

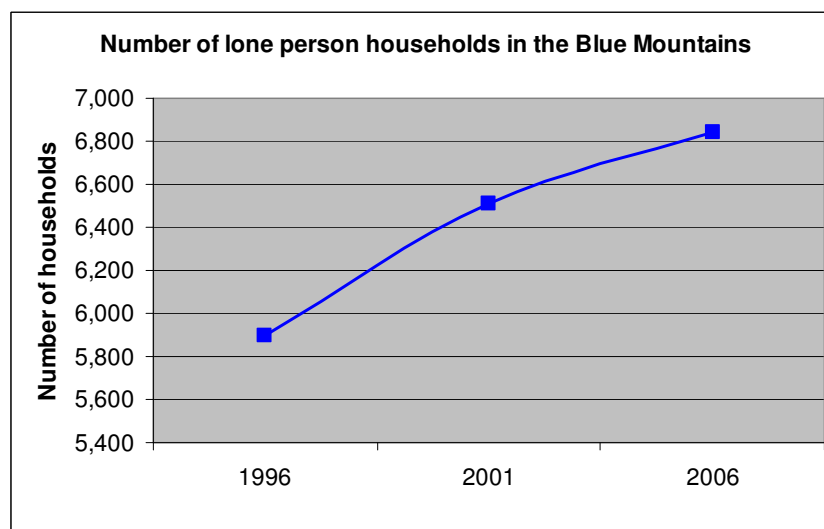
Social Cohesion

What are we monitoring?

The number of one person households

What is the trend?

The number of lone person households in the Blue Mountains is increasing.



Year	1996	2001	2006
Number of lone person households	5,897	6,509	6,841

Any private dwelling in which there is only one usual resident at least 15 years of age is classified as being a lone person household.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Social cohesion can be described as the human connections that support and sustain people within their families and communities. The ways in which we interact, include, help or not help each other - can build or erode our social cohesion.

The number of households with one or two people is increasing. Over 2001 to 2006 the number of one person households increased by 332. Increased life expectancy, the ageing population and increases in divorce and separation rates can contribute to an increase in the number of people living alone. Increasing numbers of people living alone increases the potential for people to become isolated in their communities.

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