

Community Profiles 2015

Welcome to the Bridge Housing Community Profiles. These community profiles provide a broad overview of where Bridge Housing tenants¹ live and some basic demographic data that demonstrates the diversity of our tenant community.

The profiles provide a comparison of Bridge Housing demographics to the greater Sydney population. The results are also broken down by NSW Housing Market divisions² and by Bridge Housing tenancy management portfolios.

The majority of Bridge households are located in the Inner City and Eastern Suburbs; the Inner West; Central Western Sydney; and Canterbury Bankstown. Less than 1% of properties lie outside these four main areas although it is expected that with the development of our affordable housing portfolio in Doonside and Parramatta by 2016 and social housing properties in Telopea, Bridge Housing's footprint will continue to grow in the western suburbs of Sydney.

A distinguishing feature of the Bridge Housing operating area are high levels of housing stress³ and low levels of housing affordability⁴. Currently less than 5 per cent of rental properties in the greater metropolitan Sydney area are affordable for people on very low incomes.

The community profiles augment information in Bridge Housing's Annual Report 2014 on housing affordability in our region, property type and location and our tenancies - who we house, how long people stay, their income sources and what languages they speak.



^{1 &}quot;Tenants" refer to the head tenant. "Residents" refer to tenants, their families, and other household members living in a dwelling. "Households" refer to the tenant and household members living in a dwelling.

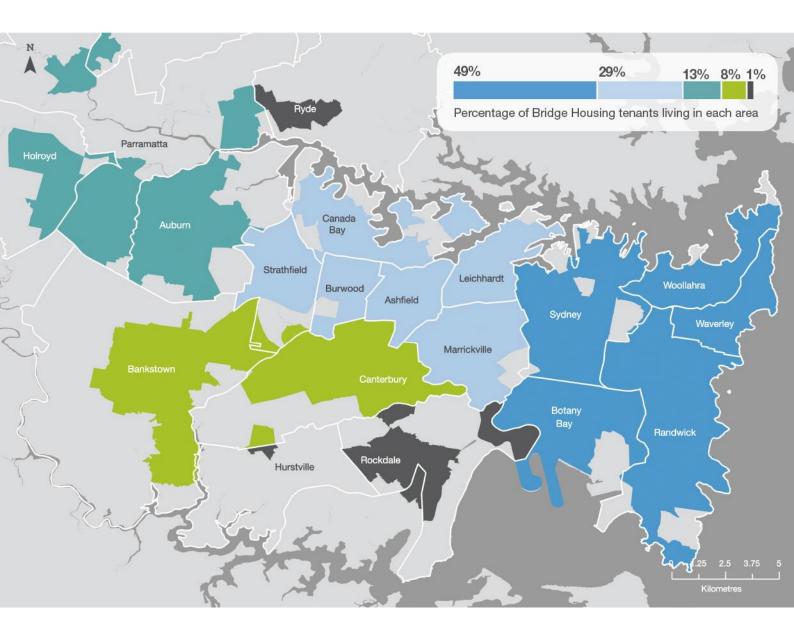
Housing Market divisions are a Housing NSW statistical division. Housing Market divisions, Housing NSW operational districts, NSW Health Areas, ABS Districts, NSW State Government Metro Strategy Divisions, and Local Government Regions do not correspond – all have their own unique footprint. Housing Market divisions were chosen as they reflect some synergies with Bridge's East and West Team, public transport routes, and local government partnerships.

³ Housing stress measures the number of low to moderate income households who pay more than 30 percent of their income households to either rent or purchase their dwellings

⁴ Housing affordability measures the number of rental and purchase dwellings available for households on very low to moderate incomes.

Where Bridge Housing Tenants Live

(as at January 2015)



- City of Sydney and Eastern Suburbs
 (Randwick, Waverley, Botany Bay, Woollahra
 LGA's)
- Inner West (Ashfield, Strathfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville – LGA's)
- Central West (Parramatta, Auburn, Holroyd – LGA's

- Canterbury-Bankstown LGA's
- Other areas



Housing Affordability

The communities Bridge Housing operates in have very low levels of affordability and very high levels of housing stress⁵ due to some of the highest cost housing in the world. There are very low levels of affordable rental housing for people on very low to low incomes with higher availability at the western end of our operating region. Even moderate income households face problems finding affordable rentals, although this is less pronounced at the western end of our operating region. There is **virtually no affordable housing** for sale for people on very low or low incomes in the Bridge Housing operating area.

More information regarding affordability can be found in the Bridge Housing Annual Report 2014.

Affordable Rental Housing

	% of housing for rent that is affordable for very low ⁶	% of housing for rent that is affordable for low	% of housing for rent that is affordable for moderate
Area	income households	income households	income households
City and Eastern Suburbs			
Sydney	2.1	6.3	28.8
Randwick	1.2	3.4	27.7
Waverley	1.2	3.8	24.9
Botany Bay	1.8	3.6	35.0
Woollahra	1.2	4.7	19.7
Inner West			
Ashfield	3.0	9.4	64.8
Strathfield	2.1	3.9	55.6
Burwood	3.0	10.6	52.0
Canada Bay	0.6	2.1	28.5
Leichhardt	3.0	10.8	29.7
Marrickville	7.2	17.3	49.6
Central West			
Parramatta	1.8	10.1	74.9
Holroyd	2.4	11.9	79.8
Auburn	2.2	10.8	69.6
Canterbury Bankstown			
Canterbury	3.7	24.5	72.5
Bankstown	3.4	9.7	65.7

Where housing costs are less than 30% of gross household income, housing is considered affordable. Where households are paying more than 30% of their gross income on housing costs they are considered to be in housing stress.

Who are very low to moderate income earners? People described as being on a very low income are those earning less than 50 percent of the NSW or Sydney median income, depending on where they live. They include workers in a range of lower paid occupations, particularly in areas such as retail or manufacturing, as well as people earning the minimum wage or who are on an aged or disability pension or other government benefit.

People earning more than 50 percent but less than 80 percent of the NSW or Sydney median income are described as earning a low income. They include many people working in jobs such as a child care worker, secretary or cleaner.

People described as being on a moderate income are those earning between 80 - 120 percent of the NSW or Sydney median income. They may include people working in occupations such as teaching, policing or nursing, particularly if if they are in earlier stages of their careers

 $^{(\}underline{\text{http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/Centre+For+Affordable+Housing/About+Affordable+Housing/Who+are+very+low+to+moderate+income+earners.htm})$

Affordable Housing for Purchase

	% of housing for purchase that is affordable for very low ⁷	% of housing for purchase that is affordable for low	% of housing for purchase that is affordable for moderate
Area	income households	income households	income households
City and Eastern Suburbs			
Sydney	<1	<1	6.0
Randwick	<1	<1	0.7
Waverley	<1	<1	3.7
Botany Bay	<1	<1	5.1
Woollahra	<1	<1	0.4
Inner West			
Ashfield	0	<1	8.0
Strathfield	0	<1	5.0
Burwood	0	<1	3.9
Canada Bay	0	<1	0.0
Leichhardt	0	<1	1.6
Marrickville	0	<1	5.8
Central West			
Parramatta	0	<1	17.5
Holroyd	0	<1	30.7
Auburn	0	<1	27.6
Canterbury Bankstown			
Canterbury	0	<1	30.0
Bankstown	0	<1	15.8

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A Diverse Tenant Community

Tenants come to Bridge Housing from all walks of life and all backgrounds. They are activists, artists, parents, volunteers and workers. They are community members, elders, leaders, survivors and everyday people with rights and responsibilities.

Bridge Housing tenants are also some of the most socio-economically disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Sydney.

As of January 2015, we house 2852 people living in 1651 households across 18 local government areas. Approximately 81% of these households are in general social housing programs with subsidised rent, 15% are in supported programs where tenants are linked to support services, and 4% are in affordable housing programs for households on very low to moderate incomes who are not eligible for social housing.

Bridge Housing tenants, their families and other household members live in diverse neighbourhoods, often alongside other Bridge Housing households. Around 42% of residents live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for neighbours. Nearly a quarter of these residents live in mixed social housing estates with Housing NSW tenants (approximately 8% of total residents). 58% of residents live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

In the greater Sydney area around 1% of the population is homeless. Around 16% of new tenants coming in to Bridge over the last year were previously homeless.

Compared with the general population of Greater Sydney proportionately Bridge Housing accommodates:

	Greater ⁸ Sydney %	Bridge Housing ⁹ %	Numbers of Bridge Housing residents
many more people with disability (12% of residents identify as having a psychiatric disability)	4	26	575
many more adult residents who rely on income support	27 ¹⁰	76	1712
many more people living alone	26	58	973
more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	1	7	208
more sole parent families	11	16	228
more people aged 60 and over	18	27	770
more women	51	56	1598
fewer children under the age of 18	23	21	599
far fewer couples with children	35	4	60
fewer people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken include Vietnamese, Arabic, Spanish, Mandarin and Cantonese	33	25	710
far fewer people who are employed	94	15	345

⁸ Statistics sourced from ID Community Profiles unless otherwise stated.

 $^{^{9}\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,}$ All Bridge Housing statistics in this table are from January 2015

Overall Australian statistic from www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features50Mar+2010.







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Community Profile – City of Sydney and Eastern Suburbs

(City of Sydney, Botany Bay, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra LGA's)

The proportion of Bridge Housing residents living in the City of Sydney and Eastern Suburbs is trending downward from 51% of total residents in July 2014 to 49% in January 2015.

As of January 2015, we house 1,392 people living in 856 households across these areas. 77% of these households are in general social housing programs; 17% are in supported programs; and 6% are in affordable housing programs.

Around 36% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for neighbours. Around a quarter of these residents live in mixed social housing estates with Housing NSW tenants.64% of residents live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

Compared with the general population in the City and Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, proportionately Bridge Housing accommodates:

	City and Eastern Suburbs %	City and Eastern Suburbs Bridge Housing %	Actual numbers of Bridge Housing residents
many more people with disability	4	26	288
many more adult residents who rely on income support	27 ¹¹	73	814
many more people living alone	27	62	531
more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	1	10	133
more sole parent families	8	13	108
more people aged 60 and over	15	27	373
more women	50	55	771
more children under the age of 18	17	19	270
far fewer couples with children	24	2	2012
far fewer people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents include Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese	32	16	219
far fewer people ¹³ who are employed	95	19	211

Overall Australian statistic from www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features50Mar+2010.

Number of households

¹³ Adults 18 and up who receive any income from wages

Community Profile – Inner West

(Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Strathfield LGA's)

The proportion of Bridge Housing residents living in the Inner West is trending downward from 30% of total residents in July 2014 to 29% in January 2015.

As of January 2015, we house 824 people living in 447 households across these areas. 95% of these households are in general social housing programs; and 5% in supported programs. There is one household in an affordable housing program.

Around 36% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. Just over a **quarter** of these residents live in mixed social housing estates with Housing NSW tenants. **64% of residents** live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

Compared with the general population in the Inner West, proportionately Bridge Housing accommodates:

	Inner West	Inner West Bridge Housing %	Actual numbers of Bridge Housing residents
many more people with disability	4	24	146
many more adult residents who rely on income support	27 ¹⁴	76	471
many more people living alone	23	55	239
more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	1	7	56
more sole parent families	9	17	74
significantly more people aged 60 and over	17	26	216
more women	51	58	480
more children under the age of 18	19	25	207
fewer couples with children	30	3	15
fewer people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents include Vietnamese, Arabic, & Mandarin	40	28	233
far fewer people who are employed	95	15	90

Overall Australian statistic from www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features50Mar+2010.

Community Profile – Central Western Sydney

(Auburn, Holroyd, Parramatta LGA's)

The proportion of Bridge Housing residents living in Central Western Sydney in the Auburn, Parramatta and Holroyd Local Government Areas (96% in the Parramatta LGA) is trending upwards from 11% in July 2014 to 13% in January 2015.

As of January 2015, we house 366 people living in 225 households across these areas. 70% of these households are in general social housing programs; 28% in supported programs; and 2% in affordable housing programs.

Around 79% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for neighbours. 21% live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

Compared with the general population in the Central Western area of Sydney, proportionately Bridge Housing accommodates:

	Central Western Sydney	Central Western Sydney Bridge Housing %	Actual numbers of Bridge Housing residents
many more people with disability	5	30	86
many more adult residents who rely on income support	27 ¹⁵	88	198
many more people living alone	19	60	134
more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	1	4	14
more sole parent families	11	13	30
more people aged 60 and over	15	27	100
more women	50	56	206
fewer children under the age of 18	23	20	75
far fewer couples with children	38	5	12
far fewer people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents include Arabic, Turkish and Spanish	60	33	119
far fewer people who are employed	92	10	29

Overall Australian statistic from www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features50Mar+2010.

Community Profile - Canterbury Bankstown

(Bankstown and Canterbury LGA's)

The proportion of Bridge Housing residents living in the Canterbury and Bankstown Local Government Areas is trending upwards from 7% in July 2014 to 8% in January 2015.

As of January 2015, we house 263 people living in 148 dwellings across these areas. Over 98% of these tenants are in general social housing programs; under 2% in supported programs; and none in affordable housing programs.

Around 53% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing tenants for neighbours. 47% live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

Compared with the general population in the Canterbury- Bankstown area of Sydney, proportionately Bridge Housing accommodates:

	Canterbury Bankstown %	Canterbury Bankstown Bridge Housing %	Actual numbers of Bridge Housing residents
many more people with disability	6	25	54
many more adult residents who rely on income support	27 ¹⁶	85	183
many more people living alone	20	47	69
more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	1	2	5
fewer sole parent families	13	11	16
more people aged 60 and over	18	31	81
more women	50	53	138
fewer children under the age of 18	25	18	46
far fewer couples with children	39	8	12
fewer people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents include Arabic, Vietnamese and Mandarin	59%	52	137
far fewer people who are employed	92%	7	15

Overall Australian statistic from www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features50Mar+2010.

Another way of looking at things...

The following table shows the demography of Bridge Housing residents by location as at January 2015. Bridge Housing is growing with new areas coming on board. Statistics for these areas will be developed as we grow.

	City of Sydney & Eastern Suburbs	Inner West	Central West	Canterbury Bankstown
people	1392	824	366	263
households	852	447	225	148
people with disability	288	146	86	54
adult residents that rely on income support	814	471	198	183
people living alone	531	239	134	69
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	133	56	14	5
sole parent families	108	74	30	16
people aged 60 and over	373	216	100	81
women	771	480	206	138
children under the age of 18	270	207	75	46
couples with children	20	15	12	12
people who speak a language other than English at home	219	233	119	137
top 3 languages after English	Russian Spanish Vietnamese	Vietnamese Arabic Mandarin	Arabic Turkish Spanish	Arabic Vietnamese Mandarin
people who are employed	211	90	29	15



Community Profile – Portfolio One

Housing Portfolio One comprises suburbs from the Inner West through to Central Western Sydney, from Strathfield through Parramatta to Telopea.

Portfolio One houses 447 people living in 256 households. 74% of these households are in general social housing programs; 26% in supported programs; and none in affordable housing programs.

Around 68% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. **32% of residents** live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

	Portfolio One %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	30	26
adult residents who rely on income support	89	76
people living alone	58	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	4	7
sole parent families	15	16
people aged 60 and over	24	27
women	56	56
children under the age of 18	25	21
couples with children	6	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include Arabic, Turkish and Vietnamese.	32	25
people who are employed	10	15

Community Profile – Portfolio Two

Housing Portfolio Two comprises suburbs from the Inner West through to Canterbury Bankstown from Tempe through to Yagoona.

Portfolio Two houses **514** people living in **280** households. **95%** of these households are in general social housing programs; **5%** in supported programs; and **none** in affordable housing programs.

Around 41% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. **59% of residents** live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

with at least three Bridge Housing households for		
	Portfolio Two %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	19	26
adult residents who rely on income support	78	76
people living alone	46	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	3	7
sole parent families	12	16
people aged 60 and over	35	27
women	57	56
children under the age of 18	18	21
couples with children	6	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include Arabic, Vietnamese and Mandarin.	47	25
people who are employed	9	15

Community Profile – Portfolio Three

Housing Portfolio Three is located primarily in the Inner West.

Portfolio Three houses **424** people living in **243** households. **87%** of these households are in general social housing programs; **13%** in supported programs; and **none** in affordable housing programs.

Around 29% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. **71% of residents** live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

	Portfolio Three %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	27	26
adult residents who rely on income support	78	76
people living alone	54	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	9	7
sole parent families	19	16
people aged 60 and over	24	27
women	59	56
children under the age of 18	25	21
couples with children	1	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include Vietnamese, Cantonese and Mandarin.	17	25
people who are employed	16	15

Community Profile – Portfolio Four

Housing Portfolio Four comprises suburbs from the City of Sydney and the Inner West from Paddington through to Drummoyne.

Portfolio Four houses **327** people living in **216** households. **86%** of these households are in general social housing programs; **14%** in supported programs; and **none** in affordable housing programs.

Around 49% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for neighbours. Around half of these residents live in

mixed social housing estates with Housing NSW tenants.

51% of residents live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

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	Portfolio Four %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	36	26
adult residents who rely on income support	81	76%
people living alone	71	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	12	7
sole parent families	11	16
people aged 60 and over	22	27
women	49	56
children under the age of 18	19%	21
couples with children	4	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include Vietnamese, Spanish, Cantonese.	15	25
people who are employed	16	15

Community Profile – Portfolio Five

Housing Portfolio Five comprises suburbs in the City of Sydney and Eastern Suburbs from Woolloomooloo through to Bondi.

Portfolio Five houses 340 people living in 229 households. 80% of these households are in general social housing programs; 20% in supported programs; and none in affordable housing programs.

Around 38% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. **62% of residents** live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

	Portfolio Five %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	29	26
adult residents who rely on income support	79	76
people living alone	70	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	7	7
sole parent families	1	16
people aged 60 and over	37	27
women	55%	56
children under the age of 18	16%	21
couples with children	2	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include	14	25
people who are employed	12	15

Community Profile - Portfolio Six

Housing Portfolio Six comprises suburbs in the City of Sydney and Botany from Alexandria down through to La Perouse. Portfolio 6 also looks after our Affordable Housing Programs scattered across the Sydney metropolitan area.

Portfolio Six houses 395 people living in 197 households. 59% of these households are in general social housing programs; 9% in supported programs; and 32% in affordable housing programs.

Around 28% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. **72% of residents** live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

	Portfolio Six %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	18	26
adult residents who rely on income support	51	76
people living alone	50	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	9	7
sole parent families	15	16
people aged 60 and over	17	27
women	57	56
children under the age of 18	24	21
couples with children	8	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include	14	25
people who are employed	28	15

Community Profile – Portfolio Seven

Housing Portfolio Seven comprises suburbs in the Eastern Suburbs from Randwick through to Maroubra.

Portfolio Seven houses 408 people living in 238 households. 89% of these households are in general social housing programs; 11% in supported programs; and there is one household in an affordable housing program.

Around 46% of residents in this area live in unit blocks with at least three Bridge Housing households for

neighbours. More than **three quarters** of these residents live in mixed social housing estates with Housing NSW tenants.

54% of residents live in mixed neighbourhoods alongside other renters and private owners.

	Portfolio Seven %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	17	26
adult residents who rely on income support	73	76
people living alone	52	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	8	7
sole parent families	18%	16
people aged 60 and over	30	27
women	59	56
children under the age of 18	21	21
couples with children	1	4
people who speak a language other than English at home – the main languages spoken by Bridge residents in this area include Spanish, Greek and Russian	17	25
people who are employed	21	15

Community Profile – Platform 70

Platform 70, our Housing First¹⁷ homelessness program has housed 108 rough sleepers¹⁸ since 2011. Bridge Housing has worked with our support partner Neami, to provide wrap-around support to rough sleepers to enable their transition from living on the street to secure and affordable accommodation in the private rental market. Further information on Platform 70 outcomes are available in Tony's Story in the Bridge Housing <u>Annual Report 2014</u>.

	Platform 70 %	Bridge Housing %
people with disability	96	26
adult residents who rely on income support	97	76
people living alone	96	58
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	34	7
sole parent families	0	16
people aged 60 and over	3	27
women	23	56
children under the age of 18	0	21
couples with children	0	4
people who speak a language other than English at home	3	25
people who are employed	0	15

Housing First approaches are based on the concept that a homeless individual or household's first and primary need is to obtain stable housing, and that other issues that may affect the household can be addressed once housing is obtained.

¹⁸ Rough Sleepers are people who are homeless and living on the streets.

Bridge Housing Statistics

All Bridge Housing statistics have been taken from the following reports:

- C:\SDM\SDM_ODBC\Reports\05_Community Development\ COM_01 Community Development Stats V5.0
- C:\SDM\SDM_ODBC\Reports\07_Tenancy\TEN_01_Current Tenancy Summary¹⁹
- All Local Government statistics are sourced from ID Community Profiles unless otherwise stated.
- Bridge Housing Annual Report 2014

All statistics shown are as a percentage of total residents (or adult residents where indicated), NOT tenants, or as a percentage of total households (for sole parent families, couples with children, people living alone).

Percentages are rounded up from .5, and down from .4.

Document Review

These profiles give a general overview of Bridge Housing resident demographics and are up to date as at January 2015. For up to date figures please use the reports outlined above.

These profiles will be updated annually with Bridge Housing statistics – local government statistics will be updated in line with the Census. The document will also be updated where major changes are made to portfolio distributions.

Version Control

Version	Changes	Notes
13 March 2015	SHSP properties included in count for affordable programs	Changes made to overall stats; City and Eastern Suburbs; and Portfolio 6
24 March	Additional information and minor changes	

Supported tenancies are counted from the Tenancy Type field; affordable tenancies from Control Group; all other tenancies including WHOP are counted as general social housing.







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