

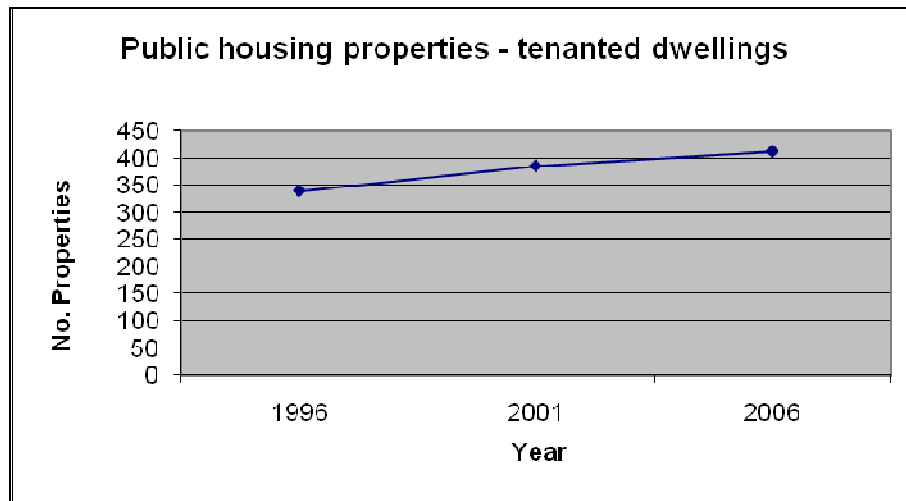
Housing diversity

What are we monitoring?

The number of tenanted public housing properties in the LGA

What is the trend?

The number of public housing properties that are tenanted is increasing.



Public housing properties- tenanted			
Year	1996	2001	2006
Properties	339	385	412

This data shows the number of public housing properties in the Blue Mountains occupied by tenants, as indicated by the Australian Census. Public housing properties are owned by Housing NSW and rented to low income tenants. A rental subsidy is provided so that the properties are more affordable than private rental properties.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

The availability of affordable housing is a key issue of community concern in the Blue Mountains. At present, the main provider of housing affordable to low income earners is Housing NSW. Increasing numbers of public housing tenancies indicate more resident are accessing public housing.

Currently public housing is a very small proportion of the 28,300 occupied dwellings in the Blue Mountains. Ideally, affordable housing, both publically and privately provided, will increase in future years.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census of Population and Housing, 2006, 2001, 1996