



# Lockhart (control) community

These community profiles are a preliminary part of the work we are doing to analyse the reasons for social and economic changes that Basin communities have experienced over the last 15 years. We are releasing this preliminary and foundational work now to give people the opportunity to examine the data for themselves, and so we can be confident about the data we are using to inform our socio-economic analysis.

We have captured data for 40 irrigation-dependent communities, and five that are not dependent on irrigation. These five 'control' communities have been included as a point of comparison to help us assess the impact of the Basin Plan's water recovery. Profiles for the townships of Deniliquin and Shepparton-Mooroopna are also included in the study. While there is no irrigated production in these communities, there will be flow on effects due to water recovery in the surrounding areas.

This information should be read in conjunction with *Understanding change in Basin communities* on the Southern Basin community profiles page at [mdba.gov.au](http://mdba.gov.au).

Limited irrigated production, no Basin Plan water recovery.

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## Trends in social and economic conditions

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### AREA POPULATION

Decreased from 3,397 to 3,121 persons (8.1%) between 2001 and 2016

- Decreasing 11.8% between 2001 and 2011, increasing 3.7% between 2011 and 2016

### WORKFORCE

#### Total area workforce

Decreased from 1,131 to 1,075 FTE (5%) between 2001 and 2016

- All the decrease occurred between 2006 and 2011
- Workforce participation rose from 33.3 to 34.4 FTE per 100 persons

#### Agricultural workforce

Decreased 22.7% (113 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Mostly between 2006 and 2011
- Employment in irrigated production was less than 5 FTE

#### Non-agriculture private workforce

Decreased 27.4% (111 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Decreasing 22.5% between 2006 and 2016

#### Government services workforce

Increased 81% (166 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Almost half the increase occurred between 2011 and 2016

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## ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

Percentage FTE in key sectors:

- **2001**: 44% agriculture, 36% non-agriculture private, 18% government services
- **2016**: 36% agriculture, 27% non-agriculture private, 35% government services

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## TOWN POPULATION

Decreased from 1,758 to 1,705 persons (3%) between 2001 and 2016

- Decreasing 5.5% between 2001 and 2011, increasing 2.5% between 2011 and 2016

56% of the town population was 45 and over in 2016, up from 43% in 2001

- 28% increase in 45 years and over, 26% decrease in under 45s

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Full-time employment

Remained around 23% of town population across the period

### Part-time employment

Constant around 12% to 13% of town population

### Unemployment in the town

Fell from 4% of town population in 2001 to 2% in 2016

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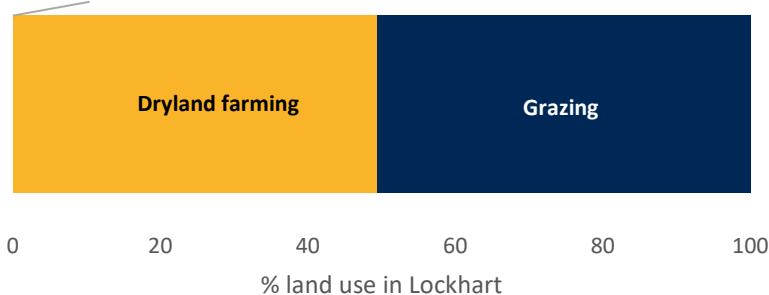
## SEIFA FOR TOWN: (DECILE RANKINGS, LOCKHART/THE ROCK)

- **2001**: disadvantage = 7/5, advantage/disadvantage = 6/3, wealth = 4/3, education = 6/4
- **2016**: disadvantage = 4/6, advantage/disadvantage = 4/6, wealth = 4/7, education = 6/5

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## Land use

Irrigated production



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