

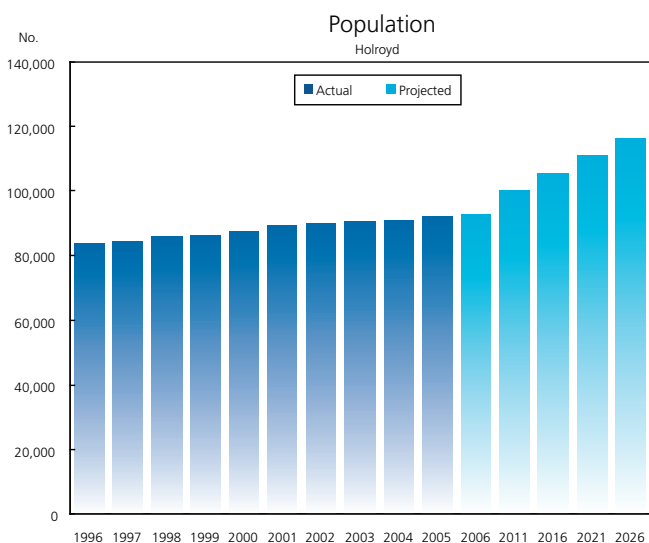
# LGA Profile | Holroyd

**Holroyd** occupies an area of 40 square kilometres and is centrally located 25 kilometres from Sydney CBD. Merrylands is the major commercial centre in the region with other business centres including Wentworthville, Westmead, Toongabbie, Greystanes and Guildford. The Council has been recently recognised for its work in assisting culturally and linguistically diverse residents become involved in community life at the International Transformations Conference, which is judged by Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia, Australian National University, Australian Local Government Association and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

## Demographics

There were 91,941 residents in Holroyd in 2005, 1.0% more than in 2004. Holroyd accounted for 5.0% of the Western Sydney population in 2005.

Between 2005 and 2026, the population of Holroyd is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 1.1% to 116,187 persons, an extra 1,155 persons each year.



Source: DIP&NR 2004 & ABS 3218.0

Holroyd is home to an older than average population, including a relatively high share of persons aged 65 years and over. The region has a lower than average proportion of Australian born persons, with the major culturally and linguistically diverse groups in the region including Arabic, Maltese, Chinese and Italian persons.

The socio-economic status of Holroyd residents is similar to the Western Sydney average, with a similar share of persons with a post school qualification and similar average weekly individual incomes.

Demographic Summary		
	Holroyd	Western Sydney
Population (2005)	91,941	1,848,854
Population 0-14 years	20.5%	23.4%
Population 65+ years	11.8%	9.3%
Mean Age	35.5 years	33.5 years
Australian Born	56.8%	61.8%
Indigenous Persons	0.8%	1.4%
Persons with a qualification	44.9%	44.6%
Avg. weekly individual income (2005)	\$551.60	\$565.54

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

## Employment

Employment prospects remain positive in Holroyd, with significant growth recorded in both the number of employed persons and the size of the labour force. Whilst the number of unemployed persons is higher than in the December Quarter 2004, conditions have improved since the end of the financial year.

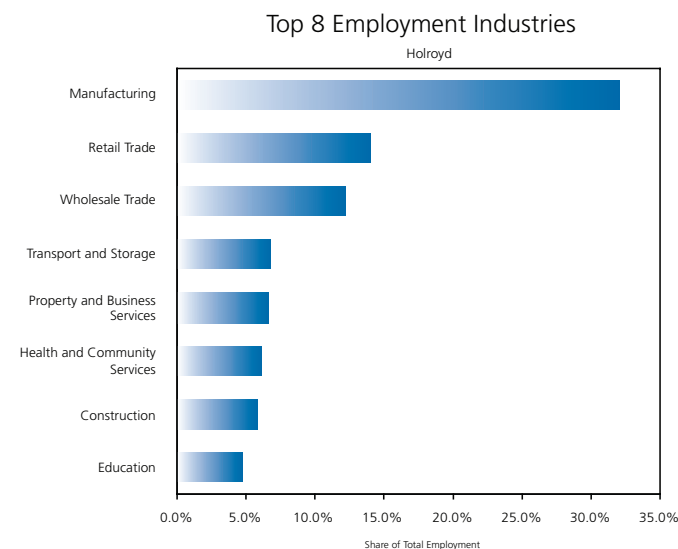
Overall, the trend unemployment rate in the region was 5.1% in the December Quarter 2005, the same level as in the June Quarter 2005 and 0.5% points higher than in the corresponding quarter a year previous.

Trend Labour Market, Holroyd, December Quarter 2005			
	Persons Dec-05	% chg from Jun-05	% chg from Dec-04
Employed (no.)	44,467	3.8%	8.6%
Labour force (no.)	46,809	4.7%	9.3%
Unemployed (no.)	2,288	-3.5%	15.7%
Unemployment rate (a) (%)	5.1%	0.0%	0.5%

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

## Employment by Industry

In 2001, the majority of Holroyd's workforce worked in the manufacturing (32.1%), retail trade (14.0%), wholesale trade (12.3%) and transport & storage (6.8%) industries.



Source: ABS Working Population Profiles

## Business

A total of 30% of Holroyd is zoned for industrial use. Major industrial areas within the LGA include Girraween, Greystanes, Guildford, Smithfield, Toongabbie and Yennora.

The most recent ABS Australian Business Register indicated there were 14,641 business entities in Holroyd as at June 2004, with the most common industries being construction (25.7%), property and business services (24.3%), retail trade (10.4%) and finance and insurance (8.0%).

Major Corporates, Holroyd	
<b>Chemicals</b> Du Pont (Australia) Ltd	<b>Food</b> Baiada Poultry Pty Ltd Cordina Chicken Farms Pty Ltd Goodman Fielder P&O Cold Storage
<b>Clothing</b> Bonds Industries	<b>Extractive</b> Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd
<b>Metal Products</b> Tyco Water	<b>Other</b> Crown Equipment Pty Ltd Custom Coaches Pty Ltd Faber Castell A W (Australia) Pty Ltd MSA Pty Ltd
<b>Construction</b> Gough & Gilmour (Caterpillar)	
<b>Energy</b> Air Liquide (Australia) Linde Gas Pty Ltd Sithe Energies Co-generation Plant	

Source: Holroyd City Council

## Building Activity

There were 703 dwellings approved in Holroyd in the year to March 2006, 14.7% more than the year to March 2005. Despite a decline in the number of new houses approved (down 6.3%), this was offset by strong growth in the number of other dwellings (flats, units and apartments) approved (up 28.0%).

The value of non-residential building activity was \$42.3 million in the year to March 2006, 70.4% lower than the previous year.

Construction activity in Holroyd is expected to be buoyed in the near term by projects such as the development of a gymnasium at Holroyd High School and Stage 2 of the Holroyd School upgrade, while significant investment is planned for both road and rail network development throughout Western Sydney.

Building Approvals, Holroyd			
	Level – Year to Mar-06	Level – Year to Mar-05	% change on Year to Mar-05
<b>Number</b>			
Dwellings	703	613	14.7%
New houses	223	238	-6.3%
Other dwellings	480	375	28.0%
<b>Value (\$'000)</b>			
Dwellings	141,968	106,550	33.2%
New houses	49,028	50,167	-2.3%
Other dwellings	86,429	49,297	75.3%
Alts & adds	6,511	7,086	-8.1%
Non-residential	42,287	142,749	-70.4%
<b>Total building</b>	<b>184,254</b>	<b>249,300</b>	<b>-26.1%</b>

Source: ABS 8731.0

## Education

Holroyd has a range of government and private schools and is centrally located to four University of Western Sydney campuses. These are UWS Hawkesbury Blacktown, UWS Nepean Parramatta (Rydalmere and Westmead) and UWS Macarthur Bankstown.

## Recreation

There are a number of sporting facilities in Holroyd including tennis courts, playing fields, golf courses, swimming centres and the only croquet court between Manly and the Blue Mountains. Other recreational facilities include the Central Gardens Reserve with a native animal exhibit and the Kidseum.

## Community Services

The region offers a variety of community services including hospitals, community health neighbourhood centres, youth services, disability services and respite day centres.

Community Services, Holroyd	
<b>Hospitals</b>	Holroyd has two private hospitals and is close to Westmead Hospital.
<b>Community Health / Neighbourhood Centres</b>	These centres are located in Merrylands, Wentworthville and Guildford.
<b>Youth Services</b>	Youth services are available at Greystanes, Guildford, Merrylands and Wentworthville.
<b>Disability Services</b>	Disability services are available at Merrylands.
<b>Respite Day Centres</b>	There are respite day centres at Guildford, Merrylands and Wentworthville.

Source: Holroyd City Council

## Retail Spending

Average weekly household spending in Holroyd was estimated at \$1,016.41 in 2005. This is below the Western Sydney average of \$1,041.46.

Residents in Holroyd tend to spend a slightly greater proportion on food, tobacco, alcohol and eating out (27.8%) than the total Western Sydney population (27.1%).

## Accessibility

Holroyd is readily accessible via air, rail and road.

Accessibility, Holroyd	
<b>Air</b>	Holroyd is approximately 50 to 60 minutes from Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport.
<b>Rail</b>	The region can be accessed by rail via the East-West Line, Main Southern Line and Cumberland Line.
<b>Road</b>	Major roads in Holroyd include the Great Western Highway, M4 Motorway, Cumberland Highway and Parramatta Road.

Source: Holroyd City Council

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