# SEIFA Data

## What is the SEIFA index?

The Socio-Economic Indices for Areas (SEIFA) Index of Advantage/Disadvantage is published by the ABS. The SEIFA index takes into account and summarises high values (advantages) and low values (disadvantages) taken from Census variables such as households with low income (disadvantage) and people with a tertiary education (advantage).

### What does the SEIFA Index tell us?

SEIFA data helps to identify workforce skills, social issues and potential skills development within a region.

## What do the scores/ranks mean?

A lower rank indicates that an area is relatively disadvantaged compared to an area with a higher rank. All areas are ordered from the lowest to highest rank - the lowest rank being 1 - and placed in deciles ranging from 1 to 10 with 1 being the lowest decile of advantage/disadvantage. The area with the highest rank of 152 (having the highest level of advantage) would be placed in the 10th decile of advantage/disadvantage.

## What is Blayney's SEIFA ranking and what does it mean?

The SEIFA index placed the Blayney Government Area in the 6th decile of advantage and disadvantage, that is, amongst the most relative advantaged Local Government Areas in NSW. This means that the number of households possessing 'advantage' variables is marginally greater than the number of households benefiting from 'disadvantage' variables. Blayney in fact had the 92nd ranking of all Local Government Areas in NSW meaning that there were 60 other Local Government Areas that had a higher advantage index than Blayney.

**Table 2.0: Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage & Disadvantage, by LGA, 2011**

| LGA | Rank within NSW (out of 152 LGAs) | Percentile |
|---|---|---|
| Bathurst | 104 | 7 |
| Blayney | 92 | 6 |
| Cabonne | 111 | 8 |
| Cowra | 24 | 2 |
| Forbes | 44 | 3 |