

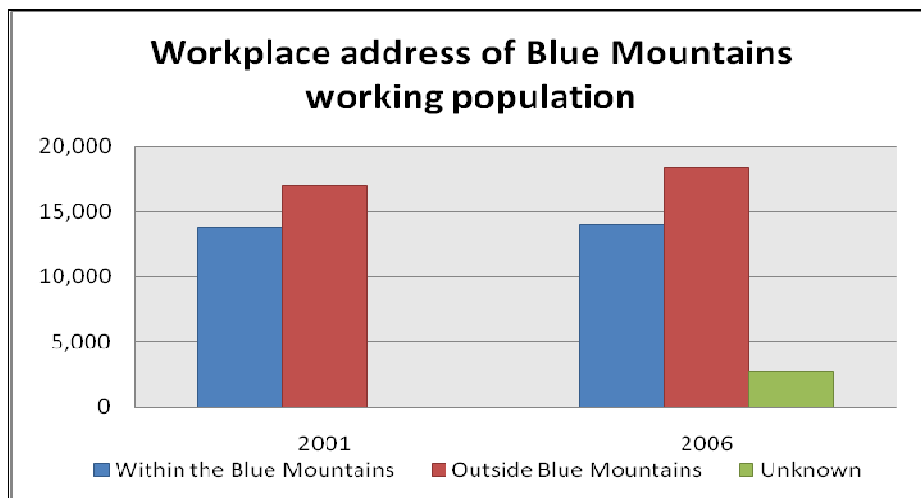
## Population – employment location

### What are we monitoring?

*The number of residents working outside and within the LGA as a proportion of the total working population*

### What is the trend?

Between 2001 and 2006, the total working population in the LGA increased by 4,408. Relative to the total working population, the percentage of residents working within the LGA decreased between 2001 and 2006 while the percentage of residents working outside the LGA increased.



WORKPLACE ADDRESS – BLUE MOUNTAINS WORKING POPULATION				
YEAR	2001 (Persons)	2006 (Persons)	2001 (%)	2006 (%)
<b>Within the Blue Mountains</b>	13,819	14,013	45	40
<b>Outside the Blue Mountains</b>	16,946	18,406	55	52
<b>Unknown</b>	N/A	2,754	N/A	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	30,765	35,173	100	100

### Why is monitoring this trend important?

According to the ABS Census Data 2006 more than half the Blue Mountains workforce (52%) commuted to work each day. There are significant impacts associated with commuting, including increased traffic congestion, air and noise pollution, as well as reduced time and energy to spend with family and build relationships in the local community. Watching this trend will increase our understanding about the impacts of commuting on our social and environmental assets, particularly when looked at in the context of other trends - for example an increase in local employment.

### Source:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Census of Population and Housing (2001, 2006)  
*Although information about workplace address has been collected for several censuses, there have been some inconsistencies in data collection and management.*