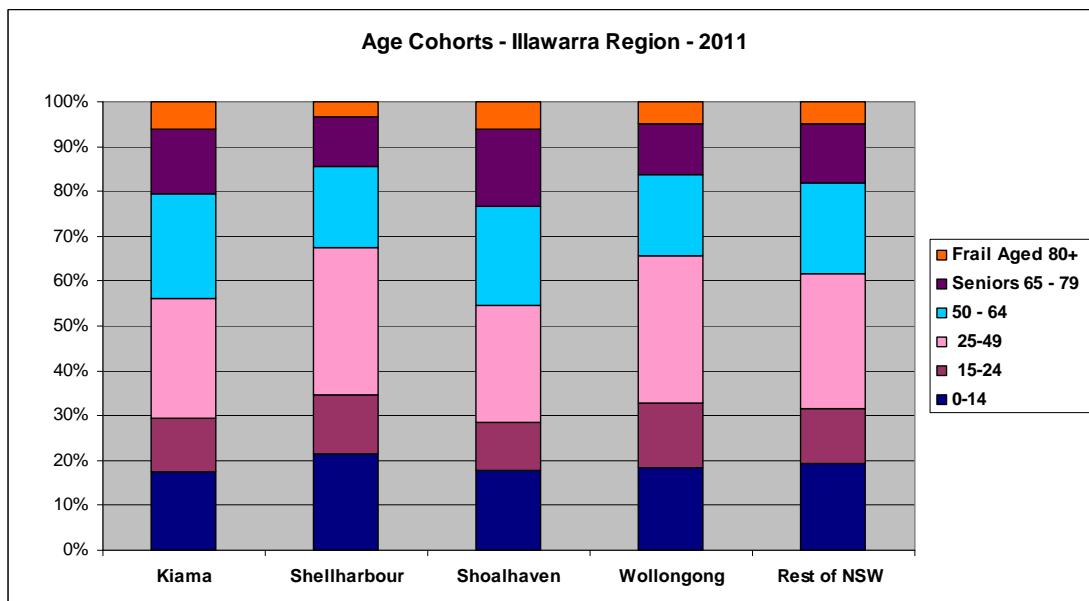


Illawarra Region – What’s the Housing Demand?

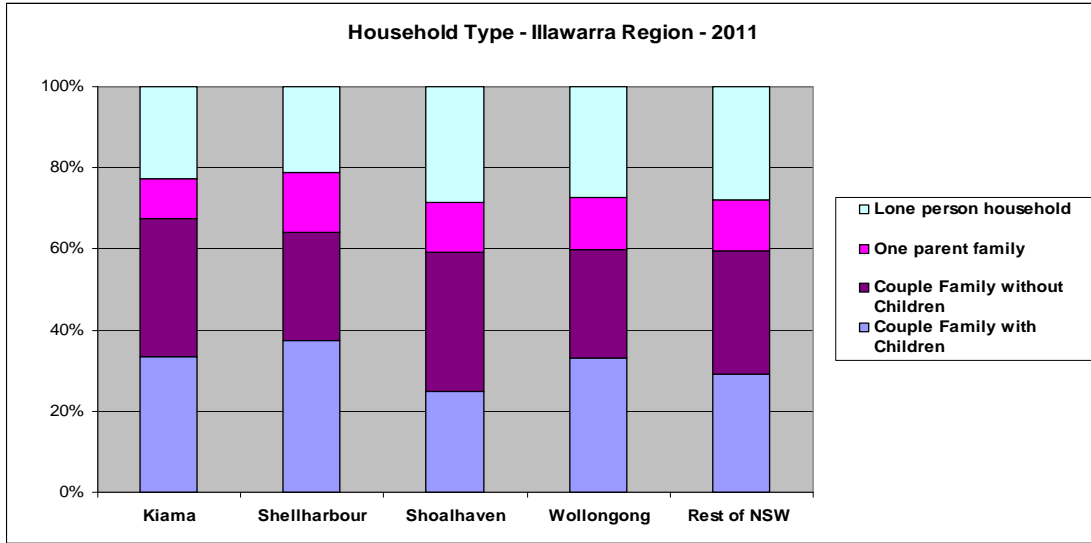
Age

- The median age of the population of the local government areas (LGAs) comprising the Illawarra region has increased between 2001 and 2011. Both Wollongong and Shellharbour have a lower median age than the median age for the Rest of NSW (excluding the Sydney Statistical Division), while Kiama and Shoalhaven have a higher median age.
- Shellharbour is the only Illawarra region LGA with a higher proportion of 0-14 year olds than the Rest of NSW average. Both Shellharbour and Wollongong have a higher proportion of 15-24 year olds, while Kiama and Shoalhaven have higher proportions of 50 – 64 year olds, seniors (65-79) and frail aged (80+) than the average for the Rest of NSW.
- There are a mix of age groups and housing needs in the Illawarra – with an emphasis on young families in Shellharbour, young adults in Wollongong and seniors and frail aged in Kiama and Shoalhaven in particular.
- The graph below shows the proportion in each of the key age cohorts in Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wollongong and the Rest of NSW at the 2011 Census.



Household Type

- At the 2011 Census in Wollongong and Shellharbour, the most common household type was couple parent with children – comprising 30.3% (Wollongong) and 35.5% (Shellharbour) of all households in these two LGAs. By contrast, in Kiama and Shoalhaven, the largest household type was couple only households, with 32.4% and 31.5% respectively. The proportion of couple parent with children households declined in every Illawarra LGA between 2001 and 2011, while the proportion of lone person households increased. Lone person and couple only households combined comprise 53.8% of all households in Kiama, 45.5% in Shellharbour, 57.9% in Shoalhaven and 49.3% in Wollongong.
- The graph below shows the proportion in the key household types in each of the Illawarra region local government areas, as well as that for the Rest of NSW, at the 2011 Census.



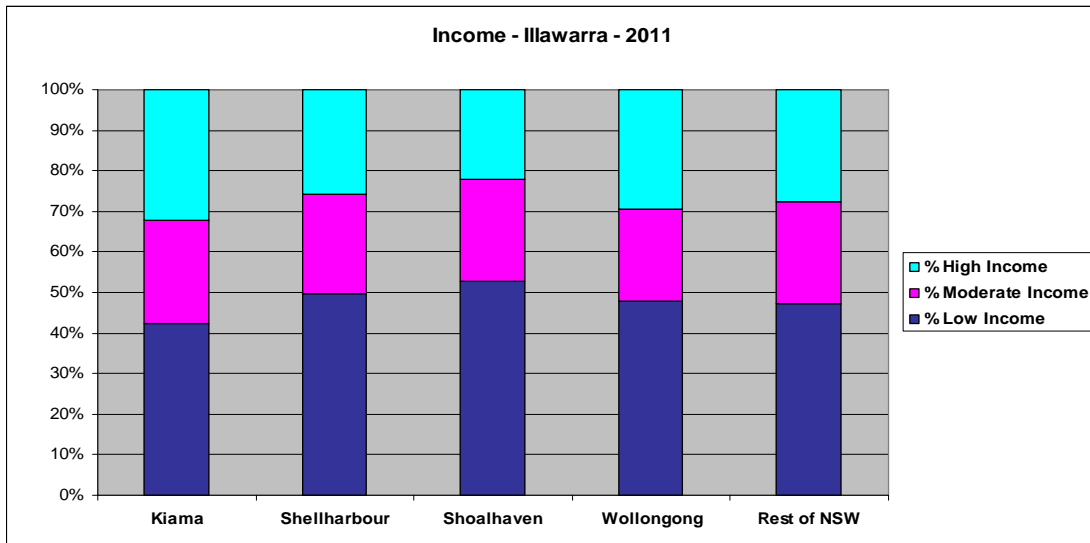
Household Size

- All the Illawarra LGAs have experienced a decline in average household size since 1996. Kiama (2.5 persons per household), Shellharbour (2.7) and Wollongong (2.5) all have a larger average household size than the Rest of NSW (2.4), while Shoalhaven (2.3) has a smaller average household size.
- The table below gives the average household size at 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011 for each of the Illawarra region local government areas, plus the Rest of NSW.

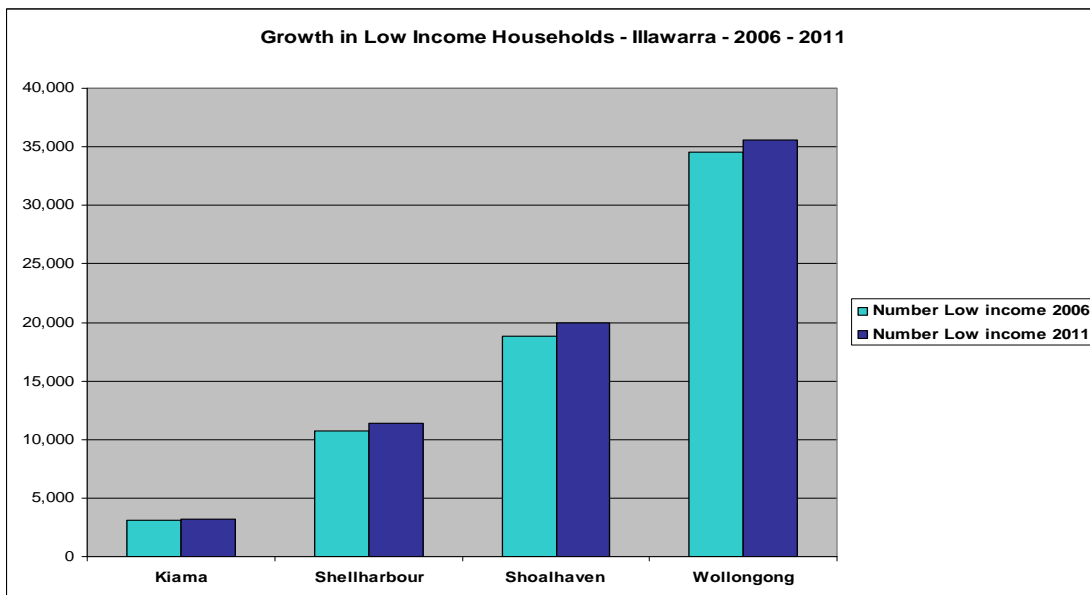
Area	Average Household Size 1996	Average Household Size 2001	Average Household Size 2006	Average Household Size 2011
Kiama	2.70	2.70	2.60	2.50
Shellharbour	2.90	2.80	2.80	2.70
Shoalhaven	2.50	2.50	2.40	2.30
Wollongong	2.70	2.60	2.50	2.50
Rest of NSW	2.70	2.50	2.50	2.40

Income

- In all the Illawarra region LGAs low income households comprise the largest proportion of all income groups. With the exception of Kiama, all the Illawarra LGAs have a higher proportion of low income households than the average for the Rest of NSW at 2011.
- The graph below gives the proportion of low, moderate and high income households in Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Wollongong and the Rest of NSW at the 2011 Census.



- The number of low income households increased between 2006 and 2011 in every Illawarra LGA, as the graph below demonstrates.



Homelessness

The table below shows the number of homeless people in the Illawarra region according to the 2011 Census.

2011	Total homeless
Kiama	30
Shellharbour	133
Shoalhaven	222
Wollongong	809

Additional Data

More detailed housing data and tables used in this Snapshot are available from the Local Government Housing Kit Database on the Housing NSW website at:
<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Centre+For+Affordable+Housing/NSW+Local+Government+Housing+Kit/Local+Government+Housing+Kit+Database/>

More detailed information and resources on an Ageing Population is available on the Local Government and Shires Association website, in the Resource for an Ageing Population:
<http://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/ageing>

More detailed information on population, household and dwelling projections is available on the Department of Planning and Environment website at:
<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/en-us/deliveringhomes/populationandhouseholdprojections.aspx>

More information on homelessness is available on the Housing NSW website at:
<http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Help+with+Housing/Homelessness/>