



Age of Residents

What does Blayney's Age Distribution tell us?

Blayney's age distribution is comparatively young with 22.2% of residents aged between 0-14 years compared to 18.9% in NSW. The average age at 38.7 years is on a par with NSW's average of 38.1 years. This is supported by the region's family composition which is dominated by couples with dependent children.

Table 7.0 Population Age Distribution, 2011

Area	0-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Avg Age
Bathurst	20.5%	16.6%	12.1%	12.8%	13.1%	11.4%	13.6%	36.6
Blayney	22.2%	11.7%	9.2%	13.4%	14.2%	12.8%	16.5%	38.7
Boorowa	19.5%	10.8%	8.4%	10.9%	15.2%	15.3%	19.8%	41.6
Cabonne	22.0%	10.8%	9.2%	12.5%	15.0%	13.4%	17.2%	39.5
Cowra	18.8%	11.4%	8.7%	11.3%	13.4%	15.1%	21.4%	42.2
Forbes	21.0%	12.1%	10.1%	11.6%	13.1%	13.3%	18.9%	39.9
Lachlan	21.3%	11.4%	11.6%	11.5%	12.7%	13.4%	18.2%	39.5
Lithgow	18.6%	12.3%	10.2%	12.4%	14.9%	13.9%	17.6%	40.3
Orange	21.8%	14.2%	13.2%	13.0%	12.6%	11.1%	14.1%	36.7
Central West	20.8%	13.4%	11.1%	12.4%	13.5%	12.5%	16.3%	38.6
Centroc	20.7%	13.0%	10.8%	12.4%	13.5%	12.7%	16.8%	38.8
Regional NSW	19.2%	12.7%	10.9%	12.6%	14.0%	13.0%	17.6%	39.9
NSW	18.9%	13.3%	14.1%	14.0%	13.6%	11.6%	14.5%	38.1

Source: ABS Census (2012), Central West Regional Economic Profile, 2012.

What opportunities does Blayney's age distribution present?

Blayney has a large resident population which is demographically young and of working age. This suggests a potentially more productive economy with a large proportion of residents contributing to the local economy through employment and expenditure. With 36% of the resident population however leaving the region for work, opportunities exist for a range of businesses either looking to expand or provide new services to the region.

Aging population

