

## A Community Portrait of

# Ryde

compared with Sydney

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## Ryde's population in 2001

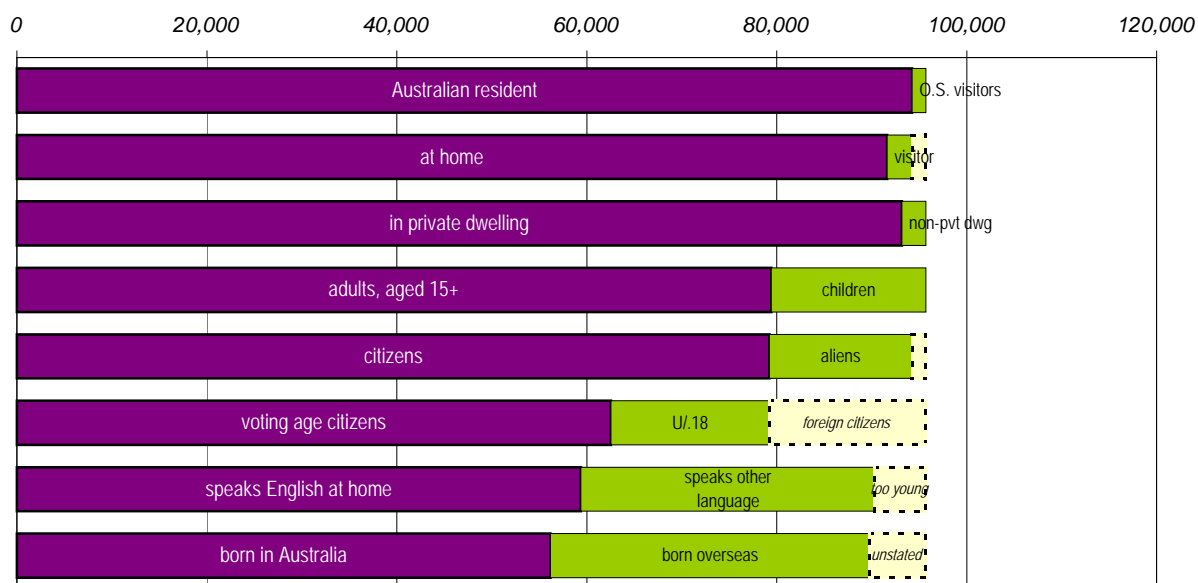
On Census night, 7th August 2001, Ryde had a population of 95,744 people. This was an increase of 3,069 since 1996, so Ryde's annual growth rate over 1996-2001 was 0.7% a year, similar to Sydney's growth of 1.3% pa. Ryde's population was 2.4% of Sydney's 3,997,321.

With an area of 40.5 sq.km., Ryde had a population density of 24 people per hectare or 2,360 per sq.km. By way of comparison, Sydney had 330 people per sq. km.

The Census provides several measures of each area's population on Census night. For example, the population of Ryde may be regarded as:

- \* 94,244 who are Australian residents (ie excluding overseas visitors), or
- \* 91,628 who live here permanently (ie excluding Australian visitors), or
- \* 93,162 who were staying in private dwellings (ie excluding those in group buildings such as hotels, hospitals, boarding houses or army barracks).

In this report, the population most commonly used is the Australian resident population, which excludes overseas visitors but includes Australian visitors, to offset those away from home on Census night. Note that where the number of people in a 'cell' in a Census table is in low single figures (eg the number of very old people), the number has been randomly changed to protect privacy, generally to become 3 or 6, and so may not always add up exactly.



group one	group two	others	total
Australian resident 94,244	overseas visitor 1,500		95,744
at home 91,628	Australian visitor 2,616	overseas visitors 1,500	95,744
in private dwelling 93,162	in institution/hotel 2,582		95,744
adults, aged 15+ 79,422	children under 15 16,322		95,744
citizens 79,216	foreign citizens (aliens) 15,028	overseas visitors 1,500	95,744
voting age citizens 62,532	citizen under 18 16,684	foreign citizens & visitors 16,528	95,744
speaks English at home 59,390	speaks language at home 30,952	OS visitors & children u/5 5,402	95,744
born in Australia 56,175	born overseas 33,579	OS visitors & not stated 5,990	95,744

## Ryde's changing age profile

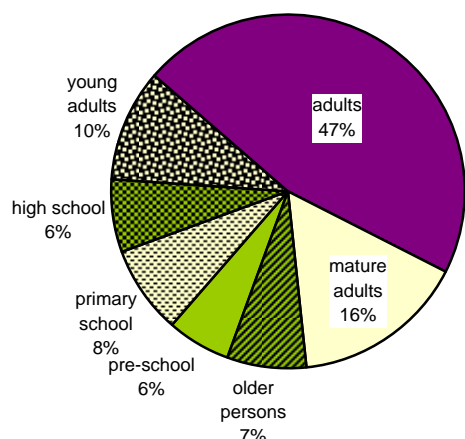
The largest age-group in most communities consists of adults in their prime working age from 25 to 54 years old. In Ryde, 46% of the people are of this age, similar to Sydney's population (45%).

Ryde's age structure varies most from Sydney in the size of the older persons age group (75+), which makes 7.2% of the population, a 27% larger share of the population than Sydney's 5.6%; and in the mature adults age group (55-74), which has a 5% larger share.

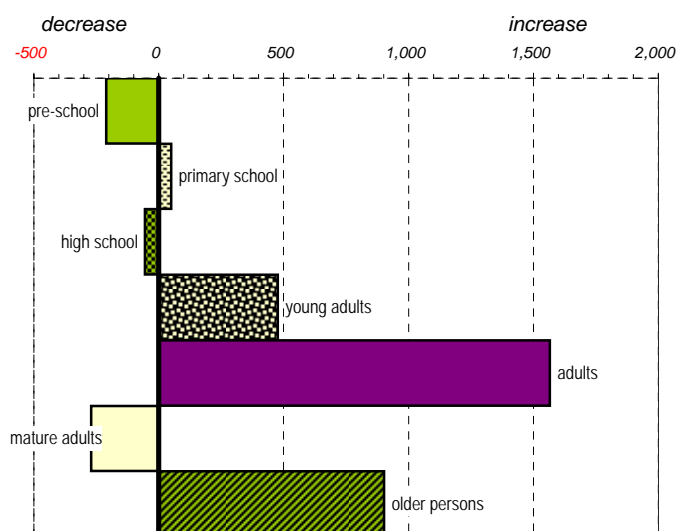
Conversely, Ryde's age groups that are proportionally smaller than Sydney's are the high school age group (12-17), who are just 6% of the population, a 19% smaller share than Sydney's, and the primary school age group (5-11), which has a 16% smaller share.

Since 1996, the population has grown by 3,069 or 3.2%. Notable changes among age groups are that the adults age group increased by 1,566 and the older persons age group increased by 902, while the mature adults age group decreased by 270 and the pre-school age group decreased by 210.

Distribution of age groups



Population changes 1996-2001



Size & change of age groups	Ryde		Proportion of population			Ryde's relative size
	number	change 96-01	in 2001 *	in 1996	in Sydney	
pre-school (0-4)	5,604	<i>(down 210)</i>	5.9%	6.3%	6.7%	11% smaller
primary school (5-11)	7,564	<i>(up 50)</i>	8.0%	8.2%	9.5%	16% smaller
high school (12-17)	6,098	<i>(down 55)</i>	6.5%	6.7%	8.0%	19% smaller
young adults (18-24)	9,829	<i>(up 477)</i>	10.4%	10.2%	9.9%	5% larger
adults (25-54)	43,441	<i>(up 1,566)</i>	46.1%	45.6%	45.1%	2% larger
mature adults (55-74)	14,939	<i>(down 270)</i>	15.9%	16.6%	15.0%	5% larger
older persons (75+)	6,768	<i>(up 902)</i>	<b>7.2%</b>	6.4%	5.6%	27% larger
Overseas visitors	1,500	<i>(up 609)</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>all people</b>	<b>95,743</b>	<b><i>(up 3,069)</i></b>	100%	100%	100%	

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## Ryde's age pyramid

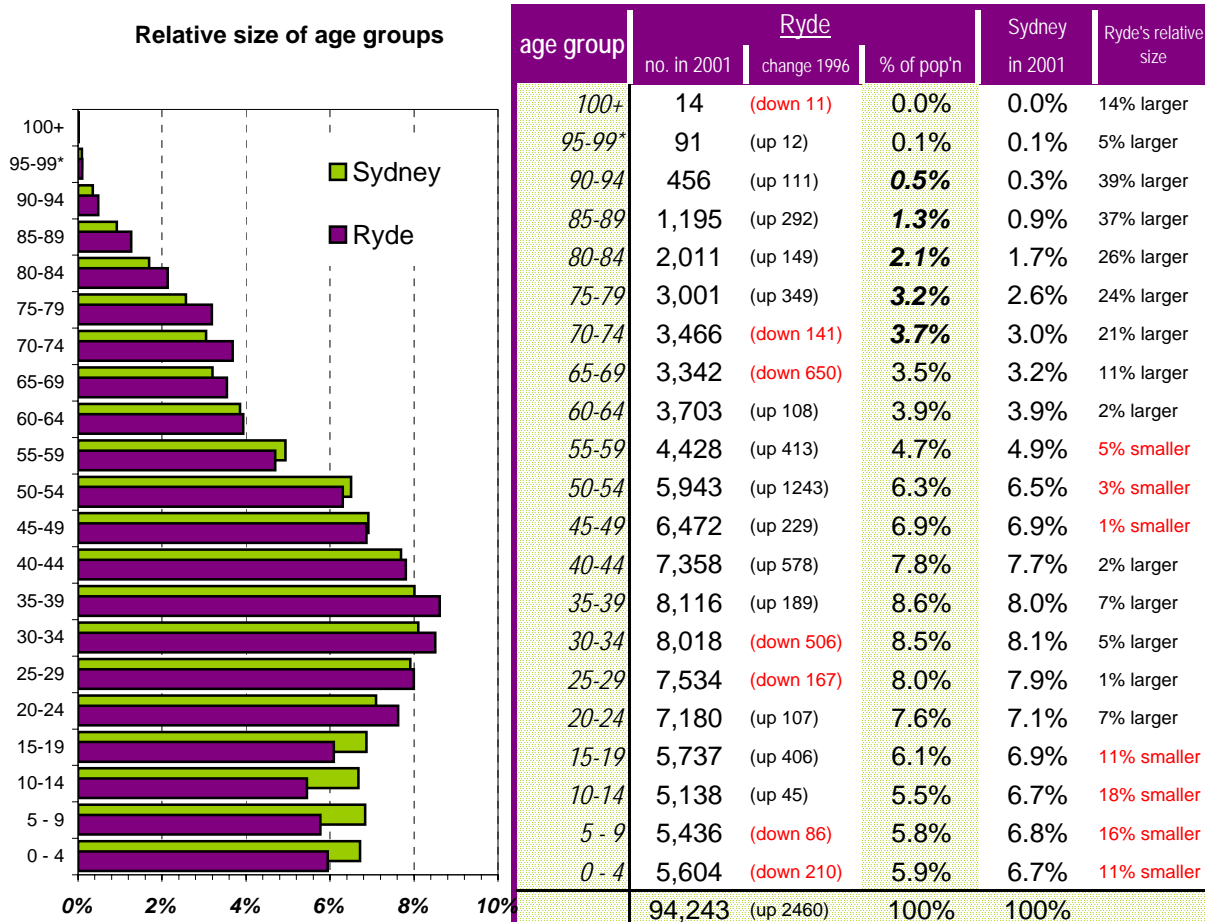
The age spread of a community can be illustrated by an age pyramid. The size of each level on the pyramid represents the number of people in a five-year age group or 'cohort'. Higher levels on the pyramid representing older people. Ryde's age pyramid is shown below (the dark layers) compared with Sydney (the light layers).

Normally, an Australian community will bulge most in the 35-54 age group ('the baby-boomers'), tapering off to a peak at the top because there are relatively few very old people. Newer communities tend to have larger bulges in the 'young family' age groups (say 25-39 and 0-14 years old); more established communities tend to have older families with larger bulges amongst 45-59 year olds and their 15-24 year old children. Maturing communities tend to have bulges in the population aged 65+, while renewing communities have this 'ageing' bulge plus others showing the incoming younger families.

Ryde's largest five-year age groups in 2001 were 35-39 year-olds (8,116), followed by 30-34 year-olds (8,018), and 25-29 year-olds (7,534).

The larger age groups where Ryde was most over-represented compared with Sydney are the 85-89 years old cohort (1.3% of the population but 0.9% for Sydney, or 37% larger); the 80-84 years old cohort (26% larger); and the 75-79 years old cohort (24% larger).

The age groups where Ryde was relatively under-represented were the 10-14 years old cohort (18% smaller); the 5 - 9 years old cohort (16% smaller); and the 0 - 4 years old cohort (11% smaller).



[Note: In 1996, oldest age groups were 95-98 and 99+; Overseas visitors excluded]

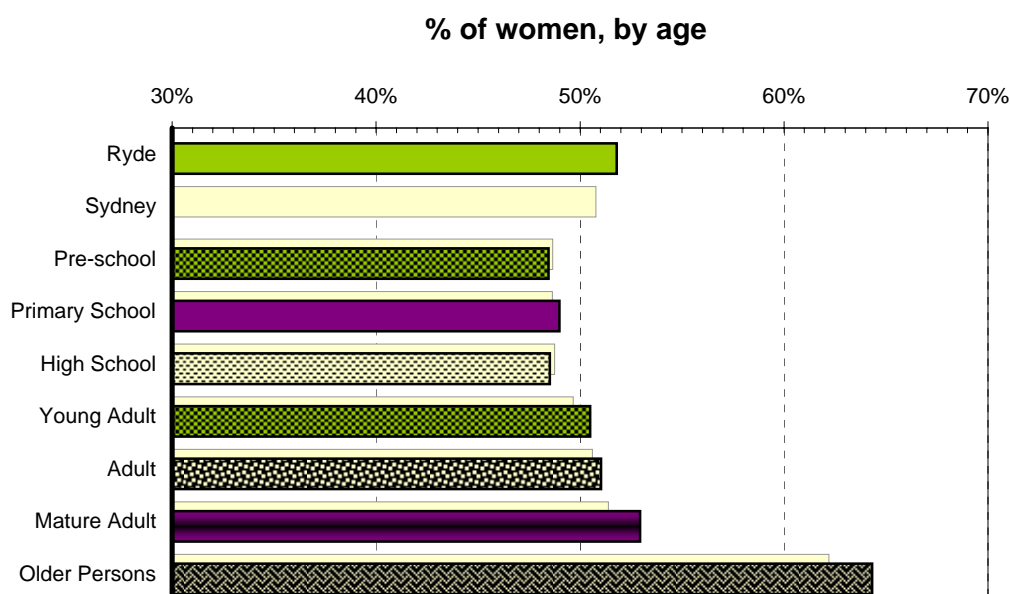
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## Ryde's male - female ratio

In 2001 in Ryde, there were 107 women for every 100 men, a ratio which is greater than the Sydney average of 103 women per 100 men.

The ratio of women to men increases with age because men, on average, die younger than women. The male-female imbalance is most evident among very old people, and communities with significant male-female imbalances tend to have older populations.

In Ryde, among those aged 75 or over, 64% are women, meaning there are 1.8 women for each man. This is greater than Sydney's rate of 1.6 women for each man.



Females and males in Ryde	Ryde 2001		change 1996-2001		% females	
	males	females	males	females	Ryde	Sydney
Pre-school (0-4)	2,889	2,715	<i>(-23)</i>	<i>(-187)</i>	48.4%	48.7%
Primary School (5-11)	3,859	3,705	<i>(+12)</i>	<i>(+38)</i>	49.0%	48.6%
High School (12-17)	3,139	2,959	<i>(-13)</i>	<i>(-42)</i>	48.5%	48.7%
Young Adult (18-24)	4,866	4,963	<i>(+262)</i>	<i>(+215)</i>	50.5%	49.7%
Adult (25-55)	21,271	22,170	<i>(+527)</i>	<i>(+1039)</i>	51.0%	50.6%
Mature Adult (55-74)	7,030	7,909	<i>(-21)</i>	<i>(-249)</i>	52.9%	51.4%
Older Persons (75+)	2,415	4,353	<i>(+389)</i>	<i>(+513)</i>	<b>64.3%</b>	62.2%
Overseas visitors	682	818	<i>(+257)</i>	<i>(+352)</i>	<b>54.5%</b>	52.4%
<b>Ryde</b>	<b>46,151</b>	<b>49,592</b>	<b><i>(+1390)</i></b>	<b><i>(+1679)</i></b>	<b>51.8%</b>	50.8%

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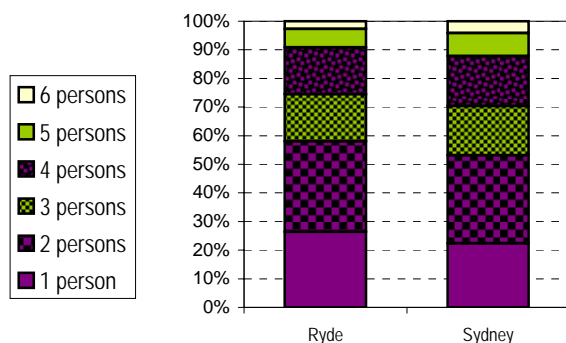
## Ryde's households

In 2001, Ryde had some 35,300 households (up 1,103 since 1996), of which overwhelming majority (69%) were family households, including about 490 with more than one family. The average family household had 3.1 people while Ryde's 1,759 group households averaged 2.4 people. Ryde's overall average household size, including its 9,330 single person households, was 2.3 persons, less than Sydney's 2.5.

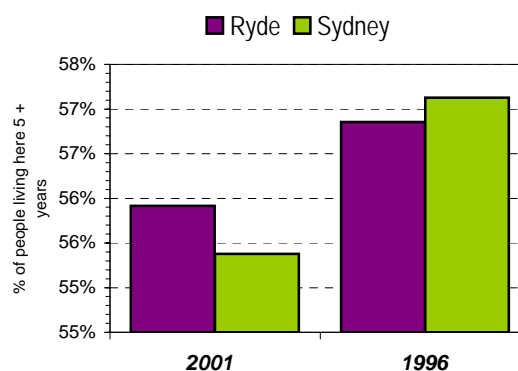
Amongst Ryde's households, the most common sizes were 2 persons (32% of households) and 3 persons (17%). Altogether, 25% of Ryde's households had four or more people, housing 45% of the community. By way of comparison, 30% of Sydney's households had four or more people, housing 50% of the community.

The stability of a community is indicated by the proportion of people who have remained for a reasonable period of time. In Ryde, 56% of residents aged over five were living here in 1996. This residential stability is similar to Sydney's, where 55% had remained for five years, and similar to Ryde's stability in 1996, when 57% of residents had lived here more than five years. Relative to Sydney, Ryde's residential stability increased since 1996.

**% of households of each size**



**Residential stability**



Average size of households	Ryde	Ryde			Sydney	Sydney		
		families	group	all h'holds		families	group	all h'holds
		3.15	2.42	2.28		3.27	2.39	2.50

Number of people usually in households	Households			number of people #	% of households *		% of people *	
	families	single/group	total		Ryde	Sydney	Ryde	Sydney
1 person	-	9,328	9,328	9,328	26%	22%	<b>10%</b>	8%
2 persons	9,891	1,266	11,157	22,314	32%	31%	<b>25%</b>	23%
3 persons	5,506	325	5,831	17,493	17%	17%	19%	19%
4 persons	5,629	107	5,736	22,944	16%	17%	26%	26%
5 persons	2,263	51	2,314	11,570	7%	8%	13%	15%
6 persons	932	10	942	6,123	<u>3%</u>	4%	<u>7%</u>	10%
	24,221	11,087	35,308	89,772	100%	100%	100%	100%

\* Bold italic rates or percentages are notably higher than Sydney's, underlined italic ones are lower; # number of people assumes 6.5 in 6+ person households  
Overseas visitors and non-classified or visitor-only households excluded; temporarily absent partners included; 'unrelated' households are lone persons and groups

Residential stability	Address 1 year ago		Address 5 years ago				Change in stability, 96-01
	same	different	same	different	same %	diff't %	
Ryde	73,393	16,158	47,587	37,519	46,874	35,570	<b>1.7% lower</b>
	82%	18%	56%	44%	57%	43%	
Sydney	82%	18%	55%	45%	57%	43%	<b>3.1% lower</b>

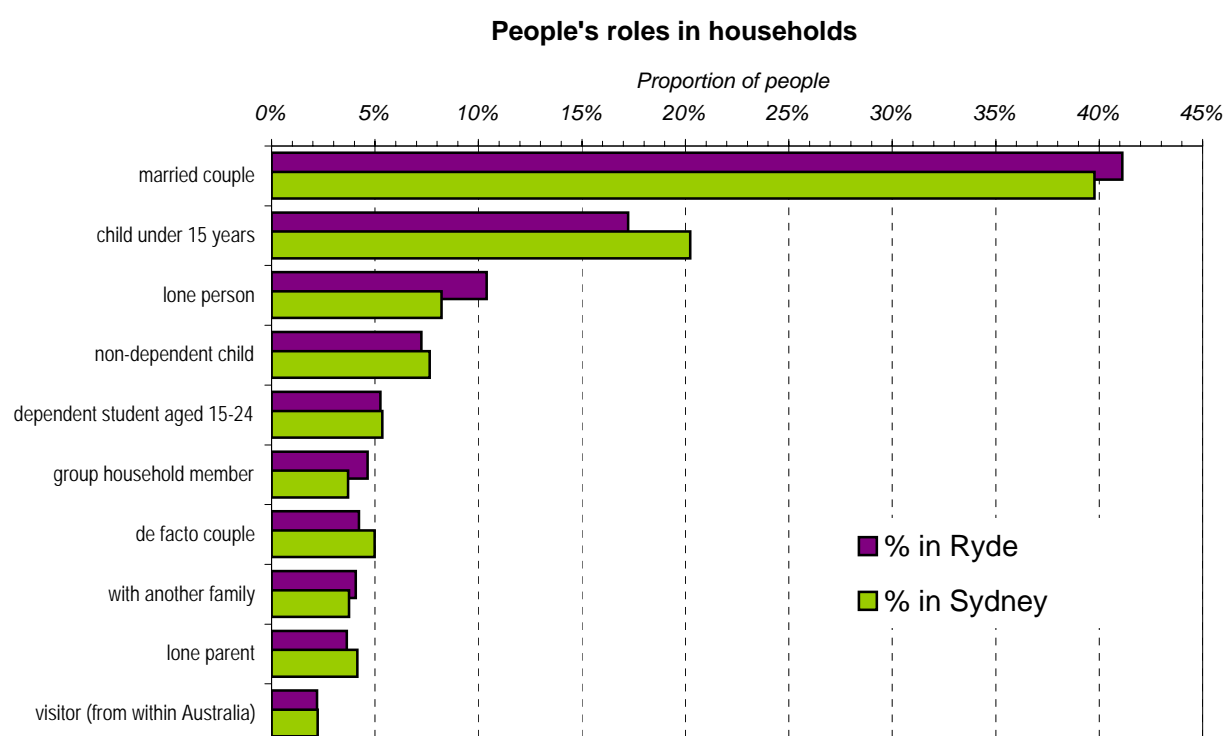
Overseas visitors and those too young to have remained 1 or 5 years excluded

## Household arrangements in Ryde

Most commonly, people in Ryde live as a married couple, with 41% of people living this way (similar to Sydney's 40%). Other common ways of living are as a child under 15 years (17% of people in Ryde and 20% in Sydney), as a lone person (10% in Ryde; 8% in Sydney), and as a non-dependent child (7% and 8% respectively).

The most extreme variations from Sydney are the greater proportions of people who are a lone person (2.2 percentage points higher than Sydney) or a married couple (1.3 points higher), and the smaller proportions of people who are a child under 15 years (3.0 percentage points lower than Sydney) or a de facto couple (0.8 points lower).

Of people living in couples, 9% were not married in 2001, similar to Sydney's rate of 11%.



Roles in households	number in Ryde			% in Ryde			% in Sydney	Ryde's variation
	males	females	persons	males	females	persons *		
married couple	18,343	18,541	36,884	42%	40%	<b>41%</b>	40%	1.3% higher
child under 15 years	7,926	7,531	15,457	18%	16%	<b>17%</b>	20%	3.0% lower
lone person	3,738	5,590	9,328	9%	12%	<b>10%</b>	8%	2.2% higher
non-dependent child	3,795	2,694	6,489	<b>9%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	8%	0.4% lower
dependent student aged 15-24	2,362	2,356	4,718	5%	5%	<b>5%</b>	5%	0.1% lower
group household member	2,204	1,961	4,165	5%	4%	<b>5%</b>	4%	0.9% higher
de facto couple	1,886	1,896	3,782	4%	4%	<b>4%</b>	5%	0.8% lower
with another family	1,612	2,033	3,645	4%	4%	<b>4%</b>	4%	0.3% higher
lone parent	548	2,717	3,265	<b>1%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	4%	0.5% lower
visitor (from within Australia)	980	996	1,976	2%	2%	<b>2%</b>	2%	0.0% lower
<b>total</b>	<b>43,394</b>	<b>46,315</b>	<b>89,709</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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Note that the number of male and females in couples can be slightly different due to one partner's absence from home on Census night

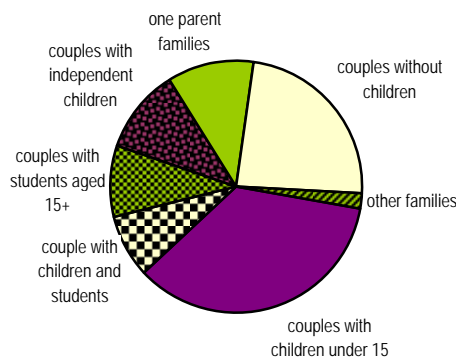
## Families in Ryde

Altogether, 78% of Ryde's people live in families, with some 73,400 people in some 24,700 families of an average size of 3.0 people. This is similar to Sydney's average family size of 3.1 people.

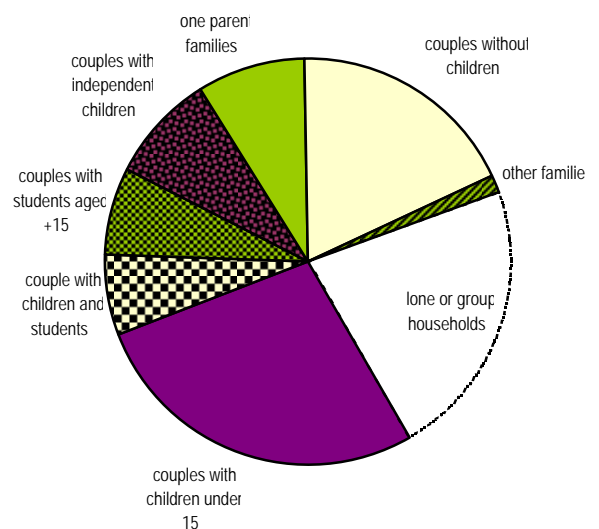
Ryde has some 12,000 couples with children, with 56% having all their children aged under 15. They constitute 49% of all families and have 49% of Ryde's people. Another 35% of families are couples without children, home to 18% of the population. In addition, there are 3,260 single-parent families (with 9% of the population) and 695 families of other types.

Since 1996, the average family size in Ryde has decreased by 6.4%. The average size of couple families with children has decreased by 4.6% from 4.01 to 3.83 persons, while the average size of single-parent families has decreased by 5.6% from 2.66 to 2.51 persons.

**Types of families**



**% of population in families**



Types of Families	no. of families	% of families	no. of people	% of all people	average size *	av size in Sydney	av size in 1996	change since '96
couples with children under 15	6,741	27%	25,919	28%	<b>3.84</b>	4.00		
couple with children and students	1,233	5%	5,908	6%	4.79	4.91		
couples with students aged 15+	1,749	7%	6,711	7%	3.84	3.85		
couples with independent children	2,416	10%	7,959	8%	3.29	3.30		
<b>all couples with children</b>	<b>12,139</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>46,497</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>3.83</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>4.01</b>	<b>down 5%</b>
one parent families	3,265	13%	8,188	9%	2.51	2.65	2.66	down 6%
couples without children	8,615	35%	17,204	18%	2.00	2.00	2.06	down 3%
other families	695	3%	1,471	2%	2.12	2.15	2.27	down 7%
<b>all families</b>	<b>24,714</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>73,360</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>2.97</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>down 6%</b>

\* Bold italic household sizes are notably higher than Sydney's, underlined italic ones are lower. People not in families and overseas visitors excluded. Average size in 1996 assumes 6.5 average for families of 6 or more people.

## Marital status in Sydney

Overall in Ryde, 51% of adults (aged 15+) are married, 9% are separated or divorced, 7% are widowed, and 34% have never been married. By comparison with Sydney, Ryde has similar proportions of married people (by 0.3 percentage points), fewer separated or divorced people (by 1.3 points), slightly more people widowed (by 0.8 points), and slightly more people who have never married (by 0.8 points).

Only 27% of younger people (15-34 years old) were married in 2001. This was similar to Sydney's rate of 27%. This rate had noticeably fallen from 31% in 1996, while the proportion of younger people who had never married went from 65% to 70%.

Marital status by age



Marriage in Ryde, by age	married	separated / divorced	widowed	never married	married	separated / divorced	widowed	never married
	proportion of Ryde adults *				proportion of Sydney adults			
15-34 yrs	27%	<u>3%</u>	<u>0%</u>	70%	27%	4%	0%	69%
35-54 yrs	68%	14%	1%	17%	69%	16%	1%	14%
55-74 yrs	68%	13%	11%	<b>8%</b>	68%	14%	11%	6%
75 + yrs	40%	5%	<b>47%</b>	7%	41%	6%	36%	6%
all adults	51%	9%	7%	34%	51%	10%	6%	33%
age group	number of Ryde men				number of Ryde women			
15-34 yrs	3,229	334	6	10,396	4,465	524	15	9,502
35-54 yrs	9,474	1,594	70	2,640	9,554	2,232	227	2,098
55-74 yrs	5,368	771	294	597	4,735	1,151	1,414	609
75 + yrs	1,615	119	542	140	1,126	206	2,669	352
all adults	19,686	2,818	912	13,773	19,880	4,113	4,325	12,561

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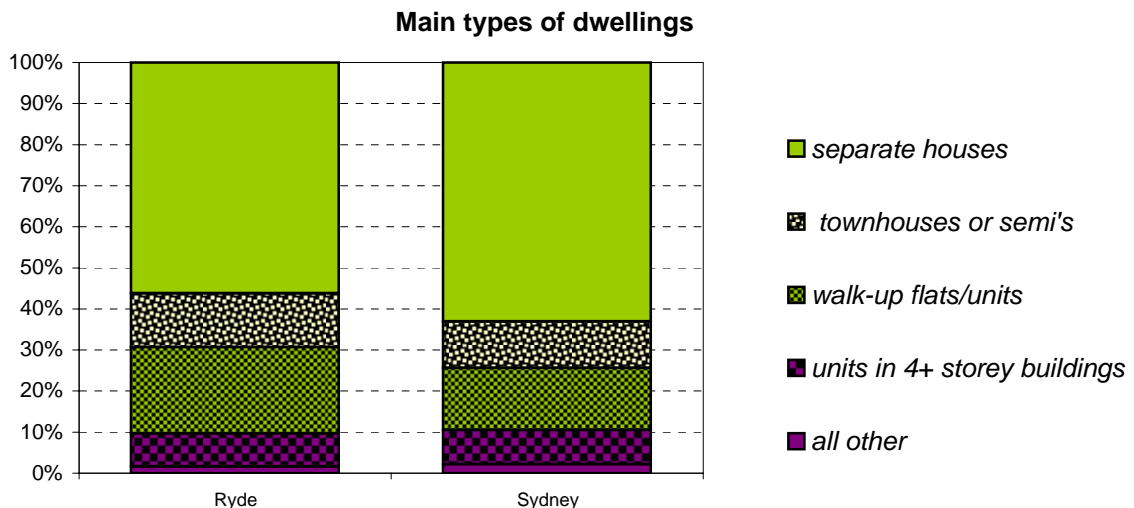
## Types of dwellings in Ryde

In mid-2001, Ryde had 38,833 dwellings, an increase of 1,636 since 1996. Some 2,032 dwellings were vacant, giving a vacancy rate of 5.2% of dwellings, less than Sydney's 7.0%. Lower vacancy rates at the mid-winter census are more common in stable communities and in winter holiday resorts.

The most common kinds of dwellings in Ryde are separate houses, of which there were some 21,000 in 2001 (56% of Ryde's dwellings; 63% over Sydney). Of other common types of dwellings, there were about 7,800 walk-up flats/units, 4,800 townhouses or semi's and 3,000 units in 4+ storey buildings.

The most commonly-built types of dwelling over the previous five years were walk-up flats/units, with 2,631 more dwellings since 1996, and townhouses or semi's with 956 more. Among separate houses, there were 78 fewer dwellings. The number of units in 4+ storey buildings decreased by 1,467.

Among the less common types of dwellings, Ryde had 123 "granny" flats on houses (down by 3 since 1996) and 117 flats on shops / offices (down by 9).



Types of dwellings	Ryde 2001	change since 1996	% of dwellings		variation from Sydney
			Ryde	Sydney	
separate houses	20,695	down 78 or 0%	56%	63%	7% lower
townhouses or semi's	4,792	up 956 or 25%	13%	11%	2% higher
walk-up flats/units	7,753	up 2,631 or 51%	<b>21%</b>	15%	6% higher
units in 4+ storey buildings	2,968	down 1,467 or 33%	8%	8%	0% lower
all other	593	down 284 or 32%	<u>1.6%</u>	2.2%	1% lower
"granny" flats on houses	123	down 3 or 2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1% lower
caravan/cabin or houseboat	60	down 72 or 55%	<u>0.2%</u>	0.3%	0.2% lower
shack, tent or outdoors	13	down 1 or 7%	<u>0.0%</u>	0.0%	0.0% lower
flats on shops / offices	117	down 9 or 7%	<u>0.3%</u>	0.4%	0.1% lower
Not stated	280	down 199 or 42%	0.8%	0.9%	0.2% lower
<b>All occupied dwellings</b>	<b>36,801</b>	up 1,758 or 5%	100%	100%	
Unoccupied dwellings	2,032	down 122 or 6%	<u>5.2%</u>	7.0%	2% lower
<b>All private dwellings</b>	<b>38,833</b>	up 1,636 or 4%			

Walk-up flats are 1-3 storeys. Bold italic percentages are notably higher than Sydney's, underlined italic percents are lower.

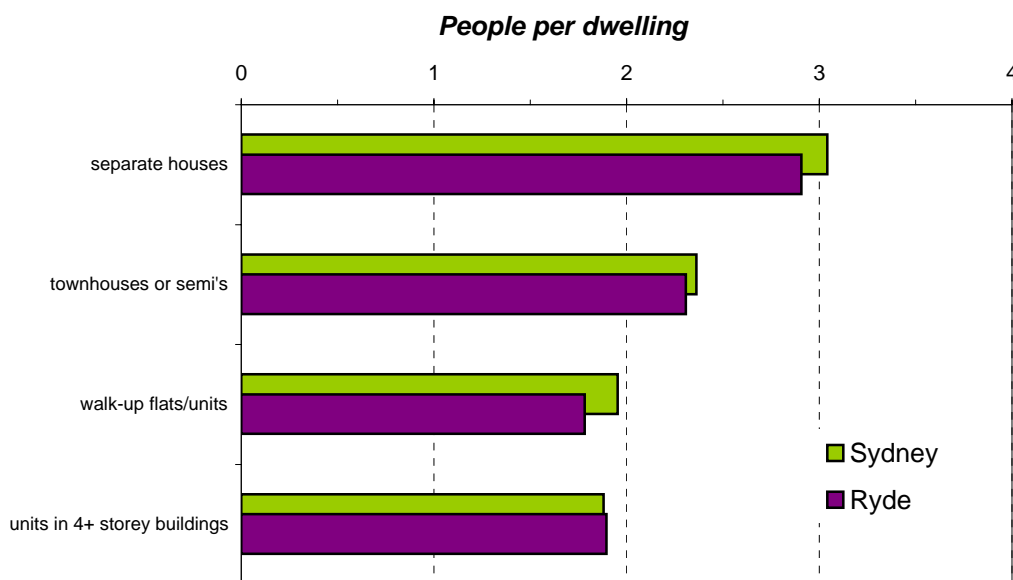
## Dwelling occupancy in Ryde

The average number of people in each occupied dwelling in Ryde is 2.50 which is lower than Sydney's average occupancy rate of 2.68.

Since 1996, occupancy rates have fallen by 0.05. The average occupancy of townhouses or semi's increased by 0.07, while for walk-up flats/units, the occupancy rate decreased by 0.09.

Among common types of dwellings, the occupancy rate varies from an average of 1.78 persons/dwelling in walk-up flats/units to 2.91 persons/dwelling in separate houses.

Ryde's occupancy rate for separate houses was 4% lower than Sydney's and for townhouses or semi's was 2% lower. The occupancy rate for walk-up flats/units was 9% lower than in Sydney. The rate for units in 4+ storey buildings was very similar.



Dwelling occupancy in Ryde	Ryde				Sydney people/ dwelling	variation from Sydney
	dwellings	people	people/ dwelling *	change since 1996		
separate houses	20,695	60,177	<b>2.91</b>	down 0.00	3.04	4% lower
townhouses or semi's	4,792	11,053	<b>2.31</b>	up 0.07	2.36	2% lower
walk-up flats/units	7,753	13,816	<b>1.78</b>	down 0.09	1.95	9% lower
units in 4+ storey buildings	2,968	5,625	<b>1.90</b>	down 0.03	1.88	1% higher
"granny" flats on houses	123	216	<b>1.76</b>	down 0.30	1.85	5% lower
caravan-cabin-houseboat/s	60	98	<b>1.63</b>	down 0.06	1.57	4% higher
flats on shops / offices	117	290	<b>2.48</b>	down 0.20	2.41	3% higher
Not stated or other type	293	583	<b>1.99</b>	down 0.29	2.13	7% lower
all occupied private dwgs	<b>36,801</b>	91,858	<b>2.50</b>	down 0.05	2.68	7% lower
non-private dwellings <small>eg hotels, institutions</small>		<u>2,582</u>				
total population		94,440				

Total population has rounding errors; overseas visitors excluded.  
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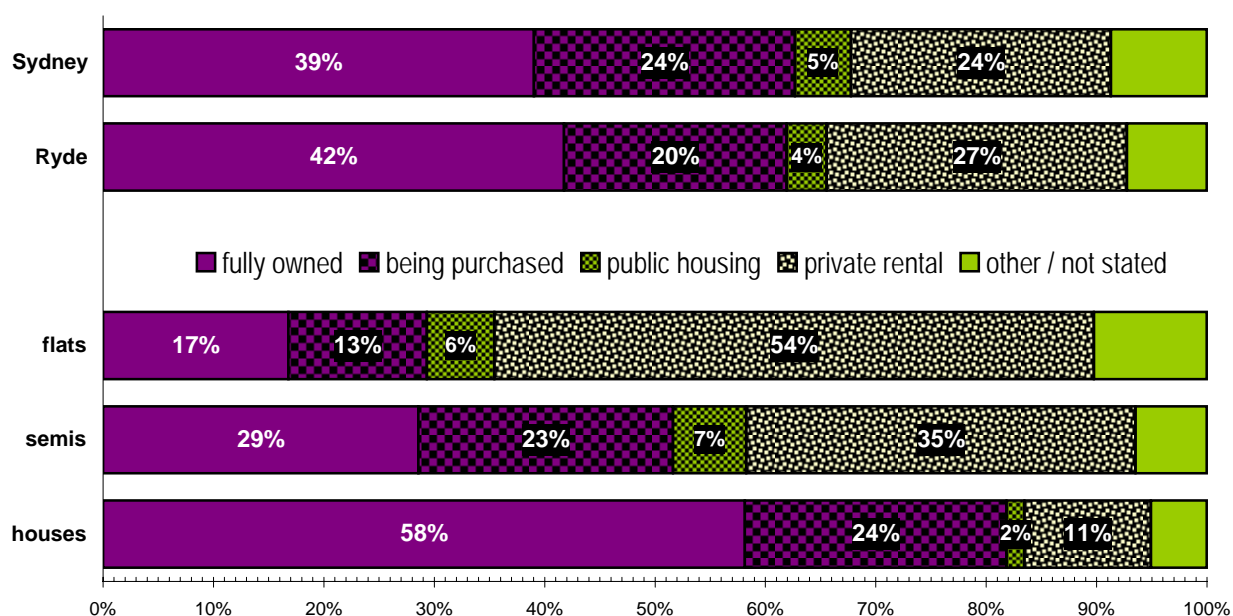
## Owning and renting in Ryde

In Ryde, it is most common for dwellings to be fully owned, with 15,361 dwellings or 42% of the occupied dwelling stock in this form of tenure. The remaining dwellings in Ryde are private rental (27%), being purchased (20%) or public housing (3.6%).

In 2001, some 82% of detached houses in Ryde were either fully owned or being purchased, compared with 29% of units or flats. Overall, 39% of dwellings are fully owned which was similar to Sydney.

The proportion of dwellings which were rented privately was 27%, similar to Sydney, indicating Ryde may have similar stability to Sydney. The share of dwellings in public housing was 3.6%, which was 71% of Sydney's proportion.

**Home owners, purchasers, public and private tenants**



Type of housing tenure	Dwellings in Ryde	proportion of dwellings in each tenure					size relative to Sydney	change since 1996
		houses	semis	flats	Ryde	Sydney		
fully owned	15,361	58%	29%	17%	<b>41.7%</b>	39.0%	7% larger	up 2%
being purchased	7,432	24%	23%	13%	20.2%	23.7%	15% smaller	up 11%
public housing	1,328	1.6%	6.6%	6.1%	<u>3.6%</u>	5.1%	29% smaller	up 4%
private rental	10,008	11%	35%	54%	27.2%	23.6%	15% larger	up 3%
other / not stated	2,669	5%	6%	10%	7.3%	8.7%	17% smaller	up 45%
All dwellings	36,798	100%	100%	100%	100.0%	100.0%		up 8%

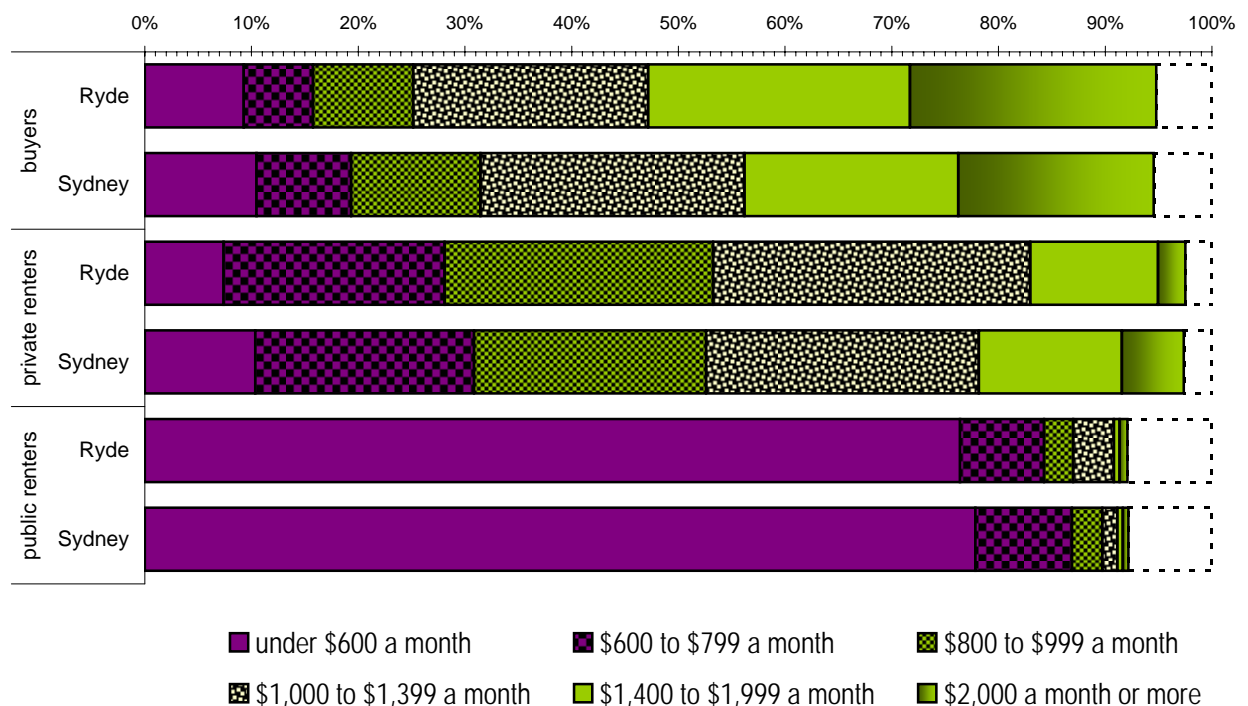
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## The cost of housing in Ryde

The average mortgage payment in Ryde in 2001 was about \$1,610 a month, 9% higher than Sydney's average of \$1,470 a month. Most commonly, the mortgage payment was in the band \$1,400 to \$1,999 a month.

Among private renters, the average rent was about \$260 a week (about \$1,130 a month), 4% under Sydney's average rent of some \$270 a week. The most common rental range was \$250 - \$349 a week, paid by 30% of tenants.

**Cost of housing for buyers and renters**



monthly mortgage payments	buyers		private renters		public renters		weekly rent payments
	Ryde	Sydney	Ryde	Sydney	Ryde	Sydney	
average >>	\$1,615 /mth	\$1,469 /mth	\$262 /wk	\$274 /wk	\$91 /wk	\$89 /wk	<< average
under \$600 a month	9%	10%	7%	10%	76%	78%	under \$150 a week
\$600 to \$799 a month	7%	9%	21%	20%	8%	9%	\$150 - \$199 a week
\$800 to \$999 a month	9%	12%	25%	22%	3%	3%	\$200 - \$249 a week
\$1,000 to \$1,399 a month	22%	25%	30%	26%	4%	1%	\$250 - \$349 a week
\$1,400 to \$1,999 a month	25%	20%	12%	13%	1%	1%	\$350 - \$499 a week
\$2,000 a month or more	23%	18%	3%	6%	1%	1%	\$500 a week or more
not stated	5%	5%	2%	3%	8%	8%	not stated
total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	total

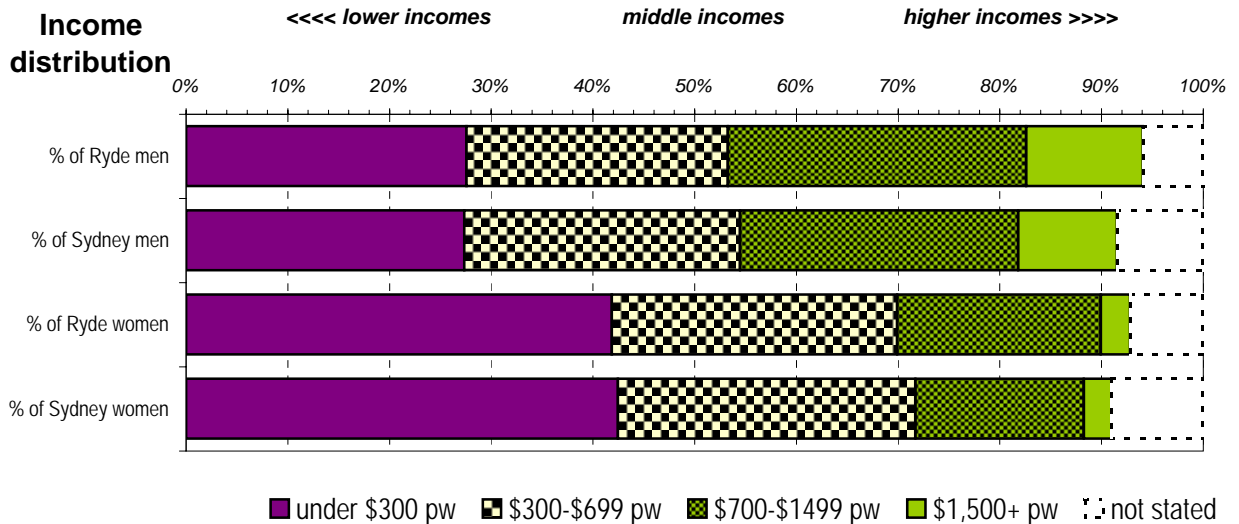
Averages are calculated by multiplying the number in each mortgage or rent range by the mid-point of the range, using \$3,000 as the average for top mortgage range and \$800 for the top rent range.

## Incomes of Ryde's people

On average, the incomes of Ryde's adults (aged 15+) in 2001 were similar to Sydney's, with a median ('half-way') income band of \$400-\$499, the same as Sydney.

Ryde men of prime working age, 25-54 years, had average incomes of around \$980 a week in mid-2001. This was 8.3% above Sydney's average of around \$900.

Ryde's women of prime working age had an average income of about \$620, which was 9.8% above Sydney women's average of \$570 a week. The average female income in Ryde was just 65% of the male average; this was almost the same as Sydney's rate.



Average weekly incomes	Men				Women			
	15-24	25-54 yrs	55 yrs +	all men	15-24	25-54 yrs	55 yrs +	all women
Ryde	\$290	\$977	\$504	<b>\$745</b>	\$286	\$624	\$329	<b>\$485</b>
Sydney	\$305	\$901	\$536	<b>\$708</b>	\$276	\$568	\$340	<b>\$459</b>
<i>Ryde as % of Sydney</i>	95%	108%	94%	105%	104%	110%	97%	106%

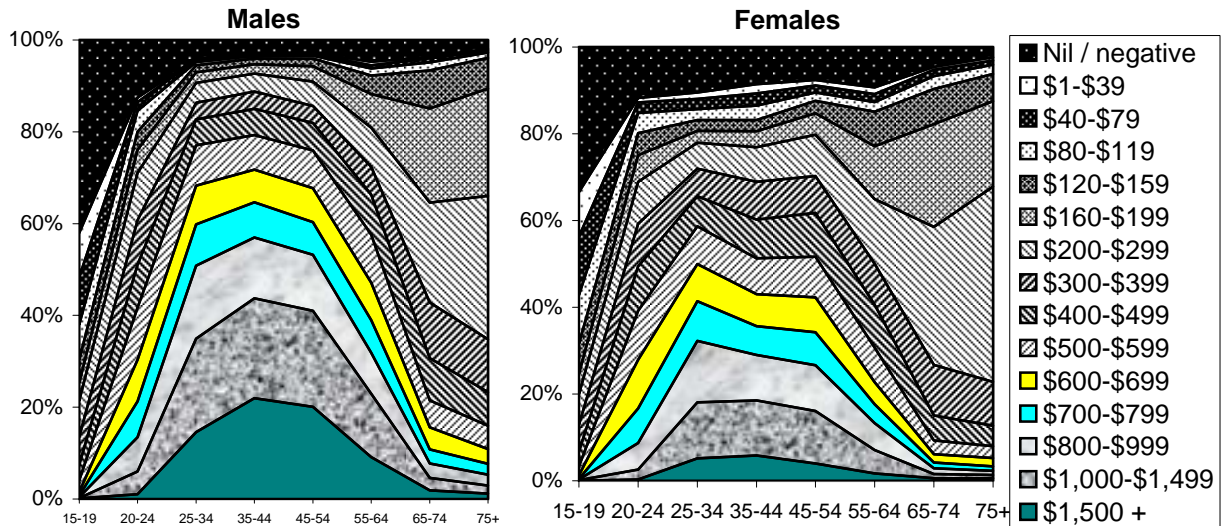
Incomes by age	Ryde men				Ryde women			
	15-24	25-54 yrs	55 yrs +	all men	15-24	25-54 yrs	55 yrs +	all women
under \$300 a week	3,480	2,626	4,139	<b>10,245</b>	3,577	6,201	7,336	<b>17,114</b>
\$300-\$699 a week	1,654	5,130	2,782	<b>9,566</b>	1,759	6,942	2,764	<b>11,465</b>
\$700-\$1499 a week	699	8,685	1,521	<b>10,905</b>	567	6,769	848	<b>8,184</b>
\$1,500+ a week	38	3,816	423	<b>4,277</b>	9	1,063	107	<b>1,179</b>
not stated	600	1,014	581	<b>2,195</b>	535	1,195	1,207	<b>2,937</b>
total	6,471	21,271	9,446	<b>37,188</b>	6,447	22,170	12,262	<b>40,879</b>
	% of Ryde men				% of Ryde women			
under \$300 a week	54%	12%	44%	28%	55%	28%	60%	42%
\$300-\$699 a week	26%	24%	29%	26%	27%	31%	23%	28%
\$700-\$1499 a week	11%	41%	16%	29%	9%	<b>31%</b>	7%	20%
\$1,500+ a week	1%	18%	4%	12%	0%	5%	1%	3%
not stated	9%	5%	6%	6%	8%	5%	10%	7%
total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	% of Sydney men				% of Sydney women			
under \$300 pw	51%	13%	42%	27%	55%	31%	59%	42%
\$300-\$699 pw	27%	27%	26%	27%	28%	34%	21%	29%
\$700-\$1499 pw	9%	38%	16%	27%	7%	24%	7%	17%
\$1,500+ pw	1%	14%	6%	10%	0%	4%	1%	3%
not stated	12%	7%	9%	8%	11%	7%	12%	9%

Average incomes are calculated by multiplying the number of people in each income range by the mid point of the range (using \$2000 as the average for \$1500+ range), then dividing by that number of people. People whose income was not stated are excluded. Bold italic percentages are high compared with Sydney, underlined italic ones are low

## Changing incomes by age and sex

The charts below illustrate how incomes change with age for men and women. For example, the proportion in lower-income bands (under \$300 pw) falls from around half the 15-19 year olds to about 10-15% of adults as people enter the workforce, but rises over the age of about 55 as people retire onto a pension-level income. The proportion earning higher incomes peaks at about 35-44 years old and falls slightly over the 45-54 age group as retirements start.

The differences between male and female incomes are most apparent in the higher income bands, where the proportion of men greatly exceeds that of women. The effect of more women working part-time can be seen in the higher proportions earning under \$400 a week.



Male incomes by age	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Nil / negative	42%	13%	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%
\$1-\$39	10%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
\$40-\$79	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
\$80-\$119	8%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
\$120-\$159	5%	4%	1%	1%	2%	4%	8%	7%
\$160-\$199	4%	5%	2%	2%	3%	7%	21%	23%
\$200-\$299	8%	10%	4%	4%	5%	9%	22%	31%
\$300-\$399	6%	10%	4%	4%	4%	6%	12%	12%
\$400-\$499	3%	9%	6%	6%	6%	9%	9%	7%
\$500-\$599	3%	11%	9%	8%	8%	10%	6%	5%
\$600-\$699	1%	9%	8%	7%	7%	8%	5%	3%
\$700-\$799	0%	8%	9%	8%	7%	7%	3%	2%
\$800-\$999	0%	7%	16%	13%	12%	9%	3%	2%
\$1,000-\$1,499	0%	5%	20%	22%	21%	14%	3%	2%
\$1,500 +	0%	1%	15%	22%	20%	9%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Female incomes by age	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Nil / negative	33%	12%	10%	9%	8%	9%	5%	2%
\$1-\$39	10%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
\$40-\$79	13%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
\$80-\$119	11%	5%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
\$120-\$159	7%	5%	3%	3%	3%	8%	8%	6%
\$160-\$199	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	12%	24%	20%
\$200-\$299	7%	10%	6%	8%	9%	15%	32%	45%
\$300-\$399	6%	10%	6%	9%	9%	9%	12%	10%
\$400-\$499	3%	10%	7%	9%	10%	10%	6%	5%
\$500-\$599	2%	11%	9%	8%	9%	8%	3%	3%
\$600-\$699	1%	11%	9%	7%	8%	5%	2%	2%
\$700-\$799	0%	8%	9%	7%	8%	4%	1%	1%
\$800-\$999	0%	6%	14%	11%	11%	6%	1%	1%
\$1,000-\$1,499	0%	2%	13%	13%	12%	5%	1%	1%
\$1,500 +	0%	0%	5%	6%	4%	2%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

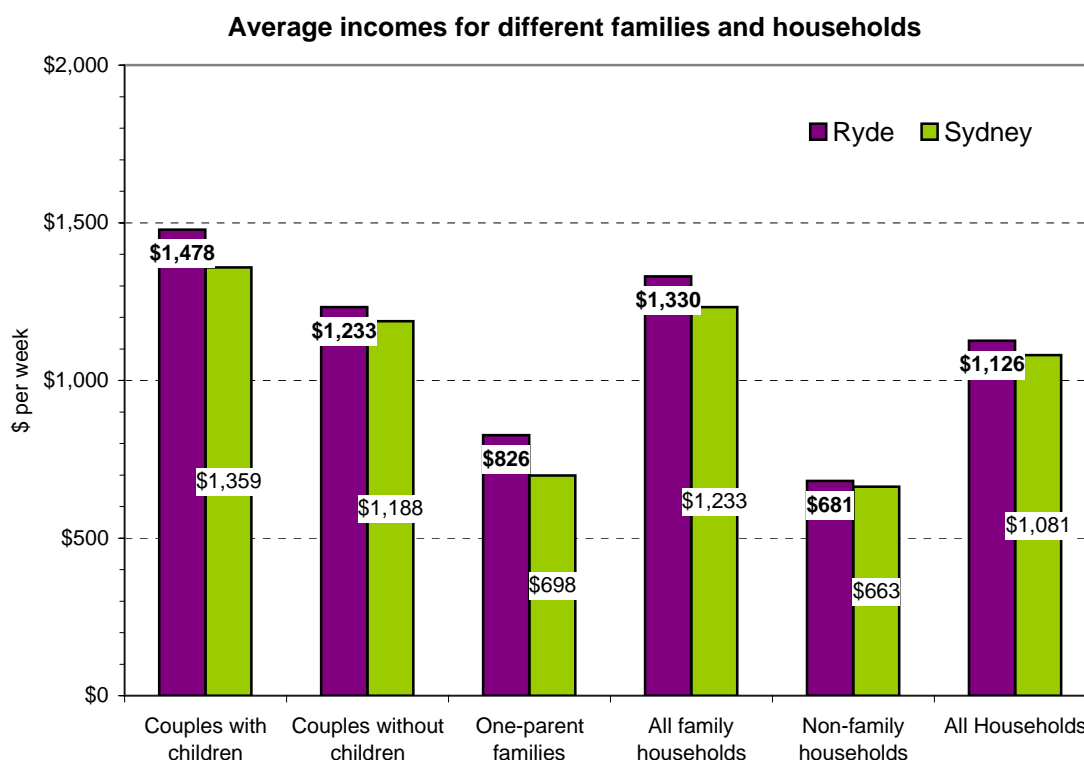
Male and female income bands which are more than 50% larger than the female / male equivalent are boxed and shaded. Overseas visitors and those with unstrated incomes excluded.

## Ryde's average household incomes

The average family income in Ryde in 2001 was around \$1,330 a week or \$69,000 a year, which was greater than Sydney's average of \$64,000 pa (8% higher). The median household income range was \$1,000-\$1,199 a week, Sydney's was \$800-\$999.

Couples with children had the highest average family incomes at about \$1,500 a week. One-parent families had the lowest average family incomes at about \$830 a week.

Non-family households in Ryde had lower average incomes than family households, at about \$680 a week, due to many being single-person households.



Incomes of different households	Average weekly incomes of ...						Median weekly income	
	Couples with children	Couples without children	One-parent families	All family households	Non-family households	All Households	All families	All Households
Ryde	<b>\$1,478</b>	<b>\$1,233</b>	<b>\$826</b>	<b>\$1,330</b>	<b>\$681</b>	<b>\$1,126</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
Sydney	\$1,359	\$1,188	\$698	<b>\$1,233</b>	\$663	\$1,081	\$1,100	<b>\$900</b>
Ryde as % of Sydney	109%	104%	118%	108%	103%	104%	123%	122%

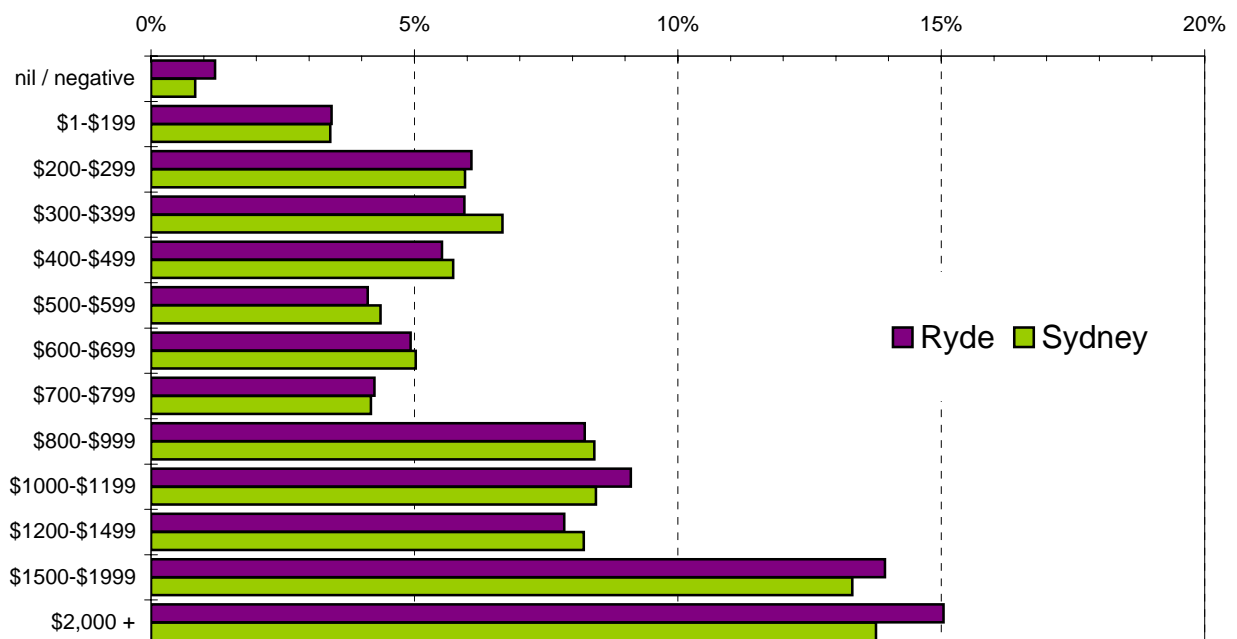
Average incomes are calculated by multiplying the number in each income range by the mid point of the range (\$2000 for the \$1500+ range)  
The median (or half-way) incomes are the mid-point of median range calculated by ABS - this data is not available for small areas.

## Ryde's household income variations

Compared with Sydney, Ryde's household incomes differed most in the proportion in the nil / negative income band, which had 1.2% of Ryde's households compared with 0.8% of Sydney's (ie 45% larger). The \$2,000 + income band with 13.8% of Ryde's households was 9% larger than Sydney's equivalent income band.

Conversely, Ryde's households were most under-represented in the \$300-\$399 income band, which had 6.0% of Ryde's households compared with 6.7% of Sydney's (ie 11% smaller) and the \$500-\$599 income band (4.1% of Ryde's households, 6% smaller than Sydney's).

**Proportion of households in each income band**



Income levels by family type	Couples with children	Couples, no children	One parent families	Non-family households	All households in Ryde	% over Sydney	Ryde's relative size
nil / negative	74	102	63	230	<b>429</b>	<b>1%</b>	1% 45% larger
\$1-\$199	51	55	109	1,003	<b>1,210</b>	<b>3%</b>	3% 1% larger
\$200-\$299	51	75	146	1,901	<b>2,147</b>	<b>6%</b>	6% 2% larger
\$300-\$399	170	1,068	263	721	<b>2,101</b>	<b>6%</b>	7% <b>11% smaller</b>
\$400-\$499	250	710	312	703	<b>1,949</b>	<b>6%</b>	6% <b>4% smaller</b>
\$500-\$599	287	302	231	662	<b>1,452</b>	<b>4%</b>	4% <b>6% smaller</b>
\$600-\$699	373	529	211	646	<b>1,739</b>	<b>5%</b>	5% <b>2% smaller</b>
\$700-\$799	369	289	190	664	<b>1,498</b>	<b>4%</b>	4% 2% larger
\$800-\$999	864	608	334	1,086	<b>2,906</b>	<b>8%</b>	8% <b>2% smaller</b>
\$1000-\$1199	1,011	569	303	1,305	<b>3,216</b>	<b>9%</b>	8% 8% larger
\$1200-\$1499	1,418	777	266	248	<b>2,770</b>	<b>8%</b>	8% <b>5% smaller</b>
\$1500-\$1999	2,420	1,287	294	857	<b>4,918</b>	<b>14%</b>	13% 5% larger
\$2,000 +	3,011	1,567	168	294	<b>5,312</b>	<b>15%</b>	14% 9% larger
not stated	1,790	677	375	767	<b>3,661</b>	<b>10%</b>	12% <b>11% smaller</b>
<b>total</b>	<b>12,139</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>3,265</b>	<b>11,087</b>	<b>35,308</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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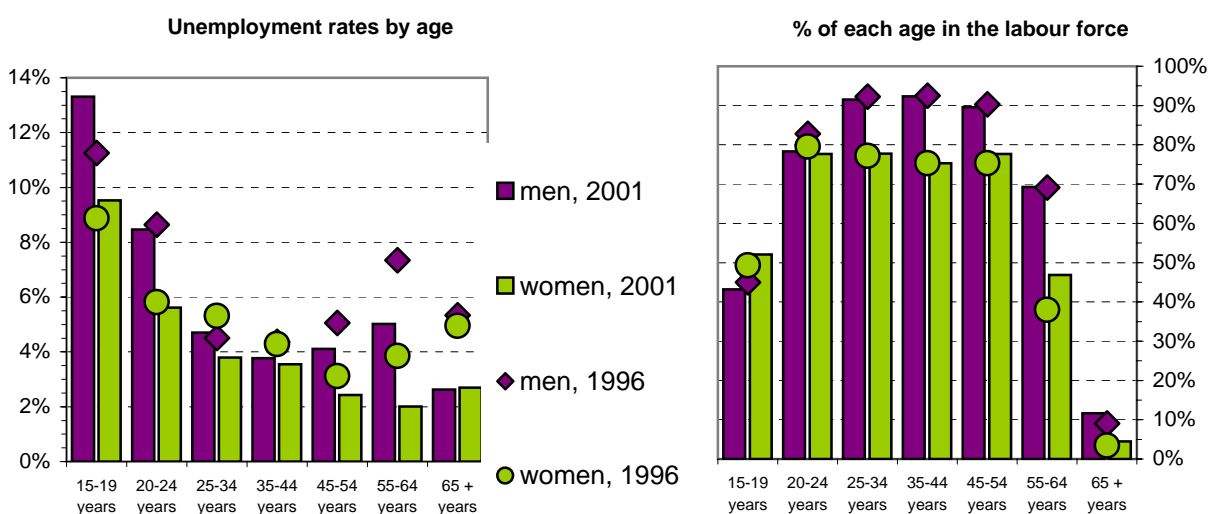
## Employment in Ryde

Ryde provided a total labour force of around 48,900 people in 2001 (26,000 men and 22,900 women), an increase of 2,044 since 1996. This labour force represents 65% of the working-age population (aged 15+), a rate similar to Sydney's 65%.

The unemployment rate amongst Ryde's workforce in mid-2001 was 4.5% when Sydney's was 6.1%. Over 1996 to 2001, the male unemployment rate decreased from 5.6% to 5.1% while the female unemployment rate decreased from 4.8% to 3.9%.

Among male workers, 74% were employed full-time. Unemployment rates ranged from 13.3% among those aged 15-19 years and 8.5% among those 20-24 years to 2.6% among those aged 65 + years and 3.8% among those aged 35-44 years

Among female workers, only 55% were employed full-time. Unemployment rates ranged from 13.3% among those aged 15-19 years and 8.5% among those 20-24 years, to 2.0% among those aged 55-64 years and 2.4% among those aged 45-54 years



Employment status	Men, 2001		Women, 2001		Ryde 2001		change since 1996	Sydney 2001
Employed full-time	19,145	74%	12,566	55%	31,711	65%	(up 193)	63%
Employed part-time	4,844	19%	8,930	39%	13,774	28%	(up 1,723)	28%
Employed, not stated	699	3%	545	2%	1,244	3%	(up 382)	3%
<b>Total employed</b>	<b>24,688</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>22,041</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>46,729</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>(up 2,298)</b>	<b>94%</b>
Unemployed	1,329	5.1%	885	3.9%	2,214	4.5%	(down 254)	6%
<b>Total labour force</b>	<b>26,017</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,926</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>48,943</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(up 2,044)</b>	<b>100%</b>
Not in the labour force	9,912		16,389		26,301		(down 499)	
not stated	1,259		1,563		2,822		(up 1,164)	
<b>Total population aged 15+</b>	<b>37,188</b>		<b>40,878</b>		<b>78,066</b>		<b>(up 2,709)</b>	
<b>Labour force participation rate</b>		<b>72%</b>		<b>58%</b>		<b>65%</b>		<b>65%</b>

Unemployment and workforce	Unemployment rates				% in the labour force			
	Men		Women		Men		Women	
	2001	1996	2001	1996	2001	1996	2001	1996
15-19 years	<b>13.3%</b>	11.3%	9.5%	8.9%	43%	45%	52%	49%
20-24 years	<b>8.5%</b>	8.6%	5.6%	5.8%	<b>78%</b>	83%	78%	80%
25-34 years	<b>4.7%</b>	4.5%	3.8%	5.3%	<b>92%</b>	92%	78%	77%
35-44 years	<b>3.8%</b>	4.4%	3.5%	4.3%	<b>92%</b>	93%	75%	75%
45-54 years	<b>4.1%</b>	5.1%	2.4%	3.1%	<b>90%</b>	90%	78%	75%
55-64 years	<b>5.0%</b>	7.3%	2.0%	3.9%	<b>69%</b>	69%	<b>47%</b>	38%
65+ years	<b>2.6%</b>	5.3%	2.7%	4.9%	<b>12%</b>	9%	4%	3%
<b>All aged 15+</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>56%</b>

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## The industries where Ryde works

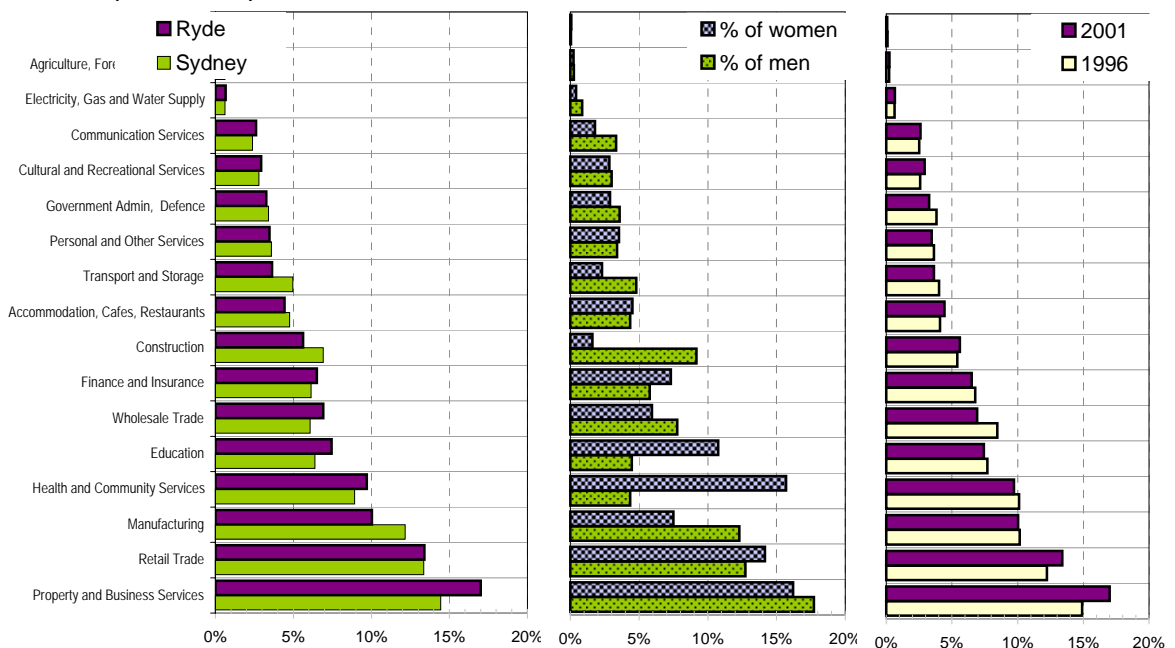
The industry providing the most Ryde residents with work in 2001 was Property and Business Services, which employed some 7,900 people: 18% of men and 16% of women in Ryde's workforce. The next largest employers were Retail Trade (about 6,300 workers), Manufacturing (about 4,700) and Health and Community Services (about 4,500).

Over 1996-2001, the fastest growing industries amongst Ryde workers were Property and Business Services (up 1,318), Retail Trade (up 823), Accommodation, Cafes, Restaurants (up 257) and Cultural and Recreational Services (up 224). There were fewer workers in Wholesale Trade (down 522) and Government Admin, Defence (down 823).

The biggest differences in the workforce's industries from Sydney were:

\* larger proportions in Property and Business Services (17% compared with 14%), Education (7% v. 6%) and Wholesale Trade (7% v. 6%).

\* smaller proportions in Manufacturing (10% v. 12%), Transport and Storage (4% v. 5%) and Construction (6% v. 7%).



Industries	Workers in Ryde	change since 1996	% of men	% of women	% of Ryde *	Ryde 1996	% of Sydney
Property and Business Services	7,943	(up 1,318)	18%	16%	<b>17%</b>	15%	14%
Retail Trade	6,262	(up 823)	13%	14%	<b>13%</b>	12%	13%
Manufacturing	4,687	(up 169)	12%	7%	<u>10%</u>	10%	12%
Health and Community Services	4,537	(up 47)	4%	16%	<b>10%</b>	10%	9%
Education	3,476	(up 55)	4%	11%	<u>7%</u>	8%	6%
Wholesale Trade	3,229	(down 522)	8%	6%	<u>7%</u>	8%	6%
Finance and Insurance	3,037	(up 32)	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%
Construction	2,622	(up 215)	9%	2%	<u>6%</u>	5%	7%
Accommodation, Cafes, Restaurants	2,074	(up 257)	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%
Transport and Storage	1,692	(down 95)	5%	2%	4%	4%	5%
Personal and Other Services	1,619	(up 2)	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Government Admin, Defence	1,522	(down 178)	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Cultural and Recreational Services	1,368	(up 224)	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Communication Services	1,216	(up 98)	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	307	(up 21)	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	115	(up 14)	0%	0%	<u>0%</u>	0%	1%
Mining	29	(down 9)	0%	0%	<u>0%</u>	0%	0%
Not stated or not classified	996	(down 175)	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
<b>All industries</b>	<b>46,731</b>	<b>(up 2,296)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

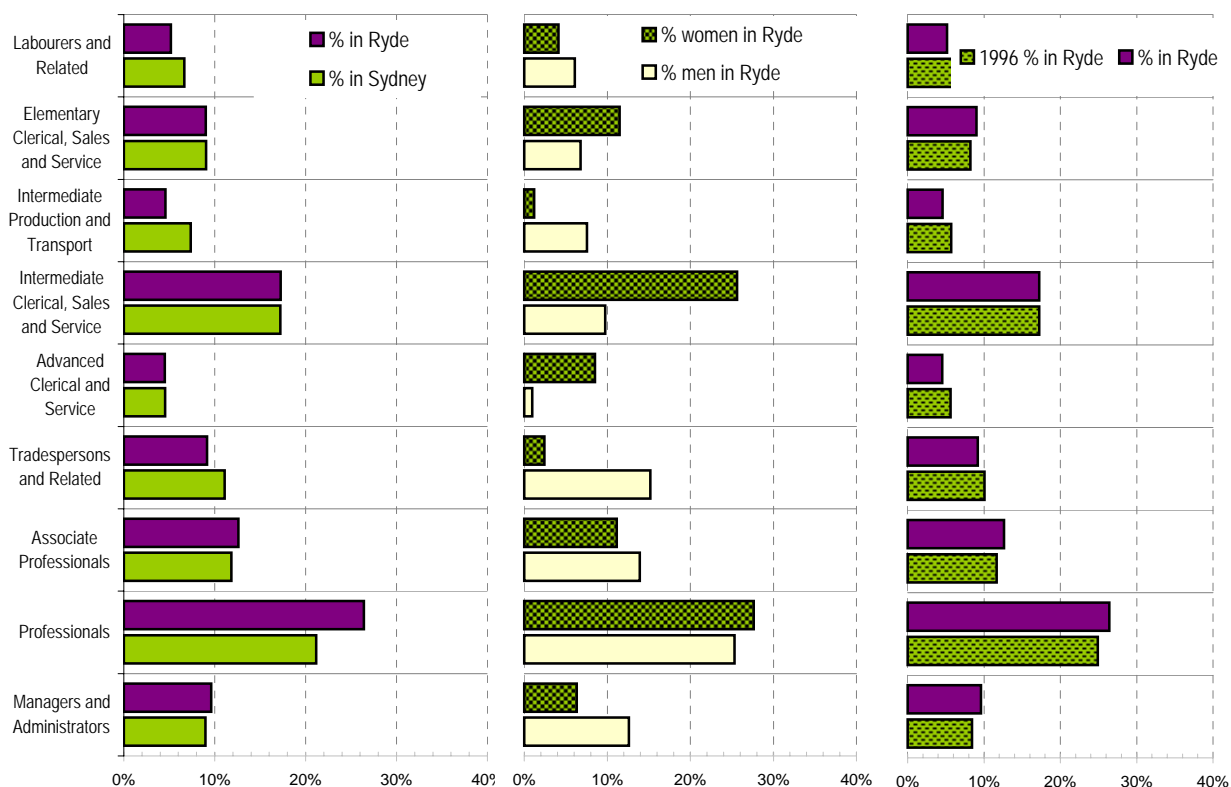
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## Occupations in Ryde

The most common type of occupation in Ryde in 2001 was Professionals with some 12,000 people or 26% of the local workforce, followed by Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service (around 8,100), Associate Professionals (about 5,900) and Managers and Administrators (about 4,500).

The biggest occupational differences between the sexes were that men were much more likely to be Tradespersons and Related (15% of men but just 2% of women), Intermediate Production and Transport (8% of men; 1% of women) and Managers and Administrators (13% of men; 6% of women).

Women were more likely to be Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service (26% of women but 10% of men) Advanced Clerical and Service (9% of women; 1% of men) and Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service (11% of women; 7% of men).

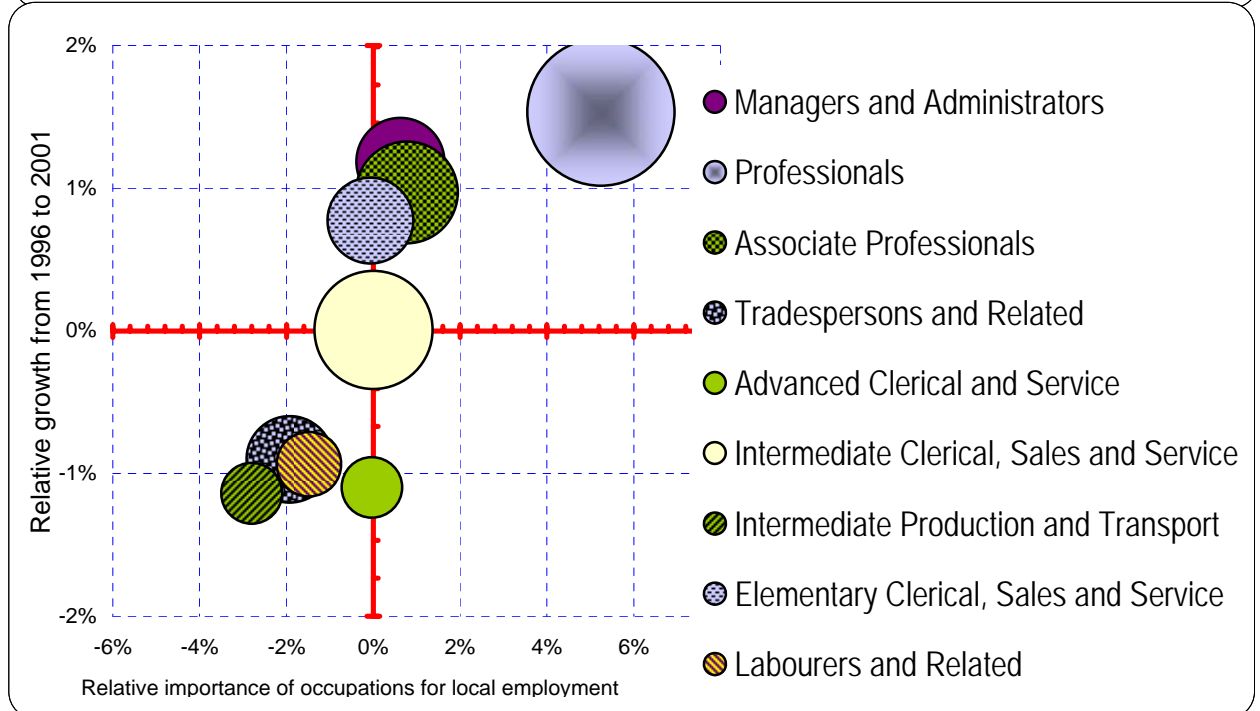
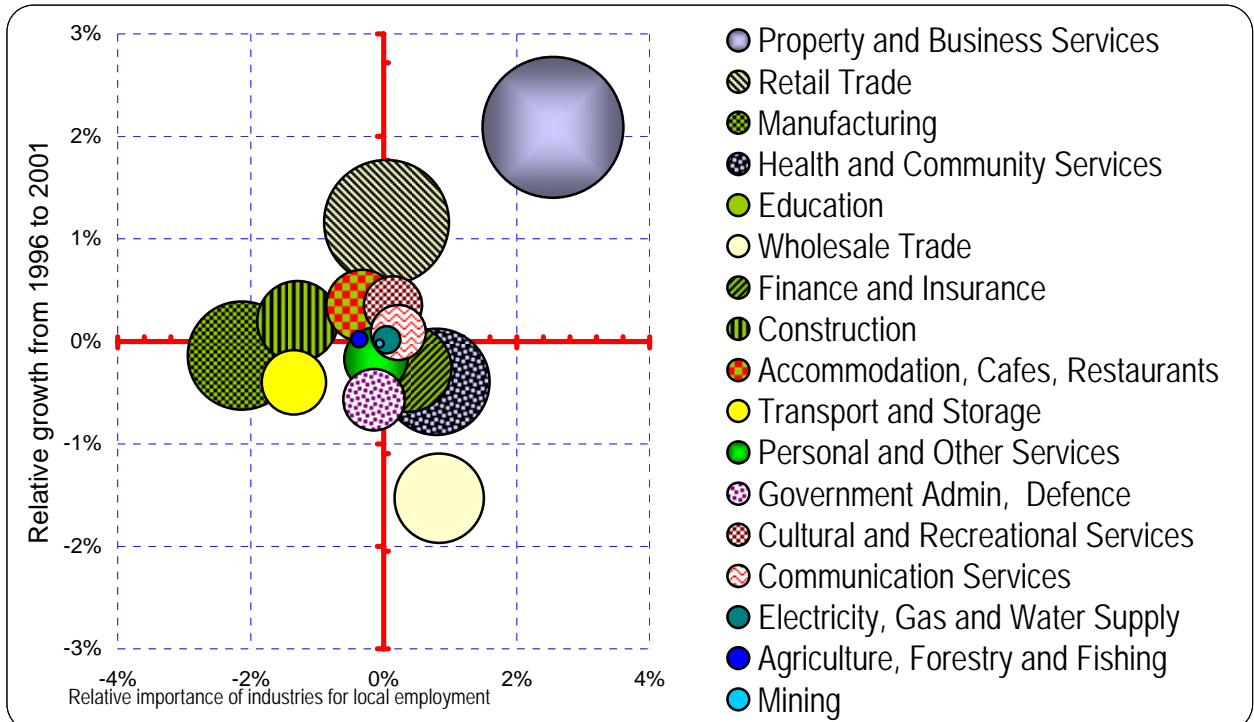


Occupations	number of people	change since 1996	% men in Ryde	% women in Ryde	% in Ryde	1996 % in Ryde	% in Sydney
Managers and Administrators	4,496	(up 747)	13%	6%	<b>10%</b>	8%	9%
Professionals	12,345	(up 1,288)	25%	28%	<b>26%</b>	25%	21%
Associate Professionals	5,891	(up 721)	14%	11%	<b>13%</b>	12%	12%
Tradespersons and Related	4,285	(down 189)	15%	2%	<b>9%</b>	10%	11%
Advanced Clerical and Service	2,112	(down 384)	1%	9%	<b>5%</b>	6%	5%
Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service	8,055	(up 399)	10%	26%	<b>17%</b>	17%	17%
Intermediate Production and Transport	2,132	(down 401)	8%	1%	<b>5%</b>	6%	7%
Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service	4,205	(up 550)	7%	11%	<b>9%</b>	8%	9%
Labourers and Related	2,415	(down 296)	6%	4%	<b>5%</b>	6%	7%
Not stated or unclear	793	(down 137)	2%	2%	<b>2%</b>	2%	2%
<b>All occupations</b>	<b>46,729</b>	<b>(up 2,298)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Ryde's employment strengths

The bubble-charts below show the relative importance of various industries and occupations to employment in Ryde. In the top chart, each industry is listed in order of employment size, indicated by the size of its bubble. The second chart shows occupations. The higher the bubble, the faster that sector grew, relative to others in Ryde, over 1996-2001. The further to the right the bubble, the larger is that sector in Ryde relative to Sydney. A 'stable' area's pattern would be a series of concentric circles. A diagonal pattern of bubbles from bottom left to top right, with the larger upper-right bubbles (representing many people), indicates that employment diversity is decreasing and the population is becoming more homogeneous.



## How Ryde gets to work

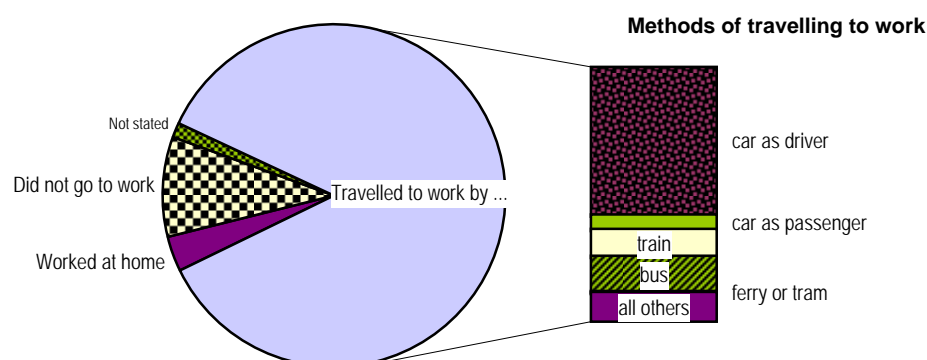
Of the 46,700-person workforce in Ryde, some 85% travelled to work in 2001 (81% of women and 89% of men). Another 4% worked at home, 88% of Sydney's rate. Working at home was more common amongst women than men in the workforce.

Around 4,590 people in the workforce did not attend work on Census day, representing 10% of the workforce (compared with 10% for Sydney). Some 1,240 people were unemployed, while others may have been employed part-time or having a day off work.

Of those travelling to work, the most common means were by car as driver (59% of the travellers) and by bus (14%). The biggest difference from Sydney were the larger proportions travelling by bus and the smaller proportions travelling by train.

Since 1996, Ryde's travel patterns have changed a little. The number travelling by car decreased by 171 with the biggest change being in travel by car as passenger, down by 310. The number travelling by public transport (train, bus, ferry etc) increased by 1,844 with the biggest change being in travel by bus, up by 1,118.

The proportion of workers using only their own effort to get to work was similar to Sydney with 3.5% walking and 0.4% cycling, a total of 1,813 people. The number of walkers-to-work fell by 59 since 1996 while the number of cyclists-to-work rose by 5.



Travel to work	number of people	change from 1996 #	% of Ryde's workforce			% of Sydney's	Use compared with Sydney	
			all	men	women			
Travelled to work	39,805	(up 1,716)	85%	89%	81%	84%	1% higher	
Worked at home	1,688	(up 208)	4%	3%	4%	4%	12% lower	
Did not go to work	4,590	(up 361)	10%	7%	13%	10%	1% higher	
Not stated	645	(up 12)	1%	1%	1%	2%	19% lower	
<b>Total workforce</b>	<b>46,728</b>	<b>(up 2,297)</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>100%</b>		
Methods of travel *	no. trips *						% of trips	
car as driver	24,569	(up 159)	52.6%	58%	46%	52%	1% higher	58.6%
car as passenger	2,365	(down 310)	5.1%	3.3%	7.0%	5.6%	9% lower	5.6%
taxi	142	(down 20)	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	17% lower	0.3%
<b>car (all modes)</b>	<b>27,076</b>	<b>(down 171)</b>	<b>57.9%</b>	<b>61.8%</b>	<b>53.6%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>	<b>0% lower</b>	<b>64.6%</b>
train	4,377	(up 697)	9.4%	9%	10%	13%	30% lower	10.4%
bus	5,842	(up 1,118)	12.5%	10.6%	14.6%	7.5%	67% higher	13.9%
ferry or tram	134	(up 29)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	16% lower	0.3%
<b>public transport</b>	<b>10,353</b>	<b>(up 1,844)</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>24.4%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>5% higher</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
motorbike or scooter	223	(down 9)	0.5%	0.9%	0.1%	0.4%	22% higher	0.5%
walking only	1,626	(down 59)	3.5%	3.2%	3.8%	3.8%	9% lower	3.9%
bicycle	187	(up 5)	0.4%	0.7%	0.1%	0.5%	21% lower	0.4%
others *	2,432	--	5.2%	6%	4%	6%	20% lower	5.8%
<b>all others</b>	<b>4,468</b>	<b>(up 452)</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>14% lower</b>	<b>10.7%</b>

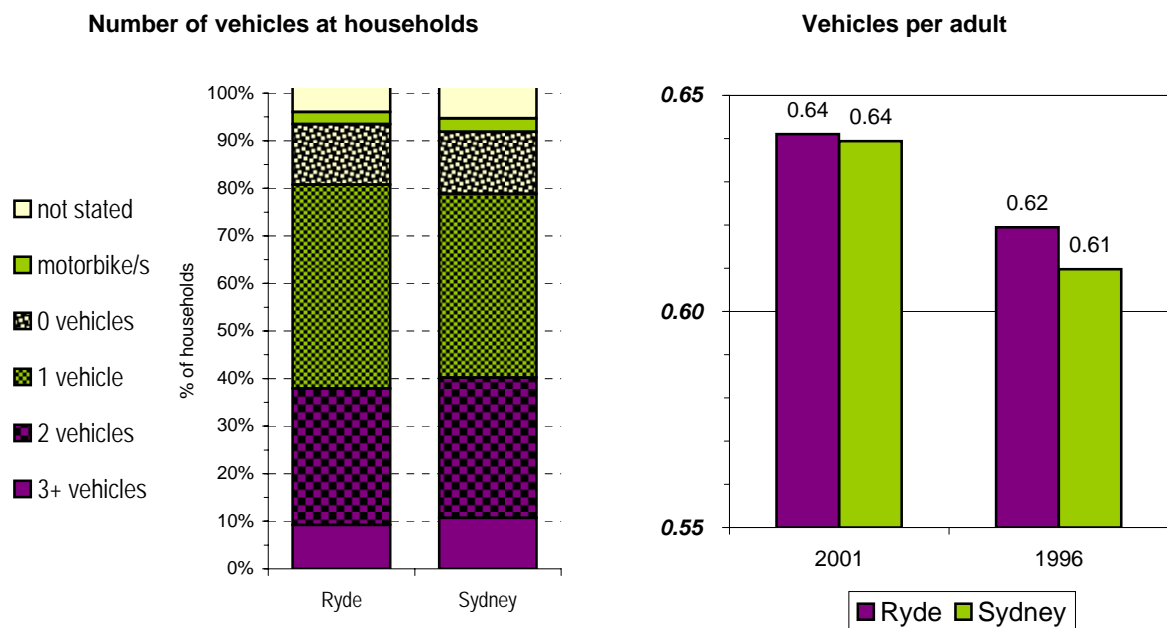
\* Some people used multiple methods including "others" and may be counted more than once in the lower table. This also makes "others" not comparable between 2001 and 1996. # 1996 categories differ slightly for multiple-mode trips. Tram includes 'light rail'. Major male-female differences are highlighted by boxing the pair of results.

## Vehicle ownership in Ryde

There were some 49,500 registered motor vehicles owned or used by Ryde's people and parked at or near their homes on Census night 2001. This is an average of 1.4 vehicles per household or 0.64 vehicles for every person aged 18+. Vehicle ownership was similar to Sydney's, which had 1.4 vehicles per household or 0.64 vehicles for every adult.

Vehicle ownership per household increased over 1996-2001 by 3.9%, compared with the rise of 6.2% for Sydney, while ownership per adult went from an average of 0.62 to 0.64 over this period.

Most commonly, Ryde household had 1 vehicle, parked at 43% of households. Some 13% of households had no vehicles, a proportion which was 97% of Sydney's car-less rate of 13%. Some 9% of households had three or more vehicles, which was 86% of Sydney's rate.



Number of vehicles at households	Ryde households			% h'olds in Sydney	Ryde's relative size	no of vehicles	% of vehicles	
	number	change 1996	% of h'olds				Ryde	Sydney
0 vehicles	4,676	(down 147)	13%	13%	3% smaller	0		
1 vehicle	15,788	(up 33)	43%	39%	11% larger	15,788	32%	28%
2 vehicles	10,559	(up 694)	29%	29%	3% smaller	21,118	43%	43%
3+ vehicles	3,381	(up 521)	9%	11%	14% smaller	11,157	23%	26%
motorbike/s	948	n.a.	3%	3%	9% smaller	1,460	3%	2.4%
not stated	2,397	(up 666)	7%	8%	20% smaller	--		
<b>total</b>	<b>36,801</b>					<b>49,523</b>		
Vehicles per household	Ryde	Sydney	Ryde's variation	Vehicles per adult (excluding motorbikes)		Ryde	Sydney	Ryde's variation
2001	1.40	1.45	3% lower	2001	0.64	0.64	0% higher	
1996	1.34	1.36	1% lower	1996	0.62	0.61	2% higher	
change	up 4%	up 6%		change	up 3%	up 5%		

Note: assumes 3.3 vehicles per dwelling for 3+ vehicles in 2001 and 4 vehicles for 4+ in 1996; most households with motorbikes also have vehicles; Bold italic percents are high compared with Sydney, underlined italic percents are low. 'Adults' in lower table are aged 18+.

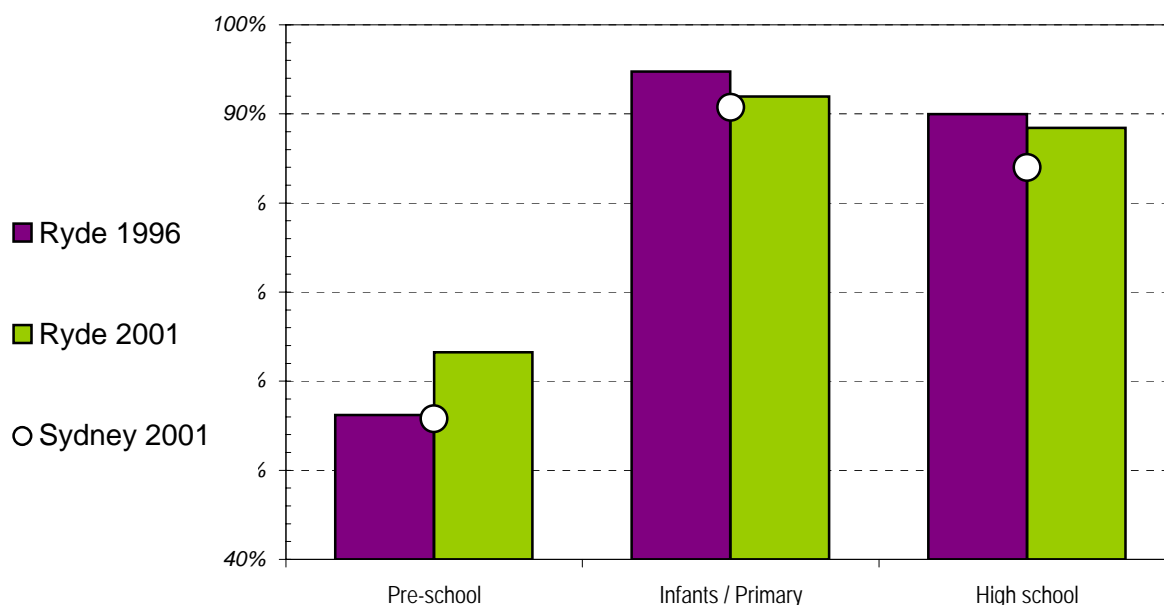
## School students in Ryde

In 2001, Ryde was home to 1,362 pre-schoolers, 6,956 infant and primary students and 5,393 high school students. Compared with 1996, attendance increased at preschool by 75 students; decreased at infants / primary school by 163; and decreased at high school by 143 students.

The extent of participation in education is indicated by dividing the student population by the number in the students' usual age group. The most common ages of students (in August, when the Census was taken) are 3-4 years old for pre-school; 5-11 for primary school and 12-17 for high school. Although children start and finish school at various ages, this 'participation rate' provides a good indicator of school attendance. Relatively low participation rates at pre-school can indicate a shortage of pre-school places or a supply of alternative child care services. Lower participation rates at primary school, when attendance is compulsory, suggests the school population is boosted by young-starters or late-finishers. Lower rates for high school usually indicate more students leaving school before finishing Year 12.

Ryde's overall school participation rates are similar to Sydney's. For pre-school students, the participation rate is 63% (Sydney's is 56%); for primary students, 92% (91%); and for high school students, 88% (84%).

### Educational participation



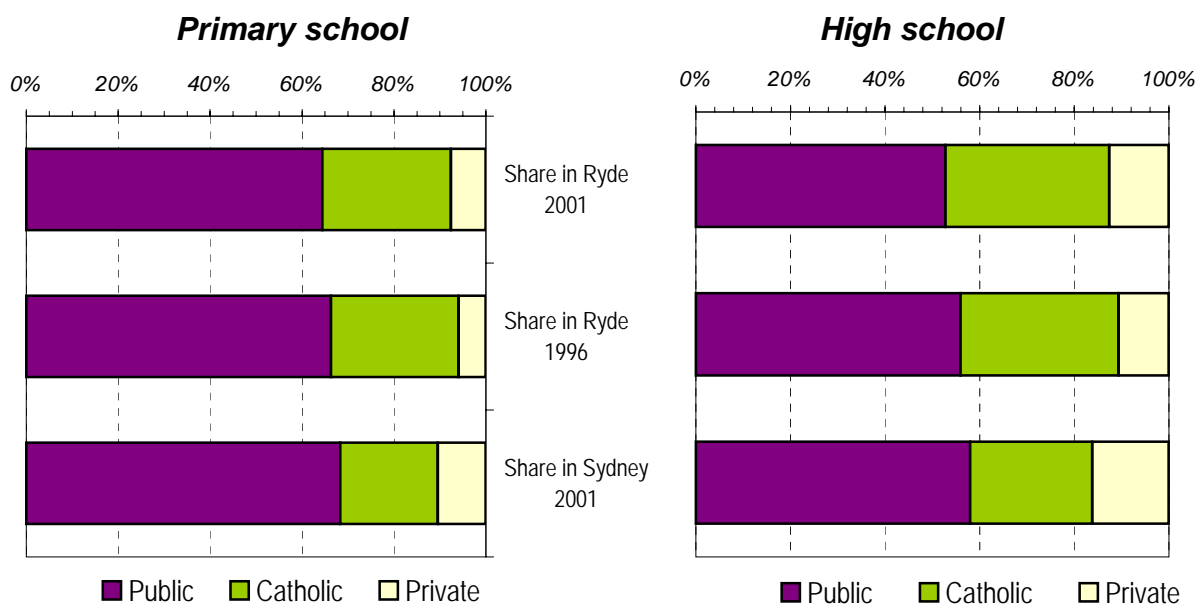
Attendance at school	Number of students				Participation rates		
	total	Public	Catholic	Private	Ryde 2001	Ryde 1996	Sydney 2001
Pre-school	1,362				63%	56%	56%
Infants / Primary	6,956	4,480	1,948	528	92%	95%	91%
High school	5,393	2,845	1,871	677	88%	90%	84%

\* Participation rate = (no. of students) divided by (size of the matching student age group: 3-4; 5-11; 12-17)

## The public / private school choice

In Ryde in 2001, 64% of primary students and 53% of secondary students attended public schools. These proportions were similar to Sydney's (68% and 58% respectively).

Attendance at Catholic schools (by 28% of primary and 35% of secondary students) was at a higher rate than Sydney (21% and 26% respectively). Non-Catholic private schools attracted 8% of primary and 13% of secondary students, lower than Sydney's rates of 10% and 16%.



Ryde's changing public / private mix	Infants / Primary school				High school			
	Public	Catholic	Private	all schools	Public	Catholic	Private	all schools
Change '96-2001	down 238	down 30	up 105	down 163	down 251	up 20	up 88	down 143
Share in Ryde 2001	<b>64%</b>	<b>28%</b>	8%		<b>53%</b>	<b>35%</b>	13%	
Share in Ryde 1996	66%	28%	6%		56%	33%	11%	
Share in Sydney 2001	68%	21%	10%		58%	26%	16%	

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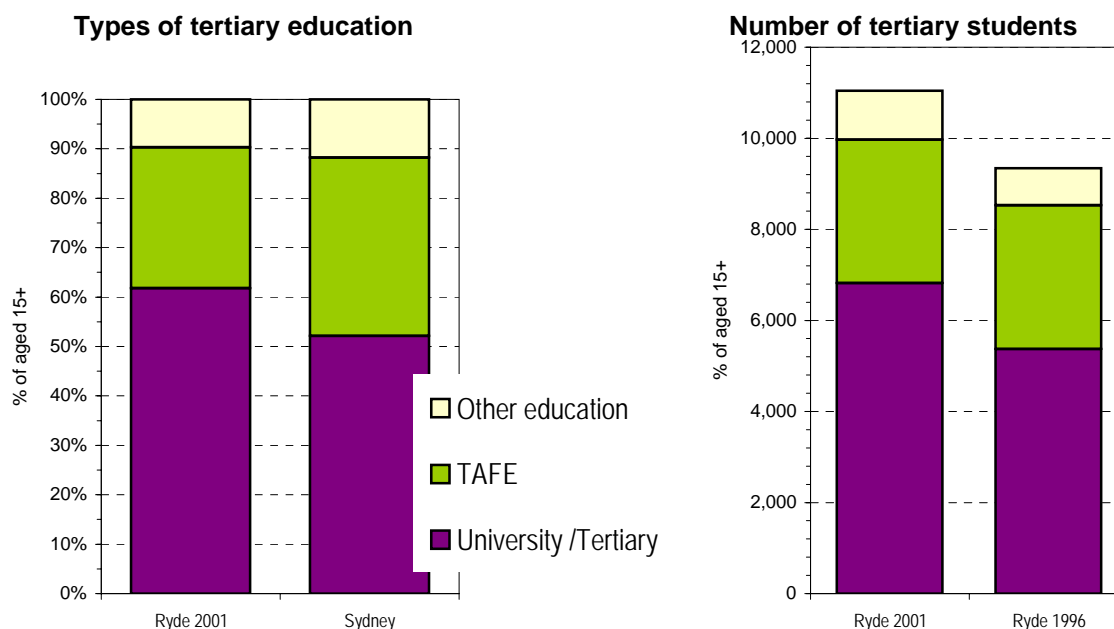
## Ryde's tertiary students

Ryde had a total of 11,043 people studying at university, TAFE or other tertiary places in 2001, with 51% attending full-time. The number of students was equivalent to 112% of the number of 18-24 year-olds living in Ryde, compared with 84% for Sydney, suggesting Ryde has significantly higher participation in tertiary education by those aged over 25 years. Participation in tertiary education amongst women is greater than amongst men (equivalent to 118% of the 18-24 year-old female population, 106% of the male).

There were 6,821 university students (47% male and 53% female), an increase of 1,448 since 1996. Some 66% of Ryde's university students attended full-time.

Most (70%) of Ryde's 3,146 TAFE students attended part-time. The majority of students were women with 1,534 men to 1,612 women.

Ryde's tertiary students were far more likely to attend university than Sydney's, with 62% of students at university when Sydney's rate was 52%. Conversely, attendance at TAFE was lower than Sydney's, with 28% of the student population (compared with 36% in Sydney).



Students at each type of tertiary education	Ryde 2001				Total	Ryde 1996	change since 1996	
	Full-time	Part-time	Men	Women				
TAFE	940	2,180	1,534	1,612	<b>3,146</b>	3,154	(down 8)	0% lower
University /Tertiary	4,488	2,297	3,181	3,640	<b>6,821</b>	5,373	(up 1448)	27% higher
Other education	241	826	459	617	<b>1,076</b>	818	(up 258)	32% higher
all institutions	5,669	5,303	5,174	5,869	<b>11,043</b>	9,345	(up 1698)	18% higher

% of students at each type of tertiary education	Ryde students, 2001		% at each type		Ryde's relative size
	Full-time : Part-time	Men : Women	Ryde	Sydney	
TAFE	30% : 69%	49% : 51%	<u>28%</u>	36%	21% smaller
University /Tertiary	66% : 34%	47% : 53%	<b>62%</b>	52%	18% larger
Other education	22% : 77%	43% : 57%	10%	12%	17% smaller
all students	51% : 48%	47% : 53%	100%	100%	
students as % of 18-24 year olds	58%	54%	106%	118%	<b>112%</b> 84% 34% higher

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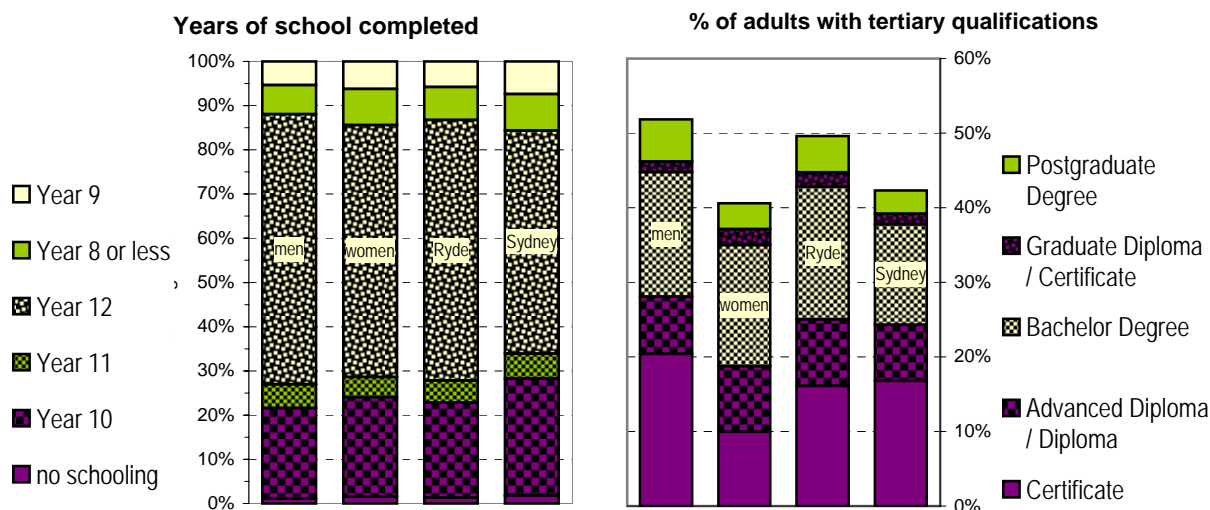
## Ryde's education levels

The average number of years of school completed by adults is a good indicator of the overall education of a community. In Ryde, the average final year of school was Year 10.82 meaning a 'typical' adult left school after completing 10 years and 10 months. This was higher than Sydney's average of 10 years and 7 months.

Some 59% of Ryde's adults completed Year 12, while 15% left school before completing Year 10. By way of comparison, 50% of Sydney's adults completed Year 12 and 17% left school before completing Year 10. The Year 12 completion rate for men in Ryde was higher than for women, by 61% to 57%.

Ryde's tertiary education levels were higher than Sydney's, with 50% of people aged 15+ having a tertiary qualification, versus 42% for Sydney. The biggest difference was in the proportion with a Postgraduate Degree (4.9% of Ryde's adults compared with 3.1% of Sydney's).

Since 1996, the fastest growing qualifications in Ryde were Bachelor Degrees, up by 2,582 and Certificates, up by 1,539.



highest Year of School completed	Ryde			proportion in Ryde			Sydney	Ryde's relative size
	men	women	people	men	women	people		
no schooling	374	553	927	1%	2%	1%	2%	28% smaller
Year 8 or less	2,209	3,020	5,229	7%	8%	7%	8%	10% smaller
Year 9	1,808	2,281	4,089	5%	6%	6%	7%	22% smaller
Year 10	6,898	8,263	15,161	20%	23%	22%	26%	18% smaller
Year 11	1,797	1,675	3,472	5%	5%	5%	6%	13% smaller
Year 12	20,625	20,918	41,543	61%	57%	59%	50%	17% larger
average final Year =	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>				<b>10.6</b>	

All people aged 15+ yrs old; Overseas visitors excluded; 1996 data not comparable; Bold italic percents are high compared with Sydney, underlined italic low

People with tertiary qualifications	number of people	change in % since 1996	% of population aged 15+				Ryde's relative size
			men	women	Ryde	Sydney	
Postgraduate Degree	3,529 (up 987)		6%	3%	5%	3%	56% larger
Graduate Diploma / Certificate	1,403 (up 173)		1%	2%	2%	1%	35% larger
Bachelor Degree	12,835 (up 2,582)		17%	16%	18%	13%	32% larger
Advanced Diploma / Diploma	6,466 (up 124)		8%	9%	9%	8%	19% larger
Certificate	11,642 (up 1,539)		20%	10%	16%	17%	4% smaller
Total with tertiary qualifications	35,875 (up 34,937)		52%	41%	50%	42%	17% larger

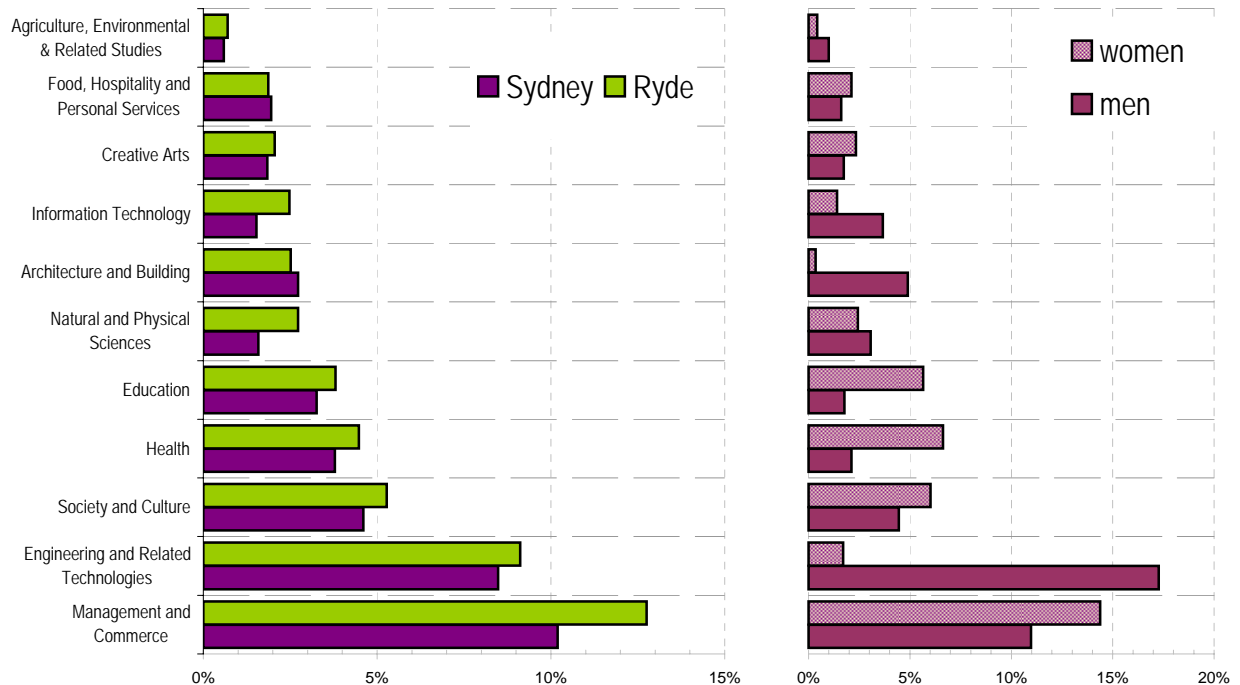
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## Fields of qualifications

The most common fields in which Ryde residents had tertiary or other non-school qualifications at July 2001 were Management and Commerce with around 10,000 workers, followed by Engineering and Related Technologies with about 7,100, Society and Culture with about 4,100, and Health with some 3,500 workers.

Overall, 57% of Ryde people aged 15+ (61% of men and 53% of women) had tertiary qualifications in 2001, while Sydney averaged 51%. The major variations from Sydney were that training was more common in Management and Commerce, in Natural and Physical Sciences and in Information Technology; but less common in Architecture and Building, and in Food, Hospitality and Personal Services.

Between men and women in Ryde, the main differences were that women were more likely to be qualified in Health; Education; Management and Commerce; and Society and Culture. Men were more often qualified in Engineering and Related Technologies; Architecture and Building; Information Technology; and Natural and Physical Sciences.



Fields of qualifications	number of people	change in % since 1996	% of population aged 15+				Ryde's variation
			men	women	Ryde	Sydney	
Management and Commerce	9,959	(up 1,633)	11%	14%	12.8%	10.2%	2.6% larger
Engineering and Related Technologies	7,119	(down 138)	17%	2%	9.1%	8.5%	0.6% larger
Society and Culture	4,116	(down 521)	4%	6%	5.3%	4.6%	0.7% larger
Health	3,491	(up 131)	2%	7%	4.5%	3.8%	0.7% larger
Education	2,968	(up 183)	2%	6%	3.8%	3.3%	0.5% larger
Natural and Physical Sciences	2,131	(down 1,303)	3%	2%	2.7%	1.6%	1.1% larger
Architecture and Building	1,963	(up 124)	5%	0%	2.5%	2.7%	0.2% smaller
Information Technology	1,936	(not in '96)	4%	1%	2.5%	1.5%	0.9% larger
Creative Arts	1,602	(not in '96)	2%	2%	2.1%	1.8%	0.2% larger
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	1,460	(not in '96)	2%	2%	1.9%	2.0%	0.1% smaller
Agriculture, Environmental & Related Studies	544	(up 162)	1%	0%	0.7%	0.6%	0.1% larger
Mixed, unclear or unstated	6,839	(down 1,149)	8%	9%	8.8%	10.8%	2.0% smaller
<b>total aged 15+</b>	<b>44,128</b>	<b>(up 4,120)</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>5.2% larger</b>

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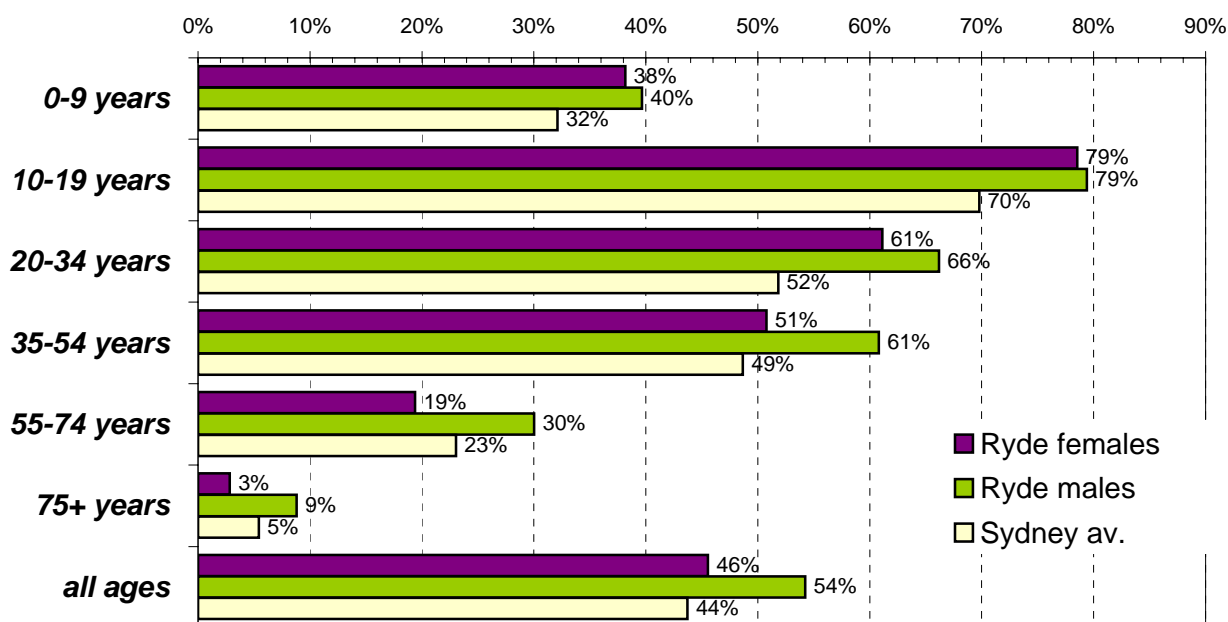
## Computer use in Ryde

Computer usage in Ryde is much greater than in Sydney, with 50% of the population (some 46,900 people) using a computer in the week preceding the 2001 Census, compared with 44% for Sydney. The age group most different from Sydney in computer usage was 20-34 years old, whose usage was 12 percentage points above Sydney's, at 64%.

Computer usage among age groups ranged from a maximum of 79% among 10-19 years olds to the lowest usage of 5% among those aged 75+ years old.

Computer usage by males is generally greater than for females, and this difference tends to increase with age. In Ryde, 54% of males and 46% of females used a computer in 2001. The greatest gender difference is for people aged 55-74 years old, when 30% of men use computers compared with 19% of women.

**Proportion of people using a computer, by age**



Computer usage by age in Ryde	Number of users of each age				% of users in each age group			
	used	not used	not stated	total	Ryde females	Ryde males	Ryde total	Sydney av.
0-9 years	4,298	6,191	551	11,040	38%	40%	<b>39%</b>	32%
10-19 years	8,588	1,858	429	10,875	79%	79%	<b>79%</b>	70%
20-34 years	14,458	7,621	653	22,732	61%	66%	<b>64%</b>	52%
35-54 years	15,546	11,539	804	27,889	51%	61%	<b>56%</b>	49%
55-74 years	3,645	10,810	484	14,939	19%	30%	24%	23%
75+ years	336	6,142	291	6,769	3%	9%	5%	5%
all ages	46,871	44,161	3,212	94,244	46%	54%	<b>50%</b>	44%

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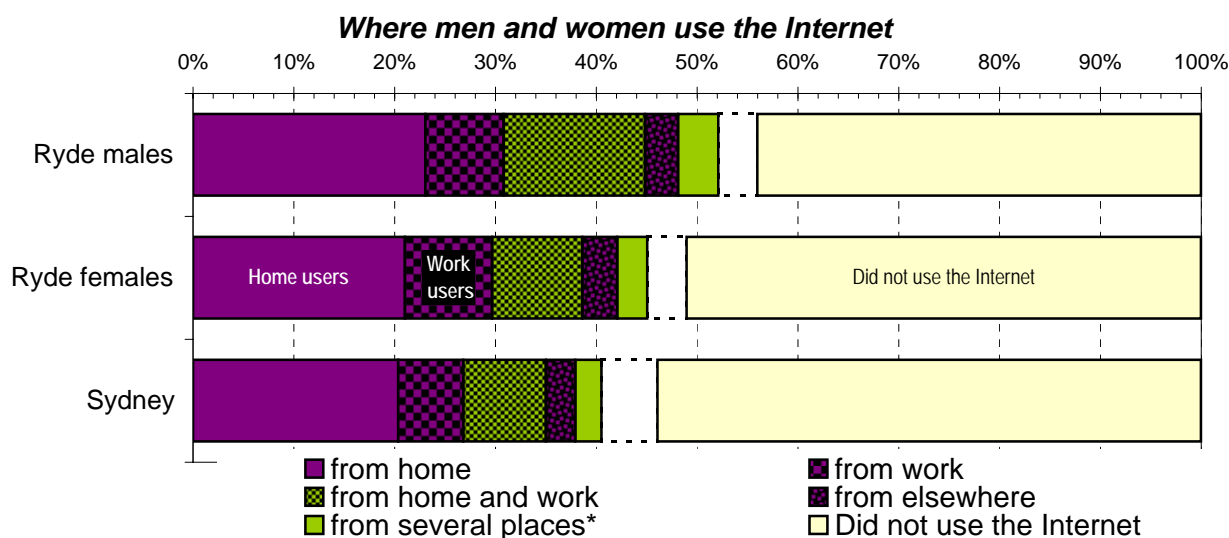
## Internet usage in Ryde

Under half of Ryde's people (48%) used the Internet in the week prior to the 2001 Census, compared with 41% over Sydney. Some 45% of women used the Internet, a lower proportion than for men (52%).

The main places where people in Ryde used the Internet were at home (22%), at work (8%) and at both home and work (11%). Compared with Sydney, Ryde had higher proportions using the Internet from home and work (3.2 percentage points above Sydney) and similar proportions using the Internet from elsewhere (3%).

Among home computer users, women more often used the Internet - some 46% of women and 42% of men using their home computer accessed the Internet over the Census week. By way of comparison, among Sydney's home computer users, 48% of women and 45% of men used the Internet that week.

Some 7,800 people used the Internet at work, representing 17% of the employed workforce of around 47,000. This was similar to Sydney's rate of 14%. Internet usage amongst male workers in Ryde was 14% while amongst female workers it was 19%.



Where the Internet is used	Number of users from each place			Proportion of users from each place				
	Males	Females	Persons	Ryde males	Ryde females	Ryde	Sydney	difference
from home	10,474	10,255	20,729	23%	21%	<b>22%</b>	20%	1.7% higher
from work	3,536	4,227	7,763	8%	9%	<b>8%</b>	6%	1.8% higher
from home and work	6,382	4,360	10,742	14%	9%	11%	8%	3.2% higher
from elsewhere	1,498	1,684	3,182	3%	3%	3%	3%	0.5% higher
from several places*	1,810	1,455	3,265	4%	3%	3%	3%	0.9% higher
Total Users	23,700	21,981	45,681	52%	45%	<b>48%</b>	41%	7.9% higher
Did not use the Internet	20,024	24,898	44,922	44%	51%	<u>48%</u>	54%	6.3% lower
Not stated	1,746	1,895	3,641	4%	4%	4%	6%	1.7% lower
total	45,470	48,774	94,244	100%	100%	100%	100%	
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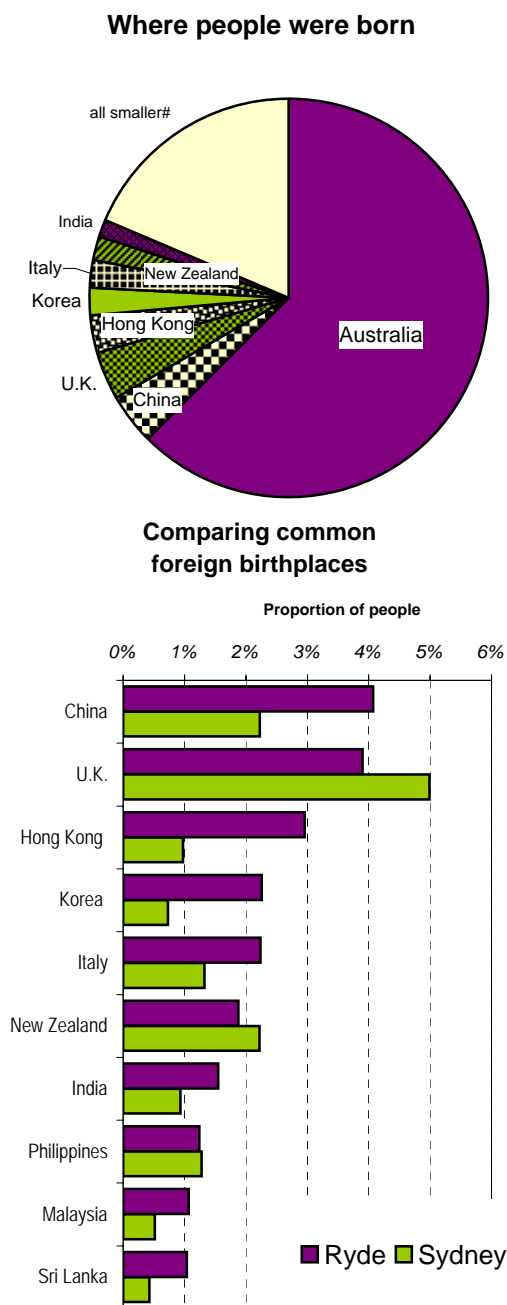
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## Birthplaces of Ryde's people

Some 56,200 of Ryde's people (63%) were born in Australia with 37% born overseas. The proportion born overseas was greater than Sydney's rate of 33%, and their number was up by 1,997 since 1996. The most common foreign birthplaces in Ryde were China with 3,654 people, followed by U.K. with 3,500, Hong Kong with 2,652 and Korea with 2,024 people.

The biggest increases since 1996 were among those born in China (up by 1,166 people), in India (up by 272) and in Yugoslavia (up by 268). The overseas-born populations with the biggest falls were from U.K. (down by 500), Italy (down by 226) and Sri Lanka (down by 117). Such falls are most common among ageing post-war immigrant communities.



Birthplace	Number of people		Proportion of population		
	Ryde 2001	change 96-01	Ryde 2001 *	Ryde 1996	Sydney 2001
Australia	56,175	(down 864)	<u>63%</u>	64%	67%
O'seas born not stated	33,579	(up 1,997)	<u>37%</u>	36%	33%
Total	94,244	(up 2,460)	100%	91,784	
China	3,654	(up 1,166)	<b>4.1%</b>	2.8%	2.2%
U.K.	3,500	(down 500)	<b>3.9%</b>	4.5%	5.0%
Hong Kong	2,652	(up 154)	<b>3.0%</b>	2.8%	1.0%
Korea	2,024	n.a.	<b>2.3%</b>	n.a.	0.7%
Italy	2,007	(down 226)	2.2%	2.5%	1.3%
New Zealand	1,684	(up 146)	1.9%	1.7%	2.2%
India	1,390	(up 272)	1.5%	1.3%	0.9%
Philippines	1,114	(down 87)	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%
Malaysia	959	(up 42)	1.1%	1.0%	0.5%
Sri Lanka	929	(down 117)	1.0%	1.2%	0.4%
Lebanon	915	(down 7)	1.0%	1.0%	1.4%
Indonesia	780	(up 246)	0.9%	0.6%	0.5%
Greece	471	(down 58)	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%
South Africa	460	(up 116)	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%
Germany	422	(down 12)	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Fiji	422	(down 52)	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
Viet Nam	394	(up 107)	<u>0.4%</u>	0.3%	1.7%
Croatia	370	(up 33)	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
United States	359	(up 31)	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Poland	357	(down 60)	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Egypt	356	(down 19)	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Singapore	310	(up 28)	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Yugoslavia	305	(up 268)	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%
Ireland	302	(down 17)	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Netherlands	211	(down 25)	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Malta	189	(down 12)	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
Canada	178	(up 12)	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Turkey	161	n.a.	0.2%	n.a.	0.3%
France	102	n.a.	0.1%	n.a.	0.1%
Macedonia	101	(up 10)	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
other places	6,501	(up 558)	7.2%	9.3%	7.0%
all smaller#	16,668	(up 2,312)	<u>19%</u>	20%	20%

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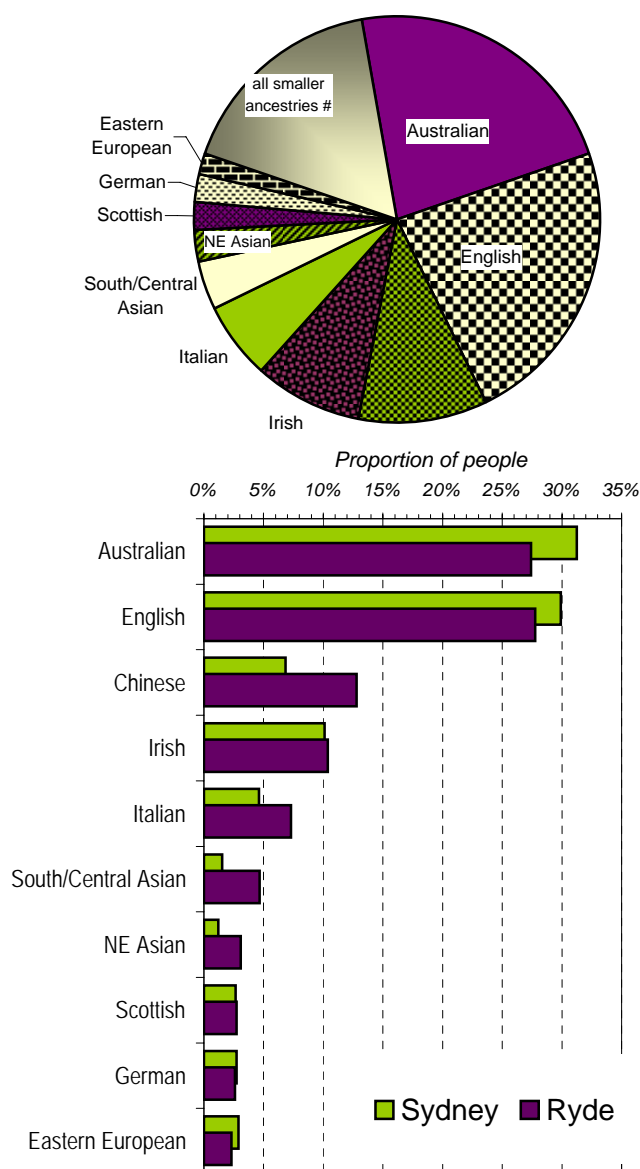
## Ancestry of Ryde's people

The 2001 Census was the first to ask people to describe their ancestry. Some people gave multiple answers. In Ryde, only 27% gave their ancestry as Australian. Of the others, the most commonly cited ancestry was English (28%) followed by Chinese (13%), Irish (10%), Italian (7%), South/Central Asian and NE Asian.

Compared with Sydney, the biggest differences in the common ancestries of Ryde were the larger proportions of people with Chinese ancestry (12.8% versus 6.8%), South/Central Asian ancestry (4.7% versus 1.5%), and Italian ancestry (7.3% and 4.6%). There were smaller proportions with Australian (27.4% versus 31.2%), English (27.8% versus 29.9%) and Lebanese ancestry (1.9% versus 3.2%).

Ryde's indigeneous population in 2001 was about 227 (207 Aboriginals, 13 Torres Strait Islanders and 7 both). They constituted 0.2% of the population compared with 1.0% over Sydney. Over 1996-2001, the indigeneous population of 111 males and 116 females fell -11%, while Sydney's changed 13%.

**Most common Ancestries**



Ancestries	Number	% of population	
		Ryde	Sydney
Australian	24,369	27%	31%
English	24,692	28%	30%
Chinese	11,363	<b>12.8%</b>	6.8%
Irish	9,235	10.4%	10.1%
Italian	6,482	<b>7.3%</b>	4.6%
South/Central Asian	4,142	<b>4.7%</b>	1.5%
NE Asian	2,744	<b>3.1%</b>	1.2%
Scottish	2,428	2.7%	2.7%
German	2,312	2.6%	2.7%
Eastern European	2,056	<b>2.3%</b>	2.9%
Indian	2,016	<b>2.3%</b>	1.8%
Greek	1,947	<b>2.2%</b>	3.1%
Lebanese	1,685	<b>1.9%</b>	3.2%
Northern European	1,654	1.9%	2.0%
N Africa & Mid East	1,474	1.7%	2.1%
Filipino	1,313	1.5%	1.6%
N. & S. America	943	1.1%	1.4%
Dutch	743	0.8%	1.1%
Polish	724	0.8%	0.9%
Croatian	697	0.8%	0.9%
New Zealander	642	0.7%	0.8%
SE Asian	633	0.7%	0.8%
Serbian	537	0.6%	0.8%
Maltese	522	<b>0.6%</b>	1.3%
Sub-Saharan African	495	0.6%	0.8%
Pacific Islands	409	<b>0.5%</b>	1.0%
Indonesian	366	0.4%	0.3%
Russian	349	0.4%	0.6%
Vietnamese	330	<b>0.4%</b>	1.6%
Maori	265	0.3%	0.6%
Macedonian	214	0.2%	0.6%
Turkish	166	0.2%	0.5%
Other Australian	35	0.0%	0.1%
all smaller ancestries #	18,159	<b>20%</b>	28%
Not stated	5,334		
<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>113,316</b>	<i>(multiple answers allowed)</i>	

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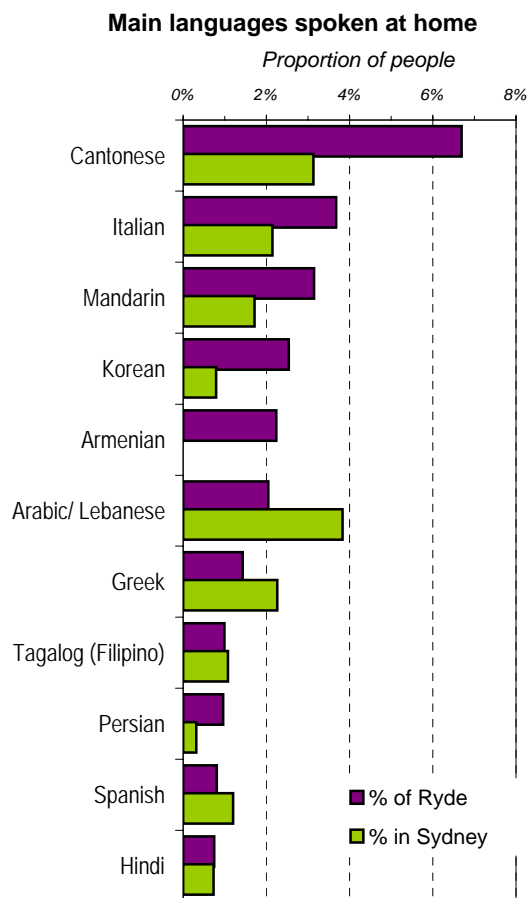
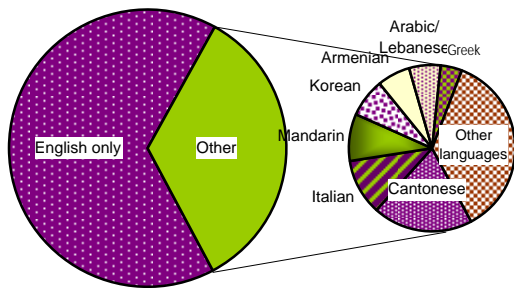
## Languages spoken at home

While 66% of Ryde's people speak only English in their homes, 34% speak another language (compared with 29% in Sydney). The most commonly spoken language in 2001 was Cantonese, spoken by 6,048 people (6.7%), followed by Italian (3,319 or 3.7%), then Mandarin, Korean, Armenian, Arabic/ Lebanese and Greek.

Among the common foreign languages spoken at home, Ryde differed most from Sydney with Korean (spoken by 3.2 times the proportion of people of Sydney), Persian (spoken by 3.0 times), and Cantonese (spoken by 2.1 times Sydney's proportion). On the other hand, Arabic/ Lebanese, Greek and Spanish were spoken by proportionally fewer people.

Ryde's fastest growing community languages were Mandarin, spoken by 1,369 more people than in 1996; Cantonese, spoken by 1,204 more, and Indonesian, spoken by 281 more. The biggest falls were in Italian, down by 100 from 1996, Polish, down by 47, and Tagalog (Filipino), down by 45.

Among local indigenous people, none spoke indigenous languages at home. In Sydney, 1% of the indigenous people did so.



Languages spoken at home	number in Ryde	% of Ryde	change since 1996	% in Sydney
English only	59,390	66%	up 4%	71%
non-English	30,952	34%	up 18%	29%
Cantonese	6,048	<b>6.7%</b>	(up 1,204)	3.1%
Italian	3,319	<b>3.7%</b>	(down 100)	2.1%
Mandarin	2,842	<b>3.1%</b>	(up 1,369)	1.7%
Korean	2,291	<b>2.5%</b>	n.a.	0.8%
Armenian	2,022	2.2%	(up 38)	n.a.
Arabic/ Lebanese	1,847	<u>2.0%</u>	(up 98)	3.8%
Greek	1,294	<u>1.4%</u>	(up 78)	2.3%
Tagalog (Filipino)	896	<u>1.0%</u>	(down 45)	1.1%
Persian	868	<b>1.0%</b>	n.a.	0.3%
Spanish	729	<u>0.8%</u>	(up 15)	1.2%
Hindi	674	0.7%	n.a.	0.7%
Indonesian	649	<b>0.7%</b>	(up 281)	0.5%
Tamil	596	<b>0.7%</b>	n.a.	0.3%
other Chinese	479	0.5%	(down 38)	0.4%
Croatian	478	0.5%	(down 19)	0.6%
Polish	390	0.4%	(down 47)	0.4%
Sinhalese	383	<b>0.4%</b>	n.a.	0.1%
Japanese	366	0.4%	n.a.	0.3%
German	339	0.4%	(down 110)	0.4%
Serbian	318	0.4%	(up 8)	0.5%
Vietnamese	283	<u>0.3%</u>	(up 92)	1.8%
French	212	<u>0.2%</u>	(down 29)	0.3%
Russian	208	0.2%	(up 9)	0.4%
Macedonian	178	<u>0.2%</u>	(up 30)	0.5%
Hungarian	159	<u>0.2%</u>	(down 29)	0.2%
Turkish	132	<u>0.1%</u>	(down 13)	0.5%
Maltese	116	<u>0.1%</u>	(down 12)	0.4%
Netherlandic	104	0.1%	(down 0)	0.2%
Portuguese	83	<u>0.1%</u>	(down 7)	0.3%
South Slavic nfd	70	0.1%	n.a.	0.1%
Samoan	22	<u>0.0%</u>	n.a.	0.3%
Khmer	16	<u>0.0%</u>	n.a.	0.2%
other languages	2,541	<b>2.8%</b>	n.a.	3.6%
all smaller languages #	11,289	12%		15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,342</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>
Not stated / OS visitor	5,402			
<b>Total people</b>	<b>95,744</b>			

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# 'all smaller languages' includes those listed from Persian to other languages.

## Immigration patterns and English proficiency

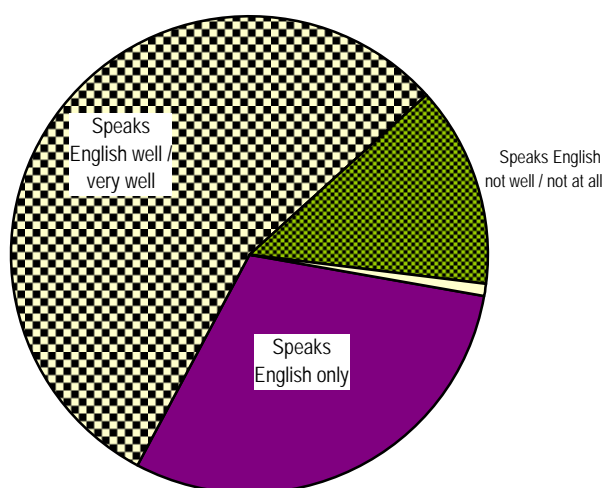
Ryde's population of people born overseas increased by 1,951 from 1996 to 2001. The 7,296 new arrivals over 1996-2001 were offset by the departure or death of 5,345 overseas-born people who lived in Ryde in 1996.

Compared with Sydney, Ryde has similar numbers of recent immigrants, with 11% of the overseas-born population arriving over 1999-2001, and a further 10% over 1996-1998, while Sydney's rates were 10% and 9%.

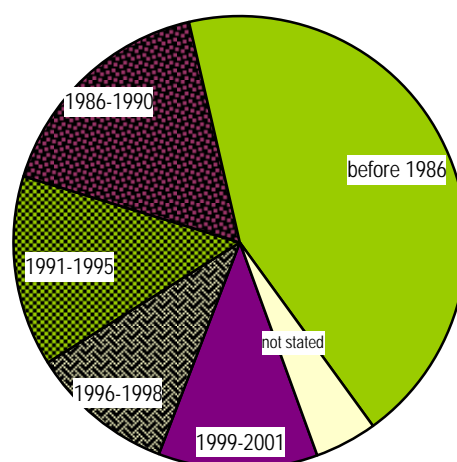
Of Ryde's 33,585 people born overseas, almost one-third (30%) speak only English and a further 56% speak English well. Conversely, some 14% of overseas-born (4,536 people) are poor speakers of English. While 31% of the poor English speakers arrived in the past six years, 31% arrived more than 15 years ago.

Ryde's recent immigrants are as likely to be poor English speakers than Sydney's, with 19% of those who arrived over 1999-2001 and 19% of those who arrived over 1996-1998 being weak at English, compared with 19% and 18% across Sydney. This suggests that Ryde had proportionally more immigrants from non-English-speaking countries than average for Sydney.

**Proficiency in English**



**Year of arrival in Australia**



English proficiency and arrival period of immigrants	1999-2001	1996-1998	1991-1995	1986-1990	before 1986	not stated	Total
Speaks English only	728	655	760	1,178	6,235	476	10,032
Speaks English well / very well	2,326	2,121	3,108	3,618	6,903	655	18,731
Speaks English not well / not at all	744	656	673	750	1,402	311	4,536
English proficiency unstated	41	25	32	38	97	53	286
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>4,573</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>14,637</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>33,585</b>
% of arrivals from each period	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>4%</b>	100%
% of arrivals from each period in Sydney	10%	9%	12%	15%	49%	5%	100%
% of poor English speakers from each arrival time	<b>19%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>10%</b>		<b>14%</b>
% who are poor English speakers in Sydney	19%	18%	17%	15%	11%		<b>17%</b>

Excludes persons who did not state their birthplace.

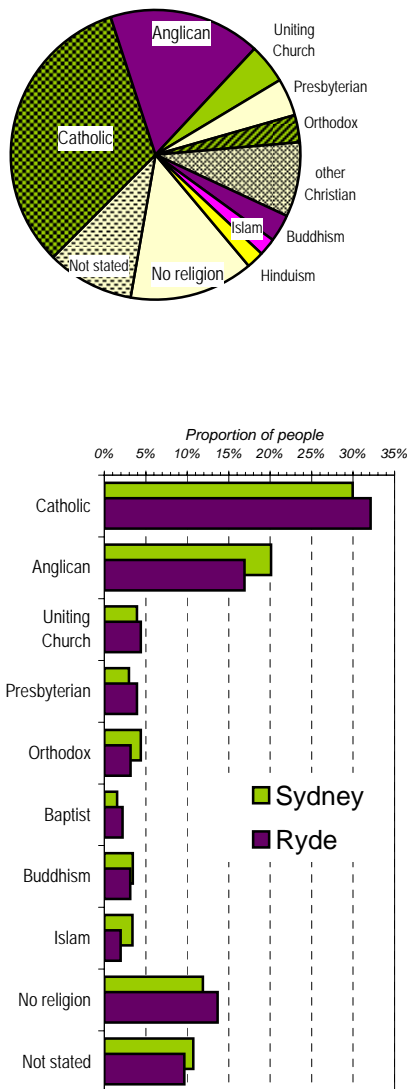
## Religion in Ryde

Ryde's main religious belief in 2001 was Christianity, followed by 69% of the community. The main Christian churches were Catholic (32%), Anglican (17%), Uniting Church (4%) and Presbyterian (4%). The most significant differences from Sydney among Christian beliefs were Ryde's larger Catholic and Oriental Christian communities (2.2% and 1.1% more of the population than in Sydney), and the smaller Anglican and Orthodox communities (3.2% and 1.2% percent less).

The most common non-Christian religion was Buddhism, with 2,962 followers or 3.1% of the community (3.4% for Sydney). Other religions included Islam with 1,856 followers and Hinduism with 1,740 followers.

From 1996 to 2001, the religion with the largest increase was Buddhism with a rise of 1,489 while the biggest fall was 1,367 for Anglican. By comparison, the number of people with no religion fell by 609 but the number who did not give their religion rose by 1,425.

Most common beliefs



Religion	Number of people		Proportion of population		
	Ryde 2001	change 96-01	Ryde 2001	Ryde 1996	Sydney 2001
Catholic	30,263	(up 567)	32.1%	32.4%	29.9%
Anglican	15,934	(down 1,367)	16.9%	18.8%	20.1%
Uniting Church	4,160	(down 550)	4.4%	5.1%	3.9%
Presbyterian	3,712	(down 52)	<b>3.9%</b>	4.1%	3.0%
Orthodox	2,985	(up 104)	<u>3.2%</u>	3.1%	4.4%
Baptist	2,081	(up 42)	<b>2.2%</b>	2.2%	1.6%
Oriental Christian	1,626	(up 45)	<b>1.7%</b>	1.7%	0.6%
Pentecostal	661	(up 194)	<u>0.7%</u>	0.5%	0.9%
Lutheran	487	(down 12)	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Jehovah's Witnesses	199	(down 37)	<u>0.2%</u>	0.3%	0.3%
Latter Day Saints	178	(down 40)	<u>0.2%</u>	0.2%	0.3%
Seventh-day Adventist	167	(down 17)	<u>0.2%</u>	0.2%	0.3%
Brethren	153	(down 36)	<b>0.2%</b>	0.2%	0.1%
Churches of Christ	137	(down 19)	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Salvation Army	110	(down 3)	<u>0.1%</u>	0.1%	0.2%
Other Protestant	260	(down 12)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Other Christian	1,581	(up 522)	<b>1.7%</b>	1.2%	1.3%
<b>all Christians</b>	<b>64,694</b>	<b>(down 671)</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	<b>67.9%</b>
Buddhism	2,962	(up 1,489)	3.1%	1.6%	3.4%
Islam	1,856	(up 186)	<u>2.0%</u>	1.8%	3.4%
Hinduism	1,740	(up 357)	<b>1.8%</b>	1.5%	1.2%
Judaism	414	(up 101)	<u>0.4%</u>	0.3%	0.8%
Aboriginal Religions	0	n.a.	<u>0.0%</u>	n.a.	0.0%
Other Religious	624	(up 182)	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%
<b>Total religious</b>	<b>72,290</b>	<b>(up 1,644)</b>	<b>76.7%</b>	<b>77.0%</b>	<b>77.4%</b>
No religion	12,879	(down 609)	13.7%	14.7%	11.9%
Not stated	9,075	(up 1,425)	9.6%	8.3%	10.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,244</b>	<b>(up 2,460)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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