

Banksia Precinct Demographic Profile

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1 Introduction

This profile provides background population statistics to assist in planning the redevelopment of the Banksia Precinct as defined by NSW Department of Planning and Environment. This is largely based on information drawn for the 2011 Census of Population and Housing with the latest information relating to NSW population projections up to 2036.

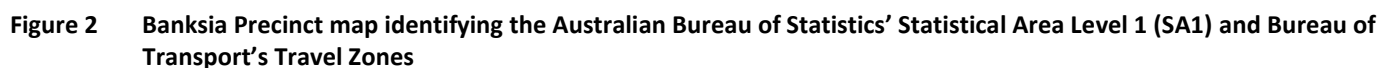
The Banksia Precinct comprises the suburb of Banksia in Sydney's south and includes the area surrounding the Banksia Railway Station along the Eastern-Suburbs and Illawarra Line.

The precinct is located within the Bayside Council Local Government Area (the former Rockdale Local Government Area). This profile is based on data relating to the former Rockdale Local Government Area.



Figure 1 Location of the Banksia Precinct

- the Banksia precinct (see Figure 2) refers to the following:
 - Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1s): 1137501, 1137502, 1137510, 1137531, 1138105, 1138106, 1138109, 1138112, 1138134, 1138135, 1138136, 1138137, 1138138.
- Bureau of Transport Statistics (BTS) Travel Zones: 2712, 2761, 2713, 2764, 2763, 2762.
- Rockdale refers to Rockdale local government area, as defined on 1 July 2011.
- Sydney refers to the Sydney Metropolitan planning region.



2 Age structure

In 2011, the Banksia Precinct was home to 5,938 residents, representing 6% of the entire Rockdale population.

In 2011, two out of three Banksia residents were of working age, with a high number aged in their late 20s to early 30s (Table 1 and Figure 3). The precinct's age profile mirrored that of Sydney as a whole with larger populations in the younger working ages.

A larger proportion of people living in Banksia were aged 65 years or older compared to Sydney as a whole. Overall, the 'average' Banksia resident was younger compared to Rockdale and Sydney as a whole (Table 2).

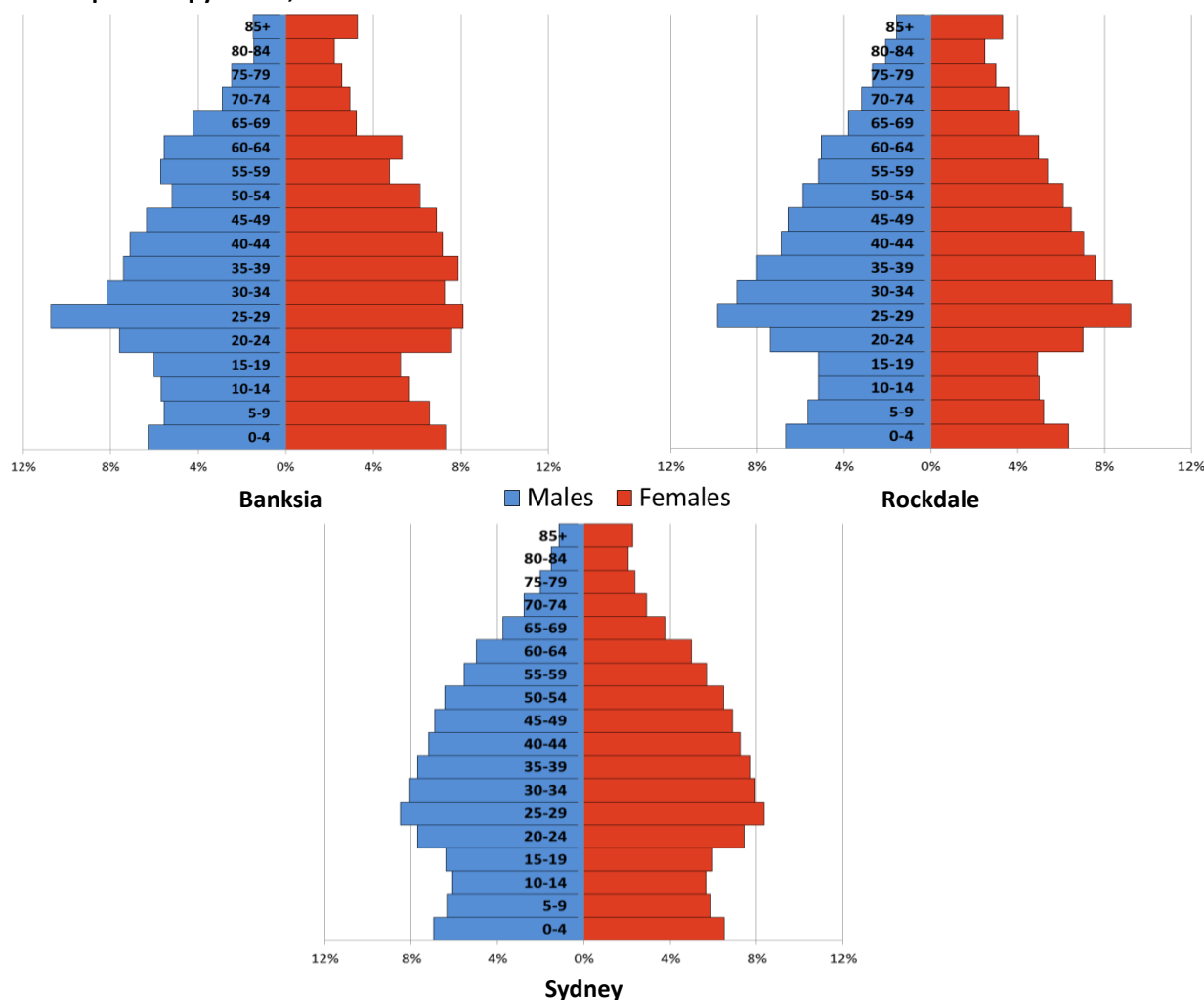
Table 1 Population by age group, 2011

	Number			Age Distribution		
	Banksia	Rockdale	Sydney	Banksia	Rockdale	Sydney
Under 15	1,100	17,635	801,837	18.5%	17.0%	18.7%
15-39	2,257	39,564	1,622,604	38.0%	38.2%	37.9%
40-64	1,787	30,822	1,336,048	30.1%	29.8%	31.2%
65 and older	794	15,460	525,728	13.4%	14.9%	12.3%
Total	5,938	103,481	4,286,217			

Table 2 Median Age (years), 2011

Banksia	Rockdale	Sydney
33.5	36.6	35.7

Figure 3 Population pyramids, 2011



3 Culture and Language

In 2011, 53 percent of Banksia residents were Australian-born, which is a considerably smaller figure than for Sydney as whole (Table 3). Additionally, a higher proportion of Banksia residents (79%) were the children of migrants. The overseas-born population (2,561 residents) in Banksia was culturally diverse, coming from parts of the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

Table 3 Population by place of birth, 2011

Area	Australia	Overseas
Banksia	53.2%	46.8%
Rockdale	53.3%	46.7%
Sydney	62.0%	38.0%

Table 4 Population with one or both parents born overseas, 2011

Area	At least one parent born overseas
Banksia	78.7%
Rockdale	76.6%
Sydney	63.5%

Table 5 Top 10 Countries of Birth of people who live in Banksia Precinct

1. Australia (53.2%)
2. Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia (7.5%)
3. Lebanon (4.4%)
4. China (excludes SARs and Taiwan) (4.4%)
5. Bangladesh (3.1%)
6. Greece (2.6%)
7. Philippines (2.5%)
8. Nepal (2.2%)
9. Italy (2.1%)
10. Indonesia (1.4%)

This cultural diversity is also reflected in the high proportion of Banksia residents who spoke a language other than English at home. This is comparable to the Rockdale LGA as a whole, and is much higher than the level of non-English speakers in Sydney overall. Of the people who spoke a language other than English, the share who also spoke English very well (54%) was similar to Sydney as a whole (56%). This is also reflective of the larger share of residents with at least one parent born overseas.

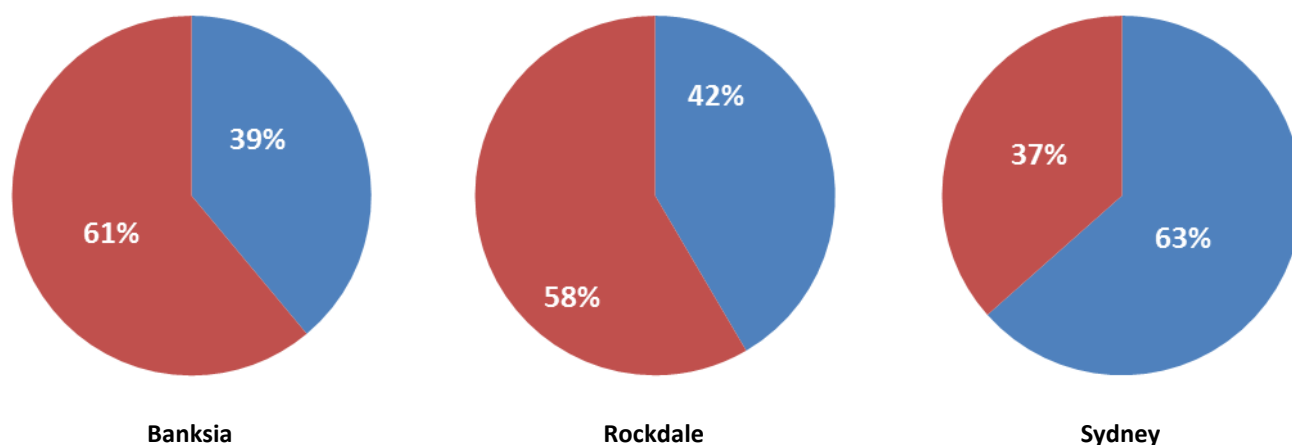


Figure 4 Language spoken at home, 2011

■ Spoke English at home ■ Spoke a language other than English at home

Table 6 Top 10 Languages spoken at home in Banksia, 2011

1. English (39.0%)
2. Macedonia (12.7%)
3. Arabic (12.5%)
4. Greek (5.6%)
5. Cantonese (4.1%)
6. Bengali (3.3%)
7. Italian (2.9%)
8. Mandarin (2.7%)
9. Nepali (2.2%)
10. Spanish (1.8%)

4 Education

Most of the adult population (aged 15 years or older) in Banksia had completed at least Year 10 at school (82%) and over 45% had a post school qualification (Figure 5 and Table 7). This revealed residents of Banksia experienced slightly lower rates of post-school qualification attainment compared to Rockdale (51.1%) and Sydney as a whole (54.9%) (refer to Table 7).

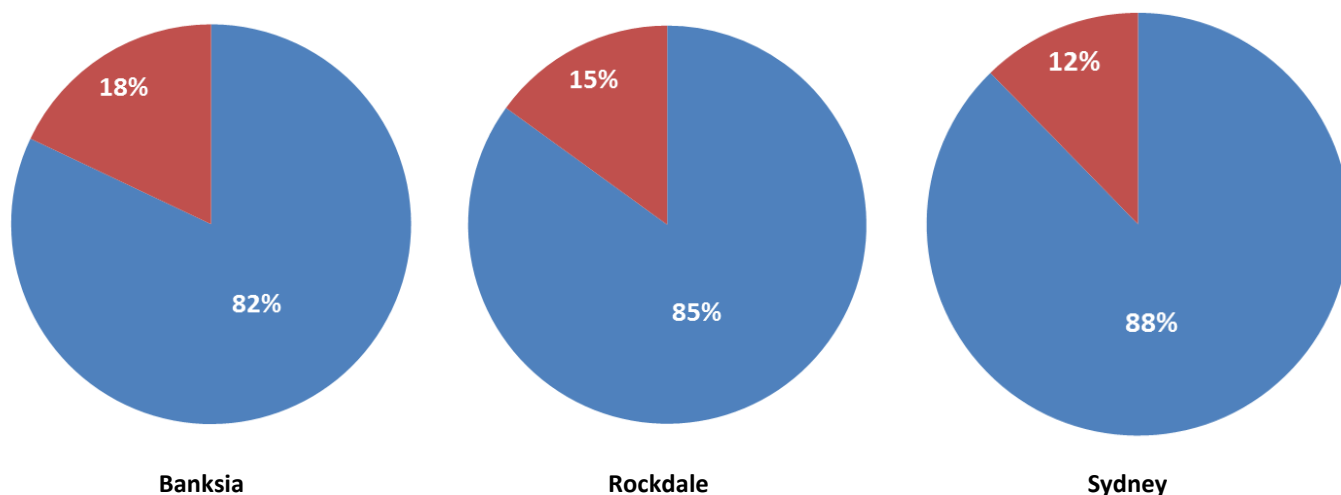


Figure 5 Levels of education, 2011

■ Completed Year 10 or higher

■ Did not go to school or complete at least Year 10

Table 7 Highest post-school qualification attained⁽¹⁾, 2011

	Postgraduate Degree Level	Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate Level	Bachelor Degree Level	Advanced Diploma and Diploma Level	Certificate Level	No Post-school Qualification
Banksia	4.6%	1.3%	16.0%	10.0%	15.2%	52.9%
Rockdale	5.9%	1.2%	17.3%	10.8%	15.8%	48.9%
Sydney	6.6%	1.8%	19.8%	10.2%	16.4%	45.1%

⁽¹⁾Of the total population aged 15 years and over.

The number of residents attending an educational institution reflected the age profile of Banksia's population. Less young children and a higher population of residents in their late teens to 20s means a larger share of the population were attending secondary and post-school institutions in 2011, similar to Sydney as a whole.

Table 8 Type of education institution⁽¹⁾ being attended by student population, 2011

	Preschool	Primary school	Secondary school	Technical or further education institution	Tertiary Institution
Banksia	6.4%	29.5%	23.3%	10.6%	24.9%
Rockdale	6.6%	30.1%	23.9%	11.4%	23.1%
Sydney	7.2%	31.5%	26.0%	9.8%	21.9%

⁽¹⁾Excludes "other" institutions.

5 Employment

In 2011, 2,890 Banksia residents were part of the labour force. They represented 64.7% of the Banksia population that were aged 15 years and above—revealing a slightly lower labour force participation rate compared to Sydney as whole (66%) (Table 9).

Table 9 Employment status of the population in labour force, 2011

	Employed	Unemployed
Banksia	94.3%	5.7%
Rockdale	94.1%	5.9%
Sydney	94.3%	5.7%

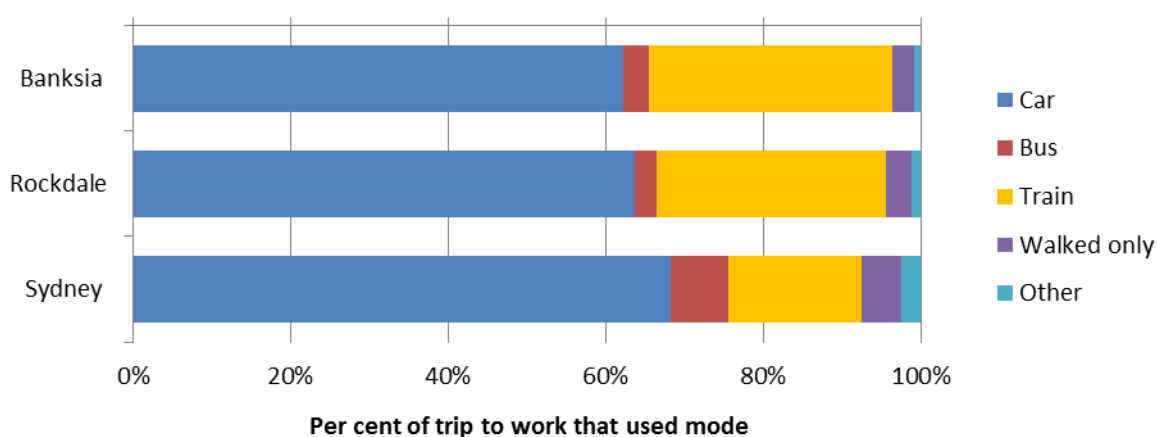
Table 10 Top 5 industries of employment in Banksia

1. Transport, Postal and Warehousing (11.1%)
2. Health Care and Social Assistance (10.2%)
3. Accommodation and Food Services (9.6%)
4. Retail Trade (9.3%)
5. Manufacturing (7.3%)

There was a higher concentration of residents in Banksia who worked in transport, postal and warehousing, and accommodation and food services industries compared to Sydney as a whole.

6 Transport

Workers in Banksia were no different to those in Rockdale and Sydney as a whole – the car was the most common mode of transport used to get to work (more than 60% of residents in all areas). On the other hand, Banksia residents were also more likely to take the train, and less likely to take the bus to work. Banksia had a higher proportion of its residents taking the train (31%) compared to Sydney commuters overall (17%).

**Figure 6 Mode of transport to work , 2011**

Households were more likely to own a motor vehicle in Banksia compared to Sydney as a whole (Figure 7). In 2011, most dwellings in the precinct owned two or more vehicles.

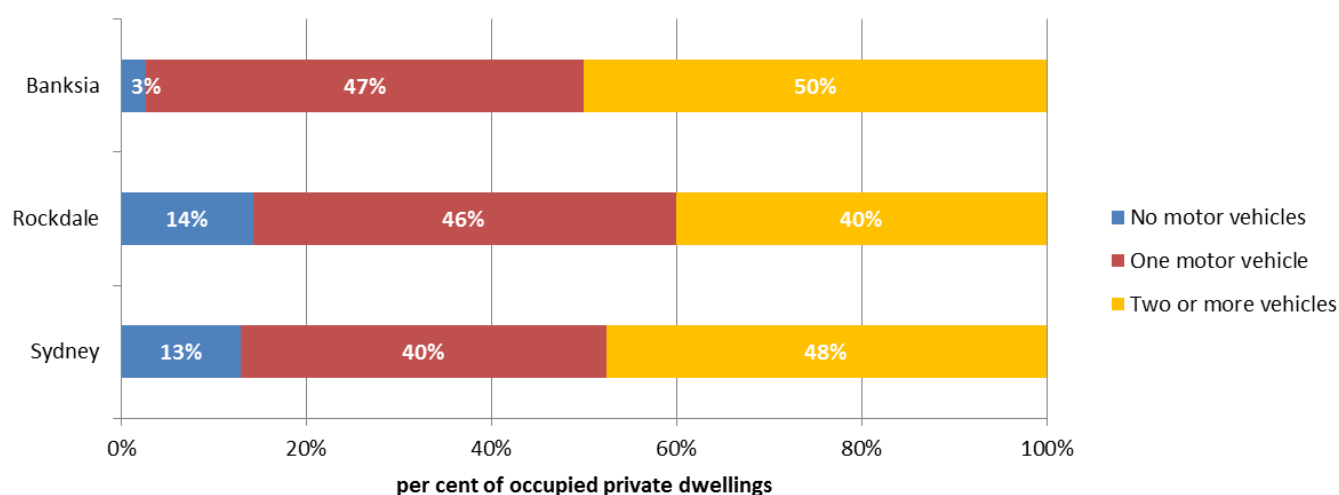


Figure 7 Private motor vehicle ownership by occupied private dwellings, 2011

7 Households and Dwellings

There were 2,044 dwellings in Banksia in 2011. Most of these (68%) were separate houses, with close to a quarter of dwellings being flats/units/apartments. The proportion of high density dwellings in Banksia (23%) was much lower compared to Sydney (30%) and Rockdale (39%) (Figure 8).

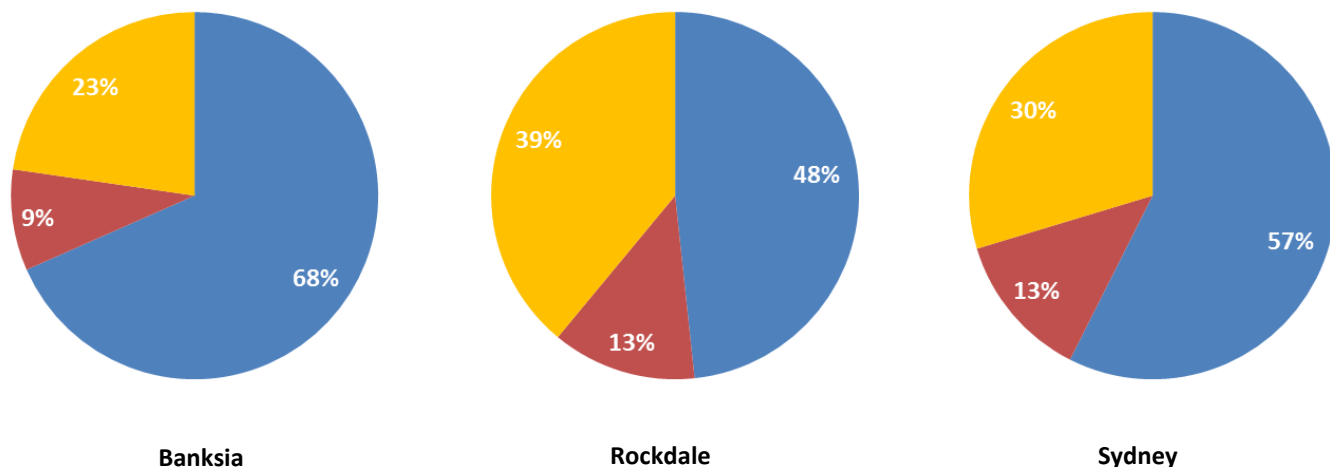


Figure 8 Types of dwellings, 2011 ■ Separate House ■ Semi detached/terrace/townhouse ■ Flat/Unit/Apartment

The data reveals a strong relationship between the main household types of an area, the population's age profile and housing stock available. Nuclear families (couple with children) made up more than one-third of all households in Banksia, similar to the Rockdale and Sydney as a whole. Banksia had a higher proportion of group households (5.5%) compared to both Rockdale and Sydney as a whole (4.4% and 4.6% respectively). As a result, the average household size (2.9 persons per household) was larger in Banksia than both Rockdale and Sydney as a whole (2.9 persons per household).

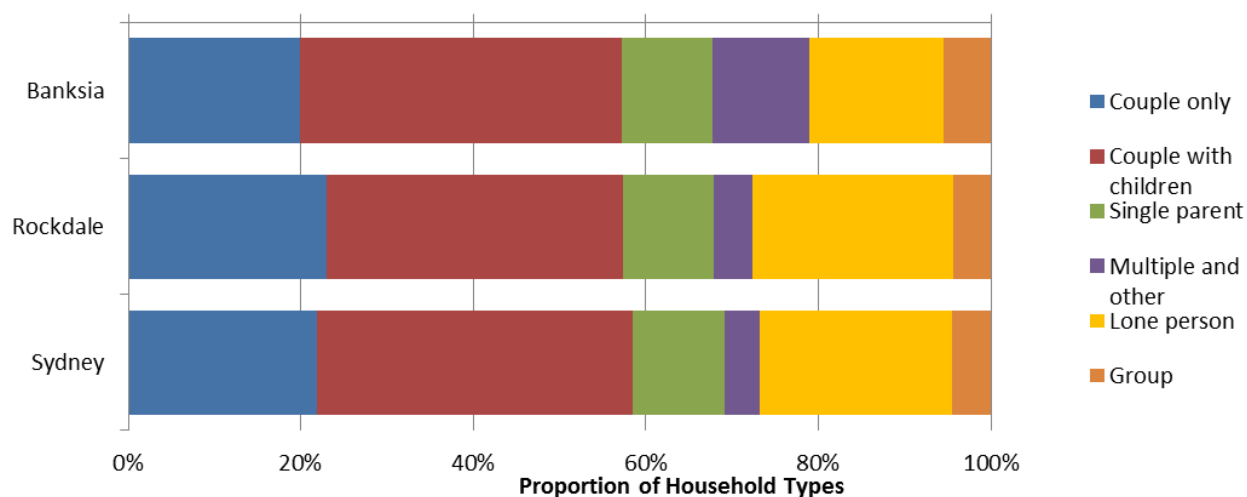


Figure 9 Composition of household, 2011



Figure 10 Average household size, 2011

More than 70% of dwellings in Banksia were owned outright or with a mortgage. Slightly fewer households were renting compared to other parts of Sydney (Figure 11).

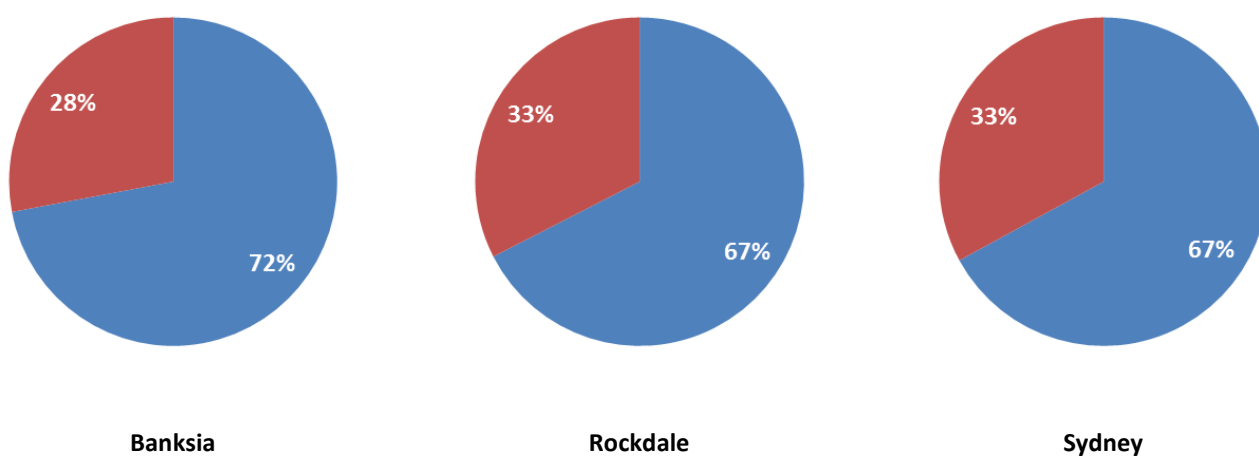


Figure 11 Distribution of dwellings by tenure type, 2011

■ Owned outright or with a mortgage ■ Rented

8 Socio-Economic Advantage

There are slightly fewer families in Banksia experiencing housing stress compared to Rockdale. However, the proportion of families experiencing housing stress in Banksia is slightly higher than that of Sydney as a whole. Overall, all three areas have more than 40% of families experiencing housing stress in relation to rent levels. This relates to the median income a family earns in Banksia being similar to Rockdale and Sydney as a whole, earning between the income range of \$65,000 - \$77,999 per year.

Table 11 Share of families experiencing housing stress, 2011

Area	Families experiencing housing stress
Banksia	46.6%
Rockdale	50.6%
Sydney	44.7%

9 Projected Population

Rockdale's population is expected to grow by 41,000 people over the next 20 years, from 114,450 to 155,450 by 2036. This 36% increase is marginally less than the growth expected in the Sydney region over the same period (37%).

Like everywhere else, the population of Rockdale is ageing. By 2036, there may be 29,700 residents aged 65 years or older in Rockdale, making up 19.1% of its total population; this older population made up 15.5% of Rockdale's population in 2016.

In terms of age structure, Rockdale is projected to have a lower proportion of young people aged 0-29 years, a greater number of people aged between 30-44 and 75+ and a similar number of people aged 45-74 years compared to Sydney as a whole by 2036.

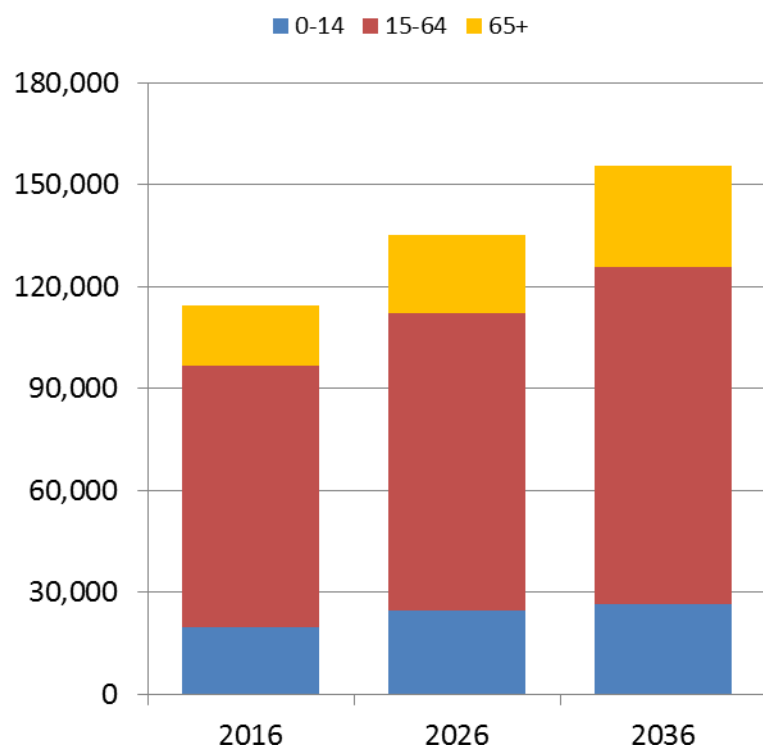


Figure 12 Projected population of Rockdale, by age group 2016-2036

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