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Population and age structure

2021 CENSUS FACTSHEET

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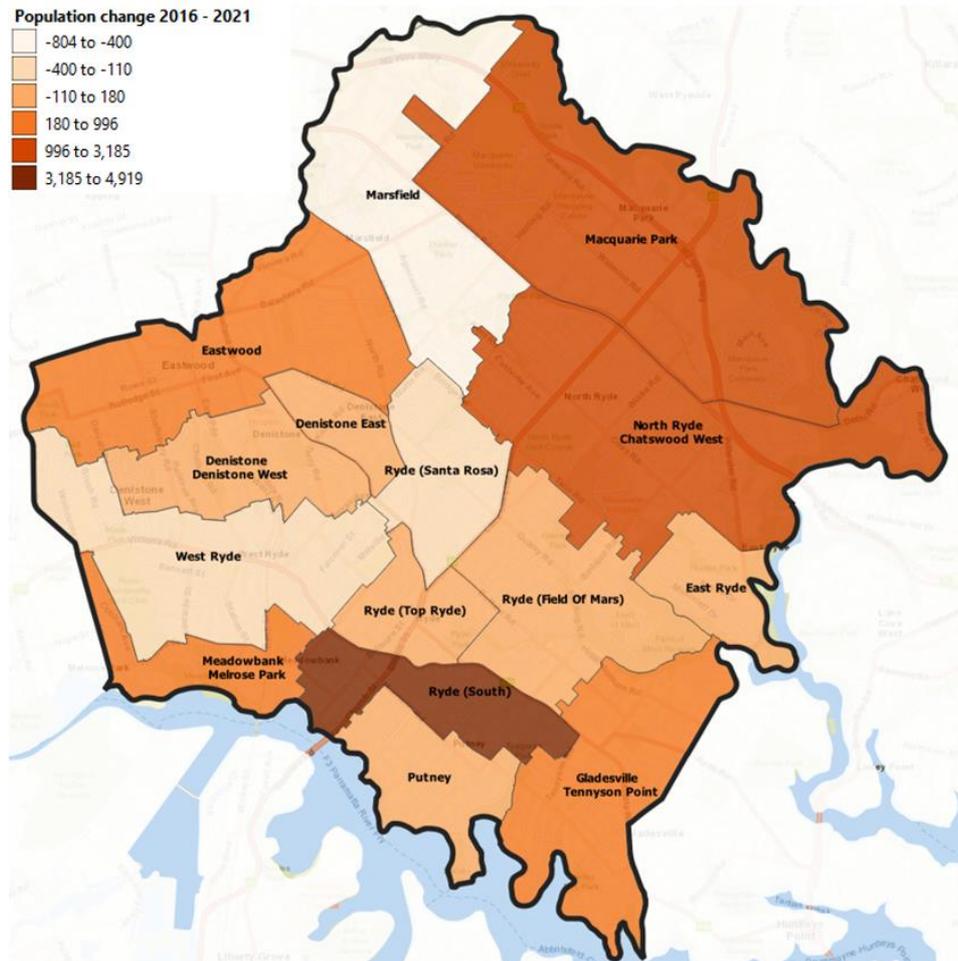
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1. Introduction

Understanding population growth and change in your communities enable better planning, resource allocation and appropriate focus of services for the population. The 2021 Census provides insight into where the population has increased or decreased since 2016. In addition, age structure analysis illustrates how the population has changed and where different approaches to service planning, infrastructure provision and resource allocation are needed due to demographic change.

2. Population and age structure summary

- In 2021, the City of Ryde's population was 129,123, an increase of 7,853 from 2016, when the population was 121,270.

- Parts of the City where the population increased most between 2016 and 2021 were Ryde (South), North Ryde – Chatswood West and Macquarie Park. Conversely, West Ryde and Ryde (Santa Rosa) experienced a slight population decline.

- The median age of City of Ryde residents in 2021 was 37 years, an increase of one year since 2016, when the median age was 36 years.

- 30–39-year-olds are the largest age group, with 19% (1 in 5 residents) aged 30-39. This group also experienced the most significant increase between 2016 and 2021 (+2.1%).

- In 2021, 16.2% of the population was aged under 15 years, similar to 2016. In 2021, 15% of the City of Ryde population was aged over 65 years, up from 14% in 2016.

- Although the total number increased by 140 between 2016 and 2021, the proportion of City of Ryde residents aged 85 years and over decreased from 2.6% in 2016 to 2.4% in 2021.

3. Population change 2016-2021

- The City of Ryde's population grew from 121,270 in 2016 to 129,123 in 2021, an average annual increase of 1.3%, which was the same as Greater Sydney's growth rate.

- Parts of the City experiencing the highest levels of growth were Ryde (South), North Ryde - Chatswood West and Macquarie Park.
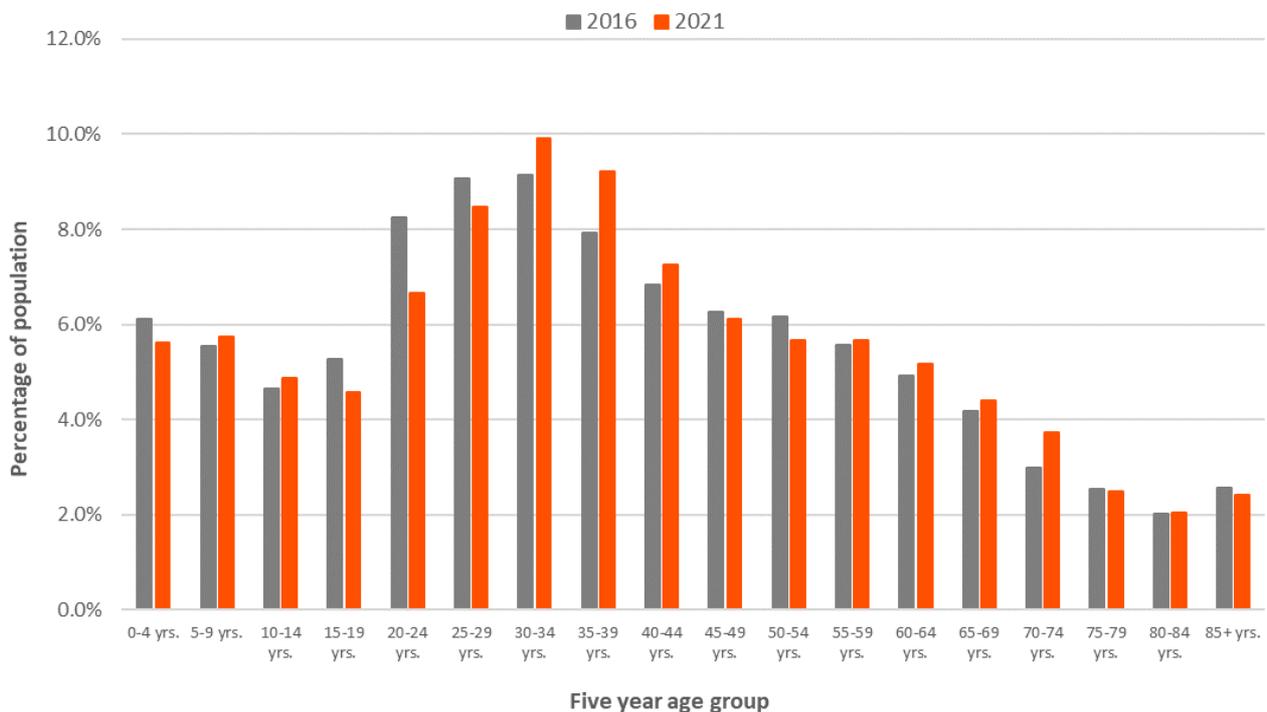
Population change in the City of Ryde 2016-2021

Small Area	2016	2021	Difference 2016-2021	Avg. annual % change
Denistone - Denistone West	4,688	4,672	-16	-0.1%
Denistone East	2,236	2,294	+58	0.5%
East Ryde	2,457	2,530	+73	0.6%
Eastwood	13,478	14,131	+653	1.0%
Gladesville - Tennyson Point	10,728	11,724	+996	1.8%
Macquarie Park	8,145	11,072	+2,927	6.3%
Marsfield	13,288	12,484	-804	-1.2%
Meadowbank - Melrose Park	5,974	6,934	+960	3.0%
North Ryde - Chatswood West	11,195	14,380	+3,185	5.1%
Putney	4,099	4,105	+6	0.0%
Ryde (Field Of Mars)	6,530	6,673	143	0.4%
Ryde (Santa Rosa)	6,067	5,957	-110	-0.4%
Ryde (South)	7,119	12,038	4,919	11.1%
Ryde (Top Ryde)	6,817	6,997	180	0.5%
West Ryde	13,390	13,171	-219	-0.3%
City of Ryde	**121,270**	**129,123**	**+7,853**	**1.3%**

Detailed population change in the City of Ryde by small area 2016-2021

4. Age structure 2016-2021

- The median age of City of Ryde residents in 2021 was 37 years, an increase of one year since 2016, when the median age was 36 years.

- The five-year age group which experienced the most growth between 2016 and 2021 was 35-39-year-olds (+1.3%), whereas 20-24-year-olds recorded the largest decline (-1.6%).

- Residents aged under 15 made up 16.2% of the population in 2021 (-0.1% since 2016).

- Residents aged 15-64 years (labour force age group) made up 68.7% of the population in 2021 (-0.7% since 2016).

- Residents aged 65 years or over made up 15.1% of the population in 2021 (+0.8% since 2016).

- Residents aged 85 years or over made up 2.4% of the population in 2021 (-0.2%) since 2016.

City of Ryde age structure 2016 and 2021

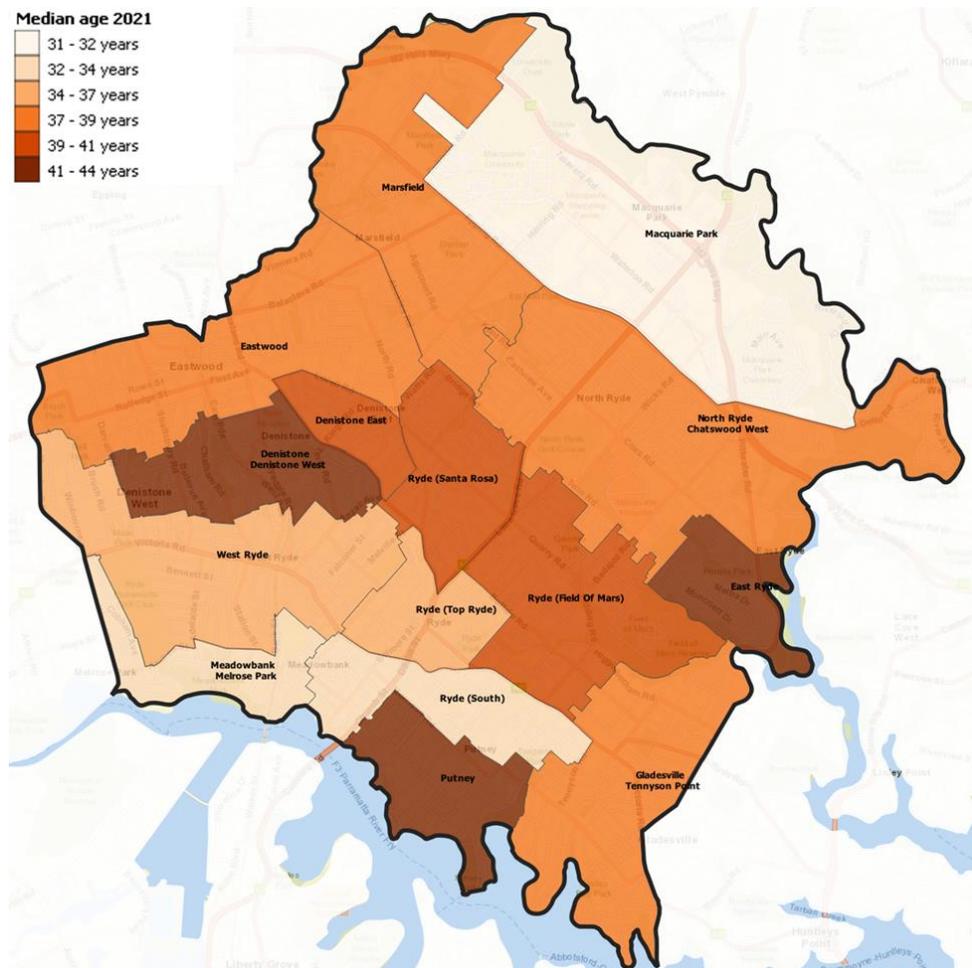| Five-year age group	2016	2021	Change
0-4 yrs.	6.1%	5.6%	-0.5%
5-9 yrs.	5.5%	5.7%	0.2%
10-14 yrs.	4.6%	4.9%	0.2%
15-19 yrs.	5.3%	4.6%	-0.7%
20-24 yrs.	8.3%	6.7%	-1.6%
25-29 yrs.	9.1%	8.5%	-0.6%
30-34 yrs.	9.2%	9.9%	0.7%
35-39 yrs.	7.9%	9.2%	1.3%
40-44 yrs.	6.8%	7.2%	0.4%
45-49 yrs.	6.3%	6.1%	-0.1%
50-54 yrs.	6.2%	5.7%	-0.5%
55-59 yrs.	5.6%	5.7%	0.1%
60-64 yrs.	4.9%	5.2%	0.2%
65-69 yrs.	4.2%	4.4%	0.2%
70-74 yrs.	3.0%	3.7%	0.7%
75-79 yrs.	2.5%	2.5%	-0.1%
80-84 yrs.	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%
85+ yrs.	2.6%	2.4%	-0.1%

Detailed City of Ryde age structure 2016 and 2021

4.1 Age structure by small area

- Denistone East had the highest proportion of residents under the age of 15 (12.6%), whereas Macquarie Park had the lowest (7.5%).

- On the other hand, Macquarie Park had the highest proportion of residents aged 15-64 years (80.1%), whereas Denistone East had the lowest (61.4%).

- Ryde (Santa Rosa) had the highest proportion of residents aged over 65 years (19.4%), whereas Macquarie Park, due to a high number of university students, had the lowest (8.8%).

- Marsfield had the highest proportion of residents aged 85 years and over (3.9%), whereas Meadowbank – Melrose Park had the lowest (0.7%).

Small Area	< 15 yrs.	15-64 yrs.	65+ yrs.	85+ yrs.	Median age
Denistone - Denistone West	10.7%	63.2%	19.4%	2.1%	43 years
Denistone East	12.6%	61.4%	17.9%	2.7%	41 years
East Ryde	11.2%	63.1%	17.2%	3.4%	43 years
Eastwood	10.0%	66.4%	17.7%	2.3%	39 years
Gladesville - Tennyson Point	11.2%	66.9%	15.9%	2.6%	39 years
Macquarie Park	7.5%	80.1%	8.8%	2.3%	31 years
Marsfield	10.2%	65.3%	19.0%	3.9%	39 years
Meadowbank - Melrose Park	9.7%	76.0%	10.1%	0.7%	34 years
North Ryde - Chatswood West	11.1%	67.9%	15.1%	2.4%	38 years
Putney	11.3%	64.3%	18.6%	2.5%	44 years
Ryde (Field Of Mars)	12.4%	64.2%	16.9%	2.3%	41 years
Ryde (Santa Rosa)	10.9%	63.4%	19.4%	3.7%	41 years
Ryde (South)	11.0%	72.4%	10.7%	2.1%	34 years
Ryde (Top Ryde)	9.8%	72.5%	12.2%	1.6%	36 years
West Ryde	10.6%	68.5%	14.8%	2.0%	37 years
City of Ryde	**10.5%**	**68.7%**	**15.1%**	**2.4%**	**37 years**

Age structure by City of Ryde small areas, 2021

Median age in City of Ryde small areas, 2021