

## Overview of the Bega Electorate

The Bega electorate<sup>i</sup> comprises the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla local government areas. It has a rich history as an agricultural district, and the fishing industry still operates out of some ports. However, the electorate is increasingly dominated by tourism and the service industries that surround the electorate's large retiree population<sup>ii</sup>. Bega is third in the state for the proportion of people aged 65 and over – 28.4% compared with 16.3% across NSW.

**Population:** 70,054

**Population density:** 7.2 people per square km

**First Nations people:** 3,110 people 4.4% (compared with 2.9% for NSW)

**Households who speak a language other than English at home:** 5% (26.5%) or approximately 3400 people

**Median Age:** 52 (38)

**Median Weekly Household Income:** \$960 (\$1486)

**Education:** Certificates and Diplomas 28.3% (23.7%) Bachelor Degree or above 14.1% (23.4%)

**Top 5 Occupations:** The most common occupations include Professionals 16.0%, Technicians and Trades Workers 15.7%, Managers 12.9%, Community and Personal Service Workers 12.7%, and Labourers 12.6%.

**Top 5 areas of employment:** Healthcare and Social Assistance 14.5% Retail Trade 12.7% Accommodation and Food 10.8%, Construction 9.9%, Education and Training 7.8%.

**Women in the labour force:** 49.2% of women are in the labour force (47.4%) – ranked ninth in the state for the proportion of women in the labour force.

**Households:** Families 66.8% (76.2%), Lone Person households 30.7% (23.8%), Other 2.5%

**Families:** Couples with no children at home<sup>iii</sup> 54% (36.6%), Couples with children 29.7 (45.7%), Single Parents 15.3% (16%)

**Housing tenure:** Own home 71.9% (64.5%) Private Rental 21.3% (28%) Public Housing 2.4% (3.8%) Other or not known 4.4% (3.7%)

**Disability:** 6.9% of people 16 and over need assistance with core activities (5.4%)

**Disadvantage:** [Refer to Bega - Mapping Disadvantage](#)

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<sup>i</sup> All statistics in this document are from the following sources:

NSW Parliamentary Research Service 2018 *NSW State Electoral Districts Ranked by 2016 Census Characteristics Background Paper No 03/2018* viewed 20 January 2022

Australian Bureau Statistics 2021 *2016 Census Quickstats Bega SED* viewed 20 January 2022

[https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census\\_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/SED10009](https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/SED10009).

<sup>ii</sup> Green A 2022 *Bega By Election* viewed 19 January 2022 <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/nsw/2022/guide/bega>