



POPULATION



- The City of Playford is located on the Northern-most fringes of metropolitan Adelaide, 30 kilometres from the CBD
- The second largest of South Australia's 19 metropolitan councils, the City of Playford contains 35 suburbs and covers an area of 346 km²

At the 2011 Census, the City of Playford had 79,118 people (7% of the Greater Adelaide population and 5% of South Australia's population). In the five years from the previous Census, the population of Playford increased by 13% - double the rate of increase for the Greater Adelaide region during this time, which was 6%.

Population change, 2001, 2006 & 2011

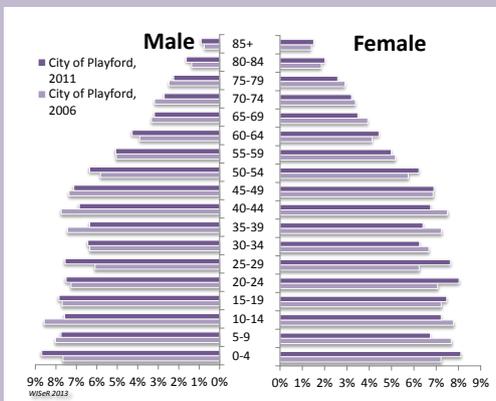
Census	City of Playford		Greater Adelaide		South Australia	
	Population	% change from previous Census	Population	% change from previous Census	Population	% change from previous Census
2001	66,929	-	1,134,383	-	1,467,277	-
2006	70,013	5%	1,153,394	2%	1,514,340	3%
2011	79,118	13%	1,225,235	6%	1,596,569	5%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2001, 2006 & 2011.

Between 2006 and 2011, the City of Playford had the highest South Australian metropolitan growth rate per year (3%) and was ranked 12th in Greater Adelaide for population turnover - that is the movement of people into and out of the region.¹

There were marginally fewer males (49.7%) in the City of Playford compared to females (50.3%) in 2011. The distribution of males and females within 5 year age cohorts can be seen in the figure below. Compared to Greater Adelaide, the City of Playford has a larger proportion of the population in the younger age cohort and a lower proportion of the population in the older age cohort, a pyramid shape resembling that often found in developing economies.

Age pyramid, City of Playford, 2006 & 2011

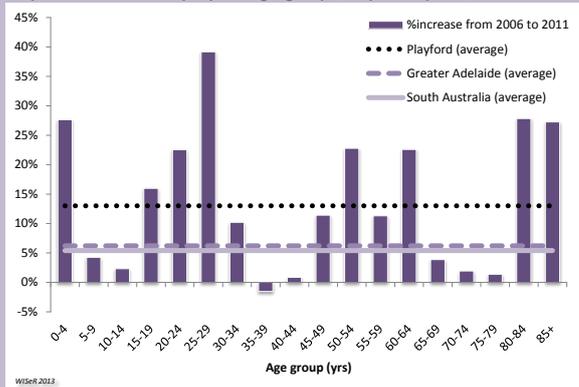


Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 & 2011.

In 2011, almost one-quarter of City of Playford residents (23%) were aged 15-29 years (18,204). This young adult group had experienced a population surge from 2006 to 2011. Of most note, the number of residents in the 25-29 year cohort had increased by 39% from 4,315 to 6,005 - the highest increase in the region. With Adelaide housing prices at a premium, the lower cost of purchasing and renting in the City of Playford is likely to be responsible for drawing the young cohort to the area. Interestingly, negative growth was seen in the 35-44 year cohort which may be related to an improvement in this group's financial status and their capacity to afford to move outside the region.

A total of 6,642 residents were aged 0-4 years in the City of Playford - a local baby boom with an increase of 28% in this age group over five years. At the other end of the scale there was a 27% increase in those aged over 80 years. This cohort is relatively small overall (2,399 in 2011) and therefore the increase in the actual number of residents was low - with 519 additional residents. However, despite their relatively low numbers, the oldest 3% of residents are likely to draw heavily on a range of local services associated with home care, health, transport, social isolation, disability and community engagement.

Population increase by 5 year age groups, City of Playford, 2006 - 2011



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 & 2011.

Population movement

Regarding movement in and out of the City of Playford, of the 79,118 residents in 2011, 91% were also residing in that LGA one year previous. In contrast, only three quarters (75%) of residents were living in the LGA five years previous. This indicates considerable population movement with 16,710 residents moving into the area in the five year period, and 6,642 children aged less than five years either born in or moving into the City of Playford - a total of 23,352 new residents or 30% of the population.

Population growth and projections

Population projections predict 19% growth in the City of Playford population from 2016 to 2021 and 15% growth from 2021 to 2026.² A much smaller population growth rate is projected for South Australia over these time frames (5% and 4% respectively). If these projections are accurate, the City of Playford population will increase in relative terms from 5% of the South Australian population in 2006 to 7% in 2026.

Cultural diversity

Three percent (2,362) of City of Playford residents were of Aboriginal heritage at the 2011 Census. In comparison, only 1.3% of the Greater Adelaide population identified as such.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents in the City of Playford had a younger age profile than those in Greater Adelaide, with close to half of the population aged less than 15 years (43%), compared to 36% in the metropolitan area.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander population by 5 year age groups, 2011



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2011.

Almost three-quarters (73%) of the City of Playford population were born in Australia, similar to Greater Adelaide's equivalent of 70%.

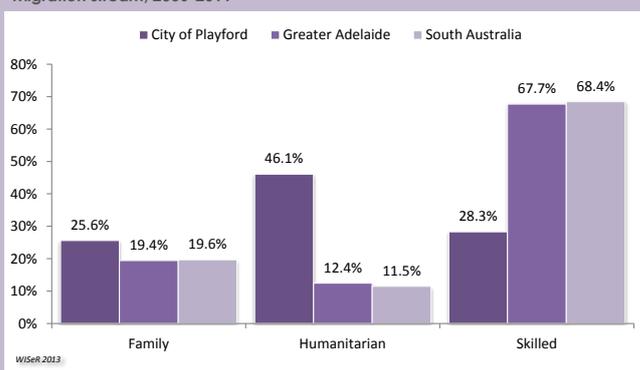
However, while the City of Playford has 5% of Greater Adelaide's foreign born population, it has 10,482 residents born in North-West Europe - 8.5% of the Greater Adelaide North-West Europe population. The City of Playford also has 1,024 sub-Saharan African residents (including 203 former residents of Burundi, 165 from South Africa, 157 from Tanzania, 115 from Kenya, 105 from the Democratic Republic of Congo) representing 8.3% of the Greater Adelaide population from the sub-Saharan region.

The City of Playford region has long been a source of cheap housing and accommodation for new migrants. While this has not changed, the profile of migration has. Between the 2006 and 2011 Censuses, South Australia accepted almost 67,710 (7%) of Australia's migrants, while the City of Playford accepted 2,158 - 3% of all South Australia's migrants.³

Of the City of Playford's migrants, almost half (46%) were from the humanitarian stream, with around one quarter each from the family (26%) and skilled (28%) streams.

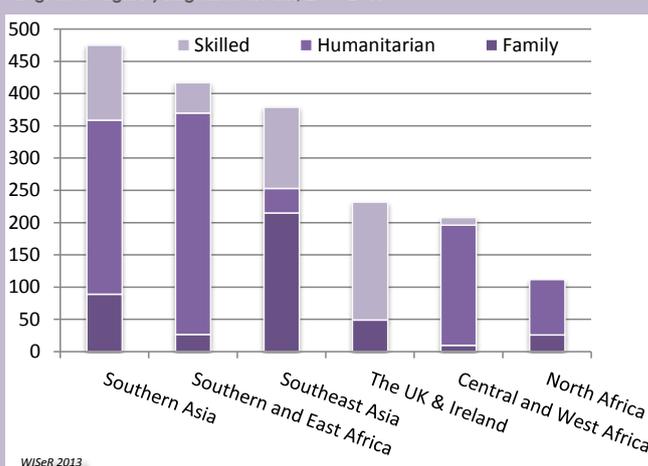
As such this region has far fewer skilled migrants and substantially more humanitarian migrants than Greater Adelaide and South Australia - accepting 13% of South Australia's humanitarian migrants, traditionally the most disadvantaged of the migrant groups.

Migration stream, 2006-2011



Overall, most migrants in the City of Playford came from Southern Asia (476). However, most humanitarian migrants came from Southern and East Africa (343), 39% of all family reunion migrants came from South East Asia (215), while skilled migrants were mostly drawn from the UK and Ireland (183).

Region of origin by migration stream, 2006-2011



Source: Department of Immigration and Citizenship 2013. Arrival dates from 8 Aug 2006 to 8 Aug 2011.

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