

The Canterbury Local Government Area (LGA) is located 17 km south-west of the Sydney CBD and comprises sixteen suburbs spread over approximately 34 square kilometres. The Canterbury LGA's economy is primarily industrial in nature and has competitive strengths in the manufacturing, wholesale trade and retail trade sectors. The City of Canterbury is also well regarded for its cultural diversity, vibrant town centres, scenic parks and an extensive range of sporting and recreational facilities.

Key Indicators at a Glance

Statistic	Period	Indicator	Annual Growth (%)	% of Southern Sydney region
Population	June 2009	143,111	+1.8%	18.1%
Labour Force	June 2010	63,785	+1.0%	15.7%
Employment	June 2010	58,255	-0.5%	15.3%
Gross Regional Product (GRP) (\$M)	2008-09	\$2,967.7	-5.4%	11.5%
Building Approvals (\$M)	2009-10	\$179.6	+471.7%	14.4%

Notes: Based in Place of Residence Source: ABS (2007), ABS (2010), DEEWR (2010), AECgroup (2010)

The Canterbury LGA's economy contributes approximately one-tenth of the Southern Sydney region's economic output. Most of the LGA's key economic indicators have witnessed positive growth over the past year. The Canterbury area has seen building approvals grow by 472% over the past year, representing 14.4% of the Southern Sydney region increase. There has been a marginal increase in the labour force of 63,785, representing a 1% increase over the last year. The LGA's Gross Regional Product (GRP) declined by 5.4% in 2008-09 while its unemployment rate increased by 1.4 percentage points over the same period.

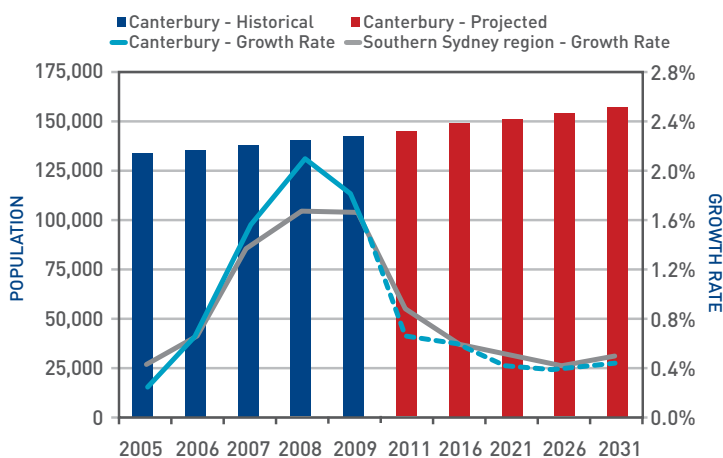
Population

The Canterbury LGA had an estimated resident population of 143,111 persons at June 2009, representing 18.1% of the total population residing in the Southern Sydney region.

Over the past five years, the Canterbury LGA's population has increased at an average annual rate of 1.3%, marginally higher than the regional average. The population growth rate peaked in 2008, during which the population grew by 2.1%.

The LGA's population growth is projected to grow at an average annual rate of 0.5% over the next 20 years, the same as that of the Southern Sydney region.

Canterbury Growth Rate



Notes: Dotted lines and lighter columns represent projections
Source: ABS (2010), NSW Department of Planning (2008)

Labour Force

The Canterbury LGA had a total labour force of 63,785 persons in June 2010, representing an annual increase of 1.0% since June 2009. Of the total labour force, 58,255 persons were employed in 2010, resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.7%, considerably higher than that of the Southern Sydney region (6.5%).

Over the past year, the LGA's unemployment rate has increased by 1.4 percentage points, slightly higher than that of the entire Southern Sydney region (1.0ppt).

Statistic	June Quarter 2010	Annual % Change
Labour Force	63,785	+1.0%
Employment	58,255	-0.5%
Unemployment Rate	8.7%	+1.4ppt

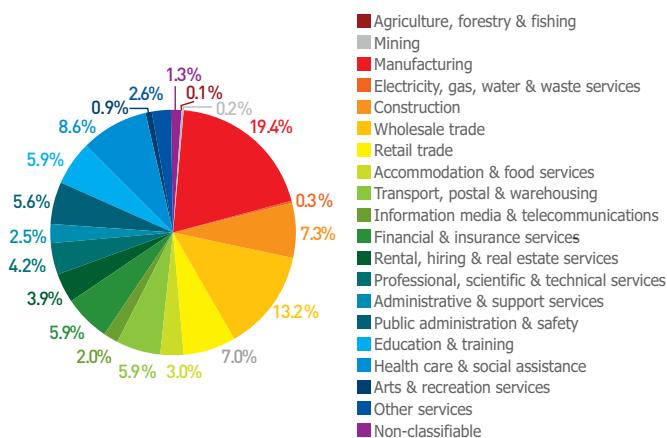
Note: Based on Place of Residence Source: DEEWR (2010)



GRP

The Canterbury LGA recorded an estimated Gross Regional Product (GRP) of \$3 billion in 2008-09, accounting for 11.5% of the Southern Sydney region's GRP. The LGA's GRP is largely driven by the key sectors of manufacturing (19.4%), and wholesale trade (13.2%).

More than 13% of the manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade sector GRP contributions of the Southern Sydney region in 2008-09 is attributable to the Canterbury LGA, reflecting the industrial nature of the Canterbury economy.

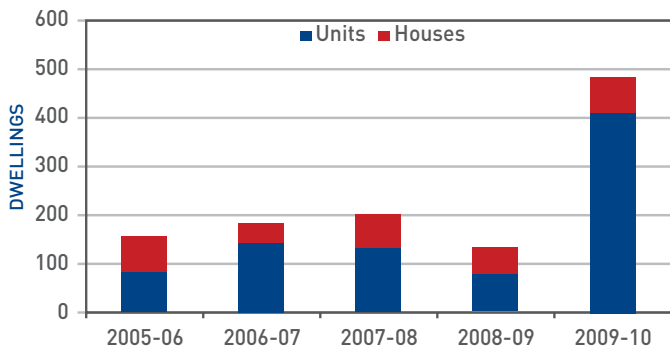


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Building Approvals

The Canterbury LGA recorded one of the higher levels of new residential approvals in the Southern Sydney region in 2009-10, accounting for 17.0% of the regional total.

Canterbury Building Approvals



Source: ABS (2010)

The number of new building approvals in the LGA has fluctuated over the past five years with a significant jump in 2009-10 from the previous year. The variations are primarily driven by the changes in the number of new unit approvals.

Employment

In 2010, an estimated 24,141 persons were employed in the Canterbury LGA across various industry sectors, representing 12.0% of the Southern Sydney region's total employment.

The Canterbury LGA has a competitive advantage in the manufacturing and retail sectors with the contribution of these sectors to employment, relatively higher than the regional average.

Industry	Canterbury LGA		Southern Sydney region
	#	%	%
Manufacturing	3,600	14.90%	14.70%
Retail trade	3,474	14.40%	13.50%
Health care & social assistance	2,925	12.10%	12.20%
Education & training	1,987	8.20%	8.20%
Wholesale trade	1,963	8.10%	5.80%
Construction	1,782	7.40%	6.20%
Accommodation & food services	1,539	6.40%	6.40%
Public administration & safety	1,440	6.00%	5.40%
Transport, postal & warehousing	1,151	4.80%	5.80%
Other services	1,129	4.70%	4.40%
Professional, scientific & technical services	937	3.90%	5.10%
Administrative & support services	516	2.10%	2.40%
Rental, hiring & real estate services	413	1.70%	1.90%
Financial & insurance services	390	1.60%	3.50%
Arts & recreation services	323	1.30%	1.10%
Inadequately described/ Not stated	276	1.10%	1.10%
Information media & telecommunications	229	0.90%	1.20%
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	34	0.10%	0.70%

Notes: Based on Place of Work Source: ABS (2007), ABS (2010), AECgroup (2010)

Growth Industries

Transport and Logistics: Canterbury's close proximity to Sydney Airport, Port Botany and major arterial roads: the M5 and King Georges Road has positioned the LGA as a transport and logistics hub. Major logistics precincts include Riverwood Business Park and industrial estates around Kingsgrove. The planned Intermodal Logistics Centre at Enfield, the proposed widening of the South West Rail Corridor and the M5, will provide major benefit to Canterbury and the region's transport and logistics capabilities.

Niche Food Manufacturing: The cultural diversity of the City of Canterbury and its population's familiar links with international markets benefit the LGA's growth potential in niche food manufacturing such as the production and export of 'halal' food products.

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