

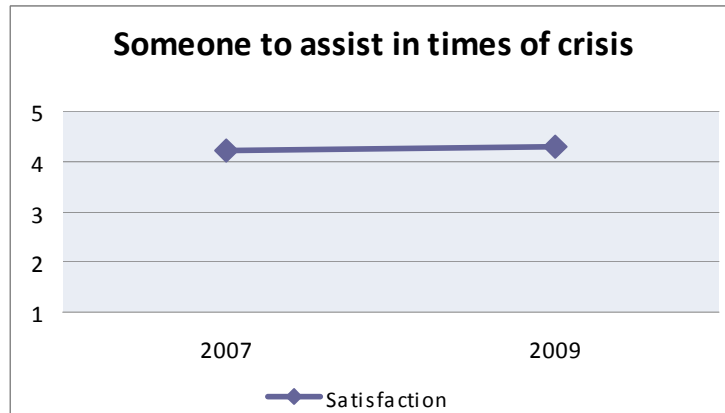
Social cohesion

What are we monitoring?

The proportion of residents who have a non family member in their area to turn to in times of crisis

What is the trend?

As this data was collected for the first time in 2007, trend data is not yet available. In 2009 the great majority of residents feel that there is someone in their area they could turn to in a time of crisis.



Someone to assist in times of crisis		
Agreement ratings on scale of 1 to 5		
Year	2007	2009
Rating	4.2	4.3

The 2007 and 2009 Blue Mountains City Council Community Survey included a series of statements related to residents' perceptions of community connectedness, to which they could respond on a 1-5 agreement scale, where 1 means "strongly disagree" and 5 means "strongly agree". For the issue of 'sense of belonging' surveyed residents were asked to respond to the statement "I have someone in my area outside my immediate family to turn to in a time of crisis"

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Having someone local to turn to in a time of crisis is an important measure of community connectedness. If most people feel they can call on someone in their area when needed, it indicates a strong community where people willingly help each other.

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, Blue Mountains Community Survey: 2007, 2009.

www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/yourcommunity/communitysurvey