



Weddin (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.

Limited irrigated production, no Basin Plan water recovery.

Trends in social and economic conditions

AREA POPULATION

Remained around 3,660 people between 2001 and 2016

- Very small increases and decreases across the period

WORKFORCE

Total area workforce

Increased from 751 to 1,238 FTE (64.8%) between 2001 and 2016

- Most of the increase occurred between 2001 and 2006
- Workforce participation rose from 20.5 to 33.8 FTE per 100 persons

Agricultural workforce

Increased 31.1% (147 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Increasing 36% between 2001 and 2006, decreasing 4.9% between 2011 and 2016
- Employment in irrigated production was less than 10 FTE

Non-agriculture private workforce

Increased 64.3% (127 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Employment was highly variable across the period

Government services workforce

Increased 143.2% (190 FTE) between 2001 and 2016

- Over half the increase occurred between 2001 and 2006

ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

Percentage FTE in key sectors:

- **2001:** 54% agriculture, 26% non-agriculture private, 18% government services
- **2016:** 43% agriculture, 26% non-agriculture private, 26% government services

TOWN POPULATION

Increased from 1,928 to 1,973 persons (2.3%) between 2001 and 2016

- Increasing 3.1% between 2001 and 2006, decreasing 1.2% between 2011 and 2016

60% of the town population was 45 and over in 2016, up from 50% in 2001

- 22.9% increase in 45 years and over, 18.9% decrease in under 45s

EMPLOYMENT

Full-time employment

21% of town population in 2016
up from 20% in 2001

Part-time employment

Constant around 11% to 12% of
town population

Unemployment in the town

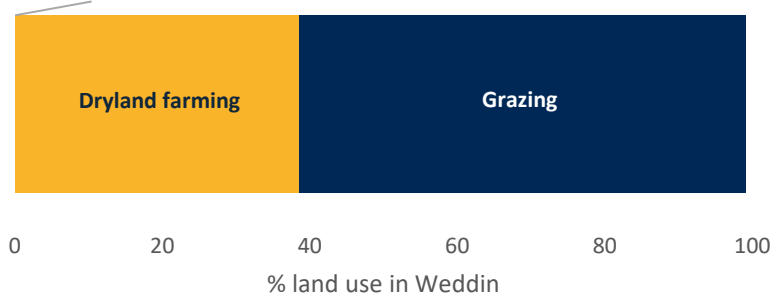
Fell from 3% in 2001 to 2% in
2016

SEIFA FOR TOWN: (DECILE RANKINGS)

- **2001:** disadvantage = 5, advantage/disadvantage = 4, wealth = 2, education = 5
- **2016:** disadvantage = 3, advantage/disadvantage = 4, wealth = 4, education = 4

Land use

Irrigated production



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