



# Bega Valley

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Bega Valley LGA



The Bega Valley Shire encompasses an expansive 6,040 square kilometers (2,330 sq mi) and boasts a coastline spanning 225 km (140 mi), adorned with 101 beaches and 26 estuaries. Approximately 78% of this vast territory is dedicated to national parks and state forests, preserving its natural beauty.

Its primary industry revolves around timber production, with dairy farming and other forms of agriculture also playing significant roles. Additional economic activities include fishing, oyster harvesting, and tourism.

From Bermagui in the north to the Victorian border in the south, the region encompasses several towns such as Bega, Tathra, Merimbula, Tura Beach, Wolumla, Cobargo, Bemboka, Pambula, and Pambula Beach.

Notably, it features the former whaling port turned tourism hotspot and major port of Eden, adding historical and cultural richness to the area.





# BEGA VALLEY SNAPSHOT



POPULATION  
**35,988**  
0.4% of NSW

**TOP 4**  
GRP BY INDUSTRY



GRP  
**\$2,508m**  
0.3% of NSW

OWNERSHIP OF DWELLINGS  
**\$272.2m**



NUMBER OF  
LOCAL BUSINESSES  
**3,395**  
0.4% of NSW

HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE  
 **\$245.3m**



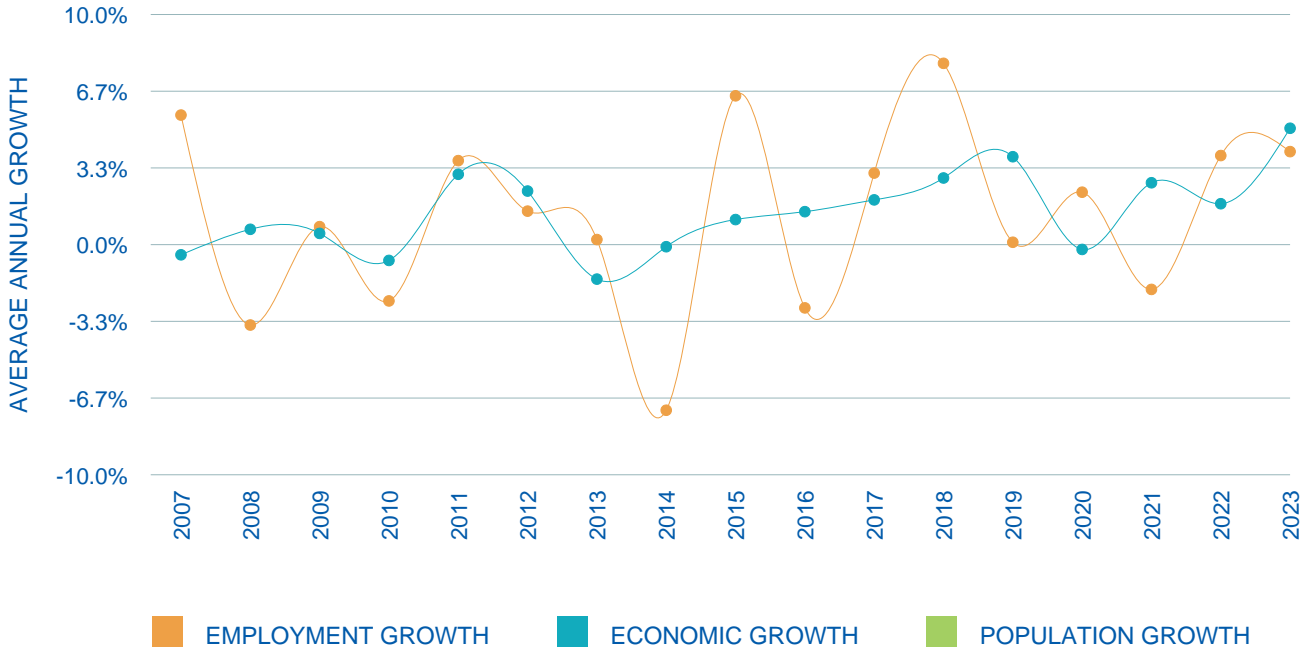
AVERAGE AGE  
**46.8 Yrs**  
39.4 in NSW

MANUFACTURING  
 **\$200.5m**

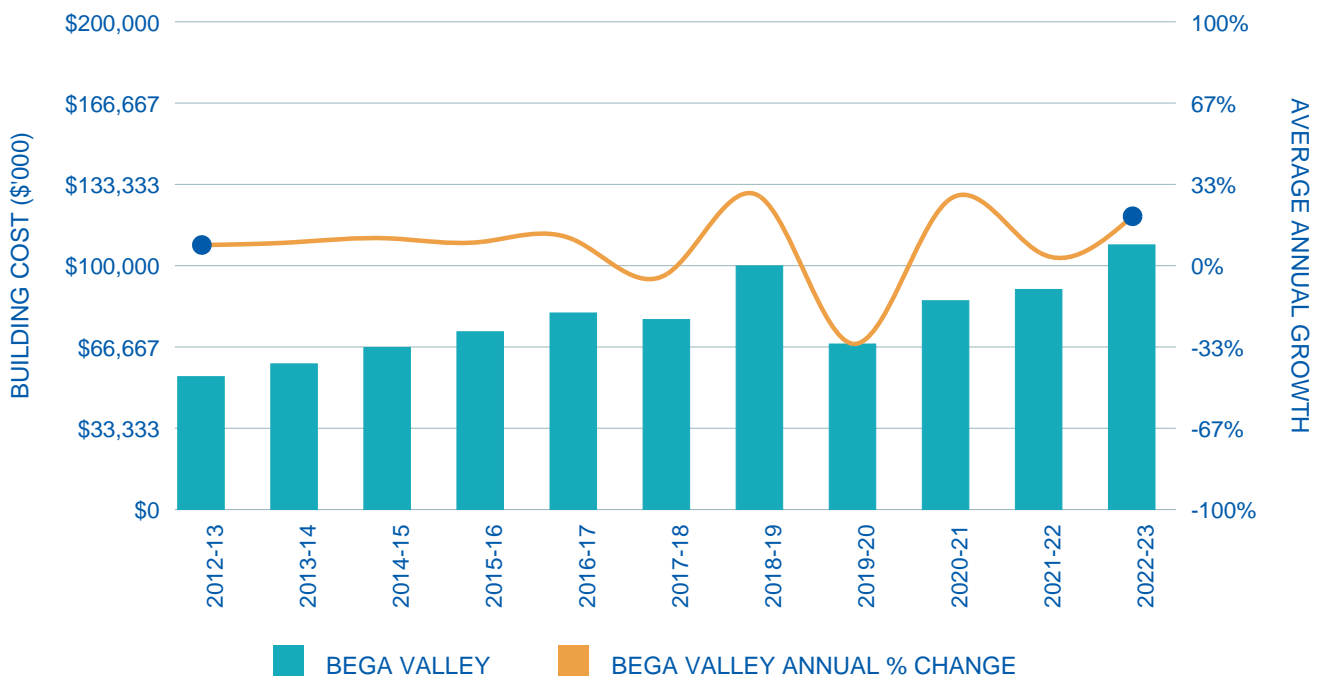
CONSTRUCTION  
 **\$196.9m**



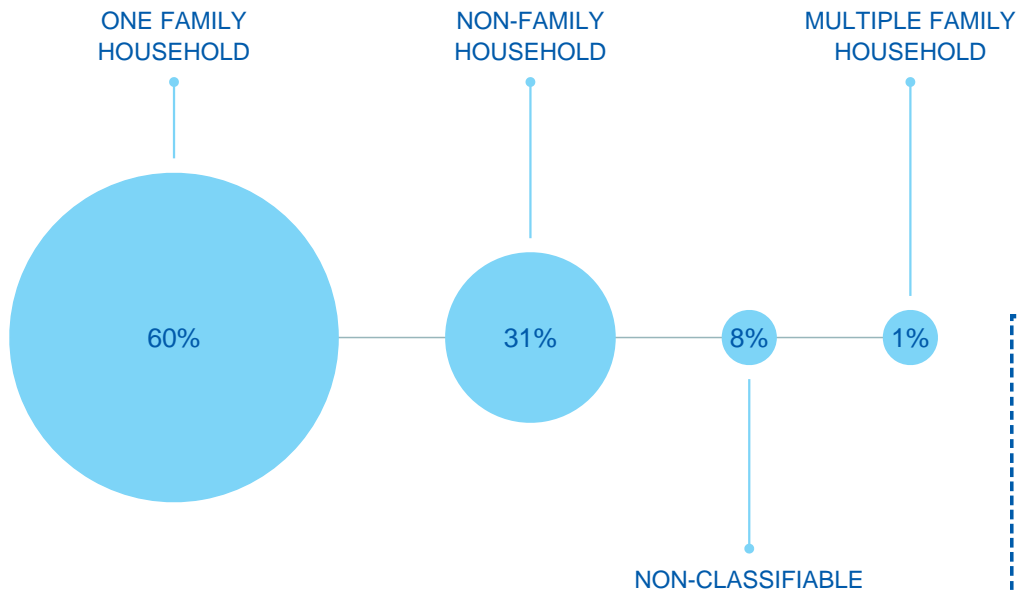
# GROWTH DATA SUMMARY



# RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVALS



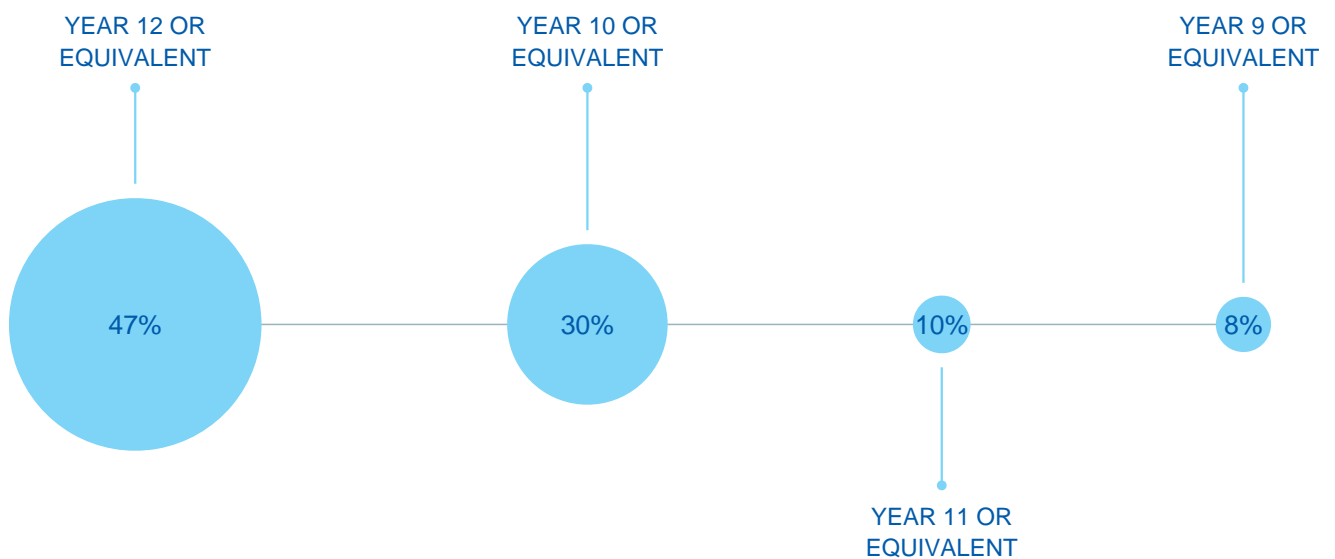
# HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



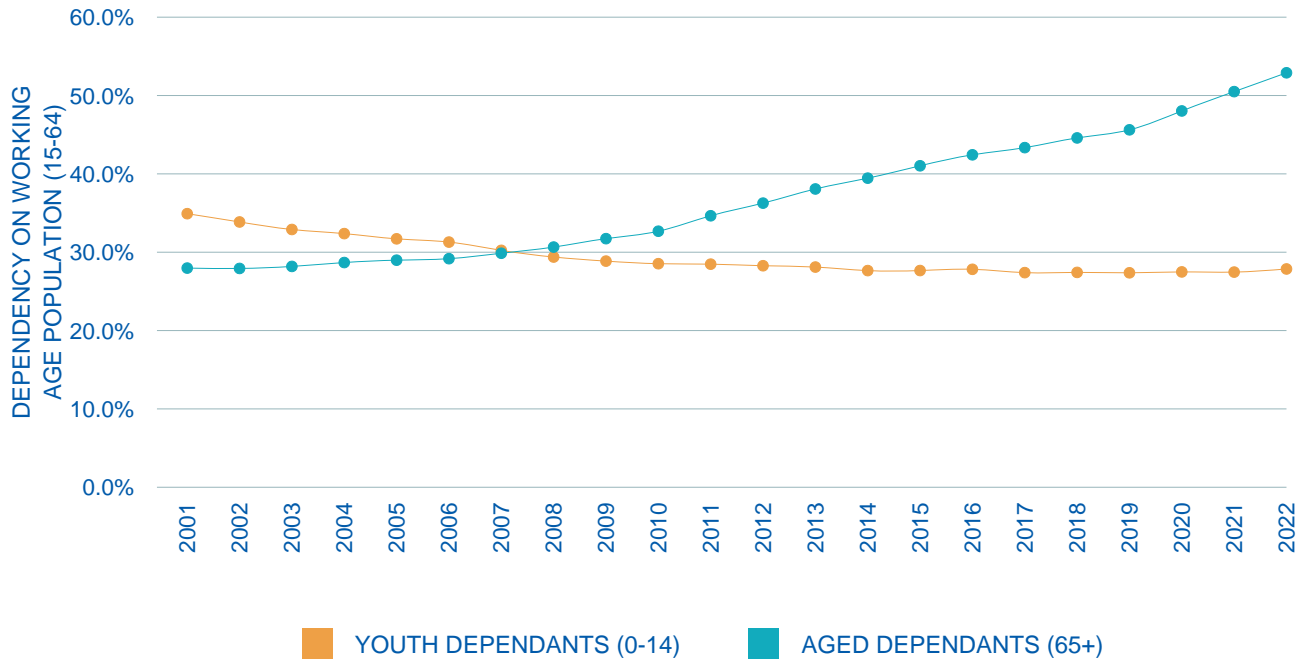
**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

**\$81,792**  
\$118,496 in NSW

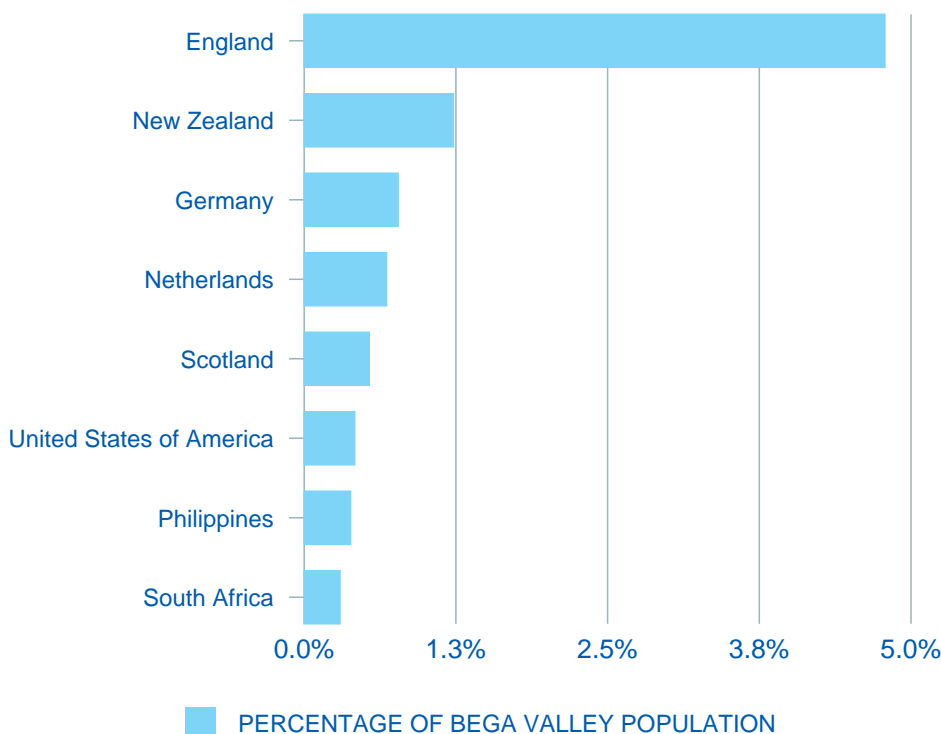
# HIGHEST YEAR OF SCHOOLING



# DEPENDENCY RATIOS



# CULTURAL BACKGROUND



FROM AUSTRALIA

**87%**  
70% in NSW

# TOURISM SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING  
2019-20



TOTAL VISITORS  
**870**  
(000's)



INTERSTATE  
**28.0%**



INTERNATIONAL  
**2.5%**

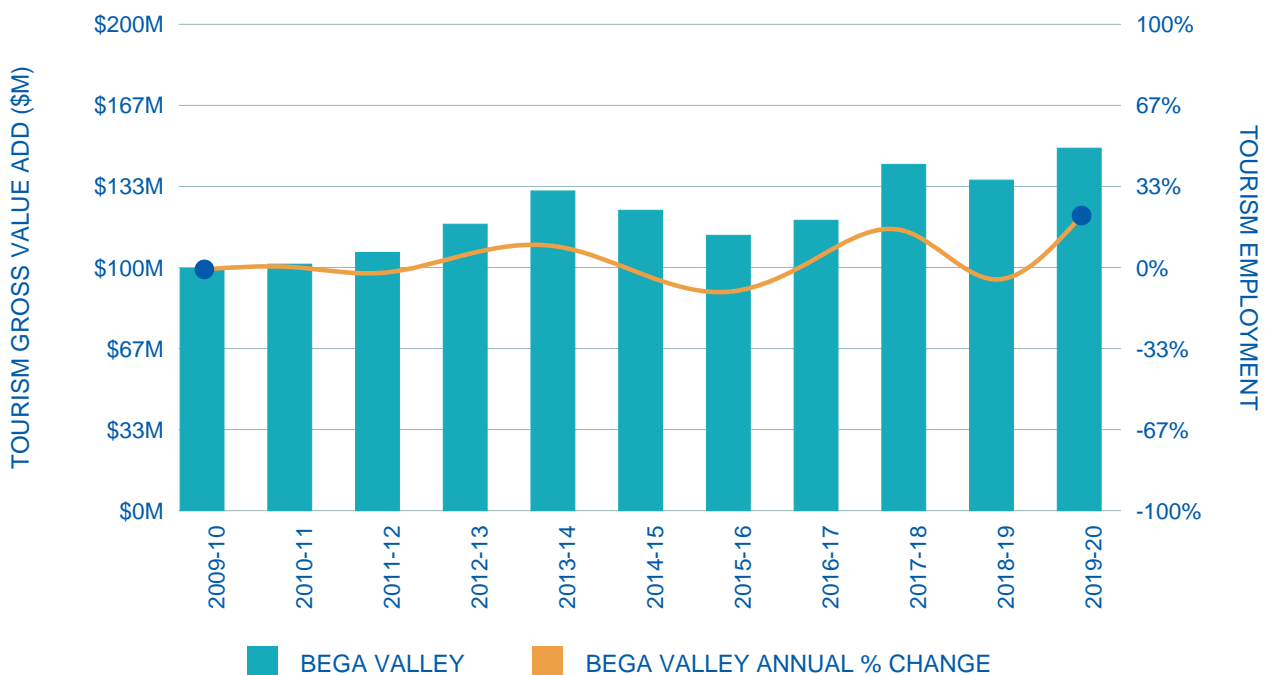


INTRASTATE  
**25.3%**

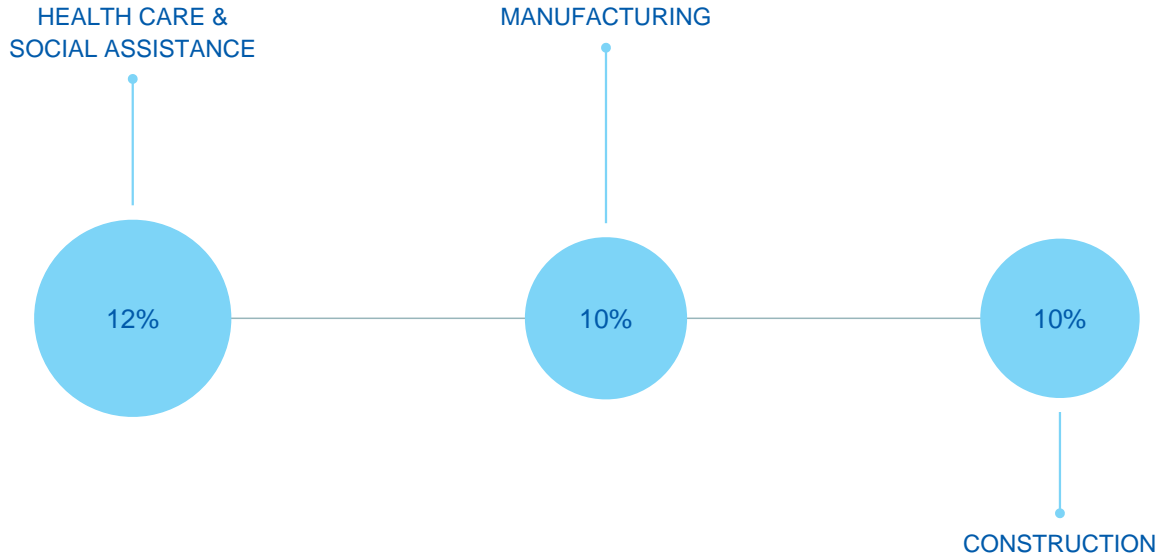


DAYTRIPS  
**44.3%**

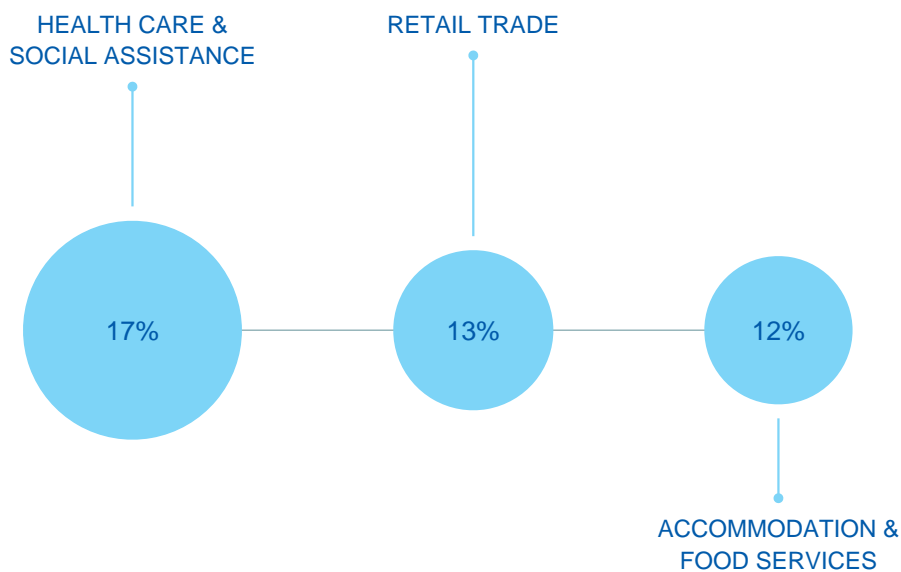
# VALUE OF TOURISM



# INDUSTRY VALUE ADD BY TOP 3 SECTORS



# EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



**NUMBER OF LOCAL JOBS**  
**15,157**





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