

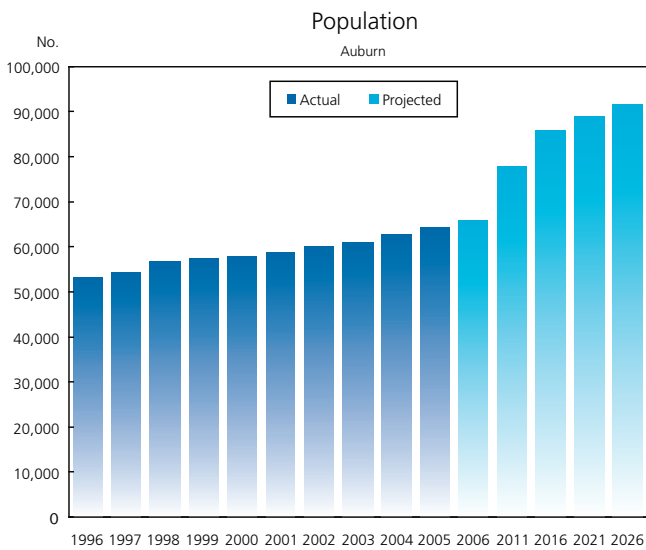
# LGA Profile | Auburn

**Auburn** is known as one of the most culturally diverse regions in Australia and is a major destination for settlement of new arrivals in Sydney because of its established ethno-cultural support systems and networks. Whilst Auburn is traditionally known as an industrial area with many manufacturing businesses, the area has attracted major corporates from a range of other industries to Sydney Olympic Park and Homebush Bay West. The major centres within the Auburn Council area are Auburn, Lidcombe, Berala and Regents Park, while Newington, the former site of the Athletes Village during the Sydney Olympics, has quickly become a major residential suburb with around 4,000 residents.

## Demographics

There were an estimated 64,209 persons living in Auburn in 2005, 2.4% more than in 2004. Auburn accounted for 3.5% of the Western Sydney population in 2005.

Population growth in Auburn is projected to exceed the Western Sydney average, increasing at an average annual rate of 1.7% between 2005 and 2026 to 91,616 persons, an extra 1,305 persons each year.



Source DIP&NR 2004 & ABS 3218.0

Demographic analysis of the Auburn population reveals a relatively high proportion of overseas born residents, with less than half of the population born in Australia. The major language groups within the community include Chinese languages, Arabic, Turkish and Vietnamese.

Statistics also suggest the socio-economic status of Auburn residents is low in comparison to Western Sydney, with average weekly individual income and qualification levels in Auburn below the region average.

Demographic Summary		
	Auburn	Western Sydney
Population (2005)	64,209	1,848,854
Population 0-14 years	21.4%	23.4%
Population 65+ years	10.4%	9.3%
Mean Age	34.0 years	33.5 years
Australian Born	40.1%	61.8%
Indigenous Persons	0.8%	1.4%
Persons with a qualification	43.7%	44.6%
Avg. weekly individual income (2005)	\$465.71	\$565.54

Note: All figures reported are for 2001 unless otherwise specified.  
Source: ABS Census 2001, ABS 3218.0, ABS 6345.0, AECgroup

## Employment

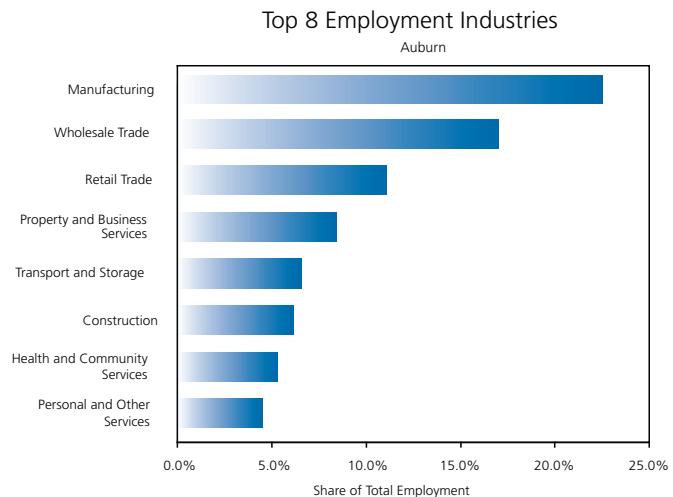
The number of employed persons in Auburn has continued to increase strongly, up 8.2% in annual terms to 23,204 persons at the end of 2005. Despite the recent increases in employment in the past year, unemployment in Auburn has also risen as the number of people entering the workforce has grown by 9.3%. Encouragingly, the number of unemployed persons in Auburn has fallen between the end of the financial year and the December Quarter 2005.

Trend Labour Market, Auburn, December Quarter 2005			
	Persons Dec-05	% chg from Jun-05	% chg from Dec-05
Employed (no.)	23,204	3.9%	8.2%
Labour force (no.)	25,352	4.7%	9.3%
Unemployed (no.)	2,065	-2.4%	16.7%
Unemployment rate (a) (%)	8.6%	0.4%	1.0%

Note: (a) Unemployment rate changes are percentage point changes. The trend estimates reported in this table are derived through trending the unsmoothed series provided by DEWR.  
Source: DEWR, AECgroup

## Employment by Industry

In 2001, the majority of Auburn's workforce worked in the manufacturing (22.5%), wholesale trade (17.0%), retail trade (11.1%) and property & business service (8.4%) industries.



Source: ABS Working Population Profiles

## Business

There are 13 business parks and industrial precincts in Auburn ranging from 3 hectares to 143 hectares in size.

Business Parks and Industrial Estates, Auburn	
Name	Size (ha)
Australian Centre Business Park	29
Carter Street Precinct	50
Clyde Marshalling Yards	57
Homebush Bay Business Park	8
Lidcombe Business Park	30
Lidcombe Industrial Area	7
Millenium Court Business Park	5
Newington Business Park	3
Parramatta Road Industrial Area	143
Regents Park Industrial Estate	51
Regents Park Industrial Area	28
Silverwater Industrial Area	109
Slough Business Park	10

Source: Auburn Council

The most recent ABS Australian Business Register indicated there were 9,885 business entities in Auburn as at June 2004, with the most common industries being property & business services (23.0%), construction (18.7%), retail trade (11.9%) and wholesale trade (9.4%).

Major Corporates, Auburn	
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>Metal Fabrication</b>
Daewoo Automotive Australia	Capral Aluminium Centres
Fisher & Paykel (Australia) Pty Ltd	
GEC Australia Ltd	<b>Transport/Distribution</b>
Kilpatrick Green	IBM
Tooheys Pty Ltd	TNT Automotive Logistics
Yokohama Tyres Australia	

Source: Auburn Council

## Building Approvals

There was significant growth in residential building activity in Auburn in the year to March 2006, with the number of approvals up 73.6% in comparison to the year ended March 2005. The value of residential building approvals also increased in the year, up 89.4% to \$184.1 million.

Non-residential activity in Auburn totalled \$150.9 million in the year to March 2006, almost four times the level recorded in the year to March 2005.

Construction activity in Auburn is expected to remain high in the near term with major projects such as the Auburn health services redevelopment and the development of Lidcombe Town Centre already planned, while significant investment is planned for both road and rail network development throughout Western Sydney.

Building Approvals, Auburn			
	Level – Year to Mar-06	Level – Year to Mar-05	% change on Year to Mar-05
<b>Number</b>			
Dwellings	731	421	73.6%
New houses	102	64	59.4%
Other dwellings	629	357	76.2%
<b>Value (\$'000)</b>			
Dwellings	184,139	97,226	89.4%
New houses	21,826	13,044	67.3%
Other dwellings	158,764	82,144	93.3%
Alts & adds	3,551	2,038	74.2%
Non-residential	150,942	39,394	283.2%
<b>Total building</b>	<b>335,082</b>	<b>136,620</b>	<b>145.3%</b>

Source: ABS 8731.0

## Education

Auburn offers a variety of government and private schooling opportunities. The region is also home to the University of Sydney – Cumberland Campus, the South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE and Lidcombe College.

## Recreation

Auburn offers high quality sporting and recreational facilities including Sydney Olympic Park and the Auburn Botanical Gardens.

Recreation, Auburn	
<b>Recreational Facilities</b>	<b>Sport</b>
Auburn Botanical Gardens	Oriole Baseball Stadium
Homebush Bay	State Sports Centre
Millennium Park	Sydney Olympic Park

Source: Auburn Council

## Community Services

Major health facilities in Auburn include the Auburn Hospital and Community Health Services and the Auburn Drug and Alcohol Clinic.

## Retail Spending

Average weekly household spending in Auburn was estimated at \$928.64 in 2005. This is below the Western Sydney average of \$1,041.46.

Auburn residents tend to spend a greater proportion on food, tobacco, alcohol and eating out (28.6%) than the total Western Sydney population (27.1%).

## Accessibility

Auburn is readily accessible via air, rail and road.

Accessibility, Auburn	
<b>Air</b>	Bankstown Airport is only 10 minutes from Auburn and travel time to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport is approximately 25 minutes.
<b>Rail</b>	The region can be accessed via the Main Western Line and the South Western Line.
<b>Road</b>	Major roads servicing Auburn include the Great Western Highway, M4 Motorway, Parramatta Road and Silverwater Road.

Source: Auburn Council

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