 4	5 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 54	55 to 74	75+	
Bega	132	403	231	59	558	649	682	476	187
Bermagui	20	95	2	37	97	173	272	212	27
Eden	60	166	85	23	240	296	432	201	(185)
Merimbula	34	203	97	59	269	488	739	591	(1,020)
Pambula	27	110	40	(16)	170	177	192	120	152
Pambula Beach	8	18	24	(1)	53	93	116	95	(53)
Tura Beach	111	142	108	14	257	279	726	486	689
Bega valley	245	517	441	(93)	563	1,400	1,243	221	697
the rest of Shire	121	282	171	3	329	508	584	282	174
Bega Valley	760	2,001	1,189	100	2,555	4,069	4,962	2,614	613
South-East NSW	5,411	13,178	5,016	2,964	23,408	23,712	26,225	12,627	(877)
NSW	203,551	403,536	117,409	279,692	1,060,691	760,695	702,689	393,490	238,009

Positive numbers (for growth) shown in black; negative numbers (falling numbers) shown in brackets in lighter red.

Residents counted in each age group, 2006	Children		Youth		Adults		Older persons		Total
	0 to 4	5 to 11	12 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 39	40 to 54	55 to 74	75 +	
Bega	392	661	564	345	962	1,232	866	651	5,673
Bermagui	65	88	86	72	181	237	288	256	1,273
Eden	214	385	305	238	579	650	513	307	3,191
Merimbula	218	345	242	244	656	908	1,063	1,192	4,868
Pambula	94	149	106	63	220	286	161	181	1,260
Pambula Beach	42	57	45	34	91	141	122	170	702
Tura Beach	74	168	132	52	278	359	592	395	2,050
Bega valley	423	928	838	293	1,154	2,159	1,092	493	7,380
the rest of Shire	246	487	412	191	630	943	622	453	3,984
Bega Valley	1,771	3,247	2,774	1,514	4,765	6,960	5,336	4,080	30,447
South-East NSW	12,480	20,975	18,489	14,916	38,293	43,533	30,215	19,916	198,817
NSW	422,341	626,800	529,142	580,412	1,398,042	1,333,562	820,423	600,446	6,311,168

Number of young people, 2001	0 to 4			5 to 11			12 to 17		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	209	183	392	331	330	661	281	283	564
Bermagui	41	24	65	36	52	88	49	37	86
Eden	109	105	214	192	193	385	166	139	305
Merimbula	127	91	218	179	166	345	133	109	242
Pambula	54	40	94	78	71	149	58	48	106
Pambula Beach	16	26	42	30	27	57	14	31	45
Tura Beach	30	44	74	79	89	168	68	64	132
Bega valley	191	232	423	481	447	928	427	411	838
the rest of Shire	112	134	246	253	234	487	203	209	412
Bega Valley	904	867	1,771	1,642	1,605	3,247	1,416	1,358	2,774
South-East NSW	6,406	6,074	12,480	10,652	10,323	20,975	9,640	8,849	18,489
NSW	216,880	205,461	422,341	321,762	305,038	626,800	271,281	257,861	529,142

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Number of prime-age adults, 2001	18 to 24			25 to 39			40 to 54		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	180	165	345	468	494	962	600	632	1,232
Bermagui	36	36	72	97	84	181	105	132	237
Eden	123	115	238	294	285	579	325	325	650
Merimbula	139	105	244	324	332	656	453	455	908
Pambula	37	26	63	106	114	220	145	141	286
Pambula Beach	24	10	34	41	50	91	64	77	141
Tura Beach	27	25	52	137	141	278	157	202	359
Bega valley	155	138	293	493	661	1,154	1,098	1,061	2,159
the rest of Shire	98	93	191	269	361	630	463	480	943
Bega Valley	793	721	1,514	2,244	2,521	4,765	3,448	3,512	6,960
South-East NSW	7,929	6,987	14,916	19,143	19,150	38,293	22,100	21,433	43,533
NSW	295,163	285,249	580,412	689,621	708,421	1,398,042	662,543	671,019	1,333,562

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Number of older people, 2001	55 to 74			75 +			total		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	436	430	866	285	366	651	2,790	2,883	5,673
Bermagui	145	143	288	126	130	256	635	638	1,273
Eden	259	254	513	137	170	307	1,605	1,586	3,191
Merimbula	507	556	1,063	573	619	1,192	2,435	2,433	4,868
Pambula	80	81	161	67	114	181	625	635	1,260
Pambula Beach	54	68	122	85	85	170	328	374	702
Tura Beach	287	305	592	210	185	395	995	1,055	2,050
Bega valley	572	520	1,092	282	211	493	3,699	3,681	7,380
the rest of Shire	318	304	622	214	239	453	1,930	2,054	3,984
Bega Valley	2,653	2,683	5,336	1,899	2,181	4,080	14,999	15,448	30,447
South-East NSW	15,385	14,830	30,215	9,007	10,909	19,916	100,262	98,555	198,817
NSW	408,314	412,109	820,423	251,155	349,291	600,446	3,116,719	3,194,449	6,311,168

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Generations in Bega Valley Shire

The relative sizes of the Generations affects the culture of a community, as people raised in different eras tend to have differing values and attitudes. In the 2006 Census, six main Generations can be identified – Children (aged 0–14, in 2006), Gen Y (15–29), Gen X (30–44), Baby-boomers (45–59), Wartime (60–74) and Veterans (aged 75+).

Bega Valley Shire's largest generation in 2006 was Baby-boomers with 25% of the residents, followed by Children with 20% and Wartime with 17%. The districts with most Gen X were Pambula (20%) and Eden (18%), while Baby-boomers were most prevalent in Bega valley (31%) and the rest of Shire (25%). The up-coming Gen Y most often lived in Eden with 16%, and in Bega (15%).

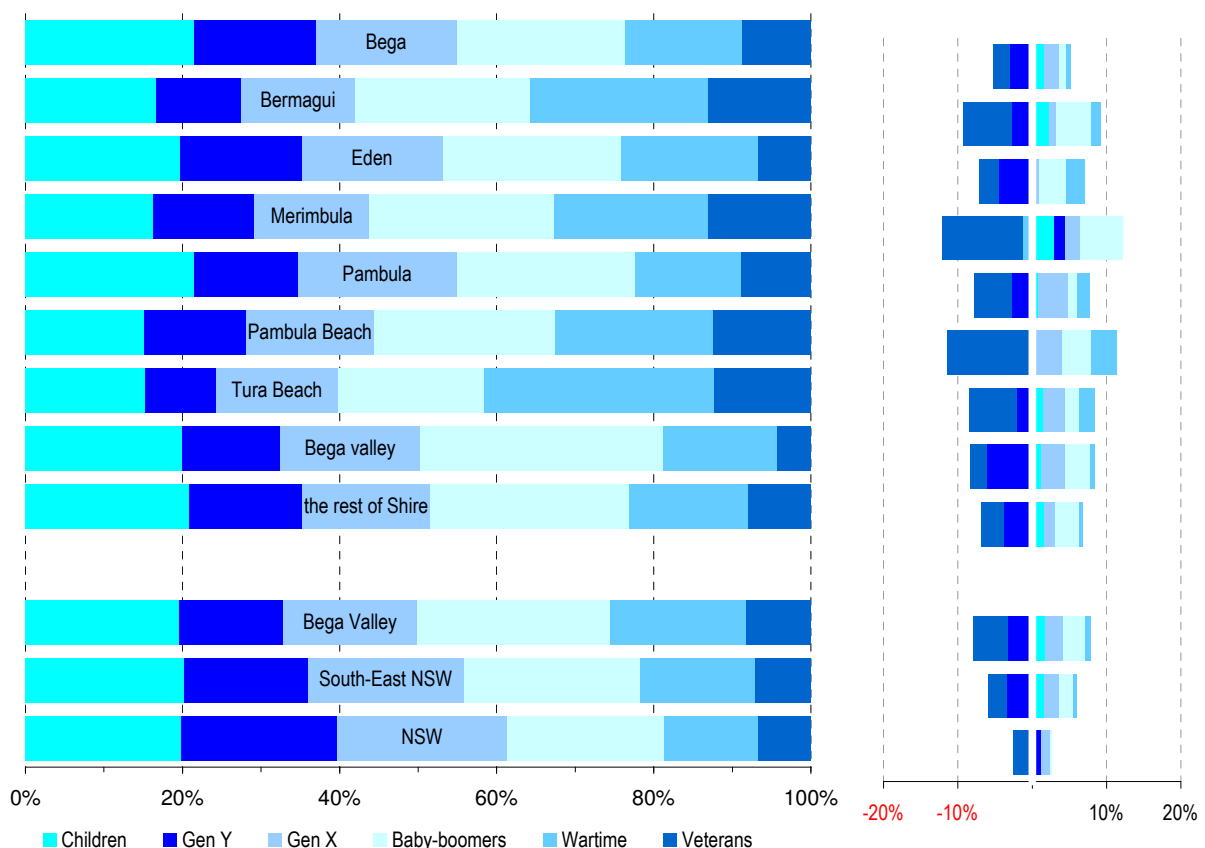
Because people's Generation does not change as they age, changes in the size of generations over time indicates movement of people. Due to higher mortality, older generations will get smaller numerically and proportionally, unless more older people move into the area. Changes in the relative sizes of the generations indicates whose culture is ascending, and whose is being replaced.

Across Bega Valley Shire, the fastest growing generation, proportionally, was Baby-boomers (with 3.1% more of the population than in 2001), and Gen X had 2.4% more. Offsetting this, there were fewer Veterans (down 4.7%) and Gen Y (3.2% fewer). Note that the change in the Children generation (up by 1.7%) only includes those aged 5–14 in 2006, as those younger were not yet born in 2001.

Some places had more dramatic generational change, indicating a flood of new residents since 2001. There were growing proportions of Baby-boomers in Merimbula, Baby-boomers in Bermagui, Gen X in Pambula, Baby-boomers in Pambula Beach and Gen X in Pambula Beach.

Males tend to be more common than females among younger generations, due to slightly higher birth rates, but less common among older generations due to their higher mortality rates. In Bega Valley Shire, the male:female ratio ranges from 1.0 males per female among Children to 1.2 females per male among Veterans. Baby-boomer men preferred Bega (1.0 males per female) but women opted for Pambula Beach (1.4 females per male). Gen X men preferred Pambula Beach (1.2 males per female) but women Bermagui (1.4 females per male). Among Gen Y, the young men preferred Bega valley by 1.2 males per female while women lived more in Pambula Beach (1.4 females per male).

Sizes of Generations in 2006; Change 2001 to 2006



% of residents in each generation	Children	Gen Y	Gen X	Baby-boomers	Wartime	Veterans	largest
Bega	22%	15%	18%	21%	15%	9%	Children
Bermagui	17%	11%	15%	22%	23%	13%	Wartime
Eden	20%	16%	18%	23%	18%	7%	Boomer
Merimbula	16%	13%	15%	23%	20%	13%	Boomer
Pambula	21%	13%	20%	23%	14%	9%	Boomer
Pambula Beach	15%	13%	16%	23%	20%	12%	Boomer
Tura Beach	15%	9%	16%	18%	29%	12%	Wartime
Bega valley	20%	13%	18%	31%	15%	4%	Boomer
the rest of Shire	21%	14%	16%	25%	15%	8%	Boomer
Bega Valley	20%	13%	17%	25%	17%	8%	Boomer
South-East NSW	20%	16%	20%	22%	15%	7%	Boomer
NSW	20%	20%	22%	20%	12%	7%	Gen X
stnd deviation	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%	3%	

Change, 2001–2006	Children	Gen Y	Gen X	Baby-boomers	Wartime	Veterans	fastest growing	total people	
								2006	2001
Bega	up 1.6%	dn 3.0%	up 2.1%	up 0.9%	up 0.6%	dn 2.2%	Gen X	5,860	5,673
Bermagui	up 2.2%	dn 2.8%	up 1.0%	up 4.7%	up 1.3%	dn 6.5%	Boomer	1,300	1,273
Eden	dn 0.0%	dn 4.4%	up 0.9%	up 3.6%	up 2.5%	dn 2.6%	Boomer	3,006	3,191
Merimbula	up 2.9%	up 1.6%	up 1.9%	up 5.8%	dn 1.3%	dn 10.9%	Boomer	3,848	4,868
Pambula	up 0.8%	dn 2.7%	up 4.0%	up 1.3%	up 1.6%	dn 5.0%	Gen X	1,412	1,260
Pambula Beach	dn 0.1%	up 0.2%	up 3.8%	up 3.9%	up 3.4%	dn 11.3%	Boomer	649	702
Tura Beach	up 1.5%	dn 2.1%	up 2.9%	up 2.0%	up 2.1%	dn 6.3%	Gen X	2,739	2,050
Bega valley	up 1.2%	dn 6.2%	up 3.2%	up 3.4%	up 0.6%	dn 2.2%	Boomer	8,077	7,380
the rest of Shire	up 1.6%	dn 3.8%	up 1.5%	up 3.1%	up 0.5%	dn 3.0%	Boomer	4,158	3,984
Bega Valley	up 1.7%	dn 3.2%	up 2.4%	up 3.1%	up 0.8%	dn 4.7%	Boomer	31,060	30,447
South-East NSW	up 1.7%	dn 3.4%	up 2.0%	up 1.9%	up 0.4%	dn 2.5%	Gen X	197,940	198,817
NSW	up 0.6%	up 0.7%	up 1.1%	up 0.2%	dn 0.2%	dn 2.3%	Gen X	6,549,177	6,311,168
stnd deviation	up 1.0%	up 2.3%	up 1.2%	up 1.6%	up 1.4%	up 3.5%			

Children Gen Y Gen X Boomer Wartime Veteran

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Male / Female 2006	Children	Gen Y	Gen X	Boomers	Wartime	Veterans	average
Bega	1.03 F:M	1.02 F:M	1.24 F:M	1.05 M:F	1.02 M:F	1.64 F:M	1.02 M:F
Bermagui	1.16 M:F	1.10 M:F	1.39 F:M	1.05 F:M	1.07 F:M	1.04 M:F	1.07 F:M
Eden	1.16 M:F	1.03 F:M	1.06 F:M	1.07 F:M	1.16 F:M	1.02 F:M	1.16 F:M
Merimbula	1.07 M:F	1.05 M:F	1.15 M:F	1.13 F:M	1.08 F:M	1.39 F:M	1.08 F:M
Pambula	1.08 M:F	1.04 F:M	1.14 M:F	1.08 F:M	1.04 M:F	2.18 F:M	1.04 M:F
Pambula Beach	1.72 M:F	1.36 F:M	1.19 M:F	1.42 F:M	1.32 M:F	1.08 M:F	1.32 M:F
Tura Beach	1.10 F:M	1.19 F:M	1.15 F:M	1.32 F:M	=	1.23 M:F	=
Bega valley	1.00 F:M	1.18 M:F	1.17 F:M	1.04 M:F	1.16 M:F	1.05 F:M	1.16 M:F
the rest of Shire	1.12 M:F	1.18 F:M	1.00 M:F	1.09 F:M	1.02 F:M	1.21 F:M	1.02 F:M
Bega Valley	1.03 M:F	1.03 M:F	1.12 F:M	1.03 F:M	1.02 M:F	1.22 F:M	1.02 M:F
South-East NSW	1.04 M:F	1.04 M:F	1.05 F:M	1.02 M:F	1.03 M:F	1.34 F:M	1.03 M:F
NSW	1.06 M:F	1.02 M:F	1.04 F:M	1.02 F:M	1.04 F:M	1.47 F:M	1.04 F:M

Male/Female ratio is shown in blue with M:F where there are more males, and in red with F:M where there are more females.
M = all males; F = all females; '=' means equal numbers of

No. residents, 2006	Children (0–14 years old)			Generation Y (15–29 years old)			Generation X (30–44 years old)		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	623	641	1,264	448	457	905	469	583	1,052
Bermagui	116	100	216	74	67	141	79	110	189
Eden	318	274	592	230	236	466	262	278	540
Merimbula	323	303	626	254	242	496	303	263	566
Pambula	157	146	303	92	96	188	152	133	285
Pambula Beach	62	36	98	36	49	85	57	48	105
Tura Beach	200	220	420	112	133	245	199	229	428
Bega valley	802	805	1,607	549	467	1,016	666	776	1,442
the rest of Shire	460	409	869	273	322	595	341	340	681
Bega Valley	3,080	2,981	6,061	2,099	2,045	4,144	2,505	2,797	5,302
South-East NSW	20,417	19,601	40,018	15,887	15,226	31,113	19,273	20,209	39,482
NSW	667,582	631,334	1,298,916	654,167	641,703	1,295,870	697,183	727,551	1,424,734

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No. residents, 2006	Baby boomers (45–59 years old)			Wartime (60–74 years old)			Veterans (75 or older)		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	640	610	1,250	442	435	877	194	318	512
Bermagui	141	148	289	143	153	296	86	83	169
Eden	329	351	680	245	283	528	99	101	200
Merimbula	424	477	901	364	393	757	210	292	502
Pambula	154	166	320	98	94	192	39	85	124
Pambula Beach	62	88	150	74	56	130	42	39	81
Tura Beach	218	288	506	402	402	804	185	151	336
Bega valley	1,271	1,222	2,493	631	545	1,176	167	176	343
the rest of Shire	502	549	1,051	313	319	632	149	181	330
Bega Valley	3,748	3,873	7,621	2,712	2,661	5,373	1,152	1,407	2,559
South-East NSW	22,452	21,917	44,369	14,713	14,311	29,024	5,951	7,983	13,934
NSW	646,592	659,665	1,306,257	384,681	398,269	782,950	178,246	262,204	440,450

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No. people, 2001	Children (0–9 years old)			Generation Y (10–24 years old)			Generation X (25–39 years old)		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	447	412	859	554	549	1,103	468	494	962
Bermagui	71	60	131	91	89	180	97	84	181
Eden	239	238	477	351	314	665	294	285	579
Merimbula	249	224	473	329	247	576	324	332	656
Pambula	116	84	200	111	101	212	106	114	220
Pambula Beach	38	46	84	46	48	94	41	50	91
Tura Beach	80	109	189	124	113	237	137	141	278
Bega valley	518	526	1,044	736	702	1,438	493	661	1,154
the rest of Shire	285	295	580	381	375	756	269	361	630
Bega Valley	2,039	1,986	4,025	2,716	2,565	5,281	2,244	2,521	4,765
South-East NSW	13,703	13,136	26,839	20,924	19,097	40,021	19,143	19,150	38,293
NSW	445,643	422,681	868,324	659,443	630,928	1,290,371	689,621	708,421	1,398,042

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Number in generations, 2001	Baby boomers (40–54 years old)			Wartime (55–69 years old)			Veteran (70 or older)		
	males	females	people	males	females	people	males	females	people
Bega	600	632	1,232	436	430	866	285	366	651
Bermagui	105	132	237	145	143	288	126	130	256
Eden	325	325	650	259	254	513	137	170	307
Merimbula	453	455	908	507	556	1,063	573	619	1,192
Pambula	145	141	286	80	81	161	67	114	181
Pambula Beach	64	77	141	54	68	122	85	85	170
Tura Beach	157	202	359	287	305	592	210	185	395
Bega valley	1,098	1,061	2,159	572	520	1,092	282	211	493
the rest of Shire	463	480	943	318	304	622	214	239	453
Bega Valley	3,448	3,512	6,960	2,653	2,683	5,336	1,899	2,181	4,080
South-East NSW	22,100	21,433	43,533	15,385	14,830	30,215	9,007	10,909	19,916
NSW	662,543	671,019	1,333,562	408,314	412,109	820,423	251,155	349,291	600,446

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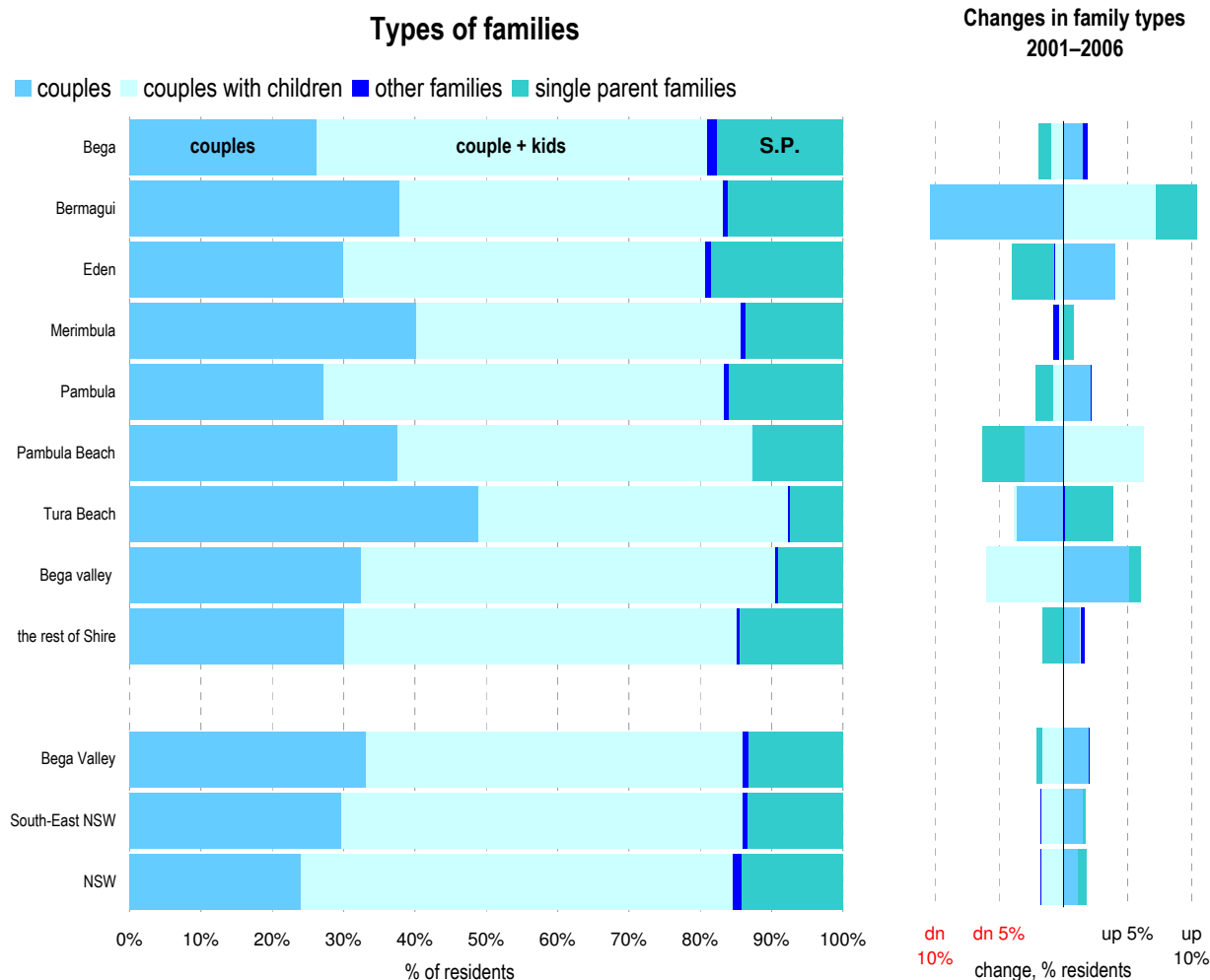
Bega Valley Shire's families

In 2006, 84% of Bega Valley Shire residents who were home on Census night were living in families; the others were living alone, in shared housing or in institutions. The proportion of people in families was highest in Pambula Beach at 88%, Bega valley at 88%, and Tura Beach at 87%. People not living in families were most common in Merimbula where they were 23% of residents, Bermagui, 18%, and Pambula, 18%.

Generally, most people in families live in nuclear families (ie couples with children), which are generally larger than other families. They averaged 3.9 people in Bega Valley Shire and held 53% of residents (though just 38% of families). The proportion of residents living in nuclear families was highest in Bega valley, Pambula and the rest of Shire, indicating these districts had more or larger nuclear families. Since 2001, the proportion of residents in nuclear families had decreased by 1.6%, with the biggest falls in Bega valley, Bega and Pambula.

Couples without children – mainly of younger and older couples – held 33% of residents (but were 47% of families). They were most concentrated in Tura Beach, Merimbula and Bermagui, probably because there are more smaller dwellings here. With younger people delaying having children and 'empty-nester' couples living longer, childless couple families are increasingly common. In Bega Valley Shire, the proportion of residents living in couples without children increased by 2.0% since 2001, with the biggest increases in Bega valley, Eden and Pambula.

The remaining 15% of families in Bega Valley Shire were mainly single parent families, with the other families being blends such as siblings or an adult with dependent parent. Single parent families made up 14% of families and 13% of residents. They had an average of 1.5 children (versus 1.9 for nuclear families). The biggest concentrations were in Eden, Bega and Bermagui. The fastest growth in the proportion in single-parents families was in Bermagui, Tura Beach and Bega valley.



% residents in families, 2006	couples			couples with children				single parent families				other families
	% pop'n	change	M/F ratio	% pop'n	change	M/F ratio	av.size	% pop'n	change	M/F ratio	av.size	
Bega	26%	up 1.6%	1.01 F:M	55%	dn 1.0%	1.03 M:F	3.9	18%	dn 0.9%	1.68 F:M	2.5	1%
Bermagui	38%	dn 10.6%	=	45%	up 7.2%	1.11 M:F	3.7	16%	up 4.5%	1.63 F:M	2.9	1%
Eden	30%	up 4.0%	1.01 M:F	51%	dn 0.6%	1.09 M:F	3.9	18%	dn 3.3%	1.45 F:M	2.6	1%
Merimbula	40%	up 0.1%	1.02 M:F	46%	dn 0.3%	1.10 M:F	3.8	14%	up 0.7%	1.40 F:M	2.6	1%
Pambula	27%	up 2.1%	1.05 F:M	56%	dn 0.8%	1.01 M:F	3.9	16%	dn 1.3%	1.25 F:M	2.4	1%
Pambula Beach	38%	dn 3.1%	1.03 M:F	50%	up 6.3%	1.10 M:F	4.0	13%	dn 3.3%	1.39 F:M	2.7	
Tura Beach	49%	dn 3.7%	1.02 F:M	43%	dn 0.2%	1.06 M:F	3.8	7%	up 3.7%	1.84 F:M	2.7	0%
Bega valley	32%	up 5.1%	1.03 F:M	58%	dn 6.0%	1.02 M:F	3.9	9%	up 0.9%	1.47 F:M	2.6	0%
the rest of Shire	30%	up 1.3%	1.00 F:M	55%	up 0.1%	1.05 M:F	4.0	14%	dn 1.7%	1.50 F:M	2.5	0%
Bega Valley	33%	up 2.0%	1.02 F:M	53%	dn 1.6%	1.05 M:F	3.9	13%	dn 0.4%	1.50 F:M	2.5	1%
South-East NSW	30%	up 1.5%	1.01 F:M	56%	dn 1.7%	1.05 M:F	3.9	13%	up 0.2%	1.51 F:M	2.6	1%
NSW	24%	up 1.1%	1.00 F:M	61%	dn 1.7%	1.04 M:F	3.9	14%	up 0.6%	1.53 F:M	2.6	1%
stdn deviation	7%	5%		5%	4%		0.1	4%	3%		0.2	0%

Change = % of population in 2006 minus % in 2001

Families	other families 2006		total families 2006					total families 2001				
	change	M/F ratio	families	males	females	persons	% pop'n	families	males	females	persons	% pop'n
Bega	up 0.4%	1.64 M:F	1,584	2,185	2,340	4,525	82%	1,474	2,156	2,285	4,441	82%
Bermagui	dn 1.1%	F	347	457	478	935	82%	346	418	447	865	72%
Eden	dn 0.1%	1.57 M:F	811	1,143	1,163	2,306	82%	862	1,214	1,286	2,500	86%
Merimbula	dn 0.5%	1.83 F:M	1,032	1,354	1,349	2,703	77%	1,036	1,347	1,340	2,687	78%
Pambula	up 0.0%	1.33 M:F	391	525	546	1,071	82%	333	504	478	982	82%
Pambula Beach	same		197	267	262	529	88%	171	226	251	477	78%
Tura Beach	up 0.2%	1.67 M:F	858	1,080	1,111	2,191	87%	705	870	907	1,777	88%
Bega valley	up 0.0%	1.36 M:F	2,336	3,277	3,373	6,650	88%	2,044	3,056	3,094	6,150	88%
the rest of Shire	up 0.2%	3.67 M:F	1,130	1,590	1,635	3,225	84%	1,107	1,555	1,686	3,241	85%
Bega Valley	up 0.1%	1.16 M:F	8,684	11,863	12,255	24,118	84%	8,080	11,358	11,783	23,141	84%
South-East NSW	dn 0.1%	1.28 M:F	53,402	74,999	77,171	152,170	82%	49,611	71,315	73,139	144,454	82%
NSW	dn 0.1%	1.06 M:F	1,716,219	2,506,334	2,599,431	5,105,765	81%	1,654,583	2,473,238	2,546,442	5,019,680	83%

Families 2006	couples			couples with children			single parent families			other families		
	families	males	females	families	males	females	families	males	females	families	males	females
Bega	607	590	597	630	1,257	1,218	317	297	500	30	41	25
Bermagui	179	177	177	114	223	201	51	57	93	3		7
Eden	345	348	344	298	610	560	164	174	252	4	11	7
Merimbula	561	549	537	323	645	585	141	154	216	7	6	11
Pambula	157	142	149	156	303	299	70	76	95	8	4	3
Pambula Beach	106	101	98	66	138	125	25	28	39			
Tura Beach	548	530	543	251	488	460	59	57	105		5	3
Bega valley	1,095	1,064	1,094	989	1,951	1,909	234	243	356	18	19	14
the rest of Shire	494	484	486	444	909	867	186	186	279	6	11	3
Bega Valley	4,063	3,974	4,044	3,285	6,522	6,215	1,256	1,275	1,917	80	92	79
South-East NSW	22,925	22,530	22,689	22,070	43,748	41,818	7,823	8,045	12,136	584	676	528
NSW	618,583	612,874	615,790	792,686	1,575,911	1,515,140	275,798	285,769	438,603	29,152	31,780	29,898

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Types of families 2001	couples			couples with children			single parent families			other families		
	families	males	females	families	males	females	families	males	females	families	males	females
Bega	556	544	552	604	1,256	1,216	290	326	498	24	30	19
Bermagui	208	205	214	91	171	159	39	34	66	8	8	8
Eden	327	322	327	329	643	641	197	232	312	9	17	6
Merimbula	543	543	535	322	652	580	159	143	205	12	9	20
Pambula	123	125	121	146	289	271	64	87	83		3	3
Pambula Beach	96	97	97	49	100	107	26	29	47			
Tura Beach	474	465	471	193	390	382	38	15	51			3
Bega valley	852	830	852	977	1,989	1,951	203	214	284	12	23	7
the rest of Shire	469	459	474	446	894	887	186	199	322	6	3	3
Bega Valley	3,648	3,590	3,643	3,182	6,388	6,212	1,178	1,295	1,862	72	85	66
South-East NSW	20,567	20,279	20,423	21,299	42,754	40,915	7,161	7,591	11,266	584	691	535
NSW	577,401	575,238	576,767	791,475	1,595,022	1,528,997	255,859	269,946	410,052	29,848	33,032	30,626

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Living arrangements in Bega Valley Shire

Most communities are about one-quarter children and three-quarters adults, with about two-thirds of adults living in couples. In Bega Valley in 2006, 25% of the residents at home were dependent children and 75% were adults, of whom 69% lived in couples. Of these couples, 16% were unmarried.

People living in couples, who made up 69% of Bega Valley Shire's adults, were most prevalent in Tura Beach (79% of adults), Pambula Beach (75%) and Bega valley (74%), and less common in Bega (63%), Eden (63%) and Merimbula (65%). Amongst couples, unmarried or de facto couples most commonly lived in Pambula, where they were one-fifth of couples, and in Bega and Bermagui.

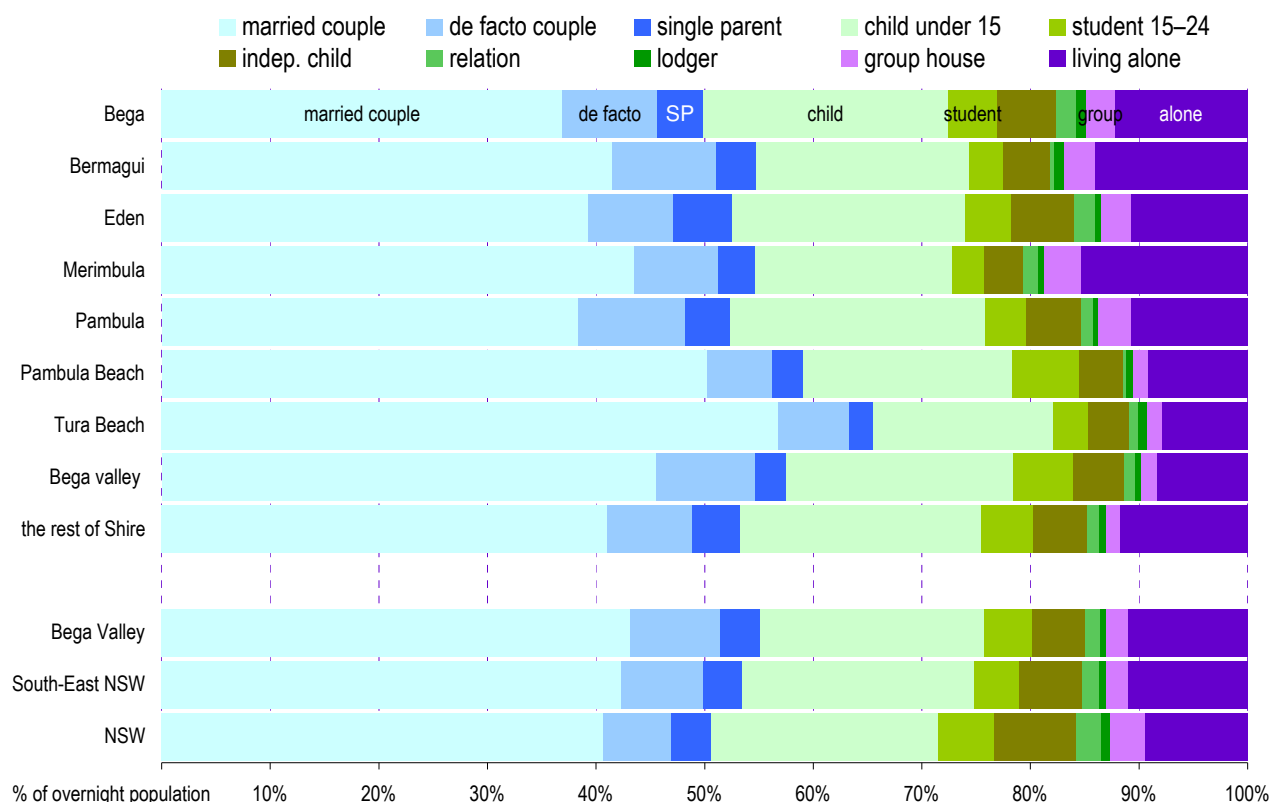
'Single' adults (those not living in a couple) make up 31% of adults and 23% of the residents. Singles lived in five main ways: as independent children, still with their family but no longer studying (5% of residents), alone (2%), as single parents (4%), in group or shared households (1%), or with another family as relatives or lodgers (1%). Single parents were most prevalent in Eden, the rest of Shire and Bega; people living alone in Merimbula, Pambula and Bermagui.

Single men and women tend to have different living arrangements. Single men are more likely to still be living at home in their twenties; in Bega Valley Shire, there were 2.1 men per woman still living as an independent child (ie with their parents when aged 18 to 24, but not a student), reaching 6.1 in Pambula and 2.5 in Pambula Beach. Single men are also more likely to live as lodgers (here there were 1.8 men per woman), or in group households (here, 1.2 men per woman, with higher concentrations in the rest of Shire at 2.2 and Pambula at 1.8 men per woman).

Women are generally much more likely than men to be living as a single parent. In Bega Valley Shire, there were 3.9 females per male among single parents, with higher proportions in Bega (6.6 women per man) and Pambula (6.6). There were only female single parents in Pambula Beach. People living alone also tend to be women; here, there were 1.1 females per male among those living alone, with single women most prevalent in Tura Beach (1.6 women per man) and Pambula (1.3).

Unbalanced numbers of men and women in unmarried couples is the only, albeit weak, indicator in Census data that a place may have gay or lesbian couples (though not equal numbers of both). Generally, there are slightly more women than men counted in couples on Census night because more men are away on trips. Here, there were excess males among unmarried couples in Pambula Beach, with 1.19 men per woman and Merimbula with 1.16 men per woman. Women outnumbered men noticeably in Eden, with 1.21 women per man and Tura Beach with 1.2.

Roles in households



Living arrangements	Proportion of residents living in each role										% adults* in couples	% not married couples
	married couple	de facto couple	single parent	child under 15	student 15-24	indep. child	relation	lodger	group house	living alone		
Bega	37%	9%	4%	23%	5%	5%	2%	1%	3%	12%	63%	19%
Bermagui	42%	9%	4%	20%	3%	4%	0%	1%	3%	14%	66%	19%
Eden	39%	8%	5%	21%	4%	6%	2%	1%	3%	11%	63%	17%
Merimbula	44%	8%	3%	18%	3%	4%	1%	1%	3%	15%	65%	15%
Pambula	38%	10%	4%	24%	4%	5%	1%	0%	3%	11%	66%	20%
Pambula Beach	50%	6%	3%	19%	6%	4%	0%	1%	1%	9%	75%	11%
Tura Beach	57%	6%	2%	17%	3%	4%	1%	1%	1%	8%	79%	10%
Bega valley	46%	9%	3%	21%	6%	5%	1%	1%	1%	8%	74%	17%
the rest of Shire	41%	8%	4%	22%	5%	5%	1%	1%	1%	12%	67%	16%
Bega Valley	43%	8%	4%	21%	4%	5%	1%	1%	2%	11%	69%	16%
South-East NSW	42%	8%	4%	21%	4%	6%	1%	1%	2%	11%	67%	15%
NSW	41%	6%	4%	21%	5%	8%	2%	1%	3%	9%	63%	13%
stnd deviation	6%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	6%	4%

Adults not in couples are single parents, lone persons, relations or lodgers, people in group households, and independent children at home aged 18+. Table does not include residents away from home on Census night or those living in institutions (eg nursing homes, boarding schools, motels, hospitals).

Male / Female 2006	married couple	de facto couple	single parent	child <=15	student 15-24	indep. child	relation	lodger	group house	living alone	Aust'n visitor	Total
Bega	1.03 F:M	1.02 M:F	6.63 F:M	1.01 F:M	1.01 F:M	1.94 M:F	1.23 M:F	1.17 M:F	1.33 M:F	1.21 F:M	1.22 M:F	1.06 F:M
Bermagui	1.03 F:M	1.14 M:F	4.40 F:M	1.18 M:F	1.25 F:M	2.31 M:F	F	3.00 F:M	1.43 F:M	1.06 F:M	1.13 F:M	1.05 F:M
Eden	1.00 F:M	1.21 F:M	4.20 F:M	1.24 M:F	1.31 F:M	1.75 M:F	1.94 M:F	1.50 M:F	1.68 M:F	1.09 M:F	1.09 F:M	1.01 F:M
Merimbula	1.04 F:M	1.16 M:F	3.52 F:M	1.12 M:F	1.42 M:F	1.89 M:F	2.33 F:M	2.00 M:F	1.25 M:F	1.27 F:M	1.21 M:F	1.04 F:M
Pambula	1.01 M:F	=	6.56 F:M	1.15 M:F	1.74 F:M	6.14 M:F	1.50 F:M	=	1.83 M:F	1.28 F:M	1.69 F:M	1.04 F:M
Pambula Beach	=	1.19 M:F	F	1.51 M:F	1.12 M:F	2.50 M:F	F	M	2.00 F:M	1.04 F:M	1.33 F:M	1.02 M:F
Tura Beach	1.03 F:M	1.18 F:M	4.75 F:M	1.04 F:M	1.84 M:F	1.68 M:F	1.44 F:M	5.00 M:F	1.50 M:F	1.63 F:M	=	1.07 F:M
Bega valley	1.01 F:M	1.08 F:M	2.40 F:M	1.03 F:M	1.04 M:F	1.86 M:F	1.77 F:M	1.06 M:F	1.24 F:M	1.40 M:F	1.23 M:F	1.01 M:F
the rest of Shire	1.03 F:M	1.06 F:M	3.08 F:M	1.14 M:F	1.26 F:M	2.02 M:F	3.08 F:M	2.29 M:F	2.15 M:F	1.25 F:M	1.12 M:F	1.05 F:M
Bega Valley	1.01 F:M	1.04 F:M	3.94 F:M	1.05 M:F	1.04 F:M	2.06 M:F	1.26 F:M	1.78 M:F	1.20 M:F	1.08 F:M	1.04 F:M	1.03 F:M
South-East NSW	1.01 F:M	1.02 F:M	4.18 F:M	1.04 M:F	1.05 F:M	1.83 M:F	1.05 F:M	1.51 M:F	1.29 M:F	1.06 F:M	1.01 M:F	1.02 F:M
NSW	1.01 F:M	1.00 F:M	5.07 F:M	1.06 M:F	1.05 F:M	1.61 M:F	1.25 F:M	1.42 M:F	1.25 M:F	1.22 F:M	1.01 M:F	1.04 F:M

Red (lighter) numbers for female majority, blue for male majority. M = all males; F = all females. '=' means equal number of both.

Residents living arrangements	number of residents, 2006											Total
	married couple	de facto couple	single parent	child <=15	student 15-24	indep. child	relation	lodger	group house	living alone	Aust'n visitor	
Bega	1,951	459	290	1,191	239	259	89	50	135	662	189	5,514
Bermagui	472	105	54	216	36	43	7	12	34	161	49	1,189
Eden	1,053	219	182	557	118	143	47	15	67	284	92	2,777
Merimbula	1,460	250	140	593	92	110	50	18	108	532	104	3,457
Pambula	476	122	68	286	52	50	15	6	34	139	43	1,291
Pambula Beach	300	35	25	108	36	21	3	3	9	55	14	609
Tura Beach	1,384	161	69	404	71	83	22	18	30	208	84	2,534
Bega valley	3,359	684	238	1,545	410	312	86	37	110	584	210	7,575
the rest of Shire	1,537	294	196	810	185	166	49	23	41	454	125	3,880
Bega Valley	11,999	2,335	1,256	5,698	1,229	1,223	380	161	540	3,092	892	28,805
South-East NSW	74,340	13,409	7,825	37,200	7,412	9,359	2,625	1,058	3,385	19,539	4,986	181,138
NSW	2,394,428	364,903	275,800	1,215,947	303,887	414,436	136,365	50,002	180,733	571,653	119,515	6,027,669

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Male living arrangements	married couple	de facto couple	single parent	child <=15	student 15-24	indep. child	relation	lodger	group house	living alone	Aust'n visitor	Total males
Bega	963	232	38	593	119	171	49	27	77	299	104	2,672
Bermagui	232	56	10	117	16	30		3	14	78	23	579
Eden	526	99	35	308	51	91	31	9	42	148	44	1,384
Merimbula	715	134	31	313	54	72	15	12	60	234	57	1,697
Pambula	239	61	9	153	19	43	6	3	22	61	16	632
Pambula Beach	150	19		65	19	15		3	3	27	6	307
Tura Beach	682	74	12	198	46	52	9	15	18	79	42	1,227
Bega valley	1,671	329	70	761	209	203	31	19	49	341	116	3,799
the rest of Shire	756	143	48	432	82	111	12	16	28	202	66	1,896
Bega Valley	5,961	1,145	254	2,912	601	823	168	103	295	1,487	437	14,186
South-East NSW	36,937	6,636	1,511	18,958	3,623	6,049	1,283	636	1,909	9,483	2,506	89,531
NSW	1,189,015	182,427	45,462	624,589	148,350	255,828	60,665	29,375	100,330	257,137	59,995	2,953,173

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Female living arrangements	married couple	de facto couple	single parent	child <=15	student 15-24	indep. child	relation	lodger	group house	living alone	Aust'n visitor	Total males
Bega	988	227	252	598	120	88	40	23	58	363	85	2,842
Bermagui	240	49	44	99	20	13	7	9	20	83	26	610
Eden	527	120	147	249	67	52	16	6	25	136	48	1,393
Merimbula	745	116	109	280	38	38	35	6	48	298	47	1,760
Pambula	237	61	59	133	33	7	9	3	12	78	27	659
Pambula Beach	150	16	25	43	17	6	3		6	28	8	302
Tura Beach	702	87	57	206	25	31	13	3	12	129	42	1,307
Bega valley	1,688	355	168	784	201	109	55	18	61	243	94	3,776
the rest of Shire	781	151	148	378	103	55	37	7	13	252	59	1,984
Bega Valley	6,038	1,190	1,002	2,786	628	400	212	58	245	1,605	455	14,619
South-East NSW	37,403	6,773	6,314	18,242	3,789	3,310	1,342	422	1,476	10,056	2,480	91,607
NSW	1,205,413	182,476	230,338	591,358	155,537	158,608	75,700	20,627	80,403	314,516	59,520	3,074,496

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